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Grand High Priest's Address

BOSTON, December 13, 1910.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

From lofty Greylock to the sand dunes of Nantucket; from the hills that face Monadnock to the waves that gently lap the shore at Swansea; from the wooded sources of the Deerfield, high on Hoosac Mountain, to the bluff at Winthrop, overlooking Boston's island-studded harbor, the last days of the year find the constituent Chapters of our beloved Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts generally thriving, prosperous, larger in numbers, stronger in zeal and purpose, with increased wealth and, above all, with heightened enthusiasm. From every viewpoint the year that closes to-night has been most prosperous, and we may well congratulate those who have labored so well in the past upon the fact that the harvest of to-day fully justifies and rewards their careful planting and attendant care. For not to me is the credit for the results obtained, even as I should not have deserved the blame, if, with equal labor on my part, the tides of general business had ebbed to disaster. The total membership of the subordinate Chapters on August 31, 1910 was 22,053, a net gain of 596 for the year.

We have a right to be proud that harmony prevails in our Councils, that men of such high character and standing in the community head the various Chapters, and that officers and members are universally animated by an enduring devotion for our beautiful Rite.

But in our rejoicing we cannot but remember that there are many vacant places in our membership; that during the year we have seen many a loved Companion pass under the Royal Arch of Silence into the Life Eternal.

In that high courage inspired by the sublime truths of God taught before our altars, and exemplified in the daily lives of our members they have bravely fought the last great battle of life and now lie at rest. As we meet here to-day, let us recall their virtues, their merits, their high resolves, their achievements: and, with Sorrow's biting grief, etch upon the tablets of memory our tribute to their worth, the record of our affection, of that true fraternity we attain within the Chapter's guarded gates. They have, indeed, joined the

"immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence; live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
Of miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To vaster issues."

Two of the permanent members of this Grand Chapter during the year have passed beyond the last veil of life, Right Excellent Companion George W. Storer, of Arlington, and Right Excellent Companion Lucius Field, of Clinton, both Past Grand Kings. Right Excellent Companion Storer was strong and decided by nature, of large ability, and a devoted student of Masonry.

As one who loved him wrote:

"In his death the Masonic Institution lost an indefatigable worker of marked executive ability, and the Fraternity a loyal and dearly beloved Brother."

Right Excellent Companion Field lived an active life, filled with duties in many directions, and was one of Clinton's most prominent men. Tall, of commanding presence, gracious in manner, a man of gentle spirit, well may his lifelong friend, Right Excellent Jonathan Smith, say of him:

"His whole life exemplified the highest teachings of Masonry, the virtues of the good man, the just and upright citizen and the affectionate and loyal friend."

DECISIONS

Reference to the Constitution and General Regulations has sufficed to answer most of the questions propounded during the year by the officers of the Chapters.

To E.: Leonard W. Ross, High Priest of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, asking whether a Companion should be admitted to Chapter meetings, he being a member who had been declared by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to have been irregularly made a Mason, because of false answers in his application to the Lodge (he having stated that he had never before applied and never been rejected):

Ruled: That as the action of the Grand Lodge took away his rights as a Mason, that he could not attend Chapter meetings until healed.

To E.: William H. Wilder, High Priest of new Chapter at Gardner, on formation of Chapter:

Ruled: That the policy of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts unquestionably disapproved of naming new Chapters for living men.

DISPENSATIONS

The first dispensation granted by me was on Dec. 9, 1909, to organize a new Chapter at Gardner. I took great pleasure in granting this, for I went to Gardner as a young man fresh from college, there studied and began the practice of law, married and settled, and there all my children were born.

The remembrance of the beauties of her woods and hills is still fresh and clear, and the winds that fan her brow carry their fragrance across the State to me, ever renewing the longing of the years.

On Nov. 30, 1910, I constituted Gardner Royal Arch Chapter, and with the generous assistance of R.: E.: Warren P. Dudley, Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: George O. Sheldon, Grand King, R.: E.: Fred H. Scott, Grand Scribe, and E.: Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer, installed its officers.

The Chapter begins life with one hundred and twenty-five members, and, knowing the people of that town and section as I do, I confidently believe that it has a large promise for the future, and that it will be a credit to this Grand Chapter and an honor to the Capitular Rite.

Under the authority of the Grand Chapter given at the Quarterly June Convocation, on September 13, a dispensation was granted to form a new Chapter at Ipswich. This was approved

by Amity Royal Arch Chapter, of Beverly, and by R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Second District. Before its issue a special report was made to me by E.: Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer, who visited the town for the purpose. This report is as follows:—

MEDFORD, MASS., Sept. 10, 1910.

MOST EXCELLENT CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON, MASS.:—

Dear Sir and Most Excellent Companion,— Agreeably to your desire that I investigate conditions at Ipswich relative to starting the proposed Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that town, I beg leave to report:

That on September 9 I went to Ipswich and met by appointment Excellent Companion Tozer and several of the petitioners for the dispensation, and in their company inspected the Masonic apartments. These apartments occupy the entire top story of a recently erected business block, are of fair size, good proportions and convenient arrangement, and, in addition to the Lodge, preparation and Tyler's rooms, include a kitchen, supper room and club room, or anteroom, for members. These quarters are at present occupied by John T. Heard Lodge of Masons. My inspection naturally had special reference as to their adaptability to Chapter purposes. I found that due provision had been made for the . . . and all arrangements pertaining to the apartments seemed to me to be adequate for a proper presentation of the degrees.

I found that nothing in the way of regalia, paraphernalia or property had as yet been provided, the petitioners naturally not desiring to obligate themselves to take and pay for the same until they received assurance that their petition would be granted. I was shown, however, a list of what they proposed to order, which seemed to me comprehensive and to include everything necessary. The . . .

Furthermore, I was assured by Excellent Companion Tozer that sufficient sums had been subscribed to enable the petitioners

to pay cash for everything needed in the way of regalia, paraphernalia and property, and that when the first meeting is held, in October, for purposes of work and the conferring of degrees, the petitioners will be in a position to start the Chapter absolutely free from debt.

I trust that this report will be found adequate to satisfy the object of my investigation and to cover the points concerning which you especially wish to be informed, but if further information is desired by you I shall be most happy to continue my inquiries, and shall be entirely at your service.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

LORENZO L. GREEN,
Grand Lecturer.

Dispensations have been granted to hold District Grand Chapters of Instruction as follows: —

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| 1st District | R.: E.: Frank F. Cook, District Deputy Grand Priest, at East Boston, February 22. |
| 9th District | R.: E.: Albert H. Martin, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Natick, February 22. |
| 10th District | R.: E.: John A. DeCamp, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at North Adams, February 25. |
| 8th District | R.: E.: David T. Montague, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Somerville, March 19. |
| 5th District | R.: E.: Edward J. Reece, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Springfield, April 15. |
| 2d District | R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Beverly, April 19. |
| 11th District | R.: E.: Charles W. Godfrey, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Fitchburg, April 19. |

(I personally attended all of the above except the last, at Fitchburg, having a Patriot's Day engagement at St. Paul's Chapter, Boston, in the evening.)

Dispensations granted to hold elections of officers to fill vacancies:

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| Feb. 9, 1910 | To Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter, of Ayer, to elect Treasurer. |
| May 7, 1910 | To Union Royal Arch Chapter, of Athol, to elect Principal Sojourner. |

MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- Dec. 10, 1909 To Sylvester Baxter Royal Arch Chapter, of West Harwich, to hold its regular annual meeting on Saturday, December 18, instead of on Saturday, December 25, a holiday.
- June 23, 1910 To Wareham Royal Arch Chapter, U.: D.:, of Wareham, to hold regular convocation, falling on July 4, a holiday, on Tuesday, July 5.
- June 23, 1910 To Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, of Cambridge, to appear in public in regalia, but wearing only collars and aprons, for the purpose of participating in the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, in Cambridge, on June 30.
- Aug. 22, 1910 To Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, of Lynn, to hold regular meeting on September 8, at East Saugus, their hall being under repair.
- Nov. 16, 1910 To Dorchester Royal Arch Chapter, of Dorchester, to attend divine worship at St. John's Universalist Church, Virginia Street, Upham's Corner, Dorchester, on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 4, 1910, the occasion being that of the fifteenth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of said church by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts.
- Nov. 26, 1910 To St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, Quincy, to attend divine service at Wollaston, Sunday, December 11, with regalia.

With one exception (which I have since learned was unnecessary), I have declined to grant any dispensations to Chapters to shorten the constitutional time between reception of application and balloting, or to work the Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees the same evening, when requested, for the purpose of enabling the candidate to obtain his Commandery Degrees at an earlier date, or for similar reasons.

I consider that the authority placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest to grant such dispensations should be reserved for emergencies.

In this connection I would call attention to an increasing practice, particularly in and near Boston, for Chapters to work each other's candidates on different degrees so as to shorten the time between ballot and exaltation.

I would make no recommendation, at this time, for legislation, but would caution all Chapters that such practices are an abuse of their privileges.

The fundamental requirements should never be varied, that demand that the several degrees should always be worked with dignity, in full, with sufficient intervals of time between the degrees to permit the candidates to properly receive and digest their beautiful and impressive lessons. To rush the neophyte through all the degrees within a few days is not only to deprive him of a proper enjoyment and understanding of them, but, in many cases, results in wearied indifference on his part through the years that follow. The Grand Chapter may well take cognizance of the fact that the Scottish Rite in Massachusetts no longer confers the final Consistory, or 32d Degree, except after a considerable interval, thus appreciably increasing its dignity and importance.

I would not be understood as criticizing the ordinary courtesies between Chapters, but only such practices as amount to a virtual violation of the Regulations in spirit, if not in letter.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTERS

In addition to the Constitution of Gardner Royal Arch Chapter, already referred to, I constituted Wareham Royal Arch Chapter, of Wareham, on Monday, October 24, at a special convocation of this Grand Chapter, and with the courteous assistance of R.: E.: Warren P. Dudley, Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: Edwin S. Crandon, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, W. H. H. Soule, Past Grand Scribe, and E.: Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer, installed its officers.

Forty-six names were upon the Charter roll. The spirit of love for Capitular Masonry shown by these Companions and the highly honorable record of the ancient lodges to which they belong give every augury of a long and prosperous life for the new Chapter.

The following letter speaks for itself :

WAREHAM ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

WAREHAM, MASS., November 8, 1910.

MR. CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, *Grand High Priest*:—

Most Excellent Companion,— At the regular convocation Nov. 7, 1910, by vote of Wareham Royal Arch Chapter the

Secretary was instructed to convey to the Grand High Priest the thanks and appreciation of the Chapter for the beautiful and impressive service rendered at the constitution of Wareham Royal Arch Chapter and the installation of its officers, on the evening of Oct. 24, 1910.

We were much pleased at that time to receive the Grand High Priest and so many of the Grand officers. The occasion and what it means will long be remembered by this Chapter.

Fraternally and sincerely,

ISAAC N. MARSHALL,
Secretary pro tem.

NEW CHAPTERS

It has been the policy of this Grand Chapter to use extreme conservatism in forming new Chapters, and not to approve such action except in a community that unmistakably evidenced its claims for consideration. But Massachusetts is prosperous, and increasing in population, and, with nearly 60,000 Blue Lodge Masons within her borders, there is increasing demand for additional Chapters.

During the year a dispensation has been granted for a new Chapter at Ipswich.

VISITATIONS

Receiving many invitations to visit Chapters from all parts of the State, I have accepted all (with two exceptions, where I had previously accepted other engagements, and one to attend with Deputy.) As Grand High Priest I have made thirty-eight visits to Chapters and at exemplifications, attended six Grand Chapter Convocations (including this annual and the constitution of two new Chapters), and also attended on fourteen other occasions, in all fifty-eight, upon all of which (except seven only) formal addresses were made, and, incidentally, thirty-three different Chapters out of the seventy-nine in Massachusetts were visited in session in their Chapter Halls. I have endeavored to have as large a suite as possible of Grand officers, Past High Priests and Councils accompany me on visits to Chapters, and the cordial response of these Companions to my requests has doubled the value and the enjoyment of these occasions. I desire to express my

gratitude in the warmest terms to all those who have shared these pleasures with me. To Excellent Wilfred D. Smith, of Waltham, Excellent Horace A. Carter, of Newton, Excellent Frank P. Rhoades, of Cambridge, Excellent E. O. Burton, of Clinton and Excellent Charles E. Moss, of South Boston, who have on various visitations acted as Grand Captain of the Host, I am especially grateful, as well as to R.: E.: Robert W. Browning, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Sixth District, who joined me on every visit to Chapters except three.

The list of visitations, including, also, most of the occasions where I have attended officially as Grand High Priest, is as follows:—

LIST OF VISITATIONS

- Dec. 21, 1909. Reception by home Chapter, Newton Royal Arch Chapter, Newtonville.
Horace A. Carter, High Priest.
- Dec. 25, 1909. Christmas celebration by Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea.
Alfred Anderson, High Priest.
- Dec. 28, 1909. Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, Feast of St. John.
M.: W.: Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master.
- Jan. 20, 1910. Waltham Royal Arch Chapter. Installed officers, with assistance of M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest.
Wilfred D. Smith, High Priest.
- Jan. 26, 1910. Past High Priest's Association of First Capitular District. Annual Banquet.
Jos. T. Paul, President.
- Jan. 28, 1910. Boston Commandery K. T. Ladies' Night.
James S. Blake, Eminent Commander.
- Feb. 17, 1910. Somerville Royal Arch Chapter. In special honor to R.: E.: David T. Montague, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 8th District.
R. Stanley Smith, High Priest.

The sudden death, in the anteroom, of Arthur B. Cunningham, a member, caused the abandonment of the program and banquet, and turned the meeting into a Chapter of sorrow. The Reception Committee of Past High Priests accompanied the body home, and the flowers intended for the Grand officers were laid upon the casket of the dead.

- Feb. 22, 1910 Exemplification of 1st District at East Boston with St. John's Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: Frank F. Cook, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Feb. 22, 1910 Exemplification of 9th District at Natick with Parker Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: Albert H. Martin, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Feb. 24, 1910 Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, Milford.
Clarence A. Lilley, High Priest.
- Feb. 25, 1910 Exemplification of 10th District at North Adams, with Composite Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: John A. DeCamp, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Mar. 8, 1910 Order of High Priesthood.
M.: E.: Warren B. Ellis, President. Address on "Masonic Memories."
- Mar. 10, 1910 Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter, Hyde Park. Home Chapter of E.: E. J. Ellis, Grand Master Third Veil.
Frederick C. Cobb, High Priest.
- Mar. 15, 1910 Newton Royal Arch Chapter, Newtonville. Past High Priests' Night.
Horace A. Carter, High Priest.
- Mar. 19, 1910 Exemplification of 8th District at Somerville with Somerville Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: David T. Montague, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Mar. 24, 1910 Aurora Grata Chapter *Rose Croix*, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Brooklyn, N. Y. Feast of Paschal Lamb.
Response to toast "Toleration."
- Apr. 6, 1910 Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea. Past High Priests' Night. Acceptance of election to Honorary Membership Home Chapter of Rev. and E.: R. Perry Bush, Grand Chaplain.
Alfred Anderson, High Priest.
- Apr. 8, 1910 Franklin Royal Arch Chapter, Greenfield. In especial honor to R.: E.: Edward J. Reece, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 5th District.
John B. Clark, High Priest.

- Apr. 15, 1910 Exemplification of 5th District at Springfield, with Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: E. J. Reece, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Apr. 19, 1910 Exemplification of 2d District at Beverly, with Amity Royal Arch Chapter.
R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, District Deputy Grand High Priest (afternoon).
- Apr. 19, 1910 St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston (evening), Patriot's Day.
W. M. Farrington, High Priest.
- Apr. 25, 1910 Dorchester Royal Arch Chapter, Dorchester. Dedication of flag.
Harry J. Baker, High Priest.
- Apr. 29, 1910 Houghton Royal Arch Chapter, Marlborough.
Charles S. Thomson, High Priest.
- May 9, 1910 St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter, Taunton. In especial honor to R.: E.: Lewis M. Witherell, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 3d District.
Enos D. Williams, High Priest.
- May 11, 1910 Holten Royal Arch Chapter, Danvers. In especial honor to R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 2d District.
Arthur E. Perkins, High Priest.
- May 17, 1910 Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, Worcester.
Arthur H. Parker, High Priest.
(Unable to accept invitation from Menotomy Royal Arch Chapter, of Arlington, for same evening, on occasion of visit of Past High Priests' Association of 8th District, and election to honorary membership. R.: E.: Warren P. Dudley, Deputy Grand High Priest, went in my stead.)
- May 18, 1910 Thomas Royal Arch Chapter, Fitchburg. In especial honor to R.: E.: Charles W. Godfrey, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 11th District.
Clarence L. Trowbridge, High Priest.
- May 23, 1910 Walden Royal Arch Chapter, Concord. In especial honor to R.: E.: Robert W. Browning, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 6th District.
Harry A. Douglass, High Priest.

- May 27, 1910 Winthrop Royal Arch Chapter, Winthrop. In special honor to R.: E.: Frank F. Cook, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 1st District.
Guy H. Maynard, High Priest.
- June 1, 1910 Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville. Fiftieth Anniversary.
Charles E. Hatfield, Worshipful Master.
- June 9, 1910 Pentalpha Royal Arch Chapter, East Weymouth, In special honor to R.: E.: Eben H. Cain, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 7th District.
Gardner R. P. Barker, High Priest.
- June 14, 1910 King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter, Warren. Fiftieth Anniversary.
John B. Canfield, High Priest.
- June 15, 1910 Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, Foxborough. Fiftieth Anniversary. Ladies' Night. Home Chapter of E.: Charles W. Bemis, Grand Steward.
Henry E. Fairbanks, High Priest.
- June 22, 1910 Northampton Royal Arch Chapter, Northampton.
Ralph H. Clark, High Priest.
- June 30, 1910 Escorted in procession by Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, Irving C. Langley, High Priest, at laying of corner-stone of new Masonic Temple at Cambridge. Assisted in laying corner-stone by the courtesy and at the request of M.: W.: Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts.
- July 14, 1910 Clambake of Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, Fall River (informal).
William J. Gardner, High Priest.
- Sept. 1, 1910 Concord Royal Arch Chapter, South Framingham. Social meeting. Blue Lodge members specially invited.
C. E. B. Chase, High Priest.
- Sept. 12, 1910 Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea.
Alfred Anderson, High Priest.
On the occasion of visit of delegations from Carleton Chapter, St. John, N. B. and Union Chapter, Yarmouth, N. S.

- Sept. 20, 1910 Newton Royal Arch Chapter, Newtonville.
C. Arthur Boutelle, High Priest.
Public installation of officers by E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturer. Ladies' Night. Acceptance of election to Honorary Membership.
- Sept. 22, 1910 Waverly Royal Arch Chapter, Melrose. Public installation of officers by M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest. Ladies' Night.
Willis O. Chapman, High Priest.
Home Chapter of Rev. and E.: Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain.
- Sept. 28, 1910 Reading Royal Arch Chapter, Reading. Home Chapter of R.: E.: George O. Sheldon, Grand King.
E. A. Wilkins, High Priest.
- Oct. 17, 1910 Clinton Royal Arch Chapter, Clinton. Home Chapter of E.: E. O. Burton, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- Oct. 24, 1910 Special Convocation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Constitution and Consecration of Wareham Royal Arch Chapter, Wareham.
John Huxtable, High Priest.
Installed officers, with assistance of E.: Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer, R.: E.: Warren P. Dudley, Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: Edwin S. Crandon, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: W. H. H. Soule, Past Grand Scribe.
- Oct. 31, 1910 St. Mark's Chapter, Taunton. Public installation of officers by M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest, with M.: E.: Samuel F. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest, as Grand Captain of the Host. Ladies' Night.
Enos D. Williams, High Priest.
- Nov. 8, 1910 Miller Royal Arch Chapter, Franklin. Installation of officers by E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturer. Blue Lodge members invited.
In special honor to R.: E.: Albert H. Martin, District Deputy Grand High Priest for 9th District.
Ezra L. Blanchard, High Priest.

- Nov. 25, 1910 Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter, Springfield. Installation by R.: E.: W. W. Wallace, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, assisted by Past High Priests. Ladies' Night.
Charles E. Hamilton, High Priest.
- Nov. 30, 1910 Special Convocation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Constitution and Consecration of Gardner Royal Arch Chapter, Gardner.
William H. Wilder, High Priest.
Installed officers with assistance of R.: E.: Warren P. Dudley, Deputy Grand High Priest ; R.: E.: George O. Sheldon, Grand King ; R.: E.: Fred H. Scott, Grand Scribe, and E.: Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- Dec. 1, 1910 Mt. Sinai Royal Arch Chapter, Lawrence. Fiftieth Anniversary. Ladies' Night.
Dean K. Webster, High Priest.
- Dec. 12, 1910 Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts. Annual Session. Reception of M.: P.: Graff M. Acklin, General Grand Master of General Grand Council of the United States.
M.: I.: Everett C. Benton, Grand Master.

The various addresses made on public and other important occasions having been prepared with considerable care, upon special request, I append to this report a few of the principal ones, namely :

Address to Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, Milford, February 24.

Address on "Masonic Memories" before Order of High Priesthood, March 8.

Response to toast "Toleration" before Aurora Grata Chapter *Rose Croix*. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Brooklyn, N. Y., March 24.

Address to St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, on Patriot's Day, April 19.

Address at Fiftieth Anniversary and Ladies' Night of Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, Foxborough, June 15.

INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUESTS TO DEPUTIES

Among others, the following special communication was sent to the several Deputies:—

Right Excellent Companions:

To you, chosen for your excellence, for pre-eminent love for the Capitular Rite, for having distinguished yourselves by doing accurate, careful degree work, to you as the particular personal representatives of the Grand High Priest I would say a few words personally.

1st. As I wish to emphasize your appointment and its honor, I propose to visit the *home Chapter* of each District Deputy Grand High Priest at some time during the coming year. I leave the time and occasion to you, and as this visit is to be in your special honor, this should be at some time other than at your regular *official visitation*. Please advise me as to date most desired, and the nature of the occasion, what degree will be worked, etc., remembering that these visits must be distributed through the year.

2d. The following districts did not have any exemplifications last year, and, therefore, *under the law*, must have one this year of 1910.

1st District, R. E.	Frank F. Cook
2d " "	Charles H. Preston
8th " "	David T. Montague
9th " "	Albert H. Martin
10th " "	John A. DeCamp
12th " "	William T. Swain

Please arrange at once dates for such exemplifications, remembering that there are but two Grand Lecturers. Please arrange dates with them and then notify me. The Grand Lecturers are Excellent Lorenzo L. Green, of Medford, and Excellent Charles W. Delano, of Worcester.

I am glad to note that nearly all of these exemplifications have been arranged for already by the several Deputies concerned. I gratefully acknowledge their zeal, energy, and promptness.

3d. I would earnestly request the Deputies of the remaining Districts, namely,

3d	District, R. E.	Lewis M. Witherell
4th	“	Clifford B. Arnold
5th	“	Edward J. Reece
6th	“	Robert W. Browning
7th	“	Eben H. Cain
11th	“	Charles W. Godfrey

to use their best endeavors to have their districts hold exemplifications in the year 1910, believing that such exemplifications will be for the best ultimate good of the several Chapters, the District and the Grand Chapter.

4th. Please remember that one of the Grand Lecturers will visit any Chapter at any time, for purposes of instruction, by the Chapter paying his expenses and services. (At exemplifications the Grand Chapter pays the Lecturer.)

Please have your Chapters take full advantage of this. I would especially emphasize this matter.

5th. I expect prompt information and in full detail within your several districts. You are personally accountable for all Chapters in your districts, and are expected to visit them and keep informed in regard to them. You are especially requested to urge upon the Chapters the advantages of a permanent fund and the wisdom of its establishment.

6th. Every District Deputy Grand High Priest is expected and personally requested by the Grand High Priest to prepare himself to install the officers of any Chapter in his district so requesting.

7th. On every official visit to the several Chapters in your districts you are most earnestly requested to be attended with a suite of Grand officers, Past High Priests and members of the Councils of the Chapters in your district. This I regard as important. Please send lists of your visitations as soon as arranged to all of the Grand officers.

8th. Your commission reads :

“ He is also required to examine their CHARTERS, RECORDS, BY-LAWS and mode of work, and see that in all their doings they conform to the ancient customs of ROYAL ARCH MASONS and the rules and regulations of our Grand Chapter. He will carefully inspect their BOOKS OF MARKS.

“ And it is hereby enjoined upon him to make return to me of his doings herein, by authority of this Commission, on or before Dec. 1, 1910.”

Please bear these things well in mind, especially to see that all Chapters maintain the dignity of the Order in all the degree work, particularly in the Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

9th. On your official visitation to each Chapter, your District examine with particular care the Books of Marks and in your annual report to the Grand High Priest specify, as to each Chapter, the condition and use of its Books by answering the following questions : —

1. Whether any present members of the Chapters have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree whose Marks have not been recorded in the Book of Marks. If any, give names and dates of receiving all degrees.
2. Are the Books of Marks well kept and in good condition?
3. Are the Marks accurately and artistically drawn and are they in accordance with the traditions and dignity of the Order?
4. Do the Council of the Chapter understand that no candidate should be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree until his Mark has actually been recorded in the Book of Marks?
5. Does an intelligible description accompany each Mark?

10th. Please use your utmost influence to cause the Chapters to use the several Lectures belonging to the Degrees and to require all candidates to give them in open Chapter before receiving the succeeding degree. Two officers in each Chapter may well be designated as instructors in the Lectures, and give them at every exemplification and from time to time in the Chapter, especially when there are no degrees to be worked. The Grand High Priest is an earnest believer in the value of the Lectures and unhesitatingly recommends their general use by the Chapters.

11th. Please remember that the Grand High Priest wishes to discourage all undue haste and "railroading" of candidates, and therefore please do not forward to him any requests for dispensations unless the need is imperative.

12th. Your attention is called to Art. XI of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as follows:—

"every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this Jurisdiction shall be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe, or either of them, in person or by their respective proxies, at every Convocation of the Grand Chapter. If any Chapter under this Jurisdiction _____ shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession _____ then the said Chapter shall forfeit _____ its Charter, etc."

The Grand High Priest would ask each Deputy to attend to this, use every endeavor to have every Chapter in his District represented by a member of the Council, *if possible*, at *every convocation*, or by proxy to a member in any event. Please see what you can do, each in his own District, beginning at the next Quarterly Convocation, March 8.

Trusting that these various recommendations will be approved and heartily followed by you, and wishing you the best of success during your service, I am

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
*Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch
Chapter of Massachusetts.*

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1910.

LECTURES

Recommendation No. 10, regarding lectures, in letter to Deputies, has been adopted by several Chapters, to whom I return warmest thanks. I was greatly pleased to find that large audiences received these lectures with applause and hearty approval.

I urge every Chapter to rehearse the lectures whenever they have no work, and at all other convenient times.

The custom distinctly adds to the dignity of the Chapter.

VISITS TO HOME CHAPTERS OF DEPUTIES AND GRAND OFFICERS

My suggestion, in letter to the Deputies, that I would be glad to visit the home Chapter of each Deputy, was received with hearty approval, and the list of visits made, on special invitation from the High Priest in each case, will show that I have made such visits in every District, except the Twelfth or Cape District, where illness and resignation of the Deputy prevented.

I have also made visits to the home Chapters of Grand officers, making a total of eighteen home Chapters of Deputies and other Grand officers visited. All these visits have proved exceedingly enjoyable, and I hope were of value to the Craft. I recommend to my successor to visit the home Chapter of every Grand officer during the next year, if invited, as one of the best methods available of enhancing the importance and dignity of these positions. I would further emphasize to the Chapters the advantage of providing simple refreshments on such occasions. These visits should always be a pleasure, not a burden, to the Chapter.

NATIONAL FLAG

The following suggestion as to the National Flag was made to the Chapters direct:—

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST, March, 1910.

To all Royal Arch Chapters in Massachusetts:—

Believing that every Royal Arch Chapter is the home of deep, true and abiding patriotism, of love of country that is entwined with the heart strings of every member, the Grand High Priest earnestly urges and recommends to every Chapter to display the American flag in the Chapter hall at every convocation, regular and special.

If ever the angry and menacing heads of Anarchy and Disunion shall be raised to threaten the life of our great nation, in our ancient institution will be found one of the most important bulwarks of national defence, a most potent force of conservatism and unyielding loyalty, founded upon and growing out of its profound love and reverence for God as the great architect of the universe.

We shall do well, therefore, to inculcate at all times respect for the nation's emblem, to treasure and recount its honorable history,

with the glorious deeds of valor performed under its inspiration, and to teach lovingly and with grateful hearts the meaning of its silent, irresistible appeal to our souls and consciences, as it waves proudly in the free air of heaven, side by side with the Chapter's scarlet symbols.

Faternally yours,

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
Grand High Priest.

As I have visited the Chapters in all parts of the State, I have been pleased to find the beautiful flag of our nation in every Chapter hall, with but one exception, and in that case the delay in obtaining it was but temporary.

I sincerely trust that the near future will see the Stars and Stripes in every Chapter meeting throughout the United States, to emphasize this self-evident truth, that in Masonry in this free Republic is to be found the home of conservatism, one of the strongest forces in all America for the support of patriotism, and of that liberty under law for which our fathers fought and died.

PERMANENT FUNDS

Believing earnestly that if Capitular Masonry is to endure through the ages that Chapters must establish permanent funds. I have upon every occasion urged their adoption upon the Chapters. Such a fund throws additional safeguards around the accumulation of money already in the treasury, encourages thrift, discourages sudden wasteful and extravagant proposals, tends to increase the stability and strength of the Institution, and to prevent dry-rot, and is a wise measure of protection against the certain day of famine and of wrath. More than this, the existence of a permanent fund encourages bequests, for without it they are valueless.

I sent the following requests to all presiding High Priests: —

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, March, 1910.

To High Priest of Chapters: —

For the convenience of Chapters contemplating the establishment of

PERMANENT FUNDS

and to assist them in drafting proper By-laws therefor, *Art.*

XVIII of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is particularly called to their attention. It is as follows:—

ARTICLE XVIII—PERMANENT FUNDS

Any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter that now has or shall in the future have a By-law that provides for Life Membership must have the said By-law comply with the following requirements:—

SECTION 1. The Life Membership fee shall be, and shall continue, not less than ten times the fee for annual dues, but in no case shall it be less than twenty-five dollars.

SECT. 2. All moneys received for Life Membership, and such other moneys as may be added by vote of the Chapter, shall constitute a Permanent Fund, which shall be invested in the name of the Chapter. The management and investment of the same shall be placed in the care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the Chapter in the Annual Convocation, and shall annually make a report to the Chapter of the condition and amount of said fund, and how the same shall be invested.

SECT. 3. That nothing but the income of the said fund shall be used for any purpose whatsoever unless a notice in writing to that effect shall have been presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and notice of such intended action shall have been printed on the notices and mailed to every member of the Chapter at least ten days before such action is to be taken, and then only at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Adopted March 12, 1907.

NAME OF CHAPTER

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- Question 1 Has your Chapter a Permanent Fund?
- 2 Date when fund was established.
 - 3 Present amount of same.
 - 4 How invested? Please enclose copy of Trustees' last report, if convenient.
 - 5 Have the By-laws of the Chapter been made to conform to the requirements of *Art. XVIII* of Constitution of Grand Royal Arch Chapter as adopted March 12, 1907? (See circular enclosed for copy.)

- 6 Approximate present annual increase of Permanent Funds.
- 7 What is charge for degrees?
- 8 Has the Chapter established life membership, if so, what is fee and how many life members have you?
- 9 What are the present annual dues of your Chapter charged each member?
- 10 What was the total income of Chapter, from *dues* alone, in 1909? What part of same is still uncollected?
- 11 What were the total current expenses of the Chapter for the year 1909?
- 12 Have you the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Chapter March 12, 1901?
Have you all the amendments to date?

List of amendments

Sept. 8, 1903

Mar. 13, 1906

Mar. 12, 1907

amendments to Particular Regulations

June 9, 1903

Sept. 13, 1904

June 13, 1906

Dec. 12, 1905

Mar. 13, 1906

From the answers, it is clear that many of the most enterprising Chapters either have established such funds in the past, or are now doing so, but there are many that have not yet done anything about it.

I unhesitatingly urge the matter upon their consideration.

It is only too evident from the replies as to expenses and income that the majority of Chapters are living in large part upon the money received from candidates, their dues alone being insufficient to pay the running expenses.

I firmly believe that if we are to maintain our beautiful institution of Freemasonry through the centuries to come, that until such time as the permanent funds will provide income all its bodies must live within their dues, leaving the larger part, at least, of the money received from candidates to accumulate.

In this way alone shall we ever be able to render those large services of charity to dependent and suffering widows and children to which our solemn obligations pledge us. Is it not too true that American Masons do not as yet realize their obligations as English Masons do? The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts deserves the largest measure of credit for awaking at last from its hundred-year sleep and founding a Masonic Home.

MASONIC HOME

I certainly hope that the Grand Chapter will not rest content with its recent gift to the Masonic Home, but will give an annual sum for its support, in gratitude that such a home has at last been established and to redeem in some degree our obligations arising from our oaths to God, that we would listen to and heed the cries of the stricken and desolate; of the widow, broken with grief and thrown upon the world, of the children deprived of protection and left to the cold charity of selfish interest.

GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

The full record of the several regular and special convocations will appear in the printed Proceedings.

The Service of Sorrow in March was well received, and I thank you for your warm co-operation in thus recalling the illustrious services of those who have laid down earthly burdens and passed over the dark river.

The visit in June of M.: E.: Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, was most pleasant. His studious manner, high character and attainments and evident devotion to Capitular Masonry impressed the members of the Grand Chapter most favorably.

The Grand Chapter officers united in doing everything possible, between daylight and midnight, to entertain our guest, and the Past Grand High Priests gave loyal service on the Committee.

At the June Convocation of the Grand Chapter there was a large attendance to meet Most Excellent Kingsley, seventy-two Chapters out of the seventy-eight in the Commonwealth being represented.

Past Grand High Priest Hubbard was unwearied, as a committee of one, in introducing the guest to the many quaint and historic

sites of old Boston. M. E.: Arthur G. Pollard, Past General Grand High Priest, entertained the party at Lowell, in a delightful manner, and is entitled to the warmest thanks of the Grand Chapter for his thoughtful and splendid liberality. The following letter speaks for itself:—

AUSTIN, MINN., June 13, 1910.

My Dear Sir and Companion:—

I arrived home yesterday morning, on schedule time, feeling very well indeed, having had some needed rest on my journey, which was entirely without incident.

As I look back, even now, at the cordial spirit manifested by your Grand Chapter and the delightful entertainment provided for me while visiting the Royal Arch Masons of your State, I think they are among the most delightful days I have spent in the performance of my official duties.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, through yourself, and its committees, certainly did everything possible for my comfort and pleasure, and I wish especially to convey to the Companions of your Jurisdiction, through you, my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many delightful experiences of my visit.

I congratulate your Grand Chapter and the Royal Arch Masons of your Jurisdiction on the splendid showing you are making in the inculcation of the sublime principles of the Royal Arch and the healthy state of Masonic sentiment as I found it to exist in your Jurisdiction.

I wish also especially to extend my thanks to you for the many personal courtesies received at your hands, not forgetting to mention the artistic and literary souvenirs so kindly furnished me for my diversion and entertainment, all of which I shall preserve and cherish as mementoes of my visit to your city and State, and of my personal acquaintance with yourself, whom I came to esteem most highly on account of your personal worth as well as the exalted position you occupy in and out of the Craft of your city and State.

The photographs I mentioned have not arrived yet,—as soon as they do I shall ask you to kindly accept one of them as a slight token of my personal esteem.

Very sincerely and fraternally,

NATHAN KINGSLEY,

General Grand High Priest.

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, ESQ.,
85 Ames Building,
Boston, Mass.

GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand officers deserve many thanks from me, for they have been most loyal, courteous and obliging.

Excellent Lorenzo L. Green and E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturers, deserve your grateful and appreciative thanks for good work, under strenuous conditions,—for most faithful service undertaken from a great and abiding love for the Rite. There has been an increased demand for their services in attending Chapters for instruction, which is very gratifying.

M.: E.: J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary, deserves the heartiest commendation for the work of the year. I gratefully acknowledge his invaluable assistance to myself, and return him my hearty thanks. He has, by hard labor, disposed of past accumulations, caused by family illness, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and will issue the Report of Proceedings for 1910 early after the close of this Convocation.

E.: Edward P. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Host, has been especially diligent, accompanying me upon nearly all the visitations to Chapters. His unassuming and generous devotion to Capitular Masonry has been apparent during many years, and he is but continuing his unselfish service.

NOTICES

Most of the Chapters in the State (all but 12) publish their annual list of officers on their notices, a convenient and commendable custom; many (45) add thereto their list of Past High Priests, and a few (9) note, either after the name or by foot-note, such of these as have attained permanent membership by election to office in the Grand Chapter, stating the position held.

I strongly urge upon every Chapter to adopt all these suggestions, believing it would conduce to the dignity and advantage of the Rite. It would cost but little more, as the names are set up in type but once, at the beginning of the year, and may be carried many years.

Bear in mind that the printed records of the Grand Chapter give the name and year of service, under the title of office, but not the name of the Chapter to which the honored incumbent belonged.

MARKS

The following was sent to the Deputies, and has received quite general response : —

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests : —

For the purpose of stimulating interest in the Mark, to provide means for a more comprehensive study of the undoubted richness of the treasures now in the various Chapter books, the Grand High Priest requests each Deputy to procure from each Chapter in his district six copies of the Marks now in their books that, in the opinion of the Council of the Chapter, may be fairly considered "the best."

There is no limit on their action. They may choose them because of their simplicity, because they are, in their opinion, most fairly representative according to the known requirements, or because of their beauty or unique quality or intricacy of design, or for any other reason.

Those in color should be colored in the copies. Cards will be furnished each Deputy in sufficient number to provide six for each Chapter. Put the simple description of the Mark on the card, but no name, not even the name of the Chapter.

The Deputy will forward the cards from each Chapter separately, and the Grand Secretary will preserve his private record.

The cards will be bound in a book, and be kept open for general inspection at the Grand Secretary's office and at the grand convocations.

There will be no competition, no award of prizes, no designation of one above another.

Because the Grand High Priest would like to see such a selection himself, he believes every High Priest, present and past, would also enjoy the opportunity.

The active and enthusiastic co-operation of every Chapter in the State is earnestly requested, for the good of the Order.

Fraternally and most sincerely,

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
Grand High Priest.

March, 1910.

I am greatly obliged to the Chapters for their attention to this request, involving labor and expense, and I feel confident that the Book of Marks so prepared, and now on exhibition in the office of the Grand Secretary, fully justifies the effort.

REQUEST TO OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Upon my request, through M.: E.: Jay B. Kline, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, Buffalo Chapter, No. 71, of Buffalo, of that obedience, generously and most courteously conferred the Chapter Degrees upon M. C. Brush, who had been elected to Newton Royal Arch Chapter, of Newtonville, but moved to Buffalo before receiving the degrees.

CONSTITUTION AND PARTICULAR REGULATIONS

As but few copies remain of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter (as I have used them freely in supplying Chapters), by my authority a new edition will soon be issued, containing also all the Particular Regulations adopted to date, the By-Laws or Digest of Capitular Law, and the Services for Constitution of Chapters, Installation of Officers and for Burials.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

I believe in the value of exemplifications. I feel quite confident that Massachusetts possesses the best Grand Lecturers in the country, and I find the Chapters universally ready to co-operate in holding exemplifications.

As conducted to-day, however, trying to work, with comment, all four degrees at one sitting seems to me to involve too much strain upon Chapters, audience and Grand Lecturers.

I have authorized the Grand Lecturers, at their discretion, to change the order of procedure at any time, and work the Royal Arch Degree first, to avoid that indifference and neglect that come with weariness, for it is too important to be always placed last.

But I would go further, and, upon occasion, hold an exemplification each year, and work only two degrees in the evening. In addition to this, I would reduce the size of the districts, making it easier to reach a central point, giving each Chapter the opportunity to work a larger portion, and every Companion a far better chance to attend, at less expense.

REDISTRICTING

Therefore I recommend to my successor to divide the State into fifteen districts, instead of twelve, as at present.

The proposed districts are made up as follows : —

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF CAPITULAR DISTRICTS

Capitular Districts

1911

District No. 1

St. Andrew's	Boston	Mt. Vernon	Roxbury
St. Paul's	Boston	Dorchester	Dorchester
	St. Matthew's	South Boston	

District No. 2

Washington	Salem	Holten	Danvers
Sutton	Lynn	Amity	Beverly
Wm. Ferson	Gloucester	Ipswich	Ipswich

District No. 3

Adoniram	New Bedford	St. Mark's	Taunton
Fall River	Fall River	King Hiram	Attleborough
	Wareham	Wareham	

District No. 4

Worcester	Worcester	Eureka	Worcester
K'g Solomon's	Warren	St. Elmo	Whitinsville
Doric	Southbridge	Tyrian	Millbury

District No. 5

Morning Star	Springfield	Evening Star	Westfield
Hampden	Palmer	Unity	Chicopee Falls
	Mt. Holyoke	Holyoke	

District No. 6

Franklin	Greenfield	Union	Athol
Northampton	Northampton	Crescent	Orange

District No. 7

Pilgrim	Abington	Satucket	Brockton
St. Stephen's	Quincy	Pentalpha	Weymouth
Samoset	Plymouth	Harmony	Bridgewater

District No. 8

Waverly	Melrose	Woburn	Woburn
Mystic	Medford	Reading	Reading
Menotomy	Arlington	Tabernacle	Malden

District No. 9

King Cyrus	Newburyport	Pentucket	Haverhill
Mt. Horeb	Lowell	Mt. Sinai	Lawrence
	Trinity	Amesbury	

District No. 10

Berkshire	Pittsfield	Composite	North Adams
Corinthian	Adams	Monument	Great Barrington

District No. 11

Thomas	Fitchburg	North Star	Winchendon
Clinton	Clinton	Bancroft	Ayer
	Gardner	Gardner	

District No. 12

Orient	Hyannis	Jos. Warren	Provincetown
Isle of the Sea	Nantucket	S. Baxter	West Harwich

District No. 13

Concord	So. Framingham	Parker	Natick
Waltham	Waltham	Newton	Newtonville
Houghton	Marlborough	Walden	Concord

District No. 14

Mt. Zion	Stoughton	Norfolk	Hyde Park
Mt. Lebanon	Milford	Miller	Franklin
Keystone	Foxborough	Hebron	Norwood

District No. 15

St. John's	East Boston	Chapter of	
Chapter of the		the Signet	Charlestown
Shekinah	Chelsea	Somerville	Somerville
Cambridge	Cambridge	Winthrop	Winthrop

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

In accordance with custom I have forwarded to the Grand High Priests of other States names for appointment as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Most of

these were reappointments, but the following new names were suggested and duly appointed :—

Dist. of Columbia	Frederick T. Comee	Woonsocket, R. I.
Florida	Enoch G. Best	Greenfield
Indiana	Henry H. Litchfield	Plymouth
Kentucky	Jesse E. Ames	Boston
Mississippi	John L. Stone	Marlborough
Nevada	Eleazer H. Brazer	Chelsea
New Jersey	Edward E. Jameson	Quincy
Ohio	Leon M. Abbott	Boston
Quebec	Henry S. Bunton	Hyde Park

In accordance with the vote of the Grand Chapter at the June Convocation establishing interchange of Representatives with the Grand Chapters of Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming the following appointments were made, by these States, as Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts :—

Washington	Augustus P. Calder	Roxbury
Idaho	Robert W. Browning	Concord Junction
Wyoming	Frederick E. Pierce	Greenfield

JURISDICTION

During the past year, as for many years past, the matter of jurisdiction of the Chapters has caused vexatious questions to arise, which have, however, been settled by the good sense and fairness of those involved. I am especially grateful to E.: Arthur H. Parker, High Priest, of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, of Worcester, and to E.: Wilfred D. Smith, High Priest, of Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, of Waltham, for their tactful consideration of such questions.

The present law reads :—

Article XIV. A candidate for the degrees shall make application to the Chapter in the town or city where the applicant resides, if there be a Chapter therein, but if there be none, he shall apply to the Chapter *holding jurisdiction* nearest his residence.

Although this law was clearly and succinctly stated, with its history, by my lamented and beloved predecessor, M.: E.: Baalis Sanford, it is not understood by the Chapters. It is not clear to the average High Priest; requires the services of a surveyor, in many cases, to determine its application, and causes injustice to

many candidates. To meet this question fairly in the spirit of Modern Masonry, remembering that the Grand Commandery and Grand Council have already adopted fixed limits of jurisdiction for their subordinate bodies, I unhesitatingly recommend to this Grand Chapter to adopt such limits also.

I recommend that a Committee of three be appointed at the March Convocation to report at the September Convocation to fix the limits of jurisdiction, both exclusive and concurrent, for each Chapter, with instructions to notify each Chapter of the jurisdiction so fixed for it, and to give ample opportunity for such Chapter to be heard, if it so desire.

ATTENDANCE

The record of the year tells of increased attendance by Chapters at all the Convocations of this Grand Chapter, for which I thank you. Seventy-two Chapters out of seventy-eight were represented at the June Convocation. I have caused notices of Grand Chapter Convocations, with invitations to attend, to be sent to every Past High Priest in the Commonwealth (965 in number), for I am confident that the Grand Chapter ever needs their presence and sympathy, even if they are without the power to speak or vote. I have also caused the burdensome restrictions and delays of registering, on entrance to Grand Chapter Convocations, to be removed, by adoption of a card system, which has undoubtedly increased attendance.

DEPUTIES AND THEIR REPORTS

When in 1872 the increasing number of Chapters first compelled their assignments into districts, with District Deputy Grand High Priests to relieve the Grand High Priest, the plan proved a success, and to-day these Deputies are a most useful, valuable and important section of the Grand officers, and especially of service to the Grand High Priest. They have all been most faithful during the past year, and I thank them most heartily and sincerely. They have done much to increase the dignity of our Rite, have labored early and late for the best interests of the Chapters, and deserve your continued support in their good and effective work. They generally report their Chapters in good condition, following their By-laws and the Constitution and Regulations closely; they have personally, each in his own district, visited and inspected

every Chapter in the State ; they report that the majority of the Chapters have fireproof safes for their records ; that nearly all display the national flag in their halls, although many still borrow them from sister bodies ; that many Chapters are forming permanent funds ; that many Chapters have not duplicate Charters, thus exposing their most precious and ancient possession to unnecessary hazard ; they have been accompanied by suites of Past High Priests wherever possible, and have most earnestly impressed upon every Chapter the absolute necessity of eliminating forever all undue levity and participation by members in our solemn services, especially in the Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, at the end of this most pleasant and inspiring year of service, I realize better than ever before the strength and the power of this Grand Chapter, the unlimited opportunities for good work that lie before it, and the fulness of accomplishment it has already attained.

With your co-operation, not only will the gardens of the Temple of Masonry bloom in a greater richness of color, luxuriance of flower and wealth of perfume, but the Temple itself will acquire new and resplendent glories, as the Sun of Promise gilds its spires and minarets with its brilliant radiance, in the dawn of a new day.

Let the gentle and benign influence of the Grand Chapter bring every Chapter to the full realization of the inherent dignity of our degrees, to the appreciation of the importance of their lessons as the truths of God, to the wisdom of insistence that our ceremonies be conducted as solemnly as if we were in church, and by the officers only ; then, indeed, shall the Chapter take its true place before men as the summit and crown of Ancient Craft Masonry, no longer to be used as a stepping-stone, but prized for its own sake, loved and treasured for its own unclouded and exquisite charm, for its own beautiful simplicity of teaching and impressiveness of ceremony ; then shall the Chapter send forth its faithful and devoted members into the world with hearts purified and softened, true ministers of peace and good will, of that charity and fraternity engraved in letters of fire upon our Royal Arch, in the shadow of the Scarlet Banner of our faith.

Address Before Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, Milford, Feb. 24, 1910

Most Excellent High Priest Lilley and Companions: —

I am confident that you hardly need the assurance of my pleasure to meet again you of Mt. Lebanon under your own roof tree. The years in swift passing have brought many changes: there are vacant chairs in your hall, and many of those you loved have passed beyond. But our Ancient Order continues its quiet progress, the mellowness of age enhancing its beauties as the centuries recede, the storms of change and revolution unheeded and unheard in its cloistered silences, above its hallowed walls ever flying in the free air of heaven its beautiful banners of Blue, of Scarlet, of Purple and of the Holy Cross of Christ. When in the high promise of religious devotion the first stone of Cologne Cathedral was laid in the fourteenth century Masonry was already seeing the mosses of age clinging higher and higher on the Temple walls; already the long line of Masters of the Craft was lengthening into the shadows; already the lives of men were being made better and nobler by the profound influence of her teachings. The generations of men have come and gone, but her principles are unchanged and everlasting, for they are the promises of God himself, the divine thought expressed in living words, the immortal essence of divinity in man, written in ineffable glory across the Royal Arch, as Charity to the widow and orphan, Fraternity to his brother in daily life, Reverence for the Great and Holy Name of the Great Architect of the Universe, and Obedience to His laws.

“What an immortal palace shall I build
When from the exhaustless quarries of the mind
I’ve hewn its priceless marbles — when I find
My spirit’s utmost prophecy fulfilled!”

Charles L. Stone.

If we of the Chapter wear the Scarlet button, but let no reflection of its flaming fire warm our hearts to be tender and kind; if we flaunt the keystone before the eyes of men, but forget the exquisite beauty of its symbolism, if we do not diligently labor in

the quarries of life, first to shape and then to polish with the delicate engraver's chisel the ashlar of our own nature, can we ever hope to witness the glory of the Royal Arch of Immortality, when we pass the veils of Death?

“New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good
fincouth,
They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of
Truth;
Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires!
We ourselves must pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly through the desperate
winter sea,
Nor attempt the Future's portal with the past's blood-rusted
key.”

James Russell Lowell.

As we hurry over the bridge of life across the black river of Time, we see the twilight fade and darken before us even as the lights of heaven gleam in the distance. As we stumble along over “the rough and rugged road” do we not rejoice to feel the assuring help of a brother Mason at our elbow, the grateful sympathy of his voice sounding in responsive echo on our heart-strings, as the tears of relief, of returning and sustaining courage fall silently in tribute?

The countless unknown, unheard of secret deeds of kindness, of infinite and generous charity to brother, and widow and orphan, that daily send rays of brightness across the murky sordidness of existence that so oppresses the weak and distressed are but our tributes to the enduring worth, the mystic appealing power of the Masonic character, tested in the crucible of temptation and tried by the fires of oppression, wrong and human suffering, and the ultimate fulfilment of our vows of knightly service, under the sacred and protecting shadow of the Chapter's scarlet symbols.

“Lives without purpose are like slender reeds
That sway and drift upon the river's tide.
Though life be short, it may be full of deeds
Of loving kindness. Then in truth abide.

“Wouldst thou have kindness, then be kind.
Wouldst thou have goodness, then be good.
A simple way that every one may find
To reach the heaven of true Brotherhood.”
From the “Two Eternities,” by Swami Yoganda.

On Invitation of M.: E.: President Warren B. Ellis, Before
Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, Masonic
Temple, Boston, March 8, 1910

“Masonic Memories”

*Most Excellent President and Companions of the Order of High
Priesthood:—*

We shall meet in an hour in the Grand Chapter in solemn
“Service of Sorrow,” to testify by our presence, and with tribute
of slow and stately music, to the worth of our Companions who
have journeyed to the Land of Silence, to the hills and mountains
of Eternal Light.

“Weep not that their toils are over ; weep not that their race is run ;
Go grant we may rest as calmly when our work, like theirs, is
done ;
Till then we would yield with gladness our treasure to Him to
keep,
And rejoice in the sweet assurance — ‘ He giveth His loved ones
sleep.’”

With reluctant feet, but with high courage of soul, they have
obeyed the insistent summons of the Angel of the Shadow, and as
the veil of mystery opened wide for them we saw, for a moment,
the brightness of Eternity touch their shadowy presences, and
illumine their pathway to immortality.

“There is no death ; the stars go down
To rise upon some other shore
And bright in heaven’s jewelled crown
They shine forevermore.”

To each of us, journeying wearily, under heavy burdens, up the
Mountains of Hope, over the “rough and rugged roads” of life,
there comes the supreme moment at the end, when we see the in-
effable glory of the “name that no man knoweth” stand forth in
letters of fire on the shining white keystone of Truth, its radiance
lighting the sombre darkness of Azrael’s cloud, which obscures, as
with a veil, our view of the Country of Rest, where the Temple
of Eternal Peace rises resplendent in the gardens of Immortality.

" Like the bubble in the brook
 Or in a glass much like a look,
 Or like the shuttle in the weaver's hand,
 Or like the writing in the sand,
 Or like a thought, or like a dream,
 Or like the gliding of the stream,
 Even such is man, who lives by breath
 Is here, now there, in life and death,
 The bubble 's out, the look forgot,
 The shuttle 's flung, the writing 's blot,
 The thought is past, the dream is gone,
 The waters glide, man's life is done."

One by one our comrades have left us, fading into the countless throng, the never-ceasing line of shadows of the brave, the learned and the devout Masters of Masonry, who, for an infinitesimal fraction of hurrying time, have each taught from the Orient the sublime and immortal truths of our ancient Institution; one in his youth, as with eager face he sought the treasures of the Craft; another, in ripe old age, after a lifetime spent in humble exemplification of the great principles we hold in trust from God, of Charity, Fraternity, Obedience to His laws, and reverence for His Great and Holy Name.

" They are poor
 That have lost nothing; they are poorer far
 Who, losing, have forgotten; they most poor
 Of all who lose and wish they might forget,
 For life is one, and in its warp and woof
 There runs a thread of gold that glitters fair
 And sometimes in the pattern shows most sweet
 Where there are sombre colors. It is true
 That we have wept. But, O this thread of gold!
 We would not have it tarnish; let us turn
 Oft and look back upon this wondrous web,
 And when it shineth sometimes, we shall know
 That memory is possession."

Jean Ingelow

With heads bowed down in sorrow, with hearts chastened by our loss of those Companions we so loved and honored, a long and most highly honorable roll of devoted exponents of our Capitular Rite, we lay a branch of acacia upon the altar, in promise that, in so far as in us lies, we will keep their memories green, the record of their service as bright and untarnished as the scintillating radiance of their lives.

May we in turn so live that when

“The Angel of the Darker Drink
At last shall find us by the river brink,
And offering his Cup, invite our souls
Forth to our Lips to quaff we shall not shrink!”
(*Omar Khayyam, Edward Fitzgerald's 4th ed.*)

As we labor in the quarries to form and polish the ashlar of our characters to fit them for the Temple walls, we rejoice in our hearts as we see the magnificence of the edifice unfold, and realize anew the world-embracing attractiveness, the soul-compelling power of our ancient Order through so many centuries. We dimly see the “increasing purpose of the ages,” and that

“God’s plans, like lilies, pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart;
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.”

When our fathers, trusting to God alone,
“Our Father’s God, from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,”

when they followed through wild storm and dreadful darkness the dim star of freedom across the unknown seas to a new land, it was to light on their altars the fires of Ancient Masonry. May we preserve unsullied and transmit unimpaired the sacred heritage of this trust, that has descended in its original integrity to us through the centuries, and keep the faith of our fathers even as our Companions so kept and cherished it to the end!

“But still His work goes on; with blinded eyes,
And blundering fingers catching in the thread,
We take the web the deft, dead fingers wove—
And only He knows how the broken ends are wed,
Or how, at last, we no more idly grieve,
But from our very loneliness begin to weave.”

Geo. Worster

We of to-day have no crowns of martyrdom to lay on silent forms, no wreaths of victory with which to bedeck those who conquer their unseen foes; the Scarlet Banner of the Chapter is never seen in the magnificence of procession or leading the glories of a triumph, but we may each of us gain inspiration, courage and high resolve from the stories of the devotion of those we mourn,

to meet the wearing trials and temptations of our daily lives, to carve as with the engraver's chisel rare flowers of self-sacrifice, self-forgetfulness and self-effacement in detail of exquisite beauty on the hard surface of doubt and disbelief.

Thus invoking the gentle and benign spirit of true Masonry, may we not hope

“That when the daylight trembles into shade
And falls the silence of mortality,
And all is done, we shall not be afraid,
But pass from light to light, from earth's dull gleam
Into the very heart and heaven of our dream.”

Reply to the Toast “Toleration” at the
Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Maundy Thursday,
March 24, 1910

In Aurora Grata Cathedral, Brooklyn, N. Y. Before Aurora Grata
Chapter of Rose Croix Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Most Wise Master, Illustrious Princes and Brethren :—

“Into my Father's room, and through the courts
Below, forever seeking, I will pass,
To brush the skirts of Inspiration
And touch the sleeves of Memory.
O great and gracious Father, hear and condescend
To guard, to cherish, to enlighten me!

Confucius (The Prayer of the Emperor Ching.)

This is not, as might be supposed, a prayer of this twentieth century, but from the ancient writings of Confucius, of China, who died 470 years before Christ. It thus brings vividly before us the universal kinship of the gentle, the devout and the God-fearing, in all ages and lands. How much more then shall we, who are bound by all the vows of our great Order to the exercise of Charity and Fraternity, practise the virtue of toleration, which means, in its derivation from the Latin, “to bear with,” and is the handmaid of Love and the sister of Charity. One of the glories radiating brightness through all the courts and cloisters of the Great Temple of our faith is, that they who pass acceptably the

guarded outer gates leave intolerance forever behind them. In the gardens of Masonry, where the flowers of self-sacrifice, of love for one's brothers, and of infinite charity and forbearance bloom in such rare perfection, watered by the grateful tears of the widow and orphan, there is no place for such noxious weeds.

“Nevermore, who have seen summits, will I grovel on the plain,
For, in sublimated moments, by th' Eternal swept along,
I have heard the heart of silence beating suffocate with song.”

C. E. W. S.

Under the inspiration of the immortal truths of God represented by the wonderful, most beautiful and thousand-year-old symbolism of our Order may we not say :

“May every soul that touches mine —
Be it the slightest contact — get therefrom some good,
Some little grace, one kindly thought,
One inspiration yet unfelt, one bit of courage
For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life,
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists,
To make this life worth while,
And heaven a surer heritage.”

Selected.

The story of the Crusades abounds in illustrations of knightly deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice, of courtesy and forbearance to a fallen foe, of lofty toleration for other creeds and faiths, that illumine as with jewels of surpassing brightness the dark pages of their history.

The Knights of the Hospital of St. John, who fought at Galilee against overwhelming force until three only out of five hundred remained, they who defended Ptolemais until not a single knight either of St. John or of the Temple survived the sack of the city, rising in splendid despairing revolt after surrender and taking a fearful vengeance as they died for unforgivable insult, they were men, who sang from their hearts the ancient Latin hymn, the Song of Peace in Victory :

“Forward the royal banners fly,
The sacred cross shines out on high,
Where man's Creator stooped to die
In human flesh, to draw man nigh.”

And to go back to the dim beginnings of recorded history, while the Temple of Solomon was still an unsubstantial dream in the minds of men, we find Homer saying : —

“By mutual confidence and mutual aid
Great deeds are done and great discoveries made ;
The wise new prudence from the wise acquire,
And one brave hero fans another’s fire.”

Homer (from “*Iliad.*”)

It is not a far cry from this most tolerant expression to the tender and divine words of Jesus, the Crucified One, who saith : —

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another ; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

St. John, xiii. 34.

As the trembling neophyte advances from altar to altar, slowly acquiring knowledge with humbleness and contriteness of heart ; as he laboriously works in the quarries and shapes and polishes the ashlar of his character to fit it for the Temple wall, as under the Royal Arch of Truth he finds the peace that passeth understanding, and in the ranks of perfect knighthood vows himself to the service of humanity, is he not at every step enjoined to exemplify in his daily home and business life the eternal principles of God, of Charity, Fraternity, Obedience to His laws and reverence for His Great and Holy Name? Herein Masonry makes practical the teachings of God, and makes them flower in the souls of men in deeds of kindness and pure beneficence.

As a modern poet, Mæterlinck, has said : —

“Let us continue, in spite of all, to act, to love and to hope as though we had to do with an ideal humanity.

This ideal is only a vaster reality than that which we behold.”

Mæterlinck (“*Life and Flowers.*”)

As we approach the sunset of life we see the glories of eternity illumine the sombre darkness of the cloud that ever obscures our view of the Country of Rest, where the Temple of Eternal Peace rises resplendent in the gardens of Immortality, where there are no divisions of age or sex, or race or color ; only a whiteness of soul rivalling the virgin purity of the mystic keystone. Let us always remember that

"The limit of life is brief ;
 'Tis the red in the red-rose leaf ;
 'Tis the gold in the sunset sky ;
 'Tis the flight of a bird on high.
 Yet we may fill the space
 With such an infinite grace
 That the red will vein all time,
 The gold through the ages shine,
 And the bird fly swift and straight
 To the lilies of God's own gate."

Marie B. Williams.

As Masonry ever uplifts and encourages the soul of man, and a Brother Knight is ever at one's elbow to admonish, support and restrain, we who love our Ancient Order may well believe that the world is better for its existence and is brought by it nearer the realization of the dream,

"If all that hate would love us, and all our loves were true,
 The stars that swing above us would brighten in the blue ;
 If cruel words were kisses, and every scowl a smile,
 A better world than this is would hardly be worth while."

To you, brothers of my soul, the followers of the Cross of Peace, ever fighting in the marts of trade the battles of life, with hearts full of love for home and country, may we say, in the name of our sublime and ancient Craft: —

"Within your deep and steady eyes I see
 The mighty meanings of the ages gone,
 The glory of the faith that is to be ;
 And far along the avenues of dawn
 Your works shall rear their lofty Trinity
 Till from the final Truth the veil is drawn!"

Richard Lew Dawson.

Address Before St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter,
 Masonic Temple, Boston, Patriot's Day,
 April 19, 1910

Most Excellent High Priest Farrington and Companions of St. Paul's: —

I bring you the greetings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, that most ancient, honorable and conservative body

in Masonry that first gave you life and started you on your prosperous and promising career nearly a century ago.

Thanks to the unselfish and self-sacrificing efforts of such Grand High Priests as Ellis, Hubbard, Blake and Harry Hunt, in these recent years, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts now occupies its proper place in the great Temple of Masonry. The somewhat heterogeneous mass of individual Chapters in our grand old Commonwealth has been welded into a united and composite whole, animated by one common and increasing love for the Capitular Rite, for its beautiful ceremonies and impressive teachings, and by that strong bond of unity in love of home, love of country and love of God that has ever so strongly characterized our ancient Craft.

As I travel over the State and visit all kinds of Chapters I confess I am agreeably surprised and impressed by their enthusiasm and genuine love for the Chapter, — not mere lip loyalty, but coming from their very hearts.

Companions, we love the Chapter, we love the traditions and ancient landmarks our fathers knew and loved, and we realize that the beautiful simplicity and impressive lessons of the Mark Degrees, the magnificent ceremonies of the Most Excellent, and the sublime mysteries and teachings of the Royal Arch place the Chapter upon the immortal heights of dignity and beauty. We learn in the Chapter to approach near to the throne of God, to bend low the neck of pride in humility, to make the rough and rugged road smooth before the weary Brother's stumbling feet, not to place obstacles before him; to administer relief to his distresses and comfort his affliction, not to laugh at and humiliate him; to cover his faults and follies with the broad mantle of brotherly love and charity; not to introduce politics into Masonic elections nor to talk slander and gossip; and, above all, to exemplify in our lives the great foundation principles of charity and fraternity by carrying in silence and secrecy, seen only by the thousand eyes of night, the joy of assistance to the helpless and desolate widow and orphans, whose grateful tears shall water the flowers of self-sacrifice and self-denial, to bloom in an eternity of beauty in the gardens of the Temple of Masonry.

“ I hold that Christian grace abounds
Where Charity is seen ; that when
We climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds
Of love to men.”

Therefore there is no place in the Chapter work for levity, roughness, coarseness or humiliation of any kind, and, besides, they are absolutely forbidden by the Grand Chapter.

As the passing years bring us nearer to the last veil of the Sanctuary of Eternity do we not in our souls dread to present our life work to the Great Overseer for inspection, not knowing that the little forgotten deeds of kindness, of daily charity and forbearance may make the stone which the builders rejected the chief stone of the corner?

May I add, as President of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the Revolution :—

Here in this Temple are sacred relics of the Revolution, and upon your walls are the pictured faces of patriots who gave their lives that freedom might abide forever under the starry emblem of our beloved country. The insurgent spirit of Liberty animated the whole of the Colonies, and the blood of heroes flowed as freely at King's Mountain, at Stony Point, at Yorktown, and at Saratoga, as at Bunker Hill or Lexington. Nor amid all the dreadful horrors of the Jersey prison ships, did any one of the thousands slowly dying there forget his oath to his country that he might live—whether he came from the canebrakes of Georgia, the golden pines of North Carolina, the marsh lands of the Jersey coast, or the rocky hillsides of green Vermont.

Through all the years before the storm of revolt burst upon the long suffering Colonies Boston was the centre of unrest, her Masonic lodges veritable hotbeds of discontent and increasing desire for revolution, and, therefore, here to-day are more shrines of patriotism still existing than in any other city in America.

Well may we love Boston and in prophetic fancy see our nation's flag floating above the Old State House for all the centuries to come, the proud and glorious symbol of a free and prosperous people ever seeking liberty under law. For the Boston of to-day, the city we treasure so tenderly and sacredly, this quaint old city, so exceedingly rich in her records and memories of the Colonial, Provincial and Revolutionary periods, this proud old

city, so justly proud of her classic literary associations, this ancient town, which Franklin, Revere, Warren, Knox, Hancock, Thomas, Otis, and Adams so loved and honored, was once scattered over seven hundred acres, now is crowded in more than twenty thousand. She has grown from a feeble settlement to a mighty city ; she has through the centuries kept the faith, and in her sturdy self-reliance been an inspiration to the whole country ; her sons and daughters have helped build and preserve the nation ; she has an enviable record for research and enterprise, for her gracious eyes have seen the first church, first free school, first hotel, first newspaper, first railroad, all take form and beginning within her borders ; her Common was the first public park, here were built the first vessel and the first printing-press, and here uprose to high heaven the devout and sincere gratitude of one of the first Thanksgivings. When the veil of the last great mystery is torn aside for us by the hands of the Angel of the Shadow, may it please God that we may lie at rest through the ages here in the city of our dream, at the feet of this, our radiant Queen of the Atlantic shore, whose golden throne, high on the crowded hill, faces seaward to reflect the first faint flush of dawn and be lighted by the sunset's fiery glow ! As at twilight we stand on the bank of the Charles we see the city we love through the poet's eyes :

“ As in a dream the shadowy city lies
 Wrapped in soft silence ; while, like jewels fair
 Meshed in the dusky tresses of her hair,
 A thousand lights outflash on gazing eyes
 That note her loveliness. The brooding skies
 Glow yet with flush of sunset fires aflame
 On distant hilltops, while the nearer air
 Dark on the darkling waters sinks and dies.
 Spent for a time the tumult and the fret ;
 The sordid aims that clamor for the prize ;
 And lo ! above the roof of darkness set,
 Where through the day the clouds of smoke arise,
 Pillar of flame she shines above the night ! ”

Mary E. Blake

**Address Before Keystone Royal Arch Chapter,
Foxborough, at its Fiftieth Anniversary and Ladies'
Night, June 15, 1910**

Most Excellent High Priest, Ladies and Companions :—

On this the fiftieth anniversary of your Chapter we may well pause for a moment to consider the meaning and the worth of our beloved Institution of Ancient Craft Masonry, of which the Chapter is the summit and Crown.

What does it mean to be a Free and Accepted Mason? is a question I am often asked. I know of no better definition than that given more than a hundred and twenty years ago before Gen. George Washington and his brilliant staff of war-worn officers :—

“As to you, Brethren, I need not remind you that if none be accepted among us but such as strive daily, thro' the Grace of Heaven, to lay aside those evil passions, condemned by the Apostle, then shall the LODGE be truly dominated a 'Spiritual House,' hewn out of the Rock of Ages, and adorned with Jewels of unspeakable Value. Then shall they be *free* indeed, for the great Spiritual Master shall have set them *free* from the Turbulence of Passion, the Stings of Guilt, and the Thralldom of Slavery, both of Body and Mind.”

That to-day the immortal truths of God as interpreted and taught before the holy altars of our faith are listened to in the same loving, appreciative spirit of our fathers a century before is because we have preserved the ancient landmarks unaltered, unchanged and unimpaired; because the spirit of God breathes through our works and in our lessons, as in solemn devotion we expound the law, that Obedience to His laws and reverence for His Great and Holy Name are the great foundation principles of our Capitular Rite.

“I hold that Christian grace abounds
Where Charity is seen; that when
We climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds
Of love to men.”

Jean Ingelow.

What does the Chapter mean to us? Is it not true that the degrees of the Chapter are among the most effective in Masonry

in the beauty of their work, the splendor of their frames, the richness of their symbols and the earnestness of their lessons? I believe the day has come when it is becoming recognized that the beautiful simplicity and impressive lessons of the Mark Degree, the magnificent ceremonies of the Most Excellent, and the sublime mysteries and teachings of the Royal Arch all combine to place the Chapter upon immortal heights of dignity, beauty and heart appeal that are almost unequalled.

Ancient as are the symbols of a Royal Arch Mason, the circle, equilateral triangle and triple tau, that have in turn represented the divine aspirations of different nations and peoples, and have survived the wreck of empires and religions, we must not forget their mystic meaning to us. It is not enough to wear the white keystone, that beautiful symbol of man's character, as it is wrought by patient labor with mallet and chisel into resemblance to Divine Perfection; we must in daily life endeavor to make our lives as white and clean as its virgin purity.

“The years of man are the looms of God
Let down from the place of the Sun,
Wherein we are weaving ever, till the mystic web is done;
Weaving blindly but weaving surely, each for himself his fate,
We may not see how the right side looks, we can only weave
and wait.
But, looking above for the Pattern, no weaver hath need to fear.
Only let him look straight into heaven: the perfect pattern is
there.”

Margaret Lang.

If we shall ever forget that Masonry is built upon God's truths; if we shall ever cease to invoke in all our Masonic meetings the sacred name of God as Father Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent; if we shall fail to exemplify His teachings for purity in our own daily lives; if we permit undue levity and fail to preserve the impressiveness of the lessons taught that so appeal to the heart and mind of the neophyte who enters our portals; if we shall fail to guard well the outer gates of the Temple of Freemasonry and shall permit the man of evil life to remain scoffing before our altars, then shall our beautiful Temple become ruined and forsaken, the winds of desolation sweeping unrestrained through the great nave and arches of its deserted halls, its broken columns,

lying prone, half buried in the sands of oblivion, alone remaining to attest the glories of its former magnificence.

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To-day the problems that confront us differ in many ways from those our fathers faced, but with high courage and dauntless spirit we should turn toward the rising sun of promise, and as we humble our hearts in contriteness before our altars believe that Royal Arch Masons through centuries to come will maintain secrecy, practise charity, and guard well the outer gates.

“ Say not the struggle naught availeth,
The labor and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.

“ For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

“ And not through Eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light.
In front the sun climbs slow — how slowly —
But westward, look, the land is bright.”

Arthur H. Clough.

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When at last we pass under the Royal Arch of Truth and turn, for a last look on earth, to the Scarlet Banner of Promise floating so proudly in the free air of heaven above the glorious Temple of our faith, may we not wish, vainly and impotently, that we had kept the faith, but rather calmly “ wrap the draperies of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams,” because we have received into our hearts, and in so far as frail mortality permitted, obeyed the sublime and immortal teachings of God for right living, that we have received in the Chapter, here before the Ark of the Covenant, at the feet of the cherubim of the Lord? And may the ineffable glory of the “ name that no man knoweth ” bring peace to our troubled souls, in the infinite compassion of the divine mercy of Him “ whose path the whirlwind is, whose breath the storm ! ”

Grand High Priest's Address

BOSTON, December 12, 1911.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts : —

At the close of a second year of service I greet you in congratulation upon the prosperous and harmonious conditions that encompass our beautiful Capitular Rite here in Massachusetts. As one drifting by some fair isle of Greece over the blue waters of the Mediterranean sees through the boat's clear bottom of glass unexpected vistas of beauty, caves and caverns of delight, changing seascapes of marine plants and life most wonderful and entrancing, so, as I have journeyed over the Commonwealth, visiting Chapters in all sections, from the mountains to the sea, I, too, have seen unexpected and hitherto unknown beauties of vista in Masonry. As I have met the Companions within their own Chapter halls, have seen their treasured portraits and mementos on the walls, have listened to the stories of history and tradition, the tales of deeds of self-sacrifice and generous emulation, the epics of the glories of the Past that cluster around their ancient halls; as I have sat, side by side, with these devoted upholders of our Scarlet Banner of Zeal, I, too, have seen our great institution from new view points, and have seen rare flowers growing in the hearts of men. I have found everywhere an abiding love for the Chapter, an appreciation of its charms and beauties, and a chivalric emulation in the practice of true fraternity that have strengthened my own love for Ancient Craft Masonry, and given me larger faith in its future.

The numerical record for the year is as follows : —

Number of members	1910,	22,053
“ “ “	1911,	22,629
Net gain,	————	576

As the Chapters have relegated to oblivion the crude and unworthy horse-play methods of former days, they are perceptibly gaining in dignity, in influence, and in appeal to the better elements in the community. Whatever roughness still exists in Chapter work in Massachusetts is kept secret and not flaunted, for every High Priest knows that, if permitted, it will surely lead to the recall of the Charter of the Chapter. Several Chapters, comprising practically all those at fault, have advised me of the entire elimination of objectionable practices.

As I have passed over the threshold of Chapter after Chapter everywhere I have found the emblem of mourning for some loved Companion who had passed into the shadows that lie beyond the Royal Arch. One member of the Grand Chapter has been called from us this year, and the toll of Companions summoned has been heavy, 393 having died, of whom 23 were Past High Priests.

On December 7, only five days ago, Rev. Dr. A. St. John Chambré, of Lowell, a Past Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, was called from earthly labors at the age of seventy-one.

One of the foremost Episcopal clergymen in New England, Dr. Chambré had filled his long life to the brim with activities for the public welfare in the several communities in which he had lived, and ever raised his eloquent voice in their behalf.

The senior living Past High Priest of Mt. Zion Royal Arch Chapter, of Stoughton, he served as Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1873; was High Priest of Miller Royal Arch Chapter, of Franklin, in the years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878. He had also served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, and as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The story of his life deserves extended notice at our hands, for, a man of unblemished character and of wide influence in the Commonwealth, he was devoted to Masonry, and especially to our beautiful Capitular Rite.

Companions, let us take to our hearts the lesson taught by his gentle life, and gain renewed strength, courage, and abiding faith for the battles of the future.

As we look in vain for a friendly face that has gone, listen for the sound of a dearly loved voice that is still, may we not say in our hearts to these Companions : —

“ Ah! but we'll keep thy grave green with love's fountains,
And close in our hearts a grave greener for thee,
With a grief that shall last, friend, as long as the mountains,
As deep and unchanged as the sob of the sea.
The heart-place left vacant shall never, oh never,
By another be claimed, by another be filled,
Until we, too, lie down in thy calm sleep forever,
And our pulses, like thine, friend, forever are stilled.”

Daniel O'Connell.

One name among the long list of the dead calls for especial notice in this place and on this occasion. Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence, a Past High Priest of Mystic Royal Arch Chapter of Medford, and District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 8th Capitular District for the years 1878-79, died Sept. 24 full of years and honors. As Grand Master of Masons for Massachusetts, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and until he resigned on account of health, Most Puissant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction, he had ever given generously of strength and means to Masonry and was the foremost and most impressive figure in the institution in Massachusetts. By his will, in addition to other numerous and large gifts to Masonic charities and institutions, he gave \$5,000 to the Charity Fund of his own Chapter, Mystic of Medford.

Companions, as we bend low our heads in sorrow and strike the sombre chords of music in memory of those we loved, may we not also especially recall the proud and glorious record of this our friend, who was a brave and gallant soldier, a wise financier, a scholarly man of affairs and leader of men, generous in both large and small matters, an illustrious Mason who exemplified its teachings, a true lover of mankind.

DECISIONS

To Wareham Royal Arch Chapter of Wareham :—

Ruled: That under the law it is necessary to install every officer on re-election.

To Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle, Malden, who were requested by Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter to give release of jurisdiction over a resident of Everett, a dispensation having previously issued to form a new Chapter at Everett :—

Ruled: That the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle over Everett was suspended by the granting of a dispensation to form a new Chapter in Everett, such suspension of jurisdiction to become permanent when and if Charter issues.

To Companion N. J. Deering of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter of East Bridgewater asking construction of Article XVI of Grand Constitution :—

“No candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall again be proposed in the same Chapter within six months after such rejection, nor in any other Chapter other than that in which he was rejected within five years without a recommendation from nine members of said Chapter, of whom High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three and the consent of the Chapter.”

Ruled: That a rejected candidate could not be again proposed in the same Chapter within six months after such rejection “*under any circumstances.*”

To Excellent John H. Branigan, High Priest of St. Elmo Royal Arch Chapter of Whitinsville, requesting an opinion as to eligibility of a Mason who had lost his right hand at the wrist, using an artificial hand :—

Reply: That the Digest of Capitular Law adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, Dec. 9, 1902, reads as follows :—

“No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from receiving and imparting the ceremonies of the several degrees.”

Ruled: That under the above direct limitation of power no Chapter can lawfully confer the degrees upon a Mason who has lost his hand at the wrist, even though he may use an artificial hand.

DISPENSATIONS

I have used the authority specially given by law and in a very few special cases have granted dispensations to receive and act upon an application at same meeting, as for example where a candidate born in the town where Chapter is located lived there to maturity, a member of the local Blue Lodge, in high standing in the community and well known, was at home on a brief furlough from government employment in the Philippines and wished to join the Chapter in his home town. The printed notice of the meeting carries the fact of the dispensation to every member.

All requests for dispensations that the candidate might be hurried through to the Commandery, etc. have been refused.

NEW CHAPTERS

Two dispensations have been granted to form new Chapters: on February 22, to form Bethsaida Royal Arch Chapter, at Everett, and on March 7, to form Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter, at North Attleborough. Both of those Chapters start life under the most favorable auspices, the demand being unmistakable. A dispensation for a new Chapter at Andover was refused. One Chapter, Ipswich Royal Arch Chapter, of Ipswich, was duly constituted in ancient form and ceremony on October 16, a Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being called for that purpose.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS

- March 21 To Mt. Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, of Lowell, to attend divine service on Easter Sunday, at St. John's Episcopal Church, with other Masonic bodies, in commemoration of "the laying of the corner-stone of that church fifty years ago."
- August 29 To Holten Royal Arch Chapter, of Danvers, to hold election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

TO HOLD EXEMPLIFICATIONS

- 14th Capitular District To R.: E.: Walter L. Collins, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Milford, February 22.
- 13th Capitular District To R.: E.: Arthur Twitchell, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Natick, February 22.
- 4th Capitular District To R.: E.: Charles D. Perkins, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Worcester, March 3.
- 1st Capitular District To R.: E.: James S. Blake, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Boston, March 24.
- 3d Capitular District To R.: E.: Lewis M. Witherell, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Taunton, April 1.
- 12th Capitular District To R.: E.: Charles B. Marchant, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Hyannis, April 12.
- 6th Capitular District To R.: E.: Edward J. Reece, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Greenfield, April 14.
- 5th Capitular District To R.: E.: Edwin L. Davis, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Springfield, April 21.
- 7th Capitular District To R.: E.: Eben H. Cain, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Brockton, May 5.
- 9th Capitular District To R.: E.: George E. Collins, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Haverhill, September 20.
- 11th Capitular District To R.: E.: Charles W. Godfrey, District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Fitchburg, November 22.

I attended those in the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th and 14th Districts.

VISITATIONS

During the year, accepting all possible invitations, I have, as Grand High Priest, made twenty-seven visitations to Chapters in formal session, have presided over four regular and one special Grand Chapter Convocations, and have also attended on eight

other occasions — in all forty, making for the two years ninety-nine. These include visits to eleven home Chapters of Grand officers during the year. During the two years' service I have visited fifty out of the eighty-one Chapters in the Commonwealth, but these involved making sixty-five visits to Chapters. On account of a hurried trip to California in May, caused by the death of a relative, R.: E.: Jesse E. Ames, Deputy Grand High Priest, took my place at the exemplification at Brockton and a visitation at St. Elmo Chapter at Whitinsville. I desire to express my cordial appreciation of the services of R.: E.: Companion Ames. Heavily burdened by two severe auto accidents during the year, each time breaking a leg, he is entitled to your warmest sympathy.

LIST OF VISITATIONS

- Dec. 27, 1910 Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, Feast of St. John, at Boston.
M.: W.: Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master.
- Jan. 5, 1911 Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, Lynn.
Forrest M. Adams, High Priest.
- Jan. 8, 1911 Washington Royal Arch Chapter, of Salem.
Charles Goodwin, High Priest.
Special Convocation to attend church, part of celebration of 100th anniversary of constitution of Chapter.
- Jan. 9, 1911 Washington Royal Arch Chapter, Salem. Home Chapter of Charles Goodwin, Grand Principal Sojourner and High Priest. Continuation of 100th anniversary celebration, banquet. Attended by M.: W.: Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Masons, and R.: E.: J. Albert Blake, Grand Commander.
- Jan. 19, 1911 Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, Waltham.
Charles J. Shepard, High Priest.
Accepted Honorary Membership. Installed officers with assistance of M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest.
- Jan. 20, 1911 Boston Commandery, Knights Templar. Jesse E. Ames, Eminent Commander. Ladies' Night.
- Jan. 27, 1911. De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar. Edwin F. Woodbury, Eminent Commander. Ladies' Night.

- Feb. 7, 1911 Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York. Annual session.
M.: E.: Jay B. Kline, Grand High Priest.
Attended by R.: E.: Jesse E. Ames, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Feb. 16, 1911 Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, Roxbury.
John W. Bosworth, High Priest.
E.: Charles G. Bird as acting G.: C.: of H.:
- Feb. 22, 1911 Exemplification of degree work at Milford with Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter.
C. A. Lilley, High Priest.
The Home Chapter of R.: E.: Walter L. Collins, District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Feb. 22, 1911 Exemplification of degree work at Natick with Parker Royal Arch Chapter.
William Todd, High Priest.
The Home Chapter of R.: E.: Arthur Twitchell, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 13th Capitular District. E.: John A. L. Von Betzen and F. L. Blanchard, acting G.: C.: of H.:; E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- Mar. 3, 1911 Exemplification at Worcester in charge of R.: E.: Charles D. Perkins, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 4th District, with Worcester Royal Arch Chapter.
Fred W. Leavitt, High Priest.
The Home Chapter of E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturer. E.: A. E. Adams, G.: S.:, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- Mar. 3, 1911 St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter, South Boston.
Charles M. Hamburger, High Priest.
- Mar. 14, 1911 Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter, Ayer.
John P. Lentz, High Priest.
E.: E. O. Burton, G.: R.: A.: C.:, as G.: C.: of H.:
- Mar. 16, 1911 Somerville Royal Arch Chapter, Somerville.
R. Stanley Smith, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: David T. Montague, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 15th District. E.: Wilfred D. Smith, acting G.: C.: of H.:

- Mar. 18, 1911 Past High Priests' Association 1st Capitular District, Boston.
R.: E.: Edwin S. Crandon, President.
- Mar. 20, 1911 Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle, Malden.
Wm. Anderson, High Priest, 25th anniversary.
- Mar. 22, 1911 Evening Star Royal Arch Chapter, Westfield.
John E. Boyle, High Priest.
E.: R. W. Browning, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- Mar. 24, 1911 Cambridge Council Royal and Select Masters, Cambridge, Constitution of new Council by M.: I.: Everett C. Benton, Grand Master.
- Mar. 31, 1911 Hebron Royal Arch Chapter, Norwood.
W. U. Lowden, High Priest.
E.: L. B. Friswold, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- April 1, 1911 Exemplification of degree work at Taunton with St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter.
Enos D. Williams, High Priest.
R.: E.: Lewis M. Witherell, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 3d Capitular District; E.: Thomas Jackson, acting G.: C.: of H.:; E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- April 5, 1911 Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, Adams.
Thomas D. Brown, High Priest.
Presented seven Past High Priest and one Principal Sojourner jewels. E.: J. P. Barnes, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- April 14, 1911 Exemplification of degree work at Greenfield, with Franklin Royal Arch Chapter.
Charles E. Winslow, High Priest.
The Home Chapter of R.: E.: Edward J. Reece, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 6th District. E.: J. E. Boyle, acting G.: C.: of H.:; E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturer.
- April 18, 1911 St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston.
E. H. Kavanagh, High Priest.
Reception of Travelling Triangle. Home Chapter of R.: E.: James S. Blake, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 1st District. E. Charles Goodwin, Grand Principal Sojourner, acting G.: C.: of H.:

- April 21, 1911 Exemplification of degree work at Springfield under charge of R.: E.: Edwin L. Davis, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 5th District, with Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter.
Charles E. Hamilton, High Priest.
E.: Charles W. Delano, Grand Lecturer ; E.: I. W. Davis, Grand Master 3d Veil, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- April 24, 1911 Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, Fall River.
Frank B. Hinckley, High Priest.
E.: Wm. Martiu, acting G.: C.: of H.:
- June 7, 1911 Waverly Royal Arch Chapter, Melrose.
Willis O. Chapman, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: William Wooldridge, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 8th Capitular District.
- June 19, 1911 Orient Royal Arch Chapter, Hyannis.
Walter B. Chase, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Charles B. Marchant, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 12th Capitular District.
- June 28, 1911 Joseph Warren Royal Arch Chapter, Provincetown.
Edwin W. Smith, High Priest.
- July 12, 1911 Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, Fall River.
Frank B. Hinckley, High Priest.
Clam Bake (informal.)
- Sept. 19, 1911 Mt. Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, Lowell.
Horace S. Bacon, High Priest.
Accompanied by M.: I.: Everett C. Benton, Grand Master of Grand Council.
- Sept. 20, 1911 Unity Royal Arch Chapter, Chicopee Falls.
William A. Lorimer, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Edwin L. Davis, District Deputy Grand High Priest of 5th District.
E.: T. H. Baldwin, acting C.: of H.:
- Oct. 12, 1911 Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter, Hyde Park.
John W. Kennington, High Priest.
Installed officers with assistance of R.: E.: Edwin S. Crandon, Past Deputy Grand High Priest ; R.: E.: Samuel Crowell, Past Deputy Grand High Priest ; and E.: Frank F. Cook.

- Oct. 13, 1911. Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, Cambridge.
Charles R. MacLean, High Priest.
Presentation of flag to Chapter by its Past High Priests.
- Oct. 16, 1911 Constitution of Ipswich Royal Arch Chapter, Ipswich. Installed officers with assistance of R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 2d District; R.: E.: David T. Montague, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 15th District; and E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- Dec. 1, 1911 What Cheer Lodge, F. & A. M., Providence, R. I.
Albert Knight, Worshipful Master.
E.: E. O. Burton, Grand Royal Arch Captain, acting as G.: C.: of H.:

Appended to this report are the addresses delivered at Washington Royal Arch Chapter, Salem, 100th anniversary; Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle, Malden, 25th anniversary; Constitution of Cambridge Council, Royal and Select Masters.

On February 7, at the courteous invitation of M.: E.: Jay B. Kline, Grand High Priest of New York, R.: E.: Jesse E. Ames, Deputy Grand High Priest, and myself attended the annual session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, at Albany, where we were received officially and most courteously. In the afternoon we were entertained at an elaborate banquet, and in the evening attended the Fraternal Union of High Priests and an exemplification, everywhere being warmly welcomed as representatives from Massachusetts.

GRAND OFFICERS

All the Grand officers have been most generous in service, and to each and all I return my hearty thanks. To the District Deputies I am especially obliged, for they have been warmly zealous in their service to the Craft. To those who have installed the officers of their Chapters; to those who have encouraged the use of the lectures; to those who have held exemplifications; to those who have responded so quickly to my appeal in cutting down their official expenses; to those who have so worthily upheld the dignity of their high place, I am very, very grateful.

Your efficient Grand Secretary, M.: E.: J. Gilman Waite,

has borne the burden and the heat of a trying year of service, and I gratefully acknowledge my continued indebtedness to him for many personal as well as official courtesies. Owing to interchange of courtesies, the annual Report of Proceedings of the Grand Council will issue by January 6, and that of the Grand Chapter by January 20.

I again return my thanks to E.: Edward P. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Host, who has given such further generous service to Capitular Masonry during the past year under trying conditions. Also, I would acknowledge my appreciation of the several Companions who have, upon occasion, acted as Grand Captain of the Host, in the absence of E.: Companion Hatch, owing to the illness and death of his wife.

ROLL OF HONOR

Under the call contained in the letter to the Deputies, I have received information from which has been prepared the following

ROLL OF HONOR

containing the names of those present Chapter officers who have served continuously in one position for more than 20 years.

J. W. Richardson, Tyler, Mt. Zion R. A. Chapter, Stoughton, 20 years of service.

(Also Tyler of Rising Star Lodge 35 years.)

A. Frederick M. Lander, Secretary, Morning Star R. A. Chapter, Springfield, 20 years of service.

Orthello K. Merrill, Treasurer, Morning Star R. A. Chapter, Springfield, 20 years of service.

Amos Lamb, Treasurer, North Star R. A. Chapter, Winchendon, 21 years of service.

(Also previously served as Treasurer 9 years, as Chaplain 6 years, and as R. A. C. and King 1 year each, a total of 38 years.)

Excellent Companion Frank H. Rundlett, Tyler, King Cyrus R. A. Chapter, Newburyport, 21 years of service.

(High Priest 1887-89.)

Benj. P. Gilman, Secretary, Pentucket R. A. Chapter, Haverhill, 21 years of service.

Daniel E. Makepeace, Treasurer, King Hiram R. A. Chapter, Attleboro, 21 years of service.

Excellent Companion William M. Thorup, Secretary, Adoniram R. A. Chapter, New Bedford, 21 years of service.
(High Priest 2 years.)

Joseph M. Pierce, Tyler, Thomas R. A. Chapter, Fitchburg, 21 years of service.

(Also Tyler Aurora Lodge, Charles W. Moore Lodge, Jerusalem Commandery.)

George H. Robbins, P. S., R. A. Chapter of Signet, Charlestown, 22 years of service.

(Also 10 years in other offices.)

George W. S. Rollins, Tyler, Washington R. A. Chapter, Salem, 23 years of service.

George H. Herrick, Secretary, King Hiram R. A. Chapter, Attleboro, 23 years of service.

(Also Recorder of Commandery 14 years.)

Converse Ward, Treasurer, Union R. A. Chapter, Athol, 25 years of service.

Edwin C. Wheelock, Steward, St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, Boston, 25 years of service.

Joseph H. Haines, Treasurer, Sutton R. A. Chapter, Lynn, 25 years of service.

Excellent Companion Frederic A. Flint, Treasurer, Woburn R. A. Chapter, Woburn, 25 years of service.

(High Priest, 1880-1.)

William L. Barber, Secretary, Woburn R. A. Chapter, Woburn, 26 years of service.

Thomas W. Spence, Tyler, Miller R. A. Chapter, Franklin, 26 years of service.

Adolphus R. Martin, Treasurer, Unity R. A. Chapter, Chicopee Falls, 27 years of service.

Hervey S. Rawley, Treasurer, Crescent R. A. Chapter, Orange, 27 years of service.

Romanzo G. Pritchard, Tyler, Franklin R. A. Chapter, Greenfield, 27 years of service.

(Tyler 5 years before, also Tyler for 4 Masonic bodies.)

Right Excellent Henry S. Bunton, Treasurer, Norfolk R. A. Chapter, Hyde Park, 28 years of service.

(Also other offices, 14 years; Deputy Grand High Priest 1884; Past District Deputy Grand Master; Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; also Past Eminent Commander.)

Charles E. Irving, Tyler, Sutton R. A. Chapter, Lynn, 28 years of service.

Frank E. Draper, Organist, Hebron R. A. Chapter, Norwood, 28 years of service.

Warren E. Rhodes, Tyler, Hebron R. A. Chapter, Norwood, 28 years of service.

Harvey H. Whitney, Treasurer, Parker R. A. Chapter, Natick, 28 years of service.

Junius B. Temple, Secretary, Composite R. A. Chapter, North Adams, 28 years of service.

Excellent Companion Harvey O. Sparrow, C. of H., Joseph Warren R. A. Chapter, Provincetown, 30 years of service.

Albert H. Perry, Tyler, Houghton R. A. Chapter, Marlboro, 31 years of service.

George F. Pratt, Treasurer, St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter, Taunton, 31 years of service.

(Also been Treasurer of Bristol County, 37 years.)

Rev. Henry C. De Long, Chaplain, Mystic R. A. Chapter, Medford, 31 years of service.

William O. Hood, Treasurer, Holton R. A. Chapter, Danvers, 31 years of service.

William H. Gerrish, Organist, St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, Boston, 31 years of service.

(Also organist Grand Lodge, 15 years; Lafayette Lodge, 15; Mt. Vernon Chapter, 23; Boston Council, 24; Columbian Lodge, 27; Lodge of Eleusis and Aberdour, 28 each; Zetland Lodge, 30; Massachusetts Lodge, 31; Roxbury Council, 34; Revere Lodge, 39; Washington Lodge, 43; also Joseph Warren Commandery as organist, 22 years, then as recorder to date, 21; also other Masonic bodies as organist to a total of 57 years of service; has attended over 5,000 Masonic meetings. Grand total, 468 years.)

Rufus R. Crane, Secretary, Tyrian R. A. Chapter, Millbury, 34 years of service.

(Also served in other offices 3 years.)

Right Excellent George E. Stacey, C. of H., Mt. Lebanon R. A. Chapter, Milford, 36 years of service.

(Served in various Chapter and Grand Chapter offices 10 years and as High Priest 1868-71; Deputy Grand High Priest 1874; also Worshipful Master of Montgomery Lodge;

District Deputy Grand Master, 6 years; Excellent Commander of Milford Commandery; Prelate of Commandery, 37 years, etc.)

Excellent Companion E. Frank Horne, Tyler, Pentucket R. A. Chapter, Haverhill, 37 years of service.

John Metzger, Tyler, Holten R. A. Chapter, Danvers, 38 years of service.

Henry H. Flint, Tyler, Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, Worcester, 38 years of service.

Charles H. Parks, Tyler, Waltham R. A. Chapter, Waltham, 41 years of service.

Charles S. Beatley, Secretary, Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea, 41 years of service.

(Also 3 years in other offices.)

Charles E. Lyon, Chaplain, Royal Arch Chapter of Signet, Charlestown, 42 years of service.

George B. Green, Treasurer, Mystic R. A. Chapter, Medford, 44 years of service.

(Also Treasurer of Mt. Hermon Lodge, 44 years; of Melrose Council, 43 years.)

David D. Bowen, Principal Sojourner, Corinthian R. A. Chapter, Adams, 46 years of service.

Theodore H. Emmons, Secretary, St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, Boston, 51 years of service.

NOTES

Excellent Companion Isaac H. Edgett, Amity R. A. Chapter, Beverly, has served 35 years in different positions, 9 as Treasurer.

Rev. George J. Sanger was High Priest of King Solomon R. A. Chapter, Warren, U.: D.:, from May 10, 1859, to June 14, 1860, than to Jan. 2, 1861; was also High Priest of Webster R. A. Chapter, now Doric, and was also its first High Priest (1867 to 1868) under Charter; also High Priest of Holten R. A. Chapter, Danvers, U.: D.:, April, 1872, to January, 1873, then under Charter to 1874, and was Grand Chaplain in 1873.

Excellent Companion Henry C. Skinner served 37 years as Secretary of Mt. Lebanon R. A. Chapter, of Milford, resigning in 1909. He had been High Priest, Worshipful Master of Montgomery Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Excellent Companion Sumner Bagley, Hebron R. A. Chapter, Norwood, served in all positions, including High Priest, for 28 years to his death.

Lewis Day, Hebron R. A. Chapter, Norwood, served 26 years as Treasurer to his death.

Story Willard Bridge was Tyler of King Solomon R. A. Chapter for 24 years to 1908.

Excellent Companion Harry F. Smith, of Walden R. A. Chapter, of Concord, has served 38 years in different offices, 10 as Chaplain.

Right Excellent Frank B. Spalter, North Star R. A. Chapter, Winchendon, has served in various offices for 20 years, including 12 years as R. A. C.

Excellent Companion Waldo C. Corey has served North Star R. A. Chapter, of Winchendon, 23 years as Principal Sojourner, also 6 years as High Priest, and 4 years in other positions, in all 33 years.

Excellent Companion George B. Stone, deceased, served North Star R. A. Chapter, Winchendon, 16 years as Captain of Host, 3 years as High Priest, and 7 years in other positions, in all 26.

George S. Richardson has served Thomas R. A. Chapter, of Fitchburg, 17 years continuously as Treasurer to date, and 8 years in other positions.

Excellent Companion George L. Griffin served R. A. Chapter of Tabernacle, Malden, as Scribe, King, and High Priest, and then as Treasurer, 16 years to date, meanwhile serving as Worshipful Master of Mt. Vernon Lodge, Thrice Illustrious Master, Melrose Council, and Eminent Commander of Beauseant Commandery.

Excellent Companion William Fisher served Mt. Sinai R. A. Chapter, of Lawrence, in various offices, including High Priest, 14 years, then as Chaplain 10 years; meanwhile was Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge, Thrice Illustrious Master of Lawrence Council, Eminent Commander of Bethany Commandery; also District Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Israel Sampson Worcester served Mt. Sinai R. A. Chapter, of Lawrence, in various offices 3 years, and then as Tyler 33 years to 1910; was Sentinel of Bethany Commandery 33 years; meanwhile was Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge.

Samuel Brookings served King Cyrus R. A. Chapter, of Newburyport, 31 years as Secretary, resigning in 1909.

Lawrence B. Cushing served King Cyrus R. A. Chapter, of Newburyport, 20 years as King, declining re-election.

The late Hon. Gorham D. Gilman, a Charter member of Newton Chapter, served the Chapter as Chaplain for 38 years from its institution.

Charles H. Kimball has served St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter as Tyler since June, 1892 (19 years, 6 months.)

Excellent Companion Alfred H. Hartley served Fall River R. A. Chapter 7 years in various offices, including High Priest, then as Treasurer 19 years, 6 months, 24 days, meanwhile being District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Excellent Companion James L. Sherman served Adoniram R. A. Chapter, New Bedford, 12 years in various offices, including High Priest, then as Treasurer 19 years, meanwhile being District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Excellent Companion A. E. Standish, of Mt. Zion R. A. Chapter, of Stoughton, served 33 years in various positions, including 2 years as High Priest, 11 as Principal Sojourner, 10 as Chaplain.

Excellent Companion George F. Walker, of Mt. Zion R. A. Chapter, Stoughton, served 21 years as Treasurer to 1908; also 9 years in other positions, including High Priest; also has been Worshipful Master, Rising Star Lodge; Thrice Illustrious Master, Brockton Council; Eminent Commander, Bay State Commandery, of Brockton; District Deputy Grand Master, 22d District, 3 years; District Deputy Grand High Priest, 3d District, 3 years; Grand King of Grand Chapter; Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge.

Excellent Companion Charles H. Chase, of Northampton Chapter, of Northampton, has served 20 years in various positions.

LETTER TO DEPUTIES

The following letter of instructions was sent to the Deputies, and copies sent to all the Chapters to be read in session:—

To the Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priests of the 15 Capitular Districts:—

On the threshold of a new year I congratulate you on the distinction of having been selected from your Companions for service in the Grand Chapter, for your evident skill, loyalty and fidelity, and your exceeding love for Capitular Masonry.

1st. Remember always that you are the direct personal representatives of the Grand High Priest, and therefore should be formally received as such, on visitations.

2d. As I wish to emphasize your appointment and its honor, I shall be glad to visit the *Home Chapter* of each District Deputy Grand High Priest at some time during the coming year. I leave the time and occasion to you, and as this visit is to be in your special honor, this should be at some time other than at your regular *official visitation*. Further, in order to enhance the dignity of appointments to office in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, you are authorized to state that the Grand High Priest will also, upon invitation from the High Priest, visit the home Chapter of any of the Grand officers, elected and appointed.

3d. Exemplifications. The following districts have already been notified through their Deputies that they are expected or required to hold exemplifications this year.

1st	(2 degrees)	arranged for March 24;	Boston	
3d	"	"	"	April 1, Taunton
4th	"	"	"	March 3, Worcester
7th				
9th				
12th				
13th	(3 degrees)	held Feb. 22,		Natick
14th	"	"	"	Milford

I renew the following recommendation in my Annual Report to the Grand Chapter.

"I believe in the value of exemplifications. I feel quite confident that Massachusetts possesses the best Grand Lecturers in the country, and I find the Chapters universally ready to co-operate in holding exemplifications.

"As conducted today, however, trying to work, with comment, all four degrees at one sitting seems to me to involve too much strain upon Chapters, audience, and Grand Lecturers.

"I have authorized the Grand Lecturers, at their discretion, to change the order of procedure at any time, and work the Royal Arch Degree first, to avoid that indifference and neglect that come with weariness, for it is too important to be always placed last.

"But I would go further, and, upon occasion, hold an exemplification each year, and work only two degrees in the evening."

In this connection the Grand High Priest believes that the new districts, being smaller and more compact, will readily permit these District Grand Chapters of Instruction to be alternately held at each end of the district, thereby giving opportunity for large numbers of Companions (many of whom are future officers) to attend.

4th. Please remember that one of the Grand Lecturers will visit any Chapter at any time, for purposes of instruction, by the Chapter paying his expenses and services. (At exemplifications the Grand Chapter pays the Lecturer.)

Please have your Chapters take full advantage of this. I would especially emphasize this matter.

5th. Every District Deputy Grand High Priest is expected and personally requested by the Grand High Priest to prepare himself to install the officers of any Chapter in his district so requesting.

6th. On every official visit to the several Chapters in your districts you are most earnestly requested to be attended by a suite of Grand officers, Past High Priests, and members of the Councils of the Chapters in your district. This I regard as important.

7th. The Grand High Priest has become firmly impressed, during his visits about the Commonwealth, with the absolute necessity of sustaining at all times the dignity of the Chapter, in order to bring out clearly the sublime beauties of the work. The regulations of the Grand Chapter are imperative, that none but the officers can take any part in the ceremonies (except by request.) As the High Priest in each Chapter is responsible for his officers, you will promptly report to the Grand High Priest any violation of the special requirements as to work in the Past and Royal Arch Degrees, that the Charter of the offending Chapter may be recalled (vide Grand Chapter By-Laws, page 53, edition 1902.)

8th. Your commission reads : —

“ He is also required to examine their *Charters, Records, By-Laws* and mode of work, and see that in all their doings they conform to the ancient customs of *Royal Arch Masons* and the rules and regulations of our Grand Chapter. He will carefully inspect their *Books of Marks*.

“ And it is hereby enjoined upon him to make return to me of his doings herein, by authority of this Commission, on or before Dec. 1, 1911.”

9th. On your official visitation to each Chapter in your District, examine with care the Books of Marks, and in your annual report to the Grand High Priest specify as to each Chapter, the condition and use of its Books, by answering the following questions : —

- 1 Whether any present members of the Chapters have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree whose Marks have not been recorded in the Book of Marks. If any, give names and dates of receiving all degrees.
- 2 Are the Books of Marks well kept and in good condition ?
- 3 Are the Marks accurately and artistically drawn and are they in accordance with the traditions and dignity of the Order ?

4 Do the Council of the Chapter understand that no candidate should be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree until his Mark has actually been recorded in the Book of Marks ?

5 Does an intelligible description accompany each Mark ?

10th. Please use your utmost influence to cause the Chapters to use the several Lectures belonging to the Degrees, before receiving the succeeding degree. Two officers in each Chapter may well be designated as instructors in the Lectures, and give them at every exemplification, and from time to time in the Chapter, especially when there are no degrees to be worked. The Grand High Priest is an earnest believer in the value of the Lectures, and unhesitatingly recommends their general use by the Chapters.

11th. Please remember that the Grand High Priest wishes to discourage all undue haste and "railroading" of candidates, and therefore do not forward to him any requests for dispensations, unless the need is imperative.

12th. Your attention is called to Art. XI of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as follows : —

"every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this Jurisdiction shall be represented by its High Priest, King or Scribe, or either of them, in person or by their respective proxies, at every Convocation of the Grand Chapter. If any Chapter under this Jurisdiction *shall neglect* to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession
then the said Chapter shall forfeit
its Charter, etc."

The Grand High Priest would ask each Deputy to attend to this and use every endeavor to have every Chapter in his district represented by a member of the Council, *if possible, at every Convocation*, or by proxy to a member in any event.

13th. The Grand High Priest has seen with pleasure, on his various visits, many ancient Charters, and they are generally carefully preserved in safes or safe deposit vaults, but there are still many in regular use at Chapter meetings exposed to unnecessary hazard of loss or damage by wear, accident and fire. Note article 12 of Particular Regulations providing for use of *Duplicate* Charters.

Every Chapter should by all means procure such a duplicate Charter (for ordinary use) and keep the ancient and priceless original in a secure place.

14th. The Chapters are urged to procure bookcases (as so many have already done) and carefully keep the valuable proceedings of the Grand Chapter and other volumes for reference. Such a library will inevitably attract gifts of valuable books.

15th. The Grand High Priest renews, strongly, all recommendations for the establishment of Permanent Funds by Chapters for the reasons that they

encourage thrift ;
discourage extravagance ;
invite bequests ;
prevent unconsidered and ill-
advised use of present
accumulation by action at
a meeting without notice ;
provide against the day of
famine and of wrath ;
are for the good of the order.

16th. To forestall questions, please state to your Chapters that proxies cannot be permitted at installations, as one man cannot take the obligation for another ; that robes cannot be used in public ; that it is highly *preferable*, not required, however, that all Chapter business be transacted in the Royal Arch Degree for the reason that candidates are not *members* of the Chapter with right to vote until they have taken the Royal Arch Degree and signed the By-Laws ; that one man cannot be installed into two conflicting offices, and that the gavel is never used in public.

17th. The Chapter banner containing the ancient coat-of-arms of Masonry is very beautiful and would be a desirable addition in every Chapter. It is especially recommended for presentation purposes.

18th. Urge every Chapter that has not yet forwarded the six copies of their best Marks to do so at once. The book is now ready at the Grand Secretary's office, and will be found very interesting. It may be seen by any Companion.

19th. The Grand High Priest has found so many present officers who have served their Chapters for more than twenty years in continuous service in one office that he wishes to make a *Roll of Honor*, whereon the names of such officers may appear.

Please obtain and promptly forward such particulars from all the Chapters in your several districts, giving dates and full details of the Masonic history of the officers.

Trusting these various recommendations will be approved and heartily followed by you, and wishing you the best of success during your service, I am

Yours very sincerely and fraternally,

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
*Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch
Chapter of Massachusetts*

BOSTON MASS, Feb. 28, 1911

JURISDICTION

The following have been appointed a Committee on Jurisdiction, and are hard at work upon the problem of establishing and laying out exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction for each Chapter: M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Chairman; R.: E.: Albert L. Richardson, E.: Charles W. Delano.

DEPUTIES

During the months of September, October and December the fifteen Deputies, as direct representatives of the Grand High Priest, have visited in their several districts, covering every Chapter in the State. The reduced size of the districts and increased number of Deputies have resulted in better service being given, as anticipated. Several of the districts have adopted the plan of annual exemplifications, working two or three degrees only, and report themselves as well pleased with the change. The Grand Lecturers are strongly in favor of the new arrangements, and report that the exemplifications have been unusually satisfactory.

The reports of the Deputies, as rendered to me, are most interesting, covering the whole State in one comprehensive view.

From these reports it is very clear that many Chapters are establishing permanent funds; that nearly all now display the American flag at every meeting; that only a small number as yet use the lectures, but that the number is increasing, as they evidently add materially to the interest of the meetings; that many of the Chapters have no duplicate Charters; that most of the Chapters keep their records and valuables in fire-proof safes; that all Chapters except three only have recorded all "Marks" promptly before exaltation of candidates; that the benefits of annual two-degree exemplifications are evident and many, and that the interest and attendance have decidedly increased; that the Grand Lecturers have been called to more Chapters than usual; that in a few Chapters Past High Priests fill working positions, to the detriment of the Chapter, by depriving the regular officers of experience in those positions; that the Deputies have in nearly all cases been accompanied on their visitations by considerable suites; that every High Priest in the Commonwealth has been

notified that all levity and roughness in degree work must be entirely eliminated and corresponding assurances received; that the Deputies' travelling expenses have been reduced; that at least twelve out of the fifteen Deputies have shown their fitness for their highly honorable offices by installing the officers of Chapters in their districts; that the attendance of Councils at Grand Chapter convocations has decidedly increased; that not a single Chapter has become liable to a penalty for non-attendance for two years; that few Chapters have suitable bookcases or properly preserve the valuable reports issued by the Grand Chapter; that practically every Book of Marks in the Commonwealth is carefully kept, and most of them are exceedingly well executed, there being an evident tendency of late to use simple designs; that a few Chapters insert beautifully engrossed memorials of deceased members in their records, and generally all the Deputies unite in stating that they find increased interest, better work, and greater enthusiasm throughout all the Chapters in the Commonwealth — a fact that gives large encouragement for renewed and constant effort in the future.

R. E. Charles H. Preston, the Deputy of the 2d District, forwards the following account of the ancient Charter of Washington Royal Arch Chapter, of Salem, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in January of this year:—

“The Charter of Washington Chapter has an interesting history. The original Charter bears the date of 1811. According to record, under date of March 17, 1835, it was ‘Voted that the trunk containing the Records, Seal and Papers of this Chapter, together with the Charter, be committed to the care of the High Priest, and by him to be deposited in the vault of some Bank for safe keeping.’

“In 1852, when meetings of the Chapter were resumed, the Charter could not be found, and the Grand Chapter was asked to grant them a duplicate, and this was done, a new Charter, dated Sept. 7, 1852, but taking precedence from the date of the original Charter, being issued to them. Nov. 18, 1853, the old Charter was found among the effects of Joseph G. Sprague, who was High Priest of the Chapter at the time the meetings were suspended in 1835.

“The following memorandum is recorded: ‘Upon the death of P. H. P. Joseph G. Sprague, his property was sold at auction by Shepard and Archer, auctioneers; among the effects was a barrel of maps and other papers, apparently of little value, which was left at the close of the

sale. Some months afterward, Mr. Shepard, returning from a military muster on Salem Neck, met the writer of this (Samuel B. Buttrick), and he, knowing by common report that he was a Mason, hailed him and informed him that he had found in a barrel a roll of paper which he imagined to be of importance to somebody, perhaps a Mason. I told him I was the person who should have the custody of the Charter of Washington Chapter (long lost, now found), and related to him its history, and he in a day or two returned it to me in as good condition as before.'

"The Charters are both in good condition. A Charter which had such a narrow escape from destruction is a priceless relic."

The result of my two years' service as Grand High Priest is to show me very clearly upon what firm foundation our ancient institution stands. Here in Massachusetts, with 81 Chapters, comprising 22,629 members, Capitular Masonry occupies its own place, high and honored. The Chapter is no longer deemed merely a necessary "stepping-stone" to higher degrees, it is valued for its own sake. The services shown in the Roll of Honor in this report speak more eloquently than any words of the love, affection, loyalty and devoted attachment of these men for the Chapter; they contain unmistakable tribute that is most beautiful and most impressive. The Chapter, in its clearness, simplicity, magnificence of ceremonial and insistent teachings of right living, appeals with compelling power to the souls and hearts of men. Even as a century ago our fathers listened and obeyed, foreseeing the wondrous vision of the future, so we, the children of to-day, realize as we, in turn, listen to the never-old story, that the glory of the structure of to-day but presages the illumining radiance of its crowning triumph in the centuries that are not yet unrolled by the hand of God.

Address at One-hundredth Anniversary of Consti-
tution of Washington Royal Arch Chapter,
Salem, Mass., January 9, 1911

*Most Excellent High Priest Goodwin, Ladies, and Companions of
Washington Royal Arch Chapter: —*

It is a most pleasing privilege to join you on this Centennial Celebration of your consecration as a Royal Arch Chapter, and to have this opportunity of bringing you the greetings, warm, ardent, and sincere, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

To emphasize the importance of this event, and to fittingly express, by visible token of recognition, this appreciation of the Grand Chapter, your Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent Companion Charles Goodwin, has been appointed one of the Grand officers, as Grand Principal Sojourner for the year 1911.

Of all the seventy and nine Royal Arch Chapters that to-day, as jewels of rare and radiant beauty, adorn the crown of Massachusetts Capitular Masonry, two only have preceded you in celebrating centennial anniversaries: St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter of Boston, the oldest in America, in 1869, and King Cyrus' Royal Arch Chapter of Newburyport, in 1890.

Now that, as a Chapter, you have laboriously climbed one round of the golden cycle of Time, one infinitesimal fraction of that eternity, that, in glorious destiny, awaits both our great young Republic of Freemen, and our ancient institution of Freemasonry; now that you may enter in your Golden Book of Days the completed record of a full century of years, you may well pause for a moment, in retrospect, in solemn review of the meaning, the results, the promises and achievements of that period.

When R. E. Henry Fowle as Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, on January 15, 1811, consecrated to Zerubbabel Washington Royal Arch Chapter here in Salem, using for the first time that solemn and impressive service of Constitution we use to-day unchanged, that we have used twice within a year, could his prophetic fancy by any possibility have anticipated the triumph, the fulfilment of promise that is so evident here to-day?

The Chapter in Massachusetts has kept equal step with the State in growth, in advancement, halting at times, moving rapidly forward on occasion, but always maintaining its high standard of faith. To-day we see the rich fruition of the unselfish labors of these many decades, with more than twenty-two thousand Royal Arch Masons in Massachusetts enrolled under our Scarlet Banner of hope and enthusiasm. As our grand old Commonwealth has ever led the forces striving for freedom of faith and liberty of the individual, so Massachusetts Masonry for more than a hundred and fifty years has kept her banners flying far in advance, summoning the bravest, the strongest, the most unselfish and devoted to follow even to the heights. You of Washington Royal Arch Chapter have a right to be proud of your heritage; you have well earned the privilege of standing by our outer gates, to tell us, of a later day, what Capitular Masonry has stood for here in Massachusetts for a hundred years past, what it means to-day, what is its promise to the countless generations yet to follow.

Is it not the lesson of the ages gone, the one great lesson that is so impressed upon our minds and consciences that it must endure through æons upon æons of time still to come, is it not carved upon the mystic white keystone in flaming letters of fire, that in Masonry the one essential attribute is *character*; that if our Masonic influences, our sublime and splendid teachings, our magnificent ceremonials, fail to perfect the rough ashlar of our characters into the polished beauty of resemblance to Divine perfection, then we have failed in our purpose, our great Temples may well be given to desolation, their arches crumble into ruins, their lofty pillars of wisdom, strength and beauty, sculptured and carved with the heroic records of unselfish deeds of fraternity of a thousand years, be shattered and overthrown, to lie buried and forgotten under the sands of time.

You of Washington Royal Arch Chapter, bearing an honored name that recalls to us of to-day, almost as vividly as to your founders, the heroic struggles and costly sacrifices of our country's long contest for freedom; you who, generation by generation, have seen the golden sun of promise rising higher and higher above the mountains of Hope, sending its resplendent rays with increasing brightness upon the spires and minarets of our Temple of

Freemasonry; you who have kept the faith of the fathers unsullied and untarnished, you know well the perennial charm, the hidden inherent beauties, — the increasing glories of attraction of our ancient and beloved Rite.

This Chapter, venerable, revered, honorable and most honored, this crowning monument of the years, this glorious living symbol of our common faith in man, this most potent expression of our world-wide belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, this ancient Chapter of yours may well rejoice to-day upon this rich fulfilment of its initial purpose, this present answer to the devout and soul-appealing prayer of consecration of a century ago. For, before your holy altar, true men have pledged themselves to fraternity; have dedicated their lives to charity; have, with humble and contrite hearts, vowed unquestioning obedience to the laws of God and devout reverence for His Great and Holy Name.

You may vainly attempt to inscribe in your records the countless deeds of charity, fraternity and self-sacrifice that we know well belong in your Chapter's unwritten history; you recall, with throbbing hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, the heroisms and the renunciations of those who have long since passed beyond the veils, to the radiance of immortal glory; but you may, at least, in their grateful memory, with renewed courage and quickened inspiration, well resolve to keep forever untarnished the brilliant scarlet purity of your ancient banner. For in the story of your century of life is written many a song of triumph, many a dirge of sorrow. If we read rightly the epic of the years; if we take to our hearts the bitter lessons of the costly errors, the mistakes, the weaknesses, the wrongs, the manifold train of human frailties that inevitably belong with every considerable body of men, may we not, then, learn also lessons of enduring faith, of infinite charity; may we not be refreshed for our life battles, renewed in our courage; may we not learn to exercise more freely that fraternity we teach before the Holy Ark of the Covenant, at the feet of the Cherubim of the Lord, that humility and love for our fellow-men we profess in the Shadow of the Royal Arch, in the inspired remembrance of the ineffable glory of "that name that no man knoweth."

As Chapter Masons may we not say that

“Every mason in the quarry ; every builder on the shore ;
Every woodman in the forest ; every boatman at the oar ;
Hewing wood and hauling water ; splitting stone and cleaving sod ;
All the dusty ranks of labor in the regiment of God,
March together toward his Temple,
Do the tasks His hands prepare,
Honest toil is holy service ; faithful work is praise and prayer.”

Henry Van Dyke.

Address at Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Constitu-
tion of Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle,
Malden, March 20, 1911

*Most Excellent High Priest Anderson and Companions of the
Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle:—*

It is an especial privilege to be present on this Twenty-fifth Anniversary of your Constitution as a Chapter. You began existence with a Charter list of one hundred and fifty-nine, the record number in Massachusetts, under the wise guidance of M.: E.: Frederick T. Comee, then Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. In his Annual Address for the year 1886, on December 7, speaking of your Constitution the evening before:—

“Springing at once, as it has, into the full strength and vigor usually attained only by long years of patient labor and love, we are certainly justified in expecting from it more than ordinary usefulness.”

I come to-night bearing the hearty greetings of the Grand Chapter, to say in its behalf with emphasis that it has not been disappointed with the twenty-five years of your Chapter's work; that you have abundantly justified the confidence reposed in you; that the results attained presage a larger and an enduring prosperity through the countless centuries that lie in the future.

Early in February I enjoyed the privilege of visiting the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, in Annual Session at Albany. I noted with interest the many differences between their work and ours—differences, however, only in detail, in wordings, in signs—but there was a great and substantial unanimity in the sublime teachings of the great foundation Masonic principles. I noted with especial interest that Grand Lecturer McGowan was installed for the twenty-seventh consecutive term, two years of service having been given before you, as a Chapter, began existence. Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox, who is also General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, was installed for the forty-fifth year. This is a fitting occasion to recall that here in Massachusetts we who

know and love the Chapter find also on every side many evidences of devotion to the rare and radiant beauties, to the charms, the crystal clearness, the transparent brilliancy, the abiding simplicity of its lessons of faith, of its impressive and sublime teachings of the immortal truths of God; for all over Massachusetts I have found, in my various travels, many officers who have served their Chapters for more than a generation in continuous labor in one office.

Therefore it has seemed well to form a Roll of Honor, whereon to inscribe in love and gratitude the names of those who have given such service for a term exceeding twenty years.

Companion *Junius B. Temple* has served Composite Royal Arch Chapter of North Adams as Secretary for more than twenty-eight years; Companion *George F. Pratt* was recently installed as Treasurer of St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter at Taunton for the thirtieth year; in Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter of Milford R.: E.: *George E. Stacey*, after serving his Chapter in various positions, including that of High Priest, then serving the Grand Chapter several years, becoming Deputy Grand High Priest in 1874, became Captain of the Host and is now acting in that capacity after thirty-five years of continuous service; where, mid the fire-swept ruins of Chelsea a new temple of our faith has arisen, Companion *Charles S. Beatley* is serving his forty-first year as Secretary of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah; I recently installed Companion *Charles H. Parks* as Tyler of Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, of Waltham, for the forty-first time; in Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, of Adams, Companion *David D. Bowen* was appointed Principal Sojourner at the institution of the Chapter in 1865, and has held that position for all the forty-six years since, while in the heart of Boston, in our great White Temple, in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, the largest and richest Chapter in the Commonwealth, that Nestor of Massachusetts Masons, Companion *Theodore H. Emmons* is now in his fifty-first year as Secretary.

What inspiration there is in such records as these! What glory of service, what proof of devotion to Masonry lie in these long labors of the years! What more forceful, what more beautiful tribute could any man give to Capitular Masonry?

In ancient Arabic writings we may read

“ In the nine heavens are eight paradises.
Where is the ninth one? In the human heart.
Rather, O man, lack those eight paradises
Than be without the ninth one in thy heart.”

As Chapter Masons we should not be content merely to wear the lapel button, bearing those ancient beautiful mystic emblems of the Circle, Triangle and Triple Tau, the oldest symbols on earth, derived from dead religions revered in forgotten empires of thousands of years ago ; we must let the flaming brilliancy of its scarlet warm our hearts to infinite tenderness, to the constant, increasing practice of that charity and fraternity we are taught here before our holy altars of Masonry ; we must interpret through our lives, in knightly courtesy and gentleness of spirit, the sublime principles these symbols represent ; we must carry into our homes and lives, and so cherish, honor and follow, the great underlying Masonic principles of obedience to the laws of God, and reverence for His Great and Holy Name, that we shall perfect the rough surfaces of the Ashlars of our characters into the polished beauty of resemblance to Divine Perfection.

Are we not taught as Chapter Masons that

“ A sunbeam shot across a cloudy day
Can brighten all the drear expanse of sky ;
A loving smile can make a weary way
A path to paradise.”

As with humble and contrite hearts we travel the rough and rugged roads that lead under the Royal Arch of Truth to the “ peace that passeth understanding ” in the ineffable glory of “ that name that no man knoweth ; ” as we learn the lessons of charity, moderation, industry, humility, purity of soul, and reverence for the Holy Name of God, are we not compelled to acknowledge in our soul’s inmost recesses that the Chapter Degrees reach heights of beauty, dignity, and heart appeal that touch the very clouds of inspiration ?

Therefore it is that there is no place in the Chapter for any levity, roughness or coarseness ; therefore it is that the Grand Chapter, in that wisdom that sees into the future, has decreed that the work must be continuous, and that only the officers shall take part in the ceremonies.

Just as

“ He who suffers knows a world
Beyond his fellows' ken ;
As one from some dark cave of earth
Sees stars unseen by men,”

So we, who kneel in adoration at the feet of the Cherubim of the Lord, see with clearer vision the narrow path of life, the way of truth, of duty, of faith divine. Do we not feel in our hearts with greater clearness the true meaning of charity as we hear the beautiful exposition of the lesson of the “Mark?” Are we not inspired to greater devotion to God as the solemn glories of the Most Excellent pass before our eyes, in all the rich splendor and magnificence of its ceremonial? Are we not impressed in our souls to life-long acceptance of the truth by that most powerful sermon against profanity to which man ever listened, in the sublime Royal Arch Degree?

Recently, it is said, some three hundred men at a meeting in a Western city agreed together to give up the use of profane language. You and I know they were Masons, as was indeed the case; you and I believe further that they were Chapter Masons, taught with all the power, and dignity, and impressiveness of the Chapter to reverence God's Sacred Name.

As in Masonry the essential attribute is character; as it is the influence that Masonry exerts upon the lives of those who follow her brilliant banners that determines the permanent value of our ancient institution, so, if we shall leave at the threshold of our Chapter hall the influences for right living that are so powerfully invoked in all our ceremonies; if we shall fail to carry into our homes and lives these sublime truths of God; if we shall fail to emulate, in the purity of our lives, the virgin whiteness of that keystone we display so conspicuously in public; if we shall forget that the teachings of our ancient institution are Divine, and that the Holy Bible is the guide of our life's conduct; then, indeed, shall we have failed in our purpose; then shall we have failed to reach the heart and glory of our ancient Craft; then, for us, its great temples may well be given over to desolation, its arches be permitted to crumble into dust; its lofty pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty, sculptured and carved with the heroic records of

unselfish deeds of fraternity of a thousand years, be shattered and overthrown, to lie buried and forgotten beneath the sands of Time. But if we shall keep, with knightly faith, our vows of service to mankind, of charity to the helpless widow and orphan, of fraternity to our Brethren, of loyalty to God, the Father Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent, then may we as Royal Arch Masons feel assured that our soul's barque shall sail safely beyond the veil of the last great mystery to the gardens of immortality.

“ Beyond the sunset's crimson bars ;
Beyond the twilight and the stars ;
Beyond the midnight and the dark,
Sail on, sail on, O happy barque !
Into the dawn of that tomorrow
Where hearts shall find an end of sorrow
And Love shall find its own.”

At Constitution of Cambridge Council Royal and Select Masters

Response by Most Excellent Charles Dana Burrage,
Grand High Priest, on Reception

Most Illustrious Grand Master Benton :—

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warmth of your most gracious and courteous Masonic greeting.

To be present to bring you the warm greetings of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts at the launching of this stout ship of Masonic endeavor, fated, we believe, to carry its precious cargo safely through the trials and storms of the centuries that lie beyond the veil of the future; to join with you in this consecration of a new Council, this solemn dedication to fraternity, in the name of the Most High, of this eager and ambitious body of devoted Masons; to stand here under such gracious circumstances in your presence, Most Illustrious Grand Master Benton, who have proved yourself so faithful, capable and efficient, my beloved friend, kinsman and colleague, these are indeed most high and grateful privileges, greatly appreciated and long to be remembered.

Response by Most Excellent Charles Dana Burrage,
Grand High Priest, at Banquet

*Thrice Illustrious Master Peak, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Benton and Companions of Cambridge Council of Royal and
Select Masters:—*

Upon such an occasion as this we may well bear in mind that

“ We are but instruments,
The strings attuned and tense,
Whereon the hand of Time
Strikes some few notes sublime.”

Charles G. Blagden.

on the mighty monuments of Egypt (so eloquently referred to by Grand Chaplain Bush), overthrown, broken and partly buried under the sands of the desert, we may read in hieroglyphic language the stories of her religious mysteries, tracing the slow passage of the neophyte, step by step, as he climbs the heights of knowledge. Everywhere we find one symbol more insistently conspicuous than any other, the symbol of *Secrecy*, of profoundest obligation, of that darkness that means silence,—the Mason's trowel. One of the oldest symbols, the trowel has extensive, almost universal, application in the form of the triangle. It represented the greatest and most abstruse mysteries, signifying equally Deity, Creation and Fire. The water triangle, or triangle inverted, resting on one of its points, signified the kind, good and merciful God. The fire triangle, resting on its base, signified the just and angry God. The double triangle, made by placing the water triangle upon the fire triangle interlaced, giving six points, forms the seal of Solomon, the symbol of the perfect God-head in all His attributes and works, and is the jewel of both the Chapter and the Council; while the triple triangle, or three triangles superimposed at angles and interlaced, was formerly a mystical symbol of health, and therefore of prosperity, and forms the beautiful star of nine points of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Egyptians called the triangle the sacred number, or number of perfection, and their most sacred obligations were administered

upon it, for it ever had reference to the Deity or some Divine attribute. We may well say

“There are heights and depths eternal human minds have never treasured;
There are lengths and breadths supernal only God has ever measured.”

S. A. Gordon.

it is especially appropriate, therefore, that the distinguishing attributes of the Cryptic Rite should be secrecy and impressiveness; for the silence of the Crypt brings the hearts of men very closely together. By that warmth of intimate companionship that is so universally found in the Council, by that fraternity that so often grows into undying friendship, are produced rare and radiant flowers of unselfish service that exalt the soul and lighten the path of life by their beauties.

For in Masonry do we not learn

“If but one friend have crossed thy way
Once only in thy mortal day;
If only once life's best surprise
Has opened on thy human eyes;
Ingrate thou wert, indeed, if thou
Didst not in that rare presence bow,
And on earth's holy ground, unshod,
Speak softer the dear name of God.”

Lucy Larcom.

because they alone who voluntarily turn aside from the broad highway of Masonic advancement to seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge ever find the narrow entrance leading to the Crypt, and through devious passages reach the gardens of delight that bloom in immortal beauty far beyond that sombre portal; because they alone realize the irresistible attractive power, the compelling charm and soul appeal of your beautiful Rite, these reasons alone delay the coming of that certain day of ultimate acceptance, of eager advocacy, on the part of the crowding throngs of pilgrims ever travelling the rough and rugged roads that lead under the Royal Arch to the Holy City of Peace.

Are we not taught in the Cryptic Rite the highest lessons of our Masonic faith of that charity that is divine, of that reverence

for God that brings us to our knees at the feet of the Cherubim?
As Cryptic Masons may we not say

“ If we sit down at set of sun
And count the things that we have done
And, counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then we may count that day well spent.”

the Cryptic Rite appeals to the hearts and souls of men with tremendous power, by its *symbolism* that represents some of the richest expressions of ancient religious thought and principles, most beautiful in their modern application ; by its *degree* work that is so sublimely impressive and heart-enthraling ; by its profound *teachings* of the word of God, and of the littleness and vanity of human life ; by the *fulfilment* of its *mission* as the key-stone of the great Arch of Ancient Craft Masonry, completing the magnificent story begun and unfinished in the lodge ; by its proud *banner* of royal purple, representing in rich and splendid color the union of the heavenly blue of the lodge and the flaming scarlet of the Chapter. You of Cambridge, therefore, may well rejoice in your present opportunity to enlist as workmen in the quarries of this glorious new Temple of your faith ; you may well resolve never by act of yours to lessen the glory of that ancient banner ; never to tarnish the lustre of your beautiful symbols, that in their brightness reflect the glory of God ; never to mar the virgin whiteness of the ashlar of character with which you will build the walls of the great Structure of Freemasonry.

For

“ In the elder days of art
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part ;
For the Gods see everywhere.
Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen ;
Make the house where Gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean.”

Longfellow.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

BY

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of Massachusetts, 1912.

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts :

The sands of my official life are running fast, and after three swift-passing and most delightful years of service, in a few minutes, with mingled regret and relief, I shall surrender my authority to my successor.

I am unfeignedly glad to have had this opportunity for service in this Grand Chapter, under such pleasant conditions, and with such unfaltering loyalty of support from you; and as I review the record of the years my heart thrills with the promise and the glory of the future of our beloved Rite.

For, as at twilight on an autumn day, recently, from the wide, hospitable verandah surrounding the Masonic Home, high on the hill at Charlton, I looked over the hills, woods and valleys of a large part of Central Massachusetts; as I turned my eager gaze from Wachusett Mountain, mistily dim against the northern sky, thirty-five miles away, to the distant Berkshire heights under the golden sunset; as my eyes swept the horizon from the low Connecticut hills just beyond the State line to the "Blue Hills" of Milton, rising in shadow by the Atlantic shore; as I passed in review the various and diverse chapters that make our complex whole, I realized anew the strength, unity, and time-defying insistence of high purpose that are so evident in Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts. Among all her eighty-two Chapters, scattered as jewels in her diadem over this Commonwealth, there is not one that is weak, not one that is not filled with zeal and loyalty,

not one whose officers fail to exhibit pride and enthusiasm in their work ; all are vigorous, thriving, prosperous, excelling in accuracy of detail in degree work ; facing the centuries of the future with hope, courage and confidence.

One year ago the Chapters of Massachusetts had 22,629 members ; this year there are 23,487, a net gain of 858.

But, during the year the sombre record of our loved Companions who have passed beyond the veils has lengthened almost daily, for 301 have laid aside the burdens of mortality, leaving us to mourn, to cherish their memories, and to remember always their devotion to our Ancient Craft.

A year ago I called your attention to the death within a week of Rev. A. St. John Chambré, a Past Deputy Grand High Priest. Since then five permanent members of this Grand Chapter, all Past Deputy Grand High Priests, have entered into the joys of immortality.

R. : E. : Alfred H. Hartley, of Fall River Royal Arch Chapter of Fall River, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1881, died December 16, 1911.

Worshipful Master of his lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of his Council, Eminent Commander of his Commandery, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, Deputy Grand High Priest, active in civic and business affairs, he filled a long and busy life with success, and deservedly won the esteem and respect of his Companions.

R. : E. : James Downs, of Parker Royal Arch Chapter, of Natick, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1894, died January 2, 1912.

Earnest, zealous, genial, enthusiastic, a faithful worker, serving loyally as Worshipful Master, High Priest and Eminent Commander, they who knew him best speak in fond remembrance of him as "pre-eminently a man of generous impulses" ; of "his sympathy with all whom he found in sorrow or want."

R. : E. : Herbert F. Morse, of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, of Roxbury, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1906, died March 7, 1912. Worshipful Master, Junior and Senior Grand Deacon, High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master, Eminent Commander, Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer,

President of the Roxbury Masonic Temple Association, we who so knew and loved him may well unite with one of his close associates in saying "he was a fitting exponent of all that is good and true and noble in our beloved Order."

R.: E.: James Tent, of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, of Chelsea, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1876, died June 3, 1912. Warm-hearted, loyal, accurate, Worshipful Master, High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master, Eminent Commander, he was greatly loved, and in the words of his eulogist: "He was broad, tolerant, sympathetic, — intolerant only of hypocrisy, — ever stirring his Brethren to higher, better work."

R.: E.: Edward J. Sartelle, of Worcester Royal Arch Chapter, of Worcester, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1904, died September 15, 1912. Of all the thousands in our Institution who love Masonry, there is no one who excelled him, our Companion who has so lately left us, whose memorial has just been read to you this evening. As Grand Lecturer for many years, his labors of unswerving loyalty to lofty ideals have been wrought enduringly into the substance of our Chapters and made the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts of today possible in its virility and proud leadership.

All of these Companions had rendered long and valuable service to Masonry in many different bodies, and all were near our hearts, ever exemplifying in their lives of stainless honor their high ideals of Masonic character.

"Faithful in life, and faithful unto death,

Such souls, in sooth, illume with lustre splendid
That glimpsed, glad land wherein, the vision saith,
Earth's wrongs are ended."

Richard Burton.

LOSS BY FIRE

On January 15, 1912, the Masonic building at East Weymouth, owned by the Fraternity, was destroyed by fire, Pentalpha Royal Arch Chapter losing all its paraphernalia. In response to repeated offers of assistance on the part of the Grand Chapter,

they declared themselves abundantly able to care for themselves, being well insured.

I would heartily commend their sturdy self-reliance and pride of independence as worthy of the best traditions of our Rite.

MASONIC HOME

I would emphasize my belief in the need and value of the Masonic Home, at Charlton, to speak in strong commendation of the generous action of Pentucket Royal Arch Chapter, of Haverhill, in donating one hundred dollars to the Grand Chapter Fund for the benefit of the Home. There are many urgent cases calling for immediate relief in such a home, for which the present inadequate funds at the disposal of the Grand Lodge cannot provide. The Grand Chapter did well this year to make a contribution to this Fund of two hundred and fifty dollars. I earnestly recommend an annual appropriation of the same amount, to be placed in the Grand Chapter Fund already established.

As the poet says : —

The poor Thou leavest always to our care,
And what we do for them we do for Thee.
Thou lovest them. Then be our deeds our prayer,
Who helps My loved ones doeth most for Me.

Anna Holyoke Howard.

NEW CHAPTERS

Two Chapters have been duly constituted by the Grand High Priest in full and Ancient Form during the year: Bethsaida Royal Arch Chapter of Everett, February 22d, and Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter of North Attleborough, March 7th.

A dispensation was issued January 15th under the authority of a vote of this Grand Chapter to 37 Companions at Amherst to form a new Chapter under the name of Amherst Royal Arch Chapter.

All of these new Chapters give every promise of strength and enduring ability, and that they will attain and hold high place among the Chapters of Massachusetts.

Having personally visited Amherst Royal Arch Chapter U. D. inspected their rooms and paraphernalia and examined into their

condition, I unhesitatingly and most cordially recommend to this Grand Chapter to issue a Charter to them that they may be constituted at the convenience of the incoming Grand High Priest.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Dispensations have been issued to the District Deputy Grand High Priests of twelve out of the fifteen districts to hold District Grand Chapters of Instruction as follows : —

- 2d, Lynn, May 17. R.: E.: G. Sidney Macfarlane.
- 3d, Fall River, April 15. R.: E.: Clarence M. Dunbar.
- 5th, Chicopee Falls, April 27. R.: E.: Edwin L. Davis.
- 6th, Greenfield, April 26. R.: E.: Harry E. Bicknell.
- 8th, Walden, May 24. R.: E.: William Wooldridge.
- 9th, Haverhill, Oct. 25. R.: E.: George E. Collins.
- 10th, Pittsfield, April 10. R.: E.: James O. Clifford.
- 11th, Fitchburg, Nov. 6. R.: E.: Edward O. Burton.
- 12th, Nantucket, Oct. 12. R.: E.: Francis H. Perry.
- 13th, Waltham, June 7. R.: E.: Arthur Twitchell.
- 14th, Norwood, Sept. 20. R.: E.: Walter L. Collins.
- 15th, Cambridge, April 25. R.: E.: Frank P. Rhoades.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests in three districts only, the 1st, 4th and 7th, failed to carry out my repeated urgent requests for annual exemplifications of two degrees. All of these, however, held such the year preceding.

As a result of holding annual exemplifications, working two degrees only, there has been a marked increase in attendance, as also in accuracy and uniformity of work, and the strain upon both Grand Lecturers and members has been greatly lessened. The change has met with the unqualified approval of both Grand Lecturers.

DISPENSATIONS

To establish a custom, I have asked the Grand Secretary to submit the list of all dispensations issued during the year for the Records.

List of dispensations issued for District Grand Chapters of Instruction, twelve, as above stated.

The request of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia for the courtesy of the work of the Royal Arch Degree to be conferred on Brother John Clyde McDonald was executed in Bethsaida Royal Arch Chapter April 12, 1912, and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia duly notified.

- Dec. 22, 1911 To Reading Chapter for permission to confer the degree of M. E. Master, Past Master and Royal Arch at the same Convocation, waiving the requirements requiring otherwise.
- April 1, 1912 To Mt. Vernon Chapter for permission to ballot on candidates at a Special Convocation of the Chapter to be held on April 16.
- April 12, 1912 To Worcester Chapter for permission to confer all the degrees in Capitular Masonry at a Stated Convocation of the Chapter on April 12, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.
- June 22, 1912 To Bancroft Chapter for permission to confer the M. E. Master and Royal Arch Degrees at the same Convocation, waiving particular regulation that twenty-four hours shall elapse between the conferring of the same at Special Convocation to be held June 25.
- June 14, 1912 To Keystone Chapter for permission to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and M. E. Master on the same candidates at a Convocation to be held on June 14.
- Jan. 20, 1912 To Pentalfa Chapter to hold a Special Convocation in the lodge room of Delta Lodge, Braintree, Friday, January 26, their apartments having recently been destroyed by fire. And
- Mar. 2, 1912 For permission to hold a Stated Convocation in Odd Fellows Hall at East Weymouth.
- Feb. 23, 1912 To Holten Chapter for permission to appear in public on March 10 for the purpose of attending divine worship in commemoration of its Fortieth Anniversary.
- April 30, 1912 To Dorchester Chapter for permission to appear in public on Sunday, May 26, for the purpose of attending divine worship.

- Oct. 8, 1912 Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah to appear as a body for the purpose of attending divine worship on October 13.
- Mar. 25, 1912 To Cambridge Chapter for permission to hold a special election of Secretary on April 12 to fill the vacancy caused by death.
- Apr. 30, 1912 To Mt. Zion Chapter for permission to hold a special election, at a Stated Conclave, of Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by death.
- Sept. 3, 1912 To Dorchester Chapter for permission to receive the application of a Brother at the Regular Convocation in September and ballot upon the same, waiving the statutory time.
- Oct. 14, 1912 To Wareham Chapter for permission to confer the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master in the Masonic Hall at Falmouth October 18.

VISITATIONS

As a District Deputy I learned the value of formal visits to Chapters, especially when accompanied by large suites of officers. As Grand High Priest I have found nothing that I could do so stimulating to the Chapters as a personal visit, under proper conditions, after invitation, and accompanied by other Grand officers. Therefore, although often at great sacrifice, I have accepted invitation to and attended every Chapter not visited by me in the previous two years, sending always (as before) notice of such proposed visits (with invitation to attend) at least two weeks in advance to every Grand officer, permanent member of the Grand Chapter, High Priest, King and Scribe of every Chapter, and also to some four hundred or more Past High Priests in the sections to be visited.

During the past year I have made formal visits to 37 Chapters in all parts of the Commonwealth, including 11 Home Chapters of Grand officers; presided over 6 Grand Chapter Convocations (4 regular and 2 constitutions of new Chapters); and attended also as Grand High Priest officially on 12 other occasions, in all 55, speaking at all except 5.

The complete record of the three years of my service is as follows :—

	Chapter Visits	Grand Chapter Convocations				Miscel- laneous	Totals
1910	38	6 (2 constitutions of new Chapters)				14	58
1911	27	5 (1	"	"	"	8	40
1912	37	6 (2	"	"	"	12	55
Total,	102	17				— Grand — 34	Total 153

I have visited 4 Chapters 4 times each ; 4 Chapters 3 times each ; 7 Chapters twice each ; and all the rest of the 82 Chapters in Massachusetts at least once each.

Of the different Chapters I visited	33 in 1910
	17 in 1911
	32 in 1912
Total	82

In making these visits I travelled over 13,960 miles.

The burden of these visits was greatly increased by the necessity for making on each occasion two or even three formal addresses ; that is, on reception, with introduction of members of suite ; after close of work or entertainment in Chapter hall, and often later also at banquet, once being called upon four times. As in previous years, I have appended hereto some of the more important of such addresses made during the year, viz :

On receiving flag presented by Past High Priests of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter to the Chapter, East Boston, March 22.

Address on "The Meaning and Symbolism of Capitular Masonry," delivered before twenty Chapters.

Address before the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, September 5.

LIST OF VISITATIONS, 1912

Dec. 18, 1911 Pilgrim Royal Arch Chapter, Abington.
 O. D. Dickerman, High Priest.
 50th anniversary Home Chapter of R.: E.:
 Alfred H. Nash, Grand Scribe.

- Dec. 27, 1911 Grand Lodge of Masons. Feast of St. John.
M.: W.: Everett C. Benton, Grand Master.
- Jan. 5, 1912 Mt. Zion Royal Arch Chapter, Stoughton.
Arthur W. Chase, High Priest.
Installation of officers, assisted by E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- Jan. 10, 1912 Orient Council Royal and Select Masters, Somerville. Reception by Home Council to M.: I.:
Edgar W. Evans, M.: I.: Grand Master.
- Jan. 19, 1912 Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, Boston.
Jesse Ames, Eminent Commander. Ladies' Night.
- Jan. 24, 1912 Woburn Royal Arch Chapter, Woburn.
Benjamin Lewis, High Priest.
Public Installation, assisted by E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer. Home Chapter of E.: Benjamin T. Morgan, Grand Master of First Veil.
- Jan. 26, 1912 De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, Boston. Charles W. Kidder, Eminent Commander, Boston. Ladies' Night.
- Feb. 9, 1912 Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea.
Martin J. Pleschinger, High Priest.
- Feb. 14, 1912 Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter, New Bedford.
Merton L. Hathaway, High Priest.
- Feb. 22, 1912 Constitution of Bethsaida Royal Arch Chapter, Everett.
Charles Bruce, High Priest.
- Feb. 29, 1912 North Star Royal Arch Chapter, Winchendon.
Robert D. Tees, High Priest.
- Mar. 6, 1912 St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston.
Frederick C. Graves, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer.
- Mar. 7, 1912 Constitution of Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter, North Attleborough.
F. I. Gorton, High Priest.
- Mar. 10, 1912 Funeral services R.: E.: Herbert F. Morse, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Roxbury.

- Mar. 11, 1912 Trinity Royal Arch Chapter, Amesbury.
George Maclean, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: George E. Collins,
District Deputy Grand High Priest.
- Mar. 14, 1912 King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, Newburyport.
Herbert E. Dodge, High Priest.
- Mar. 19, 1912 Newton Royal Arch Chapter, Newtonville.
Richard W. Vose, High Priest.
- Mar. 21, 1912 Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, Bridgewater.
Walter S. Little, High Priest.
- Mar. 25, 1912 St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, East Boston.
Albert B. Chick, High Priest.
Home Chapter of E.: Herbert P. Wasgatt,
Grand Principal Sojourner. Received flag pre-
sented to the Chapter by Past High Priests.
- April 2, 1912 Tyrian Royal Arch Chapter, Millbury.
J. Ralph Reeby, High Priest.
- April 4, 1912 Samoset Royal Arch Chapter, Plymouth.
Edward C. Holmes, High Priest.
- April 11, 1912 King Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, Attleborough.
Elmer E. King, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Clarence M. Dunbar,
District Deputy Grand High Priest for 3d District
- April 16, 1912 Union Royal Arch Chapter, Athol.
Edwin H. Johnson, High Priest.
- April 17, 1912 St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, Quincy.
William H. Parry, High Priest.
- April 25, 1912 Boston Council Royal and Select Masters.
T.: I.: M.: E. H. Lansing.
- May 1, 1912 Doric Royal Arch Chapter, Southbridge.
H. C. Grimwade, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Arthur C. Moore,
District Deputy Grand High Priest for 4th
District.
- May 2, 1912 Royal Arch Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown.
De Melle C. Garey, High Priest.
- May 3, 1912 Pentucket Royal Arch Chapter, Haverhill.
A. Shirley Ladd, High Priest.

- May 6, 1912 Hampden Royal Arch Chapter, Palmer
Emerson J. Loy, High Priest.
- May 9, 1912 Mystic Royal Arch Chapter, Medford.
Thomas Jackson, High Priest.
Home Chapter of M.: E.: J. Gilman Waite,
Grand Secretary and E.: L. L. Green, Grand
Lecturer.
- May 10, 1912 Satucket Royal Arch Chapter, Brockton.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: William H. Emerson,
District Deputy Grand High Priest for 7th Dis-
trict and E.: George A. Warren, Grand Master
of 2d Veil and High Priest.
- May 17, 1912 Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter, Springfield.
Ernest F. Spicer, High Priest.
- May 24, 1912 Exemplification for 8th District with Royal
Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle, Malden.
R.: E.: William Wooldridge, District Deputy
Grand High Priest and E.: L. L. Green, Grand
Lecturer.
- May 27, 1912 Isle of the Sea Royal Arch Chapter, Nantucket.
William F. Worth, High Priest.
- May 31, 1912 St. Elmo Royal Arch Chapter, Whitinsville.
John H. Brannigan, High Priest.
- June 7, 1912 Exemplification for 13th District, Waltham, with
Waltham Royal Arch Chapter. R.: E.: Arthur
Twitchell, District Deputy Grand High Priest
and E.: L. L. Green, Grand Lecturer.
- June 18, 1912 Menotomy Royal Arch Chapter, Arlington.
Bert Houghton, High Priest.
- June 19, 1912 Monument Royal Arch Chapter, Great Barring-
ton. Albert L. Barnes, High Priest.
- June 20, 1912 Berkshire Royal Arch Chapter, Pittsfield.
Frank J. Barrett, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: James O. Clifford,
D.D. Grand High Priest for 10th District.
- June 28, 1912 Past High Priest's Association for 1st Capitular
District, R.: E.: James S. Blake, President;
Point Shirley Club, Annual Meeting.

- June 29, 1912 Sylvester Baxter Royal Arch Chapter, West
Harwich.
Arthur M. Nichols, High Priest.
Home Chapter of R.: E.: Francis H. Perry,
District Deputy Grand High Priest for 12th
District.
- July 6, 1912 Past High Priest's Association for 8th Capitular
District, E.: Frederick A. Flint, President;
Point Shirley Club.
- July 18, 1912 Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, Fall River.
Annual Clambake (informal).
- Sept. 5, 1912 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsyl-
vania, Philadelphia. Quarterly Convocation.
- Sept. 12, 1912 Amherst Royal Arch Chapter U.: D.: Amherst.
Charles H. Rumery, High Priest.
- Sept. 18, 1912 William Ferson Royal Arch Chapter, Gloucester.
George V. Fisher, High Priest.
Home Chapter of E.: Monson L. Wetherell,
Grand Steward.
- Sept. 20, 1912 Crescent Royal Arch Chapter, Orange.
Charles L. Gray, High Priest.
- Oct. 16, 1912 Mt. Holyoke Royal Arch Chapter, Holyoke.
Edward T. Newton, High Priest.
- Dec. 9, 1912 Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, M.: I.:
Edgar W. Evans, Grand Master. Reception to
M.: P.: J. Albert Blake, General Grand Master
of the General Grand Council of the United
States.

The largest suite on any visitation was 58, at Springfield.

The largest attendances were 500, at Washington Chapter, Salem, on its hundredth anniversary, and 475 at St. Paul's Chapter, Boston, on reception of Travelling Triangle. Out of the 82 Chapters in Massachusetts, 62 have been honored during the past three years by holding Grand offices, elective or appointive. Of the twenty remaining 6 are new Chapters, leaving only 14 unprovided for, temporarily.

ATTENDANCE AT GRAND CHAPTER

Not a single Chapter has incurred the penalty of the law for non-attendance at Grand Chapter Convocations. On the contrary, sixteen Chapters have been represented at every regular convocation during the past three years, namely :

Adoniram, New Bedford	Reading, Reading
Bancroft, Ayer	St. Mark's, Taunton
Concord, S. Framingham	St. Paul's, Boston
Keystone, Foxborough	St. Stephen's, Quincy
King Hiram, Attlebor'gh	Tabernacle, Walden
Menotomy, Arlington	Waverly, Melrose
Mystic, Medford	Woburn, Woburn
Norfolk, Hyde Park	Worcester, Worcester

Bethsaida, of Everett, alone of the new Chapters, has been represented at every convocation since institution.

Twenty-one other Chapters have been absent one convocation only during the three years.

Nine Chapters have missed all three convocations so far this year.

AS TO MORE CHAPTERS

With the membership in Blue Lodges growing so rapidly, some of the Chapters are also growing very large, too large and unwieldy properly to conserve the best Masonic interests of their communities ; too large to have even their own members meet together in comfort on special occasions ; and within a few years they should wisely take action themselves, within their own numbers, and, as a loving mother for a beloved child, to form new Chapters.

Several of the larger Chapters are in mill towns, where local conditions may be at present adverse. But in Springfield I doubt very much whether Morning Star Chapter, with 702 members, in a city of homes, with over 90,000 population, with all the best efforts of able and efficient officers who are devoted to the Rite, can possibly properly give the service to which such a rich and

thriving city is fairly entitled. One black ball in that great city will keep any man out of the Chapter! They added 43 new members this year; many more applied.

As I have heretofore repeatedly urged upon this Chapter, I would again ask their careful attention to this matter, that they themselves organize and wisely foster a new Chapter in Springfield within the next few years; a daughter who, in time to come, will worthily share in the proud and honorable history and traditions of the Ancient Mother Chapter. One large Chapter is better on many accounts than two weak ones, but in my opinion two good Chapters will better serve a large community, as in Worcester, than any single Chapter, no matter how large.

LETTERS TO DEPUTIES AND CHAPTERS

On January 15 I issued to the fifteen District Deputy Grand High Priests a full letter of instruction, substantially as in previous years (*vide* page 104, Proceedings 1910; page 99, Proceedings 1911).

On March 30 I issued the following letter to the Chapters, to be read in Chapter session. It speaks for itself:—

To the Royal Arch Chapter of the Obedience of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

GREETING

The following errors are noted in the Annual Report of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1911:—

1. Page 44. List of Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

R.· E.· John L. Stone, of Marlborough, is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, instead of R.· E.· Frank E. Wing.

2. Page 129. Auditing Committee.

E.· William Martin, of Winchester, was appointed on this Committee, December, 1910, in place of E.· James S. Blake, who was at that time appointed D.· D.· G.· H.· P.· for the 1st District.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

M.· E.· Frederick T. Comee, Past Grand High Priest, is hereby appointed "Committee on Foreign Correspondence," in place of M.· E.·

J. Gilman Waite, who resigned January 24, 1912, after reappointment, after fourteen years' faithful service.

Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

The names of the following have been forwarded for appointment : —

E. . Edward P. Hatch, of Newtonville, for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, in place of R. . E. . James Downs, of Natick, deceased.

R. . E. . David T. Montague, of Somerville, for the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, in place of R. . E. . Herbert F. Morse, deceased.

E. . Charles W. Godfrey, of Fitchburg, for the Grand Chapter of Utah, in exchange of courtesies.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER BANNER

To consider and report to the Grand Chapter as to adopting a Chapter banner : —

M. . E. . Warren B. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest.

E. . George C. Thacher, High Priest of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston.

E. . Lewis M. Witherell, Past High Priest of St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter, Taunton. (Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, 3d District.)

PAST DEGREE

Recently hearing that in a large Chapter near Boston the Past Degree had been worked in a riotous manner, I cited the High Priest before me to show cause why charges should not be preferred against him for violation of his oath of office in permitting such actions. He pleaded ignorance of the law, as his principal excuse. He is now on probation, and a Grand officer will attend every meeting of his Chapter. In order that no other High Priest, nor any officer, nor member of any Chapter within this Commonwealth, may hereafter plead such ignorance, your attention is called to the following : —

By-Laws of Grand Chapter, page 53 of "Grand Constitution and Digest," edition 1902.

"Standard work : Every Chapter shall practise the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter and exemplified by the Grand Lecturers. The ritual of the degree of Past Master shall be confined exclusively to the text as laid down by the Grand Chapter, and shall be conferred without any intermission or interruption in the order of progression. In the Royal Arch Degree the candidates for exaltation shall be under the exclusive control of the proper officers and without interference by any other person. Any Chapter wilfully violating these provisions shall be subject to discipline."

As Grand High Priest, endeavoring to obey the laws, and believing, as I do, that such actions, like millstones, have weighed down the Capitular

Rite for many years, and to a large degree destroyed its dignity and influence, I ask your co-operation to utterly stamp out this evil. Such practices have driven away from us our best and most worthy ; they cater only to the unthinking and undesirable.

All High Priests will be held personally responsible for control of their Chapters at all times. During the working of the degree no outside interference, no motions of any kind, no roughness, undue levity or coarseness is to be permitted. There is just as much warrant for similar interruption in the very middle of the Most Excellent. Our beautiful Capitular Rite has lived, in spite of these terrible drawbacks ; relieved from their humiliations, it has a future of marvellous promise before it. Bear in mind always that only the officers can take part ; that no member, not even a Past High Priest as such, can interfere in the degree work at any time in the Past or Royal Arch Degrees.

Companions, let us bring our beautiful Rite up to the high standard it deserves, that it may indeed be the ancient "Holy Royal Arch." Let us work all our degrees with as much dignity and solemnity as if they were church services ; let us forever eliminate everything unworthy of true Masonry ; let us strive to exemplify in the Chapter hall and in our lives and homes the sublime teachings of God that Masonry represents. Then shall our Great Temple be filled with the spirit of true worship and the blessing of God rest upon us.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
Grand High Priest.

Boston, March 30, 1912.

Late in August I called further attention to the subject by issuing the following letter to the Chapters : —

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

Office of the Grand High Priest

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts :

In the spring a circular letter was sent to every Chapter referring to a violation of the By-Laws (Page 53) relating to the Past Degree.

I regret that I have good reason to believe that several Chapters have been at fault in the same manner, and have permitted serious variations from the Ritual.

To make the position of the Grand Chapter perfectly clear, every District Deputy Grand High Priest is hereby instructed : —

To exercise special supervision over the Chapters in his District on all workings of the Past and Royal Arch Degrees, and

Upon any violation of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, even in the slightest matter, if it involve making of motions or any unauthorized participation by members, at once to refer the matter to the Grand High Priest, with such particular information as will enable charges to be made against the High Priest presiding, and also to procure and bring to the Grand High Priest the Charter of the offending Chapter, for action by the Grand Chapter.

By order of

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE,
Grand High Priest.



ATTEST :

J. GILMAN WAITE,
Grand Secretary.

After all this I learned recently, with regret, that an old and large Chapter some fifty miles from Boston had always used, and was now using, a Master's hat in the Past Degree, although scrupulously observing all other requirements of the Grand Chapter. After summons to the High Priest and hearing, this Chapter, to save suspension of its Charter, has promised in writing, through its High Priest, never again to infringe the law even in its slightest particulars.

All other Chapters may well bear in mind that the use of the hat is absolutely forbidden in Chapters at all times as well as all unusual forms of paraphernalia in the Royal Arch.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Receiving a cordial invitation from M.: E.: Grand High Priest John Lynch to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire on May 14th, I was unable to attend, and R.: E.: David T. Montague, Grand King, and R.: E.: Alfred H. Nash, Grand Scribe, went in my stead, reporting a warm welcome and generous hospitality.

On the same day the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut was also held, to which I was also invited by M.: E.: George R. Morris, Grand High Priest. The Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: Charles H. Preston, attended

in my place and was received with greetings of respect and warm affection.

In August I attended an informal outing given by M.: E.: Herbert Bliss, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, at Newport, R. I., when some thirty-five members of the Grand Chapter were present. The Massachusetts delegation was received and entertained royally.

On September 5th I visited the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania in quarterly session, accompanied by M.: E.: Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest, and E.: A. P. Calder, Grand Royal Arch Captain. We were received by M.: E.: A. G. Criswell Smith, Grand High Priest, and party of Grand officers, taken in autos to Valley Forge, and over the Reservation. We placed a wreath brought for the purpose from Massachusetts at the Massachusetts tablet to her dead; also, another wreath in the name of this Grand Chapter at the grave of Franklin, in Philadelphia. We were entertained at dinner at the Art Club, attended a banquet at six, were introduced to the members of the Grand Chapter at an informal reception, and, later, formally in full session. The hospitality and fraternal care of our Pennsylvania Companions were overwhelming in thoughtful courtesy.

I sincerely hope that the Masonic relations between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts may become as closely cordial as the sincerity of our recent visits to each other presages.

GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Owing to the date of our September Quarterly Convocation coming on the same day as that of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States (September 10) none of the Grand Council were able to attend, but a large delegation of Past Grand High Priests went to Indianapolis from Massachusetts.

Past Grand High Priest J. Albert Blake was elected General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and also M.: P.: General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, graceful and deserved tributes both to him and to Massachusetts.

DEPUTIES AND GRAND OFFICERS

To the District Deputy Grand High Priests who have labored with such exceeding zeal, to all the Grand officers who have served with me I give hearty and most grateful thanks.

Again I would commend to you E.: Edward P. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Host, for unequalled service in patient, generous loyalty; again I acknowledge in gratitude the eager response by hundreds of Chapter officers, past and present, to serve upon my suite at visitations.

The Deputies without exception report increased interest, attendance and enthusiasm among the Chapters, an awakening to a larger appreciation of the beauties and dignity of our Rite, more benefit and better results from annual exemplifications; not one reports weakness (except that one protests the election of an inefficient High Priest); many of them have been extremely painstaking in their care of their districts, visiting every Chapter several times during the year, and all accompanying the Grand High Priest on all visitations within their own districts, and on many outside. Every Deputy, I believe, has installed the officers of one or more Chapters in his district — a wonderful record.

The Grand Lecturers deserve your warmest appreciation and heartiest thanks, for they have carried on the work so well begun by their predecessors in equally loyal and unselfish manner, until today the degree work of the Chapters is quite uniform and accurate, and is dignified and impressive as rendered in every Chapter in the Commonwealth. They have proved indeed pillars of wisdom and strength to the Grand Chapter and Grand High Priest during my three-year term. To all the High Priests and officers of all the Chapters who, without exception, have received me as the official head of the Grand Chapter with exceeding courtesy and generous fraternity I am most grateful, for to me always hereafter Capitular Masonry will appear so much greater, stronger, richer; my soul is uplifted in keener appreciation of the grandeur of its high destiny.

Of the present Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near our Grand Chapter thirteen are Past High Priests who are not permanent members of the Grand Chapter. It seems to me

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that it would greatly conduce to increased attendance and interest in our Grand Chapter Convocations, in these later years of strength and activity, if these appointments were not given hereafter so largely to those who are already permanent members and therefore entitled by right to be called "R.: E.: Companion," but instead a larger number were given to earnest aspiring workers, among whom are the future officers and permanent members of this Grand Chapter.

For one, I am entirely willing to forego the honor that some deserving hard working District Deputy or Past High Priest may have it during the interval before he may be called to further service, and I therefore request the incoming Grand High Priest to recommend for appointment some one in my place.

During 1910 the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Kansas and New Zealand were not represented at any of the four convocations.

In 1911, South Carolina was so unrepresented.

In 1912, Georgia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota and Texas have not been represented at any of the three convocations so far held, but may be today.

Owing to the long illness, ending in the recent greatly regretted death, of Right Excellent Edward J. Sartelle, Wisconsin has not been represented at convocations for several years. The Grand Representatives of the following Grand Chapters have attended every convocation of this Grand Chapter during the years 1910, 1911, 1912 to date: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, Quebec.

The following missed one convocation only: Arizona, Delaware, Maine, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After my experience for three years as Grand High Priest I would earnestly and thoughtfully make the following recommendations to my successor, to the Chapters and to the Grand Chapter:

To my *successor*, in his wise discretion, I would recommend:

That, above all else, he be insistent in the enforcement of the laws relating to the Past and Royal Arch Degrees.

That he continue the card system at the door for all Grand Chapter Convocations.

That he continue to invite all Past High Priests and Secretaries to all Grand Chapter Convocations.

That he have annual exemplifications of two degrees in every district.

That he have occasional special exemplifications in the 10th and 12th Districts on account of the distances from Boston.

That he request the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe to visit in the spring, each year, such Chapters, not exceeding seven each, as may be assigned by the Grand High Priest, to the end that every Chapter in the Commonwealth may be visited at least once during each period of, say, five years, by a member of the Grand Council, in addition to the annual formal inspection in the fall by the District Deputy.

That he continue the division of the Commonwealth into at least fifteen districts, for the greater convenience and advantage of everybody concerned.

That he cause at least 800 copies of the Reports of Proceedings to be printed each year, that one copy may be sent to each Chapter for preservation for use by the members.

To the *Chapters* I would recommend :—

To pay more attention to the history and traditions of Masonry through addresses and lectures.

To work some degree at every Convocation, whether there be a candidate or not.

To appoint permanent committees on the degree lectures, and cause these lectures to be delivered often.

To lessen the cost of banquets by serving simple food only.

To establish permanent funds in every Chapter.

Always to maintain the sacred flag of our country displayed in the Chapter hall as a symbol of that loyalty that is one of the great attributes of a Mason.

To cause all Grand Chapter Convocations to be attended by Chapter officers for the benefit of the fraternal acquaintanceship made there, thus leading to more visits between Chapters and their members,—a result to be desired. To support your officers loyally

and with abiding zeal, for they are all, practically without exception, laboring most earnestly for the best interests of the institution.

To send copies of your notices of meetings more freely, as to all Grand officers in office, Past Grand High Priests, and as many High Priests of other Chapters as convenient, because such publicity will inevitably attract larger numbers of desirable visitors, and thus add to the value and dignity of our beautiful Capitular Rite.

To the *Grand Chapter* I recommend to enact into law the following:—

That every Chapter be required to have a duplicate Charter for current use.

That a committee be appointed by the Grand High Priest to draft a report to be submitted to the Grand Chapter prescribing the shape, form, colors and permissible symbols and other adornments of the Royal Arch apron to be worn in all Chapters under the obedience of this Grand Chapter in order that there may be proper uniformity.

That every Chapter be required to provide proper care for the Annual Reports of Proceedings.

That hereafter all Chapters purchasing new costumes or paraphernalia shall first submit designs therefor to the Grand High Priest and obtain his approval.

That every Past High Priest who has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for two full terms of one year each shall thereafter be entitled to the courtesy title of "Excellent Past Deputy" (or other distinctive title), with the right to receive notices of and attend all Grand Chapter Convocations, without, however, either voice or vote.

That (in courtesy to our Sister Grand Chapters several of whom grant their Grand Representatives the title of Right Excellent) all Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts while holding such appointment be given the courtesy title of Right Excellent Companion.

Further, because many of our Chapters are growing so large in the number of their members, because there is an increasing number of fraternal visits by Companions to other Chapters, and

because there is increasing abuse of these privileges, all tending to throw undue responsibility upon the Tylers, and further, because reports from the Chapters show quite uniform laxness in collection of dues, I strongly recommend the adoption of a regulation by this Grand Chapter substantially as follows :—

“ Every member of a subordinate Chapter, except honorary and life members, and such officers who are or may be exempted by the By-Laws of a subordinate Chapter from the payment of dues, shall pay to the Secretary of such subordinate Chapter of which he is a member the sum specified in the By-Laws to be paid annually by every member for the support of the Chapter, upon payment of which the Secretary of such subordinate Chapter shall, on the first day of January in each year, issue to him (as well as to each honorary and life member and officer as aforesaid) a ‘ good standing card ’ for the current year, which card must be shown to the Tyler before being admitted into any subordinate Chapter.”

The form of such card shall be substantially as follows :—

(Signature of member)	_____ ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
	OF

	This is to certify that Companion _____

	is a member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter
	and declared to be in good and regular standing during
	the year _____
	_____ Secretary.

The need of such legislation is clearly shown by the fact that the adoption of such a card system caused an immediate drop in attendance (by members behind in dues, unaffiliated, and others not entitled) to the number of over one hundred in one Masonic body in Boston alone. There is also no question but that it would

greatly lighten the work of secretaries, and assist to solve many present problems for Chapters. I am informed, and have reason to believe, that at the present time many former members of Chapters who have been suspended for non-payment of dues continue to visit other Chapters than their own, having formerly been vouched for. The proposed card would absolutely prevent such practices.

Further, because there is an increasing practice among Chapters, especially in the vicinity of Boston, of having their candidates worked by other Chapters, in order to shorten the time usually required to take all four degrees, and no records are now available as to the extent of this practice; and further believing it should be controlled by proper authority, I recommend *that* the Chapters be forbidden to work degrees upon candidates of other Chapters; unless a dispensation permitting such action shall be previously obtained from the Grand High Priest.

I further recommend: *That*, Chapters shall not, except under dispensation from the Grand High Priest, work any degrees outside of their own Chapter hall.

That the sum of five dollars shall be paid to the Grand Chapter, through the Grand Secretary, by Chapters for every dispensation obtained for any purpose, except for exemplifications, to use other halls in case of fire or repairs; or to hold elections to fill vacancies in office caused by death, all of which shall be issued without charge.

That the Grand Secretary shall report to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation each year a complete list of all dispensations issued during the year.

That every Chapter shall send to the Grand High Priest in office copies of all notices of Chapter meetings issued by it at the same time that they are sent to its own members.

Companions, the future of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts lies in your hands. You are worthily upholding the ancient faith of Washington, Franklin and Warren; you may well be proud of the high standards you maintain; you may well face the coming years with assured and abiding confidence. The great Temple you have builded stands upon solid rock, unshaken by the

tempest, mellowed and enriched by time, beautiful in the eyes of men for the sculptured stories of fraternal sacrifices, heroisms and self-denials of those who placed its ashlar, stone upon stone, until its reaching spires touch the blue arch of heaven. As Royal Arch Masons we are given a glorious task, to labor together in peace and harmony under the Royal Arch until the divine teachings of our ancient Craft shall speak through our lives of crystal clearness to the unsatisfied seekers of truth outside the veils, until all the thronging generations of men shall accept the Fatherhood of God in our mystic, wonderful Brotherhood of Man.

Realizing the irresistible world-embracing power of Masonry as a most potent force for bringing men of all conditions to an equality before its altar; its compelling influences for right living, affecting so strongly the lives of its millions of clean-souled, charity-working members; its beautiful ceremonies, so appealing in their ancient simplicity; its jealous care for the widow and orphan, so effective under the stars of night in silence and secrecy; its silent power for fraternal peace in every land and among all the nations; its untold and unknowable value in healing the wounds of fratricidal war; so realizing, I humble my soul before the glories of our mysteries; I see the Mystic Rainbow, as a Royal Arch of Promise, reflecting the golden splendor of the dawn, fateful symbol of the countless centuries of the destiny of our ancient Institution, yet awaiting the unfolding of the prescience of the Jehovah of the Chosen People, the Father, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, whose "path the whirlwind is, whose breath the storm." Even as Richard of the Lion Heart before Jerusalem, I would say to Masonry, glorious mistress of the hearts of men:

"O thou, more beautiful than all the dower
Of all the ages, yet more sad than fair,
Upon thine ancient throne in queenly wise
Still thou dost wait thy day; of amethyst
And sapphire is thy crown of hills; thy veil
The gold-spun glory of a thousand clouds."

From "Richard I before Jerusalem," Newdigate prize poem, Oxford, 1912, by William Chase Greene, Harvard-Rhodes Scholar.

Address on Receiving Flag

On receiving flag presented to St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, East Boston, by its Past High Priests, March 25, 1912.

Most Excellent High Priest Chick and Companions of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter:—

I thank you for this privilege, this proud and grateful privilege of receiving, on behalf of your loyal Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, this splendid and beautiful flag of our Country; this sacred and inspiring emblem of our Fatherland; this glorious symbol of the soul's highest aspirations in love of Country; this visible expression of the triumph of Liberty under Law; this wondrous flag of Freemen, which was baptized on the battlefields of the Revolution, under Washington, the dying sun casting upon its war worn, tattered fabric reflections of the coming glories of the centuries that yet lay in the hand of God.

Its defiant standard stood by Gen. Lincoln as he, in turn, the conquered become the conqueror, received the sword of Cornwallis; its starry folds flying free on the ships of Lawrence, Decatur and Paul Jones, as upheld by their gallantry and intrepid deeds of knightly daring, compelled the reluctant admiration of Britain's bravest; it waved over the decks of the brave old Constitution as she swept the seas, unconquered, the speaking symbol of our free, young American giant Nation, just awakening to the realization of its strength, its unlimited wealth of resources, its boundless capacities for good, its marvelous promise of opportunity to the weak and the oppressed of all the world.

Side by side with the Masonic Lone Star flag of Texas, it was caught up from the Alamo, to be borne across the mountains and valleys of Mexico to the ancient city of Montezuma; side by side with the "Bear Flag" of Fremont, at Sonoma, it was kissed, joyously and in happy omen, by the golden sunshine of California; carried by Whitman to the Oregon, an empire was won to its protecting care.

Nailed to the mast of the Hartford as she passed the forts, and of the Kearsarge as she met the Alabama ; with Hooker among the clouds at Lookout Mountain, with Sherman to the sea, with Sheridan on the Shenandoah, and with Grant at Appomattox ; *today* the last rays of the setting sun still linger lovingly on this flag of Empire drooping low above the roofs of Manila, where Dewey placed it, even as the first hurrying scarlet forerunner of Dawn leaps across the Atlantic surges, to the Caribbean Isles, to welcome the Stars and Stripes, flying where once the banner of Columbus and of Spain cast its ominous shadow ; sending its message of forgiveness—not of forgetting—to the flag nailed to the masthead of the “Maine” as, after fourteen years of waiting, she sinks gloriously to her honored grave in the ocean’s depths.

The story of the flag of the United States is the story of the Nation.

Its field of brilliant stars, representing our sovereign States, recalls also the glory and mystery of the constellations of God, ever silently revolving above us ; its blue reflects the azure of the heavenly arch, symbolizing the peace of immortality and the omnipotence of the Most High ; its scarlet stripes are dark with the life blood of heroes who died that we might have liberty ; its mystic white has been washed clean and pure by the tears of their widows and orphans ; weeping while a nation was born, was saved from itself, was won again and a race made free.

In my first year as Grand High Priest I earnestly recommended to all our Chapters to keep the National Flag always displayed in the Chapter Hall, believing that its presence would ever be an inspiration, its influence powerful to promote patriotism ; saying : “ If ever the angry heads of Anarchy and Disunion shall be raised to threaten the life of our great nation, in our ancient institution will be found one of the most important bulwarks of national defence, a most potent force of conservatism and unyielding loyalty, founded upon and growing out of its profound love and reverence for God, as the great architect of the Universe.”

Although the Grand Chapter of California has refused to recommend similar action, on account of the polyglot or cosmopolitan character of her population, I am confident that she is

wrong. Masonry, during its centuries of life, has ever meant **loyalty**, the loyalty of every member to his fellows, to his craft, to his country, and his country's flag, to his God.

In the ancient charges one of the first and important ones is "ye shall be true to the King." Remember, too, that no **Mason** is compelled even to conceal treason; so the flag of the country may well have its abiding-place, loved and honored, as the symbol of loyalty, in every Masonic body; its expressive eloquence of "God — our Country — Liberty" ever speaking to our very souls as we kneel, with humble and contrite hearts, before our holy altar. Massachusetts vies with California in the diverse origin of her people, yet in every Chapter within her borders that I have yet visited, 62 in number, I have found the Stars and Stripes displayed in honor, pride and reverence.

When, in a foreign land, our longing eyes see the red, white and blue of its dear remembered folds waving in the free air of Heaven, their message of home comes straight to the heart with a thrill that is almost ecstatic in its intensity, and we recall, with tears of grateful pride, the long records of heroic sufferings, sacrifices and deeds of valor they symbolize to us. Therefore, Excellent Companions, Past High Priests of St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, you do well to present, in generous affection and true patriotism, this splendid and costly banner to your Chapter.

With grateful, thankful and rejoicing hearts we accept it, vowing anew our lives' allegiance, pledging, as did our fathers a century and more ago, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to its service, upholding and defence; our loyalty to Masonry strengthened by its silent yet eloquent presence.

Recalling its manifold glories and beauties, may we not well say, with Drake,

"When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night
And set the stars of glory there;
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldrick of the skies;
And striped its pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light.

**“Flag of the free hearts’ hope and home
By angel hands to valor given,
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us,
With Freedom’s soil beneath our feet
And Freedom’s banner streaming o’er us!”**

Address Delivered in 1911-12

The Meaning and Symbolism of Capitular Masonry

The following address was delivered by Grand High Priest Burrage in 1911-1912, before Royal Arch Chapters at Lowell, Chicopee Falls, Hyde Park, Cambridge, Ipswich, Stoughton, West Harwich, New Bedford, Amesbury, Newburyport, Winchendon, Athol, Pittsfield, Great Barrington, Nantucket, Southbridge, Haverhill, Millbury, Whitinsville and Palmer.

Most Excellent High Priest, Companions of Royal Arch Chapter, and Friends:—

Here in the East of your Chapter Hall, before the Scarlet banner of Zeal that so fitly symbolizes our beautiful Capitular Rite, as we review that splendid pageant of unselfish deeds of fraternity that represents the centuries-old story of Masonry, may we not well pause for a moment, to recall the meaning of the lessons, the significance of the heart appeals in the teachings of God, that in all our degrees keep equal step with the unfolding of the mysteries? For is it not true, my Companions, that if we fail to obtain substantial benefit in the strengthening of our moral principles as the impressive panorama of our degrees passes slowly before our eyes, it is because we leave at the threshold of the Chapter Hall, and do not carry into our homes and lives, those sublime truths of Charity, obedience to the laws of God, and reverence for His Great and Holy Name that are so powerfully presented to us in these mystic rites?

Does not the ancient lesson of the "Mark," in its limpid clearness and beautiful simplicity, stamp upon your soul, as with a heated die of brass, the true meaning of Charity, the glory of that star that is gleaming so radiantly above the new Masonic Home on the hill at Charlton to illumine the whole Commonwealth? Do you not bend low your heads in adoration of the Most High, as with humble and contrite hearts you witness the magnificent ceremonial of the Most Excellent?

And, when at last, as a Royal Arch Companion, you write your name "under the keystone," do you not, in the depths of your heart, renew your vows to endeavor to make your own character as pure, clean, and white as its mystic, virgin whiteness?

In ancient Persian writings we read,

" God will not seek thy race,
Nor will he ask thy birth;
Alone will he demand of thee,
What hast thou done on earth? "

Masonry assists you to answer that question, and in its abiding influence for good, among all its intimate and compelling companionships, has for generations, aye for many centuries, justified its existence. Its essential attribute is **character**, and therefore in its insistent calls to the Soul of Man lie its value as well as its charm.

So, were the Royal Arch Degree alone all of Capitular Masonry, it would still grip the hearts of its followers by its appeal, for, does it not contain the most powerful sermon against profanity to which man ever listened? Who is there among us who has not thrilled with the sublimity, the clear-cut intensity of its teachings? Not long ago, in a western city, three hundred men, at a meeting, agreed to give up the use of profane language. We know they were Masons; we believe they must have been Chapter Masons; taught in the Chapter, with all its beauty, power and impressiveness, to reverence the Sacred Name of God.

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A few years ago, late one summer afternoon, I heard the quick double explosions of the powder mills at Acton, twenty-five miles distant, where several men were blown to fragments. The next day, at Concord, four miles away, there came slowly fluttering down on the stones of the prison yard at the Reformatory a charred fragment of a leaf from a pocket Bible, containing, in part, that magnificent inspired prose poem in the last Chapter of Ecclesiastes, so dear and so familiar to every Mason.

* * * "In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble * * * and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low, * * * or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." The Right Excellent Companion who received this leaflet from the explosion has always believed that it came from the very person of one of the victims. May we not, as Masons, recall the mystic allusions in those brilliant word images, for to us, as Masons, "the keepers of the house are the shoulders, arms and hands of the human body; the grinders are the teeth; those that look out of the windows are the two eyes; the doors are the lips; the streets are the mouth; the sound of grinding is the noise of the voice; the voice of the bird is the crowing of the cock; the daughters of music are the two ears; the silver cord is the string of the tongue; the golden bowl is the *pia mater* (the membrane enclosing the brain and spinal cord); the pitcher at the fountain is the heart, the fountain of life; the wheel is the great artery; and the cistern is the left ventricle of the heart."

Oliver.

Remembering the glories of our ancient craft, may we not reverently say

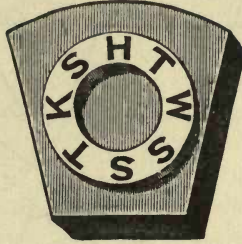
"The burning bush is multiplied
A thousand fold to-day;
The smile of God is on the hills,
The peace for which men pray."

Bottsford.

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Masonry has absorbed, or taken to itself, a marvelous wealth of symbols and emblems that, in their history, represent the highest aspirations of many ancient nations and religions. We have time to consider a few only, belonging to the Chapter.

Fig. 1



Keystone

While in olden certificates of membership the Companion was recited as having "written his name under the keystone," the keystone (Fig. 1) with all its beauty and significance, as wrought to perfection by the engraver's chisel, is surpassed as a Chapter symbol by the combined Circle, Triangle, and Triple Tau (Fig. 2), which are the true emblems of Royal Arch Masonry. All three are ancient symbols of religious faith, used in forgotten ages at the dawn of civilization, when man first emerged from the savage state, to symbolize eternity, immortality and the Deity.

Fig. 2

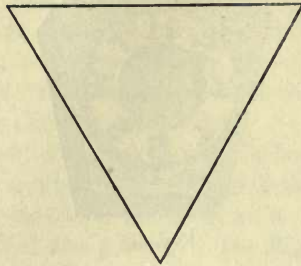


Circle, Triangle and Triple Tau

For the circle was originally the snake, with its tail in its mouth, having neither beginning nor end, or eternity, and therefore also properly symbolizes the Almighty Father, who has neither beginning nor end of days.

The equilateral triangle was originally the trowel. It represented the greatest and most abstruse mysteries, signifying equally the Deity, Creation and fire. Upon it were taken the most solemn

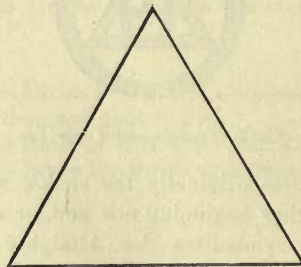
Fig. 3



Water Triangle

obligations — The Water Triangle, being the triangle inverted, resting on its point (Fig. 3) represented the good, kind and merciful God. The Fire Triangle, resting on its base (Fig. 4), represented the just and angry God. Because of its three equal sides, and therefore equal angles, the equilateral triangle was in ancient Masonry, particularly the symbol of the Trinity; today it represents to Royal Arch Masons the three equal essential attributes of God, Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence. The five pointed star or Pentalfa (Fig. 5, five alphas or A's) is the Pentangle of Pythagoras, an ancient symbol of health, and re-

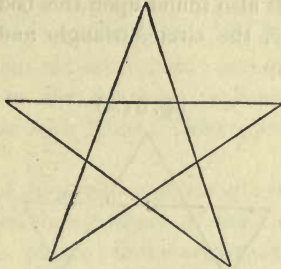
Fig. 4



Fire Triangle

fers to the five points of fellowship. The banner of Texas, the Lone Star State, bears this Masonic five pointed star, which was

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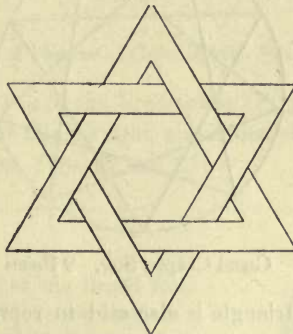


Pentalpha. 5 Points

adopted because of its Masonic associations. The Chapter, or Companion's jewel, the six-pointed Star (Fig. 6) and (Fig. 6 A) is a double triangle, formed by placing the water triangle upon and interlacing with the fire triangle. It is called the shield of David, or the seal of Solomon, and is the symbol of the perfect Godhead in all His attributes and works. As an ancient Christian symbol it represented the two natures of Jehovah, the God-man.

This six pointed star or double triangle is one of the most striking and beautiful symbols belonging to Royal Arch Masonry.

Fig. 6

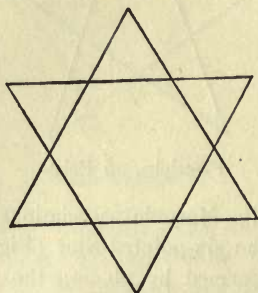


Solomon's Seal. 6 Points

In ancient Chapters, as a symbol of Deity, it was wrought into the carpet before the High Priest, and may be found as the special

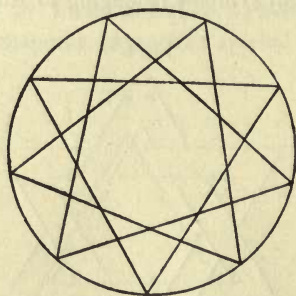
symbol of Royal Arch Masonry on the collars of officers in almost every Chapter. It is also found upon the body of the Apron of Royal Arch Masons, the circle, triangle and Triple Tau being wrought upon the lap.

Fig. 6 (A)



The Grand Chapter jewel, or star of nine points, is formed of three triangles, interlaced (Fig. 7) and was formerly a mystical symbol of health, and therefore of prosperity.

Fig. 7



Grand Chapter Star. 9 Points

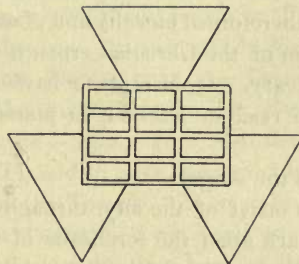
The equilateral triangle is also said to represent perfect friendship; the base a duty; one side, sincerity of performance, the other the advantages arising from such performance.

Because the triangle, like the circle, has neither beginning nor end, it is also a symbol of eternity. In Hindu mythology the

three sides of the sacred triangle referred to the Sacred Triad ; to Brahma, the Creator, who, clad in robes of blue, sits in the East to represent the rising sun ; to Vishnu, the Preserver, who sits in the West to represent the setting sun ; and to Siva, the dread Destroyer, who sits in the South to represent the meridian sun. Brahma corresponds with Time ; Vishnu with Water ; Siva with Fire.

The three sides of the equilateral triangle refer also to the sacred number three ; to the three officers of the Council ; three degrees in the lodge ; three pillars ; three ornaments ; three great lights and three lesser ; three movable and three immovable jewels ; three rounds to Jacob's ladder ; three ancient Grand Masters ; three principal tenets, and innumerable other similar threes.

Fig. 8



Jewel of Member of Order of High Priesthood

The triple triangle and the breastplate (Fig. 8) is properly the jewel of an anointed High Priest, a member of the Order of High Priesthood (*vide* also Figs. 22 and 23). *

* NOTE — The seal of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania is a very beautiful illustration of the symbolism of the triangle. It is a triple triangle, and each side is given its proper value.



Tau is the last character in the Hebrew alphabet, also a letter in the Greek alphabet. The Tau Cross (Fig. 9), as a symbol, originated on the banks of the Nile, where it was customary, from

Fig. 9



Tau Cross

time immemorial, to mark the height of the annual life-preserving flood by a movable float on an upright pole. From the certainty of that annual overflow this symbol easily became adopted as the emblem of certainty; therefore of eternity and of an All-ruling power.

Later, in the form of the Christian cross, it was sanctified and consecrated on Calvary. It is said to have been the "mark" (Tau) of which we read in Ezekiel as placed upon those who hated idolatry.

The Lord said to the Angel:

"Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

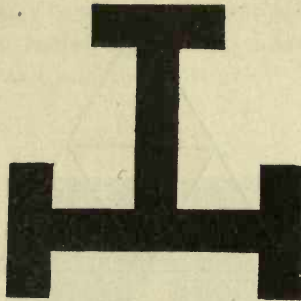
And to the avenging Angel he said,

"Slay utterly * * * but come not near any man upon whom is the mark."

This mark of Tau or Tau Cross was in ancient times set on those who were acquitted by their judges, as a proof of their innocence; and military commanders caused it to be placed on those who returned unhurt from battle, for it was ever deemed a symbol of life.

Tau was also the monogram of Thoth, the symbolical name of hidden wisdom among the Egyptians, and the Druids consecrated trees by cutting Tau crosses in their bark. In its form Tau also represents the Mason's level.

Fig. 10

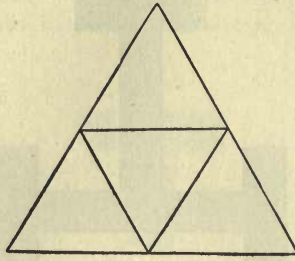


Triple Tau

As Tau is a symbol of Deity, so the **Triple Tau** (Fig. 10) was in ancient Masonry, particularly a symbol of the Trinity. It is said also to represent the three jewels, or T Squares, of our three original Grand Masters. It also stands for the initial letters T and H of **Templum Hierosolymae**, the Temple of Jerusalem. It also represents the mystical union of Father and Son; H — Jehovah; T — cross — Son. It is also the monogram of Hiram of Tyre (H and T), said to have been used by him as his “mark” at the building of the Temple. It was also used by both Hindu and Hebrew as a “mark” to set apart the elect, and, when the wrath of the Lord slew the first born of the Egyptians, this was the protecting sign upon the houses of the Israelites, made by command of Moses, by striking with blood the two side posts and upper door posts of the dwelling; it is therefore used by Royal Arch Masons to designate those set apart or consecrated, or those who know the true name of God.

The triple Tau is also sometimes called “*Clavis ad Thesaurum*,” “a key to a treasure,” for it has still further and peculiar significance to the Royal Arch Mason. In former days there were six lights in a Chapter; the three great lights arranged in a large triangle, with the apex to the East, the three lesser in a small triangle bisecting the three sides of the larger, forming four equilateral triangles (Fig. 11), symbolizing the four degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, and Holy Royal Arch.

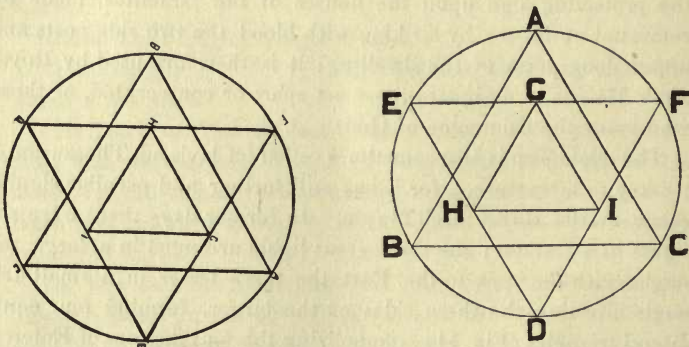
Fig. 11



Great Lights. Lesser Lights

This symbolical arrangement corresponds to the mysterious **triple Tau**, **⚡** which has two right angles at each of its exterior lines, and **⚡** two others at their union in the centre, in all eight — corresponding to the four triangles, for the three interior angles of every triangle are together equal to two right angles, the sum of the right angles of the four triangles being eight. Therefore, every triangle resolved into its elements, or value in right angles, = **⚡** (Triple Tau). With the aid of the triple Tau as a key **⚡** therefore we read the ancient Chapter jewel (Fig. 12) as forming, by its intersections, a given number of angles ;

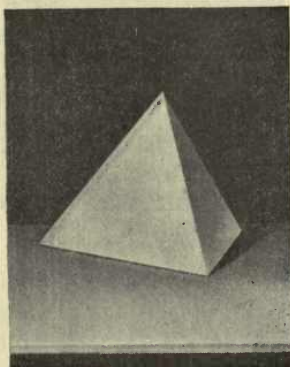
Fig. 12



Companion's Jewel

these may be taken in five combinations, which, reduced or resolved to their amount in right angles, will be found equal to the five regular Platonic bodies, representing the four elements, Fire, Air, Earth, Water and also the Universe.* That is, the small

Fig. 13

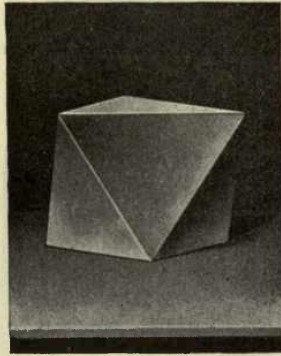


Tetrahedron

triangle, G. H. I. resolved into its elements = 4 equilateral triangles = **⏏** (Triple Tau) = 8 right angles. These are equal to those **⏏** contained in a solid body called the Tetrahedron (Fig. 13), contained under four equilateral triangles, each of whose solid angles is formed by the union of three plane acute angles, and on account of its lightness as well as its acute and pyramidal form, represents the Platonic element of **FIRE**.

* NOTE — The Platonic theory was, that the Universe itself, as well as its subordinate parts, both animate and inanimate, were created by the Deity from the Four elements—Fire, Air, Water and Earth. It was conceived according to this theory that all created matter must be both visible and tangible. Now, considering Fire as the source of light, it is plain that nothing can be visible without it; and since nothing can be tangible but what is solid, and that the earth is the most properly solid of all the four elements, therefore all created matter was constituted of Fire and Earth.

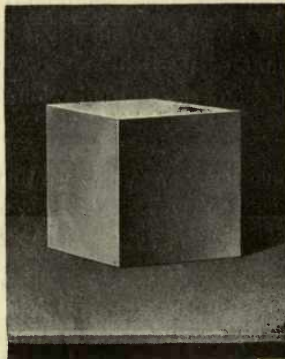
Fig. 14



Octahedron

So the two larger triangles, water and fire (A. B. C. and D. E. F.) resolved = 2 **T** (Triple Tau) = 16 right angles, equal in amount to those **T** contained in the solid body called an Octahedron (Fig. 14), contained under eight equilateral triangles, each solid angle formed by the union of four plane acute angles, and being next in lightness and acuteness to the Tetrahedron, represents the Platonic element of **AIR**.

Fig. 15

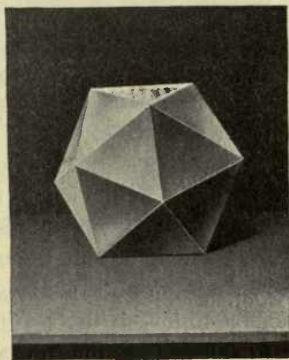


Cube

The two larger and small central triangles, resolved, = 3 Γ (Triple Tau) = 16 right angles, equal in amount to those Γ contained in the Cube (Fig. 15), a solid body contained by six equal squares, each solid angle formed by the union of three plane right angles. This body being next most substantial in form, as well as firmest and most immovable on its base, represents the platonic element of **EARTH**.

So D. E. F., the water triangle, divided into four equilateral triangles and together with the triangle A. B. C., resolved = 5 Γ (Triple Tau) = 40 right angles, equal in amount to those Γ contained in the Icosahedron (Fig. 16), a solid body bounded

Fig. 16

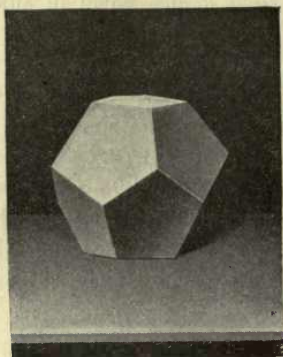


Icosahedron

by 20 equal equilateral triangles, each solid angle formed by the union of five plane acute angles. This body being the heaviest of the solids contained by triangles, and next in weight to the Cube, represents the Platonic element of **WATER**.

The six small triangles around the circumference together with the small central triangle G. H. I., resolved = 7 Γ (Triple Tau) = 56 right angles. Add the value of the 12 Γ external angles of the six triangles = 16 right angles, making in all 72 right angles, equal in amount to those contained in the Dodecahedron (Fig. 17), a solid body contained by 12 equal equilateral

Fig. 17



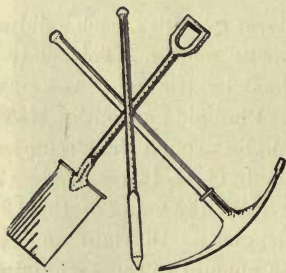
Dodecahedron

pentagons, each solid angle formed by the union of three plane obtuse angles. This body being nearest to a sphere, represents the fifth Platonic body, or the **UNIVERSE**.

Therefore, not only do we have represented, geometrically, in the Companion's jewel, as read by the aid of the Triple Tau, the four elements, **FIRE, AIR, EARTH** and **WATER**, and also the **UNIVERSE**, but it further symbolizes eternity, immortality, and above all, the sacred name of God, the Father Almighty.

As we use the Pickaxe to loosen the earth, the Crowbar as a lever, and the Shovel to clear away the rubbish, so spiritually, the

Fig. 18



Pickaxe, Crowbar and Shovel

stroke of the Pick reminds us of the last trump, when the grave shall give up its dead ; the Crowbar points out the erect manner in which the body shall rise on that last day ; while the Shovel depicts the manner in which the body is laid in the grave ; all under the hope that the spirit shall rise to life eternal.

Fig. 19

Carbuncle LEVI	Topaz SIMEON	Ruby REUBEN
Diamond ZEBULON	Sapphire ISSACHAR	Emerald JUDAH
Amethyst GAD	Agate NAPHTALI	Hyacinth DAN
Jasper BENJAMIN	Onyx JOSEPH	Beryl ASHER

Arrangement of Ancient Jewish Breastplate

The twelve stones of the breastplate (Fig. 19) worn by the High Priest refer to the twelve tribes of Israel, namely, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph, Benjamin. It has been well said that "The number twelve is divine, and that thereby the Celestials are measured."

For there are twelve months in the year, twelve apostles, twelve signs in the Zodiac, twelve angels governing the signs, twelve superior gods and twelve inferior, twelve principal members of the body, and in ancient Masonry there were twelve original points of entrance, corresponding to the several tribes, as Reuben, opening ; Simeon, preparing ; Levi, report ; Judah, entrance ; Zebulun, prayer ; Issachar, circumambulation ; Dan, advancing ; Gad, obligation ; Asher, intrusting ; Naphtali, investment ; Joseph, N. E. Corner ; Benjamin, closing.

The twelve stones were sardius, or ruby, topaz, carbuncle, emerald, sapphire, diamond, hyacinth, agate, amethyst, beryl,

onyx, jasper. Each stone was cut with six facets or sides, making 72 in all, and upon each facet was engraved one of the 72 names of God.

One of the ancient names of God so engraved upon the breastplate was **Ja**, the Chaldean name for God, meaning "His essence in majesty incomprehensible." It is also a Hebrew word signifying "I am and shall be." It was written by the Jews, Jah, or Jehovah, and otherwise, Jevo, and Javo. In Latin it appears as Jove or Jupiter.

Deus, another name engraved, is the Latin word usually used to signify God.

Another form is **Bel**, a Syraic word signifying "Lord" or "Powerful."

In Chaldean, it appears as Bel-us, in Britain as Bel, or Belenus, Britain itself being called Velynys, the island of Bel; among the Goths as Balder; among the Sidonians as Baal or Beelzebub, and among the Caananites, as Baal, the Sun.

Theos, the Greek word for God, also was engraved upon the breastplate. **On**, an Egyptian word signifying "Father of All," was a fourth form. It was equivalent to Osiris. **On** was also the name of an Egyptian City called "House of the Sun." The Greeks called it Heliopolis or "City of the Sun." The original meaning of the word **On** was Sun. The Chaldeans had a god Oannes; the Philistines called their God Dagon.

In India **AUM** refers to the Deity in His triple capacity of Creator, Preserver, and Destroyer, or Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, originally referring to the heat, light and flame of the sun.

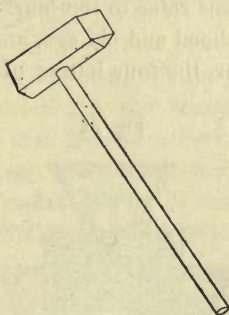
So the word Solomon is by some referred to as meaning the Sun, or Sun-king, in three different languages, Sol, Latin; Om, Chaldean; On, Egyptian.*

The **mallet** used by Masons should be the triangular shaped stone hammer (Fig. 20), not the setting maul, nor the hammer

*NOTE — *Vide* interesting article on the Tetragrammaton, etc., by M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in Proceedings of Grand Chapter for year 1872, page 33.

of the auctioneer. As an emblem of authority it refers to the famous hammer of Thor, in Scandinavian mythology, from whom we derive Thor's day, or Thursday. It was otherwise called the Swastika; the Fylfot or Jaina Cross; two boomerangs crossed

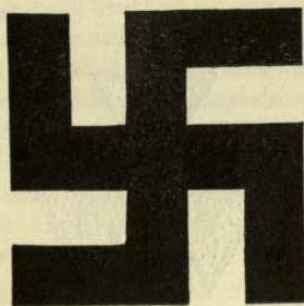
Fig. 20



The Masonic Gavel

saltire fashion — for, as a boomerang, it invariably returned to the thrower's hand. (Fig. 21.)

Fig. 21



Swastika

The oldest symbol in the world, the Swastika was wrought on the breast of Buddha; the mark of Woden, from whom we derive Woden's day, or Wednesday; found traced on vases from

the tombs of Troy ; engraved on the swords of Vikings buried by the sea, in Scandinavia ; depicted on triangular aprons of savage tribes in Brazil, and on the Aztec calendar stone in Mexico ; drawn by martyr Christians on the walls of the Catacombs, in Rome ; and is found everywhere on the monuments of Egypt, Assyria, India and Peru, and even among the mound builders on the Ohio. Its four arms refer to the four stages of human life, childhood, youth, manhood and old age, and above all allude to the sacred number four, the four letters of the Tetragrammaton,

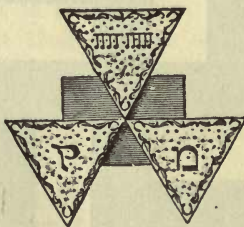
Fig. 22



Anointed High Priest's Jewel. Front View

or the sacred and ineffable name of God that is engraved on the breastplate (Figs. 22 and 23) of the anointed High Priest.

Fig. 23



Anointed High Priest's Jewel. Rear View

The term Companion, applied to Royal Arch Masons, refers to the Companionship of the ancient Jews during the captivity at Babylon, after the destruction of the first Temple.

As Masons, recalling the long years of glorious labors for humanity through which our ancient institution has passed, may we not, in presaging thought, emulate the dreamer, who

“ Stands within the shadow of the night,
But looks beyond it toward the coming light,
And sees, far off, with tranced, prophetic eyes,
The consummation of the centuries.”

John E. Dolsen.

For we know that in the living Masonry of today that is building so surely for the future ; in the hearty handclasp of Brother and Companion ; in that broader knowledge and abiding trust born here within these walls of mystery ; in the close heart-unions that flower so radiantly here in the shadow of the Royal Arch, and ripen into lifelong friendships ;

“ There are a thousand nameless ties
Which only such as feel them know ;
Of kindred thoughts, deep sympathies,
And untold fancy spells which throw
O'er ardent minds and faithful hearts
A charm whose virtue but imparts
Its force in those fond words — my friend.”

Finally, my Companions, if we shall fail to exemplify in our own lives these profound truths of our ancient Craft, and shall regard their sublime presentation in our Degrees as matter of mere entertainment ; if we shall fail to listen to and to heed the faint cries of the distressed widows and orphans as eagerly as we do the summons to the banquet hall ; if we shall fail to greet our Companion in his time of trouble and distress with the heart as well as with the hand ; if we shall forget that as Masons, and especially as Royal Arch Masons who have knelt with humble and contrite hearts before the holy altar of Masonry in the Royal Arch Degree, we should prove to the world our consecration to our faith through the purity of our lives, and that for us profanity and immorality are impossible ; if we shall so fail and so forget, then shall Masonry fail in its mission and pass to decay and oblivion ; its great temples become ruined and dismantled ; its great arches crumbling piles of stone ; its great

pillars of wisdom, strength and beauty broken and overthrown, to lie buried and forgotten beneath the sands of time. But if we shall keep with knightly faith the trust reposed in us and shall uphold, in its pristine purity and simplicity, the ancient faith of the Fathers, then shall Masonry continue, for untold ages to come, its labors of pure beneficence among the children of men.

When, at the end of a well-spent life, the silver cord shall be loosed, may the soul of our loved Companion sail safely in its shallow barque under the Royal Arch of Truth, illumined by the ineffable glory of "that name that no man knoweth," into the boundless realms of immortality!

"Beyond the sunset's golden bars,
Beyond the twilight and the stars,
Beyond the midnight and the dark,
Sail on! sail on! O happy barque,
Into the dawn of that tomorrow,
Where hearts shall find an end of sorrow,
And love shall find its own."

Address Delivered September 5, 1912

Address delivered Sept. 5, 1912, before the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Smith and Companions of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:—

On behalf of my associates and myself I thank you for the extreme courtesy and warmth of your welcome, which touch our very heart-strings.

As pilgrims to a holy shrine, we come from the Colony, Province and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,—“Land of many hills,”— to this City of Brotherly Love, among the sylvan vales of the ancient land of Penn; to this historic sister Colony, Province and Commonwealth, to bring the warm greetings of twenty-three thousand devoted Royal Arch Masons under the obedience of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to the Companions of your Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter here assembled.

I am sure that you will be glad to know that we brought from Boston, the birthplace of Franklin, a wreath of remembrance, which today, through your courtesy, with reverence and affection we have laid upon his grave here in the city he loved. We have, further, tenderly placed a similar wreath at the monument at Valley Forge erected by Massachusetts to the memory of her soldiers who suffered there. These fragrant memories of self-sacrificing patriotism of the past bind our great Commonwealths together by indissoluble bonds. Boston and Philadelphia both may well, glory in their unrivalled possession of immortal shrines of patriotism, that are such potent magnets of attraction to all American born,— to all lovers of liberty everywhere. Under the Scarlet Banner of the Chapter, also, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have both kept the ancient faith of the fathers untarnished; the Masonry, pure and undefiled that Washington knew and loved.

To you who have so faithfully kept the trust reposed in you, we from Massachusetts bring greeting in fraternity, with our

strong assurance of good-will and high confidence in your continued devotion to the God-given principles that flourish under the Royal Arch.

Companions, have we not a right, an inherent as well as traditional right, to be proud of the Chapter, and all that it means to us ; to glory in its rich and splendid symbolism ; to rejoice in the magnificence of its ceremonials, to humble our hearts in contriteness under its sublime teachings of the Truths of God ?

As the great modern thinker, Maeterlinck, well says : —

“Of that perfect ideal that each of us strives to build up in himself, the sum total of all our thoughts will help only to model the outline ; but the elements that go to construct it, and keep it alive, are the purified passion, unselfishness, loyalty, wherein these thoughts have had being. The extent of our love for the thing which we hold to be true is of greater importance than even the truth itself.”—(In *Wisdom and Destiny*.)

So, as we who love Masonry recall the unbroken lines of its masters and teachers reaching back through the centuries until their faint receding shadows are lost in the mists of antiquity, we also realize their potent spirit of devotion to and unquestioning belief in our ancient institution, that has ever held it to be the handmaid of the Almighty, upholding Truth, teaching obedience to His laws, and reverence for His Holy Name.

Franklin, Boston's greatest son, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania ; Washington on his knees at prayer in the snow at Valley Forge ; LaFayette bringing the moral support of a great nation in our time of need ; Warren dying at Bunker Hill,—all Masons, all Royal Arch Masons, in their lives of patriotic endeavor exhibited that character that is the essential attribute of Masonry — and we may well remember and express equal devotion to her teachings. Does not Masonry ever speak to us in uplifting terms well expressed by a great preacher :

“My Father, may I lift my eyes to the hills! May I not be satisfied with the standards of the plains! May I seek my ideals in the mount! May I breathe the mountain air even when I walk the valleys of time!”

John Henry Jowett.

Ever the Scarlet Banner of Zeal leads us onward to the heights, and therefore he who has labored among the ruins in the shadow of the Royal Arch; he who has listened to the simple and beautiful lessons of the "Mark" and felt the influence of true and brotherly charity expanding his heart; he who on bended knees has humbled his soul before the cherubim of the Lord among the glories and magnificence of His great Temple, *he* may well learn the lessons of Masonry, that he will receive in the same measure that he gives. For he who enters within our guarded gates seeking only material advantage for himself will meet and receive contempt only; but he who rejoices unfeignedly in the story and teachings of our ancient Craft, and takes them to his heart to practise in his own life, will assuredly win the esteem and approval of his fellows, and receive a thousand-fold compensation for all his sacrifices in their affection as Brothers and Companions. As the poet has well said: —

"Under every power and passion
Stirs the element divine;
If I grasp the moment's meaning
All eternity is mine."

Theo. C. Williams.

In the Chapter, the summit and crown of Ancient Craft Masonry, there is unfolded a panorama of surpassing interest, and magnificence of ceremony in the degrees, illustrated with a wealth of mystic symbolism.

As we travel wearily over the rough and rugged roads of Life's experiences do we not recall remembrances of the Chapter's harmony and peace and quiet, of its manifold beauties and of its recurring insistent appeals to our souls for right living, ever reminding us that when we pass the white veil of immortality the ineffable glory of that name that no man knoweth will lead us near the sparing mercy of the Infinite One? For it is true, as expressed by an ancient Persian poet,

"Who comes to God an inch through doubtings dim,
In blazing light He will approach a yard toward him."

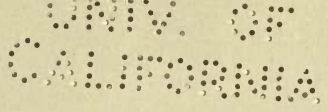
The circle, triangle and Triple Tau, the special symbols of the Chapter, are most striking and beautiful expressions of its search for Truth, for the circle speaks to you of eternity ; the triangle of Divine attributes ; the Triple Tau, in its mysterious form, of many mystic secrets embodying the very Shekinah of the Presence of the Capitular Rite ; while all three, so rich and lustrous in their histories ever symbolize to Royal Arch Masons the majesty and all-pervading love of the Father, Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

As we look upon these glorious symbols, representing the highest aspirations and hidden secrets of many ancient religions, as we see the white keystone, wrought in beauty by the engraver's chisel, reminding us of that divine purity and perfection of character we should ever strive to attain, may we not breathe the prayer :

“Great Master, touch us with Thy skilful hand,
Let not the music that is in us die ;
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie.”

Bonar.

As Royal Arch Masons let us ever keep the ancient faith of our fathers unsullied and unimpaired, the ancient landmarks unchanged and unaltered ; let us live nearer to and exemplify our God-given teachings of purity of life and speech ; let us not profane the Holy of Holies by unworthiness in any form ; let us never cater or bow the knee to the low or ignoble ; let us remember that Masonic banquets are a means to an end, not the end itself ; let us conserve our resources by establishing permanent funds in our Chapters, that we may better, and in larger measure, during the centuries yet unrolled by the hand of God, redeem our promises of charity to the weak and suffering, the widows and orphans of our loved Companions who have passed beyond the veil ; let us ever remember to keep with knightly faith our vows of fraternity, and carry into our own homes and lives the gentle spirit of the Fatherhood of God that is found in our ancient mystic Brotherhood of Man everywhere, in every land, from the Arctic snows to the shifting sands of the desert ; from Himalayan



heights to the Golden Gate on the Pacific; from the palms of the Antipodes to the swaying shadows of the pines under the “Midnight Sun.” As Masons may we not say with the poet :

“To make undying music in the world,
Breathing as beauteous order that controls,
With growing sway the growing life of man,
 This is life to come,
Which martyred men have made more glorious
For us who strive to follow.”

George Eliot.

