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EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE

OF

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OF

NEW JERSEY.

JANUARY 18TH AND 19TH, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871.

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CITY OF TRENTON, JANUARY 18TH AND 19TH, 1871.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, held at Freese's Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th days of January, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871, there being present—

- M. W. ROBERT RUSLING*..... *Grand Master.*
- R. W. WILLIAM E. PINE*..... *Dep. Grand Master.*
- R. W. WILLIAM W. GOODWIN*..... *Senior Grand Warden.*
- R. W. JAMES H. PATTERSON*..... *Junior Grand Warden.*
- R. W. ORRIN VANDERHOVEN*..... *Grand Treasurer, pro tem.*
- R. W. JOSEPH H. HOUGH*..... *Grand Secretary.*
- R. W. WILLIAM D. RUTAN*..... *Dep. Grand Secretary.*
- W. and REV. HENRY VEHSLAGE, JUN.*..... *Grand Chaplain.*
- W. WILLIAM MEAD*..... *Grand Lecturer.*
- W. SAMUEL FLEISHER*..... { *Grand Visitor to German*
Lodges.
- W. JAMES V. BENTLEY*..... *Senior Grand Deacon.*
- W. JOHN S. CLARK*..... *Junior Grand Deacon.*
- W. JAMES W. ALLEN*..... *Grand Marshal.*
- W. CHARLES C. WELLS*..... *Grand Steward.*
- W. GEORGE R. GREEN*..... " " "
- W. WILLIAM H. PAGE*..... *Grand Sword Bearer.*
- W. CHARLES C. CHIPMAN*..... *Grand Pursuivant.*
- Bro. AMOS HOWELL*..... *Grand Tyler.*

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- Alabama and New York*..... *WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD.*
- Illinois, Iowa and Ohio*..... *THOMAS J. CORSON.*
- Louisiana, Missouri, & Dist. Columbia*..... *JOSEPH H. HOUGH.*
- Delaware*..... *REV. MARSHALL B. SMITH.*
- Maine*..... *JAMES S. AITKIN.*
- Nebraska*..... *CHARLES BECHTEL.*

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PAST GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1.....	William S. Whitehead.
" 7.....	Daniel B. Bruen.
" 15.....	Joseph Trimble.
" 26.....	Henry R. Cannon.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 14.....	Samuel Read.
" 16.....	Holmes W. Murphy.
" 19.....	Haley Fisk.
" 28.....	Robert C. Buzby.
" 29.....	John Hopper.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

No. 5.....	Thomas J. Corson.
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PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

No. 16.....	Aaron R. Throckmorton.
" 48.....	Chancellor W. Chase.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARIES.

No. 12.....	Samuel Lilly.
" 43.....	Orrin Vanderhoven.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.

No. 28.....	Rev. Nathaniel Pettit.
" 56.....	Rev. George H. Jones.

PAST MASTERS.

<i>St. John's</i>	No. 1.....	William B. Glasby.
<i>Brearley</i>	" 2.....	Erkurius B. Fithian.
<i>Trenton</i>	" 5.....	{ David Naar, Charles Bechtel, George M. Mitchell, John Woolverton.
<i>Clinton</i>	" 8.....	James Doty.
<i>Amwell</i> ,.....	" 12.....	John C. More.
<i>Warren</i>	" 13.....	Jacob Sharp.
<i>Mt. Holly</i>	" 14.....	George H. Pancoast.
<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	{ James M. Cassady, Joseph L. De La Cour, Charles I. Fireng.

<i>Olive Branch</i>	No. 16.....	Isaac S. Buckalew.
<i>Hiram</i>	" 17.....	{ Henry F. Crawford, Leroy Schermerhorn.
<i>Harmony</i>	" 18.....	David J. Bower.
<i>Diogenes</i>	" 22.....	{ Samuel Fleischer, Henry Stengel.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	" 26.....	Stephen O. Horton.
<i>Mt. Moriah</i>	" 28.....	{ John B. Hulse, Joseph Wilson.
<i>Joppa</i>	" 29.....	John C. G. Robertson.
<i>Burlington</i>	" 32.....	{ James Watts, Nathan Haines.
<i>Washington</i>	" 33.....	Frederick V. Price.
<i>Hoboken</i>	" 35.....	Ramon M. Cook.
<i>Mansfield</i>	" 36.....	John V. Mattison.
<i>Darcy</i>	" 37.....	Isaac S. Cramer.
<i>Hightstown</i>	" 41.....	Charles L. Robbins.
<i>Independence</i>	" 42.....	Charles F. R. Moore.
<i>Central</i>	" 44.....	Henry J. Irick.
<i>Benevolent</i>	" 45.....	Alfred N. Horton.
<i>Bergen</i>	" 47.....	George B. Edwards.
<i>Mercer</i>	" 50.....	{ Joseph Stokes, James Nicklin, Samuel M. Youmans.
<i>Oriental</i>	" 51.....	{ James J. Turhune, John S. Clark, J. Warren Vandever.
<i>Delaware</i>	" 52.....	{ John W. Dean, Edward H. Bird, James E. Moon, Edmund Teel.
<i>Keene</i>	" 55.....	David H. Brown.
<i>Corinthian</i>	" 57.....	Edward D. Pierson.
<i>Arcana</i>	" 60.....	George Anthony.
<i>St. Stephens</i>	" 63.....	Robert Walker.
<i>Cæsarea</i>	" 64.....	John Britton.
<i>Schiller</i>	" 66.....	Leopold Kiesling.
<i>Passaic</i>	" 67.....	{ Benjamin B. Aycrigg, Rev Marshal B. Smith.

<i>St. Albans</i>	No. 68..*	{ Eugene A. Bleything, John E. Saunier, John M. Mayhew.
<i>Vineland</i>	" 69.....	Walter H. Davis.
<i>Hudson</i>	" 71.....	Charles F. A. Jordon.
<i>Teutonia</i>	" 72.....	Jacob Ringle.
<i>Jersey City</i>	" 74.....	Edward Bootes.
<i>Ashlar</i>	" 76.....	James S. Aitkin.
<i>Long Branch</i>	" 78.....	William B. Lippincott.
<i>Falls City</i>	" 82.....	Alvin Webb.
<i>Florence</i>	" 87.....	Benjamin W. Cloud.
<i>Ocean</i>	" 89.....	Albert M. Bradshaw.
<i>Madison</i>	" 93.....	James H. Bunting.
<i>Ionic</i>	" 94.....	{ Thomas McDowell, Charles W. Sartori.
<i>Mantua</i>	" 95.....	George T. Doughty.
<i>Evening Star</i>	" 97.....	Simon A. Beckhardt.
<i>Amity</i>	" 103.....	Isaac Van Saun.
<i>Bellville</i>	" 108.....	Daniel M. Skinner.

VISITING BRETHREN.

<i>St. John's</i>	No. 1.....	William A. Ripley.
<i>Cincinnati</i>	" 3.....	J. Dagget Hunt.
<i>Trenton</i>	" 5.....	{ Joseph L. Narr, Jacob B. Hartpence, Benjamin Fort, William N. Nutt, J. Bell, Robert G. Provost, Allan Magowen, Henry C. Blake, S. S. Hart, Phineas Randolph, Joseph Smith, Hiram R. Withington.
<i>Washington Shrewsbury</i> ..	" 9.....	{ Henry G. Clayton, James E. Lippincott.
<i>Union</i>	" 11.....	{ Alvin M. Condit, Austin Van Ness.

<i>Amwell</i>	No. 12.....	{ John R. Dilts, Francis Moore, Isaac S. Roberts, Joseph Watt, Charles Roberts.
<i>Mount Holly</i>	" 15.....	{ Griffith W. Carr, C. W. Wright.
<i>Hiram</i>	" 17.....	{ John Bird, George N. Packer, William Whitley.
<i>Harmony</i>	" 18.....	Edward W. Ivins.
<i>Union</i>	" 19.....	Isaac L. Fisher.
<i>Mystic Brotherhood</i>	" 21.....	John W. Midwinter.
<i>Harmony</i>	" 23.....	C. B. Yatman.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	" 26.....	William H. Brower.
<i>La Fayette</i>	" 27.....	{ William Chamberlain, Henry Platner, L. Murray Perkins, Milton Brown, George Miller, Ferd. A. Clarkson.
<i>Mt. Moriah</i>	" 28.....	A. D. Hughes.
<i>Joppa</i>	" 29.....	Charles Hemingway.
<i>Cape Island</i>	" 30.....	John W. Lycett.
<i>Burlington</i>	" 32.....	Absalom E. Clark.
<i>Eureka</i>	" 39.....	{ Charles H. Sharp, John J. Till, Farrand Kitchell, Edwards Ely, Charles B. Thurston.
<i>Hightstown</i>	"	{ M. H. Shimp, D. C. Lewis, Geo. R. Robbins. John M. Malsburg.
<i>Independence</i>	" 42.....	{ William McCracken, John Tims.
<i>Benevolent</i>	" 45.....	John S. Hartley.
<i>Solomon's</i>	" 46.....	{ Joseph W. Gano, William S. Potter.
<i>Enterprise</i>	" 48.....	Charles Birdsall.

<i>Mercer</i>.....No. 50.....	{ Jonathan Coxon, John J. Strasser, Thomas Scarlett, Lewis C. Wooley.
<i>Oriental</i> " 51.....	E. M. Pritchard.
<i>Delaware</i> " 52.....	Harrison Smith.
<i>Eagle</i> " 53.....	{ George J. Elwood, Charles W. Mecker.
<i>Orion</i> " 56.....	Spencer M. Alpaugh.
<i>Shekinah</i> " 58.....	James H. Nixon.
<i>Arcana</i> " 60.....	Robert Green.
<i>Passaic</i> " 67.....	Martin C. Healy.
<i>St. Albans</i> " 68.....	Ambrose W. Elston.
<i>Jersey City</i> " 74.....	Lewis C. Gosson.
<i>Ashlar</i> " 76.....	{ Martin V. B. Jemison, Isaac N. Snyder, Edward R. Arnold, Edward A. Phillips, William W. Titus, Charles W. Street.
<i>Highland</i> " 80.....	{ George F. Sheldon, William Jacobus, John Jacobus.
<i>Hermann</i> " 81.....	J. A. Ritter.
<i>Americus</i> " 83.....	Charles M. Dally.
<i>Florence</i> " 87.....	Samuel S. Norcross.
<i>Ivanhoe</i> " 88.....	{ Henry A. Williams, Adam Carr.
<i>Ocean</i> " 89.....	Albert S. Larrabee.
<i>Ionic</i> " 94.....	R. F. S. Heath.
<i>Evening Star</i> " 97.....	Charles C. Grosscup.
<i>Amity</i> " 103.....	{ John Vile, James R. Hillier, John E. Halladay.
<i>Rising Star</i> " 109.....	James N. Davis.
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" <i>Tuscan</i> " 	{ W. C. David, Alex. Cass.

J. M. Bellis, late *Darcy*, No. 37, Flemington.

M. W. Richard Vaux, P. G. M., Grand Lodge, Penna.

John Russell, P. M.,	<i>Corinthian</i> , No. 368,	Philadelphia, Penna.
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W. Rice,	<i>Doylestown</i> , " 245,	Doylestown, "
Rev. Albert U. Stanley,	<i>St. John's</i> , " 6,	Norwalk, Conn.
M. Cogan,	<i>Friendship</i> , " 84,	Md.
Geo. R. Nicholl, P. M.,	<i>Globe</i> , " 588,	New York City.
Charles Scholey, R. W.,	<i>Manito</i> , " 106,	" "
Fitzgerald Tisdell, P. M.,	<i>Mistletoe</i> , " 647,	Brooklyn, N. Y.

LODGES REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

<i>St. John's</i>	No. 1.....	{ Osceola Currier, W. M., A. V. C. Genung, S. W., George C. Doremus, J. W.
<i>Brearley</i>	" 2.....	{ David O. Frazier, W. M., William Rice, Jun., J. W.
<i>Cincinnati</i>	" 3.....	{ Henry M. Dalrymple, W. M., John W. Hays, S. W.
<i>Tuckerton</i>	" 4.....	Francis French, W. M.
<i>Trenton</i>	" 5.....	{ Henry C. Case, W. M., John Hunt, S. W.
<i>Newark</i>	" 7.....	{ E. Goeller, Jun., S. W., John Hastings, J. W.
<i>Washington Shrewsbury</i>	" 9.....	Wm. H. Bennett, W. M.
<i>Franklin</i>	" 10.....	{ H. Vehslage, Jun., P. M., proxy for W. M.
<i>Union</i>	" 11.....	{ Fred. W. Morris, W. M., Thomas O. Ayres, J. W.
<i>Amwell</i>	" 12.....	Sylvester H. Mains, J. W.
<i>Warren</i>	" 13.....	Wm. H. Maberry, W. M.
<i>Mt. Holly</i>	" 14.....	{ Charles Ewan, P. M., proxy for W. M., Joseph Lundy, J. W.
<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	{ Richard F. Smith, W. M., William Hardacre, S. W.
<i>Olive Branch</i>	" 16.....	{ Alex. A. Yard, W. M., Acton C. Hartshorne, S. W.
<i>Hiram</i>	" 17.....	{ Geo. W. Laforge, W. M., John Mellor, J. W.

<i>Harmony</i>	No. 18.....	{ Chas. C. Chipman, W. M., Joseph A. Pharo, S. W.
<i>Union</i>	" 19	T. H. R. Redway, W. M.
<i>Acacia</i>	" 20... ..	{ Isaac W. Searing, W. M., Isaac Hance, J. W.
<i>Mystic Brotherhood</i> ...	" 21	Jehu P. Cooper, W. M.
<i>Diogenes</i>	" 22.....	{ Fred'k A. Traudt, W. M., Michael Ortman, J. W.
<i>Harmony</i> ..	" 23	John T. Stewart, W. M.
<i>Prospect</i>	" 24.....	J. S. Stiger, P. M., W. M.
<i>Northern</i>	" 25	{ Jacob Guyer, W. M., George E. Crosby, J. W.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	" 26.....	L. L. Compton, W. M.
<i>La Fayette</i>	" 27.....	{ Joseph U. Martin, W. M., Benjamin Squire, S. W., William J. Brown, J. W.
<i>Mt. Moriah</i>	" 28.....	{ Fred. G. Wiese, W. M., Moses Wolf, S. W.
<i>Joppa</i>	" 29.....	{ John P. Doremus, W. M., Tunis Van Iderstine, S. W., Cornelius A. Cadmus, J. W.
<i>Cape Island</i> ..	" 30.....	Wm. F. Cassedy, W. M.
<i>Varick</i>	" 31.....	O. S. Betts, W. M.
<i>Burlington</i>	" 32.....	{ James Watts, proxy for W. M.
<i>Washington</i>	" 33.....	{ W. A. Pembroke, W. M., Charles Russ, S. W., Robert M. Moore, J. W.
<i>Stewart</i>	" 34.....	Jacob A. Cline, W. M.
<i>Hoboken</i>	" 35... ..	{ Ramon M. Cook, P. M., proxy for W. M.
<i>Mansfield</i> ..	" 36.....	{ Madison K. Raub, W. M., Peter R. Weller, J. W.
<i>Darcy</i>	" 37.....	{ H. B. Nightingale, W. M., George T. Robbins, J. W.
<i>Princeton</i>	" 38.....	W. C. Vandewater, W. M.
<i>Eureka</i>	" 39.....	{ Chas. H. Ingalls, W. M., David L. Garrigus, S. W., Charles E. Smith, J. W.

<i>Bloomfield</i>	No. 40.....	John F. Folsom, S. W.
<i>Hightstown</i>	" 41.....	{ C. R. Hutchinson, W. M., William W. Embly, J. W.
<i>Independence</i>	" 42.....	Dayton E. Flint, J. W.
<i>Paterson Orange</i>	" 43.....	{ H. B. Goodridge, W. M., J. N. Finklemeier, J. W.
<i>Central</i>	" 44	John R. Howell, W. M.
<i>Benevolent</i>	" 45... ..	Wm. H. Levi, Jun., W. M.
<i>Solomon's</i>	" 46.....	George S. Jones, W. M.
<i>Bergen</i>	" 47.....	{ John Kennard, W. M., Thomas E. Bailey, J. W.
<i>Enterprise</i>	" 48.....	{ John C. Sheridan, W. M., George Tennant, S. W.
<i>Essex</i>	" 49.....	{ George N. Potter, W. M., Samuel L. Moore, P. M., proxy for S. W.
<i>Mercer</i>	" 50.....	{ I. H. Hutchinson, W. M., Henry Nicklin, S. W.
<i>Oriental</i>	" 51.....	{ Herbert Cottrell, W. M., (Proxy for S. W. not handed in.) Charles S. Plummer, J. W.
<i>Delaware</i>	" 52.....	{ S. B. Vanarsdale, W. M., Andrew P. Teel, S. W., A. G. Burstrom, J. W.
<i>Eagle</i>	" 53.....	{ (Proxy not handed in.) George J. Statis, S. W.
<i>Excelsior</i>	" 54.....	{ Auxencico M. P. V. H. Dickeson, W. M.
<i>Kane</i>	" 55.....	{ Theo. F. Young, W. M., Rob't R. Coursen, S. W., Edward P. Day, J. W.
<i>Corinthian</i>	" 57.....	{ Charles W. Banta, W. M., Theodore Dobbs, J. W.
<i>Shekinah</i>	" 58	{ Jona. S. Whitaker, W. M., John W. Newlin, S. W., Wm. L. Newell, J. W.
<i>Arcana</i>	" 60.....	{ William C. Clark, W. M., S. F. Drinkwater, S. W., Cumings O. Cooper, J. W.
<i>Raritan</i>	" 61	{ I. D. Ward, P. M., W. M., Henry J. Hart, J. W.

<i>La Fraternelle Francaise</i>	No. 62.....	{ J. Calame, P. M., W. M., Emile Girods, S. W.
<i>St. Stephen's</i>	" 63.....	John B. Vancleve, W. M.
<i>Cæsarea</i>	" 64.....	{ David Warner, W. M., Benjamin Decker, S. W.
<i>Schiller</i>	" 66.....	{ Christian Walther, W. M., Julius Stapff, S. W., Fred'k Formhals, J. W.
<i>Passaic</i>	" 67.....	{ Jos. H. Wright, W. M., John Duffus, S. W.
<i>St. Albans</i>	" 68.....	{ A. P. Mayhew, W. M., Edwin B. Smith, S. W., Isaac D. Leonard, J. W.
<i>Vineland</i>	" 69.....	James W. Mills, W. M.
<i>oneer</i>	" 70.....	Jos. P. Vreeland, W. M.
<i>Hudson</i>	" 71.....	{ Herman Blohm, W. M., Fritz Raab, J. W.
<i>Teutonia</i>	" 72.....	{ Rudolph Surber, W. M., Wm. Schraumann, S. W., Henry E. Klein, J. W.
<i>Jersey City</i>	" 74.....	{ Henry E. Farrier, W. M. Warren Dobbs, S. W.
<i>Neptune</i>	" 75.....	{ Samuel Butcher, W. M., David McElwee, S. W.
<i>Ashlar</i>	" 76.....	{ T. S. Stevens, P. M., W. M., Alexander C. Yard, S. W., W. T. Creveling, J. W.
<i>Alpine</i>	" 77.....	{ John H. Stephens, W. M., William Ferdon, S. W.
<i>Long Branch</i>	" 78.....	{ Theo. S. Wooley, W. M., Tinbrook Morris, S. W.
<i>Trinity</i>	" 79.....	Carrol Doughty, W. M.
<i>Highland</i>	" 80.....	{ Edw'd P. Cogger, W. M., Symmes G. Parker, S. W., Wm. H. Wheeler, J. W.
<i>Hermann</i>	" 81.....	{ M. Southeimer, P. M., W. M., F. W. Schroeder, S. W., F. J. Faulkenreck, J. W.
<i>Falls City</i>	" 82.....	Samuel Murray, W. M.
<i>Americus</i>	" 83.....	{ Isaac Inslee, Jun., W. M., Chas. A. Campbell, S. W.

<i>Falisdade</i>	No. 84.....	{ Carl Delker, W. M., John Gschwind, J. W.
<i>Glassboro'</i>	" 85.....	{ Walter H. Zane, W. M., J. Down Heritage, S. W.
<i>Doric</i>	" 86.....	{ Benj. S. Payne, W. M., William F. Green, S. W.
<i>Florence</i>	" 87.....	{ Fred'k E. Knorr, W. M., Thomas J. Wentz, J. W.
<i>Ivanhoe</i>	" 88.....	{ H. Wells, P. M., W. M., Charles N. Sterrett, S. W.
<i>Ocean</i>	" 89.....	{ A. M. Bradshaw, P. M., proxy for W. M.
<i>Aberdeen</i>	" 90.....	{ Andrew Jackson, W. M., Charles A. Geran, J. W.
<i>Forest Grove</i>	" 91.....	{ Wm. A. Warriner, P. M., W. M.
<i>Pyramid</i>	" 92.....	{ E. F. Newbold, W. M., John L. Hulme, S. W., George D. Horner, J. W.
<i>Madison</i>	" 93.....	Richard H. Travis, W. M.
<i>Ionic</i>	" 94.....	{ John W. Rogers, W. M., Josiah Matlack, J. W.
<i>Mantua</i>	" 95.....	John R. Sickler, W. M.
<i>Unity</i>	" 96.....	C. E. P. Mayhew, W. M.
<i>Evening Star</i>	" 97.....	{ Jacob Mengel, W. M., S. F. Pennell, S. W., Charles B. Moore, J. W.
<i>Samaritan</i>	" 98.....	{ S. M. Stoddard, P. M., W. M.
<i>Bayonne</i>	" 99.....	H. Van Buskirk, W. M.
<i>Century</i>	" 100.....	Daniel T. Clark, W. M.
<i>Cloud</i>	" 101.....	Edward Mills, S. W.
<i>Friendship</i>	" 102.....	{ James G. Hering, S. W., Garret R. Hering, J. W.
<i>Amity</i>	" 103.....	{ C. Vreeland, W. M., Edward S. Allison, J. W.
<i>Cannon</i>	" 104.....	{ J. M. Townsend, W. M., George H. Dare, S. W.
<i>Cosmos</i>	" 106.....	{ Cyrus A. Force, W. M., Albert D. Coles, S. W., Henry G. Disbrow, J. W.

<i>Beltville</i>	No. 108....	} S. V. C. Vanrensselaer, W. M., John H. Osborne, J. W.
<i>Rising Star</i>	" 109.....	
<i>The Lodge of the Temple</i>	<i>U. D.</i>	James S. Gamble, W. M.
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>U. D.</i>	David Bruce, W. M.
<i>Triluminar</i>	"	J. C. Fitz Gerald, W. M.
<i>Fidelity</i>	"	John M. Knapp, W. M.
<i>Humboldt</i>	"	Emil Priester, W. M.

The following hymn, composed by R. W. Bro. W. R. Clapp, was sung:—

OPENING HYMN.

1871.

Air—Autumn.

Glorious Architect, eternal,
Source of life, and light, and love,
Hear us from the Lodge supernal
In the realms of bliss above!
Now in true, fraternal union,
Humbly we assemble here,
And to bless our sweet communion,
O, our Father, be Thou near.

Teach us truly to adore Thee!
Strengthen us to serve aright!
And Thy blessings, we implore Thee,
Shower on the sons of Light!
Bless each earnest undertaking
That may to Thy glory tend!
Bless the efforts we are making
To be faithful to the end!

When our pilgrimage is ended,
And the fiat has gone forth
That our bodies shall be blended
With the dust of mother Earth,
Then, Great Architect, eternal,
Source of life, and light, and love,
Waft us to the Lodge supernal
In the realms of bliss above!

The Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge was proclaimed open in ample form.

The roll of Lodges was called, and a quorum was found present. (See Lodges and representatives enumerated in preceding pages.)

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication was commenced, when,

On motion, the further reading was dispensed with, and the minutes, as printed, were approved.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:—Again, as is our custom, we have met in Annual Communication, to take into consideration the interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and counsel together for its future peace and prosperity.

With a Happy New Year I greet you all.

Since our last assemblage another year has rolled away; all its events, whether for good or evil, are past recall, the consequences of which cannot be changed: but, guided by its experiences, let us resolve by our future conduct to improve its good, and shun its evil. During its changing months a kind Providence has graciously preserved our general health, abundant prosperity has poured her treasures at our feet, the grim messenger has spared in a remarkable degree our homes his fearful visitations: surely we should let our hearts go out in devout thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for these blessings vouchsafed to us, and humbly beseech a continuance of such benefits as shall be for our future good. Yet, amidst these blessings, we have felt some of the sorrows incident to humanity. Death has silently removed a few of those whom we have been accustomed to meet here on similar occasions, and who, when taken by the hand, with their hearts overflowing with fraternal goodness, have drawn us toward them with a devoted love. Let us drop a tear over their departure from earth, and cherish their memory in our hearts. Among those who have been thus removed, I would mention Past Master John Rodgers, of Burlington Lodge, No. 32. Brother Rodgers was ardent in his love for Masonry, and devoted to the Grand Lodge; and although he was for some reason absent from our last Communication, yet most of you will remember him as a congenial and active member of this body. He took a spirited interest in instituting the Lodge of the Temple, of Jersey City, now U. D., of which he was appointed Worshipful Master, and was present at the organization of that Lodge, but immediately

afterward was stricken with disease, and after many months of extreme suffering was relieved by death: also Past Masters Daniel A. Holmes, of Washington Shrewsbury Lodge, No. 9; Joseph Reaney, of Hiram Lodge, No. 17; Samuel Keys, of Burlington Lodge, No. 32; and Charles Boylan, of Newark Lodge, No. 7,—all of whom were good and true Craftsmen, and regular attendants upon this Grand Body. We have lost the association and labor of these departed brethren, but they have left a good record, worthy of our imitation.

“Leaves have their time to fall,
 And flowers to wither at the north-wind's breath,
 And stars to set—but all,
 Thou hast *all* seasons for thine own, O Death !”

The warrants issued at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, for the formation of Lodges under the authority thereof, were in due time delivered to the Worshipful Masters of said Lodges, and the officers installed by my associate Grand Officers. They are as follows: Bayonne, No. 99; Century, No. 100; Cloud, No. 101; Friendship, No. 102; Amity, No. 103; Cannon, No. 104; Eastern Star, No. 105; Cosmos, No. 106; Beverly, No. 107; Bellville, No. 108; and Rising Star, No. 109.

I have the satisfaction to report the Craft in a remarkable degree of prosperity throughout the jurisdiction; the officers of the various Lodges rendering the standard work with precision, and in most cases so rendering the same in the several degrees as to be instructive to the candidate and interesting to the brethren present; and for this very gratifying condition of things the Craft are mainly indebted to the untiring and patient labors of our Worshipful Grand Lecturer. The custom adopted by many Lodges, of changing their officers almost every year, makes the services of the Grand Lecturer indispensable and burdensome in the last degree; yet, by his unflagging devotion, he has been entirely successful in keeping up the work to the required standard; and, in my opinion, it would be a calamity to Masonry in this jurisdiction if, from any false notion of economy, the services of a Grand Lecturer should be discontinued. Economy in this direction would result in going back to the old system of each Lodge having its own peculiar work. In this opinion I know I am sustained by my associate Grand Officers and other brethren of this Grand Lodge who have made extensive visitations throughout our jurisdiction, and witnessed the great advancement made in the work during the past few years.

I herewith submit the reports of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and R. W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, to which I would especially invite your attention, as they set forth more in detail the condition of the several Lodges under their respective charges.

The reports of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, herewith submitted, show that the receipts of the Grand Lodge are very little more than the current expenses; and the condition of our treasury is such that a great portion of our current expenses is not provided for until the close of the year; besides, the business of the Grand Lodge is being increased proportionately with its growth, so that the augmenting labors of the Grand Secretary will require additional compensation from this Grand Lodge before many years. We have now about ten thousand contributing members of Lodges, with an annual increase, perhaps, of about new members. An additional requirement from each member of ten cents per annum would increase our fund one thousand dollars each year; and inasmuch as the Grand Lodge, two years since, authorized the Subordinate Lodges to confer degrees for a sum not less than thirty dollars, thereby increasing the fee ten dollars, there would certainly be no hardship in appropriating one dollar or one dollar and fifty cents of this amount to the Grand Lodge, in addition to the one dollar already authorized. This appropriation would furnish a fund sufficient to relieve the grand Lodge of its most pressing necessities. I would recommend the Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts to take this matter into consideration, and, if deemed advisable, to report such arrangements as may be adequate to supply the deficiency. I also submit the reports of the Worshipful Grand Lecturer and of the Visitor to German Lodges, to which you are respectfully referred for an account in detail of their services and expenses.

I have issued dispensations for new Lodges as follows: one in Jersey City, to be hailed as the Lodge of the Temple. Since granting this dispensation, the Worshipful Master, Brother John Rodgers, has been removed by death, and the brethren of the Lodge present the name of James S. Gamble as his successor. One at the city of New Brunswick, to be hailed as Palestine Lodge. One at Clarksville, Hunterdon County, to be hailed as Lebanon Lodge. One at the City of Newark, to be hailed as Triluminar Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge recommend the name of James Lovett to be inserted in the warrant as Senior Warden, in the place of Brother Stickney, declined. One at Hohokus, in the County of Bergen, to

be hailed as Fidelity Lodge. I recommend that warrants be granted to these Lodges, and that they be numbered in the order named—except, perhaps, Lebanon Lodge. A Lodge by this name was located at New Hampton, a village about two miles distant from Clarkesville, and several years since the warrant was surrendered to the Grand Lodge. This new Lodge embraces the territory of the old one; and I would suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of giving to the new Lodge the number of the old one, which was No. 6, and is now a blank in our list of Lodges. I also issued a dispensation for a new Lodge in the city of Paterson, to be hailed as Humboldt Lodge, and to be authorized to work in the German language. A few months ago, the brethren of this Lodge preferred charges against their Worshipful Master. I deemed them of sufficient importance to request R. W. Deputy Grand Master Pine to make an investigation, and if there appeared to be a want of harmony in the Lodge, to return to me the dispensation. He, together with M. W. Past Grand Master Van Wagoner, visited this Lodge; and both of these brethren reported it in excellent condition, except the conduct of the Worshipful Master, who had at that time left the city of Paterson, his whereabouts being unknown.

The brethren of this Lodge present the name of Emil Priester, a member of their Lodge, as Worshipful Master. I recommend that a warrant be also issued for this Lodge. I received a petition from ten brethren, accompanied by the recommendation of Pioneer Lodge, No. 70, for the formation of a new Lodge at Englewood, in the County of Bergen, to be hailed as Tuscan Lodge; also one from nine brethren, accompanied by the recommendation of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, for the formation of a new Lodge in the city of Newark, to be hailed as Alpha Lodge. I know no reason why warrants should not be issued for these Lodges.

With the assistance of the Grand Officers, I have, during the year, dedicated for Lodge purposes rooms for Aberdeen Lodge, No. 90, Ionic Lodge, No. 94, and Brearley Lodge, No. 2. The brethren of these Lodges have done themselves great credit in preparing rooms so commodious and elegant; and it is a subject of gratulation that the Craft generally, in this jurisdiction, are refurnishing their Lodge rooms with so much taste and beauty, thereby manifesting a commendable desire on the part of each not to be outdone by their neighbor in providing comfortable and attractive places for their Lodge meetings.

I have received within the year a number of applications for dis-

pensations to confer degrees in a shorter time than that established by general regulations; but the reasons given did not seem to be sufficiently emergent, except in the following cases, viz.: Harmony Lodge, No. 23; Lafayette Lodge, No. 27; Essex Lodge, No. 49; and Brearley Lodge, No. 2;—and these were granted to confer degrees upon candidates who had already received the Entered Apprentice's degree.

The following appointments of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge have been made during the year: W. Brother Alexander G. Abell, for the Grand Lodge of California; W. Brother Oliver S. Beers, *vice* W. Brother Edward M. Hastings, deceased, for the Grand Lodge of Alabama; W. Brother Thomas A. Carruth, for the Grand Lodge of Florida; and W. Brother B. F. Brown, for the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

I have received, also, official notification of the following appointments of Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge, made during the year:

M. W. Past Grand Master Henry R. Cannon; as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Past Grand Master Joseph Trimble, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California; M. W. Past Grand Master Isaac Van Wagoner, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida; R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master Holmes W. Murphy, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas; and the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has honored your Grand Master by the appointment as a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of that State, near this Grand Lodge.

I issued a dispensation to Past Master Elijah B. Richmond, of Shekinah Lodge, No. 58, to lay with Masonic ceremony, the corner stone for a soldiers' monument, at or near Millville; also another to Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden William W. Goodwin, to lay the corner stone of a public building at Merchantsville, the upper room of which is to be used as a Masonic hall.

After the election of officers by Orion Lodge, No. 56, at the last Communication preceding the 27th of December, 1869, the Senior Warden elect refused to be installed. I granted a dispensation for the holding of a special election to fill that office; also, after the election of officers by Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, at the last Communication preceding the 27th of December, 1870, the Senior Warden elect refused to be installed, and a dispensation was granted for a special election in that case. Receiving official information that the

warrant of Hightstown Lodge, No. 41, had been mislaid and could nowhere be found, I granted them a dispensation to hold their Communications until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge thereafter.

I authorized the removal of Forest Grove Lodge, No. 91, from Forest Grove to Franklinville; this was done on the representation that the Lodge was weak and that Franklinville would be a better field.

The insertion of a digest of decisions in the report of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which has had pretty general circulation among the several Lodges of this jurisdiction, has doubtless relieved me of some of the numerous questions heretofore submitted to the Grand Master, which have been well settled by previous decisions and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. This digest being in the possession of nearly every Worshipful Master for reference, many misunderstandings of Masonic law have been prevented, that would have otherwise occurred.

Among the decisions made by me during the past year, I have selected the following, only as new or important to be submitted to you for your consideration :

1. Charges may be presented against a suspended Mason, but the charges must be other than those upon which he was suspended, as on those he has been once tried.

2. The W. M. has the power to postpone action on any motion made before the Lodge; and if done for the peace and harmony of the Lodge, he is perfectly justifiable in so doing; but if it be to accomplish a particular result, when a suitable time may arrive, he should be held responsible to the Grand Lodge for misrule in office.

3. The W. M. may refuse to sign an order for the payment of money, when in his judgment it is to be improperly applied. The regulations direct the Treasurer to pay drafts by order of the W. M. and consent of the members. His order is therefore independent of the vote of the Lodge.

4. In balloting for a candidate, a member of the Lodge positively refuses to vote. The ballot is closed, and the candidate is declared elected by the W. M. Thereupon the brother refusing to vote gives his reasons for his refusal, making charges against the candidate. I have decided that in such a case the W. M. cannot order a new ballot; but the charges should be investigated, and the newly elected should have the privilege of being heard in his defence.

5. It is unmasonic for a Mason to vote against a candidate, simply on the request of a brother Mason, unless he be himself satisfied, from information or belief, that the candidate is unworthy. In other words, a brother cannot black-ball a candidate by proxy.

6. The petition of a candidate, while in the hands of the Secretary, before being presented to the Lodge, may be withdrawn; after being presented to the Lodge, before the committee reports, it may be withdrawn only by unanimous consent of the Lodge.

7. Officers elected at the regular Communication of their Lodge, on, or immediately preceding the 27th of December, may be legally installed after that date.

8. It is not necessary that a W. M. of a Lodge U. D. should previously have been Warden.

9. When charges are made against a brother Mason and referred to a committee, the committee may report them back to the Lodge, as being informal, before the case is opened for investigation, and the Lodge may then refer the charges to the brother presenting them, with instructions to amend but not to introduce new charges.

10. The S. W. may in an emergency, in case of the death, absence or sickness of the W. M., so that his order cannot be had, call Special Communications of his Lodge; and in case the S. W. is similarly situated as well as the W. M., the J. W. may exercise the same authority.

11. A Lodge of Master Masons, appearing in a funeral procession, cannot accept a subordinate position to any organization claiming to be Masonic or otherwise, and cannot recognize any other organization as Masonic except Lodges of Master Masons.

I feel it to be my duty to call the attention of the brethren to the many impostors who are traveling through the country representing themselves as Masons, for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary aid. While it is obligatory upon Masons to render assistance to a brother in his necessities, and to exercise suitable charity for the imperfections that flesh is heir to, yet it is not expected that we shall take every man to our embrace under the name of Masonry, until, by due trial and strict examination, he shall have been found to be properly entitled to it.

I regret that I am obliged in this report to call your attention to the factious spirit which has manifested itself in some of our Lodges. Indeed, it has come to my knowledge that this spirit has become so wide-spread in the Lodges referred to as to entirely prevent their growth. Men whose morality and integrity are unquestioned, and

who stand high in the esteem of their communities, have been excluded by the action of one or more of the members of one faction, because the petition was presented by one of another, or for the reason that the applicant was a particular friend of some one toward whom they felt a dislike.

It is deeply to be regretted that such an evil should be found to exist anywhere in our midst. The spirit of revenge should never enter the sacred precincts of a Lodge of Master Masons. Masons are but men, subject to the passions, temptations and weaknesses of fallen humanity; but shall it be said of us, that we cannot exemplify in our Lodge rooms the teachings and obligations of our Order? To my mind, it seems that a Lodge room ought to be the last place where we should expect to find a brother seeking revenge in this cowardly manner. No man of character and high social position is willing to have a suspicion raised as to his reputation, by being rejected in a Masonic Lodge, and simply because rejection by the Lodge in question is the rule. When such a state of things exists, it is better tenfold to pass a resolution to admit no more members, and thereby prevent the application of candidates.

I speak thus plainly because I feel it to be my duty to invite your attention to this serious evil. In this connection, however, I do not wish to be misunderstood. I am as strong an advocate of the black-ball being used to exclude improper material, as any member of the fraternity. I would admit no one who did not come up to the proper standard. Yet I would not exclude all. I would here remind Masters of Lodges of the lectures required of them in their respective Lodge rooms; and enjoin upon them the necessity of taking advantage of these occasions to urge upon the brethren, in a kind and fraternal spirit, the importance of a faithful discharge of their duties and obligations as Masons, that they may practice not only in the Lodge room, but out of it, brotherly love and charity, the virtues so prominent in our teachings; then, making these principles the rule, will all jealousies and contentions cease, our Lodges will prosper, and the members be joined together as a band of brothers.

The Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother Hough, has during the year past published a compilation of the reports of this Grand Lodge, from its organization in the year 1786, up to and including the year 1838—covering a period of more than fifty years of its early history. This work gives a complete resumé of the doings of the Grand Lodge, embracing the names of all the Grand Officers

and representatives of Subordinate Lodges during the period, and valuable to Masons not only for the information contained therein, but as a reference. Previous to this publication there was but one copy in existence, which was liable to destruction at any moment; and Brother Hough has at his own expense gotten up this publication. He offers it at cost price; and considered in the light of the preservation of its valuable records, it is eminently worthy of the patronage of the Craft. I recommend the Grand Lodge to order a suitable number of copies for distribution.

The first paragraph of Article 4 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, makes it the duty of the Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens to visit all the Lodges every year, if in their power; and for that purpose the Grand Master is authorized to divide the State into as many convenient Masonic districts as he may deem necessary; and the Deputy and Wardens are required to give a lecture in these districts, if possible, at least once a year, upon a uniform system of work. When this By-Law is complied with by a Grand Officer, it becomes exceedingly onerous.

There are now, with warrants, 108 Lodges; and there will probably be from eight to twelve more ordered by the Grand Lodge at this session. Dividing these into three districts, it will make it necessary for the Grand Master to apportion nearly forty Lodges to each Grand Officer for visitation. This is asking a very heavy outlay of time from these brethren; besides, most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, do not need the presence of a Grand Officer for the purpose set forth in the By-Law. The uniformity of the work is so well established now in most of the Lodges, that a visitation is unnecessary, therefore I would recommend that this paragraph in the By-Laws be so amended as that Grand Officers shall be called upon to visit only such Lodges as in their opinion may seem to require it, and those which may be designated from time to time by the Grand Master.

I have thus laid before you a statement of the official acts of my administration during the past year, which have been performed to the best of my ability, always keeping the interests of the Craft in view.

After the labors of this Grand Communication are closed, the representatives will return to their several Lodges to take charge of laying up the walls of the Masonic Temple in this jurisdiction. Each Lodge has its particular work to perform in the structure. If any of the workmen fail to do their duty, the beauty and proportions

of the Temple will be marred thereby. We are bound together by a common tie for a common object; so that when one fails to perform the share assigned to him, the whole work suffers from his neglect. Our instructions in the Lodge room are, to meet each other on the level. Masonry knows no distinction of worldly wealth or honor. As all are sprung from one common parent, so are we all brothers; and by recognizing this truth in all our relations with each other, we shall honor the institution to which we profess our attachment: to act upon the plumb, that we shall conduct ourselves uprightly toward each other, not permitting mercenary or selfish motives to influence our actions: and upon the square, so that we may square our actions by virtue, having a regard to the rights of others, and doing as we would be done by. This is our duty as Masons; and thus living and acting, we will convince the world of our sincerity. Then, hereafter, we can say to our children: Behold the goodly Temple your fathers had in construction; look upon its beautiful proportions; see the perfect good feeling and harmony of its workmen! Thus, attracted by its symmetry, and desirous of emulating the virtues of its founders, they will take the building where we leave off and carry it forward toward perfection.

ROBERT RUSLING, *Grand Master*.

The report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

Time, in its rapid flight, has added another year to the Masonic history of New Jersey; and in compliance with the By-Laws of our Grand Body, I am required to render to you, as Grand Master, an account of my official acts during the past year.

On the 31st of January last, I received from you eight warrants for new Lodges, granted at the last Annual Communication, with instructions to constitute and install the officers of said Lodges without delay. I immediately communicated with the several brethren named as Worshipful Masters, and constituted and installed the officers of said Lodges, as follows:

Wednesday evening, February 2d, Cosmos, No. 106, at Newark.

Friday evening, February 4th, Amity, No. 103, at Jersey City.

Friday evening, February 4th, Rising Star, No. 109, at Jersey City.

Monday evening, February 7th, Century, No. 100, at South Orange.

Wednesday evening, February 9th, Eastern Star, No. 105, Bound Brook.

Friday evening, February 11th, Belleville, No. 108, Belleville.

Tuesday evening, February 15th, Bayonne, No. 99, Bergen Point.

Thursday evening, February 17th, Friendship, No. 102, Pascack.

Upon these several occasions I was ably assisted by W. Brother Mead, Grand Lecturer, acting as Grand Marshal, and many other Worshipful Brethren, to whom I desire to return thanks.

During the early part of March, I had the honor of receiving an invitation from the Committee appointed to prepare and present to R. W. Brother Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, in the name of the Grand Lodge, "a suitable jewel, as an additional expression of the firm regard and increasing attachment to him." The presentation was made by R. W. Brother Samuel Read, P. D. G. Master, in his usual eloquent and happy manner, in the presence of nearly all the present and many of the Past Grand Officers.

I subsequently received an invitation to be present at the presentation of a jewel to M. W. P. G. Master Henry R. Cannon, and shall ever regret that illness in my family prevented my attendance.

On Thursday evening, March 31st, I constituted Lodge of the Temple, U. D., at Jersey City. I had the pleasure of the company of R. W. Brother Varick, P. D. G. Master; Worshipful Brothers Gamble, Edwards and others. This Lodge commenced its labors under flattering auspices, having as its presiding officer W. Brother John Rogers, an old, well-trying and enthusiastic Mason. This was the only communication of the Lodge he was permitted to attend, having soon after been summoned to appear before our Supreme Grand Master.

"He has passed through glory's morning gate,
And walks in Paradise."

On Wednesday evening, April 20th, I constituted Humboldt Lodge, U. D., at Paterson. This Lodge having permission to work in the German language, special mention will be made of it by W. Brother Fleischer, Visitor to German Lodges, under whose supervision it has been placed. I have also constituted the following Lodges:

Monday evening, August 17th, Lebanon, U. D., at Clarksville.

Wednesday evening, September 21st, Triluminar, U. D., at Newark.

Monday evening, November 7th, Fidelity, U. D., at Hohokus.

I have carefully watched the proceedings of the foregoing Lodges, and know of no reason why warrants should not be granted them.

On the evening of May 20th, accompanied by Worshipful Brother Mead, Grand Lecturer, and Worshipful Brother Fleischer, I visited Hudson Lodge, No. 71, at Hoboken, for the purpose of ascertaining the truth of certain complaints as to the determination of the officers of this Lodge not to acquire or render the work as adopted by the Grand Lodge. We were courteously received, by both officers and brethren; and after stating the nature of my visit, required a full exemplification of the work, which compared favorably with other German Lodges of our jurisdiction. From the willingness shown by the officers to use their utmost endeavors to thoroughly acquire and properly render the work, and evincing a disposition to comply with each and every requirement of the Grand Lodge, and your wishes as Grand Master,—I was forced to the conclusion that the complaints made to you were groundless.

On the 7th of December, in company with M. W. Brother Van Wagoner, P. G. M., I visited Humboldt Lodge, U. D., at Paterson, to investigate certain charges preferred by the Wardens and other officers of this Lodge against Brother Edward M. Weiss, the appointed W. Master. Upon my arrival at the Lodge room, I ascertained that Brother Weiss had absented himself from the Communications of the Lodge for several weeks previous, and departed to parts unknown, since which time the S. W. had succeeded to his duties as W. M. After witnessing the opening ceremonies of the Lodge, and listening to the reading of the minutes of the previous Communication, I stated the cause of my visit, and read in the presence of the Lodge a copy of the charges referred to, which has been returned to you, with the signatures of all the applicants for dispensation (save one, Brother Weiss) as well as the signatures of all brethren made M. M. in said Lodge while under dispensation (with two exceptions, said brethren being absent), together with a detailed report of my proceedings. Suffice it to say that, in my judgment, the charges are well-founded; and the said appointed W. Master should be summarily dealt with. I am of the opinion that the Wardens and other officers of this Lodge are competent and fully capable of conducting its affairs in such manner as will reflect credit upon the Craft; and having labored faithfully in the performance of their several duties, I trust the brethren of the Grand Lodge will extend to them their sympathy in having had among their number one who has proved himself

unworthy of the honorable station to which he was appointed. I cheerfully recommend that another appointment be made as W. Master, and a warrant be granted said brethren.

During the year I have assisted in the dedicatory services of two Lodge rooms—Aberdeen, No. 90, at Mattawan, and Ionic, No. 94, at Camden; the furniture and appointments of which reflect credit upon the brethren of those Lodges. Upon both occasions, an eloquent address was delivered by M. W. William Silas Whitehead, P. G. Master.

I also attended the opening of the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and was present on the following day, and witnessed the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple now in course of erection in that city. To M. W. Brothers Gibson, Anthon and Simons, and R. W. Brothers Austin, McCoy and many others, we are under obligations for fraternal courtesies.

At the last Annual Communication, the following Lodges were assigned me for visitation: St. John's, No. 1; Franklin, No. 10; Warren, No. 13; Acacia, No. 20; Diogenes, No. 22; Northern, No. 25; Lafayette, No. 27; Joppa, No. 29; Varick, No. 31; Mansfield, No. 36; Bloomfield, No. 40; Independence, No. 42; Benevolent, No. 45; Bergen, No. 47; Delaware, No. 52; Kane, No. 55; Caldwell, No. 59; Arcana, No. 60; La Fraternelle Francaise, No. 62; Passaic, No. 67; Pioneer, No. 70; Hudson, No. 71; Alpine, No. 77; Americus, No. 83; Doric, No. 86; Ivanhoe, No. 88; Madison, No. 93; Ionic, No. 94; Samaritan, No. 98; Bayonne, No. 99; Century, No. 100; Friendship, No. 102; Amity, No. 103; Eastern Star, No. 105; Cosmos, No. 106; Belleville, No. 108; Rising Star, No. 109—37 Lodges.

I have visited all the above Lodges, and found them, with but few exceptions, in a prosperous and healthy condition. The objection to the work, which in some Lodges for a time existed, has become a thing of the past; and the officers of the Lodges where instruction is needed lose no opportunity to avail themselves of the services of the Grand Lecturer, who, during the past six years, has been untiring in his endeavors to bring about the present uniform system of work in New Jersey, and to whom we are indebted for the result attained.

I have carefully examined the minutes and By-Laws of the several Lodges under my care. The minutes I found generally correctly kept. The By-Laws of some of the Lodges need the attention of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose; and

I deem it desirable that a Code be adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the guidance of such Lodges as may hereafter present By-Laws to the Grand Lodge for its approval; as valuable time, much paper and printers' ink will thereby be saved, and the general regulations more closely complied with.

During the year I have everywhere been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy by the brethren; and if, perchance, on some occasions I may have used strong language in pointing out errors in the Ritual, may I not hope that the words of the Wise Man occurred to them—

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend.”

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. PINE,
Deputy Grand Master.

The report of the R. W. Senior Grand Warden was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official doings for the past year.

At the last Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, you were pleased to confide the following Lodges to my charge, for my especial supervision and visitation, viz.: Nos. 2, 5, 11, 12, 21, 26, 28, 30, 32, 37, 38, 39, 43, 44, 46, 48, 50, 54, 56, 58, 65, 69, 72, 75, 76, 79, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, 101, 104, 107.

In obedience to your instructions, on the 31st of January I constituted Cloud Lodge, No. 101, at Gloucester, and installed the officers. I was assisted in my labors on that occasion by Worshipful Brothers Thomas McDowell and Benjamin Cloud, Past Master Joseph L. De La Cour and a number of the brethren of the Lodges located at Camden. After the ceremonies, Rev. Bro. William H. Jeffreys delivered a public oration, which was listened to by a large audience of the brethren and their ladies.

On the evening of February 11th, I constituted Beverly Lodge, No. 107, and installed the officers, being assisted by Worshipful Brothers Charles I. Firing and Thomas McDowell, Past Master Joseph L. De La Cour and some sixteen or more of the brethren of the Camden Lodges. The ceremonies were public, and all seemed highly delighted with the occasion.

On February 26th, I proceeded to Seaville and constituted Cannon Lodge, No. 104, and installed its officers. From the material of which it is composed, I have no doubt that it will prove to be a Lodge creditable to this jurisdiction.

On the evening of April 12th, in obedience to your summons, I was present with you and Past Grand Master William Silas Whitehead, and my associate Grand Officers, William E. Pine, D. G. Master; James H. Patterson, J. G. Warden; Worshipful Brothers Rev. Henry Vehslage, Jr.; James V. Bently, Senior Grand Deacon; John S. Clark, Junior Grand Deacon; Charles C. Wells, Grand Steward; and William Mead, Grand Lecturer; and assisted in dedicating to Masonry the hall at Aberdeen.

On the 22d of April, in accordance with orders received from you, I proceeded to New Brunswick and set Palestine Lodge to work U. D.; and from the material of which it is composed, I have no doubt it will prove to be good and true.

On the evening of May 30th, obeying your summons, I was present and participated in the ceremonies of dedicating to Masonry Ionic Lodge room, in the city of Camden; at which time I had the honor of meeting Past Grand Masters Joseph Trimble, William Silas Whitehead and Henry R. Cannon; also my associate Grand Officers, D. G. Master William E. Pine and Worshipful Brothers James W. Allen, Grand Marshal; Charles C. Wells, Grand Steward; and William Mead, Grand Lecturer;—who ably assisted in the ceremonies of the occasion; after which, P. G. Master William Silas Whitehead delivered a most eloquent address.

On the afternoon of October 6th, in obedience to your instructions, I proceeded to Merchantville and laid the corner-stone of a new hall located at that place. I was most ably assisted by Worshipful Brothers Charles I. Firing and Past Master Joseph L. De La Cour, of No. 15, and W. Brother Thomas McDowell, of No. 94, together with some eighty of the brethren of the two Lodges at Camden, being accompanied by the band of that city. After the ceremonies were over, Rev. Brother William H. Jeffries delivered an address before a large assemblage of the citizens who had convened to witness the ceremonies.

On the evening of December 2d, I had the honor to accompany you, Past Grand Master William Silas Whitehead and my associate Grand Officers, William E. Pine, D. G. Master; William D. Rutan, Deputy Grand Secretary; and Worshipful Brothers Rev. Henry Vehslage, Grand Chaplain; James V. Bently, Senior Grand Deacon;

John S. Clark, Junior Grand Deacon; and William Mead, Grand Lecturer;—in paying an official visit to Independence Lodge, No. 42, at Hackettstown. After the labors of visitation were over, the ceremonies of refreshment commenced, the lady friends of Independence Lodge assisting the brethren nobly in that portion of the ceremonies of the evening. The feast of reason and flow of soul, as well as the refreshments of the table, enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be present on that auspicious occasion, are too fresh in your memory to need further mention on my part. Suffice it to say it was an occasion long to be remembered by all who were there.

Amwell Lodge, No. 12, of Lambertville, having obtained permission from you for a public installation of its officers, on the evening of December 26th I proceeded to that place, in company with Rev. Brother William H. Jeffreys, who had been invited by the committee of arrangements to deliver an oration. The Lodge was opened at the Lodge room, and proceeded from there to the public hall of the city, where the installation ceremonies were publicly performed in the presence of a large audience of invited guests. The orator of the evening then delivered an eloquent address; after which, a liberal collation having been provided, a festive scene ensued. Those who were present will long have reason to remember it; and Amwell Lodge did honor to itself.

Of the Lodges assigned me, I have visited the following: Brearley, No. 2; Trenton, No. 5; Amwell, No. 12; Jerusalem, No. 26; Mount Moriah, No. 28; Burlington, No. 32; Princeton, No. 38; Eureka, 39; Patterson Orange, 43; Central, 44; Enterprise, 48; Teutonia, 72; Ashler, 76; Palisade, 84; Glassboro', 85; Florence, 87; Evening Star, 97; Cloud, 101; Cannon, 104; and Beverley, 107.

On Tuesday, September 27th, I left home for Orange, for the purpose of visiting Union, No. 11; but found, on my arrival there, that the Lodge would not meet that night, there having been a misprint in the Grand Lodge proceedings, of Tuesday for Thursday.

On the 8th of November I visited Flemington, for the purpose of paying an official visit to Darcy, No. 37; but, as in the above case, was disappointed,—this time the fault being my own, having made a mistake in my journal as to the night of meeting. I have to express my regrets that I have not been able to discharge the duties you assigned me, in full; and to the brethren of the Lodges assigned to my care, whom I have not visited, I have to offer the apology "of sickness and unavoidable circumstances preventing" my visiting them on the occasions I had set to perform that duty. "Man proposes, but God disposes."

Upon several of my visitations you, Worshipful Sir, as well as other of my associate Grand Officers, have been present. It therefore is hardly necessary for me to say that our time-honored institution is advancing, in this jurisdiction, in all that pertains to making its members good men and true Masons. I cannot, however, help alluding to the occasion of my official visit to Eureka Lodge, No. 39, at which you and a large number of my brother Grand Officers were present. I feel it to be my duty to pay this tribute to the able and efficient manner in which the work of this jurisdiction was rendered, and to say that the work of Eureka Lodge on that occasion excelled any I have ever witnessed. Much is due to our patient and efficient Grand Lecturer for the general uniformity of the work to be found in the Lodges of this jurisdiction.

And now, Worshipful Sir, in conclusion I thank you for courtesies and kindness in all our official relations; and also, through you, return my hearty thanks to the members of the various Lodges visited by me, for the many fraternal acts of hospitality and kindness extended to me on those occasions, and which I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance.

Truly and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM WALLACE GOODWIN,

Senior Grand Warden.

Camden, January 6th, 1871.

The report of the R. .W Junior Grand Warden was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

I herewith submit a report of my official acts during the past Masonic year :

On the 5th of December, I visited Washington Lodge and installed the officers. This Lodge ranks among the oldest in the State, and has inscribed upon its records the names of several eminent brethren. It has made but little growth during the past few years; this, however, to my mind, is no objection, for numbers do not constitute an element of strength; it is quality, and not quantity, that gives strength to the building. The officers of this Lodge are not as proficient in the work as I could wish, but I am happy to state that they have manifested an ardent desire to acquire it, and have, during the year, made considerable progress.

On the 7th of December, I visited Ocean Lodge, No. 89. My visit

to this Lodge was very gratifying indeed. The proficiency of the candidate in the F. C. degree, the thorough knowledge of the work exhibited by the officers in conferring the M. M. degree upon that occasion, together with the zeal and interest manifested by the brethren, is an evidence that this Lodge, although of recent origin, is a valuable acquisition to the Fraternity.

On the 27th of December, I visited Long Branch Lodge, No. 78, and installed the officers. The M. M. degree was conferred upon that occasion in a manner that reflects credit upon the officers. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition; its selection of materials has been carefully and wisely made.

I have attended the meetings of Mystic Brotherhood Lodge, No. 21, frequently during the year. The brethren are deeply interested in the Lodge, and proficient in the work.

I had the pleasure of meeting with yourself and other Grand Officers, and participating in the ceremonies of dedicating a new and beautiful hall at Matawan, for the use of Aberdeen Lodge. This room reflects credit upon the Fraternity throughout that section of the jurisdiction.

It is a matter of unfeigned regret to me that I have been unable to visit the remaining Lodges placed to my charge; justice to myself demands that I should say that unprecedented prevalence of disease during the year, and the retiring of a senior member of the profession, multiplied to such an extent my professional duties as to render it impossible to make other visitations. Had my ability to visit been in accordance with my desire to do so, every Lodge placed to my care should have been visited.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. PATTERSON, *J. G. Warden.*

The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year closing January 10th, 1871, viz :

Balance in Treasurer's hands January 12th, 1870.....	\$2,191 73
Received since, to January 10th, 1871.....	4,632 50
Total receipts.....	\$6,824 23

Paid out since the last Annual Communication, as per
vouchers herewith submitted..... \$5,522 86

Balance in Treasurer's hands..... \$1,301 37

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. CLAPP, *Grand Treasurer.*

Trenton, January 10, 1871.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, in accordance with the requirements of the by-laws, would respectfully submit his annual report for the Masonic year just closed.

Immediately after the closing of the last Annual Communication the manuscript was prepared for printing the transactions, together with the names of the membership in this jurisdiction, and promptly placed in the hands of the person who was to print the journal; and I regret to say that the work was delayed from some cause, and they were not completed and delivered until the 26th of May last past. I immediately proceeded to put them up, and did express them to the several Lodges on the 28th, 30th and 31st, and June 2d and 3d, as well as to the several Grand Lodges in fraternal Correspondence with this. I much regret that there was so much delay in the distribution, but submit that it was no remissness of your Secretary.

I beg leave to call attention that some effort should be made to have collected the minutes and other books of the dormant Lodges in this State. A general request of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, who might make the inquiry in their neighborhood for such effects, would, with the aid of the undersigned, who will prepare and forward a list of the membership from the last return of such dormant Lodges, I think, bring to light those valuable records of the past. They should be collected, if possible, and deposited with the other records and effects of this Grand Lodge, and would be of valuable service for the further history of this State, yet to be compiled.

I have made some little effort toward the accomplishment of this object, and it is with pleasure I report that the W. M. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 54, of Salem (Brother William L. Tyler), at my request sent the former minutes of Salem Lodge, No. 19 (the last book of

minutes was given me by the late P. M. Richard S. Field, who was the W. M. at the dissolution of said Lodge). So we have their entire minutes.

I beg leave to state that I have published the minutes of this Grand Lodge from its organization in 1786 to 1838, inclusive, and with it a historical sketch of the Craft prior to said Grand Lodge organization, making, together, a pamphlet of 326 pages. This work I have printed and published upon my own responsibility, and trust that the outlay will be returned, as it is sold at the bare cost of paper and printing. Should the work meet the approval of the Craft (and that will be best known by the sale thereof), it is proposed to print about 350 or 400 pages more, including the index, which will form a volume and bring the minutes to within a very recent period. Such a book, with a suitable muslin cover, will not exceed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents. Surely, for that small sum, the membership of New Jersey ought to furnish a favorable response when their Secretary will give his time and labor in its preparation gratuitously, without any remuneration whatever.

An appropriation of three hundred dollars was made at the last Communication for the purpose of meeting the necessary expenses of my rooms, for rent, postage, &c., and hereto attached I append a schedule showing the disbursements out of said fund, leaving a balance of two dollars and seventy-three cents yet unexpended. I would suggest that the sum be increased to four hundred dollars.

I would further report that the Grand Treasurer and Secretary were empowered to purchase a suitable fire proof safe, at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars, and in accordance with said recommendation we have purchased such a safe at a very fair price, finished neatly, and lettered with the name of the Grand Lodge on the outside. It was purchased of Terwilliger & Co., New York, through their agent here, Brother John H. Cogill, and fully meets our wants.

I would further report that I have received for sealing certificates and dues the past year ending the date of this report, the sum of three thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars.

I would further report that Lodges which have made return and paid their dues up to this date, are Nos. 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 53, 60, 61, 67, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107. Total, 60 Lodges.

Those Lodges which have made return, and *not* paid their dues up

to this date, are Nos. 2, 17, 24, 31, 32, 33, 47, 51, 57, 58, 63, 66, 68, 86, 99, 108. Total, 16 Lodges.

Those Lodges which have not made returns or paid their dues up to this date, are Nos. 1, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 19, 26, 34, 37, 42, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 62, 64, 65, 71, 74, 77, 78, 82, 88, 91, 93, 98, 100, 104, 109. Total, 31 Lodges.

The Lodge which paid dues and failed to make return to this date is No. 7.

Lodges U. D. making returns and paying their dues up this date, are Humboldt, Fidelity and Palestine.

Lodge U. D. making return and not paying dues, is Lodge of the Temple.

Lodges U. D. not making return to this date, are Triluminar and Lebanon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

Trenton, Jan. 10, 1871.

Statement of receipts, and from what source, up to January 10th, 1871, inclusive.

1870.						
Jan'y	20.	By cash from Warren.....	No. 13,	Certifs.,	\$2	00
"	"	" Rising Star.....	" 109,	Warrant,	30	00
"	"	" St. Albans.....	" 68,	Dues,	80	00
"	21.	" Schiller	" 66,	"	11	00
"	22.	" Beverly.....	" 107,	Warrant,	30	00
"	24.	" Enterprise.....	" 48,	Certif.,	1	00
"	26.	" Cæsarea.....	" 64,	Dues,	29	50
"	27.	" Hightstown.....	" 41,	"	28	50
"	28.	" Varick.....	" 31,	Certif.,	1	00
Feb'y	3.	" Corinthian.....	" 57,	Dues,	19	00
"	7.	" Stewart	" 34,	Certif.,	1	00
"	"	" Madison.....	" 93,	"	1	00
"	"	" Solomon's.....	" 46,	"	1	00
"	"	" Princeton.....	" 38,	"	1	00
"	"	" Oriental.....	" 51,	"	1	00
"	8.	" Eureka	" 39,	"	1	00
"	15.	" Enterprise.....	" 48,	"	1	00
"	24.	" Varick.....	" 31,	"	1	00
"	"	" La Fayette.....	" 27,	"	1	00
"	28.	" Teutonia.....	" 72,	"	1	00
March	2.	" St. John's.....	" 2,	"	1	00

March	12.	By cash from Hiram.....	No. 17, Certif.,	\$1 00
"	18.	" Lodge of Temple...Petition fee,		30 00
"	"	" Varick.....	No. 31, Certif.,	5 00
"	22.	" Humboldt	Petition fee,	30 00
"	29.	" Benevolent.....	No. 45, Certif.,	1 00
"	"	" Varick.....	" 31, "	2 00
April	4.	" Palestine.....	Petition fee,	30 00
"	20.	" Hiram.....	No. 17, Certif.,	1 00
"	23.	" Hoboken.....	" 35, "	1 00
"	25.	" Eureka.....	" 39, "	1 00
May	4.	" Falls City.....	" 82, "	1 00
"	"	" Essex.....	" 49, "	1 00
"	10.	" La Fra. Française..	" 62, "	1 00
"	"	" Teutonia.....	" 72, "	1 00
"	"	" Herman.....	" 81, "	1 00
"	12.	" La Fra. Française..	" 62, "	1 00
June	8.	" Amwell.....	" 12, "	1 00
"	10.	" Olive Branch.....	" 16, "	1 00
"	11.	" Mercer.....	" 50, "	1 00
"	"	" Enterprise.....	" 48, "	2 00
"	"	" Hoboken.....	" 35, "	1 00
"	18.	" Cosmos.....	" 106, "	1 00
"	20.	" Brearley.....	" 2, "	1 00
"	"	" Lebanon.....	Petition fee,	30 00
"	21.	" Union.....	No. 19, Certif.,	1 00
"	28.	" Camden.....	" 15, "	1 00
July	1.	" Ashlar.....	" 76, "	1 00
"	"	" Cosmos.....	" 106, "	1 00
"	5.	" Trenton.....	" 5, "	1 00
"	"	" Hoboken.....	" 35, "	1 00
"	11.	" Palisade.....	" 84, "	1 00
"	16.	" Paterson Orange...	" 43, "	1 00
Aug.	23.	" Corinthian.....	" 57, "	1 00
"	27.	" La Fra. Française..	" 62, "	1 00
Sept.	10.	" Triluminar.....	Petition fee,	30 00
"	24.	" Mercer.....	No. 50, Certif.,	1 00
Oct.	6.	" Falls City.....	" 82, "	1 00
"	17.	" Fidelity.....	Petition fee,	30 00
"	21.	" Solomon's.....	No. 46, Certif.,	1 00
"	22.	" Hoboken.....	" 35, "	1 00
Nov.	5.	" Camden.....	" 15, "	1 00

Nov.	25.	By cash from Eureka.....	No. 39, Certif.,	\$1 00
Dec.	13.	Camden.....	" 15, "	2 00
"	"	Neptune.....	" 75, Dues,	20 00
"	"	Hightstown.....	" 41, "	31 50
"	"	Passaic.....	" 67, Certif.,	1 00
"	"	Fidelity.....	U. D., Dues,	3 50
"	21.	Eagle.....	No. 53, Certif.,	1 00
"	"	Eagle.....	" 53, Dues,	71 50
"	"	Trenton.....	" 5, "	115 00
"	22.	Friendship... ..	" 102, "	10 50
"	"	Mt. Moriah.....	" 28, "	66 50
"	"	Beverly.....	" 107, Certif.,	2 00
"	23.	Evening Star.....	" 97, Dues,	23 00
"	"	Eureka.....	" 39, "	114 50
"	"	Trinity.....	" 79, "	33 50
"	"	Solomon's.....	" 46, "	48 50
"	24.	Hoboken.....	" 35, "	104 00
"	26.	Arcana.....	" 60, "	43 50
"	28.	Cosmos.....	" 106, "	38 50
"	29.	Pioneer.....	" 70, "	31 50
"	"	Ionic.....	" 94, "	62 00
"	"	Joppa.....	" 29, "	65 50
"	"	Pyramid.....	" 92, "	22 00
"	"	Vineland.....	" 69, "	50 00
"	30.	Camden.....	" 15, "	97 50
"	"	Aberdeen.....	" 90, "	11 00
"	31.	Cape Island.....	" 30, "	43 00
"	"	Cloud.....	" 101, "	28 00
"	"	Highland.....	" 80, "	34 50
"	"	Enterprise.....	" 48, "	74 50
"	"	Amity.....	" 103, "	20 50
"	"	Tuckerton.....	" 4, "	28 00
"	"	Raritan.....	" 61, "	23 00
"	"	Olive Branch.....	" 16, "	37 50
"	"	Burlington.....	" 32, Certif.,	1 00
1871.				
Jan'y	2.	Paterson Orange... ..	" 43, Dues,	61 50
"	"	Union.....	" 11, "	45 50
"	4.	Glassboro.....	" 85, "	23 00
"	"	Mantua.....	" 95, "	20 00
"	"	Central.....	" 44, "	39 50

Jan'y	4.	By cash from Cincinnati	No. 3,	Dues,	\$45 50
"	5.	Wash'n Shrewsb'y.	" 9,	" Cer.,	41 50
"	"	Hermann	" 81,	"	24 50
"	6.	Beverly	" 107,	"	15 00
"	"	Passaic	" 67,	"	31 50
"	"	Unity	" 96,	"	7 50
"	"	Florence	" 87,	"	18 50
"	"	Ashlar	" 76,	"	34 00
"	"	Bloomfield	" 40,	"	37 50
"	"	Brearley	" 2,	Certif.,	1 00
"	"	Camden	" 15,	"	1 00
"	7.	Essex	" 49,	Dues,	58 50
"	"	Benevolent	" 45,	"	60 00
"	"	Acacia	" 20,	"	41 50
"	"	Diogenes	" 22,	"	69 50
"	"	Mansfield	" 36,	"	58 00
"	"	Mystic Brotherh'd.	" 21,	"	49 50
"	"	Americus	" 83,	"	16 00
"	9.	Teutonia	" 72,	"	47 50
"	"	Humboldt	U. D.	"	16 50
"	"	Eastern Star	No. 105,	"	23 00
"	"	Ocean	" 89,	"	16 00
"	10.	Northern	" 25,	"	94 00
"	"	Mercer	" 50,	"	53 00
"	"	Palisade	" 84,	"	33 50
"	"	Trimble	Petition fee,		30 00
"	"	Princeton	No. 38,	Dues,	28 50
"	"	Wall	" 73,	"	23 00
"	"	La Fayette	" 27,	"	44 00
"	"	Palestine	U. D.,	"	25 50
"	"	Harmony	No. 18,	"	32 00
"	"	Newark	" 7,	"	132 00
"	"	Harmony	" 23,	"	99 00

Total receipts up to January 10th, 1871, 1870. \$3,322 00

December 13. To cash paid Grand Treasurer,
per receipt..... \$467 00
1871,

January 7. To cash paid..... 1,765 00
" 11. " " 1,090 00

\$3,322 00

Amounts due and overpaid up to January 10th, 1871.

		DUE, OVERPAID.	
St. John's.....	No. 1, Dues of 1870 and certif.	\$92 50	
Brearley.....	" 2, Dues of 1870.....	58 00	
Cincinnati.....	" 3,		1 00
Clinton.....	" 8, Dues of 1870.....		
Shrewsb'y Wash'n..	" 9,		2 50
Franklin.....	" 10, Dues of 1870.....		
*Amwell.....	" 12, " "	64 00	
*Warren.....	" 13, " "	85 00	
Mt. Holly.....	" 14, " "		
*Hiram.....	" 17, " "	135 50	
Harmony.....	" 18,		1 50
*Union.....	" 19, Dues of 1870.....	74 50	
Prospect.....	" 24, " "	15 50	
*Jerusalem.....	" 26, " "	51 50	
Cape Island.....	" 30, Balance.....	6 00	
Varick.....	" 31, Dues of 1870.....	101 50	
*Burlington.....	" 32, " "	44 00	
Washington.....	" 33, " "	82 00	
*Stewart.....	" 34, " "	33 50	
Darcy.....	" 37, " "		
Independence.....	" 42, " "		
Bergen..	" 47, " "	92 00	
*Oriental.....	" 51, " "	108 00	
*Delaware.....	" 52, " "	67 50	
*Excelsior.....	" 54, " "	37 50	
*Kane.....	" 55, " "	57 50	
*Orion.....	" 56, " "	58 50	
*Corinthian..	" 57, " "	36 00	
Shekinah.....	" 58, " "	66 50	
Caldwell.....	" 59, " "		
*La Fra. Française.	" 62, " "	19 00	
St. Stephen's.....	" 63, " "	28 00	
Alpha.....	" 64, " "		
*Star.....	" 65, " "	26 50	
*Schiller.....	" 66, " "	30 00	
*St. Albans.....	" 68, " "	70 50	
Hudson.....	" 71, " "		
*Jersey City.....	" 74, " "	73 50	
*Alpine.....	" 77, " "	15 00	

*Subsequently paid.

		DUE.	OVERPAID.
Long Branch.....	No. 78, Dues of 1870.....		
*Falls City.....	" 82, " "	\$24	50
Doric.....	" 86, " "	28	00
Ivanhoe.....	" 88, " "	38	50
*Forest Grove.....	" 91, " "	12	00
Madison.....	" 93, " "		
Samaritan.....	" 98, " "		
Bayonne.....	" 99, " "	26	50
*Century.....	" 100, " "	13	50
Amity.....	" 103, Dues of 1869.....	10	50
Bellville.....	" 108, " 1870	17	50
Rising Star.....	" 107, Balance of dues of 1870	5	00
*Triluminar....	.....U. D. Dues of 1870.....	16	00

* Subsequently paid.

*Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, in account with the R. W.
Grand Lodge of New Jersey :*

1870.

May	10.	By appropriation.....	\$300	00
"	14.	To cash paid postage stamps.....	\$25	06
June	4.	" " Express Co. on 110 p'kgs...	56	20
"	21.	" " postage stamps, &c.....	14	58
July	2.	" " J. C. Manning, one quar- ter's rent.....	50	00
Sept.	30.	" " postage stamps, &c.....	8	00
Oct.	1.	" " J. C. Manning, one quar- ter's rent.....	50	00
"	17.	" " I. Dunn & Sons, storing, &c., stove.....	3	73
Nov.	18.	" " stamped envelopes, &c.....	33	70
"	25.	" " Blackfan, Wilkinson & Co., for coal... ..	6	00

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Jan'y	3.	" " J. C. Manning, one quar- ter's rent.....	50	00
		Balance on hand.....	2	73
		By cash on hand.....	\$300	00
			\$2	73

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

I herewith submit to you a report of my labors during the past year.

From the continual increase in the number of Lodges, it has become almost impossible for me to visit all of them in a year, and spend as much time as some of them require. During the year just past, I have met with the officers of ninety Lodges, and with some of them three and four meetings have been held. In many of the Lodges, great improvement is manifest in the work; while in others, who have been in possession of the Ritual, the work has been in part lost by removal of officers and Past Masters, who were competent to impart the work to their successors. New instruction in the work will therefore become necessary in some of the Lodges, who have heretofore acted in a very creditable manner.

It is the duty of the Deputy and Grand Wardens to inspect the work in the various Lodges assigned to them; and to their reports I refer you for a more detailed account of the progress made in the work of the Lodges assigned to their care.

By invitation of the D. G. Master, I assisted in constituting and installing the officers of eight of the new Lodges, also organizing three of those working under dispensation; and it is with much pleasure that I can report to you that these young Lodges have manifested an interest and zeal in acquiring the work and a knowledge of the Laws and Regulations of Masonry that speaks well for their future success and prosperity.

The expenses incurred during the year have been for services thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1320), and the expenses four hundred and ninety-one dollars and thirty-five cents (\$491.35); total amount, \$1811.35.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MEAD, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report of the Visitor to German Lodges was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO GERMAN LODGES.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

In accordance with the duty devolving upon me, I beg herewith to submit a report of my official acts during the past year.

During the year, I have visited all the German Lodges in this

jurisdiction, some of them three or four times. I took particular pains in instructing Humboldt Lodge, U. D., in Paterson, and a great desire is manifested on the part of the officers to acquire the work perfectly.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to inform you of the improved and prosperous condition of most of the German Lodges.

On one of the official visits of the R. W. D. G. M., Brother W. E. Pine, R. W. Grand Chaplain Brother Vehslage, and R. W. Grand Lecturer Brother William Mead, to Diogenes, No. 22, I had the pleasure to present, in the name of Brother Pine, to the Lodge a handsome German Bible, one hundred and ten years old, which was thankfully received by the brethren. In one of my official visits to Hudson Lodge, No. 71, I was accompanied by the R. W. D. G. M., Brother Pine, and Brother Mead, Grand Lecturer.

In closing my report, Most Worshipful Sir, I beg to extend to you my thanks for the kindness you have shown me, and also to the Craft for the very cordial manner in which I have been received during my visitations.

Fraternally,

S. FLEISCHER,

Visitor to German Lodges.

Newark, January 6th, 1871.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report.

[For report, see Appendix.]

On motion, ordered, that the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the reports of the several Grand Officers, be referred to a Committee.

COMMITTEE.

P. D. G. M. Holmes W. Murphy, No. 16; P. S. G. W. Aaron R. Throckmorton, No. 16; and P. M. Osceola Currier, No. 1.

M. W. Past Grand Master Richard Vaux, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, being announced in waiting, was received with the high honors of the Craft, and conducted to a seat in the Grand East.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following Committees:

TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNTS.

P. M.'s Isaac S. Buckalew, No. 16; J. L. De La Cour, No. 15; Theodore N. Bentley, No. 42.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

P. M.'s Joseph H. Hough, No. 50; Marshall B. Smith, No. 67; Charles Bechtel, No. 5.

DISPENSATIONS AND WARRANTS.

P. M.'s David Naar, No. 5; John B. Vancleve, No. 63; Fred. A. Traudt, No. 22.

The Committee on the petition of colored persons claiming to be Masons—presented at the last Annual Communication, and after a partial consideration referred to a Special Committee, to report at this Annual Communication—presented the following report, which was read :

On motion, it was ordered that the report be received, and recommendations adopted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the petition of John F. H. Sweres and ten others, for a Lodge to be located in the city of Newark, to be known as "Cushite Lodge," beg leave respectfully to report :

That the petition is informal and irregular, for the reason that it is not "accompanied by a recommendation of the Lodge nearest the place wherein the new Lodge is to be holden," as required by the 6th Section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; neither is it accompanied by a certificate that the persons named as Master and Wardens have "exemplified their work to the satisfaction" of any Lodge, or that the petitioners "have provided a suitable and safe room," or that each one of them "is in possession of a regular dimit, or has given satisfactory evidence that the Lodge of which he was last a member is no longer in existence, and that he is not in arrears for dues," as required by the 2d and 3d Sections of the General Regulations.

For these reasons your Committee have no difficulty in reporting that the petition is informal and that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted.

The conclusion above stated would, under ordinary circumstances, be a complete discharge of the duty assigned to the Committee, and would preclude further action upon the petition until the preliminaries prescribed by the Grand Lodge By-Laws and General Regulations have been complied with.

Your Committee, however, are aware that this petition was referred to them for other purposes than merely to point out the technical defects above designated. By a written paper accompanying the petition, it appears that the petitioners are colored men, and claim to be Master Masons in good standing and members of regular

Lodges. Your Committee assume that the petition in question was specially referred to them in order that they might examine and report upon the status and regularity of Lodges of colored men which exist in the United States : a question which has created much discussion, and which recent events have brought into unusual prominence.

The explanatory document accompanying the petition above referred to, asserts that the origin of Lodges of colored men in the United States is to be found in a Lodge to which a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England, September 17th, 1784, and known as "Prince Hall Lodge." Your Committee have no doubt that the allegations of the petitioners in this respect are true, except as to the name of the Lodge. The Lodge in question was called in the warrant "the African Lodge." Your Committee have therefore examined into the history of the African Lodge, and the extent of the authority committed to it by its warrant.

The facts in connection with the African Lodge, and the rise and progress of Lodges of colored men in the United States, as gathered from sources, the authority of which the petitioners will not deny, are as follows :

It is alleged that in or about the year 1775, an Army Lodge attached to the British Army conferred the degrees of Symbolic Masonry upon Prince Hall and others, colored men, and that they were soon after organized and set at work under a dispensation. By what authority this dispensation was granted does not appear. In the year 1779, it is alleged that a petition for a warrant was presented by Prince Hall and his associates, members of the Lodge under dispensation, to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, one of the rival Grand Lodges then existing in Massachusetts, which petition was refused. Undeterred by this refusal, they presented a petition to the Grand Lodge of England, which resulted in the granting of a warrant by the latter body, of which the following is a copy, and the authenticity of which your Committee do not dispute :

"EFFINGHAM, A. G. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, we, Thomas Howard, &c., &c., &c., Earl of Effingham, Lord Howard, Acting under the authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, sends greeting :

KNOW YE, that we, at the humble petition of our right, trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several other Brethren, residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of "The African Lodge," to be opened in Boston aforesaid; and do further, at their said petition, hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master, Boston Smith, Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson, Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof, it being our will that this, our appointment of the above officers, shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of the Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated agreeable to such By-Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general laws of the Society contained in the Book of Constitutions; and we hereby will and require you, the said Prince Hall, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions; and further, that you do, from time to time, cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same; that in no wise you omit, once in every year, to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to Rowland Holt, Esqr., our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, an account in writing of your said proceedings, and copies of all such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a list of the members of the Lodge and such a sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected, toward the Grand Charity. Moreover, we hereby will and require you, the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London, under our hand and seal of Masonry, this 29th day of September, A. L. 5784, A. D. 1784.

By the Grand Master's command:

ROWLAND HOLT, *D. G. M.*

Witness: WILLIAM WHITE, *Grand Secretary.*"

Under this warrant a Lodge was duly opened in the town of Boston; and the Lodge thus constituted, under color of authority assumed to have been delegated by the warrant, not only proceeded

to enter, pass and raise Free Masons, but also constituted new Lodges, one at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, and one in Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, in both of which States, at the time of issuing such warrants, Grand Lodges, having acknowledged exclusive jurisdiction and recognized as regular by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, already existed.

In the year 1808, these three Lodges, African Lodge, the one at Philadelphia, and that at Providence, organized a Grand Lodge at Boston, which Grand Lodge granted warrants to several Subordinates, not only in Massachusetts, but also in several other Masonic jurisdictions.

From this source was formed, in 1847, a National Grand Lodge, to which, as your Committee understands, a portion of the State Grand Lodges of colored men are Subordinate; although another portion, claiming under the authority of the African Lodge, denies the authority of the National Grand Lodge.

It will thus readily be seen that the whole question turns upon the regularity of African Lodge, warranted as aforesaid by the Grand Lodge of England in 1784, and also upon the question whether, if regular, African Lodge became vested by that warrant with the authority which it assumed to exercise.

It will be observed that no authority whatever was given by the warrant above recited to constitute new Lodges, but merely to open a Lodge in Boston, New England, in North America, "under the title or denomination of the African Lodge." Neither is any authority expressly conferred by the terms of the warrant to enter, pass and raise Free Masons. Whether the bare authority to open a Lodge is to be held as implying a power to make Free Masons, is a proposition which your Committee do not deem it necessary for their purposes either to discuss or to deny. But your Committee do insist that the mere authority to open a Lodge of Master Masons in the town of Boston vests in the parties named in the warrant no power whatever to constitute new Lodges, either in Boston or elsewhere. More especially is this proposition true when this right, doubtful at best, and denied by your Committee to belong to African Lodge, is asserted and exercised to invade territory already Masonically occupied by regular Grand Lodges having exclusive jurisdiction.

Your Committee therefore submit that African Lodge had no authority by its warrant to constitute new Lodges; that if any such authority can possibly be implied, it was irregularly and unmason-

ically exercised ; and that, admitting, for the sake of argument, that the original Constitution of African Lodge was legal (a question which your Committee deem it unnecessary to discuss), all its branches, all Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges deriving their authority, directly or indirectly, from it, all persons claiming to be Masons by reason of their affiliation with such Subordinate Lodges, are irregular and clandestine, and cannot be recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, except the persons made in African Lodge by virtue of the warrant hereinbefore recited, if any such there be.

But the foregoing exception in favor of individuals actually made in African Lodge is upon the assumption that the original institution of that Lodge was regular, which is by no means to be deemed as admitted. Neither is it necessary for the purposes of the Committee to deny it. The conclusion to which your Committee is brought, and which they have above stated (if correct), settles the question against the petitioners ; and for that reason your Committee do not propose to discuss the regularity of African Lodge. A proper examination of that question would involve a critical and laborious historical research, which your Committee have neither the time or the disposition to make, unless it be necessary for a full discharge of their duty. Inasmuch as the African Lodge became extinct in the year 1808, at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of colored men in Boston, hereinbefore referred to, it is very improbable, although barely possible, that any person made in African Lodge is now living. At any rate, neither of the petitioners claims to have been made in that Lodge. It thus appears that the solution of the question submitted to your Committee does not necessitate an examination into the regularity of the original Constitution of African Lodge.

Your Committee do therefore recommend that the petition and accompanying document be returned to the petitioners, together with a copy of this report.

Your Committee, in conclusion, deem it consistent with the duty assigned to them, to intimate to the petitioners that there is one, and but one, regular way, in which their purpose of affiliation with this Grand Lodge can be realized, and that is, by pursuing the same process to which all profanes are subjected. The doors of the Masonic Lodges in New Jersey are open to all *men*, freeborn and of lawful age, of every clime, of every color and of every creed, who declare their trust to be in God, have passed the scrutiny of a

Committee of a lawful Lodge, and have achieved the favorable verdict of the secret ballot.

All which is fraternally submitted,

WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
JOS. TRIMBLE,
HENRY VEHSLAGE, JR.,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to half-past two o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The following question was read, and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity :

“ What is the status in the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction and in this Grand Lodge, of a Brother who has been regularly elected and served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge in another jurisdiction, and who affiliates with a Lodge in this jurisdiction.”

The Committee appointed at the last Communication to report on the relations of the Grand Orient of France with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and the claims of the Grand Lodge of Italy, and also the question of the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion the report was received and the several matters therein contained taken up separately and each one adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, a special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to consider the subject of the relations of the Grand Orient of France with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and to examine the claims of the Grand Lodges of Italy, and the question of the recognition by this Grand Lodge of a body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Quebec, would respectfully report :

First. That they have received no additional information on the subject of the interference of the Masonic authorities of France with the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The unanimity with which, at the Annual Assembly of 1869, the Grand Orient sustained the action complained of, and the fact that no reversal of that action appears in the Journals of that body, or in the Proceedings

of the Grand Orient in 1870, lead us to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of France designedly trespassed upon the prerogatives and the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, the Grand Orient of France has recognized, and is in fraternal communication with, a spurious and illegal body claiming to be Masonic, and styling itself "The Supreme Council of Louisiana," which asserts and exercises the authority to confer the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry within that jurisdiction, in disregard of the authority and the protest of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; AND WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has for years recognized, and does now recognize, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as possessing sole and supreme authority within the jurisdiction of that State, so far as the degrees of Symbolic Masonry are concerned; AND WHEREAS, the defence of the doctrine universally recognized in the United States, that each Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction within its own territorial limits, and the principle of self-preservation, compel us to make common cause with any sister Grand Lodge whose jurisdiction is thus unwarrantably invaded: therefore,

Resolved, That Masonic correspondence and intercourse be and the same is hereby dissolved with the Grand Orient of France; and all Lodges and Masons in the State of New Jersey are hereby enjoined against holding Masonic intercourse with any Lodges or individuals acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, under the penalty that may fall thereon, until this Grand Lodge shall take order to the contrary.

Second. In the matter of the two bodies, each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Italy, your Committee would report that they have examined documents from the Grand Body whose Orient is at Florence, but that none have been received from the Grand Body whose Orient is at Naples. Your Committee are not, therefore, prepared to recommend any present action in the premises.

Third. Your Committee, in addition to the documents previously in their possession, have received a number of pamphlets and communications from both parties to the controversy between the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

On the part of the latter body, it is claimed that the territorial division in the Dominion of Canada was of the nature of the Federal division into States; and that the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the subsequent recognition of them by the Grand Lodge of Canada, afforded sufficient prece-

dent and warrant for the action of the brethren of Quebec. They also claim that their intention of forming a new Grand Lodge was sufficiently known to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and had received a certain measure of approval from some now hostile to them; and they assert that great injustice has been done them in the suspension of entire Lodges by the Grand Master of Canada, contrary to the usual Masonic procedure.

On the other hand, the documents and communications of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master of Canada—which, in their dignified and temperate language, present quite a favorable contrast to the Quebec documents—show conclusively that the Quebec body was not formed in accordance with the present mode of organizing Grand Lodges.

The Act of Parliament establishing the Dominion of Canada appears to have had simply the effect of changing the names of existing provinces, without altering any political boundaries; hence, the lines of Masonic jurisdiction remained as before. With reference to the supposed precedent of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, we quote as follows from one of the official communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

“It has been urged that the existence of Grand Lodges in two of the provinces of the Dominion, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, justifies the action of the brethren of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, in invading the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is scarcely worth while to notice, at any length, this argument. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed before confederation, and therefore it simply retains the position which it had attained, of an independent Masonic jurisdiction. New Brunswick was Masonically unoccupied; and upon the principle which has been contended for by the Grand Lodge of Canada, an Act of Parliament could in no way alter its position in this respect. Being Masonically unoccupied, it was perfectly competent for the Lodges there to meet and form a Grand Lodge, and this they did. But how can their action be said to have reduced the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, when Canada never claimed or exercised any jurisdiction or authority over either of these two provinces?”

The Quebec body appears to have been organized by an assembly of Masons, rather than by a Masonic convention composed of duly accredited representatives from all the Lodges within the proposed territory of the new Grand Body; and the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the Grand Secretary informed us, are *unanimous* in affirming

that the manner in which the Quebec body was organized was illegal and unconstitutional.

Of the Lodges claimed as subordinates by the Quebec body, none had, up to September 24th, 1870, surrendered their original warrants to the Grand Lodge of Canada. At that date, therefore, they still held their authority from and owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

After a full examination of the subject, and in view of all the facts presented, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that a recognition of the Quebec body at this time is neither desirable nor expedient. The effect of such a recognition would be to encourage a principle of action at once subversive of the settled order of our institution, and calculated to efface the lines of territorial jurisdiction now so clearly marked by usage, precedent and Masonic law. We therefore recommend that the recognition, by this Grand Lodge, of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, be for the present withheld.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. SMITH,
WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
J. L. CALAME,

Committee.

Trenton, January 18th, 1871.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by Rev. Brother Nathaniel Pettit, and read; and, on motion, they were laid on the table :

Inasmuch as a desolating war is now being waged between France and Prussia, and among the vicissitudes of the said war is the siege of Paris, which city contains a large number of our Masonic brethren, who, whatever may be the termination of the siege, will be in great destitution and suffering :

Resolved, That we consider the said brethren who may be in need and necessity as worthy objects of Masonic charity, and that we hereby recommend them to the benevolence of the brethren of this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be requested to communicate this resolution to each Subordinate Lodge, recommending, through the Treasurer thereof, the various members to contribute to this charitable object; and that such contribution be sent to the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to remit such sum as may be contributed to the American Minister at Paris, as

soon as such remittance can be made, desiring him to disburse the same equally to the Masters of the several Lodges in Paris, to be by them distributed to the suffering brethren and their families, as their necessities may require.

P. G. M. Daniel B. Bruen, of No. 7, presented the following resolutions, which were read; and, on motion, they were laid on the table:

Resolved, That the so-called side degrees, otherwise known as Adoptive or Androgynous Masonry, represented by the degrees of the Eastern Star and under other appellations, are not legitimate Masonic degrees, and do not of themselves entitle the recipients thereof to any of the rights and benefits of Masonry, or to any Masonic recognition.

Resolved, That the conferring of said degrees, or any or either of them, upon women, is a fraud upon them, reflects discredit upon the Craft, and therefore meets the severe reprobation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Lodges in this jurisdiction having control of their own Lodge rooms are forbidden, under any pretence whatever, to permit their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring any or either of said degrees; and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to withdraw the warrant of any Lodge offending against either the spirit or the letter of these resolutions.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master and the reports of the other Grand Officers, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion received:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the Grand Officers, respectfully beg leave to report—

That they have examined the reports referred to them, and are gratified with the evidences of prosperity and harmony which they show the Craft to be in the enjoyment of, and with the attention to their duties which has been given by the Grand Officers.

They recommend that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be referred to the appropriate Committees.

Your Committee further recommend that that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the recommendation of warrants to Lodges under dispensation be referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations; and that so much of the address as relates to amending the By-Laws in regard to the visitations of the Grand Officers, and the increase of Grand Lodge dues, is approved by

your Committee; and they recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, for the purpose of drafting such amendments as may be necessary to accomplish said objects.

Your Committee also approve of the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, that some action be taken to have collected the minutes and other books of the dormant Lodges of this State, to be deposited with the other records and effects of the Grand Lodge, believing that they would be of valuable service to the future history of Masonry in this State.

Your Committee further approve of the recommendation of the Grand Master that this Grand Lodge purchase for distribution a sufficient number of copies of the History of Masonry in New Jersey, prepared by the Grand Secretary, and recommend that one copy be purchased for and distributed to each Lodge under this jurisdiction, to become the property of the Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOLMES W. MURPHY,
A. R. THROCKMORTON,
J. M. MARTIN,

Committee.

On motion of P. G. M. Henry R. Cannon, of No. 26, that the several recommendations be adopted, except the last, and that be referred back to the Committee; the Committee presented the following supplementary report, which was read, and on motion adopted:

The undersigned, Special Committee on the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the other Grand Officers, and to whom was referred back that part of their report relating to the purchase of the History of Masonry in New Jersey, prepared by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution by this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That two hundred copies of said history be purchased by this Grand Lodge, one copy thereof to be furnished to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, and the balance thereof to be placed at the disposal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOLMES W. MURPHY,
A. R. THROCKMORTON,
J. M. MARTIN,

Committee.

Commissions were presented and read, appointing—

P. G. M. Joseph Trimble, for the M. W. Grand Lodge of California.			
P. G. M. Henry R. Cannon, “ “ “ Canada.	“	“	“
G. M. Robert Rusling, “ “ “ Kentucky.	“	“	“
P. D. G. M. Holmes W. Murphy, “ “ Texas.	“	“	“

On motion, they were received.

The Representatives were then received with the high honors of the Craft, welcomed by the presiding officer, and conducted to seats in the Grand East.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following report, which was read, and on motion received, and recommendations adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they have examined the decisions which have been reported by the Grand Master, and approve of the same.

With reference to the decisions Nos. 2 and 3, treating of the powers of the Master of the Lodge, while your Committee approve the decisions, still, in order to prevent misconstruction, the Committee deem it proper to add that the Master, in exercising the authority conceded to him in the decisions referred to, is always responsible to the Grand Lodge for its improper exercise.

In response to the question as to the status in this jurisdiction of Past Masters affiliated with Lodges in this jurisdiction, who have been duly elected and served as Masters in other jurisdictions, your Committee report that such Past Masters occupy the same status as actual Past Masters who have served as such in Lodges in this State, and are entitled to all the same rights and privileges.

JOSEPH TRIMBLE,
WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
HENRY VEHSLAGE, JR.

On motion of P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead, No. 1, ordered, that a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the time of meeting of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Committee—P. G. M. Daniel B. Bruen, No. 7; W. M. Henry M. Dalrimple, No. 3; W. M. John R. Sickler, No. 95; P. J. G. W. Warren C. Abbe, No. 18; and P. M. James S. Aitkin, No. 76.

The proposition of P. M. Israel Baldwin, presented at the last Annual Communication (see page 53), to alter Section 17, Genera

Regulations, by striking out the word "suspended" at the end of the section, and inserting in place thereof the words "dropped from the roll," was called up, read, and on motion not agreed to.

The proposition of P. D. G. Secretary H. E. Phelps, of No. 31, presented at the last Annual Communication, to amend Section 22, General Regulations (see pages 53, 54), were called up, read, separately considered, and not agreed to.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to Thursday morning, at half-past nine, A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 19th, 1871,
Half-past nine o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Grand Officers same as yesterday.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll of Lodges was called, and the following found represented, viz :

Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 27, 29, 30, 32, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 109.

The Committee on Dispensations and Warrants presented the following report, which was read; and on motion of P. D. G. Secretary O. Vanderhoven, of No. 42, it was received, and recommendations adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to consider the dispensations granted by the M. W. Grand Master, and other applications for warrants for new Lodges, hereby report that having examined the papers referred to them, they recommend that warrants be granted to the following Lodges, to wit :

1. The Lodge of the Temple, situated in Jersey City; and in consequence of the death of Brother John Rodgers, named in the petition as first Master, the name of James S. Gamble be inserted in his stead, and the said Lodge be numbered as No. 110.

2. Palestine Lodge, in the City of New Brunswick, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 111.

3. Lebanon Lodge, in Clarkesville, township of Lebanon, county of Hunterdon, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 6.

4. Triluminar Lodge, in the city of Newark, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 112.

5. Fidelity Lodge, in the township of Hohokus, in the county of Bergen, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 113.

6. Humboldt Lodge, in the City of Paterson; and instead of the names mentioned in the dispensation as officers of the said Lodge, that Emil Priester be named as Master, John P. Mayer as Senior Warden, and Jacob Levy as Junior Warden; that the Lodge be privileged to work in the German language, and be numbered as No. 114.

7. Tuscan Lodge, in the township of Englewood, in the county of Bergen, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 115.

8. Alpha Lodge, in the city of Newark, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 116.

9. Trimble Lodge, in the city of Camden, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 117.

10. Pythagoras Lodge, in the city of Newark, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 118.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the officers of the Triluminar Lodge be changed, in conformity with the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, and that James Lovatt be made Senior Warden, and Peter P. Saunier be made Junior Warden of said Lodge.

DAVID NAAR,
JOHN B. VANCLEVE,
FREDERICK A. TRAUDT,

Committee.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances presented the following report, which was read, and on motion it was received and the recommendations adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Committee on Grievances, &c., would respectfully report—

First. That they find, in the case of Israel C. Ewan, on the appeal against the action of Glassboro' Lodge, No. 85, that there were no grounds for an appeal whatever; and would recommend that the same be dismissed.

Second. That they find, in the case of Moses Atkinson, on appeal from Florence Lodge, No. 87, that the proceedings of the Lodge, as they appear upon the transcript of the same, are correct; and recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained.

Third. That the action of Mercer Lodge, No. 50, in the case of Walter B. Hill, was irregular. No notice was given the defendant to appear before the Lodge, neither was he furnished with a copy of the charges. The opinion of the Committee is that the proceedings were irregular and in direct conflict with the code of trial by charges adopted January 17th, 1867; and that the whole case be referred back to Mercer Lodge, No. 50.

Respectfully submitted.

R. C. BUZBY,
GEORGE H. PANCOAST,
Committee.

P. D. G. Secretary Orrin Vanderhoven, of No. 43, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read, and on motion agreed to :

WHEREAS, The present printed form of dispensation for the Lodges set at work during the recess of the Grand Lodge, gives the brethren of the new Lodge authority to confer degrees after their dispensation has been surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and before they have received their warrant ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the form of dispensation be changed so that instead of reading, in the 18th and 19th lines, "until the Grand Lodge shall grant a warrant of constitution for the same, or this dispensation be revoked," it shall read as follows : "until the first session of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge thereafter."

The following questions were presented, read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity :

A candidate is balloted for and elected in one Lodge. *After* his election, it is ascertained that he had previously applied to another Lodge for his degrees, and had been rejected. The Lodge in which he was elected then applies to the Lodge which rejected his petition, for permission to confer the three degrees of Masonry on him, and is refused. Some time having elapsed, the application is renewed, and the permission is granted.

Questions.—1. Is it necessary for *another* ballot to be taken on his petition, by the Lodge in which the candidate was eventually elected ?

2. Can the Lodge in which he was elected, grant permission to another Lodge in this or any other jurisdiction, to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon the candidate, upon their application for the same ?

P. G. M. William S. Whitehead presented the following resolution, which was read, and on motion adopted :

Resolved, That the minutes of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge be printed under the supervision of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary ; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw a draft upon the Grand Treasurer for the expense thereof, when the same is completed to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. And the Grand Secretary is also authorized to cause to be printed one hundred extra copies of the Proceedings, which he is authorized to dispose of to parties applying therefor, on paying their cost price and the expense of transmission to the applicant.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following report, which was read ; and, on motion, the subjects therein were taken up separately.

The first part of said report was read and adopted ; the second, being an amendment to the By-Laws, and unanimous consent not being given for its consideration, was laid over to the next Annual Communication :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred to draft such amendments of the By-Laws as may be necessary to accomplish the objects of increasing the Grand Lodge dues and relieving the subordinate Grand Officers from the labors of visitation, beg leave to recommend—

That Article 4, Section 1, of the By-Laws be stricken out, and the following inserted in its place :

“The Grand Master is authorized to divide the state into three Masonic districts, and assign one of said districts to the Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, respectively, for general official supervision. And it shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens to visit such Lodges in the district assigned to them as in their opinion may seem to require it, and those which may be designated from time to time by the Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall be paid by the Grand Lodge their traveling and other necessary expenses while in such service.”

The suggestions of the Grand Master upon the subject of the Grand Lodge dues, may be met by the following amendments, viz. :

Strike out the word “fifty,” in line 3d, Section 8th, Article 1st of the By-Laws, and insert the word “sixty.”

Strike out the words "fifty cents," in the 7th line of the same section, and insert the words "two dollars."

In view of the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the general prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction, your Committee recommend the adoption of the above stated amendments.

JOSEPH TRIMBLE,
WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
HENRY VEHSLAGE, JR.,
Committee.

P. D. G. Secretary Orrin Vanderhoven, of No. 43, presented the following resolution, which was read, and on motion adopted :

Resolved, That our venerable brother, the Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge, be donated the sum of fifty dollars, in addition to his usual remuneration for his services.

On motion that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure one hundred aprons for the use of this Grand Lodge; the question was postponed to the next Annual Communication.

P. M. Jacob Ringle, of No. 72, presented the following, which was read, and not agreed to :

WHEREAS, At the session of the M. W. Grand Lodge of 1866, a resolution was adopted, as follows : that each Lodge in this jurisdiction be requested to return annually to this Grand Lodge such amounts as they can conveniently raise in their respective Lodges, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, for a hall and asylum fund ; AND WHEREAS, Teutonia and other Lodges have contributed to said fund for the benefit of a widows and orphans' asylum ; AND WHEREAS, no fund of this nature is now in existence in this Grand Lodge, in consequence of fraud by the late Grand Treasurer ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the moneys contributed by Teutonia and other Lodges to the said hall and asylum fund, are hereby returned.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed change of the time of holding the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion not agreed to :

WHEREAS, The regular meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey takes place at the same time that the Legislature of New Jersey is in session, and at the same time the several anniversaries of the state take place, which necessarily fills the places of public

accommodation to overflowing, produces great discomfort for the most of hotel accommodations, prevents the members of the Grand Lodge from making acquaintance with each other, and prevents that prosperity to the Order that would grow out of a more familiar acquaintance; therefore,

Resolved, That the regular meetings of the M. W. Grand Lodge shall hereafter take place at Trenton on the first Wednesday of February, until changed by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL B. BRUEN,
H. M. DALRYMPLE,
JNO. R. SICKLER,
W. C. ABBE.

P. M. George B. Edwards presented the following preamble and resolution, which was read, and on motion ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, It has been assumed to graft "Androgynous Masonry" upon Symbolic Masonry, by printing reports in connection in the public papers, and by the use of Lodge rooms in this jurisdiction, thereby giving it a significance to those who are unable to form a just estimate of the subject; AND WHEREAS, the Androgynous degrees are unrecognizable in any other character than that of "bogus Masonry;" therefore,

Resolved, That the use of the Lodge rooms in this jurisdiction for the purpose of conferring any degrees denominated Androgynous, is hereby interdicted.

P. G. M. William S. Whitehead offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to issue to Hightstown Lodge, No. 41, a certified copy of their warrant, which has been lost or mislaid; that Hightstown Lodge be and they are hereby authorized to do all proper Masonic work by the authority of such certified copy, which they were authorized to do by their original warrant; that the certificate to be appended to such copy shall be under the seal of this Grand Lodge, and shall be in a form to be prescribed by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; and that if such lost warrant be found, it shall be the duty of Hightstown Lodge, No. 41, to return such certified copy immediately to the Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Secretary's Accounts, and Bills

presented for payment offered the following report, which was read, and on motion received:

On motion, the several matters were taken up separately.

First. Relating to the payment of bills, was agreed to.

Second. Appropriation for rent of Grand Secretary's office, was agreed to.

Third. Relating to penalty for Lodges in default of Section 8th, Article 1st, By-Laws, was laid over to next Annual Communication.

Fourth. Resolution to enforce resolution of 1865, was adopted.

Fifth. To appoint a Treasurer *pro tem.*, was agreed to.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and find them correct.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, at date of his report, \$1,301 37
 Since that date, Grand Secretary has received..... 2,238 00

Total.....\$3,539 37

We also report the following bills, which upon examination prove correct, and recommend their payment:

Robert Rusling, M. W. G. M., expenses.....	\$150 00
William E. Pine, D. G. M., "	175 00
William W. Goodwin, S. G. W., "	135 00
James H. Patterson, J. G. W., "	15 00
Joseph H. Hough, incidental, postage, gas, &c.....	138 05
James V. Bentley, S. G. D., expenses.....	15 00
John S. Clark, J. G. D., "	15 00
W. D. Rutan, D. G. Secretary.....	18 75
C. C. Chipman, G. Pursuivant.....	25 00
Henry Vehslage, G. Chaplain.....	24 90
S. Fleischer, German Visitor.....	50 00
Willett Hicks, frames G. L. pictures.....	19 00
Charles C. Wells, G. Steward.....	18 90
Murphy & Bechtel, binding, printing, etc.....	289 93
J. W. Allen, G. Marshal.....	10 00
W. H. Page, G. Sword Bearer.....	6 00
Charles B. Cogill, rent of furniture.....	27 83
Joseph H. Hough, services G. Secretary,	600 00
Jacob R. Freese, two days' rent of hall.	25 00

\$1,758 36

The appropriation made in advance, last year, for current expenses of the Grand Secretary, has proved a great convenience to that officer, and we recommend an appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the same purpose for the ensuing year.

By report of the Grand Secretary, we find there were forty-seven Lodges which failed to pay their Grand Lodge dues within the time required by Section 8th, Article 1st of the By-Laws. The Committee recommend the following resolution in reference to this matter :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to add ten per cent. to the Grand Lodge dues of all Lodges who shall fail to pay the same at the time required by the By-Laws.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1865, it was resolved "that hereafter no bills shall be audited or allowed by the Committee on Finance, unless the several items of which the bill is made up shall be stated." This resolution is generally ignored; and your Committee recommend that it be either enforced or rescinded.

The Grand Treasurer being unable, by sickness, to attend to the duties of his office,

Resolved, That P. G. M. William S. Whitehead be appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*, with authority to receipt for money now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and to sign checks for all bills ordered paid at this communication of the Lodge.

I. S. BUCKALEW,
JOSEPH L. DE LA COUR,
T. N. BENTLEY.

It was, on motion, ordered that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to give the Mechanics' National Bank, Trenton, official notice of the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following supplementary report, which was read, and on motion adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the questions propounded by Brother Martin, of Lafayette Lodge, No. 27, beg leave to report—

First. That, in their opinion, in the case presented, when the Lodge had originally rejected the petition refused to consent to the making of the rejected candidate in another Lodge, the question was concluded, so far as that petition was concerned; and that if an

application for consent is to be renewed to the rejecting Lodge, the petition for membership must also be renewed.

Second. If the Lodge which rejected the candidate shall consent to his being made in another Lodge, it waives all jurisdiction over him; and the Lodge in which he is eventually elected may grant permission to confer upon him the three degrees of Masonry to any other Lodge.

JOSEPH TRIMBLE,
WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
HENRY VEHSLAGE, JR.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. M. George B. Edwards, No. 47; Samuel Lilly, No. 12; and Joseph Wilson, No. 28, tellers to hold an election. After performing that duty, they reported the highest number of votes, and were declared elected:

M. W. Grand Master.....William E. Pine.....No. 39

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

Half-past two o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The election for Grand Officers was resumed.

R. W. Dep. Grand Master.....William Wallace Goodwin...No. 94

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.....Nathan Haines.....No. 32

R. W. Junior Grand Warden.....James V. Bentley.....No. 3

R. W. Grand Treasurer.....William R. Clapp.....No. 76

R. W. Grand Secretary.....Joseph H. Hough.....No. 50

R. W. Dep. Grand Secretary.....William D. Rutan.....No. 55

The aforesaid Grand Officers were severally installed in person (except the Grand Treasurer, who was absent on account of illness) by P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

W. and Rev. Henry Vehslage, Jr.No. 10.....*Grand Chaplain.*

W. Theodore N. BentleyNo. 42.....*Senior Grand Deacon.*

W. Heber Wells.....No. 88.....*Junior Grand Deacon.*

W. George B. Edwards.....No. 47.....*Grand Marshal.*

W. Charles C. Wells.....No. 19.....*Grand Steward.*

W. William H. Page.....No. 48..... " "

W. Simon A. Beckhardt.....No. 97.....*Grand Sword Bearer.*
 W. Charles C. Chipman.....No. 18.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
 Bro. Amos Howell.....No. 5.....*Grand Tyler.*

They were severally installed by P. G. M. Wm. Silas Whitehead.
 The M. W. Grand Master further appointed—

W. William Mead.....No. 25.....*Grand Lecturer.*
 W. Leopold Kiesling.....No. 66....*Visitor to German Lodges.*

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the
 Standing Committees, viz. :

PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

P. G. M. Isaac Van Wagoner, No. 29; P. G. M. Henry R. Canon,
 No. 26; P. M. George B. Edwards, No. 47.

JURISPRUDENCE AND CHARITY.

P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead, No. 1; P. G. M. Joseph
 Trimble, No. 15; P. G. M. Robert Rusling, No. 42.

Grand visitations for the present Masonic year :

R. W. Deputy Grand Master—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 31, 32, 34, 38,
 47, 48, 54, 57, 58, 62, 64, 65, 68, 69, 72, 73, 75, 78, 79, 85, 87, 89, 90,
 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, 101, 104, 109, 116, 117, 118.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden—Nos. 1, 5, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21,
 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 37, 39, 41, 44, 46, 49, 50, 56, 61, 63, 76, 81, 83,
 86, 88, 94, 99, 100, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 115.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden—Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22, 23,
 24, 29, 35, 36, 40, 42, 43, 45, 51, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 66, 67, 70, 71, 74,
 77, 80, 82, 84, 93, 98, 102, 103, 106, 114, 113, 112.

P. G. M. William S. Whitehead, of No. 1, from the Committee on
 the History of Masonry in New Jersey, presented the follow-
 ing preamble and resolutions, which were read and unanimously
 adopted :

WHEREAS, This Committee has been materially assisted in their
 researches during the past year by the voluntary labors of P. M.
 Sidney Hayden, of Pennsylvania, author of "Washington and
 his Masonic Compeers," who has contributed to their archives
 valuable documents and voluminous sketches tending to throw
 light upon the early history of Free Masonry in the United States ;
 therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are
 hereby tendered to W. Brother Hayden for the assistance which he
 has thus freely and voluntarily rendered to said Committee, and for
 the valuable additions which he has made to their archives ; and
 be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward to Brother Hayden a certified copy of these resolutions; and, with them, to express the hope of this Grand Lodge that he may be long spared to continue his investigations in the interesting field of research upon which his labors have already thrown so much light.

P. G. M. Joseph Trimble, No. 15, offered the following resolutions, which were read, and on motion adopted :

Committee—P. G. M.'s Joseph Trimble, No. 15; Henry R. Cannon, No. 26; W. S. Whitehead, No. 1.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to M. W. Robert Rusling, for his fidelity in discharging the duties of the office of Grand Master the past year, and of the several official positions he has occupied in the Grand Lodge for a number of years.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure and present to M. W. Brother Rusling, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, a Past Grand Master's jewel, as a testimonial of its appreciation and regard.

It was ordered that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

No further business offering, the M. W. Grand Lodge was closed in harmony and due form, to meet again at the city of Trenton on the first Wednesday after the third Tuesday of January next, (January 17th, 1872), unless sooner convened by the proper authority.

WILLIAM E. PINE,
Grand Master.

W. W. Sample
Grand Master

TO GRAND SECRETARIES.

I would respectfully request the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges with whom we are in Fraternal Correspondence to transmit to me, by separate mails, duplicate copies of their proceedings, and a copy to our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the favor will be duly reciprocated.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH,

Grand Secretary,

P. O. Lock Box 609,

Trenton, N. J.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Since the closing of the Grand Secretary's Report, Jan. 10th, 1871.

1871.

January	11,	by cash from Corinthian	No. 57, Dues,	\$36 00
"	"	"	Triluminar.....U. D., "	16 00
"	"	"	Stewart.....No. 36, "	33 50
"	12,	"	Forest Grove " 91, "	12 00
"	"	"	Delaware..... " 52, "	67 50
"	"	"	Falls City..... " 82, "	24 50
"	"	"	Star " 65, "	27 50
"	"	"	Alpine..... " 77, "	15 00
"	"	"	Jersey City..... " 74, "	73 50
"	"	"	Jerusalem..... " 26, "	51 50
"	"	"	La Fra. Francaise " 62, "	19 00
"	"	"	Century..... " 100, "	13 50
"	"	"	Amwell..... " 12, "	64 00
"	"	"	Kane..... " 55, "	57 50
"	"	"	Oriental..... " 51, "	108 00
"	"	"	Hiram..... " 17, "	135 50
"	13,	"	St. Albans..... " 68, "	70 50
"	"	"	Schiller..... " 66, "	30 00
"	"	"	Union " 19, "	74 50
"	"	"	Amity (balance).. " 103, "	7 50
"	"	"	Burlington..... " 32, "	44 00
"	"	"	Excelsior..... " 54, "	37 56
"	"	"	Passaic..... " 67, Certif.,	2 00
"	14,	"	Rising Star..... " 109, Dues,	15 00
"	"	"	Pythagoras " Petition fee,	30 00
"	"	"	Orion " 56, Dues,	58 50
"	"	"	Warren " 13, "	85 00
"	16,	"	Varick..... " 31, "	101 50
"	"	"	Independence.... " 42, "	62 00
"	"	"	Hudson..... " 71, "	27 00
"	"	"	Brearley..... " 2, "	59 00
"	17,	"	Mount Holly..... " 14, "	53 00
"	"	"	Clinton..... " 8, "	36 50
"	"	"	Long Branch..... " 78, "	36 50
"	"	"	Rising Star..... " 109, " Bal.	5 00
"	"	"	Washington..... " 33, "	82 50

Amount carried forward.....\$1,672 00

1871.

Amount brought forward.....					\$1,672 00
January 17, by cash from Lebanon	U. D.,	Dues,			12 50
" " " Cannon.....	No. 104,	"			36 50
" 18, " Cæsarea.....	" 64,	"			27 50
" " " Bergen.....	" 47,	"			91 00
" " " Madison.....	" 93,	"			27 50
" " " Darcy.....	" 37,	"			42 00
" " " Samaritan.....	" 98,	"			24 50
" " " St. Stephen's.....	" 63,	"			28 00
" " " L. of the Temple	U. D.,	"			13 50
" " " Franklin	No. 10,	"			24 50
" " " Bayonne	" 99,	"			26 50
" " " St. John's.....	" 1,	"			91 50
" " " Ivanhoe	" 88,	"			38 50
" " " Shekinah.....	" 58,	"			66 50
" " " Prospect.....	" 24,	"			15 50
					\$2,238 00
" 19, To cash paid G. Treas. <i>pro tem.</i> , per receipt,					\$2,238 00

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY,
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	When commis'ned.
Alabama.....	OLIVER S. BEERS, Mobile.....	June 20, 1870.
California.....	ALEX. G. ABELL, San Francisco.....	Oct. 17, 1870.
Connecticut.....	THOMAS H. TOTTEN, New Haven.....	Mar. 16, 1869.
Canada.....	ALDIS BERNARD, Montreal.....	Jan. 20, 1870.
Dist. Columbia.....	NOBLE D. LARNER, Washington.....	Dec. 30, 1868.
Florida.....	THOMAS A. CARRUTH.....	July 14, 1870.
Delaware.....	JOHN A. NICHOLSON.....	April 6, 1865.
Illinois.....	IRA A. W. BUCK, Aurora.....	Jan. 8, 1861.
Iowa.....	THEODORE S. PARVIN, Iowa City.....	Nov. 18, 1868.
Louisiana.....	EMMET D. CRAIG, New Orleans.....	.....
Minnesota.....	WILLIAM S. COMBS, St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1869.
Missouri.....	OSCAR F. POTTER, Arrow Rock.....	Dec. 6, 1861.
Montana.....	WILBUR F. SAUNDERS.....	Sept. 15, 1869.
Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. CAIN.....	Sept. 15, 1869.
North Carolina.....	DONALD W. BAIN, Raleigh.....	Nov. 18, 1868.
Vermont.....	RANDSLOW W. CLARK, Brattleboro'.....	Dec. 30, 1861.
New York.....	CLINTON F. PAIGE, Binghampton.....	July 25, 1863.
Maine.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Portland.....	Dec. 7, 1863.
Kansas.....	E. T. CARR, Fort Leavenworth.....	Jan. 5, 1864.
Pennsylvania.....	ALFRED R. POTTER.....	April 14, 1865.
Texas.....	NAHOR B. YARD, Galveston.....	Feb. 15, 1866.
Ohio.....	CORNELIUS MOORE, Cincinnati.....	Jan. 30, 1867.
Oregon.....	B. F. BROWN, Salem.....	Sept. 7, 1870.
Tennessee.....	GEORGE H. PRINCE.....	Nov. 30, 1869.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES
NEAR THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	Residence.
Alabama.....	WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD.....	Newark.
New York.....	WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD.....	“
Connecticut.....	WILLIAM R. CLAPP.....	Trenton.
Delaware.....	REV. MARSHALL B. SMITH.....	Passaic.
Illinois.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	Trenton.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	Residence.
Iowa.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	Trenton.
Ohio.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	"
Kansas.....	INGHAM CORYELL.....	Lambertville.
Louisiana.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	Trenton.
Missouri.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	"
Dist. Columbia...	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	"
Maine.....	JAMES S. AITKIN.....	"
North Carolina...	WILLIAM H. DEWOLFE.....	Hackensack.
Nebraska.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
Vermont.....		
Montana.....	HENRY E. PHELPS.....	Jersey City.
Canada.....	HENRY R. CANNON.....	Elizabeth.
Kentucky.....	ROBERT RUSLING.....	Hackettstown.
California.....	JOSEPH TRIMBLE.....	Philadelphia.
Texas.....	HOLMES W. MURPHY.....	Freehold.
Florida.....	ISAAC VAN WAGONER.....	Paterson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

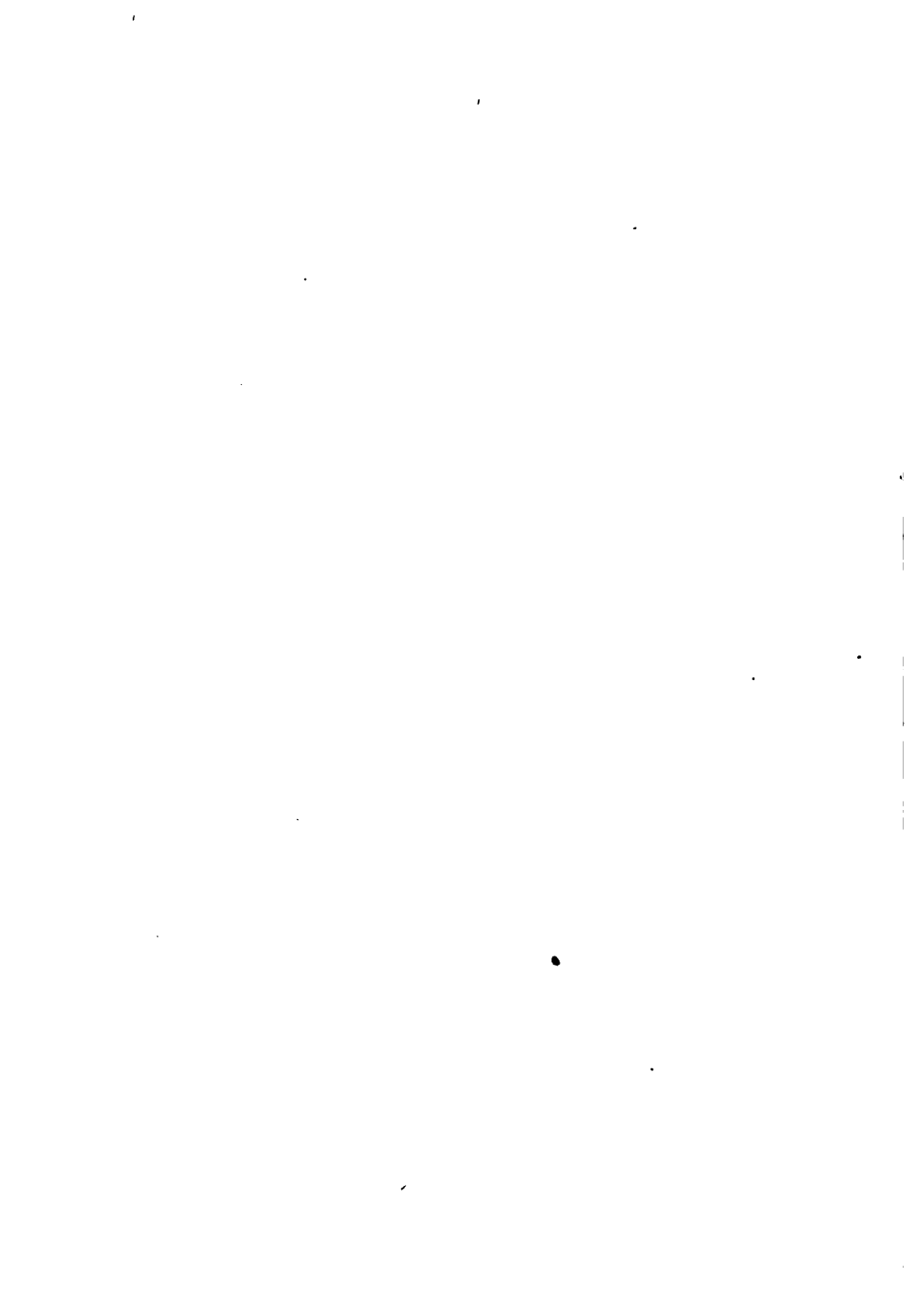
IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY, WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

State.	Secretary.	Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alexander G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Thomas Bird Harris.....	Hamilton.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Colorado.....	Ed. C. Parmalee.....	Central City.
Delaware.....	J. P. Almond.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia...	Noble D. Larner.....	Washington.
Florida.....	R. C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Orlin H. Miner.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Idaho.....	H. E. Puckett.....	Idaho City.
Kentucky.....	J. M. S. McCorkle.....	Louisville.
Kansas.....	E. T. Carr.....	Fort Leavenworth.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor, M. D.....	New Orleans.

State.	Secretary.	Address.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	James W. Bowers.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Solon Thornton.....	Boston.
Michigan....	James Fenton.....	Detroit.
Missouri.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	St. Louis.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Minnesota.....	W. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Montana.....	Sol. Star.....	Helena.
New Hampshire.....	Horace Chase.....	Hopkinton.
New York.....	James M. Austin, M. D.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nebraska.....	Robert W. Furnas.....	Brownville.
Nevada.....	W. A. M. Van Bokkelen.....	Virginia City.
New Brunswick.....	W. F. Bunting.....	St. John's.
Nova Scotia.....	Charles J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	J. E. Hurford.....	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Charles D. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	B. Rush Campbell.....	Laurens.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	George H. Bringhurst.....	Houston.
Virginia.....	John Dove, M. D.....	Richmond.
Vermont.....	Henry Clark.....	Rutland.
Wisconsin.....	William T. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Thomas H. Logan.....	Wheeling.

FOREIGN.

France.....	—— Thevenot.....	Paris.
Italy.....	—— Pasquali.....	——



LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1—NEWARK.

Meets at St. John's Hall every Wednesday evening, except during the months of July and August, when its Communications are held on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Osceola Currier, w. m.,	George W. Weidenmayer, s. d.,
A. V. C. Gennung, s. w.,	William Godber, j. d.,
George C. Doremus, j. w.,	Marcus W. Adams, m. of c.,
Caleb W. Harrison, TREAS.,	Tobias W. Cook, "
Frank Hudson, SEC'Y,	Elias B. Latham, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

William Silas Whitehead.

PAST MASTERS.

William B. Glasby,	Frederick W. Ricord,	N. Norris Halsted,
Timothy W. Lord,	Augustus L. Wilcox,	Lewis L. Carlisle.
*Israel Baldwin,		

MASTERS.

E. C. Aber,	William B. Aber,	Jonas Agens,
William E. Baldwin,	George T. Baldwin,	Thomas J. Booth,
David Bedford,	Warren S. Brown,	C. Borchering, jun.,
Joseph Burroughs,	James T. Ball,	*William M. Clarke,
George Bush,	Isaac P. Brown,	Samuel D. Clapp,
C. M. Clerihew,	W. W. Coffin,	Albert B. Coc,
John W. Campbell,	James J. Carter,	John J. Camp,
Thomas C. Chandler,	William Cherry,	John J. Craven,
John Charlton,	Aaron Carter, jun.,	Jeremiah A. Cross,
Elias A. Clawson,	S. Daily,	Robert L. Dashiell,
J. B. DaCamara,	Thomas W. Dawson,	Amzi S. Dodd,
Wm. B. Douglass, No. 1,	Henry W. Duryea,	J. C. Downing,
Horace B. Douglass,	Ebenezer B. Francis,	Henry Feigl,
Charles R. Fowler,	William H. Field,	John H. Fairchild,

Gabriel Grant,	Benjamin Galbraith,	J. M. L. Gardner,
L. Spencer Goble,	Henry P. Geib,	William H. Geurin,
Lewis C. Grover,	James L. Gurney,	George W. Getchins,
Theodore P. Howell,	George Haskins,	Joseph E. Haynes,
William S. Henson,	Silas C. Halsey,	William A. Howell,
A. J. Hedges,	Benjamin F. Heaton,	William Howkins,
Hatfield Hopper,	Thomas Hopper,	Amos Hoagland,
William W. Hulfish,	Theo. W. Honeywell,	William J. Hall,
James Irving,	George B. Jenkinson,	William Kean,
John C. Littell,	J. M. Littell,	John H. Landell,
E. H. Landell,	William A. Ludlow,	Henry Lang,
Charles D. Lathrop,	John W. Leonard,	James C. Lindsley,
*Nathan Mingus,	I. T. Mandeville,	F. B. Mandeville,
Thomas C. Moore,	William Martin,	George B. Moore,
William B. Mott,	Benjamin F. Mead,	John H. Meeker,
Staats S. Morris,	J. W. Miller,	Theodore S. Morrell,
Andrew M. Mills,	Edward H. Morrison,	Hamilton M. Mason,
*Sam'l Morrow, jun.,	Isaac A. Nichols,	E. P. Nichols,
George W. Nelson,	John A. Nichols,	J. Spencer Olds,
Edwin L. Nichols,	Edward A. Osborn,	J. D. Orton,
Elias R. Ogden,	Nehemiah Perry,	John E. Post,
C. P. Oliver,	Frederick A. Palmer,	Edgar L. Pierson,
John S. Peshine,	Chris. Richardson,	Jacob Rhein,
David A. Ryerson,	William A. Ripley,	P. Ranney,
J. W. Ripley,	Thomas E. Richards,	J. J. Ross,
J. Monroe Reock,	Elisha W. Parcels,	Frederick Stevens,
George Rowden,	J. C. Sours,	Thomas Seeley,
Peter Sandford,	Eliphalet C. Smith,	Leonard Seitz,
Thomas Shipton,	Frederick J. Stevens,	M. P. Standish,
Daniel O. Scott,	N. E. Seeley,	William Titus,
J. Wesley Steele,	Elisha M. Trowbridge,	J. B. Thorn,
Daniel Thrush,	P. S. Van Patten,	Theodore F. Van Ness,
Frederick H. Teese,	Henry Whitnack,	John R. Weeks,
W. B. Van Giesen,	George T. Woodbury,	William Whitty,
Orson Wilson,	J. L. Wilsey,	J. W. Willever,
S. T. Wilcox,	Charles G. Whitnack,	S. A. Ward,
Abram C. Wheaton,	Rev. Robert B. Yard,	Henry Westwood. 171.

FELLOW CRAFT—Gustavus A. Wiedenmayer.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Joseph J. Walton.

DECEASED—Jeremiah Van Horn.

BREARLEY LODGE, NO. 2—BRIDGETON.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall, in Bank street.

OFFICERS.

David O. Frazier, w. m.,	Oscar A. Douglas, j. d.,
J. Lenhart Rice, s. w.,	William P. Cox, m. of c.,
William Rice, jun., j. w.,	Robert B. Carl, "
David O. Garrison, TREAS.,	John S. Mitchel, STEWARD,
John H. Stiles, SEC'Y,	Horace S. Carter, "
Rev. Wm. R. McNeal, CHAPLAIN,	John Carter, P. M., TYLER.
Daniel Bacon, s. d.,	

PAST GRAND MASTER.

William S. Bowen.

PAST MASTERS.

Erkurius B. Fithian, George B. Fithian, George W. Stearns.

MASTERS.

Seth P. Husted,	Charles M. Riley,	Jonathan Butcher,
John Ware,	John Salkeld,	Rev. Samuel Vansant,
Benjamin T. Bright,	James Norton,	William W. Mason,
George W. Johnson,	Charles S. Edwards,	Joel F. Sheppard,
Charles M. Gager,	William Matthews,	Enos E. Glasspell,
Charles Gandy,	F. B. Gillette,	Joseph Harris,
Charles F. Salkeld,	Noah F. Gandy,	James E. Harris,
Charles C. Williams,	Robert G. Sheppard,	Joseph Borden,
Rev. F. L. Knight,	Wash. McAlister,	John F. Bodine,
William E. Potter,	Martin G. Carstins,	Charles Wilson,
Robert Grace,	Edward S. Ireland,	Benjamin F. Howell,
Samuel Perry,	Francis M. Riley,	Rev. Isaiah D. King,
Daniel Dare,	Alfred H. Buck,	Smith D. Mason,
Rev. H. Baker, jun.,	John S. Hann,	Jacob Daily,
William D. Foster,	Samuel T. Dubois,	William J. Banks,
George E. Thorne,	James English,	David McBride,
Elbert Campbell,	William Jewell,	Joseph Moore,
James Dougherty,	Eden M. Hood,	James H. Trenchard,
Enoch Brooks,	Howell Watson,	Uzziel Bareford,
Edwin M. Ware,	Rev. A. L. Brice,	Henry Facemire,
Abraham Lake,	Jonathan H. Morgan,	Joseph Carle,

Westley Rogers,	William W. Carll,	F. F. Patterson,
Jesse D. Claypole,	Benjamin F. Kruse,	John Wilkins,
Alphonso L. Dunham,	Leopold Burgnaer,	Charles McCully,
Isaac Campbell,	Edward S. Walker,	Edward F. Stephens,
Philip T. Cook,	James Stiles,	Joseph Smith,
John H. Farrow,	James D. Wallen,	Joseph W. Sheppard,
Charles Dernais,	Thomas G. Dunn,	David Richer,
Enoch Hanthorn,	Norton L. Paullin,	Charles E. Mulford,
William D. Pullin,	Charles N. Wood,	William Facemire.

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FELLOW CRAFT—James D. Moore.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Christian Kienzle, Hiram Harris, Chas. D. Burroughs.

DIMITTED—James McIntyre, Townsend Brower, George H. Dare.

DECEASED—John S. Ware.

CINCINNATI LODGE, NO. 3—MORRISTOWN.

Meets Monday evening.

OFFICERS.

Henry M. Dalrymple, M. W.,	Erastus D. Allen, S. D.,
John W. Hays, S. W.,	Charles B. Frost, J. D.,
James W. Carrell, J. W.,	John M. Benjamin, M. OF C.,
Chas. H. Dalrymple, P. M., TREAS.	John R. Shick, "
John M. Moore, SEC'Y,	Luther M. Baird, TYLER.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

James V. Bentley.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

George Vail.

PAST MASTERS.

Roswell B. Downing, Thomas B. Flagler, Alanson A. Vance.

MASTERS.

Jacob O. Arnold,	Isaac G. Arnold,	William W. Allen,
Ellis T. Armstrong,	Charles F. Axtell,	Joseph W. Ballentine,
James L. Brookfield,	Augustus W. Bell,	Daniel H. Breese,
D. Sanford Brink,	Samuel Brant,	John B. Byram,
Ira W. Corey,	David W. Crater,	J. Lovell Canfield,
Ezekiel Crane,	Madison M. Connet,	Augustus W. Cutler,
Charles E. Clark,	Alfred A. Constantine,	John Colly,
James N. Coriell,	Adrian Dickinson,	Joseph Dalrymple,
J. Fred. Donaldson,	Owen H. Day,	George H. Doran,
James Dickson,	Pierson A. Freeman,	Harvey B. Frost,
William H. Green,	Cyrus Gallagher,	Byram C. Guerin,
J. Dagget Hunt,	E. S. Hoffman,	Charles R. Hulme,
Philip H. Hoffman,	Milton K. King,	Samuel Klotz,
Thomas Kincaid,	Gibson Kent,	Nathan B. Luse,
E. B. Linnaberry,	Paul Lunn,	George A. Lawrence,
John Mills,	James L. Marsh,	David L. Minton,
William M. Mead,	Chas. W. Monnington,	John Moreland,
Cyrus Pruden,	Amidy B. Pruden,	Edward E. Pierson,
Stephen Pell,	William L. Pell,	George H. Ross,
John R. Runyon,	Richard M. Stiles,	Ichabod Searing,
Ogden L. Stiles,	Timothy T. Stiles,	Samuel J. Stevens,
Richard Speer,	James Scripture,	John Thatcher,
William H. Voorhees,	John Wetmore,	Isaac C. Yauger. 84.

DIMITTED—R. V. W. Fairchild.

TUCKERTON LODGE, NO. 4—TUCKERTON.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Francis French, P. M., W. M.,	Edmund K. Hopkins, J. D.,
Thomas W. Parker, S. W.,	Joseph P. Adams, M. OF C.,
Nicholas V. Lane, J. W.,	Isaac S. Jennings, "
William K. Mason, P. M., TREAS.,	Hezekiah Brown, STEWARD,
Edwin A. Bragg, SEC'Y,	Wm. H. Falkinburg, "
H. Walter Sapp, S. D.,	William I. Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Stephen Willets.

MASTERS.

Francis S. Hilliard,	Phineas K. Hilliard,	George Northam,
Stanley G. Clarke,	James Gaskill,	Zebedee W. Rockhill,
William Rutter,	Lewis M. French,	Levi French,
Skidmore Pettit,	Samuel W. Gaskill,	Simeon P. Bartlett,
Jesse R. Cavileer,	John J. Corson,	Levi J. Rhoads,
Ezekiel Weeks,	Samuel E. Taylor,	Burroughs M. French,
Charles P. Anderson,	Oliver Loveland,	John F. McKeen,
Jesse A. Johnson,	John Cavileer,	Bont S. Cramer,
Joel H. Sooy,	Daniel E. Cale,	Nicholas S. Crowley,
Thomas F. Loveland,	Isaac M. Downs,	Charles D. Loveland,
John Kelly,	Albert N. Dobbins,	Edward T. Balch,
William S. Sprague,	Charles Lear,	Edwin B. Gale.
Charles Ridgway,		50.

FELLOW CRAFTS—James F. Devine, Garret Lippincott.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Benjamin D. Cramer, Joseph Helfreck.

DECEASED—Joseph H. Oliphant.

TRENTON LODGE, NO. 5—TRENTON.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry C. Case, W. M.,	Jacob B. Hartpence, J. D.,
John Hunt, S. W.,	Samuel W. Foster, M. OF C.,
John G. Box, J. W.,	Aaron Carlisle, “
Wm. D. Sinclair, P. M., TREAS.,	John W. Wright, STEWARD,
Geo. M. Mitchell, P. M., SEC'Y,	Israel S. Sutton, “
William C. Taylor, S. D.,	Amos Howell, TYLER.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Thomas J. Corson.

PAST MASTERS.

David Naar,	Andrew Dutcher,	John Woolverton,
Charles Bechtel,	William Green,	Lewis Parker, Jun.,
Edward S. Ellis,	Sylvester Van Syckel,	Samuel Brackett.

MASTERS.

David Taylor,	Samuel A. Sutton,	Frederick Walter,
Rev. Rob't S. Manning,	Ervin V. Richards,	William Johnson,
Hiram R. Withington,	Isaac R. Hughes,	Samuel Kay,
Samuel Lenox,	James Hoy,	Britton Hoffman,
Barker Gummere,	Simon Kahnweiler,	William Watts,
William Holmes,	Peter W. Crozer,	Charles Hooper,
Joshua Jones,	Charles Van Horn,	John O. Raum,
Clarence J. Mulford,	Daniel Heald,	Lewis Lenox,
Augustus W. Combs,	Samuel Johnson,	George Sandt,
John H. Cogill,	Hiram P. Dunbar,	John B. Johnston,
James T. Ginnelly,	Charles Hodge, jun.,	William T. Bunn,
Lewis T. Reading,	George W. Miller,	Joseph Ott,
William Hewitt,	Luther Ward,	John L. Murphy,
Peter Katzenbach,	James Murphy,	Charles Swan,
George W. Demarest,	George Katzenbach,	Robert G. Provost,
Ezekiel Babcock,	Joseph Sterling,	Thomas R. Rainear,
Thomas Pennington,	James Taylor,	Charles B. Cogill,
James Hoy, jun.,	Benjamin O. Tyler,	Thomas Ingram,
Charles Britton,	Henry Speeler,	Edward Hayes,
Robert C. Bellville,	Watson F. Van Camp,	Benj. L. Disbrow,
Daniel Bowman,	Benjamin W. Fort,	Theophile Frey,
Walter Watts,	Samuel G. Bennett,	John Lenox,
Christopher Wentz,	Stephen Koons,	Henry C. Worthington,
Benjamin Naar, jun.,	Charles M. Southwick,	William H. Brace,
J. W. Woolverton,	Charles Swem,	John McCarty,
Edmund M. Huff,	James Wylie,	Henry J. Bennett,
Joseph Little,	Robert Aitkin,	Absalom J. Walker,
Thomas Butterworth,	Rev. F. R. Brace,	James Ronan,
Joseph Smith,	Joseph D. Martin,	Robert S. Johnston,
Frederick Bechtel,	J. Butterworth, jun.,	William I. Vannest,
Ephraim R. Cook,	Wendel Roth,	Joseph S. Silver, jun.,
Jacob F. Mynick,	William H. Skirm,	Christopher Lewis,
Emanuel Siviter,	Jacob D. Joslin,	Charles H. Lee,
Asher Beatty,	John W. Read,	Allen McGowan,
Barney Eagan,	James Christian,	Benjamin Jackson,
A. L. Worthington,	Jacob Whiteman,	Joseph Arrison,
George H. Trimble,	Orrin B. Faussett,	J. T. Thompson,
James Neall,	William Gagg,	William M. Lenox,
Jesse W. Langdon,	William L. Zane,	Robert T. Hoy,
Alfred B. Lewis,	Joseph M. Lewis,	John J. Sager,
George W. Milne,	John Thropp,	John C. Parsons,

George W. Ellis,	Joseph B. Turpin,	John Brough,
George H. Reed,	John Lathrop,	John M. Crammer,
W. F. Clark,	John Turpin,	Gerry L. Taylor,
William T. Bailey,	Frank A. Weaver,	John M. Britton,
Heathcote J. Disbrow,	George H. Eastwood,	John H. Brewer,
George Hale, jun.,	Robert L. Hutchinson,	Charles Sillcocks,
William H. Kiernan,	John V. Hutchinson,	Wallace Coriell,
John F. Schwartz,	John C. Kafer,	Elwood Lippincott,
William D. Swem,	John E. Painter,	Thomas McNulty,
Richard Smith,	Lyman Leavitt,	Wm. A. MacCrellish,
George Parker,	Alexander H. Rickey,	Morris L. Pearson,
David P. Lukens,	Isaiah C. Smith,	Samuel P. Parham,
John Hood,	Lewis Nutt,	William E. Gilbert,
Phineas Randolph,	Asbury Boileu,	Charles H. McIntyre,
William Hinman,	William E. Brook,	Joseph H. Moore,
Ogden Lanning,	Richard A. Donnelly,	George Vallance,
William A. S. Cook,	John Anistaki,	Lewis R. Fuhrman,
George R. Whitaker,	Joseph G. Bell,	William H. Barton,
Isaac A. Davis,	Joseph D. Bennett,	A. J. Margerum,
Augustus Marsh,	Samuel Rosenberg,	Daniel B. English,
Dolphus S. Maynard,	Thomas Hammond,	Isaac I. Johnson,
Samuel Johnson,	Alfred Lee,	William N. Nutt,
Joseph L. Naar,	William H. Brokaw,	Joseph W. Pressy,
George Cotton,	Robert W. Mull,	John C. Edwards,
Thomas Hingeley,	John N. Lindsay,	Samuel L. Hart,
Stewart D. South,	Charles Brown,	John Fowler.

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FELLOW CRAFT—Gottlieb Maulick.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Daniel Lodor, Adolphus F. Roat, Aaron S. Lovett, George F. Butterworth, Samuel Mentz.

DIMITTED—James E. Emerson.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—E. W. Fogg, David T. Potter, Alexander D. Robinson, John K. Whittaker, Jacob Miller, John McDougall.

DECEASED—Amos V. Heed, Theophilus Poulson.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 6—CLARKSVILLE.

Meets first and third. Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

David Bruce, w. m.,	Richard W. Taylor, SEC'Y,
Robert Fozard, s. w.,	Stewart Terraberry, s. d.,
Monroe Curtis, j. w.,	Christopher Staats, j. d.,
John Eveland, TREAS.,	Nathan Martenes, TYLER.

MASTERS.

George W. Rowland,	George F. Shurts,	Philip Whitehead,
D. F. Butler,	L. W. Hewitt,	Richard Everett,
George Allhouse,	W. Bamforth,	Theodore Castner. 17.

FELLOW CRAFTS—L. F. Biglow, Alex. Cook, Charles Thornton.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George W. Bird, Reuben Schank, J. Winters, Caleb Shiner.

NEWARK LODGE, NO. 7—NEWARK.

Meets every Friday evening, at Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 768 Broad street.

OFFICERS.

James L. Courter, P. M., w. m.,	William A. Kipp, j. d.,
Edward Goeller, jun., s. w.,	Christopher A. Hosfield, M. OF C.,
John Hastings, j. w.,	Charles H. Edwards, "
Adam Hay, TREAS.,	Sylvester P. Case, CHAPLAIN,
David J. Camfield, SEC'Y,	William Pilkington, TYLER.
Charles Belcher, jun., s. d.,	

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Daniel B. Bruen.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

David S. Plume.

PAST MASTERS.

Oscar J. Valentine,	Charles L. Jones,	Abram Van Arsdale,
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MASTERS.

Aaron T. Anderson,	W. J. Aschenbach,	Peter M. Arbuckle,
Robert Atkinson,	Isaac C. Axtel,	Chris. Aschenback,
Thomas Agens,	Thomas Atha,	William J. Birdsall,
Philip Butts,	John S. Blauvelt,	William H. Brant,
Lawrence Boylan,	Thomas M. Bennett,	Charles F. Bowers,
James J. Brooks,	Noah F. Blanchard,	Thomas Burch,
Thomas Bowles,	John P. Brooks,	William D. Bruen,
Oscar Barnett,	Adam Block,	William D. Basley,
Frederick J. Bimbler,	William E. Bradner,	Stephen B. Belcher,
Thomas J. Bundy,	Adam Bentley,	Thomas P. Burt,
James R. Bird,	Edward Burtchall,	John Cook,
Robert Chapman,	William E. Brison,	Joseph Colyer,
John W. Coleman,	Job S. Crane,	Jacob Chadsey,
George B. Callen,	Morgan L. Curtis,	Charles A. Cowell,
William E. Corey,	John W. Chandler,	Walter M. Congar,
Jacob S. Coles,	Charles A. Courter,	Thomas F. Collins,
John B. Camfield,	Chandler C. Coats,	John C. Dennis,
William H. Cook,	John Connefry,	William De Rance,
John J. Davey,	Peter R. Dunham,	John W. Davis,
John R. S. Denton,	John Davis,	Samuel Dodd,
Charles H. Daly,	James W. Dutton,	William Deas,
Francis A. Dey,	Samuel R. Davis,	Jacob De Vansney,
John W. Dey,	Richard Darnstaedt,	Jonathan Fairchild,
William P. Eastman,	John V. H. Ditmars,	Jonathan D. Freeman,
Michael C. Fredericks,	Elrich Eberhardt,	Edward Francisco,
James F. Fowler,	Jacob Freiday,	Francis A. Farrow,
Joseph Ferguson,	Nicholas J. Fredericks,	William C. Greene,
Walter Greacen,	Abraham N. Freeland,	Smith Garrabrant,
John Grieves,	Charles J. Gilbert,	James H. Greene,
Matthew T. Gay,	U. Tilburn Greathead,	William N. Herrick,
Melville T. Hard,	Andrew J. Gulick,	Ebenezer C. Hay,
William B. Huxter,	Richard Hopwood,	Gabriel Hidalgo,
Charles Hobson,	Julius Hahne,	Alfred S. Hunter,
John Hughes,	Henry B. Harrison,	Henry Hargraves,
George E. Hart,	Albert Helbig,	Robert Hutchinson,
Rev. Horace Harris,	Charles T. Hathaway,	Frank Jones,
William H. Insee,	Charles Hankins,	Jesse Keene,
Nicholas T. Joralemon,	Henry Jones,	John R. Knapp,
Jabez D. Kilburn,	Hugh Kinnard,	George E. Lydecker,
William W. Lawson,	Geo. A. Keene, jun.,	Jacob H. Lerow,
Caleb H. Leonard,	Paul H. Lutz,	John Lewis,

J. H. D. Littlehale,	Luther K. Lyon,	Charles W. Lee,
James Lackey,	Irenus H. Lindsley,	John P. Mecluer,
James F. Marsh,	Rev. R. B. Lockwood,	John L. Meeker,
Sylvester Macknett,	William R. Moses,	Charles Marsh,
James O. Morgan,	Theodore Macknett,	James W. Miller,
Roswell C. Miller,	Francis Moran,	George E. Mead,
John McKecknie,	Kenneth Melrose,	Edmin P. Merritt,
Francis M. Myers,	Benjamin J. Mayo,	Ellis Norwood,
Charles Nungesser,	Henry Newhoff,	Harvey Park,
William Passmore,	Charles S. Osborn,	Emmet J. Paterson,
Isaac W. Parmenter,	Thomas J. Prichard,	Charles L. Pierson,
Albert E. Pruden,	Isaac Poinier,	Samuel R. Pemberton,
Joseph F. Peters,	Joseph Penovi,	Augustus Pruyn,
William H. Post,	William G. Payne,	George H. Parkinson,
Abraham R. Pierson,	John H. Peel,	Aaron Reock,
William N. Randall,	Charles B. Pruden,	Stephen B. Ransom,
Peter R. Romaine,	Alfred Ridler,	John B. Russell,
George M. Ryno,	Thomas Rabone,	William D. Russell,
Charles E. Roome,	William A. Reeve,	Levi J. Squier,
John A. Snyder,	Henry C. Soden,	William E. Sturges,
James M. Smith,	John C. Speer,	Anson G. Smith,
Alfred Smith,	John E. Steeples,	David B. Sturges,
Aaron D. Smith,	Lewis Stein,	Thomas Sleight,
John R. Shuler,	E. C. Smith, jun.,	George W. Staats,
William Shove,	Caleb S. Stites,	Daniel S. Stewart,
William E. Speer,	B. Le Roy Stevens,	George S. Smith,
Henry V. D. Schenck,	Linnaus C. Smith,	Obadiah Tompkins,
Sylvester P. Tuers,	William Trinder,	Alexander E. Taylor,
John P. Turner,	Cyrus W. Turton,	Bartholomew Tunsted,
Daniel J. Terhune,	George Turner,	Simon J. Van Winkle,
James T. Van Ness,	William J. Turner,	William J. Vanness,
John S. Voorhees,	Ephraim Van Ness,	Aaron Ward, jun.,
David W. Wade,	C. F. Vanderhoof,	Henry Warner,
Joseph Waterhouse,	George Ward,	Charles A. Wallen,
James G. Webster,	R. G. Woodworth,	Frederick W. Wagner,
George E. Wilcox,	John R. Williams,	Jacob W. Weaver.
Stephen H. Young,	Charles Wilcox,	249.

FELLOW CRAFTS—William J. McCully, John T. Hastings.

DIMITTED—George M. Harris, William Bartow, Charles G. Ritchie, Charles V. Wilson, John Tunsted, Alexander Jarvis, Peter Melick, John G. Aschenback, George W. Lands, Louis Lowenthal.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—George B. Nichols, William H. Tuttle, James F. Messmore, Jacob L. Lawrence, John Lancaster, Edward B. Warsaw.

DECEASED—Charles W. Wilson, John Hassell, James M. Pool, George Hogan, Charles Boylan, P. M.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 8—BASKINGRIDGE.

Meets Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Van Arsdale, w. m.,	Job Prawl, j. d.,
N. C. Cox, s. w.,	George Brown, M. OF C.,
J. Dayton Smith, j. w.,	John H. Tiger, “
Calvin H. Dunham, TREAS.,	Henry Tiger, STEWARD,
Samuel S. Adamson, P. M., SEC'Y,	Cornelius D. Coster, “
James Doty, P. M., S. D.,	Oliver W. Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Moses Craig,	Daniel D. Craig,	A. F. Voorhees,
John Dayton,	William Bilyou,	Henry E. Agens.

MASTERS.

Thomas Adams,	John H. Anderson,	John J. Allen,
Samuel A. Allen,	William Arrowsmith,	Israel Bedell,
John H. Bedell,	Maline M. Bonnell,	William Barker,
Jewell W. Bird,	Stephen Breese,	Nelson Bonnell,
Charles Capoulliez,	G. P. Crater,	Elbert Clement,
George H. Dorland,	Oliver W. Dunster,	George D. Emmons,
Frank Eghaus,	Stephen Faulkner,	J. Forbes Guerin,
Samuel Garrison,	Thomas Groghan,	Bradner Guerin,
George W. Hedden,	Charles Hedden,	Peter Hoffman,
William P. Hughson,	Robert H. Layton,	Rev. J. W. Lawton,
Thomas Lewis,	John R. Lewis,	George Lewis,
Oliver Rush,	George Rickey,	Benjamin Smith,
Josephus Sanders,	Peter Sutphen,	William Sutphen,
Rev. Wm. N. Searles,	John Todd,	J. H. Talmadge,
Eugene W. Van Doren,	William Van Doren,	Gilbert Van Doren.
Charles Weitfle,	Rev. J. Wesley Young,	

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ENTERED APPRENTICES—Thomas Terrill, George Terrill.

DIMITTED—Oscar D. Terry.

WASHINGTON SHREWSBURY, NO. 9—EATONTOWN.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William H. Bennett, W. M.,	Francis Johnson, J. D.,
William H. Horner, S. W.,	Joseph H. Richmond, M. OF C.,
Augustus Thomas, J. W.,	Alexander M. Lewis, "
Thomas Cook, P. M., TREAS.,	Benjamin King, STEWARD,
Arthur Wilson, P. M., SEC'Y,	Richard Flemming, "
George W. Cook, S. D.,	Hubbard Dennis, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Francis Corliss,

George A. Tator.

MASTERS.

James E. Lippincott,	Isaiah S. Lane,	Dan'l H. Hendrickson,
Elvin S. Green,	Henry G. Clayton,	Orrin Goodrich,
Charles Van Brunt,	S. H. Hunt,	John P. Corlies,
Daniel Van Brunt,	Samuel Slocum,	Eathan A. Fay,
Thomas P. Brown,	Levi Scobey,	John Slocum,
William Hathaway,	E. L. K. Knieskern,	Zebulon W. Scriven,
Anthony Reckless,	William H. Allen,	Rev. John L. Souder,
J. Tenbrook Conover,	Samuel C. Hasty,	Charles P. Lloyd,
Wm. Hathaway, jun.,	Joseph G. Edge,	Richard Davis,
Samuel T. White,	Timothy C. Lloyd,	Charles C. Lloyd,
John B. Tunis,	Peter D. Knieskern,	Jordon Wooley,
Pearson Hendrickson,	Samuel P. Selick,	Richard Applegate,
William Slocum,	Joseph P. Truax,	Rev. Henry J. Raybold,
Henry B. Sherman,	Robert Fay,	John W. Edwards,
Robert W. Bennett,	Henry C. Bennett,	Wesley Richmond,
D. Allen Covert,	Lewis Brown,	Francis White,
Halsted W. Brown,	James A. Perrine,	John H. Sickles,
Joseph S. Applegate,	Elisha Wooley,	Walter Scott,
A. J. Larrabee,	Samuel Tuttle,	Borden Morris,
Isaac P. Cooper,	William H. Tallman,	Edward H. Price,
Sylvanus Anderson,	George W. Houghton,	Samuel Pyatt.
Edward I. Pitcher,	Smith C. Pitcher,	

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ENTERED APPRENTICES—Gilbert Vannotte, Jacob Herbert, Forman Sickels, Samuel F. Wheeler.

DECEASED—Daniel A. Holmes, P. M.

FRANKLIN LODGE, NO. 10—IRVINGTON.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Frederick S. Underhill, w. m.,	Matthias Crane, J. D.,
William O. Pierson, s. w.,	William Avery, M. OF C.,
Moses Hand, J. W.,	Benjamin H. Freeman, "
Joseph G. Ward, TREAS.,	Rev. H. Vehslage, jun., CHAPLAIN,
D. Pateman Berry, SEC'Y,	George Harbridge, TYLER.
Allen L. Bassett. S. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Charles C. Stewart,	John Rino,	John Van Cleve.
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MASTERS

Charles H. Curtis,	Josiah L. Baldwin,	Matthias Ross,
Archibald G. Day,	Caleb B. Headley,	Eleazer S. Looker,
Bernard McCormick,	John S. Dunican,	Theodore S. Palmer,
William S. Dunican,	George P. Myers,	Andrew J. Vanness,
Charles M. Durand,	John T. Parcells,	William Riddle,
James Lannigan,	George Sopher,	Edwin L. Benedict,
William H. Clarkson,	Abram McGee,	Isaac H. Munn,
William Dillon,	James Pierson,	Wickliffe B. Elston,
Edward F. Elston,	Samuel M. Hewlett,	Marcus Oliver,
Thaddeus S. Edwards,	Peter Garretson,	James Chalmers,
James Weaver,	Clifford I. Brown,	Henry C. Martine,
Thomas P. Toole,	Wm. H. Henderson,	Joseph McElwee. 50.

DIMITTED—Albert D. Traphagen, William H. Demun, William Elston,

DECEASED—Owen C. Looker.

UNION LODGE, NO. 11—ORANGE.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred. W. Morris, w. m.,	Augustus W. Coon, S. D.,
William N. Williams, s. w.,	Austin Van Ness, J. D.,
Thomas O. Ayres, J. W.,	Matthew Chalmers, M. OF C.,
Alvin M. Condit, TREAS.,	Edwin G. Codington, "
Charles W. Monroe, SEC'Y,	Henry C. Carpenter, TYLER,

PAST MASTERS.

Simeon Harrison,	William B. Williams,	Isaac L. Van Orden,
William P. Condit,	Jesse Williams,	John W. Lees,
Joseph Gasner,	Joseph M. Dodd,	Hiram Ingalsbe.
Walter E. Smith,		

MASTERS.

William R. Allen,	Daniel Bond,	Isaac S. Beach,
Henry C. Bloomfield,	Edwin A. Barber,	James Bell,
John H. Bessell,	Robert Baxter,	Albert P. Condit,
Jotham H. Condit,	David Close,	Charles Cutting,
George W. Cooke,	Patrick Coyne,	Thomas Chalmers,
Elias M. Condit,	Owen Doremus,	Orrin Dickinson,
David Dodd,	Charles E. Dodd,	James H. Emmerson,
Peter Gerbert,	John W. Hemstreet,	Thomas M. Hedden,
George Harrison,	John B. Horn,	Charles W. Hunt,
Charles D. Judd,	Luke King,	Lawrence Kocher,
Ludwig F. Kirsten,	Francis Larsonneur,	David P. Lewis,
Robert McGowan,	Chris. McCullough,	James J. Metz,
Joseph A. Minot,	Henry A. Norris,	David J. O'Neill,
Alexander Milne,	William T. Puff,	James Peck,
William Reeves,	James Rowbotham,	Geo. W. Rhinehardt,
John J. Robinson,	Joseph Solano,	Napoleon Stetson,
John Snyder,	Charles H. Smith,	Caleb A. Smith,
Edward G. Smith,	Alexander Smith,	John F. Smith,
John H. Sharp,	Joseph A. Smith,	Edward P. Smith,
George Spottiswoode,	Edward J. Thomson,	William Taylor,
Walter Varnell,	William H. Vreeland,	David R. Winans,
Edw. T. Whittingham,	Jonathan B. Ward,	Chauncey G. Williams

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DIMITTED—Isaac Watts, William M. Price, Anton Gerster, William Bodwell, Thomas B. Bradbury.

DECEASED—Reuben W. Dodd.

 AMWELL LODGE, NO. 12—LAMBERTVILLE.

Meets Wednesday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Richard H. Wilson, W. M.,	Isaac S. Roberts, J. D.,
William P. Sharkey, S. W.,	Frederick Massey, M. OF C.,
Sylvester H. Mains, J. W.,	William H. Hoagland, "
Charles Schulhaus, P. M., TREAS.,	Jeremiah Hayhurst, STEWARD,
Charles Roberts, SEC'Y,	A. J. Scarborough, "
Oliver H. Phillips, S. D.,	Francis Moore, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARIES.

Samuel Lilly,	Ingham Coryell.
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PAST MASTERS.

Ancel St. John,	Reuben P. Ely,	Charles A. Skillman,
Silas H. Beans,	Moses G. Quick,	John C. Moore,
Hiram Scarborough,	Hugh B. Ely,	James P. Smith.
John T. Neely,	William G. Moore,	

MASTERS.

Joseph J. Frazer,	Joseph Watt,	Joseph V. Peck,
Jesse T. Walton,	William Crook,	Joseph S. Lanning,
J. L. Coriell,	Clark Pierson,	Noah S. Hart,
John Runk,	Charles W. Crook,	J. S. Lanning,
Charles G. Thomas,	Theodore Colliday,	A. J. Ely,
John R. Young,	Joseph A. Vancleve,	Henry C. Hooker,
Justus Woodhull,	George L. Mahan,	Samuel A. Wallace.
George T. Heston,	McKenzie L. Hall,	James M. Reynolds,
Joseph B. Lake,	Garret S. Bellis,	Byron Thornton,
James K. Brewster,	J. M. Hoppock,	R. B. Slack,
Charles Foulke,	Charles F. Moore,	William R. Stavely,
Matthias C. Ely,	Aaron Emmons,	Samuel R. Hillyer,
George H. Larrison,	Miles V. Bennett,	William Linburg,
A. J. Beaumont,	Thomas C. Johnson,	George Brooks,
William T. Ryan,	Peter P. Kuhl,	Hiram Pierson,
F. M. Slaughter,	A. T. Ege,	John W. Horn,
Rev. A. F. Hutchinson,	Samuel Hartpence,	Johnson Holcombe,
Gardner B. Johnson,	Samuel Fausbrenner,	Charles Neal,
David B. Boss,	Thomas Tomson,	S. R. Hussleton,

Wesley Johnson,	Jacob Servis,	J. T. Murfit,
Rev. Thomas Hanlon,	Thomas H. Hall,	J. L. Hunt,
Henry H. Beans,	Mahlon H. Huffman,	Edwin Knight,
A. V. Vandolah,	C. S. Woolverton,	Rev. W. P. Howell,
Lewis J. Titus,	Joshua Primmer,	Michael A. Van Hart,
R. McDowell,	William W. Thomas,	Gustavus Wagner,
William L. Janney,	Howard Kitchen,	George W. Gates,
Rev. C. T. Frame,	John L. Burroughs,	Stephen Hull,
A. W. Smith,	W. W. Brown,	Peter C. Hoff,
Albert Trego,	A. J. Rounseville,	John R. Dilts,
W. H. Muirheid,	Walter Paxon,	Paxon Kitchen,
Ralph Burroughs,	Charles M. Lee,	Jacob J. Lair,
Harrison Sutphen,	Jacob Heines,	Frederick Blackwell,
Rev. W. McGlathery,	William MacKareth,	James G. Leiper,
Joseph H. Boozer,	William H. Titus,	Ralph Ege. 128.

DIMITTED—Samuel H. Wood, H. B. Nightingale, P. M.

DECEASED—Amos Moore.

WARREN LODGE, NO. 13—BELVIDERE.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Wm. M. Maberry, P. M., W. M.,	William C. Witte, J. D.,
Martin Freeman, S. W.,	Jesse King, P. M., M. OF C.,
Nathaniel Britton, J. W.,	Neil R. Currie, "
Simon Wade, TREAS.,	Jacob Miller, STEWARD,
Richard T. Drake, P. M., SEC'Y,	Elias J. Mackey, "
William M. Mackey, S. D.,	George Suydam, TYLER.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Samuel S. Clark.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

John Dill, Sen.

PAST MASTERS.

Edwin R. Crane, Jacob Sharp, Samuel Rees.

MASTERS.

Daniel Axford,	John W. Alleger,	Albert Ammerman,
Elisha M. Allen,	George C. Adams,	Theodore Anderson,
John Adams,	James M. Brugler,	J. Wesley Angle,
Thomas Bond,	Elijah C. Burd,	Aaron O. Bartow,
George H. Beatty,	Edward Brugler,	William Blume,
William R. Brokaw,	J. F. Bunnell,	William Boofman,
Isaac Brands,	John W. Bray,	John T. Brands,
Charles A. Beck,	Edward L. Campbell,	Peter D. Bunnell,
A. N. Barlow,	Millard B. Culver,	George B. Corwin,
Oliver Chambers,	James M. Davison,	T. T. Cook,
Simeon Cook,	Robert L. Davison,	William H. Davison,
Josiah Dewitt,	Isaac S. Dill,	John C. Davison,
Christian S. Davison,	John V. Deshong,	John Dill, jun.,
Joseph B. Dilts,	John Diesel,	Sandford Dilley,
Ephraim Dietrich,	Zadoc Decker,	Daniel Evans,
William H. Eichman,	John Eilenburgh,	T. M. Edwards,
David W. Fangboner,	Pelatah Fitch,	Henry M. Fagan,
Robert Fishbough,	George G. Galloway,	John B. Grover,
Nathan K. Garhart,	Israel Harris,	Philip H. Hann,
Joshua Hilton,	George W. Hoag,	Edward O. Hulshizer,
Henry V. Harris,	Milton D. Hetzel,	Charles Horn,
William Haughawout,	Benjamin F. Howey,	Lewis Hausman,
F. B. Hildebrandt,	Lorenzo Housewerth,	John Hippenheimer,
James F. Hildebrant,	William Hagerman,	Michael Hilbert,
Ansil P. Ingram,	Hugh P. Jones,	John G. Jones,
Jacob R. Kinney,	John Kinney,	John J. Kline,
George G. Kinney,	William S. Kirkhuff,	Daniel W. Klinehans,
Aaron Kizer,	Seneca B. Kitchen,	Samuel K. Lanterman,
S. W. Loller,	John C. Linnaberry,	William C. Larzalier,
William McCracken,	Rev. Henry Litts,	Henry Myers,
George J. Meyers,	Edward H. Mackey,	James C. Myers,
William H. Mackey,	E. L. Mixsch,	John C. Prall,
Thomas Prall,	James Prall,	William A. Person,
George G. Prall,	Charles E. Parker,	William Riegel,
Henry H. Rinehart,	Harrison P. Perkins,	George T. Ribble,
Henry Repp,	John Rusling,	William Salmon,
Daniel Shannon,	James M. Robeson,	Thomas L. Smith,
William Silverthorn,	Reeder T. Slack,	Alexander Snyder,
John R. Stewart,	Jacob Stone,	Jacob M. Stout,
John Simerson,	Redford Sharp,	Arthur G. Smith,
James Stout,	John R. Stout,	Jacob Stone,

John B. Smith,	Abraham Salmon,	James M. Shoemaker,
Isaac S. Swayze,	Quintus Shuler,	Nelson Stoddard,
George Titman,	Jesse Titman,	J. Purnell Toadvine,
George W. Tunis,	Rev. Jacob Tindall,	Alfred Thomas,
Nehemiah Tunis,	H. D. Vass,	Wesley M. Vass,
Jethro B. Woodward,	Henry Woolfinger,	Warren Ward,
William S. White,	Charles K. Wood,	George T. Wilson.
Eben S. Young,	Frederick Zane,	160.

FELLOW CRAFTS—E. W. Barnes, A. G. Baird.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Peter M. Hendrickson, Zadoc Loller,
George Young, Marshall Smith, J. Calvin Horn.

DIMITTED—John Canfield, Thomas A. Runyon.

DECEASED—William B. Laninger.

MOUNT HOLLY LODGE, NO. 14—MT. HOLLY.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Samuel C. Woolman, P. M., W. M.,	Joseph Wills, J. D.,
Milton Hansell, S. W.,	Charles S. Stockton, M. OF C.,
Joseph Lundy, J. W.,	John S. Cook, "
George A. Egley, TREAS.,	John Eking, STEWARD,
Griffith W. Carr, SEC'Y,	Charles W. Heisler, "
Alfred B. Webster, S. D.,	John Forker, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Samuel Read.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

George W. Curtis.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas B. Woolston, George H. Pancoast, Charles W. Ewan, jun.
John B. Deacon, William Gray,

MASTERS.

Wm. K. Armstrong,	Charles Antrim,	Thomas C. Alcott,
John F. Alcott,	Andrew E. Budd,	John M. Bryan,
Robert Burnett,	James S. Bryan,	William J. Black,
Fred. W. Bainbridge,	John F. Beuhler,	Jonathan Crozier,
George Borton,	Richard E. Brown,	William H. Champion,
Samuel Carr,	John B. Collins,	Henry H. Crane,
Theo. L. Christopher,	Edward Claypoole,	Alfred Doron,
Levi Davis,	Joseph H. Deacon,	Richard W. Earl,
Samuel Doron,	William T. Donaldson,	Judson C. Gaskill,
Charles H. Folwell,	John Forsyth,	John B. Gaskill,
James Gallagher,	Joseph Gray,	Allen M. Haines,
Augustus Grobler,	Albert Hansell,	Stokes Haines,
William Hutchinson,	Henry W. Hetzell,	John B. Hankinson,
William C. Hancock,	William H. Hewlings,	Aaron S. Haines,
Christopher C. Hughes,	Jas. S. Hulme, jun.,	Isaac W. Jessup,
Samuel B. Irwin,	Charles M. Justice,	J. Fred. Laumaster,
Fred. W. Kelley,	Josoph L. Lamb,	Samuel T. Leeds,
Frank B. Levis,	John G. C. McFarland,	Robert Moffet,
Richard R. Lippincott,	John W. McCormick,	Charles H. McIlvain,
Anthony J. Morris,	Benjamin R. Nutt,	William G. Pedrick,
William Mortland,	Benjamin F. Patterson,	William Pedrick,
Charles B. Polhemus,	Thomas R. Risdon,	Joseph J. Sleeper,
William M. Risdon,	Frank Schofield,	William Shwab,
Isaac Skirm,	William Swaim,	Zachary T. Sailer,
Lewis L. Sharp,	Samuel G. Thornton,	Samuel R. Toy,
William C. Thornburg,	Anson S. Taylor,	Solomon Wolf,
Samuel L. Tomlinson,	Isaac T. Wilkins,	Samuel K. Wilson,
Japhet B. Woolston,	Caleb M. Wright,	Mark Zelley.
Samuel F. Wesner,		

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FELLOW CRAFTS—William R. Deacon, Edwin B. Haines, Thos. D. Armstrong.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jonathan W. Powell, Charles E. Hendrickson.

DIMITTED—George Farr, P. M.

EXPELLED—James S. Pitcher.

CAMDEN LODGE, NO. 15—CAMDEN.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Richard F. Smith, w. m.,	William H. Stansberry, J. D.,
William Hardacre, s. w.,	Enos Dismont, M. OF C.,
Allen M. Powell, j. w.,	Robert Patterson, "
J. H. Stevens, P. G. S. W., TREAS.,	William H. Jefferys, CHAPLAIN,
James M. Cassady, P. M., SEC'Y,	Charles H. Gordon, TYLER.
Henry U. Howes, s. d.,	

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Joseph Trimble.

PAST MASTERS.

Matthew Miller,	Edward W. Coffin,	Charles I. Fireng,
Joseph L. De La Cour,	Charles F. Parker,	Daniel H. Erdman.

MASTERS.

William H. Gamble,	Samuel P. Dubois,	Thomas C. Knight,
John R. Graham,	Joseph C. De La Cour,	William Severns,
James H. Denny,	Samuel Kimble,	Robert Henderson,
John S. Read,	Wilson Fitzgerald,	Daniel Pierson, jun.,
Lewis Seal,	John T. Davis,	George T. Hewitt,
Jesse E. Huston,	John H. Jones,	Charles Taylor,
Azael Roberts,	Andrew K. Hay,	Richard W. Test,
Lukens Cooper,	William H. Allen,	Ralph Lee,
Jesse T. Peak,	William Sexton,	Elwood M. Kemble,
William W. Heritage,	Charles W. Lippincott,	Michael Letts,
Samuel R. Swain,	George W. Gilbert,	Thomas F. Cullen,
Benjamin D. Cooley,	Jos. W. Desborough,	Charles Ogden,
Edward S. Johnson,	William H. Hemsing,	John W. Provost,
William H. Malin,	Richard Dilmore,	James W. Rutter,
Levi T. Howell,	Richard H. Lee,	Lewis M. Morris,
Alfred Hugg,	George W. Thomas,	John Wilson,
Samuel W. Tatem,	Richard R. Miller,	Charles E. Brevoor,
John A. Campbell,	Joseph N. Garton,	Maximilian West,
George A. Rahm,	Hiram Hoffman,	Richard Wilson,
Abraham Anderson,	Charles Denson,	James Mellor,
Albert T. Rowand,	Thomas D. Shreve,	Andrew B. Frazee,
George R. Fortiner,	Hamikon Hill,	Elwood H. Kirkbride,

Benjamin F. Sutton,	Henry Rawley,	Thomas Lee,
George W. Knight,	George Holl,	Edward P. Ireland,
George Sumner,	William B. F. Wood,	Isaac W. Robinson,
Henry Fortner,	Albert P. Brown,	Isaac V. Ellwell,
Edward Galliard,	Silas Robinson,	James Corson,
James H. Tatem,	Edward W. Reeve,	Charles C. Yeakle,
Edwin B. Cox,	Thomas McKeen,	Edward N. Cohn,
Nathan T. Mulliner,	Garret S. Mott,	Alfred C. Marien,
Martin Goldsmith,	Samuel A. Wents,	Henry Bottomly,
William Dyer,	Bowman H. Shivers,	William P. Marsh,
Henry F. Hunt,	Robert L. Ryan,	Alfred J. Reynolds,
Charles F. Redman,	George W. Field,	Charles McAlister,
Alpheus Barrett,	W. H. Desborough,	Gustav Grossman,
Franklin Ireton,	Samuel M. Butler,	Richard A. Ludlam,
Richard T. Ackley	John B. Shourds,	Philip Hopkins,
Frank B. Rose,	James Deno,	George M. Robeson,
Robert A. Miller,	John R. Haslett,	Joseph R. Gresimer,
J. Frank Langley.	George W. N. Custis,	Hamilton L. Moulton,
Enoch Allen Ward,	William L. Sayre,	William H. Thompson,
George W. Laughlin,	Thomas S. Dilks,	Samuel H. Grey,
John D. Mooney,	Levi H. Wilson,	John W. S. Johnson,
Rev. Samuel Vansant,	Charles S. Cotting,	James M. English,
Daniel G. Langendorf,	Charles English, jun.,	Frank E. Newkirk,
William B. Burk,	John Kinsey Jones,	John P. Firing,
A. Clifford Jackson,	Richard Westcoat,	Aaron Ward,
Daniel Joslin,	Nelson Reynolds,	Dickerson Moore,
John Stibgen,	George C. Kay,	John Begary,
James W. Ayres,	Frank A. Fenton,	William C. Shinn,
George W. Burk,	James G. Folwell,	Samuel W. Stivers,
Edmund E. Read,	Thomas M. Antrim,	Samuel C. Cook,
William B. Sickler,	Albert S. Doughty,	Barton Lowe,
Thomas S. Swain,	Nathan Shaw,	John Antrim. 180.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Isaiah Woolston, Uriah Timmins, Israel E. Porter, John S. Read, jun., Abraham M. Browning, William A. Cox, Edward S. Huston, Andrew Harbeson, Joshua Jeffries, Christopher V. Bergen, Louis E. Foliot, William T. Watson, William Heisler, Thomas J. Smith.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jonathan L. Vickers, George P. Marshall, John Ross, Israel Elberson, Amer P. Smith, John W. Stutzer, Alden C. Scovel, Smith Fisher, Rev. Philip L. Davies, Frank L.

Knight, George Brewer, John Binder, Granville Lewis, Joseph C. Lewis, Charles C. Warner, John M. Hall, William Butt, jun., Edward Atkin, Ludwick R. Devault, Alexander Rudolph, Thomas C. Cordery, Clinton Lore, Thomas Naylor, Manley S. Peacock, John F. Tudor, Oscar J. Boardman, John T. Bottomly, Robert Freeman, Joseph P. Weatherby.

DIMITTED—Edward Mills, William Jennings, William Stiles, George F. Fort, Marmaduke B. Taylor, H. Genet Taylor, Frederick A. Rex, Wilbur F. Rose, George H. Fairfield, William S. Fort, J. Graham Milligan, Nathan F. Cowan.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Pancoast Roberts, P. M., Abel Bennett, Abraham C. Baker, Maurice M. Kaighn, Elisha V. Glover, jun., F. Henry Morgan, James C. Sloan, Jacob W. Star, James M. Scovel, Thomas A. Wilson.

DECEASED—George W. Carpenter, P. M., William Jessup Roberts.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, NO. 16—FREEHOLD.

Meets Tuesday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter from November until April.

OFFICERS.

Alexander A. Yard, w. m.,	Charles Hartzheim, M. OF C.,
Acton C. Hartshorn, s. w.,	Britton C. Clayton, “
Edwin F. Applegate, j. w.,	Henry S. Little, STEWARD,
Joseph H. Rosell, TREAS.,	Joel Parker, “
Thomas C. Swift, SEC'Y,	Rev. A. G. Chambers, CHAPLAIN,
Aaron C. Hart, s. d.,	Joseph S. W. Douglass, TYLER.
George C. Hulit, j. d.,	

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Holmes W. Murphy.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Aaron R. Throckmorton.

PAST MASTERS.

James S. Yard,	Isaac S. Buckalew,	Jacob C. Lawrence.
George C. Beekman,		

MASTERS.

Joseph T. Laird,	Anthony Frey,	Thomas E. Morris,
Austin H. Patterson,	Alfred Walters,	Charles A. Bennett,
John Bawden,	James T. Burtis,	John D. Buckalew,
Joseph D. Bedle,	John W. Barkalow,	Stewart Brown,
Thomas P. Barkalow,	Joseph S. Conover,	Stephen B. Coburn,
Henry Bennett,	R. L. Disbrow,	Stephen S. Disbrow,
W. H. Conover, jun.,	George C. Gordon,	Rowland L. Ellis,
John Dorrance,	William H. Howell,	Rev. Jacob B. Graw,
Rev. G. W. Finlaw,	Thomas Newell,	Jonathan Longstreet,
Charles H. Golden,	Henry C. Patterson,	Rev. George H. Neal,
Alfred A. Miller,	Philip J. Ryall,	George W. Patterson,
Peter Parker,	Rev. R. M. Stratton,	C. D. Throckmorton,
Joseph W. Perrine,	John Vought,	Charles A. Vancleaf,
William Segoine,	Thomas R. Wooley,	John H. Williams,
Thomas J. Thomason,	Francis R. Perrine,	Charles Haight,
Charles S. Wœrts,	William J. Butcher,	Marcus B. Taylor,
Rev. W. M. Moffett,	Rev. J. Howard Brooks,	Joseph W. Hulse,
Lewis A. Hoffman,	Charles H. Ellis,	James H. Magee. 75.
Lemuel I. Dey,	Peter Forman,	

ENTERED APPRENTICE—C. Ewing Patterson.

DIMITTED—Hendrick S. Conover.

SUSPENDED U. M. C.—William H. Sanders, Robert P. Miller.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 17—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

George W. Laforge, w. m.,	James Dickson, s. d.,
Charles W. Gray, s. w.,	Edward Devlin, j. d.,
John Mellor, j. w.,	Albert H. Barnes, M. OF C.,
Alexander Wilson, TREAS.,	Charles King, “
John A. Shawda, SEC'Y,	Oliver Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry F. Crawford,	Ephraim S. Johnson,	James A. Alexander,
John Hilton,	Charles H. Parsons,	Leroy Schermerhorn,
C. T. Higginbotham.		

MASTERS.

George W. Rowland,	Edward McHoney,	Francis R. Hill,
James F. Blackshaw,	Mortimer D. Conklin,	David Taylor,
Benjamin F. Britton,	Charles S. Fox,	Frederick Davey,
S. Hethrington,	James E. Hutton,	William E. Dunning,
John T. Parker,	William Mitchell,	George W. Farrier,
Robert Bumstead,	John Pringle,	William Burroughs,
William M. Beach,	William Ellsworth,	William Daley,
William McKean,	Thomas M. Ewan,	L. G. Fogg,
Edward E. Brown,	Josiah C. Hunt,	William N. Hogan,
Thomas K. Halstead,	S. C. McLaughlin,	J. W. Barrow,
Garret J. Houston,	Charles Singer,	John E. Scott,
John J. Hill,	Wickham Williams,	John D. Frazier,
Frederick L. Platt,	William W. Knight,	William A. Phillips,
Robert Martin,	William B. Waters,	C. L. Armstrong,
Daniel L. Reeves,	William D. Garretson,	B. F. Champney,
Robert L. Smith,	John H. Ward,	Donald McKeller,
John J. Jones,	Joseph Acton,	James Parry,
Thomas Potter,	John Molloy,	Robert Donshea,
Thomas D. Christie,	William Jaquins,	William Griffith,
William Slight,	Morris Leon,	Henry M. Harrison,
George W. Keen,	Andrew Van Buskirk,	Albert Frost,
Thomas McLellan,	John Walters,	W. H. Bumstead,
Robert Elliott,	David H. Gilkyson,	Patrick McGeehan,
George E. Powell,	Richard Tillyer,	Bernard Hughes,
George C. Doyle,	John W. Miller,	William Boyle,
Thomas Holt,	James P. Lewis,	John Hough,
John Geer,	John Underwood,	William Alder,
John F. Green,	Henry M. Todd,	William R. Meeker,
John Anness,	Homer Brooke,	James Gopsil,
Robert Gilchrist,	William Clay,	John Chilver,
Seymour Mitchell,	Charles T. Betts,	James O. Lindsley,
M. R. Palmer,	James Holt,	E. L. McWilliams,
Henry L. Brown,	John W. Harrison,	H. V. Piaget,
George E. Cutter,	William Taylor,	William T. Mount,
William Plimley,	Robert Allen,	John J. Warner,
William H. Nafew,	James Coxon,	Judson M. Startup,

John Bustead,	F. W. Knapp,	W. H. Dohrman,
Henry Lohman,	B. M. Rommell,	James E. Rogers,
William Stone,	William H. Mitchell,	J. N. Van Buskirk,
William Ewan,	Robert J. Coleman,	William Bays,
Francis H. Brown,	John Kelly,	George M. Evans,
Jabez R. Parsons,	Elijah Gary,	Daniel Allen,
James O. Clarke,	John Hartman,	William Courter,
Joseph Ellsworth,	Samuel Garretson,	Nelson Edwards,
Charles P. Summers,	John A. Knœller,	William Startup,
James Gilkinson,	W. Verrinder, jun.,	Joseph B. Mills,
Charles G. Hoar,	William Reeves,	William Baldwin,
Peter Brower,	S. W. Haines,	Thomas R. Porter,
David C. Whyte,	Kaupman Baum,	John C. Bailey,
Samuel Farran,	Charles J. Timapson,	James B. Hills,
John H. Ackerman,	Thomas Finnie,	P. N. Kline,
R. H. M. Dickinson,	Samuel Craig,	Theodore Smith,
James McKearnan,	R. E. Relyea,	C. B. Potter,
Sharon H. Waples,	John Miller,	William Layton,
Richard Rouse,	Morgan Decker,	Martin Cullen,
Samuel C. Mount,	George N. Packer,	Theopholis Beebe,
John Doyle,	H. C. Laronch,	James Pryde,
Francis H. Ward,	Jediah H. Lounder,	Adrian W. Marinus,
W. Van Kuren,	Frederick A. Farrell,	Thomas Logan,
Reese Reese,	C. B. Collins,	David W. Garvin,
William Francis,	M. A. Loveland,	James H. Whitter,
Andrew McKnight,	William H. Pack,	James A. Ferdon,
Charles Cornwall,	Thomas Bothroyd,	Charles L. Krugler,
William Taylor,	Randolph Belmer,	Archibald White,
Joseph McDonald,	Charles W. Hayford,	John Bird,
John W. Winters,	James A. Crossman,	Milton Perkins,
John McIntosh,	Alexander Finley,	Joseph Kirmer,
William Whitley,	Alonzo Schoner,	Isaac S. Lawrence,
Thomas Street,	Robert Jelly,	George Brown,
David G. Christie,	Robert McFerran,	John Taylor,
Paul H. Jaeger,	B. F. Loveland,	William McCann,
John W. Sorenson,	Garret Sproul,	William B. Greene,
Lewis Porter,	Horace Sias,	Henry Bultman,
Frank Thorniar,	Philip H. Wheeler,	William Murray,
George Brown,	Herman Howerdel,	D. H. J. Hulshizer,
John D. Cornell, jun.,	Johnson Hunt,	Wm. B. La Baw,
Orison McNiel,	Wilkinson B. Hall,	Frank O. Cole,
Charles E. Peterson,	Pearl C. Hilliard,	Joseph D. Francis,

Thomas Leather,	Joseph Northernd,	Edward M. Pindar,
William Grieves,	James H. Startup,	Andrew J. Hood,
Benjamin Kipp,	George Straw,	John A. Falconer. 260.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Thomas H. Hatton, George Lewis, Edgar L. Bradly.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—James N. Talmage.

DIMITTED—Jesse P. Case, James Mann, James Jardine, James R. Stringham, Charles B. Gardner.

DECEASED—John H. Roberts, Alex. McLeod, Joseph Reaney, P. M., John T. Chapman, James Granville, Joseph S. Wilkins, John H. Layton, John H. Low.

EXPELLED—A. G. Gilkyson, P. M., George Shaw.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 18—TOM'S RIVER.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles C. Chipman, P. M., W. M.,	Edward W. Snyder, S. D.,
Joseph A. Pharo, S. W.,	Brookfield Goble, J. D.,
John Walton, J. W.,	John Beatty, STEWARD,
Cornelius Cowdrick, TREAS.,	M. Perrine Gravatt, "
John A. Noble, SEC'Y,	George G. Irons, TYLER.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Warren C. Abbe.

PAST MASTERS.

William I. James,	Thomas Hooper,	David J. Bower.
William A. Low,		

MASTERS.

John B. Courtney,	Smith Cowdrick,	John Pharo,
Ivins D. Cornelius,	Edward W. Ivins,	Joseph Holmes,
Charles J. Errickson,	Freedom L. Shinn,	William W. Applegate,
Edward M. Lonan,	Francis J. Speer,	Joseph Parker,

G. W. Cowperthwaite,	James Bodine,	Hiram M. Horner,
Emanuel H. Wilks,	Lewis E. Pierce,	William Jeffrey,
Rev. David Teed,	Charles Soper,	Alexander Letts,
R. Douglass James,	Isaac Vansant,	John E. Clayton,
William Erickson,	John A. Brown,	Ralph B. Gowdy,
John B. Pharo,	Benjamin F. Aumack,	William Bowker,
John C. Patterson,	Benjamin S. Sharp,	Levi Cranmer,
Jacob P. Curtis,	Sidney Forman,	John Miller,
William Tilton,	E. H. Easterbrook,	Charles H. Chambers,
Edward Jameson,	Henry L. Stebbins,	Ephraim Marston,
George E. Applegate,	George W. Clayton,	Asa C. Fellows,
Thomas W. Middleton,	John C. Bowers,	A. H. Dashiell 63.

DIMITTED—William A. Masker, Dickinson Moore, Frank P. Finch, Edwin Salter, Taylor G. Irons, Daniel S. Rogers.

DECEASED—John B. Cowdrick, Paul H. Smock.

UNION LODGE, NO. 19—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas H. R. Redway, W. M.,	Cornelius S. See, S. D.,
John C. Scott, S. W.,	George F. Ross, J. D.,
Goyen D. McCoy, J. W.,	Louis W. Atkin, M. OF C.,
Arch. J. Wark, TREAS.,	B. B. Lupp, jun., "
Robert W. Helm, SEC'Y,	John Cortelyou, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Joseph Warren Scott.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Haley Fisk.

PAST MASTERS.

George Taylor,	Charles Dunham,	John W. Newell,
Samuel L. Johnson,	John Helm, sen.,	David T. Jeffries,
Abram V. Schenck,	Miles R. Martin,	John J. Holland.
Charles C. Wells,		

MASTERS.

William H. Acken,	Wm. H. Armstrong,	John Anderson,
Gustavus Auten,	Samuel Applegate,	Israel Adams,
Samuel Acken,	Oscar C. Acken,	George Butler,
William Beins,	Samuel W. Booraem,	F. S. Barbarin,
William B. Bishop,	Thomas Booraem,	Jonathan Booraem,
John F. Babcock,	Alfred J. Butler,	George E. Brown,
Garret Conover,	George M. Conaway,	Joseph S. Cathcart,
William H. Cook,	John Collier,	Volney Cronk,
Cornelius W. Castner,	John A. Covert,	Lyman Cronk,
William Caspender,	Charles J. Carpender,	Charles D. Deshler,
Uriah Dehart,	Edward K. Dunham,	John Evans,
John H. Frazee,	Isaac L. Fisher,	C. W. Fisher,
William Flagg,	Abram Q. Fine,	Adam Green,
George R. Grigg,	Florian W. Gordon,	James Garland,
Everett L. Goodwin,	Peter Horstman,	Albert G. Heald,
Charles M. Herbert,	George W. Howell,	William P. Howell,
Justus Herrick,	Lewis H. Hoagland,	J. Hernandez,
Augustus Hatfield,	Henry L. Janeway,	Levi D. Jarrard,
George J. Kuhn,	William E. Kelly,	Francis Losee,
Thomas H. Lee,	George C. Ludlow,	George H. Leonard,
Lewis C. Letson, jun.,	R. C. Lockhart,	John F. Moore,
Stephen Moore,	Egbert A. Manning,	Henry N. Marsh,
John L. Manning,	Daniel Morgan,	George B. Munn,
Charles F. Miner,	Nath. Marting, jun.,	Philip A. Myers,
William B. Miles,	John B. Nicholson,	Azariah D. Newell,
George P. Norton,	J. Albert Nadal,	Arthur G. Ogilby,
Arthur J. Pasco,	Benjamin H. Plechner,	William B. Plechner,
Francis A. Pettee,	William H. Provost,	William G. Parsons,
James Pinder,	Charles P. Rutgers,	William H. Rust,
William Rowland,	John H. Rolfe,	George Rule,
Chas. D. V. Romondt,	James Sweeney,	William S. Strong,
Henry Schenck,	James B. Stockton,	John S. Stewart,
John M. Sterritt,	David A. Storer,	William S. Smith,
Abraham B. Smith,	Richard Serviss,	John Thomas,
Cornelius T. Eick,	Rev. Richard Thorn,	Francis S. Tracy,
Charles H. Voorhees,	John Van Duerson,	J. Charles Van Cleef,
William A. Vescelius,	Edward S. Vail,	James H. Van Cleef,
John R. Van Arsdale,	M. D. Vincent,	John Van Nest,
David C. Van Duerson,	Andrew Wesner,	Aaron Wolfson,
Fred. Wiseman,	Ward Wheeler,	John Williams,

Oliver C. Wilson, Nicholas Williamson, Richard M. White,
A. V. D. Westervelt, R. B. Walker, Daniel P. Yates. 148.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—E. W. Northrup, John Dunham, Daniel W. McCarty, Adrian Graff, Edward Waldron, James K. Peterson, Jacob Levinson, Cornelius W. Schuyler, John H. Van Duerson.

DIMITTED—Robert C. Helm, P. M., Enos A. Sage, William H. Fisher, John H. French, John Helm, jun., Henry S. Boice, Henry A. Hull, Andrew L. Dunham.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William A. Bickley, J. D. Field, Claudius A. Quirrell, Charles Vancleef, James Stroad.

DECEASED—Uriah D. Voorhees.

ACACIA LODGE, NO. 20—DOVER.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Isaac W. Searing, w. m.,	Alfred Taylor, s. d.,
William H. McDavit, s. w.,	William V. Curtis, j. d.,
Isaac Hance, j. w.,	Harlane P. Sanderson, M. OF C.,
William L. Young, TREAS.,	Ira C. Cooper, "
Warren Segur, SEC'Y,	John W. Venner, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles McFarlan,	John Armitage,	Thomas R. Crittenden,
James B. Lewis.		

MASTERS.

David C. Ackerson,	Andrew A. Baker,	John Ball,
Henry Baker,	Henry C. Byram,	John P. Brown,
Jeremiah Baker, jun.,	Joseph C. Bowers,	Geo. A. H. Blanchard,
Whitfield S. Coursen,	Jared Coe,	Sherwood D. Gould,
James Evans,	Frederick W. Fichter,	Charles A. Gillen,
William A. Green,	Mahlon Hoagland,	Hiram Hulse,
David Harris,	Benjamin F. Hopping,	George Hance,
William M. Hance,	Jacob H. Hiler,	Edward E. Jackson,
Andrew Jackson,	John C. Jardine,	Isaac B. Jolly,
David Jenkins,	William H. Lambert,	Edward W. Losey,

Simon Misel,	Robert McCain,	Robert L. McNeill,
Jacob Messler,	George R. Miller,	Thomas Oram,
William O'Donoghue,	William F. Potter,	Joseph Polzne,
Richard Pearce,	Robert Richards,	Pearce Rogers,
James Riley,	Usual H. Struble,	John H. Stumpf,
Martin Searing,	Walter Shupe,	James Shaw,
Jacob P. Stickle,	J. D. Stansborough,	Richard Stephens,
James H. Struble, jun.,	Thomas Thomas,	John Turner,
William Turner,	James Vicks,	Mathias M. Whitlock,
William F. Wiggins,	John Whitfield,	Thomas C. Whiteley,
E. M. White,	Henry C. Wiggins,	William Wilcox. 77.

FELLOW CRAFT—Frederick H. Beach.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Nathan R. Wilcox.

DIMITTED—Frederick B. Dalrymple.

EXPELLED—John M. Losey.

MYSTIC BROTHERHOOD LODGE, NO. 21—RED BANK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jehu P. Cooper, P. M., W. M.,	Thomas H. Applegate, J. D.,
Samuel E. Staples, S. W.,	Charles H. Trafford, M. OF C.,
William A. Cole, J. W.,	Eseck White, "
William Van Schoick, TREAS.,	Rev. Wm. N. Dunnell, CHAPLAIN,
John E. Norris, P. M., SEC'Y,	John V. Alstrom, ORGANIST,
Larue N. White, S. D.,	Sheppard Kollock, TYLER.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

James H. Patterson.

PAST MASTERS.

William C. Park,	William Haddon,	Joseph Gill.
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MASTERS.

William T. Abbott,	Peter Aumack,	John J. Antondiest,
Nelson Buchanan,	Albert Bellson,	John Borden,
Edward Bennett,	Lewis Blumenburg,	William Child,

Jacob Corlies,	William F. Conover,	George B. Champlin,
Ephraim Carlisle,	Robert R. Conover,	W. L. Chadwick,
George Cooper,	Thomas Davis,	Frederick De Hart,
John B. Grover,	John Grant,	David Harvey,
Charles Hubbard,	Aaron B. Hankins,	C. A. Hendrickson,
Robert J. Hayward,	John M. Joice,	Elisha W. Jeffrey,
George M. Joy,	Charles L. Kimble,	Jeptha Leathe,
Martin C. Loshner,	Peter Lawless,	Peter Lambertson,
Jacob Lefetra,	John V. Linke,	Adam Longstreet,
John S. Midwinter,	John W. Midwinter,	Mark L. Mount,
William H. Mount,	Charles McClane,	Lewis T. Merrigold,
James H. Montgomery,	John Peterson,	John W. Parker,
John H. Patterson,	William H. Parker,	William J. Sickles,
Samuel H. Patterson,	William S. Sneden,	John W. Stout,
Lewis H. Smith,	James Seeley,	Joseph Sabbath,
George W. Snyder,	Lambert Snedeker,	Philip Schneider,
Rev. Lewis Stults,	William A. Torrey,	Levi B. Vanness,
Daniel B. Stilwaggon,	W. A. Van Schoick,	David W. Vannote,
Robert Van Schoick,	J. W. Vanderveer,	Charles R. Wood,
Jas. S. Throckmorton,	Peter L. Wilbur,	William H. Wilson.
William J. Ward,	Frank White,	87.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John Lloyd, Henry H. Curtis, Joseph W. Child, John B. Bergen.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—John Moy, George C. Owens.

DIMITTED—John S. Bishop, James Brahn, Joseph B. Hankins, Samuel Bennett, John D. Dennison.

DECEASED—Henry C. Vannote.

DIOGENES LODGE, NO. 22—NEWARK.

Meets every Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Fried. A. Traudt, P. M., W. M.,	John B. Kaas, J. D.,
John Beisinger, S. W.,	John Thielen, M. OF C.,
Michael Ortman, J. W.,	Lazarus Loeb, "
Trangott Beck, TREAS.,	Moses Popper, STEWARD,
Henry Becker, SEC'Y,	Joseph Oswald, "
Oscar Seifert, S. D.,	Charles Bank, TYLER.

P. G. V. TO GERMAN LODGES.

Samuel Fleischer.

PAST MASTERS.

George Bergesse, Joseph R. Fleuchaus, Henry Stengel.

MASTERS.

Bernhardt Assman,	Christian Ackermann,	August Au,
Joseph Albers,	Joseph Bogner,	Herman Boppe,
Michael Biermann,	Jacob Briel,	Moritz Berla,
Fried. Baumeister,	John Baier,	Charles Beussen,
Franz W. Bauer,	Frederick Danner,	Christian Dorr,
H. Evertz,	Peter Eller,	Ludwig Eichenauer,
Wilhelm Ebele,	Maier Froehlich,	Daniel Frielinghaus,
Andreas Gockeler,	Charles Gradzbach,	Charles Galluba,
Albert F. Gescheidt.	John Gerdon,	Ernst W. Hausmann,
Frederick Hausler,	Philip Helmlinger,	Franz H. Hurle,
Anton Herzog,	Adolph Heinkel,	Nicholas Heines,
Herman Hirsch,	Henry Hahn,	Michael Haertel,
David Holzwarth,	Philip Haas,	Ernst Herzog,
Ludwig Hepe,	Wilhelm Hill,	Jacob Issler,
Johann George Jung,	Louis Kirchner,	Gottfried Krueger,
William Kraft,	Ehrhardt Kummer,	J. Louis Kellner,
Frederick Kuefer,	Henry Katzenmeyer,	Henry Koch,
Adam Klein,	Jacob Kindle,	H. A. Korneman,
Isidor Levy,	Frederick Ludwig,	Charles Lawrenz,
George Ignatz Leyerer,	Rev. Joseph Leucht,	Leser Mendel,
Abraham Meyer,	Emil Miller,	Philip Miller,
John Muller,	Moses Mendel,	Frederick Manger,
Henry Nadler,	Michael Ommut,	Henry Reurup,
John Ruckelshaus,	William Roemich,	Adam Reibold,
J. A. Reinhardt,	Solomon Strauss,	Moses Schloss,
Lewis Schmidt,	Christian Stengel,	Philip Scherzer,
Bernhardt Strauss,	Christopher Sippel,	Christian Saenger,
William Serbe,	Albert Sonnenkalb,	John Schulmerich,
Isaac Schwartz,	Jacob Stengel,	Albert Schabel,
George Tanwalt,	Julius A. Thibaut,	Lewis Trier,
Benjamin W. Teiteles,	Henry Thalheimer,	Adolph Vogel,
John Van der Elst,	Henry Weiss,	Charles Wolz,
Oscar Weiner,	Jacob Widmer,	Jacob Weil,
Joseph Weber,	Simon Weiner,	John Wegele.
Philip Wendland,		

FELLOW CRAFT—Carl Adolph Beck.

DIMITTED—Christopher Stieringer, Ernst Dauer.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 23—NEWTON.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

John T. Stewart, P. M., W. M.,	George Harden, S. D.,
Frank M. Hough, S. W.,	John B. Drake, J. D.,
Robert F. Johnson, J. W.,	Wallace Myers, M. OF C.,
A. F. Fellows, TREAS.,	A. B. Hockenburg. "
Hiram C. Clark, SEC'Y,	James A. Terhune, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William M. Babbitt,	John R. Stuart,	John Hunt,
William H. Hagaman,	Robert A. Sheppard,	Benjamin Stewart.

MASTERS.

Thomas Anderson,	Thomas H. Andress,	Joseph Andress, jun.,
Oscar Andress,	Sedgwick R. Bennett,	Robert L. Byerely,
John S. Ball,	John M. Bale,	P. H. Beemer,
James H. Bowman,	Thomas G. Bunnell,	Joseph C. Boss,
Aaron H. Bonnell,	Ira S. Bigler,	John Cunningham,
Andrew J. Bales,	Charles Crook,	Joseph Coult,
George W. Collver,	Peter Cannon,	Jacob A. Coursen,
Joseph H. Coursen,	William P. Coursen,	Jason Cole,
S. J. Coursen, jun.,	John S. Coursen,	M. L. Chambers,
Calvin C. Cooper,	Edwin M. Curry,	George M. Drake,
William Drake,	M. M. Drake,	William Drake, 2d,
Chauncey Depew,	Clarkson Drake,	James L. Decker,
John F. Dunn,	Thomas R. Everett,	J. N. V. Dimon,
Alanson O. Decker,	G. Beaks Dunning,	John B. Fuller,
Thomas C. Elston,	Justin P. Edgerton,	Elias D. Goodrich,
Rev. John Faull,	Philip R. George,	John George,
Richard George,	Gilbert J. Grover,	William O. Hunt,
Martin Grover,	Elias R. Goble,	William Hunt,
Russell R. House,	Peter Hoppaugh,	Joseph S. Hunt,
John S. Howell,	Henry Hulsizer,	J. B. Hoppaugh,

John R. Hemmingway,	Martin Hull,	Morris Hoppaugh,
Joseph Hart,	Austin Hunt,	G. F. Hawk,
William H. Hand,	Richard Hendra,	Gerald Howatt,
Marshall S. Hibbler,	Jonathan Havens,	William M. Iliff,
John P. House,	Wesley Iliff,	Henry C. Kelsey,
Marshall H. Johnson,	P. N. Jacobus,	Edgar Kennedy,
George W. Kennedy,	William Kinney,	David F. Lyon,
Asa Kyte,	Thomas Kays,	John D. Lanterman,
John Linn,	Jonathan Lundy,	Isaac M. Losey,
J. W. B. Lewis,	Silas Y. Lewis,	Wallace Myers,
Jacob Lane,	John W. Lane,	David Munroe,
William E. Morford,	John Miller,	William H. Maines,
C. V. Moore,	Joshua Munn,	Theodore Morford,
Lewis R. Morris,	William R. Mattison,	Chillion Munson,
Noah H. Merring,	James McDavid,	Peter T. Northrup,
Edgar Munson,	Thomas Newcome,	Stanley S. Preston,
William M. Perrine,	Gabriel Post,	John N. Roof,
Charles Rose, jun.,	J. S. B. Ribble,	Peter M. Roof,
William R. Ribble,	James H. Runion,	Robert Ransden,
William Riddle,	Samuel V. Ribble,	James H. Simpson,
Andrew J. Skinner,	Horace Sloan,	Theodore M. Stiner,
Moses N. Strader,	Andrew A. Smalley,	B. F. Sherwood,
Samuel T. Smith,	Joseph Schooley,	Jehiel T. Smith,
George R. Smith,	Daniel Stilwell,	J. G. Scott,
Henry C. Stoll,	J. L. Smith,	Edwin Turner,
William M. Smith,	Jacob H. Sherman,	Martin V. Tompkins,
James B. Titman,	Rutherford Tuttle,	Hugh E. Tharp,
Louis H. Trusdell,	Nicholas Tillman,	Clinton Vass,
Peter P. Van Syckle,	W. H. Van Sickle,	Daniel Vliet,
Peter A. Van Syckel,	Mills Vankirk,	Moses Woodruff,
James Vanover,	Henry H. Van Doren,	Lewis Writer,
Lewis Willson,	S. D. Woodruff,	Obed O. Willson,
John H. Woods,	Jonas S. Woods,	Henry M. Ward,
John Weller,	Hiram Westbrook,	Job Woodruff,
Floyd E. Williams,	James H. Williamson,	Jesse Ward.
William B. Wigg,	Theodore F. Youngs,	

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FELLOW CRAFTS—William McCoy, John W. Pudon, Mahlon Predmore, Joseph Quackenbush.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George L. Duffield, George Drake, Peter H. Snook, Benjamin B. Van Campen, Oscar Simpson.

DIMITTED—Benjamin M. Fuller, William R. Turner, William T. Leport, Alexander Craig, John F. Conger, John M. Bale, Job Milne, Bethuel Goodrich.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John Demarest, George T. Smith, J. D. Reynolds, Isaac Dolson, James Wyker, Charles M. Howell, William E. Taylor, Charles H. M. Angle, Lewis McKinney.

DECEASED—Lyman Edwards, P. M., David L. Hunt.

PROSPECT LODGE, NO. 24—MENDHAM.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John S. Stiger, P. M., W. M.,	William J. Leddell, S. D.,
Charles M. Quimby, S. W.,	Peter E. Cramer, J. D.,
Adam Young, J. W.,	Charles H. Dunham, M. OF C.,
Theodore W. Phoenix, TREAS.,	Robert Bradshaw, "
James H. Day, SEC'Y,	David Woodruff, TYLER.

MASTERS.

William M. Budd,	Levi D. Babbitt,	Lemuel Cramer,
Peter B. Fairchild,	Henry D. Lowrie,	S. W. Leddle,
H. O. Marsh,	William H. Nicholas,	James H. Phoenix,
Philip Riley,	Alfred A. Seguire,	Eugene Troxell,
Henry Vanderbeck,	John B. Wolfe,	Rev. C. Wombaugh.
John Whitlock,	Isaac Zellers,	27.

FELLOW CRAFT—Philip H. Thompson.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—David Thompson.

DIMITTED—George Cramer.

DECEASED—J. Boyd Headley.

 NORTHERN LODGE, NO. 25—NEWARK.

Meets, first, third and fifth Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Guyer, P. M., W. M.,	Isaac R. Elston, S. D.,
Joseph A. Dobbins, S. W.,	George F. Elston, J. D.,
George E. Crosby, J. W.,	John J. Henry, M. OF C.,
Ludlow Allen, P. M., TREAS.,	Amzi Pierson, "
John N. Kumerle, SEC'Y,	George W. Moore, TYLER.

GRAND LECTURER.

William Mead.

PAST MASTERS.

George Booth,	Dennis W. Morris,	Levi H. Sandford,
R. W. Vandervoort,		

MASTERS.

Thomas R. Austin,	David Ayres,	James Booth,
Richard Burtchall,	Charles Bishop,	Henry Bowden,
Robert F. Birdsall,	Thaddeus M. Burt,	J. D. Brumley,
George Bowden,	Joseph Booth,	Henry Burnstein,
Caleb S. Ball,	Charles M. Bolen,	H. T. Brumley,
George H. Bronson,	Ayres C. Baldwin,	Elihu B. Baker,
G. R. Buchanan,	George A. Cadmus,	Henry Cyphers,
Silas Chappell,	Erastus D. Coe,	Edwin S. Condit,
George W. Conkey,	Benjamin F. Crane,	David Campbell,
William A. Clark,	John J. Conger,	Thomas Castles,
Edward A. Campbell,	John Cramer,	Lorenzo Castles,
Bruen M. Decker,	George M. Drake,	William B. Douglass,
William F. Duerr,	Lewis R. Dunn,	David Dixon,
Waters B. Day,	John DeMott,	Morgan L. Day,
S. S. Drake,	Charles B. Day,	Samuel S. Davis,
Stephen D. Davis,	Melvin Doremus,	Matthew Dunlap,
Jacob Decker,	William Foster Dodge,	Alfred Eagles,
Israel C. Eagles,	Alexander Eagles,	James H. Elsum,
William Erb,	Richard Francisco,	William L. Forbes,
William D. Gomer,	Charles Gomer,	F. R. Godfrey,
Solomon Greenhalgh,	Bethuel Goodrich,	James Greer,
Albert E. Haggis,	William Hawkins,	Viner J. Hedden,
Joseph L. Hewes,	John L. Hubbard,	Joseph Harrington,

Morris Hart,	John S. Healey,	William H. Halsey,
John S. Hargraves,	S. K. Jeroleman,	Henry M. Jones,
Robert A. Kay,	Allen B. Kay,	Henry Kenton,
Thomas Kingston,	Edward King,	Thomas Keenan,
Ransford A. Kirk,	George R. Kent,	Joseph Kinsey,
Monroe H. King,	Jonathan I. Kinsey,	Lewis T. Lyons,
Isaac E. Lyon,	Henry M. Littell,	Daniel W. Lyon,
William Ledwich,	George W. Littell,	Charles B. Loomis,
George W. Lawrence,	Washington Mills,	Thomas A. Meeker,
George W. Martin,	Philip Mason,	Simon H. McKay,
William T. Mercereau,	Stephen Monroe,	Joseph Meeker,
James Moon,	Frederick L. Meeker,	Aaron Moore,
Joseph Musgrove,	Charles Morehouse,	William Morris,
Archibald McAnish,	William D. Patterson,	Ephraim Pennington,
Thomas Phillipson,	Charles L. Pierson,	John M. Phillips,
Stephen M. Page,	Richard Riker,	Jacob Rothchild,
Thomas A. Roberts,	Enos Runyon,	F. C. Runyon,
Valentine Reiser,	John P. Richards,	George B. D. Reeve,
William T. Rae,	George W. Romaine,	John Rowbotham,
John A. Sharp,	Francis Sipp,	George E. Stout,
Thomas Sinclair,	Thomas A. Sayre,	Joseph M. Smith,
H. A. Spencer,	Albert M. Squire,	David E. Smyth,
John Sinclair,	James Tucker,	Luke F. Tronson,
Washington Tingley,	James A. Thomson,	James Turner,
John Turner,	Charles M. Tichenor,	William J. Van Deren,
William A. Ure,	George Ward,	James H. Waugh,
John W. Wiley,	William W. B. Willis,	George Wood, 165.

FELLOW CRAFTS—J. C. Mundy, George Riley.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Alfred C. Dowling, Wilson Crane.

DIMITTED—Lucius D. Baldwin, William Johnson, D. H. Garrison.

DECEASED—William H. Abos, William Bellamy.

JERUSALEM LODGE, NO. 26—PLAINFIELD.

Meets Tuesday evening of each week.

OFFICERS.

L. L. Compton, w. m.,	Henry A. Green, J. D.,
William B. Maxon, s. w.,	H. A. Pope, M. OF C.,
J. E. Parker, J. w.,	G. L. Watts, "
T. A. Rogers, TREAS.,	A. L. Mundy, STEWARD,
David S. Campbell, SEC'Y,	E. D. Moffett, "
Samuel B. Hartpence, s. d.,	Henry Southard, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Henry R. Cannon.

PAST MASTERS.

Joel R. Briant,	John D. Brown,	William L. Gavett,
Stephen O. Horton,	Edward C. Mulford,	John C. Sutphin.

MASTERS.

Charles H. Andrews,	T. C. Aldrich,	William H. Brower,
Isaac Brokaw, sen.,	Peter D. Baldwin,	William P. Bailey,
Robert Brand,	George E. Bleeker,	Samuel M. Ball,
Asa Collins,	A. F. Campbell,	Frederick Cadmus,
John Cooper,	S. P. Craig,	A. C. Coriell,
Robert S. Conway,	Matthias Clark, jun.,	Edmund P. Cutler,
T. O. Doane,	Levi Darby,	A. M. Dunn,
B. G. Elliott,	W. L. Force,	William Freeman,
Samuel D. Frazure,	W. E. Gardner,	R. H. Gilbert,
John L. Hansom,	Juni Harris,	E. H. Holmes,
C. W. Hodges,	J. F. Hubbard,	Joseph A. Hubbard,
J. N. Honeyman,	Jacob Kirkner,	Elias Kirkpatrick,
James C. Lyons.	E. C. Langdon,	Stephen L. Miles,
H. A. H. Martin,	Timothy H. Morse,	William H. McMahon,
Alexander J. Mitchell,	George L. Morse,	David S. Pope,
E. B. Nicholas,	Elias R. Pope,	B. N. Pickell,
H. P. Reynolds,	James P. Rogers,	William C. Rea,
James Rutan,	Arthur B. Reynell,	Alexander Snediker,
Edwin Seely,	Charles H. Snediker,	L. H. R. Snelly,
James H. Smith,	S. W. Stephenson,	John N. Steiner,
Edward P. Thorn,	J. D. Titsworth, jun.,	J. D. Ten Eyck,
Alex. W. Titsworth,	Wm. T. Titsworth,	C. E. Tyler,
George H. Whitney,	Jonathan M. Wilcox,	George Weille.
John Wilson,		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—W. H. Sebring, jun., Samuel V. Gibson.

DIMITTED—A. B. Darby, Henry Woodland.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John McEachron, John Bangham, J. L. Bellis, Charles Frost, Joseph Hasbruck, George Nichols.

DECEASED—William A. Osbourne.

LA FAYETTE LODGE, NO. 27.—RAHWAY.

Meets Monday evenings, at La Fayette Hall.

OFFICERS.

Joseph W. Martin, P. M., W. M.,	Joseph W. Williams, M. OF C.,
Benjamin Squire, S. W.,	John Wilson, "
William I. Brown, J. W.,	Herman Stricker, STEWARD,
John H. Durand, TREAS.,	William S. Chamberlin, "
Daniel G. Urmston, SEC'Y,	George W. Treat, CHAPLAIN,
James E. Tier, S. D.,	Frank V. W. Jewell, ORGANIST,
Ferd. A. Clarkson, J. D.,	William Conger, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

John R. Chapin.

PAST MASTERS.

Abram A. Ward, David Crowell.

MASTERS.

Andrew J. Halliday,	Phineas F. Frazee,	Stewart C. Marsh,
Henry Platner,	Daniel K. Ryno,	Joseph T. Crowell,
Thomas Doughty,	Charles Avery,	Linus High,
A. Staats Bonney,	Lewis Hoff,	Isaac C. Marsh,
Robert Russell,	James O. Halsey,	James Proud,
George Miller,	William E. Wells,	James L. Bodwell,
Henry Spear,	L. Murray Perkins,	William M. Littell,
J. Frank Clarkson,	George W. Savage,	Stephen M. Brewster,
Thos. A. Bloomfield,	Edward F. La Baw,	David F. Coles,
John A. Woodruff,	William Chamberlain,	Roswell S. Reynolds,
Nathan E. Mead, jun.,	George W. Jewell,	William H. Martin,

William Wilde,	Thomas Jardine,	Merrick Martin,
William W. Monroe,	George L. Denman,	Ira F. Morgan,
Joseph W. North,	William J. Parker,	E. St. Claire Moore,
Rev. G. W. Pendleton,	James H. Putman,	George Lauterer,
Henry Lawrence,	Joseph M. Potter,	George Fuhr,
C. W. Sanders, jun.,	William B. Reed,	Lewis S. Hyer,
Milton A. Brown,	Nathan V. Compton,	George O. Pratt. 72.

FELLOW CRAFT—Henry M. Whitehead.

ENTERED APPRENTICES — Patrick Clark, James W. Bowdoin, Oscar C. Laing, Joseph Moffett, John F. Whitney, I. C. Van Vleet, David C. Stiles, William Ross, Charles H. Jackson, Ebenezer Muddell, Charles J. Geddes.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, NO 28—BORDENTOWN.

Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Fred. G. Wiese, P. M., W. M.,	William Watson, J. D.,
Moses Wolf, S. W.,	Isaac D. Gabel, M. OF C.,
Edwin S. Buzby, J. W.,	Hugh Newell, "
Lambert Hughes, TREAS.,	John J. Rogers, STEWARD,
Robert Julian, SEC'Y,	Fred. Shreve, "
William C. Wilson, S. D.,	Joseph Miller, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Robert C. Buzby.

PAST MASTERS.

James W. Allen,	Charles C. Buzby,	William E. Frazier,
Israel Frazier,	John B. Hulse,	James Stratton.
John Shaw,	Joseph Wilson,	

MASTERS

Joseph W. Allen,	William F. Allen,	Nathan Allen,
George Allen,	Henry Brown,	Enoch W. Applegate,
Uriah Bennett,	Rev. Abel P. Buel,	A. Benson Brown,
Charles F. Beck,	Lewis P. Barnes,	William H. Black,

Rev. J. H. Brakeley,	Thomas Brady,	Quirico R. Bonnell,
A. J. Claypool,	Garrett S. Cannon,	Charles K. Cannon,
Charles S. Carpenter,	Francis H. Clinton,	John Cobson,
Edward Clift,	Rev. J. W. Custis,	John A. Carr,
Thomas B. Douglass,	Samuel B. Dougherty,	Thomas W. Dunn,
Prior Dougherty,	James W. Decker,	John T. Darnell,
William S. Devlin,	Thomas Edwards,	James M. Edwards,
Benjamin M. Frazier,	George Fleming,	Robert Fenton,
Charles E. Folwell,	William Grimshaw,	Robert Hawkey,
Samuel E. Holloway,	P. F. Hyatt,	Armitage Hughes,
Clark Hutchinson,	William H. Hughes,	William H. J. Hilliard,
Sylvanus Hutchinson,	W. R. Haffelfinger,	Peter Imley,
Lewis Jemmison,	Theodore Jangling,	George W. Jaques,
John Kale,	William J. Knox,	Edwin Lockwood,
William P. Lownes,	Robert T. Lacy,	George LeConey,
William H. Larrison,	Wm. R. Murphy, jun.,	John J. Maxwell,
James Molyneux,	John B. McVey,	Hugh Newell,
Joseph Norris,	Alfred T. Osmond,	Samuel C. Parrott,
George Pepler,	George W. Pittman,	William Paine,
Emanuel Perry,	Aaron Robbins,	Samuel L. Roberts,
George J. Robbins,	Clement Richardson,	Benjamin Ross,
Pedro Roig,	John Reeves, jun.,	George L. Suydam,
Fred. Shreve,	Thomas S. Stevens,	A. Judson Sexton,
William Souder,	John Shreve,	Joseph H. Smith,
J. Wesley Thompson,	Lewis P. Thompson,	George W. Thomson,
Joseph B. Taylor,	Albert Taylor,	William Venable,
George W. Vernon,	William D. Woodruff,	John Watters, jun.,
Henry Watson,	John Watson,	James White,
Richard C. Wilson,	John G. Waterman,	Gardner H. Wright,
Rev. William Walton,	Henry Wetteroth,	William W. Waln.

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FELLOW CRAFTS—Henry M. Bennett, Thomas R. Grover.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—J. G. L. Whitehead, Geo. W. Lippincott.

DIMITTED—Peter Rudrauff, William Burton.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Whitall Stokes, Peter Williamson, William Thompson, Allen Moran, George R. Skillman.

DECEASED—Richard Bennett, Edward D. Johnson, Theodore Macpherson.

 JOPPA LODGE, NO. 29—PATERSON.

Meets every Wednesday evening from Sept. 1st to May 1st; second and fourth Wednesday evenings from May 1st to Sept. 1st.

OFFICERS.

John P. Doremus, P. M., W. M.,	William Dufford, S. D.,
Tunis Van Iderstine, S. W.,	Philip Schuyler, J. D.,
Cornelius A. Cadmus, J. W.,	William Shinton, M. OF C.,
John E. Dunning, P. M., TREAS.,	George L. Catlin, “
Ambrose T. Secor, SEC'Y,	Joseph Ettinger (No. 88), TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Isaac Van Wagoner.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

John Hopper.

PAST MASTERS.

• Robert R. Taylor, John C. G. Robertson, Robert O. Smith.

MASTERS.

James H. Demarest,	John Edwards,	Paul W. Crooks,
Wm. S. Hudson, sen.,	Wm. S. Hudson, jun.,	John C. Blauvelt,
Robert V. Jenks,	William Tillier,	Hector C. Hudson,
Alex. P. Fonda,	Abraham A. Fonda,	John W. Miller,
James B. Dean,	Frederick K. Hanson,	George Briggs,
Samuel Smith,	George W. Barker,	James Wyness,
Thomas D. Hoxsey,	J. M. Coddington,	Stephen Wiseman,
Peter Green,	John Pierce,	Robert J. Whitely,
Edwin R. Mason,	Henry Smith,	John Latimer,
William Whitfield,	John Y. Orchard,	Hypolite Uhry,
David A. Hopkins,	Thomas Page,	John H. Berdan,
Andrew J. Sandford,	James Bunn,	John H. Post,
Chas. Hemmingway,	James Blundell,	William C. Kimball,
George W. Conkling,	Tatnall Bailey,	Benjamin Buckley,
Samuel Pope,	John Coates,	Seth Garlick,
Alpheus L. King,	Alaxander Taylor,	William Suttle,
Henry C. Post,	Henry Jaqua,	George B. Cundell,
F. A. Canfield,	Horace O. Hedge,	Jonathan B. Jenks,
William Ower,	Alpheus S. Allen,	Jos. Zutterkirch,
Francis Rosenkrans,	Rob't B. McCullough,	Theo. Scheffler,

William A. Ogden,	Hay Ower,	James H. Bush,
John B. Van Blarcom,	David D. Ackerman,	Francis Van Ness,
John H. Van Winkle,	Marcus J. McKeon,	Egbert Alsdorf,
Philip H. Van Riper,	J. Alexander Beckwith,	Charles Downs,
William Berry,	Charles Yates,	Richard A. C. Furey,
John Hutcheon,	William H. Fanning,	James Swan,
Squire Radcliffe,	Joseph R. Graham,	Philip T. Piaget,
Charles Downs,	P. V. A. Westervelt,	Robert Beardsley,
James Crooks,	Thomas B. Houston,	Henry W. Joselyn,
Alfred Houlgraves,	James Turner,	Isaac Ingleson,
Garret S. Boice,	J. B. Sarson,	James Hunter,
John H. Hindle,	Charles Feder,	John Crawford,
G. Fred. Hobbs,	Henry A. Lynde,	Eli Pittman,
Peter Goetschins,	William Barnes,	George Jackson,
Thomas Renshaw,	William W. Evans,	Samuel L. Culbert,
Horace B. Tainter,	James C. Amiraux,	Park Burnett,
Charles S. Day,	Benj. L. Hurst,	Henry Marshall.
James Swindells,		125.

DIMITTED—John H. Marinus, Thomas S. Allen.

DECEASED—Thomas Thorp, Richard Oliver, Hugh Reed.

CAPE ISLAND LODGE, NO. 30—CAPE ISLAND.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings after the full of the moon.

OFFICERS.

William F. Cassidy, w. M.,	William F. Hand, J. D.,
Joseph Q. Williams, s. w.,	James C. Bennett, M. OF C.,
Thomas Van Winkle, j. w.,	Firman L. Richardson, "
Samuel S. Marcy, TREAS.,	William T. Stevens, STEWARD,
George H. White, SEC'Y,	Samuel Ewing, "
Robert E. Hughes, s. D.,	John Bennett, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Virgil M. D. Marcy,	Israel Hughes,	Samuel R. Stites.
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MASTERS.

John G. W. Ware,	Enos Skellinger,	Joseph Hand,
James McCray, jun.,	Daniel C. Eldredge,	William B. Eldridge,
Samuel R. Ludlam,	Joseph B. Hughes,	James H. Edmunds,

William T. Eldridge,	J. Stratton Ware,	Daniel F. Ludlam,
William S. Hooper,	Walter A. Barrows,	Jonathan S. Stevens,
Thomas B. Hughes,	Waters B. Miller,	Wilmon W. Ware,
Joseph Schellenger,	Alvin P. Hildreth,	Jeremiah L. Eldridge,
Micajah Smith,	Richard R. Thompson,	Eldridge Johnson,
Henry Hand,	Nicholas A. Wenzell,	J. Swain Garrison,
Charles P. Smith,	Joseph Hall, jun.,	John K. F. Stites,
Maskill Ware,	Maurice Cressy,	Peter Souder,
Enos R. Williams,	Benjamin F. Hewitt,	Henry W. Sawyer,
Jeremiah McCray, jr.,	Lewis Cresse,	Joseph Sooy,
A. Southard Hand,	Thomas S. Stevens,	Richard S. Woolston,
Jeremiah Church, jun.,	Harry J. White,	Harry L. Gilmour,
B. F. Stratton,	Henry H. Eldridge,	Jesse H. Grace,
Lemuel Swain, jun.,	Richard S. Souder,	William C. Chester,
Joseph Hanes,	Samuel E. Heurings,	Henry C. Mulliner,
Richard S. Ludlam,	Adrian L. Miller,	Richard T. Miller,
Horatio H. Church,	Charles A. Corson,	C. M. Schellinger.
George Hildreth,	Matthew Beardwood,	John W. Lycett,
Douglass Gregory,	Jacob Smallwood,	Enoch Hand. 81.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Adam Abrams, Albion P. Hall.

DIMITTED—Nicholas S. Corson, John S. Miller, Peter W. Smith.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Smith R. Hughes.

DECEASED—John Miller.

VARICK LODGE, NO. 31—JERSEY CITY.

Meets every Friday evening at No. 67 Grand street.

OFFICERS.

O. S. Betts, w. m.,	J. C. Van Winkle, j. d.,
J. B. Vredenburg, j. w.,	Robert M. Potter, m. of c.,
T. H. Smith, s. w.,	C. H. Walrath, "
Thomas Gross, TREAS.,	M. R. Case, CHAPLAIN,
William P. Ayres, SEC'Y,	John S. Harrison, ORGANIST,
P. H. Prindle, s. d.,	John T. Taylor, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

H. E. Phelps.

PAST MASTERS.

J. G. Burgess,
Leverett Bradley,

Theo. Fitz Randolph, William Grice.

MASTERS.

John B. Arthur,	Leon Abbett,	C. B. Axford,
Robert Amos,	Alex. Anderson,	Bredt Athou,
N. L. Arms,	J. C. Archer,	A. D. Brower,
S. Bridgart,	Archibald K. Brown,	L. W. Burns,
William Brien,	John Burst,	Thomas R. Benwell,
J. W. Brower,	Edward G. Burgess,	John Brandt,
J. H. Burst.	Stephen Campbell,	Thos. A. Chamberlain,
Thomas Cummings,	William Cox,	A. R. Castle,
Philip Clark,	William Carroll,	C. G. Conklin,
W. D. Clark,	C. S. Clark,	E. Duncomb,
D. P. Davis,	D. B. De Long,	J. B. Drayton,
Edwin Dodge,	Jared Day,	Charles Durant, jun.,
A. S. Downer,	G. D. Davis,	J. V. Davenport,
W. H. Dame,	Michael Derlam,	Charles T. Dunning,
Henry E. Denney,	E. D. Dimmick,	Thomas S. Davis,
Thomas Ellis,	David Edwards,	Henry Freeman,
Henry A. Greene,	Dudley S. Gregory, jr.,	John Godsell,
H. M. Griffith,	John Grimes,	Thomas Goddard,
Alexander Garrett,	T. M. Garrett,	Thomas A. Gross,
Joseph Gahegan,*	T. T. W. Gladding,	B. S. H. Good,
Frank Garrett,	I. S. Hutton,	D. T. Hoag,
G. C. Hardenburgh,	W. I. Hough,	C. C. Hough,
James T. Hough,	W. D. Havens,	J. W. Hancox,
C. D. Hancox,	William Harnay,	J. W. Hobin,
George Harriott,	Solomon W. Hoyt,	C. D. Humphrey,
D. P. Harding,	H. J. Hopper,	J. W. T. Hegle,
George Ibbs,	H. E. Jennings,	Robert Kirk,
George I. Kain,	C. W. Kenneday,	Leopold Lithauer,
A. J. F. Lahmeyer,	William Manson,	Jacob Marinus,
R. L. Marinus,	Francis Moles,	Daniel McLeod,
James McMichael,	Dennis Madden,	S. B. Masters,
William Milligan,	J. B. Monell,	James Main,
Michael McLaughlan,	William McLean,	John McLean,
J. H. Morton,	C. H. Newhall,	Michael Norris,
John W. Orr,	E. H. Ogden,	J. A. Post,

John Pennington,	Job Potter,	Elias T. Pierce,
W. T. Pin,	G. W. D. Patterson,	T. C. Patterson,
John S. Perkins,	B. F. Phelps,	A. Quackenbush,
Thomas Royle,	J. C. Robbins,	Thomas Regan,
John Ramsey,	A. Rose, jun.,	John S. Rehill,
William Reynolds,	H. W. Richdale,	Daniel S. Sinclair,
Henry Schriener,	J. H. Sears,	John M. Smith,
William Steele,	John Smith,	W. A. Smith,
W. H. Spear,	W. D. Seymour,	Edward Simon,
W. F. Schott,	W. D. Stryker,	Thomas Stephens,
W. I. Serrell,	Philo Snow,	Noah D. Taylor,
Charles Tollner,	W. C. Traphagan,	Henry Traphagan,
O. Tuthill,	Benj. Tillson, jun.,	L. E. Tree,
G. M. Van Horn,	Richard Veevers,	H. W. Wilson,
J. C. Wheeler,	Charles Y. Ward,	Charles H. Winfield,
Casper Woolford,	James Webber,	John Wilkenson,
John Wilson,	Geo. W. Warner, 2d,	Geo. H. Williamson,
Lewis E. Wood,	D. W. Wilson,	W. H. Winslow,
G. W. Whiteford,	George W. Wardner,	A. T. Farrar,
A. W. Fay,	Joseph McKee,	Allen Grinstead,
W. H. Zener,	A. D. Douglas,	William Pearsall,
Eugene Woolsey,	Victor C. Reeve,	R. B. Sears,
W. F. Holwell,	H. C. Cramer,	W. D. Thompson. 191.

FELLOW CRAFT—William Hughes.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—J. R. Halliday, L. W. Shaw, C. R. James, T. B. Penrose, C. W. Merritt.

DIMITTED—John Howlett, T. R. Varick, P. D. G. M., J. H. Burgess, George W. Carrick, J. R. Mercein, J. W. Hunt, J. H. Vondy, William Muirheid, B. A. Watson, A. H. Wallace, Robert Kane, W. H. Case, Walter Vanderzee, J. S. Gamble, P. M., P. H. Lavery, T. B. Adriance, F. F. Meyer, J. A. Lehman, James Crawford, W. J. Negus, M. Higginbotham, P. M., J. E. Dewitt, N. P. Rogers, P. M., George Harper, H. W. Carr, T. L. Janeway.

DECEASED—D. H. McIver, S. P. Townsend.

 BURLINGTON LODGE, NO. 32—BURLINGTON.

Meets second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Wilbur Watts, w. m.,	Allen Richardson, j. d.,
Franklin B. Lippincott, s. w.,	Henry Venable, m. of c.,
Henry S. Haines, j. w.,	Jesse S. Adams, "
George H. Woolman, TREAS.,	Frank Roath, STEWARD,
Ellwood Conner, SEC'Y,	John R. Dubel, "
Charles T. Parker, P. M., S. D.,	Lewis Gotta, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Horace Grant, jun.,	Charles G. Milnor,	Charles H. Fage.
Nathan Haines,	James Watts,	

MASTERS.

C. H. Schermerhorn,	Louis Miller,	David D. Mitchell,
Robert J. Andrews,	Hamilton McDowell,	John Mitchell,
J. Hudson Rich,	Henry B. Morris,	James Shaw,
John A. Vandegrift,	Jacob Perkins,	Charles Higgins,
George L. Aikins,	Thomas Mann,	Robert Gibbs,
Robert Barclay,	Stacy Hassinger,	Fr. P. H. Randolph,
Samuel Estlow,	David McConnell,	James Sterling,
Charles P. Fort,	Samuel E. Craft,	William M. Wills,
Jediah Taylor,	Benjamin Wise,	E. R. Schmidt,
Samuel E. Post,	Franklin Gauntt,	Walter B. Sheldon,
Charles J. Thorp,	D. P. McGonnigal,	George C. Burling,
William H. Sterling,	James J. Nixon,	Henry Clow, jun.,
Franklin Ferguson,	William R. Porter,	Isaac Beans,
John Braislin,	Abram Van Sciver,	Jacob Meyers,
John P. McElroy,	Daniel C. Price,	Samuel K. Schuyler,
John Cunningham,	Amor G. Hancock,	George Taylor,
Richard Hillier,	R. E. Corriell,	George Wells,
John McPherson,	Joseph F. Bainbridge,	Samuel Sailer,
Joseph H. Williams,	Thomas S. Wells,	George W. Watts,
H. C. Van Meter,	John R. Birkitt,	Joseph Horner,
Robert J. Simpkins,	Joseph H. Lukens,	George Russell. 80.

MITTED—John Rodgers, P. M., Joseph R. Praul, Samuel S. Lewis, J. Lewis Haller, John Langinger.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—James W. Bell, James M. Seabury, jun., John M. Higbee, Russel A. Olin, William M. Walker, Edward C. Hancock.

DECEASED—Samuel Keys, P. M., David Horner.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 33—ELIZABETH.

Meets every Friday evening, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

Wm. A. Pembroke, P. M., W. M.,	Noah O. Woodruff, J. D.,
Charles Russ, S. W.,	E. D. Weston, M. OF C.,
Robert M. Moore, J. W.,	R. Spencer Pegram, "
Robert B. Hooker, TREAS.,	H. F. J. Drake, STEWARD,
Joseph E. Buzby, SEC'Y,	Brodnax Atkinson, "
Stanley G. Mason, S. D.,	J. B. Waters, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James S. Green,	Robert S. Green,	Jacob Seiple,
Adrian W. Smith,	Lewis W. Oakley,	S. Winans Whitehead.
Frederick V. Price,		

MASTERS.

Morgan R. Mulford,	Jacob Allen,	J. C. Bond,
John McD. Winans,	Stephen H. Faulks,	Richard H. Avery,
James Hedges,	S. H. Grinstead,	J. J. Coyne,
D. W. Brookfield,	John Ball,	W. J. Carlton,
John N. Earl,	James T. Wiley,	J. Donovan,
W. H. Hinchman,	M. H. Ayres,	W. C. Dayton, jun.,
G. Hield,	J. W. Brown,	C. A. Lincoln,
A. B. Hazzard,	H. P. Baldwin,	C. Ottens,
D. Mulford,	W. M. Earl,	H. Cook,
H. O. Curran,	R. Caldwell,	J. H. Gray,
Jason Hicks,	A. E. Parkhurst,	John Tunison,
J. B. Squires,	I. R. Squier,	John Weyman,
S. S. Moore,	S. Osborne,	Rev. John F. Hurst,
I. N. Hinchman,	T. H. Price,	E. K. Drake,
F. Hetzman,	E. S. Woodruff,	J. W. Fortune,
M. W. Reeves,	G. W. Stone,	W. M. Oliver,

D. J. Meeker,	A. N. Smith,	Edger Pierson,
G. W. Tubbs,	James Gale,	E. P. Williams,
J. J. Van Doren,	B. D. Hamilton,	D. W. C. Stanford,
T. H. Wendt,	C. A. Heckman,	J. Y. Brokaw,
F. B. Spencer,	J. M. Bronson,	B. C. Pierson,
E. A. Blake,	J. S. McPherson,	J. J. Canniff,
W. N. Olmsted,	F. C. Upton,	C. T. Carlton,
D. H. Richardson,	Robert Westcott,	A. N. Dabb,
G. C. Stone,	J. R. Armstrong,	D. Buchanan,
J. H. Sayre,	T. D. Budd,	S. R. Westervelt,
J. Q. Sloan,	William Ball, 2d,	W. H. Hughes,
James W. Woodruff,	G. C. Grundy,	J. M. Lathorp,
J. H. Clark,	Godfrey Markoff,	G. F. Meyer,
W. S. Hedges,	J. K. Roll,	J. S. Riker,
E. L. Meyer,	John E. Thompson,	Seth B. Ryder,
S. J. Mitchell,	J. Valentine,	Thomas Moore,
Charles Spittlehouse,	J. W. Sheppard,	George W. Baker,
W. E. Thompson,	William H. Mallett,	W. H. Bird,
W. A. Baker,	John H. Doremus,	William R. Tunison,
Edward W. Brettell,	William Gaston,	P. R. Hambrick,
A. S. Denman,	Frederick Foster,	Thomas C. Pollock,
Alonzo Pettit,	William H. Luster,	William H. Hill,
H. L. Johnson,	N. K. Thompson,	Theodore F. Meeker,
Thomas B. Scott,	J. W. Royle,	J. B. Drake,
Theodore W. Townley,	James T. Lane,	Charles A. Stephens,
Henry Clay,	George W. Bailey,	Richard Arrison,
E. H. Sherwood,	Greenleaf Stackpole,	John M. Leadley.
O. F. Richardson,		

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FELLOW CRAFTS—David I. Baker, James M. Brooks.

DIMITTED—F. L. Austin, Charles T. Lord.

DECEASED—James Rollo, James F. Chandler.

STEWART LODGE, NO. 34—CLINTON STATION.

Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob A. Cline, M. W.,	Louis A. Exton, J. D.,
John B. Weller, S. W.,	Lyman L. Grippen, M. OF C.,
James R. Cline, J. W.,	Jacob S. Sweazey, "
William A. Young, TREAS.,	Peter F. Hoffman, STEWARD,
Clement H. Bonnell, SEC'Y,	John A. Apgar, "
Herman Altemus, S. D.,	Nicholas W. Craft, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John R. Emery,	William E. Hoffman,	John C. Rafferty.
A. E. Sanderson,		

MASTERS.

George N. Apgar,	Phineas K. Apgar,	Amos A. Apgar,
Jacob T. Apgar,	David K. Apgar,	Asa Alpaugh,
Nicholas G. Alpaugh,	James F. Astle,	Benjamin Bird,
Heber C. Belden,	William T. Bird,	E. S. Beavers,
Watson Corson,	Daniel Carhart,	David C. Cramer,
Joseph C. Exton,	David N. Force,	Hugh Foster,
Richard H. Gano,	P. Sigler Hoffman,	A. S. Henderson,
Jacob L. Hoffman,	Ira C. Harvey,	P. A. Hoffman,
Wm. E. J. Huffman,	Lambert Humphrey,	Hiram Hornish,
Conrad Honness,	John R. Hoffman,	Samuel Humphrey,
George Hall,	A. R. Johnson,	Joseph King,
Oliver Kline,	Bloomfield Leigh,	Peter Lane,
J. S. Lindaberry,	Dennis S. Messler,	John R. Moore,
William B. Pickell,	Fisler Pidcock,	Edson J. Rood,
Jacob A. Specht,	Levitt Sanderson,	Samuel H. Smith,
Robert Stevens,	Joseph H. Seals,	Cornelius T. Sharp,
Charles F. Skillman,	H. E. Underwood,	John E. Voorhees,
John R. Todd,	John C. Weart,	W. H. H. Wyckoff.
Philip G. Vroom,		

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FELLOW CRAFT—John R. Pence.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Edward Y. Taylor, David Crotsley, John C. Holden.

DIMITTED—Oliver S. Kreamer.

DECEASED—Elijah R. Hall, P. M.

HOBOKEN LODGE, NO. 35—HOBOKEN.

Meets every Thursday evening, at Nos. 80 and 82 Washington street.

OFFICERS.

William C. Morris, w. m.,	James E. Hanson, s. d.,
Charles H. Partick, s. w.,	Tustin Jones, j. d.,
George Martin, j. w.,	William E. Walsh, m. of c.,
Erastus Hedges, TREAS.,	Franklin T. Levering, "
John T. Seymour, sen., SEC'Y,	Peter J. Powless, P. M., TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Bethuel N. Crane,	William Hersce,	F. M. McDonough,
John R. Terry,	Ramon M. Cook,	James H. Wilson.

MASTERS.

William H. Allen,	Robert A. Anderson,	William S. Arnold,
John H. Bahrenburg,	Michael V. Banta,	Seba Bogert,
Adolph G. Bercke,	William Beadle,	Curtis Barker,
Stephen Bayles,	Philo S. Bennett,	Andrew Beck,
Joseph T. Beckett,	Ernest K. Bingham,	Joshua Benson,
D. W. Bedford,	John Brass,	Brune Bischoff,
Garret Bogert,	Michael Bunt,	John E. Brown,
Andrew A. Boyd,	George Bruce, jun.,	Wm. A. E. Butler,
C. L. Cortelyou,	George H. Clark,	William H. Childs,
Samuel W. Carey,	William Corell,	F. H. Cooley,
Henry J. Clark,	Edward Creech,	James A. Cook,
James M. Clark,	Dennis Coppers,	George Courvoisier,
Charles G. Clark,	Isaac Crispell,	James H. Dewey,
A. Huyler De Motte,	Charles G. Denney,	William H. Doty,
Charles J. Disbrow,	Fred. J. Drescher,	Peter Dobbs,
Ferd. H. Dunkinson,	Albert L. DuPuget,	Lewis E. Dunham,
Charles F. Eick,	Louis Elleau,	John Eaves,
Jacob Eckerson,	George Foss,	August Ermisch,
Morgan R. Francis,	Michael Foster,	Charles H. Forbes,
Alexander Ferguson,	Thomas S. Fields,	David Foster,
Christopher Gregory,	J. Edw. F. Grassmann,	George Foster,
James T. Hatfield,	Francis B. Hall,	Joseph Hall,
Henry Henschliff,	Robert Hankins,	Edwin W. Havens,
George Havens, jun.,	John Havens,	William H. Havens,
Henry Hoagland,	Alfred D. Hedges,	Charles M. Hedges,
Albert M. Hedges,	Edward B. Hill,	David C. Hope,

Lewis Hart,	John Howard,	Lewis A. Hecht,
George Klantenhoff,	Caleb J. Kimball,	James Jaques,
Adam Kritter,	Frederick Klenen,	Hazen Kimball,
William Lawler,	Samuel K. Lawson,	Samuel Loomis,
Samuel Lemon, sen.,	Nicholas C. Lindner,	William Letts,
Albert P. Moulten,	J. Peter Mausell,	Cornelius McCollum,
William H. Marston,	Herman C. Meyer,	Charles H. Martin,
James H. McCrea,	George A. Moss,	Andrew Mount,
A. P. Miller,	Thomas H. Nixen,	John M. Morse,
Thos. Joseph O'Neil,	Michael O'Neill,	Frank Nichols,
John Patterson,	Gustavus Pierrez,	Samuel D. Pine,
William G. Plummer,	Charles E. Reeves,	Chas. A. M. Presby,
Augustus Roche,	Isaac R. Rockwell,	John B. Renwick,
Andrew C. Rowald,	Hugh Rowan,	John A. Ross,
Alfred Richards,	Anthony H. Ryder,	Frederick E. Rowald,
James Russell,	William Scott,	Bernard Rudolph,
Nicholas D. Schmidt,	Graham M. Sinclair,	Herman H. Schmidt,
J. T. Seymour, jun.,	Edgar Smith,	Henry E. W. Seidler,
Thomas Slater,	John R. Stevens,	George Skidmore,
John Simpson,	Joseph W. Stickler,	Miles G. Smith,
Amedie Spadone,	William Stuhr,	Willard C. Stevens,
James Stevenson,	A. F. Swan,	William Storie,
John Stuart,	Ralph Thomas,	David Smith,
Josias Taylor,	LaFayette Tompkins,	Theseus W. Thorley,
Eilert J. Taddiken,	Daniel Toles,	William H. Totten,
James M. Van Valen,	James A. Vankirk,	J. D. Underhill,
Jacob Wagner,	Isaac Walton,	John Van Valen,
William Wild,	E. R. V. Wright,	George Whitton,
Rudolph Wolff,	William H. Wilson,	Joseph S. York.
George W. Wright,	Francis Whiteley,	183.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Alfred S. Campbell, Edwin J. Kirr.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William H. Burrell, Adolph Higgins.

DIMITTED—Theodore F. Pruden, John W. Hendren, George S. Dubois, George W. Swain, James B. Doremus, Peter Kenny, William H. Wiley, Isaac Cassell, Thomas O. Rae.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—John Dobbs, Andrew Jackson, Robert Leland.

DECEASED—Philip Upton, John J. Hoff, Daniel Mystrie.

MANSFIELD LODGE, NO. 36—WASHINGTON.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Madison K. Raub, P. M., W. M.,	J. L. Trowbridge, S. D.,
E. W. Alliger, S. W.,	Nathaniel Jennings, J. D.,
Peter R. Weller, J. W.,	William C. Thompson, M. OF C,
James D. Taylor, P. M., TREAS.,	Benjamin Taylor, "
Jacob C. Wandling, SEC'Y,	Joseph A. Shrope, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Alexander P. Berthoud,	John V. Mattison.
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MASTERS.

John Arnett,	Jacob W. Baker,	Thomas H. Bruch,
Joseph H. Bonnell,	Baxter Booth,	William K. Bowers,
William Call,	Joseph S. Carter,	Joseph B. Cornish,
William R. Call,	Ira L. Case,	Jacob Creveling,
John D. Cornish,	Henry Cummins,	Samuel Creveling,
Rev. John F. Dodd,	George S. Dearborn,	H. D. Folsom,
Joseph C. Felver,	L. L. Fulper,	Sylvester Groff,
Henry C. Groff,	John Grant,	Albert Hahn,
C. H. Hollinshead,	William A. Herrick,	James M. Hoffman,
Edward Hill,	William A. Horn,	Isaac S. Jones,
Joseph W. Johnson,	Henry W. Johnson,	Henry S. Keith,
John B. Kelsey,	James Keene,	John McKinney,
John Langstaff,	John W. Mulford,	A. J. Muchler,
Christopher S. Melick,	Joseph S. Matthews,	Ezra Nason,
J. O. McClelland,	William V. Prall,	John Pittinger,
Benjamin Opdycke,	James G. Pittenger,	William Ritchey,
George M. Pence,	William I. Powers,	John H. Staats,
Robert Ritchie,	Abram B. Stewart,	Howard Servis,
William P. Sanno,	J. M. J. Sanno,	Jacob B. Smith,
A. K. Smith,	Vincent Smith,	Deane Searles,
Mahlon Slack,	Daniel W. Sine,	William M. Stires,
John H. Stires,	Charles Stephens,	William Tyler,
Sam'l W. Thompson,	Edward D. Taylor,	James F. Vandoren,
John Van Doren,	Wm. C. Van Doren,	Jacob S. Vough,
S. S. Vanness,	Jacob W. Van Doren,	Ira C. Vought, jun.,
William E. Warne,	John F. Woodruff,	Joseph B. Winkley,
David L. Wyckoff,	Jacob H. Woolston,	A. R. Wandling,
John C. Winter,	William Wiggins,	John M. Wyckoff,
George T. Woolston,	John C. Wiggins,	Henry Winter.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles W. Hetzel, Aaron H. Vough, J. S. D. Carling, Stewart Bell.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Nathan Case, Christopher Person, Miller R. Huhn, William P. Anderson, Frank B. Wandling, Oscar Jeffreys, David C. Riddle.

DIMITTED—David Bruce, John Eveland, Stewart Terribery, Monroe Curtiss, George W. Rowland, R. W. Taylor, Christopher Staats, Nathan Martenis, Alpheus Cyphers.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Jacob T. Johnson, Austin Moore, William W. Strader, Frank P. Weymouth, Charles O. Smith.

DECEASED—Jacob P. Thomas.

DARCY LODGE, NO. 37—FLEMINGTON.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

H. B. Nightingale, P. M., W. M.,	Sylvester Robbins, J. D.,
William S. Riley, S. W.,	M. L. Stothoff, M. OF C.,
George T. Robbins, J. W.,	Theodore R. Young, M. OF C.,
David Van Fleet, TREAS.,	Asa P. Hoagland, STEWARD,
George Hansom, SEC'Y,	Lewis H. Staats, "
John Hankinson, S. D.,	Isaac Smith, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry S. Crater,	George A. Poulson,	Bennet Van Syckel.
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MASTERS.

Isaac S. Cramer,	George T. Gray,	O. P. Chamberlain,
Benjamin J. Davis,	Rev. W. H. Pitman,	George P. Kinney,
Robert H. Moore,	J. P. Rittenhouse,	George W. Probasco,
Samuel Carroll,	Lewis S. Servis,	W. H. Drake,
Francis Rittenhouse,	Joseph Suydam,	John M. Baldwin,
David Williamson,	John P. Case,	A. A. Thompson,
Uriah Warman,	John Goll,	William J. Fisher,

David D. Kline,	John S. Hockenbury,	Dewitt C. Hough,
Peter Emmons,	Philip Case,	Samuel Young,
Rev. J. L. Janeway,	Peter L. Biggs,	John S. Cladek,
Samuel Hall,	Nathaniel Shepherd,	John C. Cook,
John G. Reading,	A. B. Chamberlain,	James W. Johnson,
John M. Chamberlain,	John B. Rockafellow,	Joseph Case,
Henry Hodge,	William Large,	Jacob S. Smith,
Samuel W. Davis,	A. V. Bonnell,	James F. Crater,
Charles Shepherd,	Andrew T. Connet,	James McCanly,
George R. Sullivan,	Hiram Shepherd,	John Schomp,
Jonathan M. Dilts,	Pierson Matthews,	William N. Hoagland,
Rev. Charles Wood,	Peter W. Burk,	Rev. S. H. Opdycke,
John C. Hopewell,	George W. Hines,	William Van Fleet,
John J. Sutphin,	George M. Shordy,	John Ent. 78.

FELLOW CRAFTS—C. B. Stout, Richard S. Reed, John A. Thompson, Jacob Van Fleet.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Richard Bellis, James P. Lake, Andrew Thompson, George M. Dally.

DIMITTED—John F. Schenck, P. M., H. M., Wilson, John S. Emery, Jacob M. Bellis, Andrew R. Dilts, Samuel L. Hart, George W. Burk, J. Alfred Grey, P. M., William C. Rea, John J. Combs, Peter C. Schenck.

PRINCETON LODGE, NO. 38—PRINCETON.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

William C. Vandewater, W. M.,	Charles O. Hudnut, P. M., S. D.,
Edward Sweeney, jun., S. W.,	James L. Briner, J. D.,
James Leggett, J. W.,	Amos C. Albertson, STEWARD,
Joseph Priest, TREAS.,	Morris C. Runyon, "
Richard Runyon, SEC'Y,	Edward M. Allen, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

● Crowell Marsh.

PAST MASTERS.

John H. Margerum, William W. Stelle, Cornelius Van Duyne.
Leroy H. Anderson,

MASTERS.

Valentine Arnheiter,	Elijah Allen,	James T. L. Anderson,
Thomas Appleget,	Thomas N. Bradfield,	Oliver H. Bartine,
Thomas W. Barry,	Edward Briggs,	Clark Brooks,
Thomas Brown,	Rev. C. W. Cortright,	Emory W. Carpenter,
John Conover,	N. Higgins Furman,	Alexander Gray, jun.,
Aaron L. Green,	Joseph Henderson,	Joseph Henderson,
J. Furman Johnson,	Marcus Krauskoff,	James Lyons,
John A. Miller,	Joseph McLaughlin,	Charles H. Olden,
Stephen D. Oliphant,	William H. Reed,	Elisha E. Rittenhouse,
Gilbert A. Randall,	Thomas A. Segur,	Emanuel W. Streeper,
Abraham J. Skillman,	Charles L. Sullivan,	Paul M. Tulane,
George Thompson,	Robert D. Thompson,	John H. Thompson.
Abram Van Duyn,	John Van Duyn,	Josiah W. Wright.
H. L. R. Van Dyke,		55.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William J. Warren, William R. Hunt.

DIMITTED—William W. Scarlett.

DECEASED—Samuel Paxson, John Van Dyke.

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 39—NEWARK.

Meets every Tuesday evening, at Eureka Hall, No. 259 Broad street.

OFFICERS.

Charles H. Ingalls, P. M., W. M.,	Edward Martin, S. D.,
David L. Garrigus, S. W.,	James F. Burrage, J. D.,
Charles E. Smith, J. W.,	John P. Contrell, M. OF C.,
Edwards Ely, TREAS.,	James B. Small, "
Charles B. Thurston, SEC'Y,	William H. Wilkinson, TYLER.

M. W. GRAND MASTER.

William E. Pine.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Milton Baldwin.

PAST MASTERS.

Lewis D. Crans,	Robert Dingwell,	Charles H. Harrison,
David Dingwell,	William Wright,	Robert C. Winters.
Henry L. Martin,		

MASTERS.

James W. Alden,	Francis G. Abieneste,	Cotton H. Allen,
Isaac Ayres,	F. W. Anderman,	Henry Brewster,
Joseph Beach,	Ford S. Bedell,	Rodman Backus,
William H. Bleything,	Richard Burdon,	Samuel W. Bond,
Ira Budd,	Jesse Bailey,	Cornelius Boice,
William H. Bowers,	George O. Bedford, ¹	Alfred T. Brophy,
Samuel H. Baldwin,	William H. H. Ball,	Augustus M. Bedford,
James A. Clark,	Wm. H. H. Colburn,	George W. Carmer,
George R. Creveling,	Thomas B. Cleveland,	James Crapnoll,
Samuel Chadwick,	Charles Carpenter, 2d,	Francis A. Curran,
Charles Carpenter,	George Chilcoat,	John W. Christopher,
Charles Courtois,	Matthew Cook,	John Criqui,
T. F. Dougherty,	Marvin Dodd,	William Dykes,
Ernst Dreher,	Abijah H. Douglass,	Thomas Dempsey, jr.,
George Davidson,	Julius R. Denman,	William C. Douglass,
Patrick J. Donnelly,	Charles H. Erb,	William B. Ely,
Bryan B. Everedt,	George W. Frazee,	Gilbert Fee,
Joseph Feder,	Charles Freeman,	James H. Fleming,
Robert M. Grummon,	Samuel S. Gaston,	Charles Garratt,
Jacob Gilleo,	Milton A. Gregory,	David G. Griffith,
John W. Green,	Courtland H. Geer,	John H. Gant,
Chauncey L. Graham,	Roscoe J. Gould,	John Hampson,
Isaac Hey,	Nicholas R. Haring,	W. C. Huntington,
Frederick C. Hawkins,	Henry F. Haurey,	Daniel D. Hunt,
John S. Hampson,	James Hague,	Ferdinand Hartwick,
Isaac M. Harrison,	Joseph Hopwood,	Ernst Hartwick,
John D. Harrison,	John G. Hetzell,	Thomas G. Hendry,
Edgar Holden,	George C. Jacob,	David A. Johnson,
Martin D. Knapp,	Theodore F. Kinney,	Farrand Kitchell,
John P. King,	Adam C. Krick,	Robert B. Kitchell,
John J. King,	Christian Klemm,	George F. Lipfert,
James T. Lockard,	Anderson Lewis,	John J. Lynch,
George P. Lyon,	Alfred Lister,	Edwin Lister,
James Littlefield,	Henry Montgomery,	John McSirley,
Charles E. Martin,	Charles F. Murphy,	Edward McNaughton,
Norman Marsh,	George A. Mandeville,	Joseph B. Mayo,

Peter Morningstern,	Thomas J. McEllhose,	Lewis H. Marsh,
Joseph McCartney,	Robert C. Mitchell,	William G. Mayo,
Wm. J. Mayer, jun.,	John A. Matthews,	Henry Nichols,
Charles L. Nesler,	George B. Osman,	Ira H. Ormsby,
William O'Brien,	Enos Peleoubet,	James Perry,
William P. Parker,	Edwin R. Parsil,	Charles T. Robbins,
John Rowans,	Charles Rothe,	Jacob Rudy,
J. William Ripley,	Julius D. Rose,	John K. Ross,
Frederick Stegmuller,	Herman Schalk,	Walter L. Starr,
Charles H. Sharp,	Charles H. Shipman,	Henry Sauerbier,
Edwin Smith,	William E. Stagg,	Rev. S. H. Switzer,
Henry Smith,	Ernest H. Schollmyer,	William P. Sayre,
Charles C. Smith,	George B. Swain,	William H. Shaw,
Arthur H. Smith,	William P. Sinnock,	Joseph Sawyer,
John C. Smith,	Nathan N. Sears,	Frederick E. Stucky,
James R. Smith,	George B. Sanford,	Walter E. Stewart,
A. Augustus Smith,	John W. Shaff,	Morris Schwerin,
John H. Taylor,	Benjamin W. Tucker,	Thomas Thompson,
John J. Till,	John S. Teeter,	John Thomson,
John Taylor,	Nicholas Van Ness,	Frederick M. Untiedt,
John H. Ubhaus,	Geo. H. Vanderhoof,	Harrison Van Dyne,
Philetus W. Vail,	Alexander Volhey,	Francis Volk,
Geo. Van DerBurgh,	Amos Williams,	Jacob Wambold,
J. Clinton Walsh,	J. J. Wheeler,	William H. Wiley,
Harry Widmer,	Thos. P. Whitenack,	Horatio Winslow.
Thomas M. Wells,	John Walmsley,	203.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Wm. Allen, Edward Irvinski, Henry Sinclair.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Thomas P. Fowler, James Bates, Theodore W. Douglass, Amos W. Austin.

DIMITTED—George E. P. Howard, Joseph Gillham, William M. Blake, G. Livingston Morse.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Robert A. Smith.

EXPELLED—Phillip F. Littell.

DECEASED—Frederick J. Randall, Lewis B. Baldwin.

 BLOOMFIELD LODGE, NO. 40—BLOOMFIELD.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

James A. Hedden, P. M., W. M.,	Edwin H. Freeman, J. D.,
John F. Folsom, S. W.,	Charles F. Underhill, M. OF C.,
Jos. Bloomfield Osborn, J. W.,	Theo. Hastings Ward, "
George S. Comstock, TREAS.,	Rev. Wm. H. Carter, CHAPLAIN.
Frederick A. Pressler, SEC'Y,	Charles S. Squier, TYLER.
William Keene Williamson, S D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Wright F. Conger,	Thos. W. Langstroth, Augustus Baldwin.
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MASTERS.

John Atkinson,	John Archdeacon,	Henry C. Berlin,
Samuel Baxter,	Zenas S. Crane,	Henry Cadmus,
Charles O. Corby,	Wesley B. Corby,	John C. Doremus,
George W. Cadmus,	Henry J. Davis,	Joseph Doremus,
Horace Dodd,	Moses Davis,	Robert J. Dodge,
Henry P. Doane,	Theodore F. Douglass,	Cæsar Entwistle,
Horace Freeman,	Rev. David A. Frame,	Thomas Gaskill,
Charles Garrabrant,	Edger F. Gould,	William F. Hocking,
William J. Harris,	Frederick H. Harris,	John Hughes,
Thomas McGowan,	Edward H. Merritt,	Aaron H. Kent,
Ebenezer Macfarlan,	Thomas Moritz,	Anthony G. McComb,
John F. Maxfield,	T. Whitfield Nichols,	William Porter,
Samuel I. Potter,	Gilbert H. Peck,	James A. Reaford,
Benjamin Reynolds,	George Speer,	John P. Scarff,
Peter Speer,	Charles M. Squire,	William Sharp,
Gideon Lee Stout,	Peter A. Tronson,	William M. Taylor,
Samuel Wilde, jun.,	William H. White,	Giles Van Duyn. 65.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles Hall, James B. Crane.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Napoleon B. Adams, J. Hunt Adams, Reuben N. Dodd, William A. Benson, Samuel H. Russell, Samuel Moore.

DIMITTED—Riley W. Bond, Sylvanus Slater, Alphonse Fredericks.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—James McCracken, John R. McDevitt.

HIGHTSTOWN LODGE, NO. 41—HIGHTSTOWN.

Meets first Friday evening on or after full moon.

OFFICERS.

Charles R. Hutchinson, w. m.,	John R. Shangle, j. d.,
Serring Shangle, s. w.,	Claiton I. Coward, M. OF C.,
William W. Embley, j. w.,	John Molsbury, “
Thomas Applegate, TREAS.,	John S. Silvers, STEWARD,
Thomas C. Pearce, SEC'Y,	Joseph McMurren, “
Adrian S. Applegate, s. d.,	Augustus Walling, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

E. C. Taylor,	E. T. R. Applegate,	Charles Keeler,
Thomas J. Pullen,	Charles L. Robbins,	William W. Taylor,
William G. Pearce,	Samuel M. Schanck,	

MASTERS.

Adrian S. Applegate,	William D. Applegate,	Andrew J. Ashton,
E. T. Cunningham,	A. Morrell Cory,	Charles Carson,
Philip Cline,	Rev. Thos. C. Carman,	Enoch Dey,
Horatio S. Disbrow,	Sidney C. Denise,	Rusha Denise,
David Emmons,	Augustus C. Embley,	Jacob Early,
George W. Fielder,	James T. Fountaine,	Bennington Gill,
E. M. Griffith,	Horace W. Hubbard,	James D. Hall,
James M. Johnson,	John M. Lucas,	D. C. Lewis,
William Van Marten,	William A. Newell,	William H. H. Pullen,
George E. Pierson,	Elwood Pullen,	George R. Robbins,
Joseph V. H. Rogers,	John S. Robbins,	Phineas M. Skinner,
Jacob E. Stout,	Clarence M. Slack,	Ira Smock,
William T. Smock,	Isaac S. Snediker,	Matthias H. Shimp.

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DIMITTED—James R. Laird.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—E. W. Rockafellow.

 INDEPENDENCE, NO. 42—HACKETTSTOWN.

Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

James J. Rusling, P. M., W. M.,	W. H. H. Youngblood, S. D.,
John Karr, S. W.,	William Vansyckle, J. D.,
Dayton E. Flint, J. W.,	Andrew W. Trimmer, M. OF C.,
Caleb H. Valentine, P. M., TREAS.,	Theodore F. Hazen, "
Robert S. Price, SEC'Y,	Peter Vreeland, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Robert Rusling.

PAST MASTERS.

Theodore N. Bentley, Charles F. R. Moore.

MASTERS.

Jerry R. George,	John Voorhees,	W. G. Burritt,
David McClallen,	Charles G. Cox,	Samuel Johnson,
William Holt,	Nathan Hoagland,	Alexander C. Howell,
James H. Cox,	James W. Slockbower,	A. S. Burt,
Rev. J. R. Bryan,	A. W. Lafarge,	Edwin G. Bulgin,
F. W. Kuppelburg,	Joseph Krause,	William Vannatta,
Joseph M. Rusling,	John Franks,	George McCracken,
Theodore Grandin,	William McCracken,	C. F. Hene,
Peter Churchfield,	W. G. Sutphin,	William H. Marlatt,
C. H. Wintermute,	John H. Seals,	John J. Fallen,
E. M. Osmun,	Eben Winton,	David C. Beatty,
A. G. Freeman,	Luther C. Bowlby,	Samuel Rae,
Stephen C. Larrison,	Henry W. Randall,	James Dufford,
Marcus Ford,	Henry S. Huselton,	John S. Johnson,
William B. Cramer,	William Hoover,	Perry Vliet,
W. Sharp Smith,	John W. Egbert,	George Pine,
Thomas Shields, jun.,	William Gerard,	Abraham Klotz,
Andrew F. Rice,	A. J. Saunier,	Nathan Hoagland,
S. W. Dickerson,	Jacob C. Bell,	John Tims,
C. Minnie Titus,	Charles M. Fairclo,	Thomas Meyers,
Alfred Huffman,	W. W. Dorland,	George H. Kaylor,
Michael Foy,	William S. Osborn,	William F. Wire,
T. G. Plate,	John McCracken,	George M. Rusling,
Albert Allen,	Silas M. McClallen,	Jacob M. Miller,

Charles Meyers,	Eugene J. Post,	Levi J. Johnson,
Drake Budd,	William Axford,	Henry Aten,
Henry Hance,	Andrew C. Yeomans,	E. P. Gulick,
J. M. Stewart,	A. Jackson Huntsman,	Joseph P. Harvey,
William Allen,	E. G. Budd,	David M. Trimmer,
Ephraim D. Cramer,	Robert Gray,	Joseph K. Rice,
Silas S. Harvey,	William F. Minton,	George T. Knight,
James Hance, jun.,	Amor McLean,	A. W. Davis.
George W. Apgar,	Jacob D. Hoffman,	III.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William Dempster.

DIMITTED—J. L. Trowbridge, Sedgwick R. Osmun, P. M., Robert L. Day.

PATERSON ORANGE, NO. 43—PATERSON.

Meets Thursday evening of each week, at 7½ o'clock.

OFFICERS.

Harmon B. Goodridge, P. M., W. M.,	John D. Zeluff, J. D.,
George Crother, S. W.,	Joseph Hallowell, M. OF C.,
John N. Finkelmeier, J. W.,	Mark Wilkinson, "
Henry Hagadorn, TREAS.,	William Page, STEWARD,
Augustus Wiskeman, SEC'Y,	David Oldham, "
Henry G. Van Houten, S. D.,	Joseph Ettinger, (No. 88), TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Orrin Vanderhoven.

PAST MASTERS.

John C. Benson,	Alexander Fyfe,	Socrates Tuttle.
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MASTERS.

Francis Vanness,	James W. Ensign,	Nicholas Backer,
John Morgan,	Fred. Gatensloh,	Alexander England,
Joseph E. Crowell,	John Young,	James P. Howatt,
William Sanderson,	Frederick G. Graul,	Andrew Van Orden,
Philip Rosenbaum,	Joseph H. Westervelt,	Joseph Cocker,
John Brinson,	Philip Burgaurer,	N. Quackenbush,

Henry Vail,	William Gidney,	Charles McLean,
Thomas Wright,	A. J. Van Blarcom,	John Vreeland,
James Kenworthy,	Martin C. Post,	John Murray,
David Ray,	H. A. Henderson,	Thomas Ramsden,
Isaac Cocker,	William Saxon,	Andrew Derrom,
Charles Schneider,	William Keating,	George Townley,
D. F. Russell,	James Tattersall,	Frederick Kreemer,
Charles H. Tricker,	Wright Standing,	George R. Hatheway,
William McLellan,	Christian Huber,	Jacob D. Vogel,
John Oldham,	George L. Hoelbe,	Thomas Davis,
Francis Scott,	Sherman Jaqua,	Joseph R. Baldwin,
Samuel Duncan,	William J. Healey,	John Beaumont,
Hugh McGlachy,	Joseph C. Todd,	James Farrar,
John C. K. Van Ee,	John Mitchell,	Thomas Jerrold,
Christian Braun,	William D. Carr,	William Van Voorhis,
James Aickman,	William J. Rogers,	Richard R. Roberts,
Andrew Brown,	William Collier,	Thomas Swift,
Nichol Graham,	Isaac D. Rogers,	William Park,
William Donaldson,	Marks Cohen,	George H. Low,
Alexander D. Hill,	Albert King,	John Farlow,
A. A. Van Voorhis,	Robert Baxter,	Robert Houston,
William Pearson,	John Lyon,	William Godden,
John Proven,	Charles Bushman,	Edward A. Mills,
Nathan Barnert,	Alex. W. Morgan,	James Van Voorhis,
Elias Vanness,	William McCracken,	William Gillpillan,
Ephraim C. Bridge,	John H. Shorrock,	William H. McLeavy.
George Demeza,		112.

FELLOW CRAFTS—William Adams, Alex. Gillen.

DIMITTED—John Ackerman, Robert Gledhill, Emil Priester, John J. Kolhaas, Chris. Kolhaas, Jakob Levi, Edward M. Weiss, P. M., August Barnickel, Theo. Leonhardt, William Gray.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Thomas Walsh, Marcus Woodhull, William H. Maxwell.

CENTRAL LODGE, NO. 44—VINCENTOWN.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

John R. Howell, w. m.,	Absolem E. Cox, J. D.,
John S. Carpenter, s. w.,	John I. Brick, M. OF C.,
Martin L. Haines, j. w.,	Joseph E. Kaine, "
George F. Brown, TREAS.,	Jacob Heisler, STEWARD,
Samuel O. Ross, SEC'Y,	George F. Brown, " .
Francis S. Stratton, s. D.,	William M. Allen, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry J. Irick,	William H. Irick,	Guy Bryan..
Albert Kubie,		

MASTERS.

James Kolkitt,	John B. Stockton,	John W. Haines,
William K. Haines,	Edward T. Thompson,	Aaron S. Haines,
Aaron Howell,	Alexander Elwell,	Elihu S. Low,
Frank E. Allen,	Edmund Bartlett,	Rev. J. W. McDougal,
Albert L. Haines,	Morris N. Oviatt,	John R. Doron,
Stokes Haines,	Samuel S. Smith,	Benjamin F. Gibbs,
Theodore P. Myers,	Turner J. Risdon,	Joseph L. Waterman,
Ambrose E. Dobbins,	Peter Lynch,	Rev. L. O. Manchester,
Isaiah H. F. Goldy,	Alfred B. Cherry,	George P. Hankins.

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FELLOW CRAFT—J. V. P. Bissett.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Rev. Simon W. Lake.

DIMITTED—William Lofland.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, NO. 45—PATERSON.

Meets every Friday evening, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

William H. Levi, jun., w. m.,	John C. Mead, s. D.,
Charles Sanderson, s. w.,	Christopher Snyder, J. D.,
John Gregson, j. w.,	Robert Crawford, M. OF C.,
James T. Gibson, TREAS.,	Joseph Ettinger, (No. 88), TYLER.
Alfred N. Horton, P. M., SEC'Y,	

PAST MASTERS.

William Dobson,	Thomas Williams,	James Peacock,
David Neer,	Robert Smith,	Allen Knowles.

MASTERS.

William P. Allee,	William Angus,	James Austin,
William Ashworth,	John Beaumont,	Joseph Backallan,
Alfred W. Beaumont,	Thomas Booth,	Frederick Buckley,
Archibald Belcher,	Martin Bailey,	John M. Barbaron,
James Bray,	George Barnes,	William Ballentine,
Jabez Cartright,	William Cole,	Michael Coulter,
Thomas Clarkson,	Samuel T. Clark,	Thomas Cocker,
Alexander Donald,	Luke Dunkerly,	Robert Duncan,
William Dooley,	James Dunkerly,	Samuel Duncan, jun.,
Charles Dench,	Andrew Elvin,	John F. Edwards,
Andrew Elvine,	Edward Fairhurst,	Oswald Fairhurst,
Charles Frasier,	Silas W. Gould,	John Gillespie,
David Henry,	Henry Harwood,	George Hutchinson,
William Hill,	Adam Hargraves,	William F. Healey,
John S. Hartley,	James Johnson,	Jacob Kriger,
John F. Keymer,	Job W. Lees,	John Lee,
David Mitchell,	Daniel Miller,	L. Montgomery,
William Mewhiney,	William H. Miller,	George Mills,
William Martin,	William McCloud,	William Miller,
James Mitchell,	John McWilliams,	Daniel McGrogan,
John Masker,	Benjamin M. McGee,	James Miller,
William Neysmith,	Joseph Nichols,	George Oates,
George Oates, jun.,	James Pollitt,	Thomas Pollitt,
James H. Peterson,	Robert Palmer,	George Palmer,
Hiram Pearson,	Alexander Rca,	Nicholas Ray,
John Ramage,	William Redmond,	Alfred Rogers,
William Ramage,	James Stansfield,	George E. Shouler,
William Sutton,	Aaron Stansfield,	Steven Storms,
George Scott,	John Swift,	Henry Schnaty,
Uriah Speer,	C. C. Shelb,	James Speirs,
James Taylor,	James H. Tiffany,	William S. Taylor,
George S. Van Ness,	Oliver Van Order,	Daniel Wright,
E. W. Waterhouse,	Joseph Whitehead,	John Wrigley,
Edward Wilkinson,	William T. Wilson,	Thomas Wrigley,
Askem G. Warwell,	Joseph Whiteley,	John P. Zeluff.
Henry Wardle,		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Peter Warren.

SUSPENDED—B. F. Garside.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Hugh Batty, Henry L. Carlough, George Irving, John Logan, Henry Mains, John R. Smith, William Walker, Robert McLoughlin, John F. Russell, Leonard Springstein, Richard Swick, John Stanton.

SOLOMON'S LODGE, NO. 46—SOMERVILLE.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

George S. Jones, w. m.,	Nicholas L. Rouser, s. d.,
Alfred Barber, s. w.,	Charles M. Young, j. d.,
Conrad Stein, j. w.,	Robert L. Day, m. of c.,
John Ringelmann, TREAS.,	Frederick Van Liew, " "
Bernard M. Polhemus, SEC'Y,	John Struck, (No. —), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

David P. Kinyon,	Job C. Kinyon,	John Hartwell.
Henry G. Wagoner,	N. B. Richardson,	

MASTERS

Augustus C. Lindsley,	Edward C. Schott,	Theodore Barcalow,
Enoch Streeter,	Richard Layton,	Joseph W. Gano,
Richard Garretson,	James P. Davis,	William Ross, jun.,
Joshua Doughty, jun.,	Andrew Cross,	James S. Vosseller,
John Woodhead,	Andrew R. Kinney,	John F. Talmage,
James G. Cortelyou,	D. Randolph Kinyon,	William S. Potter,
Robert L. Day,	Balthazer Herring,	Cornelius G. Van Cleef,
John J. Combes,	Henry Joling,	Edward P. Wright,
Stephen D. Winner,	Nelson Campbell,	Edward C. Bennett,
Augustus Gutschech,	DeWitt Pitcher,	Henry B. Apgar,
William E. Alpaugh,	William W. Dilts,	Jeremiah S. Hulick,
Albert P. Cooper,	David T. Ross,	James S. Knox,
Samuel S. Hartwell,	Charles W. Stout,	Peter Lane,
Samuel W. Rice,	Daniel C. Burroughs,	Thomas Webster,
Edward Welstead,	Abraham T. Huff,	Elias W. Rarick,

W. L. Van Derveer,	Henry Atkinson,	Peter J. Schomp,
Cornelius A. Cruser,	James Halstead,	John J. Dean,
Vannest Talmage,	Henry Crater,	Daniel Smith,
Nathaniel C. Morris,	George L. Bryant,	Isaac V. Hall,
George McL. Wyckoff,	J. L. M. DeFour,	James A. Alexander,
Eli Ramsden,	Franz Schell,	Jonathan D. Potter,
John V. Quick,	Augustus Sherwood,	George H. Freck,
Cornelius T. Cox,	John V. Voorhees,	William A. Field. 83.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Robert H. Morey, J. J. Norris.

DIMITTED—Samuel Kennedy, John V. Robbins, William S. Smith, Charles E. Felty, George W. Thomas.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Lemuel R. Young.

BERGEN LODGE, NO. 47—BERGEN, HUDSON CO.

Meets every Friday evening, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

John Kinnard, w. m.,	Charles Saxtan, M. OF C.,
David W. Palmer, s. w.,	Peter C. Hopper, P. M., TRUSTEE,
Thomas E. Bailey, J. W.,	Walter J. Hilton, "
B. Mortimer Franks, TREAS.,	Henry A. Thomas, "
Thomas P. Rockett, SEC'Y,	Rev. Lewis L. Noble, CHAPLAIN,
Charles F. Case, s. d.,	Clifford Sickelmore, ORGANIST,
Robert M. Packer, J. D.,	William Havron, TYLER.
Frank C. Fry, M. OF C.,	

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Doggett,	Absalom Northrop,	Theo. F. Hay.
George B. Edwards,		

MASTERS.

Robert S. Tait,	James S. De Mott,	John Eaves,
William Earl,	Levi W. Post,	Samuel McBurney,
H. D. Van Nostrand,	Charles McIntosh,	J. O. Seymour,
John P. Newkirk,	Henry Russell,	W. L. Stone,

Abraham Speer,	James D. Wright,	George C. Toffey,
Benjamin F. Welsh,	Thomas M. Sayre,	Wm. A. McBurney,
Charles W. Allen,	Charles A. Pattee,	James Soper,
Thomas Cogan,	Joseph A. Jarvis,	John W. Soper,
A. L. Macduff,	Richard Aldridge,	William M. King,
James Cumming,	E. Henry Smith,	Edward K. Clark,
Henry Terhune,	Joseph Aldridge,	Henry L. Graves,
William Stevens,	Charles Harvey,	And. J. Cunningham,
A. P. Giberson,	William Harris,	William Van Cleef,
W. G. Lowden,	John M. Jones,	James W. Hilton,
Samuel Stevens,	A. H. Leonard,	Charles Townsend,
John A. Hilton,	Joseph H. Taylor,	E. B. Requa,
John F. Klumpp,	Chris. Whinyates,	B. Stockmar,
John D. Middleton,	Charles H. Atkins,	B. B. Southwick,
George V. De Mott,	William J. Smith,	Paul Borner,
George W. Rule,	James E. Lawrence,	Lyman Rice,
William M. Reid,	William Readio,	James Cassey,
William Wand,	Seth W. Payne,	William W. Parrish,
Joseph Roberts,	William Brinkerhoff,	James S. Nason,
Charles W. Edmonds,	Charles K. Sutton,	George F. Hawks,
John C. Hopper,	John Steele,	Elisha M. Baxter,
Brittain Cooper,	J. G. Northrop,	William G. Howser,
A. L. Cadmus,	Samuel D. Kennard,	John H. Lowenberg,
Jacob Perrine,	William J. Tait,	Richard M. Smart,
William S. Burns,	John J. Toffey,	Louis B. DuBois,
Henry Gaines,	William S. Okie,	H. W. Graves,
James S. Chalker,	Allan Jay Clark,	J. F. Chamberlin,
John Carnrick,	Abram H. Clark,	G. W. Chamberlin,
Allanby Thompson,	R. H. Lowden,	Joseph Eager,
William E. Rogers,	Thomas D. Harrison,	A. R. Bradun,
Abram D. Moore,	Jacob Hoesly,	John S. Urquhart,
William H. Barrett,	George E. Baekster,	Thomas L. Smart,
Samuel E. Harrison,	George C. Thompson,	Thomas Burns,
Albert Traphagan,	William F. Sweet,	H. A. Newbold,
Robert Coulson,	Arthur M. Smith,	Andrew D. Rockett,
Thomas H. N. Wilks,	William Aiken,	Robert Waters,
John Van Winkle,	J. E. Birmingham,	Thomas Carey,
Sidney Skillman,	Conrad Sedore,	D. R. Van Riper, jun.,
John A. Van Gelder,	John Lowenberg,	Oscar F. Lund,
Daniel E. Manton,	Charles H. Tompkins,	William T. Day,
Joseph B. Bartleman,	Henry R. Hilton,	Garret H. Saunier,
Robert H. Ellsworth,	Enoch Richards,	James F. Smart,

Jacob J. Van Riper,	Frederick Lowell,	Charles Elston,
W. S. L. Jewett,	Charles P. Nicoll,	Wm. K. Van Reyppen,
Garret S. Wood,	Warren Newcomb,	Charles W. Baner.

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ENTERED APPRENTICES—Seth Geer, Sylvanus Judd, Thomas Osborn, Elisha M. Allen, Clinton T. Taylor.

DIMITTED—Levi Decker, John St. Cable.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—John S. Van Syckel.

DECEASED—Lewis Dufrane, David Conklin, George Titterton.

ENTERPRISE LODGE, NO. 48—JERSEY CITY.

Meets every Thursday evening, at Nos. 23 and 25, Newark Avenue.

OFFICERS.

John C. Sheridan, W. M.,	William A. J. Shaffer, J. D.,
George Tennant, S. W.,	Robert McClane, M. OF C.,
Alfred J. Chapman, J. W.,	Herman Wieback, "
John R. Martin, TREAS.,	William Cleveland, CHAPLAIN,
Robert F. Laird, SEC'Y,	Wm. H. Morgan (York, 190), ORG.,
Robert McIndoe, S. D.,	William H. Parker, TYLER.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Chancellor W. Chase.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Page,	Albert A. Rice,	James H. McDowell,
John G. Ridley,	John A. Partridge,	Ambrose L. Boyes.

MASTERS.

Henry Hamlyn,	John R. Low,	Charles E. Newham,
Samuel H. James,	James Duncan,	Louis Heller,
David Gordon,	Hugh A. Scott,	Henry Hall,
Thomas Beckett,	Albert Riggs,	Albinus B. Ensign,
Richard Brown,	John D. Piercy,	Samuel S. Peace,
William Williams,	Josiah I. Kern,	George Field,
Alexander Robertson,	Ward Chichester,	John McLean,

Thomas Logan,	J. Edwin Hulshizer,	William H. Chase,
John C. Rulon,	George T. Larabee,	Charles Webster,
Joseph W. Strober,	Jarvis L. Ayres,	William Harrold,
Wm. W. McKechnie,	N. B. Rommel,	Cornelius Duncan,
John B. Outcalt,	Sebastian Bradt,	Stephen Young,
John Bird,	James Hood,	William H. Vermilye,
Lewis B. Baker,	Wm. Henry Morey,	John G. W. Bird,
John A. Donelly,	Joseph R. Hixon,	George M. Rowland,
James T. Tupper,	Richard Johnson,	William M. Darling,
Nicholas Slingerland,	Richard J. Hill,	E. C. Hamblin,
John B. Perry,	Thomas Gray,	W. Hudson Lovell,
Charles Birdsall,	William S. Mather,	Christopher Perry,
Phineas T. Bates,	Isaac N. Davis,	Alexander Watson,
John T. Rowland,	James L. Hoffman,	Thomas Robertson,
George Haslett,	John Ryan,	John J. Reyan,
Richard B. Sloat,	Myron L. Hobbs,	Thomas Trotter,
Frederick Skillman,	William W. Hiller,	Martin M. Drohan,
John Kelly,	John Levack,	Philip Currin,
Edwin J. Murphy,	William A. Pixlee,	Philip Dorethy,
Charles W. Boyes,	Henry N. Hurdle,	Aaron P. Ward,
Jacob Stoffer,	George Nimms,	David Thompson,
Alfred F. Youngs,	Albert Post,	John Chaplin,
Stephen Baker,	William Long,	Geo. G. Burlingame,
Joel P. Felker,	William H. Haynes,	Alexander Young,
Peter G. Jacobus,	John Bird, No. 2,	Harry Bloomfield,
Theo. F. Rikeman,	Elbridge Hallenbeek,	James McElvoy,
Francis H. Benson,	Walter Drummond,	John Perrin,
Albert S. Caswell,	John Thomson,	Robert I. Brown,
Park H. McTighe,	Edward L. Miller,	Frederick H. Cook,
Thomas Walker,	James Abel,	William H. Young,
Cyrus Lawrence,	Ephraim Pray,	William Russell.
Robert Smith,		

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FELLOW CRAFTS—John Wilcox.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Sherwood Billington, Wm. M. Bouker, Roderick B. Seymour, Alexander McDonald.

DIMITTED—George M. Burton, James P. Garton.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—William T. Freligh, jun.

DECEASED—James Stevenson, E. App.

 ESSEX LODGE, NO. 49—ELIZABETHPORT.

Meets every Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS.

George N. Potter, W. M.,	Wm. J. Christopher, J. D.,
Edward L. Tillou, S. W.,	Thomas Winsor, M. OF C.,
Elwood Phares, J. W.,	William H. Wetton, "
Samuel L. Moore, P. M., TREAS.,	Thomas Winsor, STEWARD,
George N. Sanborn, SEC'Y,	William H. Wetton, "
James M. Wentworth, S. D.,	William G. Jones, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Peter H. Wyckoff,	Thomas Robins,	William H. Adams,
William A. Morrell,	Joseph Alward,	Henry L. Norton,
George H. Ropes.		

MASTERS.

Jeremiah E. Adams,	Henry Ahrens,	Simon Arnold,
George W. Armstrong,	Frederick Anderson,	Abraham Baiz,
Lewis Bacon,	Louis Braun,	Jacob Baiz,
Thompson Barrick,	David S. Broid,	John H. Blassingham,
William J. Brook,	Charles E. Bullinger,	Charles A. Cammann,
Geo. W. Christopher,	Charles J. Clifford,	Charles C. Carson,
Lucius Campbell,	Robert Crosby,	Rev. Charles S. Coit,
Mahlon P. Chichester,	Samuel DeHart,	Timothy Dixon,
Alphonso Dabb,	William A. Driver,	George F. Denniston,
Tunis A. Egbert,	Richard Frohwein,	Henry T. Franklin,
Frederick H. Franklin,	Joseph Fishbaugh,	Henry George,
William H. Green,	Thomas L. Hough,	Jacob E. Hoover,
Robert G. Houston,	Samuel L. Huntsman,	William Jacobs,
Walter W. Johnson,	William Joslin,	John Kidd,
Marx Leime,	Otis C. Lackey,	Edmund Le Breton,
Nelson W. Moore,	George O. More,	Samuel K. Moore,
Charles D. Moore,	John McAdams,	Charles McLean,
William C. Manvel,	Isaac C. McCullor,	Hugh McClarrin,
Thomas E. Miner,	John C. Mason,	John Manvel,
Miller F. Moore,	Adolph Phillipee,	John H. Piércey,
Wm. Wilson Park,	Abel H. Potter,	Ezekiel Rigby,
Joshua G. Reynolds,	George Royal,	Elihu H. Ropes,
Rev. Haly B. Rossiter,	James M. Ropes,	Charles J. Swift,
George H. Shaw,	John L. Shreeve,	George W. Smith,
Edward P. Scott,	Wilson F. Smith,	David F. Sprague,

John V. Smith,	David Walker,	Thomas White,
Calvin G. Williams,	Elias Wentworth,	William Welsted,
Peter J. Wilson,	Charles J. Wallace,	Henry D. Whiting,
N. F. Wright,	Eugene J. Weeks,	Joseph Whittiker. 106.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George L. Syres, R. C. Patterson.

DIMITTED—Charles H. Coril, Firman Vaillancour, Henry Lawrence, Robert Fozard.

DECEASED—Ridgway Thomas, P. M., Albert Manvel, Oscar B. Robinson, William Moorhouse.

MERCER LODGE, NO. 50—TRENTON.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings, at Taylor Hall.

OFFICERS.

Isaac H. Hutchinson, W. M.,	John Lee, J. D.,
Henry Nicklin, S. W.,	S. S. Bower, M. OF C.,
Augustus K. Forman, J. W.,	Jacob Kling, "
Nicholas D. Williamson, TREAS.,	Charles H. Seaman, STEWARD,
Henry E. Finch, SEC'Y,	John Monroe, "
L. S. Skillman, S. D.,	Amos Howell (No. 5), TYLER.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Joseph H. Hough.

PAST MASTERS.

Edward W. Scudder,	William T. Nicholson,	James Nicklin,
Charles B. Yard,	Samuel M. Youmans,	Joseph Stokes.

MASTERS.

Alex. H. Boden,	Samuel Stringer,	Joseph Smith,
Jonathan Coxon,	Caleb Sager,	Joseph Anderson,
William C. Thorn,	R. Ruhlman,	Robert Bassett,
Levi J. Bibbins,	David Warman,	John Brelsford,
John Drake,	Cyrus Whitlock,	J. Vance Powers,
S. F. Smith,	Joseph Ashton,	George Painter,
James Clark,	John Riley,	John G. Bohlinger,

John Werkheiser,	Edward Sutton,	G. Schraishuhn,
Benjamin Boyd,	Lewis C. Wooley,	Charles B. Van Syckle,
Michael Stoddard,	Thomas Owens,	Titus H. Stout,
George D. Bower,	William Whitaker,	Daniel Peters,
William S. Covert,	John J. Strasser,	Henry Schaub,
William Brumaker,	Edwin Green,	Thomas Palmer,
Charles Stakeman,	William Boswell,	Thomas Green,
Peter Kendrick,	William Napton,	Hiram L. Rice,
William Dolton,	Wm. S. Hutchinson,	Richard R. Rogers,
Chas. H. McChesney,	Thomas Booth,	Francis L. Schmidt,
William Britton,	Isaac D. James,	Charles V. Mead,
James C. Manning,	John A. Wilson,	Henry T. Webber,
Philip Lutz,	George Kleinkauf,	William Truman,
John Briest,	William Bamford,	John Denton,
Benjamin D. Phillips,	William Bloor,	Wm. G. Middleton,
John M. Hough,	Joseph S. Thorn,	John R. S. Barnes,
William H. McMillan,	Hiram Weller,	Thomas S. Hattersley,
William B. Byram,	Charles Carr,	Charles Hattersley,
Thomas Marshall,	Eugene M. Coffield,	John Sanderson,
Mark Reeves,	Joseph C. Clayton,	Franklin S. Mills.
Edward E. Hooker,	Thomas Scarlett,	101.

EXPELLED—*Walter B. Hill.

DECEASED—John Firth, F. C., Thomas Upton.

ORIENTAL LODGE, NO. 51—NEWARK.

Meets Thursday evening of each week, corner of Court and Broad sts.

OFFICERS.

Herbert Cottrell, w. M.,	Joseph W. Stansbury, s. D.,
John D. Faitoute, s. w.,	Abm. S. Staats, j. D.,
Charles S. Plummer, j. w.,	Charles A. Ward, M. OF C.,
Daniel Wallace, TREAS.,	L. J. Hardham, "
Andrew M. Clark, SEC'Y,	Valentine Aschenbach, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James J. Turhune,	Francis Lindsley,	James L. Hays,
John S. Clark,	Charles L. C. Gifford,	Joseph I. Cornell.
J. Warren Vandever,		

MASTERS.

Joseph Atkinson,	Morgan T. Baxter,	Charles H. Booth,
Ollie C. Bunting,	Max Boehm,	William P. Bonnell,
Enos H. Bunting,	George Brett,	Thomas Barnes,
William Burt,	Thomas W. Bullivant,	Edward T. Beardsley,
Eugene Begbie,	George A. Beardsley,	Edwin P. Clark,
Henry C. Clark,	A. Judson Clark,	John Conner,
Albert G. Cann,	Theodore C. Clark,	Joseph H. Crookes,
Edward S. Cottrell,	David Collins,	Edwin T. Case,
Edwin C. Champlin,	Charles Campbell,	Oscar F. Collyer,
H. Charmbury,	John Compton,	Foster B. Chidister,
Marion L. Chase,	Peter Courter,	Albert Davis,
Rich'd B. Dovell, jun.,	George W. Davis,	Thomas H. Dunn,
William H. Earl,	August F. Eggers,	George Eggers,
Robert Ermsen,	Edward N. Fuller,	George C. Ford,
A. D. Fowler,	James B. Faitoute,	James M. Frazee,
Robert F. Gillen,	James Gillen,	Henry F. Grant,
Thomas Graham,	John M. Gwinnell,	Thomas H. Gould,
D. A. Graham,	Jesse T. Gilbert,	W. Smith Galloway,
A. E. Hyde,	Theodore Horne,	Robert F. Hall,
Leopold Hiller,	C. W. Hagen,	George Henry,
John B. Huber,	James Horton,	Aaron C. Hayward,
P. W. Hoagland,	William K. Irvine,	Lewis Johnson,
Samuel C. Jennings,	Samuel R. Johnson,	Silas Johnson,
John B. Jones,	James Kearney,	Chauncey Ketchum,
Charles W. Kennedy,	Joseph W. Kingsland,	George H. Kingsland,
Albert Kalish,	Sargent E. Leonard,	Fred. Lichtenfels,
Julius A. Lebknecher,	Marcus Louskey,	Emanuel Lehman,
James G. Lucas,	Alexander F. Looker,	Julian P. LaFoy,
Joseph LeLarge,	Thomas B. Loomis,	Francis Lamb,
J. Halsey Looker,	John M. Laforge,	Walter M. Lyon,
Elias B. Mills,	William H. Murphy,	John Mills,
James Mason,	S. C. Morehouse,	William F. Mingus,
Luke Morris,	John M. Matlock,	S. C. Marden,
James T. Myers,	Alexander McGregor,	John McGregor,
Thomas F. McKirgan,	Jacob Miller,	Charles T. Miller,
L. N. S. Needham,	DeWitt C. Nichols,	Franklin Nadin,

William B. Nichols,	Conrad C. Orgeman,	Joseph Periam,
E. M. Pritchard,	Monroe Porter,	W. L. Parker,
Charles B. Pollard,	Benedict Preith,	William F. Page,
Isaac Pierson,	Sylvanus H. Quinby,	James L. Ross,
Morton Robinson,	George D. Randall,	W. R. Russell,
James V. Sanford,	Simon Schener,	Edward N. Seeley,
John K. Simon,	Gaven Spence,	George D. Spinning,
David P. Sanford,	James V. Sanford,	William H. Spinning,
Benjamin Seaman,	Albert Searing,	C. Edgar Sutphen,
William B. Steeple,	James Stephens,	Charles O. Smith,
Cornelius Staats,	Edward Smith,	Joseph P. Staats,
D. Winans Smith,	Solomon Spien,	Henry Stone,
Seymour Tucker,	Warren Tucker,	Caleb S. Titsworth,
Edward Taylor,	Samuel S. Taylor,	John Tobin,
Robert W. Taite,	Benjamin Toynbee,	Edward Taylor,
Charles Upton,	James F. Umpelby,	Herman Unger,
Brant Van Blarcom,	A. E. Van Gieson,	Stephen Wilcox,
David Wallace,	Wm. H. Wittemore,	John Weisenstein,
Jacob W. Ward,	E. B. Whitehead,	Leslie D. Ward,
Charles F. Woodruff,	Stephen R. Wilson,	Henry M. Wildman,
George S. Walker,	David B. Walker,	Richard G. Westervelt,
John H. Wilkins,	Uzal A. Young,	James E. White. 191.

FELLOW CRAFT—Martin V. Bennett.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William H. Bayley.

DIMITTED—Samuel Clark, Joseph H. Stephens, Joseph E. Ball,
Charles Freeman, Daniel P. Fitzgerald, Charles W. Stickney.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Corra Drake, John D. Buckley, William
H. Van Court, James Charters.

DECEASED—Charles H. Fisher, F. C., Thomas Pain.

 DELAWARE LODGE, NO. 52—PHILLIPSBURG.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Samuel B. Van Arsdale, W. M.,	James Irvin Lake, J. D.,
Andrew P. Teel, S. W.,	A. B. Bechtel, M. OF C.,
Andrew G. Burstrom, J. W.,	Harrison Smith, "
Joseph F. Sheppard, TREAS.,	William Beers, STEWARD,
James E. Moon, P. M., SEC'Y,	Alonzo Nelson, "
Thad. G. Price, S. D.,	Joseph E. M. Laughlin, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

R. J. Swackhamer,	John W. Dean,	Edmund Teel,
Edward H. Bird,	Horace M. Norton,	William R. Wilson.
Caleb M. Clark,	Jesse F. Carhart,	

MASTERS.

William A. Huff,	William S. Lucas,	John C. Reese,
John Stotzer,	Hugh P. Marston,	James M. Andrews,
John D. Sweeney,	Theodore B. Hance,	James D. Dewitt,
Charles Sproul,	George W. Vanatta,	Theodore Gardner,
Samuel Freeman,	Joseph E. McCorkell,	Moses Huff,
Matthias Ten Eick,	William Smith,	Benj. F. Carpenter,
Rev. H. B. Townsend,	Valentine Mutchler,	George W. Stone,
Wilson Skinner,	John C. Bennett,	Henry M. Vliet,
Bartlett C. Frost,	Lewis L. Ross,	John J. Hulsizer,
Lewis Hines,	Daniel S. Field,	Jacob S. Iliff,
J. Thomas Thatcher,	Michael Flynn,	Rufus Sliker,
A. F. Weller,	Albert K. Metz,	John T. Bittner,
Rev. J. K. Sikes,	C. Sharps Hulsizer,	Anthony Lerch,
John F. Dumont,	Thomas F. Cauley,	Jona. M. Welsted,
Samuel W. Corwin,	Joseph Melroy,	Daniel A. Clarkson,
John West,	Thomas Caviston,	Henry J. Atwood,
William H. Gwinner,	James M. Kennedy,	Caleb Kittell,
James Price,	Aaron Savercool,	Joseph Moser,
William M. Hixon,	John F. Ward,	John Engler,
George B. Hawk,	George Savercool,	Amos S. Cope,
William W. Wendall,	John Alpaugh,	B. E. Bowen,
Joseph A. Iliff,	Hutchinson Johnson,	John Peters,
John Stute,	Elisha T. Vliet,	R. W. Willever,
Henry R. Kennedy,	Albert White,	H. R. Kennedy,

Joseph K. Arndt,	William A. Schooley,	M. Bush,
James Gladhill,	Lewis M. Osmun,	J. J. Kemerer,
Jacob H. Reese,	H. Roberts,	George Baer,
J. E. Fulper,	J. I. Moyer,	Samuel Phipps,
James A. Petrie,	Henry T. Spinner,	Howard Melick,
James L. Boss,	Amos Moyer,	Peter H. Pursell,
John Melick,	Peter A. Bloom,	John M. Carling,
Benjamin T. Harris,	Jacob H. Sweeney,	John Saeger,
Bartley Mertaugh,	Richard Glover,	Morris Levy,
John C. Groff,	John P. Leshner,	William Champlin,
Thomas G. Cope,	Lewis M. Teel,	John Riley. 125.

FELLOW CRAFT—Isadore Popper.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Harrison Stiles, Philip Hiles.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—William M. Patterson, P. M., Aaron Losey, Henry K. White, Robert Stolpe, Nelson Lake, Henry A. King, Abraham S. Hulshizer.

DECEASED—John Firth.

EAGLE LODGE, NO. 53—HUDSON CITY.

Meets each Monday evening, except during the months of July and August, and the fourth Monday in December.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Jewkes, W. M.,	Thomas W. Guinau, jun., J. D.,
George I. States, S. W.,	William Froud, M. OF C.,
James Z. Baker, J. W.,	Henry H. Hazzard, "
Edgar M. Eoff, TREAS.,	Michael Fliese, STEWARD,
Theodore Tasheira, SEC'Y,	Samuel Randall, "
Alfred G. Southward, S. D.,	Thomas H. Mansfield, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles F. Bucken, Benjamin M. Rogers, John Duff.

MASTERS.

Henry G. McLean,	Hugh Douglass,	George Davies,
George J. Elwood,	Edward B. Jones,	Thomas Doorley,
Thomas Mason,	Charles L. Beemar,	Elijah Davies,
Joseph E. Taylor,	August Van Cleft,	Peter F. Wortendyke,

John J. Schuchart, jr.,	Charles H. Clevinger,	Charles H. Ferris,
William H. Martin,	George G. Cooper,	Frederick C. Hartman,
John P. Young,	Thomas Plunket,	Charles Gobish,
Anton L. Mortenson,	William Harris,	Thomas Bennett,
Adam Schneider, jun.,	Otto Krah,	Charles J. Roe,
Joseph Schindler,	William Martin,	Augustus Wandle,
Thomas Bourke,	John W. Whitney,	John Wandle,
John Thornley,	William Fox,	Charles W. Meeker,
Albert Cox,	Alonzo Bellows,	Charles N. Brinkman,
John Denfy,	John Mogridge,	Henry Gaede,
John M. Wilson,	Edward A. Montanye,	Henry Earl,
Nathaniel Smith,	Hiram K. Gaynor,	Gottlieb Herbst,
William B. Morgan,	Daniel Philips,	James Yoe,
Benj. Higginbotham,	Joseph E. Culver,	John Schoilie,
Samuel Goodby,	Frank W. Fisher,	Edward Essler,
Christopher B. Keogh,	Elijah V. Miers,	Joseph Stout,
Charles Luxton,	William Munzig,	Jacob D. Rech,
Charles Loekle,	Frank Lanay,	James T. Furber,
William F. Hotopp,	Thomas Aldridge,	Philip McCartney,
Henry F. Meakins,	John Court,	Henry Liming,
Nathaniel Boyd,	Jacob Rech,	Dominico Canatta,
Christopher Bartels,	William A. Weeks,	Theo. W. Edwards,
John Boyd,	Martin Kellerman,	Anton Henry,
Charles F. Kasang,	Wilson S. Wolf,	Leopold W. Rossmaier,
William Greenleaf,	Richard W. Dewey,	Thomas Seward,
William Clarkson,	Arthur Bremmer,	John Walters,
Jacob Schilb,	William Walters,	John W. Tiniam,
William B. Lundie,	Philip Lint,	William Haining,
Bernhard L. Lesser,	William H. Bussy,	Henry C. Radcliffe,
John D. Waugh,	Henry C. Hebbard,	Adolph E. Brehm,
Theodore S. Dewey,	John J. Spencer,	Oscar F. Bucken,
James T. Barnes,	Joseph Setz,	John Schuchart, jun.,
Frederick Zurn,	George Tattam,	John P. Young,
William H. Horn,	William Blythe,	Emile Steger,
Solomon Weeks,	Louis Bornemam,	Thomas Strahn.
Thomas Boyd,	George F. Kraus,	

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DIMITTED—John S. Lyons, Edward Savoye, William Harris, John R. Wiggins.

DECEASED—George Wannamaker, William H. Whyard, William Schwarz.

EXPELLED—George W. Saunders.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 54—SALEM.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

A. M. P. V. H. Dickeson, W. M.,	John Lambert, M. OF C.,
John J. Thompson, S. W.,	Joseph B. Thompson, "
Benjamin Kelty, J. W.,	John G. Garwood, STEWARD,
John P. Moore, TREAS.,	Samuel Dilmore, "
Joseph Miller, SEC'Y,	Thos. V. F. Rusling, CHAPLAIN,
William H. Gilmore, S. D.,	George Morrison, TYLER.
William R. Hunt, J. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Joshua J. Bates,	John Kirby,	William L. Tyler.
Albert H. Slape,		

MASTERS

Frank M. Acton,	Lambert L. Mulford,	Charles F. Pancoast,
David W. Belden,	Miles W. Wallen,	Joseph D. Pancoast,
Samuel W. Dunn,	Harry L. Slape,	Charles S. Lawson,
William Smallwood,	Benj. F. Stranghen,	Thomas J. Yorke,
John Perrine,	B. A. Waddington,	William Patterson,
Chas. R. Habermeyer,	Robert Gwynne,	Henry D. Hall,
Clinton Bowen,	Samuel G. Cattell,	William Plummer,
George B. Robertson,	George R. Morrison,	David Dare,
Adam H. Sickler,	Dewitt C. Clement,	George M. Ward,
Owen L. Jones,	Fenwick H. Archer,	Rev. Robert H. Davis,
Chalkley Duell,	Isaac Hackett,	George Hires,
William M. Roberts,	Richard Grier,	T. P. Dickerson, jun.,
Rev. Joseph G. Crate,	James D. Lawson,	Japhet J. Somers,
William T. Goodwin,	Benjamin Acton,	Charles R. Null,
Joseph B. Heishon,	James S. Nevius,	Jeremiah Stull, .
John B. Lawrence,	William J. Rusling,	George Rudolph,
John W. Ward,	William H. Copner,	John M. Carpenter.
Howard Bassett,	Hiram H. DeGrofft,	

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ENTERED APPRENTICE—Jonathan Woodnutt, jun.

DIMITTED—George H. Dey.

DECEASED—David W. Belden.

KANE LODGE, NO. 55—NEWARK.

Meets every Friday evening, at Eureka Hall, Broad st.

OFFICERS.

Theodore F. Young, w. m.,	Eugene Ufford, jun., s. d.,
Robert R. Coursen, s. w.,	David A. Clark, j. d.,
Edward P. Day, j. w.,	E. O. Campbell, STEWARD,
John H. Hires, TREAS.,	John W. Chidister, "
Samuel D. Aspinwall, SEC'Y,	Albert G. Woodruff, TYLER.

DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

William D. Rutan.

PAST MASTERS.

W. Donaldson Kinney, Thomas Godson, David H. Brown.

MASTERS.

Robert Gray, jun.,	Rochus Heinisch, jun.,	George E. Ward,
Edward Pressenger,	George H. Watson,	T. C. Brintzinghoffer,
John R. Elliott,	Edward B. Bingham,	Samuel S. Sergeant,
John Sprosten,	Henry Johnson,	John Davies,
William Cawley,	William H. Baldwin,	William M. Woodhull,
Alex. R. Thompson,	Wallace Durand,	William E. Hudson,
William H. Burnett,	Charles M. Wheeler,	Oscar L. Baldwin,
W. A. Conover,	John J. Chandler,	James Johnston,
Frederick U. Utter,	Charles W. Compton,	James E. Goll,
W. J. A. Umbach,	Joseph B. Ward,	Francis Pell,
John W. Hunt,	Elijah Belknap,	James E. Smith,
Richard W. Wilde,	Amzi B. Alston,	James W. Corey,
Theodore Runyon,	Isadore Lehman,	Jacob W. Crane,
Charles Crowder,	Thomas C. Cox,	Charles S. Osborn,
Davis H. Miller,	Joseph C. Donaldson,	George O. F. Taylor,
Alfred Lyon,	J. W. Root,	John K. Dodd,
John C. Mitchell,	W. W. Bowlby,	Richard Odgers,
C. D. Van Houten,	Augustus H. Abbott,	David Meyers,
August Greenwold,	Charles Morgan,	William S. Tipson,
Henry Durand,	Stephen W. Rice,	Anthony Brill,
Edward W. Dunning,	Mortimer S. Ward,	Job C. Johnson,
Watson Hedenburg,	Leander Searing,	W. E. Ryckman,
Alonzo Morrison,	Bernard Goldsmith,	James Cadmus,
James T. Brown,	B. B. Earl,	E. Cheever Holloway,

William Crowther,	J. H. Stewart,	Peter Beschor,
C. A. Drake,	D. W. Crane,	R. Quackenbush,
Joseph Gassin,	Alex. Beach, jun.,	John H. Pearce,
Charles E. Bristol,	George Haws,	George C. Miller,
W. H. Crichton,	D. B. Woodruff,	Martin Beir,
W. W. Morris,	Josiah Fennell,	Daniel McMillan,
Charles H. Brown,	E. F. Randolph,	Geo. W. Howell.
Edward Elverson,	Benj. Southerland,	109.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Samuel C. Howell.

DIMITTED—Joseph Leucht, Edgar S. Nicholas, James Lovatt,
Paul Buchanan, John H. Perry, James H. Hawes.

DECEASED—Fred. P. Field, Thomas Brown.

ORION LODGE, NO. 56—FRENCHTOWN.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

Howell McIntire, w. m.,
Adam S. Haring, s. w.,
Levi Troxell, j. w.,
Thomas Palmer, SEC'Y.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Rev. George H. Jones.

PAST MASTERS,

Jonas Rymond,	Gabriel H. Slater,	N. W. Tomson.
James C. Fackenthall,	John L. Slack,	

MASTERS.

Samuel B. Hudnit,	William H. Hance,	Levi Sherer,
E. Page Southwick,	Isaac M. Swope,	Lemuel Wright,
Edward B. Kachline,	W. H. Martin,	Thomas Myers,
Asher Reilly,	M. H. Smith,	Bryan Hough,
Hiram Dumott,	William M. Rapp,	O. M. Owens,
Alfred Brink,	Albert P. Williams,	John Lampen,

John B. Taylor,	Austin Hart,	John Bellis,
David Roberson,	William Britton,	N. B. Boileau,
Samuel Hoff,	O. P. Thatcher,	John Burgstresser,
William Y. Stires,	Stacy B. Rittenhouse,	I. D. Burgstresser,
Emanuel S. Wilson,	Thomas C. Atherholt,	Paul B. Cooley,
Aaron P. Katchline,	Jacob S. Bast,	John S. Hudnit,
George W. Eddy,	William W. Boss,	H. W. Matthews,
Morris Maxwell,	Charles R. Cowdrick,	Albert Opdycke,
A. Vanderbelt,	Moses K. Everitt,	Sextus C. Purcel,
William C. Alpaugh,	James H. Murphy,	A. B. Trout,
Rev. W. E. Blakesley,	Theodore R. Opdycke,	Philip G. Reading,
Levi Case,	Peter Polhemus,	Michael W. Shuster,
Francis T. Eggert,	Samuel Rymond,	Allen Thomas,
Moses D. Knight,	Joseph Randall,	George M. Taylor,
William E. Mattison,	John Sheridan,	Oliver Worman,
John D. Paxon,	Reed F. Loux,	David R. Worman,
Augustus Purcel,	G. A. Thatcher,	Henry P. Cullins,
William H. Randall,	Hugh E. Warford,	William V. Bloom,
Samuel Rockafellow,	Thomas S. Detrick,	J. H. Cooley,
Robert A. Shimer,	Charles Kline,	John Stout,
Samuel Thatcher,	Brice M. Purcell,	Jacob Creveling, jun.,
Geo. W. Van Syckel,	Jonas B. Lear,	Spencer M. Alpaugh,
Rev. H. J. Hayter,	John Butler,	Peter O. Connell,
James S. White,	Christian Schaively,	William W. Paxon,
A. S. Jordon,	C. E. Thompson,	Thomas Rogan. 103.

FELLOW CRAFT—Thomas R. Shatton.

DIMITTED—Quintus S. Seip.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 57—ORANGE.

Meets first and third Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Banta, w. m.,	Horace Stetson, s. d.,
Warren McChesny, s. w.,	Daniel S. Rice, j. d.,
Theodore Dobbs, j. w.,	James T. Palmer, m. of c.,
William Green, TREAS.,	James C. Hardin, "
John R. Long, SEC'Y,	Thomas Hodgkinson, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Andrew Britton,	James P. Burton,	Edwin B. Whiting,
Edward D. Pierson,	Augustus T. Grinsted,	John H. Myers,

MASTERS.

Joseph Cooper,	Thomas P. Bayes,	Oliver Libby,
Edward Hill,	J. H. Matthews, jun.,	Alexander Hunter,
Augustus Dykeman,	Gustave Peine,	Elias O. Doremus,
James H. B. Smith,	Alfred Hardin,	Richard A. Turhune,
William Henderson,	Francis Malocsay,	Joseph W. McChesney,
Edward Gardner,	James M. Ward,	Ambrose M. Matthews,
E. L. Bartholomew,	George G. Raymond,	John Otterbine,
Wm. H. Thompson,	Charles E. Mitchell,	William M. Kent,
Samuel D. Carr,	Stephen D. Herman,	John A. Sharp,
Stephen T. Smith,	Sebastian Morlock,	Henry Wulf,
Charles F. Werner,	Sebastian Trabold,	Martin V. B. Morrison,
Nathan W. Pierson,	Leander McChesney,	Alex. H. Freeman,
John Ray,	Timothy W. Ward,	Hobart Cleveland,
Edward Reeves,	Benjamin S. Crofut,	Henry Pillott,
Robert E. Barton,	Henry K. Shaffer,	George Kirtland,
William H. Holmes,	J. L. Smallwood, jun.,	William J. Frost,
Edward P. Carter,	Anthony Lengyel,	Otto George Silber,
George D. Smith,	Moritz Cahn,	George W. Brewster.

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FELLOW CRAFTS—Daniel T. Smith, Josiah W. Miller.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Bernard Francis.

DIMITTED—William P. Scott, Charles H. Pollock, John Fryer, Matthew Walters, Michael Mohor, John R. Long, James M. Smith, H. Ellsworth Davis.

DECEASED—Ichabod Condit.

SHEKINAH LODGE, NO. 58—MILLVILLE.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Jonathan S. Whitaker, w. m.,	John J. Dunham, J. D.,
John W. Newlin, s. w.,	Thomas S. Simmons, M. OF C.,
William L. Newell, J. w.,	James R. Headley, “
George W. Dummett, TREAS.,	John B. Madden, STEWARD,
Samuel Steinmetz, SEC'Y,	John L. Sharp, “
W. H. Clay Smith, s. D.,	John L. Williams, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Elijah B. Richmond,	Alexander Gillen,	William J. Thompson.
Jacob S. Simmerman,		

MASTERS.

Thomas B. Somers,	Frederick Weber,	George M. Chester,
Thomas Larzalere,	Hiram Langrehr,	Thomas C. Woolston,
John Congden,	William Aitken,	Elias Wilson,
George K. Morris,	Edward Cross,	Francis A. Burcham,
Caleb Renear,	Malcom R. McNeal,	Albert F. Souder,
Henry M. Brown,	Anthony Van Hook,	Alfred S. Porter,
Milton Relyea,	Jonathan Wrigley,	Henry A. Forbes,
Samuel D. High,	Joseph W. Shaw,	William B. Beebe,
William T. Erith,	Henry Bomhoff,	Elias A. Doughty,
Lott C. Stevens,	Job Ladd,	Andrew H. McNeal,
James L. Wilson,	Charles Bartlett,	N. McIlvain,
Edwin Ireland,	Anthony Fowler,	Francis S. Kent,
Frederick A. Eberhart,	Henry F. Miller,	William Hindley,
Hugh R. Ferguson,	Francis Tyler,	George P. Ashby,
George D. Adams,	William M. Manks,	Ephraim H. Sheldon,
Francis A. Doughty,	Sanford Culver,	Orlando H. Searle,
Franklin Rogers,	Samuel M. Souder,	Peter Adams,
John Bomhoff,	William McKim,	Samuel M. Bassett,
Thomas Hogan,	Henry C. Williams,	Thomas Shaw,
William S. Tyler,	James McLaughlin,	William Ogden,
Elisha A. Currie,	Thomas F. Campbell,	William Hartley,
John A. Beakley,	David G. Duffield,	Thomas B. Stratton,
Franklin Burroughs,	Benjamin C. Down,	Joseph Brannin,
T. Hill Vanneman,	John Heathcote,	Barclay Renear,
George W. Bellevou,	Edward Q. Johnson,	John A. Wright,

Adrian C. Rocap,	James H. Nixon,	Jervis Sharp,
Thomas Morris,	Ephraim C. Robins,	William O. Johnson,
Morris Myers,	Mulford Ludlam,	Floyd B. Wheat,
Andrew Bradley,	Samuel H. Ortlip,	Samuel Hilliard,
George Payne,	Parker Huntley,	Abm. K. Street,
Abraham Roebuck,	Lewis S. Mulford,	George C. Smith,
Francis Reeves,	Thomas C. Hampton,	William Keinzle,
Alpheus A. Evans,	Benjamin Vanhook,	Thomas E. Ballinger,
Thomas M. Ludlam,	Edward S. Hann,	Avery S. Messic,
Eli Stratton,	Sam'l P. Crossaboom,	Andrew J. Hugg,
Richard Radcliff,	Asbury Maule,	Furman L. Mulford,
Samuel P. Murphy,	Thomas C. Souder,	Cornelius A. Shaw.

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ENTERED APPRENTICES—Daniel B. Ferguson, Daniel Focer, Silas C. Smith.

SUSPENDED U. M. C.—Elwood Beakley, P. M.

DECEASED—George Corson.

CALDWELL LODGE, NO. 59—CALDWELL.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

William H. H. Condit, w. m.,
 John M. Mead, s. w.,
 Daniel De Camp, j. w.,
 Charles P. Harrison, sec'y.

PAST MASTERS.

Lewis G. Lockwood, Philip H. Harrison, Joel D. Mead.

MASTERS.

Isaac Lane,	George Lane,	Stephen Van Orden,
Jeptha Personette,	Frederick Lodter,	Rufus F. Harrison,
Augustus Fowler,	N. Milton Baldwin,	Moses P. Crane,
Lambert Speer,	Thomas Hoag,	C. G. Crane,
John H. Speer,	William J. Harrison,	Richard C. Speer,
M. Clark Dobbins,	Samuel Crane,	William Bush,

Lewis H. King,	Peter T. Speer,	James Randall,	
N. N. Crane,	James Jarrett,	Francis W. Miller,	
Aaron D. Crane,	Farrand K. Stagg,	Marcus Francisco,	
Thomas T. Speer,	Asa Williams,	John R. Dodd, jun.,	
Joseph T. Hopping,	William A. Jackson,	Charles Thewrich,	
John McChesney,	Lemuel W. Stagg,	M. H. Courter,	
George E. Mead,	S. W. Courter,	C. W. Stewart,	
Charles H. Hunter,	W. R. Vanderhoof,	W. H. Byram.	49.

FELLOW CRAFT—Samuel King.

DIMITTED—H. D. Crane.

ARCANA LODGE, NO. 60—BOONTON.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

William C. Clark, w. m.,	Thomas H. Primrose, s. d.,
S. F. Drinkwater, s. w.,	Peter McEwing, j. d.,
C. O. Cooper, j. w.,	Jacob L. Hutt, m. of c.,
John Myers, 3d, TREAS.,	Daniel McEwen, "
William L. Teush, SEC'Y,	George W. Hyler, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

David C. Ely, Charles P. Davenport, Edwin E. Willis.
George Anthony,

MASTERS.

Cyrus B. Durand,	Joseph Pinkerton,	Andrew F. Kerbey,
Oscar Patterson,	Horace A. Estler,	Albert Crane,
Richard S. James,	James Plant,	Thomas H. Homan,
Peter De Hart,	Malcom L. Grimes,	Joseph Davis,
James G. Simms,	David Douglass,	Nathan L. Briggs,
William B. De Hart,	David Jacobus,	John A. Van Orden,
William E. Peer,	John J. Waddick,	Robert Barton,
Ralph Cooper,	Lewis Estler,	James M. Doughty,
Pearson W. Smith,	William Kleber,	Aaron Landon,
Edwin Bishop,	Henry C. Jenkins,	Henry F. Willis,

Benoni Whitehead,	William Grubb,	Jacob Simon,
Gilbert D. Crane,	Henry Taylor,	Richard Smith,
George S. Eston,	Samuel C. Tibbals,	John S. Wills,
Martin S. Shaw,	James H. Peer,	Enoch Hammonds,
William McCarty,	Nathan T. Jennings,	Ezra Estler, jun.,
Thomas Hodgkins,	Peter Frick,	Walter Reid,
Joseph Milnor,	Joseph Parker,	Cornelius B. Doremus,
John Hill,	James King,	Bleeker Baldwin,
Rev. F. D. Canfield,	Garret V. S. Rickards,	George W. Jones,
James H. Husk,	William E. Davenport,	George W. Tibbals,
Abraham Jones,	Peter H. Brown,	George Hessay,
Thomas Hammonds,	Thomas Northwood,	John Breckin.
Joseph Fitzpatrick,	Samuel S. Lyon,	82.

FELLOW CRAFT—Robert Green.

DECEASED—Joseph A. Proctor.

RARITAN LODGE, NO. 61—PERTH AMBOY.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Isaac D. Ward, P. M., W. M.,	George Tice, J. D.,
Frederick Harper, S. W.,	Joseph McClasky, M. OF C.,
Henry J. Hart, J. W.,	Thomas McCan, "
Eber H. Hall, TREAS.,	John W. Mersherow, STEWARD,
Moses Martin, SEC'Y,	William A. Slaght, "
Charles Jackson, S. D.,	Joseph Burns TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William T. Clark, Peter R. Hawley.

MASTERS.

John Adair,	John D. Thompson,	William H. Willford,
William P. Dally,	Charles H. Low,	Dower J. Johnson,
William Marshall,	Ephraim H. Martin,	Walter Chamberlain,
William Hunter,	John H. Spencer,	John E. Sofield,
Isaac Coleman,	Edgar Randolph,	John C. Tully,

Jacob L. Martin,	George W. Coutts,	John Golding,
James Snedaker,	Charles G. Havens,	Anthony Byard,
Marcus Schantz,	John L. Boggs,	John Fothergill,
George A. Seaman,	William A. Miller,	William King.
William Ray,		

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DECEASED—Bethuel Ward, William S. Willis.

LA FRATERNITE FRANCAISE LODGE, NO. 62—
NEWARK.

*Meets first, third and fifth Wednesday evenings in each month, at
Eureka Hall, No. 259 Broad street.*

OFFICERS.

Justin Calame, P. M., W. M.,	Paul Benatre, S. D.,
Emile Girods S. W.,	Alexander Lelong, J. D.,
Victor Gougibus, J. W.,	Peter Dress, M. OF C.,
Theodore Jebert, TREAS.,	Victor Benatre, "
Charles Pieters, SEC'Y,	Wm. Wilkinson, (No. 39), TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Alphonse Letellier.

MASTERS.

Charles Arlen,	Anton Bonnefoy,	Theodore Bott,
John Beauzy,	John Blake,	Desire Chalumeau,
Gustaf Fingado,	Charles Fayee,	Henry Faas,
Gosselius Habbema,	Philip Heckendorn,	Abraham Jeydel,
Henry Knab,	Eugene Miannay,	John Marquet,
Charles Ober,	Nicholas Peiffer,	Anton Rouvoy,
Emelie Rousseil,		

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FELLOW CRAFT—Jules Greiner.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James Clinchard, Francis Cavenger,
James Esch, Joseph Lange, Peter Sedille.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Adolph Milauchaux, Eugene Von Nord-
haussen.

ST. STEPHEN'S LODGE, NO. 63—SOUTH AMBOY.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John B. Vancleve, W. M.,	Gotlieb Stroub, J. D.,
William Mathis, S. W.,	Bernard Rody, M. OF C.,
John Wright, J. W.,	George Carr, "
Edmond O. Howell, TREAS.,	Bernard Rody, STEWARD,
Joseph H. Murphy, SEC'Y,	George Carr, "
Andrew J. Davis, S. D.,	Frank Hindren, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John Sexton,	Hiram McConnell,	Robert Walker.
John Wood,		

MASTERS.

Richard Maguire,	Peter J. Tracy,	David B. Riggs,
Forrest Blakesley,	Harry C. Perrine,	Levi Stout,
George L. Everett,	Thomas A. Perrine,	Josiah Stults,
Henry Miller,	Sydney McConnell,	John Jones,
Charles S. Hazeltene,	George Schofield,	James Stewart,
Charles Downs,	John J. Roberts,	John Reik,
William H. Fraleigh,	Robert Stewart,	Charles H. Sweet,
John H. Cole,	Jacob Arndt,	William A. Potts,
John Davis,	James Sharp,	Edwin Rue,
George Applegate,	John A. Davis,	William Wilson,
Gamiel Disbrow,	Thomas Bolton,	Orlando Perrine,
Ambrose Traganowan,	Richard B. Hart,	L. L. F. Applebe,
Edgar W. Reed,	Edward F. Roberts,	Westley Ayres. 53.

DIMITTED—Milton Relyea, John Morrell, Henry C. Blake.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Matthew R. Dey, P. M., Joseph Capner, James Watson, Richard B. Dayton, Rev. Gideon J. Burton, Rev. David J. Shock.

DECEASED—Robert S. Herbert.

CÆSAREA LODGE, NO. 64—KEYPORT.

Meets second Wednesday in January, and alternate Wednesdays thereafter.

OFFICERS.

David Warner, w. m.,	Benjamin Lufburrow, s. d.,
Benjamin Decker, jun., s. w.,	Richard W. Brown, j. d.,
George W. Holmes, j. w.,	George W. Taylor, m. of c.,
Benjamin Decker, sen., TREAS.,	Alfred Walling, jun., "
Asbury F. Walling, SEC'Y,	Charles A. Stafford, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Rev. Sam'l Lockwood, Benjamin B. Pierce, John Britton.
Alfred B. Stony,

MASTERS.

Joseph H. Stoney,	Leonard J. Johnson,	Horatio Smith,
James T. Chadwick,	Timothy I. Murphy,	Fred Van Giesen, jun.,
Thomas H. B. Gross,	John Rogers,	Francis Van Giesen,
Daniel B. McDowell,	Joseph Vancleaf,	Theodore Aumack,
William H. Curtis,	Andrew J. Walling,	Francis Cuttrell,
Thomas Robinson,	John E. Wood,	John S. Sproul,
Horatio Smith,	Fred D. Woodruff,	Selah Burt,
Alfred Walling,	James T. Sounding,	Edwin C. Burt,
Frederick A. Gross,	Jacob R. Smith,	William Maconkey,
Ephraim Snow,	David Ackerman,	George W. Johnson,
Holmes C. Crawford,	Cornelius Britton,	Alfred T. Milnor,
William Warner,	George Creary,	George W. Pearce,
John Crawford,	Peter Hillyer,	Joel Stout,
Hubbard Matthews,	Peter Metzgar,	Charles H. Conrow.
John K. Holmes,		

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FELLOW CRAFTS—Joseph Collins, Orleans Downs.

DIMITTED—G. A. Van Deventer.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Rev. W. W. Christine.

 STAR LODGE, NO. 65—TUCKAHOE.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Reuben S. Robinson, P. M., W. M.,	John L. Smith, J. D.,
William H. Taylor, S. W.,	Belford E. Smith, M. OF C.,
Lewis S. Williams, J. W.,	Reuben C. Young, "
William B. Brown, TREAS.,	Timothy Henderson, STEWARD,
Charles R. Powell, SEC'Y,	Richard H. C. Young, "
Eli W. Budd, S. D.,	Thomas L. Russell, P. M., TYLER.

MASTERS.

Francis Schmaus,	Leaming Godfrey,	Jeremiah Smith,
Lewis Smith,	John Ewan,	Hosea F. Madden,
Benjamin H. Marshall,	Calvin C. Eastlack,	Andrew Steelman,
Rem. S. Smith,	Matthew Stephens,	Abel W. Hartwell,
Seth Homan,	Rev. E. H. Durell,	John Garwood,
Josiah W. Baker,	John Hooper,	John Stites,
Richard W. Godfrey,	Nicholas R. Taylor,	Joshua G. Corson,
Somers Stephens,	Richard B. Stites,	John Wallace,
Clinton Smith,	Aaron W. Van Gilder,	Thomas J. Lawrence,
Randolph Marshall,	Lewis D. Harris,	George N. Stanton,
Silas Wheaton,	Edmund W. Hand,	Wesley Steelman,
Ziba Taylor,	Lucius E. Corson,	Jacob T. Price,
Isaac M. Corson,	Frank Van Gilder,	George L. Dukes.
John R. Chattin,	Benjamin F. Lee,	53.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Samuel Sears, Edgar Smith.

DIMITTED—Leaming M. Rice, Jacob Wells, Elmer T. Edwards, Albert H. Ludlam, Hewlett Brown, Charles Kates, Smith S. Eldridge, Demott Shaw, Lewis C. Gandy, S. Henry Brooks, Edmund T. Davis, Francis Smith, Mulford M. Corson.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Samuel Corson, Rev. D. T. Davis, Nicholas Godfrey.

DECEASED—Richard Champion, F. C.

 SCHILLER LODGE, NO. 66—NEWARK.

Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Christian Walther, P. M., W. M.,	William Wendell, J. D.,
Julius Stapff, S. W.,	Charles Hatchmeister, M. OF C.,
Frederick Formhals, J. W.,	Charles Schults, "
Anton Stubenbord, TREAS.,	George Mueller, STEWARD,
William I. Bohler, SEC'Y,	Lewis Popitz, "
Martin Issler, S. D.,	Thomas Dusel, TYLER.

VISITOR TO GERMAN LODGES.

Leopold Kiesling.

PAST MASTERS.

Peter Bender, John Hammell.

MASTERS.

Jacob Heckendorn,	Christian Swartz,	Robert Gerth,
Francis H. Sieger,	Lewis Wiedenbacher,	John Kongmann,
John Geiger,	F. B. Kuenhold,	Frederick Rynold,
Christian Hertzog,	Jacob Meyer,	Joseph Hensler,
Bernhard Kellner,	Louis Kuenzell,	Tobias Wiedenmeyer,
Joseph Eheuann,	Chris. Wiedenmeyer,	George Brewer,
Frederick Laggay,	Henrich Reymers,	E. A. Adams,
Gottfried Kirchmann,	Adam Bopp,	Adam Groel,
George Lorenz,	Chris. Schilling,	George Schuhknecht,
Franz. Hafeby,	George Kramer,	Ch. W. Hartman,
Louis Adam,	William Knecht,	Charles A. Ebert,
Theodore Gerth,	Henry Ag. Tahn,	Albert Metz,
Julius Keer,	G. F. Gotthold,	Ernst F. Beck. 54.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Augustus Broemel, Albert Brandt.

DECEASED—Hieronymus Zeigler.

EXPULSED—Charles F. Seitz.

 PASSAIC LODGE, NO. 67—PASSAIC.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month, at Speer's Hall.

OFFICERS.

Joseph H. Wright, w. m.,	Martin C. Healey, j. d.,
John Duffus, s. w.,	R. Burnett Smith, m. of c.,
Joseph T. Speer, j. w.,	Henry Crawford, "
J. T. Van Iderstine, p. m., TREAS.,	Rev. John A. Munroe, CHAPLAIN,
Leonard L. Gear, SEC'Y,	E. Roberts (No. 287, N. Y.) ORG.,
Richard B. Tindall, s. d.,	Joseph B. Knight, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Rev. Marshall B. Smith,	Richard A. Turhune,	Robert H. Blake,
James A. Norton,	Thomas B. Stewart,	Benjamin B. Aycrigg.

MASTERS.

Jacob K. Dunham,	Florence Mahony,	Richard Post,
William H. Speer,	Oscar D. Wood,	Edwin F. Brainard,
William J. Biddell,	John Nicholas,	Nicholas J. Kip,
Stephen Hemmenway,	William S. Anderson,	Emil Stahl,
William G. Gourley,	Frederic A. Piaget,	Alfred Speer,
Robert S. Elliott,	David B. Sickles,	William A. Willard,
James S. Biddell,	Robert Morton,	Samuel Cooper,
Horton W. Purdy,	Augustus Mosheir,	John Hall,
George Denholm,	John H. Pell,	L. D. Robertson,
William F. Walker,	Rev. T. S. Haggerty,	Richard H. Barrows,
O. D. Baldwin,	Joseph P. Cooper,	George R. Howe,
William B. Proctor,	D. B. Ivison,	John H. Dunnell,
Henry Duncan,	Thomas Vreeland,	John H. Brillard.
Thomas M. Dickey,		57.

FELLOW CRAFT—William Van Saun.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Stephen Y. Meyers, Francis H. Dean,
Edward W. Wolsey.

ST. ALBANS LODGE, NO. 68—NEWARK.

Meets every Tuesday evening, at No. 325 Broad st.

OFFICERS.

Alfred P. Mayhew, w. m.,	Frank A. J. Casterline, s. d.,
Edwin B. Smith, s. w.,	Joseph H. Wightman, j. d.,
Isaac D. Leonard, j. w.,	Henry W. Champlin, m. of c.,
Eugene A. Bleything, p. m., TREAS.,	Thompson B. Pollard, "
George G. Trelease, sec'y,	Andrew Amrine, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John M. Mayhew,	John E. Saunier,	David S. Battey,
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MASTERS

Joseph Canfield,	William Tolen,	John Heller,
John Evans,	John McLorinan,	Caleb G. Thatcher,
William J. Dudley,	George W. Smith,	James Trawin,
Nelson G. Baldwin,	Thos. F. McHarg,	William C. Gardner,
John Dancer,	J. Howard Clark,	Werner Holzhauser,
William H. Haines,	William Mitchell,	James Soden,
Fred H. Pilch,	Ambrose W. Elston,	J. L. Johnson,
Thomas Kenny,	Herman E. Fehrhans,	J. Irving Leonard,
George Burtchaell,	Henry G. Ashmead,	John McBlain,
E. C. Aber,	Peter D. Day,	A. B. Shipman,
Adam Zimmermann,	Ebenezer Woolley,	Sylvester Carroll,
John Otto,	Willard P. Pierce,	Lewis Johnson,
George W. Hubbard,	Thomas Lewin,	James Bullivant,
Thomas B. Blackburn,	Anthony Kunick,	Philip William Frost,
Edward E. Wright,	Henry E. Rothe,	Jonathan Traphagen,
William W. Smith,	John Kerr,	C. B. Champlin,
Albert L. Geise,	John B. Pienovi,	George Everett,
Ira S. Smith,	John Wagner,	Emery J. Gaffield,
Robert M. Smith,	Henry W. Webb,	Reuben Trier,
Leonidas Murray,	Edwin Ross,	Henry J. Swanwick,
James H. Geery,	John L. Drew,	Alexander Ward,
Thomas W. Topham,	Miron G. Heath,	Edward C. Robertson,
John A. Westervelt,	Cornelius S. Jacobus,	John Bradshaw,
M. B. Lindsley,	Samuel C. Dustin,	John Flight,
Henry A. Van Ness,	G. W. Hedden,	Joseph Soden,
John B. Baldwin, jun.,	Henry W. Morehouse,	Thomas Furze,
Robert F. Thompson,	John Ditmars,	Sullivan Shaffer,

C. H. Rossiter,	George W. Webb,	William C. Hammond,
Thomas Moorhouse,	James Gregory,	Abraham T. Meeker,
A. C. Littell,	Fred Maass,	Edgar H. Trelease,
Augustus Coleman,	Andrew Murray,	Milton Taylor,
Lewis A. Mitchell,	William H. Goble,	John Wrigley,
George Platts,	Augustus W. Griffing,	Rob't George Austin,*
Geo. W. Haulenbeek,	Edward P. Vreeland,	George Van Orden,
John S. Hendrickson,	Wellington B. Ward,	Stephen Richards,
Abraham Trier,	Joseph E. Leavitt,	John H. Milner,
Charles H. Johnston,	James Greenwood,	Benj. F. Moorhouse,
John E. Stevens,	G. W. Tomkins,	Albert E. Hedden,
Isaac F. Phillips,	J. D. Day,	Thos. H. Brown.
William G. Rothe,	Levi R. Barnard,	132.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Augustus Dussenberry, Samuel Thomas, jun.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William P. Brown, Elias Berla, John Corneil, George D. Peck, Finlator C. Anderson.

DIMITTED—Alfred Barber, Julius G. Fitzgerald, Alfred L. Woodruff, Arthur Tench, Peter P. Saunier, Amos H. Searfoss, W. V. W. Vreeland, William E. Rossiter.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Joseph H. Eames, Alex. D. Hall, Richard Powell.

DECEASED—Thomas Bullivant.

VINELAND LODGE, NO. 69—VINELAND.

Meets Dec. 19th, 1870, and every other Monday evening thereafter.

OFFICERS.

James W. Mills, w. m.,	-E. K. Brick, J. D.,
Thomas B. Steele, s. w.,	T. S. Proud, M. OF C.,
Charles H. Lyford, J. W.,	Edward A. Young, "
James Chance, TREAS.,	B. F. Bean, STEWARD,
W. A. E. Tompkins, SEC'Y,	S. E. Bailey, "
F. H. Newcomb, s. D.,	R. P. Crowell, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Alexander Holman,

Walter H. Davis.

* Expelled Jan. 10th, 1871, for unmasonic conduct.

MASTERS.

William H. Lopy,	P. J. Rice,	William Bond,
J. C. Parsons.	John Rockie,	M. Fair,
John W. Day,	A. D. Howe,	J. A. Strong,
Lucian Stevens,	George A. Dubois,	E. B. Griswold,
Thomas Simpkins,	E. B. Hendee,	George E. Kellogg,
R. C. Purvis,	A. H. Peck,	D. W. Allen,
E. S. Whittaker,	Aldin S. Dudley,	Charles R. Wiley,
E. Morley,	Isaiah Hall,	Benjamin Swain, jun.,
H. F. Mauly,	William J. Clark,	E. W. Gray,
C. D. Brackett,	William B. Lyons,	John C. Blaisdell,
H. L. Manning,	E. J. Cannon,	E. P. Crocker,
J. A. Washburn,	N. Cady,	A. J. Gould,
S. R. Fowler,	T. L. Whitney,	J. A. Haight,
Henry Brown,	N. W. Pulsifer,	Orrin Packard,
H. N. Hill,	Caleb H. Bennett,	Solomon Garfield,
L. D. Johnson,	H. D. Stiles,	Rev. F. E. R. Chubbach,
B. R. Jane,	Ariel C. Cotton,	W. H. Dickinson,
W. C. Perrigo,	J. S. Hoard,	George G. Felton,
David Astle,	Charles K. Landis,	S. P. Lake,
Alfred Atkinson,	W. Roberts,	George W. Church,
F. C. Wilkie,	William G. Smith,	W. A. House,
D. E. Crasby,	H. O. Wilbur,	John Reed,
Abraham J. Delp,	E. M. Turner,	Andrew J. Spencer,
H. T. Jennings,	S. W. Odell,	Isaac Kellogg,
C. F. Jones,	Edwin Bennett,	C. H. S. Newcomb.
Isaac Pardee,	Joseph Fair,	91.

FELLOW CRAFT—George Leach.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—G. R. Chambers, S. H. Gibbs, Thomas F. Tuttle.

DIMITTED—D. Perkins, J. F. Bingham, J. D. Bentley, P. M., Charles W. Miles, P. M., D. T. Van Victen, H. C. Burdick, D. B. Foster, Alfred Atkinson.

DECEASED—D. W. Price, John Hopkins.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—C. H. Sprague, J. N. Dunton.

PIONEER LODGE, NO. 70—HACKENSACK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Joseph P. Vreeland, w. m.,	Wm. H. DeWolfe, P. M., SEC'Y,
Charles W. Vanderbeek, s. w.,	John J. Bertholf, s. D.,
William T. Knapp, J. w.,	James Williams, J. D.,
Robert W. Goslee, TREAS.,	Theophilus Bolton, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Hall,	A. S. Burdett,	L. D. Hay.
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MASTERS.

Albert D. Turhune,	Samuel Taylor,	James H. Beatty,
Rich'd G. Humphreys,	Albert F. Heal,	Alex. F. Ackerman,
Jacob H. Young,	J. Cowans,	John H. Anderson,
James L. Griffin,	Richard H. Terhune,	Isaac E. Chamberlain,
Nicholas T. Romaine,	L. C. Westervelt,	Isaac E. Bogart,
Thomas Picken,	Peter G. Westervelt,	W. H. S. Berrian,
Cornelius Bartholf,	D. M. Hall,	G. M. Campbell,
M. W. Heath,	John J. Anderson,	A. Van Brunt,
Geo. A. Brinkerhoff,	Robert W. Berry,	A. L. Osborn,
Richard A. Turhune,	N. B. Zabriskie,	E. Winton,
S. H. Campbell,	John H. Winant,	J. L. Scott,
Caspar Bogart,	J. W. Burt,	George C. Wygant,
J. W. Dewel,	Peter L. Conklin,	Henry C. Guildersleve,
Christopher Miller,	William W. Harper,	William Wales,
Stept. Lozier,	Reuben Barrett,	Frederick Kohbertz,
J. D. Terhune,	James B. Demarest,	Charles H. Voorhis.
E. E. Poor,	Henry S. Pollard,	61.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Speers Cumming, Romeo T. Leviness.

DIMITTED—William A. Phillips, John A. Hyde, Alexander Cass, William C. Davies, John Westervelt, John W. Dale, Moses E. Springer, John J. Demarest.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Frederick Van Brunt, Francis W. Van Brunt, George Stark.

HUDSON LODGE, NO. 71—HOBOKEN.

Meets each Friday evening, at Odd Fellows Hall.

OFFICERS.

Herman Blohm, w. m.,	Emil Rath, s. d.,
Herman Timken, s. w.,	Henry Ratgen, j. d.,
Frederick Raab, j. w.,	Frederick Kuncken, M. OF C.,
Ferd. Ad. Pfalmer, TREAS.,	Bernhard H. Helmke, "
William Hartung, SEC'Y,	William Ehlers, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles F. A. Jordon,	Julius Max. Borchardt.
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MASTERS.

Francis Baeder,	F. W. Fraeger,	F. J. Bantz,
Charles Am Ende,	Julius Northbrock,	C. F. G. Heyder,
Gustav A. Huguinin,	Louis Budender,	G. H. N. Hoermann,
Michael Beissbarth,	A. T. C. Raefeke,	C. W. H. Mezzel,
August Tode,	Bruno Moeller,	Wilhelm Grunow,
Rudolph Naegeli,	Heim Ernst Heppe,	F. C. Schoenfeld,
Francis Illig,	H. A. C. Schlosser,	Karl Kamlah,
H. Kabrowsky,	H. Klussmann,	Leonhard Schmidt,
Johann Roemmel,	Hugo Borchardt,	R. F. Bostelmann,
G. T. Schwerdtfeger,	Friedrich Gruring,	Henry Hotopp,
C. H. A. Foerster,	Adam Gaertner,	Bernard A. Lange,
J. G. Deschbach,	H. G. Scluter,	Aug. Scharsberger,
H. F. A. Muller,	Chas. H. Reichmann,	Gust. Mussmann,
Wilhelm Schneider,	Robert Ermisch,	Philip Hexamer,
F. H. C. Kogge,	C. Woerner,	Diedrick Bischoff,
Mentin Schlegel,	A. A. De Bonneville,	Carl Hinte.
H. H. F. C. W. Busse,	Rino Berel,	62.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Edward Lauer, Ernst Mohs.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Otto Wegener.

DIMITTED—F. W. Kiffe, J. M. Seibert, T. Steiner, L. Linnwerth,
R. Langenberg, A. Finck, H. D. Gerditz, John Geschwind, Franz
Schreiner, Adolph Friedlander

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Johann Carl Schober.

DECEASED—Ludwig Stein.

 TEUTONIA LODGE, NO. 72—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Monday evenings, except the first, third, fourth and fifth of the months of July and August.

OFFICERS.

Rudolph Surber, P. M., W. M.,	Louis Bruhne, S. D.,
William Schraumann, S. W.,	William Bush, J. D.,
Henry E. Klein, J. W.,	August Latermann, M. OF C.,
William Jarecki, TREAS.,	Francis Woerner, "
Robert Ehrlich, SEC'Y,	John Stamminger, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Jacob Ringle.

MASTERS.

Henry Windecker,	George Schutz,	John Bobsin,
Frederick Roeder,	Louis B. Henkel,	Joseph Fox,
Charles Grote,	Chas. George Toense,	Julius Breternitz,
Hermann Kahle,	Herman Eldot,	George Grocke,
August Stubans,	Herman Otersen,	William Wingses,
Frederick Sauer,	Bernhard Happ,	Jacob Soney,
John Rotger,	August Hardekopf,	Frederick Dexheimer,
Gustav Stellmacher,	Ludwig G. Munkel,	Henry Hoffman,
Frank Gallery,	George Spatz,	Charles L. Pfahler,
Christian Kaiser,	Joseph Mayer,	Joseph Gubelman,
Gustavus T. Stumpfel,	Ferdinand Heintz,	Moritz Schiebold,
William Pless,	Veit Kohler,	Moritz Cirker,
Charles Wi,	Charles Stier,	George F. Kammerer,
Philip Ebert,	Ferdinand Stelling,	Philip Becker,
Jacob Marzolf,	Wm. Landmesser,	Julius Jarecki,
John H. Hopken,	Anton Reuter,	Charles F. Mayer,
Loretz Steinbring,	Louis Henry,	Philip Landmesser,
Frederick Schreiber,	Nicholas Glain,	Herman Fardelmann,
C. Reichenbecher,	John Holler,	Frederick W. Sander,
J. Ch. Wenner,	Henry Meyer,	Jaques Hill,
Theodore Simon,	Nicholas Werther,	Louis W. Menge,
Nicholas Helmer,	Andreas Seebach,	Abraham Grobb,
Charles F. Marquard,	John Meyer,	George Buerke,
John Hohmeir,	Henry E. Dreyer,	Charles Schutz,
P. J. Huck,	George Schmolze,	Frederick Thau.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Henrich Hunecke, Charles Timm, August Ristenpath.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—John Bender.

DECEASED—George Steinberger.

WALL LODGE, NO. 73—SQUAN VILLAGE.

Meets Wednesday evening on or before full moon, and the second Wednesday evening following.

OFFICERS.

A. A. Higging, P. M., W. M.,	John S. Allgor, J. D.,
E. Shuck Vanlier, S. W.,	John A. Laird, M. OF C.,
Frederick Bernard, J. W.,	James J. Allen, “
Osborn Curtis, TREAS.,	David L. Hunsinger, STEWARD,
Robert Laird, P. M., SEC'Y,	Samuel Hanaway, “
John E. Tilton, S. D.,	Peter Tilton, TYLER.

MASTERS.

Richard B. Campbell,	Lewis C. Green,	William B. Hill,
Elisha E. Errickson,	John M. Allen,	John C. Clark,
Benjamin R. Pearce,	Peter Bowditch,	William E. Freeman,
Allen R. Cook,	William B. Pearce,	William Chadwick,
George Allard,	Abram O. Curtis,	W. H. Green,
William Newmon,	Elias R. Height,	Frank Morton,
Thomas R. Hewlit,	Peter Wolt,	W. H. Burroughs,
Lewis P. Brown,	Charles W. Maxon,	James F. Allgor,
Samuel L. Stout,	Edward P. Jacobus,	Eugene Longstreet,
Alexander Herbert,	Franklin Osborn,	Benjamin Lyman.
George W. White,	David W. Sexton,	

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FELLOW CRAFT—Charles Riddle.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Gordon Bond, James Wilson.

JERSEY CITY LODGE, NO. 74—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Friday evenings, at Nos. 23 and 25 Newark Avenue.

OFFICERS.

Henry E. Farrier, P. M., W. M.,	William Fowles, J. D.,
Warren Dobbs, S. W.,	J. Irving Benedict, M. OF C.,
Charles S. Tubah, J. W.,	William Roberts, "
James P. Mackey, TREAS.,	Richard Beebe, CHAPLAIN,
George A. Lacas, SEC'Y,	William H. Morgan, ORGANIST,
Albert J. Jardine, S. D ,	William E. Dumville, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James D. Hopping,	Hiram Y. Lazear,	Edward Bootes.
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MASTERS.

Edgar B. Leonard,	George W. Snow,	John Stone,
Linneus Ensor,	James Wield,	Thomas H. Betts,
John Fowles,	Levi D. Coykendall,	J. S. Howell,
George Oliver,	George S. Plympton,	Handford Lindsley,
Charles Hamilton,	David Pullis,	William B. Mason,
William Broomfield,	William H. Vernon,	James Wolfenden,
H. L. Adams,	A. C. Williams,	Franklin Cookson,
William H. Waite,	John Reirton,	Rev. William Day,
O. E. Brown,	Arthur J. L. Voorhees,	John Kearney,
Albert B. Smith,	John M. Tichnor,	John H. Morrison,
Joseph Law,	Aaron Cox,	J. W. Pangbourne,
Thomas Stewart,	S. B. Sargent,	Caspar J. Westervelt,
Isaac M. Clark,	J. R. Helfretch,	Haggeman Cornell,
Louis C. Gosson,	William S. Eastburn,	John G. Watkins,
Charles P. McCabe,	Charles H. Voorhis,	Zachariah Nye,
William H. Merritt,	Joseph A. Cranmer,	Moses K. Kellam,
N. B. Cushing,	James Wilson,	Edwin A. Day,
J. W. Cosad,	C. P. Kennedy,	G. R. Cullingworth,
Daniel M. Fifield,	Alexander W. Reed,	Isaac L. Chadwick,
David L. Fratts,	John Davis,	James M. Savage,
John H. Gove,	Henry G. Shaw,	Neil Campbell,
Justus B. Eckert,	John S. Loutrell,	Gavin Naismith,
J. E. Ganson,	Hugh M. Herrick,	William B. Mackey,
Charles E. Betts,	James G. Hasking,	Walter Vanderzee,
Russell W. Woodward,	William F. Snow,	William E. Boone,
William W. Douglass,	William Armstrong,	John B. Maguire,

David T. Kidd,	John Duncan,	George W. Farnham,
J. S. Raymond,	Rev. D. R. Lowrey,	Leonard L. Hull,
Henry P. Appleton,	John Phelps, jun.,	Isaac Willetts,
John A. Duncan,	David Birdsall,	David T. Hegeman,
William D. Jackson,	William C. Whyte,	Amos Holt,
E. W. Creveling,	Samuel Clark,	Peter Bow Walker,
James Graham,	Matthew Kane,	William Johnson,
James C. Brown,	Charles R. Woods,	Sidney Barr,
Walter J. Hadden,	John H. Mecabe,	William H. Batty.
Robert C. Thatcher,	Elias Duboice,	122.

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles D. Joslin.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Richard Wade.

DIMITTED—Joseph P. Pullis, David Graves, Lewis M. Smith,
William R. Laird, Abraham Tully, F. G. Anthony.

DECEASED—N. G. Smith.

NEPTUNE LODGE, NO. 75—MAURICETOWN.

Meets first Tuesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Butcher, w. m.,	Henry Moore, j. d.,
David McElwee, s. w.,	Joseph Mayhew, m. of c.,
Charles Butcher, j. w.,	Georgè D. Fagans, "
Seth Bowen, TREAS.,	William Haley, STEWARD,
William T. Cobb, SEC'Y,	Samuel Cobb, P. M., "
Daniel Sharp, s. d.,	Jacob Hunter, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

John S. Locke.

MASTERS.

Jonathan Shropshire,	William E. Corson,	Alonzo H. Jerman,
Henry Moore,	Lorenzo D. Henderson,	Charles Haley,
Elias A. Newell,	James McElwee,	Abel C. Haley,
John F. Outam,	John C. Weaver,	Benjamin F. Haley,

George W. Peterson,	Charles Studams,	Daniel Bowen,
Joseph S. Weaver,	Jesse E. Avis,	J. Henry Houck,
Edwin Cobb,	Imlay Sharp,	Jeremiah Cobb,
Constant P. Webb,	George B. Weaver,	Francis E. Pew,
Samuel B. Marts,	William Houck,	S. Henry Brooks,
Joseph Marts,		

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FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles Bateman, S. Sanford Bard.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Alonzo T. Bacon, Danicl B. Haley.

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 76—TRENTON.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas S. Stevens, P. M., W. M.,	M. V. B. Jemison, J. D.,
Alexander C. Yard, S. W.,	Edward R. Arnold, M. OF C.,
Westley T. Creveling, J. W.,	William W. Titus, "
William R. Clapp, GR. T., TREAS.,	Wilson Hart, STEWARD,
Isaac N. Snyder, SEC'Y,	George W. Clayton, "
Edward A. Phillips, S. D.,	Amos Howell, (No. 5), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James S. Aitkin,	Wm. W. L. Phillips,	Edward T. Green.
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MASTERS.

G. H. Tenbroeck,	Joseph A. Beecher,	Charles B. Gray,
George H. Stevenson,	Israel Howell,	Ferd. W. Roebing,
Charles W. Street,	William B. Muirheid,	Jonathan Good,
William H. Mercer,	William B. Allen,	George M. Cogill,
Wm. H. Hutchinson,	Peter P. Robinson,	Oliver B. Gray,
Rev. Jos. B. Dobbins,	Samuel M. Dickinson,	Joshua L. Allen,
Joseph R. Woodruff,	Jonathan Vannote,	Charles H. Skirm,
Joseph A. Pittinger,	Nathan'l C. Huntress,	James F. Rusling,
George Agnew,	Levi T. Atchley,	William Baker,
Joshua A. Lippincott,	James H. Cummings,	Woodbury D. Holt,
Willet Hicks,	Alfred Muirheid,	Baltus Pickel,
John Taylor,	Alfred Reed,	William L. Carter,

William D. Thatcher,	Henry T. Cook,	Charles J. Ferrell,
William B. Corlies,	Abram G. Staats,	F. A. F. Titus,
Charles H. Dunham,	John G. Muirheid,	John Scammell.
Enoch H. Drake,		60

FELLOW CRAFT—Joseph T. Kinney, John Tattersall.

DECEASED—Caldwell K. Hall.

ALPINE LODGE, NO. 77—CLOSTER, BERGEN CO.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John H. Stephens, P. M., W. M.,	Charles H. Hand, S. D.,
William Ferdon, S. W.,	James G. Demarest, J. D.,
John H. Anderson, J. W.,	Charles H. Lyons, M. OF C.,
David D. Blauvelt, TREAS.,	John F. Herring, "
George Driggs, SEC'Y,	Stephen Hyde, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert F. Rich.

MASTERS.

John J. Naugle,	Daniel J. Christie,	George W. Canter,
David Naugle,	Daniel W. Lozier,	John C. Eckerson,
Peter J. Demarest,	Francis S. Miles,	Wm. L. Lindemann,
George R. Barbour,	George H. French,	Samuel Gecox,
James Veen,	Abraham W. Herring,	John A. Van Buskirk,
Lyman F. Holman,	Simeon Westervelt,	William V. Lyons.
William C. Herring,		30.

FELLOW CRAFT—John R. Zabriskie.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Calvin Herring, John H. Morrison,
James B. Grovenstine.

DIMITTED—Jacob Campbell, Samuel Stalter.

LONG BRANCH LODGE, NO. 78—LONG BRANCH.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Theodore I. Wooley, w. m.,	Howard A. Brinley, j. d.,
Timbrook Morris, s. w.,	Richard V. Breece, m. of c.,
Samuel S. Dunham, j. w.,	Lewis Gray, "
Elias L. Truax, TREAS.,	John C. Clark, STEWARD,
Edmund H. Clark, SEC'y,	George H. Newman, "
Jas. Edward Lippincott, s. d.,	William Emmons, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George W. Brown,	Wm. B. Lippincott,	T. G. Chattle.
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MASTERS.

T. Con. Morford,	Caleb F. Hendrickson,	John A. Morford,
Horace Stanton,	William Lane,	Angurs G. Lane,
Gustious Tabor,	George R. Tabor,	George Cade,
James Poole, jun.,	George Corlies,	William H. Chasey,
Joseph R. Britton,	Jesse C. Stilwell,	William Green,
John Hennesey, jun.,	William H. Denyse,	Edward R. Slocum,
J. D. Richardson,	Charles T. Jackson,	Charles P. Morrell,
Charles Hobrough,	Alexander Cooper,	Sylvester Fary,
William West,	Lewis Magill,	James R. Slocum,
Garret S. Denyse,	William Wilson,	H. D. Morgan,
R. F. Taggart,	James B. Wilson,	John H. Wells,
F. A. Jelk,	Lewis Dryfus,	James P. Welling,
Alfred Chamberlin,	William E. Van Wart,	Dewitt C. Newings,
James O. Green,	Charles H. Valentine,	Joseph West, jun.,
James G. Lane,	Francis Green,	Charles Thorne. 60.

FELLOW CRAFT—A. M. Dilentah.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William J. Burlingham.

DECEASED—James B. Morris.

TRINITY LODGE, NO. 79—ABSECOM.

Meets Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Correll Doughty, w. M.,	Lemuel S. Connolly, J. D.,
Levi C. Albertson, s. w.,	Joseph G. Clark, M. OF C.,
Samuel H. Cavaleer, J. W.,	Lewis Somers, “
Leonard H. Ashley, TREAS.,	Joseph B. Collins, STEWARD,
Henry Wootton, SEC'Y,	John Price, “
Paul Wootton, s. D.,	James S. Robinson, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Job B. Somers,	George F. Currie.
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MASTERS.

Lewis Evans,	James Tomlinson,	Henry H. Van Sant,
Jacob D. Wilson,	John Huntley,	George C. Anderson,
William Wright,	Alvis Shaufler,	Lewis Henry Somers,
Jethro V. Albertson,	Leonard Somers,	Henry Risley,
Benjamin Turner,	John D. Saunders,	John Smith,
Daniel Showell,	William H. Townsend	Abner Price,
Edward Wilson,	Talcott P. Waters,	John S. Risley,
Mahlon C. Frambes,	William Price,	Andrew Robinson,
Samuel Somers,	Lewis S. Frambes,	Wesley Robinson,
Reuben L. Somers,	Thomas B. Applegate,	Leonard Smith,
Clayton L. Higbee,	Wesley S. Ireland,	Bodine C. Smith,
Enoch Smith,	Griffith Ireland,	David Somers Risley,
James S. Ireland,	Somers French,	Rolin A. Scull,
John Townsend,	Absalom S. Adams,	Charles H. Steelman,
Enoch Clayton,	Robert Murlin,	Charles S. Somers,
David Scull,	Charles F. Provost,	Leek S. Bowen. 62.

FELLOW CRAFTS—William Holdzkom, Parker C. Huntley.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John G. Fisher.

 HIGHLAND LODGE, NO. 80—HUDSON CITY.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Edward P. Cogger, w. m.,	Otto W. Meyer, s. d.,
Symmes G. Parker, s. w.,	John Sexton, j. d.,
William H. Wheeler, j. w.,	John O. Jacobus, M. OF C.,
Charles L. Mierau, TREAS.,	Noble Griglietti, "
Charles H. Hall, SEC'Y,	Paul Berner, (No. 32 Pa.), TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

John B. Burdett.

MASTERS.

Charles F. Hanoer,	Andrew Thomas,	William H. Jacobus,
Joseph P. Rood,	J. T. Blackburn,	A. H. Kingsford,
George F. Sheldon,	Josiah Pengilly,	Robert Burgess,
William Foster,	Thomas L. Browning,	John Griffiths,
James Brower,	Joseph Antenrich,	H. C. Hamlin,
Henry Muth,	John Hedden, jun.,	John Metz,
Albert Metz,	George P. Kinnie,	John McFadden,
William E. Dudley,	John R. McPherson,	F. E. Noble,
L. H. Hurd,	Henry I. MacBride,	J. W. Smith,
S. Ilesley,	Joseph F. Roberts,	Byron G. Stokes,
F. W. Mitchell,	E. T. Sherwood,	Isaac Valentine,
William D. McGregor,	Jasper Van Orden,	Albert Clark,
Charles L. Northrup,	James K. McKeown,	William Wilbur,
George Van Horn,	Christian Schreiber,	John Wagner,
J. S. Miller,	John H. Petterson,	William Harpell,
Calvin Cook,	Joseph G. Burke,	George O. Osborne,
Casper Werder,	Alfred Howard,	Lewis Kreuger.
Clinton W. Conger,		62.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William D. W. Jones, Jeremiah Church
Alfred Berney.

 HERMANN LODGE, NO. 81—ELIZABETH.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Mayer Southeimer, P. M., W. M.,	Aug. Hirschbaum, S. D.,
Wilhelm Schroder, S. W.,	Gerhard Pantzer, J. D.,
Fred. J. Faulkenreck, J. W.,	Louis Strauss, M. OF C.,
Jacob Brucklacher, TREAS.,	Fred. Artzt, "
Henry Strauss, SEC'Y,	Jacob Schnell, TYLER.

MASTERS.

John P. Ritter,	Jacob Bohm,	George Claus,
Charles Wirching,	Charles Faczeck,	S. Hirschbaum,
Louis Niemayer,	Wilh. Bettner,	Jacob Schultheis,
Andrew Jaquillard,	G. Henr. Liebeck,	Jacob Stockinger,
John Graff,	Jst. Franz,	C. C. Hay,
Joseph Balluff,	George Hoffman,	Friedrick Reibel,
Henr. Prethenr,	Joseph Wise,	John Deprez,
Fred. A. Apelles,	Philip Kreis,	Chls. Jacoby,
Adam Metzger,	Henry Guempel,	Franz Bohm,
I. A. M. Ritter,	A. D'Espies,	Alfred Wiechter.
Valentine Niemeyer,	Wilh. Bechtold,	42.

FELLOW CRAFT—Louis I. Knopp.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Henry Keller, Max. Levinsohn, August F. Grosh.

 FALLS CITY LODGE, NO. 82—PATERSON.

Meets every Tuesday evening from September 1st to July 1st, and first and third Tuesdays from July 1st to September 1st.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Murray, W. M.,	James Taylor, J. D.,
Joseph Greaves, S. W.,	John Bustard, M. OF C.,
James Garside, J. W.,	John Hague, "
Henderson B. White, TREAS.,	Wm. Rauchfauss, (No. 88), ORG.,
Will Hague, SEC'Y,	Joseph Ettinger, (No. 88), TYLER.
David T. Priestly, S. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Alvin Webb, Elias Vanderhoven, Thomas S. Reynolds.

MASTERS.

Robert Hayes,	Zebulan Sutton,	John C. Zabriskie,
John H. Robinson,	James Chadwick,	Garet A. Hobert,
John Mortimer,	Frederick C. Booth,	Robert T. Edwards,
Alfred Allen,	James Bradley,	John H. Wilmot,
William Fielding,	Jacob Levie,	Boaz Barnert,
Charles N. Taylor,	Samuel H. Hilton,	James F. Norwood,
Jabez Boyde,	Thomas Kane,	Jacob Edelman,
John V. E. Fredericks,	Joseph Carless,	David Priestly,
William S. Kinch,	Henry W. Martin,	Herbert W. Mills,
Geo. J. Van Riper,	Ralph Hague,	John T. House.
Thomas Fielding,		

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ENTERED APPRENTICES—Absalom B. Woodruff, Peter Arnolt, Henry Van Houghton, Edward D. Badger, Zebulan M. Ward.

DIMITTED—Robert W. Scott, Gerald Howett.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Robert Bridge, sen., Robert Bridge, jun.

DECEASED—Andrew Mead.

AMERICUS LODGE, NO. 83—WOODBRIDGE.

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Isaac Inslee, jun., W. M.,	J. Ward Smith, S. D.,
Charles A. Campbell, S. W.,	Daniel W. Brown, J. D.,
Charles C. Dally, J. W.,	Ellis F. Moore, M. OF C.,
Charles M. Dally, TREAS.,	Isaac N. Harned, "
Charles S. Demarest, SEC'Y,	Edward A. Goriss, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

William T. Ames.

MASTERS.

Robert J. Wylie,	Charles W. Anness,	David A. Flood,
Charles W. Anness,	Ramer Mitchell,	James A. Drummond,

Samuel P. Harned, Thomas H. Morris, Elias Brown,
 James A. Dockham, William H. Barr, Anthony Schoder.
 Robert N. Valentine, Robert McEwen, 25.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Frank E. Miller, George Brewster.

PALISADE LODGE, NO. 84—UNION HILL.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Carl Delker, P. M., W. M.,	Conrad Piper, J. D.,
Christian Treche, S. W.,	August Boethe, M. OF C.,
John Gschwind, J. W.,	Charles Thomas, "
Nicholas Goelz, TREAS.,	Christian Gormann, STEWARD,
August F. Van der Lieth, SEC'Y,	Ernst Kreig, "
Philip Chr. Reinhardt, S. D ,	John Rottman, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Henry Rottman.

MASTERS.

John Bernhard,	John P. Vollhardt,	P. Louis Schweinfurth,
Diedrich Specker,	Frank Kunz,	Nicholas Pflaum,
Frederick Schwarz,	John C. Kalthoff,	Louis Linnerwerth,
William Engel,	John H. Wettig,	Jacob Quattlander,
Frederick Schaefer, jr.,	Henry Zander,	Anton Tomler,
Nicholas Frauham,	Charles Rieser,	Gottlieb Zurn,
Philip Brock,	John Braner,	Michael Brems,
Charles Mayenburg,	Peter Schrass,	George H. Dietz,
Frederick Koth,	Conrad Thomas,	John Kunz,
Henry Sommer.	Charles Duerr,	E. F. Oscarklahre,
John F. Stucke,	Henry Brunges,	C. Fred. Schaefer, sen.,
Matthias Klein,	Francis Brodsky,	John H. Binder.
John Beck,		50.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John Reinhardt.

DECEASED—Jacob Guth.

GLASSBORO' LODGE, NO. 85—GLASSBORO'.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Walter H. Zane, W. M.,	Francis Focer, M. OF C.,
J. Down Heritage, S. W.,	John C. Sweeten, "
John Campbell, J. W.,	Henry P. Ledden, STEWARD,
Samuel Luffberry, TREAS.,	Thomas M. Ferrel, "
George S. Moffett, SEC'Y,	Rev. Edmund Hance, CHAPLAIN,
Jonathan Duffield, S. D.,	John C. Sweeten, TYLER.
John W. Armstrong, J. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

M. Clift Greene,	Edward V. Brown.
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MASTERS.

Horatio G. Zane,	Edward Evans, jun.,	James B. Marcus,
Charles D. Fisher,	James H. Pennington,	William H. Bodine,
Franklin S. Tomlin,	Henry T. Morgan,	Edward T. Leutz,
William McMullen,	Jacob A. Apgar,	Emile Goutiere,
John P. Crist,	Jacob Pease,	William M. Barnes,
Charles F. Fisher,	D. Wilson Moore,	John M. Moore,
Thomas W. Synnott,	Jacob Turner,	Jacob DeHart,
Edward B. Knight,	John F. Leutz,	Christian A. Madden,
Joseph C. Conover,	John F. Taylor,	Elmer Hurff,
Samuel S. Huff,	Martin Madden, jun.,	Thomas J. Harding.
Israel C. Ewans,	Isaiah F. Barnes,	46.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Horatio C. Pease, Andrew J. Proud.

DORIC LODGE, NO. 86—WEST HOBOKEN.

Meets Tuesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin S. Payne, W. M.,	Louis H. Mathias, S. D.,
William F. Green, S. W.,	Richard E. Galbraith, J. D.,
Edward N. Little, J. W.,	James Madden, M. OF C.,
Manuel Lastayo, TREAS.,	Major Irwin, "
Henry Morgan, SEC'Y,	William Alexander, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas M. Abell, jun., Richard P. Graham.

MASTERS.

Charles Tanner,	Richard J. G. Curry,	David Falchney,
John A. Money Penny,	Joseph D. Temple,	William Jennings,
Edward S. Goynes,	Thomas Abell, sen.,	John Hobson,
William Mills,	Edward Baptist,	Martin Kraus,
H. Maddern,	Thos. P. Hollingswith,	Francis Wurth,
William Fearis,	William Rosman,	James Symes,
Jonah Fulcher,	George Luxton,	G. De La Towrrette,
George W. Talson,	H. E. Malin,	Julius A. Hilchen,
Alfred S. Griffith,	H. Melline,	Amos Vanzile,
George Feussell,	Julius Tournede,	J. A. Green,
Richard Jenkins,	E. P. Sinclair,	John Fry. 45.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Joseph J. Leighton, Daniel Allen.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jacob Domm, H. M. Stock, Hugh McElroy.

FLORENCE LODGE, NO. 87—WOODBURY.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Frederick E. Knorr, w. m.,	Aaron C. Johnson, j. d.,
George E. Pierson, s. w.,	Jacob Muller, m. of c.,
Thomas J. Wentz, j. w.,	John H. Magee, "
Charles W. Starr, TREAS.,	Franklin D. Springer, STEWARD,
Hiram B. Vanneman, SEC'Y,	Alfred Jones, "
William Milligan, s. d.,	Adon W. Cattell, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Benjamin W. Cloud.

MASTERS.

Samuel S. Norcross,	Thomas P. Mathers,	William S. Barnart,
Joseph Robison, jun.,	William N. Angle,	J. Palmer Fullerton,
Sanford Livermore,	Edward H. Stokes,	Henry E. Branin,

Tyler R. Blake,	Daniel R. Gardner,	Lewis M. Green,
Thomas J. Harrison,	Henry Bray,	Thos. H. Livermore,
Benjamin W. Fowler,	George Alexander,	Charles Buckman,
Henry Harris,	John C. Allen,	George Morley. 34.

DIMITTED—William H. Jeffreys.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 88—PATERSON.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Heber Wells, P. M., W. M.,	James W. Post, S. D.,
Charles N. Sterrett, S. W.,	James Mills, J. D.,
David S. Gillmore, J. W.,	William A. Holloway, M. OF C.,
John T. Probert, TREAS.,	Andrew Moser, "
Vernon Royle, SEC'Y,	Joseph Ettinger, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William F. Bertkau,	Alfred W. Piaget,	Darius Wells,
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MASTERS.

John Royle,	Henry A. Williams,	Albert D. Winfield,
John Howard,	Corns. C. Van Houten,	Henry Hopper,
Alex. H. Taylor,	John L. Conklin,	Samuel Holt, jun.,
Wm. D. Van Nostrand,	William A. Gahagan,	Thomas W. Berry,
William Gilfillan,	Wm. H. Makepeace,	Irving Allen,
John Norwood,	John Mewhiney,	Charles H. Williams,
James Gould,	William P. Doremus,	William J. Post,
Corns. C. Van Dyck,	Joseph Wm. Congdon,	Walter L. Conklin,
Sylvester J. Post,	John Farlow,	Thomas Vanderbeck,
John W. Bensen,	George M. Case,	Robert Wm. Peach,
P. Aug. Youngblood,	Robert Morris,	Peter Drew, jun.,
Andrew B. King,	Joseph Cundell,	Diedrick W. Paust,
Richard Houston,	David Houston,	Adam Carr,
Nathaniel Lane,	Joseph Mosley,	William Rauchfuss,
Isaac D. Blauvelt,	James Atchison,	Samuel Thorp.
John B. Rice,	John Reid,	60.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Edmund L. Hewson, E. Livingston Allen, James K. P. Friend.

DIMITTED—Chester H. Dunham.

OCEAN LODGE, NO. 89—BRICKSBURG.

Meets first Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John S. Calkins, P. M., W. M.,	Marcus Conant, J. D.,
Homer C. Holt, s. w.,	Charles H. Bond, M. OF C.,
Murray D. Stout, J. W.,	Joseph G. Cooper, “
Albert M. Bradshaw, P. M., TREAS.,	N. L. Polk, STEWARD,
George B. Barnard, SEC'Y,	David Perkins, “
S. B. Oviatt, s. D.,	C. P. Brooks, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert Fuller.

MASTERS.

Albert S. Larrabee,	Eben Moson,	A. J. Disbrow,
J. A. Errickson,	Charles G. French,	David R. Wooley,
Abner Plummer,	William B. Cary,	George L. Andrew,
John Truax,	L. G. Weston,	J. W. Whitney. 25.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Thomas Carr Longton, Calvin Van Note.

DIMITTED—Theodore Leavenworth, E. B. Leavenworth, Joseph H. Goodell.

ABERDEEN LODGE, NO. 90—MATAWAN.

Meets January 4th, 1871, and every alternate Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Andrew Jackson, w. m.,	A. T. Howard, s. D.,
William A. Fountain, s. w.,	Alfred E. Letts, J. D.,
Charles A. Gerau, J. W.,	Joseph W. Maggs, M. OF C.,
John V. P. Schanck, TREAS.,	Charles E. Kipp, “
Josiah P. Gerau, SEC'Y,	Nelson Painton, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Rennselaer W. Dayton, Judson G. Shackelton.

MASTERS.

Daniel Bedle,	Samuel Steinbrink,	David P. VanDeventer,
Adolph Hohn,	Gilbert H. Van Mater,	William Lane,
Isaac Herbert,	Charles W. Fountan,	William Miller.
M. Landsberg,		22.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Reseau Brown, Obadiah Lamberson.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jacob C. Campbell, Peter L. Cortelyou, Alexander Hance.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—John B. Crawford.

DECEASED—Matthias Taylor.

FOREST GROVE LODGE, NO. 91—FRANKLINVILLE.

Meets Tuesday evening, January 3d, 1871, and each alternate Tuesday evening thereafter.

OFFICERS.

William A. Warriner, P. M., W. M.,	Elliott Coggsell, S. D.,
E. Winston, S. W.,	Ephraim H. Parvin, J. D.,
Raphael Lang, J. W.,	Brazillai R. Smith, M. OF C.,
Ezra B. Lake, TREAS.,	J. A. L. Snowball, “
James A. Pearson, SEC'Y,	Forman Middleton, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert C. Parvin.

MASTERS.

Roswell P. Collins,	Peter Y. Calder,	Benjamin L. Hoyt,
Thomas Hill,	John B. Rightmire,	A. Stadler,
Jas. M. Goodenough,	J. Harris Cram,	G. F. Walker,
Steellman D. Warriner,	Frank Short,	Warren E. Trott.
Elijah Ivinson,	Frank F. Halliday,	25.

DECEASED—C. A. Shaw.

 PYRAMID LODGE, NO. 92—NEW EGYPT.

Meets Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

E. Frank Newbold, w. m.,	Stacey B. Taylor, J. D.,
John L. Hulme, s. w.,	George W. Brown, M. OF C.,
George D. Horner, J. w.,	Nicholas Waln, jun., "
George W. Lundy, P. M., TREAS.,	Anthony Cliver, STEWARD,
Andrew J. Allen, SEC'Y,	John Croshaw, "
William K. Morris, S. D.,	J. Cutler Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Joseph E. Shreeve.

MASTERS.

John W. Webb,	Robert E. Woodward,	James H. Hazard,
William H. Cliver,	William C. Emley,	Isaac A. King,
Charles L. Pancoast,	William Quicksill,	James Woodward,
Henry Emley,	William C. Jimison,	Walter Cottrell,
William M. Creed,	Lawrence M. Platt,	J. Miller Shinn,
James M. Bean,	George P. Conover,	Wm. Henry McKing,
Adam Comp,	Richard H. Conover,	Thomas McIntire.
Ellis Harris,		35.

FELLOW CRAFT—Joseph Carter.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—John Widman, Peter Pepler, Edward W. Cross, Caleb N. Taylor.

 MADISON LODGE, NO. 93—MADISON.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Richard H. Travis, w. m.,	William S. Denmans, J. D.,
Peter J. Heltmann, s. w.,	W. Fletcher Muchmore, M. OF C.,
Nick M. Goble, J. w.,	James Post, "
Henry Bardon, TREAS.,	Rev. Alfred H. Maryott, CHAPLAIN,
Wilbur F. Morrow, SEC'Y,	John Waters, TYLER.
Charles L. Chovey, S. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

James H. Bunting,

James W. Tuttle.

MASTERS.

Charles A. Bruen,	George P. Cook,	Stephen D. Hunting,
Isaac Parcell,	Benjamin F. Knapp,	Charles E. Garrison,
Abner C. Green,	Ed. L. Brittin,	Fred. J. Van Wagner,
S. Wilson Gehrett,	William H. Ward,	William H. Byram,
Henry R. Burnett,	Charles W. Harper,	Raymond W. Cahoon,
Theo. H. Armstrong,	G. Wilbur Tuttle,	Henry C. Ohlen,
Alexander H. Tuttle,	Jabez L. Pruden,	A. M. Jones,
John Simpson,	John M. Medick,	J. Kelsey Osborn,
William K. Gray,	William S. Gordon,	James H. Worman,
John H. Schmidt,	D. H. Hicks,	Samuel Houston.
Whitfield Gray,	James M. Tuttle,	45.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Silas P. Genung, Charles W. Farrow,
George D. Allen.

DIMITTED—George H. Hancock, William H. Gardiner.

DECEASED—Bernard H. Nadel.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 94—CAMDEN.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John W. Rogers, w. M.,	Thomas J. Francis, J. D.,
Seth Thomas, s. w.,	Isaac C. Githens, M. OF C.,
Josiah Matlack, J. w.,	William F. Brewer, "
James W. Wroth, TREAS.,	Frank F. Michellon, STEWARD,
Thomas G. Rowand, SEC'Y,	J. Earl Atkinson, "
Frederick P. Pfeiffer, s. D.,	Christopher C. Smith, TYLER.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

William Wallace Goodwin.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas McDowell,

Charles W. Sartori.

MASTERS.

William J. Maguire,	Nathan D. Marshall,	John Goldthorp,
George W. Watson,	Leander H. Matthews,	David W. J. Hutton,
Charles H. Sharp,	Joshua R. Sailer,	John H. Stone,
James Harvey,	Samuel S. Edwards,	Robert F. S. Heath,
Robert D. Giberson,	M. N. Dubois,	William H. Ryno,
George A. Cairolì,	J. H. Angell,	Henry L. Bonsall,
Henry B. Francis,	J. P. Wilson,	John R. Grubb,
Horace Hammell,	John S. Stratford,	Samuel Harris,
Benjamin H. Davis,	Oliver W. Goodwin,	J. Morris Roberts,
O. C. Bennett,	Richard Perks,	James A. Parsons,
Joseph L. Tomlin,	James T. Robertshaw,	Charles E. Buck,
William P. Repsher,	Charles H. Snyder,	William H. Dorell,
J. H. Yocum, jun.,	Alexander M. Mecray,	Jacob F. Shull,
W. H. Dodamead,	Horace M. Sharp,	Charles S. Ridgway,
M. Horner,	Charles Watson,	Charles W. Sutterley,
A. R. Paxon,	Isaac Albertson,	S. L. Jones,
George Shattuck,	Charles T. Green,	D. B. Sparks,
George F. Wilson,	George L. Swyler,	W. R. Myers,
Albion Craven,	James H. Pimlott,	O. T. Terry,
Thomas Hinchman,	Lewis H. Benedict,	V. Setley,
John R. Cunningham,	Charles H. Sharp,	H. W. Edwards,
Benjamin A. Pine,	Jacob Hinchman,	Eli R. Pierson,
Walter M. Patton,	Frederick Haberstroth,	John Lee,
John Small,	James McCain,	Joseph W. Sickles,
William J. Maguire,	N. Johnson,	D. S. Stetson, jun ,
Benj. P. Thompson,	A. Lower,	Joseph B. Evans,
N. B. Jennings,	G. Goldthorp,	Joseph L. Duncan,
Edward F. Warrington,	F. R. White,	James Taylor.
J. Newton Achuff,	Samuel J. Fenner,	101.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Thomas Merryweather, Henry B. Twoes, William Warnock, John H. Lee, Charles C. Collins, Joseph C. Nicholls.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—M. E. Harden, E. C. R. Woodruff, Lewis S. Garwood, James M. Ridge, Benj. M. Morgan, J. M. Hardin, Samuel B. Edwards, George Keffer, William C. Sloan, Isaac E. Shivers, John W. Cain, B. H. Connelly, John V. Horn, Lambert Pierson.

DIMITTED—John Stibgen.

EXPELLED—Joseph P. Hillman.

DECEASED—E. F. Warrington.

 MANTUA LODGE, NO. 95—MANTUA.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John R. Sicklar, w. m.,	Charles C. White, J. D.,
William L. Paul, s. w.,	William C. Hoffman, M. OF C.,
Jacob S. Bendler, J. W.,	Eustace Eggie, "
Allen S. Morgan, TREAS.,	George C. Brandriff, STEWARD,
Camille J. Martel, SEC'Y,	William H. Park, "
William H. Turner, s. D.,	William H. Haislip, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George T. Doughty, Hugh A. Long.

MASTERS.

Jacob M. Park,	Nimrod Wooley,	Jeremiah L. Reeves,
Matthew Allen,	Edward Ballinger,	Thomas F. Armstrong,
Lucas Clark,	Charles String,	Joseph A. Daniels,
Christopher Morgan,	George Walters,	Edward Low,
Charles H. Hatch,	Jacob Fizler,	Felix S. Parker.
Charles Pearson,	John Sparks,	31.

FELLOW CRAFT—John P. Reese.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Richard Morgan, Isaac H. Diament,
John P. Sheets, Job Robinson.

DECEASED—John M. Kitchen, F. C.

 UNITY LODGE, NO. 96—MAY'S LANDING.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles E. P. Mayhew, w. m.,	Lucian B. Corson, s. D.,
Denman B. Ingersol, s. w.,	Robert Bing, J. D.,
Christopher N. Rape, J. W.,	Louis Kuehnle, M. OF C.,
George Wheaton, TREAS.,	Shepherd S. Hudson, "
George R. Greene, SEC'Y,	Elisha E. Hudson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

George R. Greene.

MASTERS.

Daniel L. Adams,	Daniel Gifford,	Elmer E. Blackman.
John B. Clayton,	Charles Clark,	16.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Elisha T. Smith, David F. Risley, Walters S. Miller, Samuel S. Somers.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Enoch D. Smith, Frederick T. Devinney.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 97—BRIDGETON.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Mengel, w. m.,	Henry A. Jordan, J. D.,
S. Franklin Pennell, s. w.,	David P. DuBois, M. OF C.,
Charles B. Moore, J. W.,	William S. HineLine, "
Dayton B. Whitaker, TREAS.,	John H. Poole, STEWARD,
Joseph S. Miner, SEC'Y,	James R. Hoagland, "
Daniel W. Pedrick, s. D.,	D. Edward Smith, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George W. Claypoole, Simon A. Beckhardt, Martin Anderson.
Joseph C. Kirby,

MASTERS.

Alfred H. Moore,	Lucius Q. C. Whitaker,	John W. Lake,
Theoph. G. Compton,	James McIntyre,	Jesse D. Claypoole, jr.,
Henry Bisbing,	Richard Lott,	J. Warren Rook,
Benjamin F. Horner,	Edward T. Kennedy,	David H. Mann,
Joseph T. Brown, jun.,	John R. Graham,	John H. Markley,
Charles C. Grosscup,	James A. Williams,	William C. Whitaker,
Jacob M. Stiles,	Jacob Kienzle,	Harry B. Brown. 37.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles G. Webber, Louis Beckhardt, Isaac H. Bowen.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Paul H. Moore, Daniel C. Adams, John D. Craig.

DECEASED—Jacob Betchner.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 98—DECKERTOWN.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Simeon M. Stoddard, P. M., W. M.,	A. G. Crane, M. OF C.,
Thomas Gray, S. W.,	Richard S. Tuttle, "
John W. Vought, J. W.,	Alpheus Howell, TRUSTEE,
John K. Odell, TREAS.,	George W. Rhoades, "
Alpheus Howell, SEC'Y,	Thomas Armstrong, "
J. Emerson Bennett, S. D.,	Andrew Adrian, TYLER.
John Moore, J. D.,	

PAST MASTER.

Thomas A. Rogers.

MASTERS.

Jonas Crissman,	James H. Dunning,	John M. Rosencranse,
Charles A. Wilson,	C. M. Noble,	William Stickles,
N. K. Bray,	Alvah J. Courtright,	Moses Stearns,
J. B. Hendershot,	Edgar Potts,	Merritt P. Hart,
Jesse Rosencranse,	Andrew Bedell,	J. E. Kimber,
F. M. Cannon,	William H. Jackson,	Fletcher B. Longcoe,
John E. Decker,	David Keen,	Isaac E. Toland.
George W. Horton,	Thomas Moore,	36.

FELLOW CRAFTS—W. A. Tittsworth, M. B. Tice.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—John E. Adams, John W. Elston, B. D. Howell, William B. Owen, Samuel Beardsley, William B. Woods, Mayland Cristy.

BAYONNE LODGE, NO. 99—BERGEN POINT.

Meets every Thursday evening.

OFFICERS.

Hiram Van Buskirk, W. M.,	Willard T. Eddy, jun., M. OF C.,
John W. Swope, S. W.,	Andrew M. Anderson, "
Charles S. Noe, J. W.,	Nathan Bartlett, TRUSTEE,
Martin R. Cook, TREAS.,	Frederick G. Payne, "
Ebenezer C. Earl, SEC'Y,	John H. Beshler, P. M., "
John Newman, S. D.,	Leonard J. Johnston, TYLER.
Henry D. Kernayhan, J. D.,	

MASTERS.

William G. Gilbert,	William Smith,	Stephen K. Lane,
George Taylor,	George W. Bray,	James R. Stringham,
Charles H. Willard,	James Anson Foster,	Edward C. Bramhall,
Robert A. Ansart,	Albin M. Smith,	Reese Hughes,
Frederick G. Abbott,	Edward T. Swope,	George Marshall,
Robert Guy,	Edward C. Attwood,	Henry Beltz,
Geo. W. Besson, jun.,	Joseph A. Haynes,	August Colvis,
John G. Armon,	Thomas Ibbotson,	J. T. Fields,
George F. Eveland,	John Van Buskirk,	Theodore W. Wells,
William C. Hamilton,	George Carrigan,	Geo. B. Whitney. 43.

CENTURY LODGE, NO. 100—SOUTH ORANGE.

Meets every Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Daniel T. Clark, P. M., W. M.,	David B. Muchmore, S. D.,
Joseph W. Wildey, S. W.,	Frederick W. Cummings, J. D.,
Anson A. Ransom, J. W.,	John McFall, M. OF C.,
Benjamin L. Chandler, TREAS.,	Hubert L. Pierson, "
Lewis H. Smith, SEC'Y,	H. C. Carpenter, (No. —), TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Charles H. Waterman.

MASTERS.

Charles E. Lum,	W. H. Sprigg,	Daniel Squier,
Samuel D. Harris,	Thomas J. Gorman,	Elias B. Vandever.
A. M. Hallidy,	George L. Stephenson,	19.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Edgar M. Taylor, George M. Smith.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James M. Riveley, Horace D. Talmadge.

CLOUD LODGE, NO. 101—GLOUCESTER CITY.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Philip H. Fowler, P. M., W. M.,	John Gourley, J. D.,
Edward Mills, S. W.,	John W. Warner, M. OF C.,
John P. Booth, J. W.,	Charles F. Van Meter, "
John C. Stinson, TREAS.,	Jared A. Parvin, STEWARD,
Thomas Hallam, SEC'Y,	Thomas J. Finney, "
Edwin Tomlinson, S. D.,	Thomas J. Manson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Richard C. Horner.

MASTERS.

William C. Mulford,	William C. Burch,	William Ames,
William Wilson,	Joseph Tucker,	William Garrett,
William H. Banks,	Edmund Hoffman,	George W. Powell,
James C. Dobbs,	Edgar T. Roby,	John R. Bowen,
Joseph R. Smith,	Charles W. Nesbitt,	John Adams,
James Paul,	Mark L. Lacy,	John Warburton,
John Harley,	Charles H. Hewlings,	John Van Fossen,
Sidney Dobbs,	Rev. Jesse Stiles,	Israel T. Shaw. 37.

FELLOW CRAFT—Alfred A. Tollman.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Thomas Leeming, Albert Barlow, Joseph Carter, John W. Carter.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 102—PASCACK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, excepting December, in which there is but one regular communication.

OFFICERS.

Henry C. Neer, P. M., W. M.,	Garret F. Hering, S. D.,
James G. Hering, S. W.,	Owen J. Keenan, J. D.,
Garret R. Hering, J. W.,	John P. Wortendyke, M. OF C.,
Charles F. Neer, TREAS.,	William English, "
B. A. Bartholf, SEC'Y,	John A. L. Blauvelt, TYLER.

MASTERS.

William English, Henry S. Banter, John J. Tice.
 Fred. P. Van Ryper, 14.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John S. Storms, Andrew J. Hopper, Abraham J. Hopper.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—David P. Pulis.

AMITY LODGE, NO. 103—LA FAYETTE.

Meets every Thursday evening.

OFFICERS.

Cornelius Vreeland, w. m.,	George Kidder, j. d.,
Charles C. Lima, s. w.,	Andrew J. Martin, m. of c.,
Edward S. Allison, j. w.,	W. A. Kimball, “
George R. Hillier, TREAS.,	John Vile, CHAPLAIN,
A. W. Hatfield, SEC'Y,	E. L. Ellison, ORGANIST,
Francis Clarke, s. d.,	D. Armstrong, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Isaac Van Saun.

MASTERS.

Dana L. Hubbard,	James R. Hillier,	John S. Raymond,
Henrick Klaproth,	Edwin Mintram,	William H. Watrous,
George Norris,	James McLauchlan,	William W. Edwards,
Henry Steffens,	David Williams,	Robert Hill,
Luke Poole,	Michael S. Allinson,	L. Carrington,
John P. Culver,	J. S. Goodwin,	Jude Spear,
F. Storms,	F. Bauer,	J. W. Ellison,
James R. Beers,	S. R. Smith,	John H. Cable,
E. T. Davis,	J. C. Hankins,	Robert Hood.
John E. Halliday,		41.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James H. Dally, George Burrill, Hector Campbell, Alex. Campbell, John Arbuckle.

CANNON LODGE, NO. 104—SEAVILLE.

Meets once in two weeks, commencing Saturday, January 14, 1871.

OFFICERS.

J. Milton Townsend, w. m.,	Henry L. Smith, J. D.,
Theodore F. Townsend, s. w.,	Charles M. Preston, M. OF C.,
Michael Swing, j. w.,	George G. Caril, “
Thomas Townsend, TREAS.,	J. Swain Townsend, STEWARD,
Remington Corson, SEC'Y,	German Corson, “
Edwin F. Westcott, s. D.,	A. G. Robinson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Rev. Benj. C. Lippincott.

MASTERS.

George H. Dare,	William Doolittle,	P. M. Way,
T. A. Brower,	Henry F. Doolittle,	Frank Williams,
Leaming M. Rice,	Jacob Wells,	H. T. Corson,
Henry Shaw,	Lewis C. Gandy,	Albert Ludlam,
F. Ludlam,	Charles P. Godfrey,	Aaron Hand,
Townsend Brower,	Richard Smith,	Reuben G. Corson,
F. W. Corson,	Benton Stiles,	Charles Lloyd,
Alex. Sutton,	William Stites,	Michael Feaster,
Eleazer Crawford,	John Caroll,	William Cherry,
Elmer T. Edwards,	Charles Kater,	E. J. Townsend,
Smith Eldridge,	DeWitt Shaw,	Peter W. Smith,
Charles Brower,	Clinton Townsend,	N. S. Corson,
Ed. Price,	Hewlitt Brower,	J. W. Grace,
Thos. Beesley,	Mulfred M. Corson,	Francis Smith. 55-

FELLOW CRAFTS—Joseph R. Wilson, Richard L. Hooper.

DECEASED—Burros Corson.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 105—BOUND BROOK.

Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Theodore Giles, P. M., W. M.,	Jeremiah F. Staats, J. D.,
James P. Bush, S. W.,	Ephraim Merlette, M. OF C.,
James B. Curry, J. W.,	Daniel J. Somers, "
Samuel Kennedy, TREAS.,	John S. Bishop, STEWARD,
George Creed, SEC'Y,	Ayres Codington, "
E. A. Cole, S. D.,	Peter Kochler, TYLER.

MASTERS.

George W. Freeland,	Perminus Gillem,	Lewis P. Clark,
Peter J. Demarest,	Burdett McKinney,	Stephen H. Myers,
Charles M. Wood,	Charles Felty,	Alonzo DeCamp,
John G. Smith,	George J. Curry,	Anthony Powelson,
A. R. Libbey,	Samuel L. Brewster,	Sylvanus Powelson,
Sylvanus A. Codington,	R. G. Spicer,	Wm. H. H. Jackson,
George M. Thomas,	John S. Bishop,	George Huffman. 33.

COSMOS LODGE, NO. 106—NEWARK.

Meets every Wednesday evening, at No. 951 Broad street.

OFFICERS.

Cyrus A. Force, P. M., W. M.,	Isaac H. Terrill, J. D.,
Albert D. Coles, S. W.,	Joseph H. Stephens, M. OF C.,
Henry G. Disbrow, J. W.,	Robert Hatch, "
James A. Arnold, TREAS.,	Joseph S. Morris, CHAPLAIN,
Albert Delano, SEC'Y,	William S. Denton, ORGANIST,
Edward J. Merrell, S. D.,	Abraham Beach, TYLER.

MASTERS.

Charles B. Alston,	John Anderson,	William H. Bannister,
William Burnett,	Charles F. Bond,	George K. Bechtel,
Riley W. Bond,	William A. Brooks,	Thomas J. Birgess,
William F. Bailey,	James D. Cleaver,	John W. Cole,
John Chavet,	George J. Cort,	Luther W. Callen,

Bailey B. Douglass,	Robert O. Davis,	John C. Force,
Horace W. Force,	Daniel P. Fitzgerald,	Jacob Frenchman,
Joseph A. Hallock,	Edward Hervey,	Henry A. Hottenroth,
John Higlister,	Robert Jaggard,	William H. Krauss,
James W. Lent,	John H. Medcraft,	Sylvester C. Melcher,
Joseph D. Osborn,	Samuel Petty,	John S. Rice,
Henry Roberts,	Frank A. Rockwell,	Samuel T. Richards,
Charles Robshaw,	Charles Smith,	Joseph N. Tingley,
Enoch B. Woodruff,	Henry R. Williams,	John Williams,
William G. Woodruff,	Stephen S. Whitburn,	John Wood.
Henry Woodland,		58.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Ferdinand Herpers, George E. Moore, Reuben Porter, George W. Porter, Charles H. Porter, Abraham S. Woodland.

BEVERLEY LODGE, NO. 107—BEVERLEY.

Meets Monday evening on or preceding full moon.

OFFICERS.

Ezra C. Tompkins, P. M., W. M.,	R. F. Hadley, M. OF C.,
E. P. Townsend, S. W.,	J. H. Toms, STEWARD,
H. B. Holbrook, J. W.,	A. B. Collins, "
William E. Blow, TREAS.,	W. C. Stockes, TRUSTEE,
Joseph R. Praul, SEC'Y,	A. H. Nichols, "
Joseph L. Simon, S. D.,	Joseph L. Simon, "
Charles H. Oliver, J. D.,	J. L. Langginger, TYLER.
A. W. Johnson, M. OF C.,	

MASTERS.

D. L. Baumgartner,	William Margerum,	G. C. Bancroft,
J. L. Haller,	J. F. Street,	J. P. V. Bisset.
E. Faden,	W. F. Adams,	22.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William E. Boyle.

BELLEVILLE LODGE, NO. 108—BELLEVILLE.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, w. m.,	Daniel E. Heraey, s. d.,
Hugh Holmes, s. w.,	William D. Holmes, j. d.,
John H. Osborne, j. w.,	William E. Jacobson, m. of c.,
John F. Wischusen, TREAS.,	George W. Pollock, "
Edward P. Snowden, SEC'Y,	R. S. Osborne, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Daniel M. Skinner.

MASTERS.

W. H. C. Onderdonk,	Adrian Vreeland,	Joseph H. Kingsland,
James Blair,	Robert Day,	Hugh A. Kingsland,
R. K. Schuyler,	Theo. M. Ward,	W. V. W. Vreeland,
John C. Lloyd,	Lucius D. Baldwin,	William V. Dean.
N. Van Houten,		24.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Eli W. Van Houten, Louis Susinan, William B. Stanley, T. I. Marshall, William H. Harrison.

RISING STAR LODGE, NO. 109—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Thursday evening of each week.

OFFICERS.

Thomas W. Tilden, w. m.,	Charles E. Terriberry, m. of c.,
John W. Denvers, s. w.,	Robert Honevedell, "
William H. Gardner, j. w.,	Robt. H. Tenbrook, } STANDING
Tunis D. Onderdonk, TREAS.,	Anning Smith, } COM.
James N. Davis, SEC'Y,	John Howlett,
M. D. Tilden, s. d.,	Joseph P. Brower, TYLER.
George A. Conklin, j. d.,	

PAST MASTER.

John H. James.

MASTERS.

Robert Duffy,	Edward B. Staats,	Clayland Tilden,
George H. White,	Hiram A. Ekler,	James B. Doremus,
George W. Swain,	Richard S. Holdenby,	William P. Scott,
William Hollenbeck,	David Veen,	William E. Walkley,
John Petenkie, jun.,	Henry Ehlers,	Albert S. Ryer.
Cornelius Bush,		30.

FELLOW CRAFT—Edward McDonald.

LODGE OF THE TEMPLE, NO. 110—JERSEY CITY.

Meets third Tuesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

James S. Gamble, P. M., W. M.,	James R. Mercein, J. W.,
John W. Hunt, S. W.,	William Muirheid, SEC'Y.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Theodore R. Varick.

MASTERS.

George H. Carrick,	Charles A. Hopkins,	William R. Laird,
Lewis D. Gray,	Abraham C. Tully,	Abraham Hooley,
John H. Burgess,	Thomas B. Adriance,	William H. Case,
Joseph H. Vondy,	Beriah A. Watson,	Nathan W. Condict,
Alexander H. Wallis,	Alexander T. McGill,	William W. Miller.
Hamilton Wallis,	Charles Runyon,	22.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Dudley Murray.

DECEASED—John Rodgers, P. M.

PALESTINE LODGE, NO. 111—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Meets first, third and fifth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert C. Helm, P. M., W. M.,	Henry H. Parsons, S. D.,
Enos A. Sage, S. W.,	Archibald McRhea, J. D.,
William H. Fisher, J. W.,	Charles Denton, M. OF C.,
John H. French, TREAS.,	George W. Herbert, "
James C. Harra, SEC'Y,	———— TYLER.

MASTERS.

John Helm, jun.,	George H. Burton,	Andrew L. Dunham,
Robert G. Miller,	Henry S. Boice,	Henry A. Hull,
Joseph Campbell,	Joseph F. Fisher,	Braddish J. Fisher,
Lewis R. Dunham,	A. L. Runyon,	Enoch Barnes,
Merrit G. Cathcart,	William Parker,	Archie Montgomery,
Philip H. Allendolph,	David O. Kilburn,	Egbert S. Peck,
Abraham P. Provost,	William W. Montalvo,	Greenleaf W. Appleton.
Stephen H. DeHart,		31.

FELLOW CRAFT—John W. Morris.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Andrew Richardson.

TRILUMINAR LODGE, NO. 112—NEWARK.

Meets—

OFFICERS.

Julius C. Fitz Gerald, W. M.,	Peter P. Saunier, J. W.,
James Lovatt, S. W.,	Charles G. Pitcher, SEC'Y.

MASTERS.

Charles W. Strickney,	Charles V. Wilson,	William H. Elston,
Arthur Tench,	John Tunsted,	Albert L. Woodruff,
George W. Lands,	*Charles Freeman,	Albert Garrabrant,
Joseph E. Prall,	John H. Perry,	Alexander Jarvis,
John G. Aschenbach,	David H. Garrison,	Peter W. Melick,
Paul Buchanan,	Amos H. Searfoss,	Samuel Clark,
Mark W. Mahon,	William L. Mulford,	Henry F. Hays.
Frederick Scholl,	Richard E. Hunt,	27.

FELLOW CRAFTS—William S. Moore, Thomas Godby.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Frederick Hoffman, John G. R. Stening, Elisha B. Vliet, John L. Carragan, Wellington B. Bedford.

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 113—HOHOKUS.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John M. Knapp, w. m.,	John A. Marinus, TREAS.,
Robert B. Cable, s. w.,	Lucian H. Kendall, SEC'Y.
John J. Demarest, j. w.,	

MASTERS.

Richard Johns,	John A. Ackerman.	7.
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FELLOW CRAFTS—Albert G. Hopper, Horace Holcomb.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John B. Wortendyke.

HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 114—PATERSON.

Meets Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Emil Priester, w. m.,	Jacob Levy, j. w.,
John P. Mayer, s. w.,	John Jacob Volhaar, SEC'Y.

MASTERS.

Simon Rundslein,	Franz X. Klunser,	Alexander Simon,
Jacob Fitzenmeier,	John Hartmeier,	Jacob Guthorn,
Philip Katz,	Frederick Spindler,	John A. Blank.
F. Gott. Strohmayer,	Louis Guthorn,	15.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Rerhare R. Bohler, Sigmund Dringer, Julius Zimmermann, George Chr. Silleber.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Ernst Christoph Will Chelius, Carl Frederick Brocke, Henry Kuhn.

TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 115—ENGLEWOOD.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Peter Rogers, w. m.,	John A. Hyde, s. d.,	
John E. Wentz, s. w.,	Samuel Stalter, j. d.,	
William C. Davies, j. w.,	Jacob Campbell, m. of c.,	
Moses E. Springer, TREAS.,	Joseph Conklin, "	
Alexander Cass, SEC'Y,	John W. Dale, TYLER.	10.

ALPHA LODGE, NO. 116—NEWARK.

Meets—

OFFICERS.

Nathan Mingus, w. m.,	George E. P. Howard, s. d.,	
William M. Clarke, s. w.,	Marcus W. Adams, j. d.,	
Israel Baldwin, p. m., j. w.,	Hermann P. Witzel, m. of c.,	
John Whitehead, TREAS.,	George M. Howells, "	
Samuel Morrow, jun., SEC'Y,	Val'tine Archenback, (—), TYLER.	10.

TRIMBLE LODGE, NO. 117—CAMDEN.

Meets—

OFFICERS.

George H. Fairfield, w. m.,	Nathan F. Cowan, s. d.,	
George F. Fort, s. w.,	Frederick A. Rex, j. d.,	
Marmaduke B. Taylor, j. w.,	Wilbur F. Rose, m. of c.,	
Henry Genet Taylor, TREAS.,	Chas. H. Gordon, (No. —), TYLER.	
J. Graham Milligan, SEC'Y,		

MASTER.

W. S. Fort.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, NO. 118—NEWARK.

Meets——

OFFICERS.

Luke Morris, w. m.,
Joseph Harrington, s. w.,
Seymour Tucker, j. w.,
Clarkson Aiken, TREAS.,

George Nevill, SEC'Y,
Charles H. Booth, s. D.,
Edward Harvey, J. D.,
—— ———, TYLER.

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ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

No	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members at last Rept.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Suspended N. R. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Membership at this date.	Rejected.
1	St. John's.....	Newark.....	156	5	7	8	4	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	171	.....
2	Brearley.....	Bridgeton.....	96	12	12	12	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	107	3
3	Cincinnati.....	Morristown.....	80	7	6	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	.....
4	Tuckerton.....	Tuckerton.....	44	3	6	6	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
5	Trenton.....	Trenton.....	216	19	13	12	3	1	1	2	6	.....	.....	223	8
6	Lebanon.....	Clarksville.....	.....	14	11	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	4
7	Newark.....	Newark.....	252	17	17	15	1	1	10	5	6	.....	.....	249	2
8	Clinton.....	Baskingridge.....	61	6	4	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	4
9	Washington Shrewsbury.....	Eatontown.....	77	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	.....
10	Franklin.....	Irvington.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
11	Union.....	Orange.....	85	5	5	5	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	86	.....
12	Amwell.....	Lambertville.....	127	2	2	2	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	128	.....
13	Warren.....	Belvidere.....	158	4	7	6	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	160	6
14	Mount Holly.....	Mount Holly.....	104	6	4	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	2
15	Camden.....	Camden.....	181	7	9	14	10	.....	12	2	10	.....	.....	180	.....
16	Olive Branch.....	Freehold.....	76	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	75	.....
17	Hiram.....	Jersey City.....	261	10	12	12	1	1	5	8	.....	.....	2	260	3
18	Harmony.....	Toms River.....	66	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	63	.....
19	Union.....	New Brunswick.....	124	34	28	34	4	.....	8	1	5	.....	.....	148	12
20	Acacia.....	Dover.....	68	11	10	8	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	9
21	Mystic Brotherhood.....	Red Bank.....	77	17	15	12	2	2	5	1	5	.....	.....	87	.....
22	Diogenes.....	Newark.....	111	5	6	8	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	10

APPENDIX.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey :*

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is here-
with submitted :

It presents a review of the proceedings of the following Grand
Lodges :

Alabama.....	1869.	Minnesota.....	1870.
Arkansas.....	1869.	Michigan.....	1870.
California.....	1869.	Mississippi.....	1870.
Canada.....	1869.	Montana.....	1869.
Colorado.....	1869.	Nebraska.....	1869.
Connecticut.....	1870.	Nevada.....	1869.
Delaware.....	1870.	New Hampshire.....	1869-'70.
District of Columbia.....	1869.	New York.....	1870.
Florida.....	1869-'70.	North Carolina.....	1869.
Georgia.....	1869.	Ohio.....	1869.
Idaho.....	1869.	Oregon.....	1870.
Illinois.....	1869.	Pennsylvania.....	1869.
Indiana.....	1870.	Rhode Island.....	1870.
Iowa.....	1870.	South Carolina.....	1870.
Kansas.....	1869.	Texas.....	1870.
Kentucky.....	1869.	Vermont.....	1869.
Louisiana.....	1870.	Virginia.....	1869.
Maine.....	1870.	Washington Territory.....	1869.
Maryland.....	1869.	West Virginia.....	1869.
Massachusetts.....	1869.	Wisconsin.....	1870.

APPENDIX.

From the addresses of the several Grand Masters, and the statistics of the Grand Lodges, the great prosperity of the Craft, everywhere in the United States is clearly manifest.

No question of particular importance to the Craft has been the subject of general discussion and legislation except the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodges of the Union are unanimous in their condemnation of the extraordinary course pursued by the Grand Orient of France, and with one or two exceptions, Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France has been discontinued.

In some instances the subject of Adoptive or Androgynous degrees has been discussed. In almost every instance in which that question has been mooted, all such societies or degrees, as connected in any way with Masonry, have received deserved condemnation and rebuke.

The Committee regret that the proceedings of some of the Grand Lodges have not come to hand, although they have doubtless been duly mailed. The Committee also regret that the New Jersey Reports, in many instances, have not been received by the Grand Secretaries to whom they were addressed. It is the custom of the Grand Secretary of New Jersey to mail to each jurisdiction three several copies of our proceedings, postage prepaid, and if they fail of delivery it is not his fault.

The Committee hesitate to make any charge of delinquency against so respectable an institution as the Post Office Department. It is suggested, however, whether it may not be true, that some persons connected with that institution, after satisfying a laudable curiosity, by a perusal of the proceedings, may neglect to re-mail them to their original destination. The Committee do not profess to be final authority upon any question of theology, but, after consultation with the Grand Chaplain, they venture to submit as a safe proposition in ethics, that a connection with the Post Office Department absolves no one from a due regard to that portion of the moral law which is contained in the Eighth Commandment.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-ninth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the city of Montgomery, December 6th, A. L. 5869, M. W. George D. Norris, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is quite lengthy and is written with great ability. He laments the death of Samuel H. Dixon, S. G. W., and Thomas McDougal, Grand Tyler; discusses the

difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and France, censuring, of course, the steps taken by the Grand Orient of France, and earnestly calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the establishment of a Masonic Orphans' Home.

We cite the following decisions reported by the Grand Master for the purpose of expressing our assent to them :

"1. *Held*, That a brother indefinitely suspended has the right to present his petition for reinstatement at any regular communication, and if rejected, can apply at any and every subsequent communication.

"2. *Held*, That a clause in the By-Laws, which has been approved by the Grand Lodge, must rule, unless the Ancient Landmarks or Charges have been violated by such By-Laws.

"3. *Held*, That a Lodge, by a majority vote, can grant a new trial to a suspended brother for good cause shown, who failed to appeal within the specified time.

"4. *Held*, That the Master has a supervisory control over the Secretary, and it is his duty to correct errors in the record and see that nothing improper is committed to writing, although the Lodge has passed upon it.

"5. *Held*, That all the members of a Lodge must vote on petitions for initiation, passing and raising, or affiliation, and that they cannot be excused, and it is the duty of the Master to require it.

"6. *Held*, That, although every brother present at a trial must vote *yea* or *nay*, as to the guilt of the accused; yet, if he cannot determine from the evidence, he must vote *nay*, giving the accused the benefit of his doubt.

"7. *Held*, That a brother suspended for non-payment of dues can be arraigned for unmasonic conduct, but the evidence and trial must be before a Committee appointed by the Lodge, the testimony and whole proceedings to be taken in writing and be submitted to the Lodge for final action.

"8. *Held*, That when a brother voluntarily makes known his vote on applications for I. P. R. or affiliation, that it becomes the property of the Lodge, and his objections be subject to the action of the Lodge.

"9. *Held*, That a non-affiliated Mason cannot be interred with Masonic honors.

"10. *Held*, That a ballot had at a called-off regular communication from one night to another is irregular, and must not be countenanced.

"11. *Held*, That a brother suspended for non-payment of dues cannot be interred with Masonic honors, although his friends offer to pay his dues.

"12. *Held*, That it is not necessary for the Senior Warden to have the Past Master's degree.

"13. *Held*, That a brother expelled by a Subordinate Lodge, and on appeal the Grand Lodge orders a new trial, he is restored to the same status as before sentence.

"14. *Held*, That the disobeying of a summons, without a sufficient excuse, (of which the Lodge is the arbiter,) is grossly unmasonic.

"15. *Held*, That a ballot upon a petition for initiation, advancement or affiliation cannot be reconsidered, only when the Master, after the first ballot, has reason to suppose that the negative ball was cast unintentionally, through mistake, and then only once."

Decision No. 10, we think, would be equally correct if the words, "a ballot had at," at the beginning of the sentence, had been left out, and the decision had read: "A called off regular communication from one night to another is irregular, and must not be countenanced."

We are compelled to express our dissent to the following:

"(a) *Held*, That a petition for reinstatement must lie over one month.

"(b) *Held*, That a Lodge can vote by secret ballot for all appropriations of money.

"(c) *Held*, That the Master cannot rule a resolution out of order after discussion and a motion to lay on the table has been rejected, for the purpose of defeating the action of the Lodge.

The following resolutions were adopted with reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec:

"1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Alabama recognizes the Grand Lodge of Canada as possessing supreme and sovereign control and exclusive jurisdictional rights within her territory; and that she cannot look on a violation of those rights with any pleasure or approbation.

"2. *Resolved*, That she sympathizes with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and will do everything in her power to assist her in this her hour of trouble."

The following, upon the vexed question of Dimits and non-affiliation, is from the Report on Masonic Jurisprudence:

"It is to be deeply regretted that so many Masons, and Masons, too, who in all other respects regard and observe their masonic duties and obligations, are non-affiliated. This is a great and increasing evil, and Grand Lodges have adopted various expedients for its correction, but without avail. Perhaps Masonry has suffered

more injury from this cause than any other. Lodges and Masons have long since come to believe that every brother has a *right* to dimit when he pleases; a belief which has had its origin and confirmation in a long continued but unwarranted practice. A right to dimit whenever he pleases is a right to absolve himself from all Lodge burdens and duties, and at the same time enjoy the rights and privileges of a Mason—that is, to possess and enjoy the benefits of an institution which must be maintained by and through its Lodges, and yet contribute nothing to the support of those Lodges.

“Article VIII of the old Regulations is as follows: ‘No set or number of men shall withdraw from the Lodge in which they were made, or were afterwards admitted, members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then without a dispensation from the Grand Master or Deputy. When thus separated, they must either immediately join themselves to such other Lodges that they shall like best, or else obtain the Grand Master’s warrant to join in forming a new Lodge, to be regularly constituted in due time.’ This is one of the old Regulations; and in accordance with this is the fundamental law, that it is the duty of every brother ‘to belong to a Lodge, and to be subject to the By-Laws and the General Regulations.’ If it is his *duty* to belong to a Lodge, he violates this duty when he withdraws for any other than proper Masonic causes and purposes. No brother has a right to do that which is violative of his duty; and no Lodge has a right to permit him to do so. Hence, your Committee are constrained to conclude that, according to the fundamental law and the old Regulations, a brother has no right to dimit, and a Lodge has no power to grant a dimit, except for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, or joining another Lodge more convenient, or is about to remove out of the jurisdiction. Whilst your Committee are not prepared and do not propose to recommend the adoption of any measures affecting the status and relation of those Masons who are now non-affiliated, they are convinced that something ought to be done to prevent an increase of the evil. This can be done by an edict of the Grand Lodge prohibiting the Subordinate Lodges from granting dimits, except for certain purposes; and thus, in the course of time, the evil would be entirely corrected.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, we presume, from the pen of Bro. Penick, and sustains his well earned reputation in this respect. Copious and fraternal mention is made of this jurisdiction.

In reviewing the transactions of our Grand Master, reported by

him, we find the following *ex cathedra* statement: "He still (*i. e.*, the Grand Master of New Jersey) violates the law in granting dispensations to confer degrees in emergency cases." We should like to be informed what law the Grand Master violates in so doing. A Grand Master, in granting dispensations, may violate the law of prudence and discretion, but he cannot violate written Masonic law, because, in this particular, he is *above* Masonic law and Masonic legislation, and cannot be called to account by any Masonic Body in the world. In the exercise of the prerogative of dispensation, a Grand Master is a "law unto himself."

M. W. William P. Chilton was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Grand Communication was held at Little Rock, November 1st, A. D. 1869, M. W. E. H. English, Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in his address, discusses principally the universality of Masonry and the question of the Work. In Arkansas the brethren use what is known there as the Reed Work. Upon a recent trip north, Bro. English visited Brother, or, as he calls him, Father Reed, who now resides at Covington, Kentucky, at the ripe old age of seventy-two. The following is the history of the Arkansas Work, as given by Bro. Reed:

"Bro. Eason came over from England to America as provincial Grand Lecturer. Bros. De Witt Clinton and Washburn sat side by side with Bro. Webb in learning the lectures from him, and he (Bro. Reed) obtained the lectures from Bro. Washburn. He was told by Bro. Clinton, after he became a Mason, that Bro. Washburn could repeat the lectures on the three degrees, as he, and as Bro. Webb received them from Bro. Eason, a thousand times without the variation of a word."

The brethren in Arkansas being, as it appears, entirely satisfied with their Work, we think it would be greatly unwise for them to listen to the suggestions of any innovators.

The only decision we find in the address is to the effect that in the absence of the Worshipful Master and both of the Wardens, a Lodge cannot be legally opened. This is the doctrine held upon this subject in New Jersey, and we have no doubt of its correctness.

The following resolution was passed with reference to the difficulty existing between the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and France:

"Resolved, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the Grand Orient of France be discontinued, and that no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body be recognized as such in this jurisdiction.

"Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France."

The Committee on Education report that St. John's College, in which the brethren of Arkansas appear to take a deep interest, is in a flourishing condition. There are four professors filling chairs in the college, and during the past year one hundred and two names appeared upon the roll of students. There not being sufficient accommodation for the students the Trustees were authorized to erect an additional building, containing dormitories, for at least sixty students. The object of the college is an excellent one, and we earnestly hope that it may meet with entire success.

Beyond the matters which we have mentioned, we find nothing in the proceedings except matters of local interest.

W. D. Blocher, Grand Master ; Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Twentieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on the 12th day of October, A. L. 5869, M. W. Charles Marsh, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is not a very lengthy production, but it is well written, and contains many points of interest. His opening remarks are such a brief and just exposition of the objects and purposes of Grand Lodge legislation, that we reproduce them here :

"We have assembled to-day in compliance with a custom which is recognized by the civilized world as the best and wisest rule of action for perfecting and regulating the order of society. To such representative assemblies as this have people, from the earliest time, confided the trust of government and power; and to us, my brethren, is delegated the privilege of explaining our laws and giving force and effect to their execution. I trust that our deliberations will be conducted in harmony, and with fraternal toleration for those differences of opinion which are the results of education and of the conflicting relations incident to the various pursuits of life. We have no antagonism with any organization whose object is the promotion of good will among men. We claim no right of dictation beyond that which pertains to morality. We inculcate no rules

which are at variance with the policy and practice of just government. We recognize Charity, in whatever form it comes, to ameliorate the condition of mankind. We are governed by ethical rules, so perfectly adapted to the purpose for which they were formed that they have remained unchanged for successive ages—faithful guides to all who observe and practice them through this life, and giving assuring hope of happiness in the life to come.”

He recommends the abolition of the fee for affiliation, a course which has been adopted by many of the Grand Lodges located in the West. Upon this subject the Grand Master remarks, with considerable force, as follows :

“Membership in a Lodge is a duty which every Mason should fulfill, if possible, and our laws should place no obstacle in the way which serves as an excuse for non-affiliation.”

He recommends that the law in reference to the ballot be made positive and binding, requiring all Lodges to have but one ballot for the three degrees. We believe that the rule propounded by the Grand Master upon this subject is the correct one, and we think the time will come when the Grand Lodge of California will regret that they did not adopt the Grand Master’s suggestion.

The remaining portion of the address is principally taken up with matters of local interest.

An oration was delivered during the communication by W. Bro. Frank M. Pixley, Grand Orator, which we have read with great interest. We are so much pleased with that portion of it which refers to the numerous so-called Masonic organizations which are springing up all over the world, and think the matter discussed to be of so much real and actual importance to the Craft, that we make no apology for citing from the oration the following extracts :

“The Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees: The Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason. These, with the appendage of the Royal Arch, form a system complete in all its parts. So much of Masonry is pure and perfect, venerable for its antiquity, hoary with age. This is the true Masonic Institution, and what is beyond this, in the way of fancy degrees—Scottish Rites, Modern French Rites, Rites of Memphis, Rites of Misraim, *et id omne genus*—all the various systems of modern origin, are new and ornamental only. They may bear the same relation to the Order that the capital does to the marble column; but they add nothing to its strength or grandeur, and may serve to subtract something from its simple and austere beauty.

“The foregoing are probably but a few of the so-called rites, most of which had their origin in France, as Ragon, in his ‘*Tuileur Général de la Franc-Maçonnerie*,’ speaks of seventy-five different Masonries, fifty-two different Rites, thirty-four Orders called Masonic, twenty-six ‘*Ordres Androgynes*,’ six ‘*Academies Maçonniques*,’ and more than fourteen hundred grades! Among these last are to be found ‘*Provosts and Judges*,’ ‘*Illustrious Elects of Fifteen*,’ ‘*Sublime Knights Elect*,’ ‘*Grand Master Architects*,’ ‘*Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons*,’ ‘*Knights of the Sword*,’ ‘*Princes of Jerusalem*,’ ‘*Knights of the East and West*,’ ‘*Sovereign Princes Rose Croix de Heredom*,’ ‘*Grand Pontiffs*,’ ‘*Grand Patriarchs*,’ ‘*Grand Masters of all Symbolic Lodges*,’ ‘*Grand Masters of the Key of Masonry*,’ ‘*Patriarchs Noachite*,’ ‘*Princes of Libanus, and of the Royal Axe*,’ ‘*Chiefs and Princes of the Tabernacle*,’ ‘*Sovereign Prince Adepts*,’ ‘*Illustrious Knights Commanders of the White and Black Eagle*,’ ‘*Princes of Mercy*,’ ‘*Knights of the Brazen Serpent*,’ ‘*Sovereign Commanders of the Temple*,’ ‘*Knights of the Sun*,’ ‘*Grand Scots of St. Andrew*,’ ‘*Knights of Kadosch*,’ ‘*Grand Inquisitors, Inspectors and Commanders*,’ ‘*Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret*,’ and ‘*Sovereign Grand Inspectors General*,’—all which is simply Masonry run crazy. None of these new-fangled systems, rites and titles have aught to do with Masonry as practiced by those early brethren whose lives were the embodiment of the highest lessons of Masonic wisdom—the impersonations of temperance, courage, self-sacrifice, heroic suffering for conscience sake—the very types of a simple, holy, earnest life. How different the appearance of our Holy Saint John the Baptist, in his camels'-hair raiment, his leathern girdle, his white apron of the kid, bare-footed and bare-headed, fasting, living the life he preached, practicing the sublime precepts he taught—how different when compared with the bedizened regalia and the glittering jewelry that adorn the pompous persons of those rejoicing in their new degrees, their high-sounding titles of a sham Masonry.

“Let no humble brother of the blue Lodge distrust the fact that all of Masonry is contained in the three ancient degrees, with the instructions of the Royal Arch, nor let him become envious of those who claim to be his superiors in Masonic knowledge, because they have had affixed to them, by some dignitary of the Order, the appellation of ‘*Thrice Puissant Grand Master*,’ ‘*Most Skillful Adoniram*,’ ‘*Thrice Illustrious Azarias*,’ ‘*Prince President*,’ ‘*Most Illustrious Tirshatha*,’ ‘*Very Wise Master*,’ ‘*Thrice Puissant Chief Prince*,’ ‘*Most Potent Leader*,’ ‘*Sovereign Prince*,’ or ‘*Sovereign Grand*

Commander!' Well has a standard writer upon Masonry remarked, that when titles appear in the public prints they are only calculated to make the vulgar stare, and with the right-feeling, sensible Mason or man of the world, excite only derision and contempt."

The Grand Lodge of California have attempted to promulgate the Work by means of a Grand Lecturer, to be paid only by the Lodges employing him. The Grand Master, in his address, calls the attention of his Grand Lodge to the impossibility of procuring a uniform system by this plan, and recommends that the Grand Lecturer be a salaried officer, to be paid by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this portion of the address was referred, report the following :

The views of the Committee are so forcibly expressed, are so true and pertinent, and vindicate so conclusively the plan adopted by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for some years past, that we insert them in full in this report.

"We fully endorse the views expressed by the Grand Master, which are confirmed by our association with the representatives of Lodges present at this Communication. The promulgation of the work does not seem to have been so effective under the present system as it was before the salary attached to the office of Grand Lecturer was abolished ; and the two systems having been fairly tried with the result before us, we have no doubt of the superiority of the former. It seems to be asking too much of a brother to expect him to devote as much time as the honest and conscientious discharge of the duties of the position requires, without compensating him, to a just extent, for the value of the time which he is compelled to take from his regular vocation. The position is not a sinecure, but requires, beside intellectual capacity, that peculiar patience of temper and urbanity of manner which distinguishes the successful instructor of youth. If he accepts the position he must give his time, not grudgingly and hurriedly, but freely and leisurely, to those brethren who seek him for the purpose of being invested with the knowledge of which he is accepted as the standard. In his capacity, his influence is eminently calculated to impress the Craft throughout the jurisdiction favorably or unfavorably ; for the instructor of morals should so bear himself that the contrast between his teaching and practice is not susceptible of invidious discussion."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. William H. Hill, Grand Chaplain, and fully sustains the reputation which the Grand Lodge of California enjoys for such reports. Bro.

Hill commences his report by saying that he "purposely intended to do but little in the discussion of questions of Masonic law." We regret very much that he has adhered so closely to this promise. We see so many things in Bro. Hill's report, interesting and instructive, that we should be glad to have his views on the many questions of Masonic jurisprudence to which he refers. We do not think that any expression of opinion in the Grand Lodge Reports of Correspondence upon a mooted question, binds the Grand Lodge from which it emanates, but is to be taken only as the individual views of the brother by whom the report was prepared. We hope Bro. Hill will overcome his squeamishness upon this subject, and in his future reports will give us the benefit of his good sense upon the many questions constantly arising, which, after all, is the best faculty to bring to bear for the solution of questions of Masonic law.

Very copious reference is made to New Jersey in this report, and many extracts are inserted from our report of 1869. We are glad to find that Bro. Hill agrees with the views expressed by our committee.

M. W. Leonidas E. Pratt was elected Grand Master, and V. W. Alexander G. Abell was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Montreal, on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of July, A. L. 5869, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, presiding, or as our brethren of Canada call it, "on the Throne."

The address of the Grand Master is an able and interesting document. It is generally occupied by a detail of his official acts during the vacation and by references to matters of local interest. The following, which we quote from his address, contains correct Masonic doctrine, and is applicable to other jurisdictions besides that of Canada:

"From various parts of our jurisdiction, I have learned with great regret that the ambition of some of our brethren, in regard to obtaining Lodge offices, seems to have outrun their discretion. In several instances this has been carried so far as to result in the formation of two or more parties in a Lodge, and under the eagerness and excitement which such a state of things invariably produces, open canvassing for the office has been actually resorted to. Brethren, this is an evil of great magnitude, fraught with most disastrous consequences, and it ought not to be tolerated either in private Lodges or in Grand Lodge. To be elected to a

prominent position in the Craft is doubtless an honor to which all deserving and duly qualified brethren may aspire; yet it ought always to be remembered that merit and ability alone are the true grounds of preferment among Masons, and it is most unseemly that anything like electioneering for office should ever be attempted. It is to be hoped that in future every brother will denounce and discountenance such proceedings by every means in his power. The most effectual way of securing the complete abolishment of this evil practice will be for every brother, when approached in that way, to cast his vote *against* instead of *for*, the party who resorts to such improper methods for the purpose of obtaining office."

The evil of which Grand Master Stevenson complains in this paragraph is increasing to a dangerous extent. The present popularity of the Masonic Institution and the high position which it has lately assumed as a society in the community everywhere, have wakened the ambition of aspiring brethren, and in too many instances have caused the annual elections in the Subordinate Lodges to be disgraced by the tricks and turmoil of political primary meetings. As Grand Master Stevenson observes, "an election to a prominent position is an honor to which all deserving and duly qualified brethren may aspire," and (we add) such advancement is an honorable object of ambition. But it is our experience, founded upon considerable opportunities for information, that nowhere is a faithful discharge of duties more sure to be rewarded by preferment, than in a Masonic Lodge. The advice of Bro. Stevenson, to vote against, instead of for, the party who electioneers for office, is wise and salutary, and we commend his suggestion to the brethren of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master expresses some doubts as to the success of a Masonic Asylum, which had lately occupied the attention of his Grand Lodge. He bases his objections upon the very general repugnance of persons in need of charity against entering Asylums, as partaking of the nature of pauper institutions. In place of the Asylum the Grand Master recommends the institution of a Free Masons' School, which he thinks might be so managed as eventually to become self-supporting.

In the course of the proceedings the Grand Master decided that "a Lodge working under dispensation had not the right to appoint a proxy, for the purpose of voting on any matter in Grand Lodge;" a ruling which is undoubtedly correct.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was reported by Bro. Edward Mitchell, and is probably the production of his pen. We

45	Benevolent.....	127	3	2	5	2	.....	.....	.....	13	1	.....	120
46	Solomon's.....	72	10	11	14	4	.....	5	.....	1	.....	.....	83
47	Bergen.....	148	12	14	16	3	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	161
48	Enterprise.....	121	14	11	14	4	1	2	4	1	.....	.....	133
49	Essex.....	94	7	9	11	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	106
50	Mercer.....	98	5	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	101
51	Oriental.....	177	20	24	23	1	.....	6	2	4	.....	.....	191
52	Delaware.....	111	16	20	20	2	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	125
53	Eagle.....	137	8	8	12	2	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	133
54	Excelsior.....	68	1	3	4	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	70
55	Kane.....	111	4	3	4	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	109
56	Orion.....	98	6	6	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	103
57	Corinthian.....	80	3	3	2	.....	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	70
58	Shekinah.....	119	7	6	6	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	127
59	Caldwell.....	47	3	4	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49
60	Artana.....	79	4	6	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	82
61	Raritan.....	40	2	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	42
62	La Fraternite Francaise.....	28	4	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
63	St. Stephen's.....	58	4	4	4	2	.....	3	1	6	.....	.....	53
64	Casarea.....	57	2	4	2	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	57
65	Star.....	70	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	53
66	Schiller.....	53	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
67	Passaic.....	47	7	5	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
68	St. Alban's.....	131	10	8	9	.....	.....	8	1	3	.....	.....	132
69	Vineland.....	88	9	10	10	4	.....	7	2	2	.....	.....	91
70	Pioneer.....	68	2	.....	4	.....	.....	8	.....	3	.....	.....	61
71	Hudson.....	51	12	13	14	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	62
72	Teutonia.....	77	11	12	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	86
73	Wall.....	43	4	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
74	Jersey City.....	104	17	18	17	8	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	122
75	Neptune.....	35	3	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members at last Rept.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dmitted.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Membership at this date.	Rejected.
76	Ashlai	Trenton	51	9	10	8	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
77	Alpine	Closter	27	4	3	4	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....
78	Long Branch	Long Branch	48	10	11	12	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
79	Trinity	Absecon	58	3	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	1
80	Highland	Hudson City	55	3	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	.....
81	Hermann	Elizabeth	34	7	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	3
82	Falls City	Paterson	44	5	3	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	43	3
83	Americus	Woodbridge	18	7	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	1
84	Palisade	Union Hill	43	6	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
85	Glassboro	Glassboro	42	5	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....
86	Doric	West Hoboken	35	8	8	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....
87	Florence	Woodbury	32	3	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	1
88	Ivanhoe	Paterson	41	17	15	18	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	2
89	Ocean	Bricksburg	20	6	5	7	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....
90	Aberdeen	Matawan	24	.....	1	1	3	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	22	.....
91	Forest Grove	Franklinville	23	3	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....
92	Pyramid	New Egypt	26	11	10	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....
93	Madison	Madison	35	12	11	11	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	45	3
94	Ionic	Camden	83	18	17	25	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	101	.....
95	Mantua	Mantua	23	7	7	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
96	Unity	May's Landing	11	5	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....
97	Evening Star	Bridgeton	26	9	10	8	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	37	.....

RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING TABLE.

Members at the last Report.....	8347
Entered during the past year.....	950
Passed " " "	972
Raised " " "	1002
Affiliated " " "	240
Restored " " "	49
Dimitted " " "	266
Died " " "	98
Suspended for non-payment.....	123
" " unmasonic conduct.....	11
Expelled.....	10
Total membership at this date.....	9161
Rejected during the year.....	249

NOTE.—It will be seen that the aforesaid Table of Abstract of Returns will not prove : some Lodges will. The several returns, it is hoped, will be more perfect in the future.

GR. SECRETARY.

have read it with much interest. In his reference to New Jersey, he quotes from the address of G. M. Cannon, in 1869, and refers especially to our Grand Master's complaint that he was compelled to answer questions which might have been answered by a mere reference to the Grand Lodge Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations. Bro. Mitchell is disposed to admit that Canada is entitled to her full share of blame in this particular.

We have also received from the Grand Lodge of Canada a pamphlet containing a statement of their difficulty with a Grand Lodge lately erected within their jurisdiction and known as the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Inasmuch as this matter was referred by our Grand Lodge to a special committee, who will doubtless give it full investigation, we do not propose to express an opinion on the subject.

Bro. A. A. Stevenson, G. M., and Bro. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

COLORADO.

The Ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Denver, September 28th, A. L. 5869.

From the address of the Grand Master we extract the following :

"While I was yet undetermined whether to grant the dispensation or refuse it, I was urged by one of the brethren to grant it, because they had already incurred considerable expense and were then in debt. If there had been no other objection to granting the dispensation, except this, I should have refused it. A Lodge cannot make a worse start than to be in debt, and if there is not sufficient interest taken among the brethren to see that the Lodge starts out of debt, I think it well to let them wait."

We agree with the Grand Master in the views here expressed. It does not promise well for the success and perpetuity of a Lodge to commence its labors under the pressing obligation of a debt. When, under such circumstances, a candidate is proposed, the question as to his admission is apt to be, 'How much will his initiation fee relieve our pecuniary burden?' and not, 'Is he a proper person to be made a Mason?'"

The time of the Grand Lodge was occupied by routine business of local interest.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro, Ed. C. Parmelee is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

M. W. Amos E. Cobb, Grand Master; R. W. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, May 11th, A. L. 5870.

The address of the Grand Master is mainly occupied by a recapitulation of his official acts and visitations during the year.

He reports the granting of six dispensations for new Lodges.

We quote the following from the report of the Grand Lecturer, on the subject of proficiency in the Work before advancement :

"The practice of advancing candidates who are not properly instructed in preceding degrees, prevails more than it ought to. Duty to the Fraternity and newly admitted members demands that this offence should cease. Vices, like virtues, usually are found in clusters, and those Lodges that are remiss in this particular may be expected to be so in others. Disobedience, once indulged, is apt to become chronic. The fact is suggestive, that those Lodges which have, from the first, been foremost in complying with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, establishing a standard of lectures, have also been most conspicuous in having them rehearsed, and the newly initiated well instructed in them. The result is fully apparent in the intelligent, uniform and satisfactory manner in which all things pertaining to a regular and well governed Lodge is conducted by them. I am happy to state that the number of these Lodges is steadily increasing."

A report was presented by the Grand Representative of Connecticut near the Grand Lodge of Saxony. Appended to the report is a translation of the National Masonic Hymn of Saxony, which we reproduce.

THE LAST LODGE.

"When the last of the stars, dimly flashing,
 See old Time to its end hasten on,
 When planets to ruin are dashing,
 And the sun's light is pallid and wan;
 Through the halls where the Masons are founding
 Their Temple, majestic and grand,
 Shall be heard that last cry, loudly sounding :
 Hasten, brothers ! the morn is at hand !

East and West. North and South, through all nations,
 The work at that call will have ceased,

And the brethren, observing their stations,
 Shall look in calm faith to the East :
 Joining hands over valleys and highlands,
 Where each stands, in the land of his birth,
 Shall be seen, o'er all continents and islands,
 But ONE LODGE on the face of the earth.

To the Master's stern voice loudly crying :
 Have the Masons obeyed My commands ?
 Comes the voice of the craftsmen, replying :
 Look with grace on the work of our hands !
 In our feeble and poor earthly fashion,
 We have sought to hew out the rough stone ;
 Let the depth of eternal compassion
 For the faults of our labor atone !

What's the hour ? cries the voice of the Master ;
 They answer : Low Twelve, but behold,
 The rays of Thy morning come faster,
 To our eyes all its glories unfold !
 At His nod, see all the veils rent asunder,
 And, while earth sinks to chaos and night,
 'Mid loud peals of the echoing thunder,
 Shall the brethren be brought to pure light !"

On the subject of the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut adopted the following resolutions :

" *Whereas*, The Grand Orient of France still persists, in violation of the well-settled principle of Masonic law, to recognize a spurious body claiming the right to establish and control Blue Lodges in the State of Louisiana, which is within the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana ; and

" *Whereas*, The Grand Orient of France has evaded the true question involved—to wit : the infringement of territorial jurisdiction—and attempted to raise a false issue in said matter, by intimating, as its justification, that "color, race, or religion" has there been made a test for admission into the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons ; and

" *Whereas*, No such test, in fact, has ever existed in this or any other Grand jurisdiction—

" *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge suspends Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, and requires the same of all Lodges and Masons in this jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That a duly attested copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Orient of France; and that, until the withdrawal of her recognition of such spurious body, all Masonic intercourse be suspended."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler. Brief mention is made of our proceedings for 1869. Bro. Wheeler favors the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but we do not find that any resolution was adopted formally recognizing the new Grand Lodge.

M. W. Asa Smith was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Joseph K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held at Free Masons' Hall, in the city of Wilmington, June 27, A. L. 5870, M. W. E. J. Horner, G. M., in the Grand East.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief and refers only to matters of local interest. He reports granting dispensations for new Lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, not having completed their report, were permitted to have it printed when completed. We do not, however, find the report in the proceedings.

The following report of a committee strikes us as a rather singular one:

"The committee appointed upon Seal of Lodge, No. 4, Sussex, Delaware, beg leave to offer the following report:

"They find the Seal *fac simile* of the old one, but would suggest the erasure of the motto 'True Friendship,' as not being a strictly Masonic motto."

We cannot agree with the view of the committee. We think "True Friendship" an excellent motto for a Masonic Lodge. Perhaps the words "True Brotherhood" would be more strictly in accordance with Masonic nomenclature, but if a Lodge carries on its transactions on the basis of "True Friendship," it cannot materially err.

A memorial page is inserted in commemoration of Spencer D. Ives, Past Grand Treasurer.

M. W. J. C. McCabe was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. P. Allmond was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have in this volume the Reports of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge at divers special communications held for the purpose of instituting Lodges, &c., and of the regular Semi-Annual Communication held May 4th., 5869, and the Annual Communication, held November 2d, 5869.

Upon all these occasions M. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson, Grand Master, was present and presided.

We quote from the address of the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, the following remarks, which meet our heartiest concurrence :

"I wish now to call your attention to a clause in section 7 of Art. 20, of our G. L. constitution, which appears to me to involve questions of sufficient importance to merit a further consideration than, I am led to believe, has ever been given to them by this Grand Lodge. It reads as follows: 'And at any time before a degree is conferred, any member of the Lodge has the right to object, and the degree cannot be conferred until the objection is withdrawn.'

"I think that this provision should be modified in some way, so as to prevent the manifest injustice which might be done through the improper use of the power it gives to any individual member of a Lodge. A brother F. C. Mason, who has passed the ordeal of a unanimous ballot for advancement, whose knowledge of the degrees already taken is perfect, whose moral character is above reproach, and against whose fitness for advancement no good reason can be urged, may yet, through the operation of this law, be kept year after year from obtaining the privileges of a M. M. solely because of some slight personal difficulty between him and the member of the Lodge whose objection bars his advancement. Nor has he the power of applying to another Lodge that would, perhaps, be glad to confer the remaining degree, and receive him as a member. He is, in fact, in a worse position than the profane whose petition for initiation has been rejected; for the profane can generally, without difficulty, obtain the recommendation required to enable him to apply to another Lodge after the expiration of one year. But the E. A. or F. C., stopped under the circumstances I have just mentioned, has not under the present law, that right; but is frequently obliged to submit year after year to what he feels to be an act of injustice on the part of the Lodge."

We have frequently expressed ourselves upon the question pre-

sented in the remarks of the Grand Master above cited, and shall not hesitate to urge our views upon the Craft upon every proper occasion. We believe that the rule, as it obtains in the District of Columbia, and which the Grand Master seeks to alter, is the cause of the grossest injustice to worthy Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. We believe that an E. A. is a Mason and a *Brother*, and, as such has "rights" upon which he may insist, and which the Lodge by which he was elected, cannot, in the correct discharge of Masonic duty and obligation, conscientiously overlook. Among those "rights" we include the "right," if objection be made to his advancement, of being informed of the cause of the objection, and of being afforded an opportunity for his vindication. The refusal to advance him should be *for cause*, and should not be subject to the whim or malice of any man. And the Lodge should be the judge of the *cause*, after an opportunity has been afforded to the brother of an explanation or vindication.

We find nothing further of special interest in these proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. P. G. M. Stansbury, and reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine American and several foreign Grand Lodges. It is a well written, readable and interesting document.

Very full and generally complimentary reference is made to New Jersey in this Report, and lengthy citations are made from the Report of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1869.

In that report we took occasion to comment on "the utterly indefensible practice of Lodges in Washington making Masons of persons temporarily residing in Washington, without reference to the actual place of their residence."

For this allusion we are called to account by the District of Columbia Committee in the following language: "If Bro. Hough had examined carefully the legislation of our Grand Lodge on this subject, he would have found that *no such practice exists or is countenanced here.* * * * Some such errors have been made, but they have not amounted to a practice, nor *have they been defended as proper by the Masonic authorities here*, or the amende refused when the fact has been properly presented to any Lodge."

We are not in the habit of writing at random, and should not have made the charge above objected to, unless we had very good assurance that the charge had a foundation in fact. If we had found ourselves in error on this matter, after further enquiry, we would cheerfully have acknowledged our error and prayed

condonation. But it so happens that we find an entire vindication of the truth of our remark and a conclusive reply to the words of the Committee of the District of Columbia, in the very volume of proceedings which we are now reviewing. In opposition to the statement of the Committee that "no such practice is countenanced here," and that "it has not been defended as proper by the Masonic authorities here," we cite no less an authority than the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, who ought to know.

In his address to his Grand Lodge, on the 4th day of May, A. L. 5869, subsequent to the date and publication of our Report, the Grand Master of the District of Columbia on page 7 of the printed proceedings, thus discourses; (the italics are our own):

"There is a question which I now wish to bring to your notice, that seems to me to be of great importance, and one which demands and should receive a full consideration, and a final settlement at your hands. I allude to the question of our claim of jurisdiction over all candidates for the degrees of Masonry in our Lodges, *irrespective of the residence of such applicants. This claim is broadly made in section 22 of article XX of our Grand Lodge Constitution.*

"By assuming this position this Grand Lodge ignores what is recognized as a settled point of Masonic law, by, I believe, every other Grand Lodge in our country, viz: that 'no Lodge can extend its geographical jurisdiction beyond the territorial limits of its own Grand Lodge;' and even though there be subordinate Lodges in other jurisdictions which in some cases fail to conform to this law, and Grand Lodges which neglect to notice its infringement on the part of their subordinates, *yet our Grand Lodge alone refuses to recognize it as possessing any binding force upon its subordinates.*"

We submit, therefore, that we are amply vindicated out of the mouth of the highest Masonic official in the jurisdiction whose proceedings we are reviewing.

These suggestions of the Grand Master were responded to by the submission of the following amendment to the Constitution, striking out the obnoxious section and inserting the following:

"Section 22. Every Lodge is prohibited from initiating any one not a resident of this District for a period of twelve months, without first having received the consent of the Lodge nearest his place of residence under seal."

M. W. Bro. Robt. B. Donaldson, and R. W. Noble D. Larner, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA—1869.

The Annual Grand Communication of this State was held at the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, January 11th, A. D. 1869, M. W. Dewitt C. Dawkins presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is generally occupied with a statement of his official acts during the recess, and contains but little which would be interesting to brethren in this jurisdiction. We cite the following extract, however, because we believe the views therein expressed are the true ones, although very eminent Masonic authority can be found adverse to them :

“ The practice, in some Lodges, of requiring Masons to sign the By-Laws, as an act constituting membership, is, in my opinion, erroneous, and is not, therefore, void of evil consequences. 1st. It engenders the erroneous idea that a Mason is not a member of the Fraternity (Lodge) until he signs the By-Laws. 2d. It tends to weaken the moral force of the solemn injunctions resting upon a Mason, to support and obey all the legitimate regulations of the Fraternity, written and unwritten, which attach to his primitive Masonic character. 3d. It gives rise to an unnecessary diversity of opinion as to when membership begins, a subject originally of easy solution. I dare say that no one will pretend that the Masonic Fraternity has any judicial jurisdiction over the moral conduct of any individual who has no connection with the Order; and certainly no Mason will deny that it has jurisdiction over Entered Apprentices; and as jurisdiction only attaches to membership, that relation begins with initiation; and a Mason's duties and obligations, and consequent privileges and benefits, increase step by step as he advances in the Order. With these views of the subject, the signing of the By-Laws for the purpose indicated is of no validity or practical utility, and should therefore be discontinued. But the Secretary of every Lodge should keep a roll of the members, in their own proper handwriting.”

We see no objection to Lodges requiring candidates to sign the By-Laws, although we cannot perceive any practical advantage in it. What we do object to is the making the *membership* dependent on the fact whether or not he has signed the By-Laws. This question of membership is already surrounded by a sufficient number of technicalities without adding more.

We greatly regret, both as citizens of one common country and as brother Masons, to find our brethren of Florida to be in such a depressed condition, as appears from the following entry upon their

journal. But we also rejoice that their misfortunes and unfortunate condition, financially, have not occasioned any diminution in their ardent zeal for the institution of Free Masonry, or their determination*to promote its prosperity and principles :

"The Grand Lodge listened for some considerable time, with manifest interest, to the verbal reports of the Masters, Wardens and Representatives of the various Lodges, upon the subject of charity, specially detailing the number of charitable objects, what was and is needed for their relief, and to what extent charitable donations have been made by the respective Lodges during the past year, from which the following facts appeared :

"1. The financial condition of the Craft in Florida was never before so depressing.

"2. A very few Lodges are in a comparatively prosperous condition, and have contributed largely to education and suffering humanity.

"3. A few Lodges reported no objects of charity in their jurisdiction more needy than the active members thereof.

"4. A large number of Lodges are barely able to maintain their own existence.

"5. A universal determination on the part of all to promote, to the extent of their ability, the genuine principles of Masonry, hoping for a more prosperous future."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make but brief reference to New Jersey. We are compelled to correct one error into which the Committee have fallen. In a case to which they allude, in which the Grand Master of New Jersey declared certain action of a Subordinate Lodge to have been irregular and void, the Committee says that the Grand Lodge refused to sustain the decision. The fact is directly the reverse. The Grand Lodge did sustain the decision, although the Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely to it.

M. W. Samuel B. Stevens was elected Grand Master, and P. G. M. Dewitt C. Dawkins was elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 50; number of members, 1,988.

FLORIDA—1870.

The Fortieth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was held in the city of Jacksonville, January 12th, A. L. 5870.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco, D. G. M., presided, in the absence of

Grand Master Stephens, who was detained from the Grand Communication by reason of a death in his family.

The address of the Deputy Grand Master was brief, and we find nothing of special interest contained therein.

Fraternal mention is made of the decease of P. G. M. Thomas Y. Henry, a grandson of Patrick Henry of Revolutionary fame.

Masonic intercourse between Free Masons of Florida and the Grand Orient of France was suspended.

With this exception, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge have only a local interest.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Pasco was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Dewitt C. Dawkins was re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held in the city of Macon, October 26th, A. L. 5869, M. W. Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, presiding.

We have read the address of the Grand Master with much interest. We quote the following decisions, in which we concur :

" 1. A petition once read (and we would add, received) gives the Lodge the right to the material presented against all others. A petitioner petitioning another Lodge, pending his petition in one, is guilty of fraud, and deserves rejection at the hands of both. A Lodge knowingly receiving and acting on the second petition in such case, acts in bad faith and against the law, and is liable to censure, or, in an extreme case, to suspension of charter. But if it do so through ignorance, it should, if *required*, pay the fees to the Lodge first petitioned.

" 2. A petitioner removing to the jurisdiction of another Lodge before ballot on his petition, the Lodge may proceed to ballot, and, if elected, request that other Lodge to confer the degrees.

" 3. A petition lying over and not acted on for four years, is *functus virtute*, and the candidate must petition *de novo*. It is questionable if six months' failure to act on a petition, without reasonable grounds for the delay, will not require a new petition.—*Vid. Standard By-Laws, Chapter IV., Section 1.*

" 5. A member of a Lodge cannot be excused from balloting except by the unanimous consent of the Lodge.

" 8. A Lodge dimitting a brother, and learning grounds for grave charges against him after his removal to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, may prefer charges before the Lodge in whose jurisdiction

he now resides. And if that Lodge refuse or neglect to try him on the charges, it is liable to censure and discipline; and the former may proceed to try him itself, and make such award as to justice may seem meet."

Feeling reference is made to the deaths of Grand Lecturer and P. D. G. M. George L. Barry, and Grand Secretary Simri Rose, whose Masonic reputation was not confined to the jurisdiction of Georgia, but whose names were as familiar as household words to the Craft, wherever dispersed in the United States.

We cite the following from the address, because we believe every word of it, and would have been better gratified if the Grand Master had added one hundred per cent. to the vigor with which he attacks the wretched and disreputable *frauds* to which he alludes.

"I have been sometimes consulted as to what are called Side Degrees. I have invariably cautioned the brethren, that my opinions as to these are not to be received as official, as this Grand Lodge, most properly, knows them not. I agree most heartily with the Grand Lodge in utterly ignoring these wretched excrescences. Besides the covert deception they put on the unwary, who take them many times as part and parcel of Free Masonry, they tend to loosen and impair that sacred regard for our obligations which should ever characterize the true Mason. These obligations are ample of themselves for all wholesome purposes, and to increase and multiply them in endless forms of illegitimate ceremonies can only serve to weaken their sanctity in the eye and heart of the craftsman, and finally destroy his respect for all obligation. And I would apply these remarks to the whole batch of them, androgynous and others. They are all obnoxious to the same objections. The true craftsman will find food enough for both mind and heart in the lawful fields of pure Free Masonry."

The Grand Master appointed Bro. I. Emmett Blackshear Grand Secretary, in place of Bro. Simri Rose, deceased. Bro. Blackshear reports that, upon taking possession of his office, he found among the rubbish an ancient letter, which we insert as a matter of interest, from its antiquity :

" BOSTON, March 2, 1787.

" *To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master, Dep. G. M., G. Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Savannah, in Georgia.*

" GREETING :

" *Gentlemen and Brethren*—Having lately seen from the Southern papers that you had at last assumed to yourselves the undoubted

right of Forming a Grand Lodge in your State, I congratulate you on so important an acquisition, and wish you all the success imaginable; we in this Common Wealth assumed the same so early as 1777, since w'ch I find Pensilvania and N. York have adopted—but how they have proceeded at Charleston and Virginia I have not as yet heard. I hold a correspondence with those 2 Lodges, and should be glad of the same with you, and all in the Union at least. Since our adopting, we have had 25 Lodges under the jurisdiction, (tho' some of them charters of Dispensation, in Connecticut, Vermont and N. Hampshire,) until they appoint a G. Lodge of their own. Inclosed I have taken the freedom to send you, the Regulations of our G. Lodge, w'ch you'l please to accept as a small token of my Respect. So wishing the Grand Lodge in particular, and those under your Jurisdiction in general, all that Universal Benevolence, Brotherly Love and truth; Adieu! I remain with sincerity, your unknown, tho' affectionate Brother and H'ble Serv.

“THOS. WEBB,

“G. M. Com. Wealth Massachusetts.”

As a specimen of the idea which some Masons have of Masonic discipline, we refer to an appeal from the action of a subordinate Lodge, which *expelled* a member for “not speaking to a brother.” The Grand Lodge promptly overruled the action of its subordinate.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the new Grand Secretary, and like all new brooms, he sweeps clean. The Report is written in good spirit and discusses the questions presented with much ability. We welcome Brother Blackshear to the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of the Quill and Scissors.

M. W. Samuel Samuel Lawrence was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

The Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at Idaho City, October 4th, A. L. 5869, M. W. George H. Coe, G. M., presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is a business document, and presents nothing of especial interest to the brethren outside of the jurisdiction of Idaho.

The following resolution being reported upon favorably by the Committee of Jurisprudence, was unanimously adopted:

“*Resolved*, That each and every Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall present the following questions in writing or print to

every candidate for initiation before any ballot shall be taken on his petition, and said question shall be answered in writing, over the signature of the petitioner, and upon his honor as a man. Said answer shall become the property of the Lodge, and in case of misrepresentation or false statement, it shall be considered an undisputable cause for discipline.

“Where were you born ?

“What is your age ?

“What is your occupation ?

“How long have you lived in Idaho ?

“How long in the town, city, county or village in which you now reside ?

“Have you ever, to your own knowledge, been proposed as a candidate and rejected, in a Masonic Lodge ; and if so, when, and in what Lodge ?

“Do you believe in the existence of one ever living and true God ?

“Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Freemason ?”

We think the plan of keeping a written record of the replies of the candidate to the foregoing queries an excellent one, and with some amendments we might suggest, would recommend the adoption of a similar resolution by our own Grand Lodge.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Jonas W. Brown, Grand Master ; R. W. P. E. Edmonson, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the hall of the House of Representatives, Springfield, October 5th, A. L. 5869, M. W. Harman G. Reynolds, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy document, but is mostly occupied with a report of his official transactions. The report shows that he has been an active officer and must have found his time fully occupied in the discharge of his duties.

He reports having issued dispensations for twenty-three new Lodges.

We cite the following from his decisions for the purpose of expressing our assent to the views therein expressed :

“I have also decided that a Worshipful Master could remove any officer below that of Treasurer, for good cause, and appoint another in his stead, or hold an election to fill the vacancy. Such has long

been the usage, and as the W. M. is responsible for the correctness of the records, and for the proper discharge of the duties of the subordinates under his lawful control, he certainly should be invested with ample authority to secure the efficient discharge of their respective functions, being responsible for the arbitrary or improper use of such authority.

"An applicant for the honors of Masonry, petitions for membership as well as for the degrees, and when raised to the third degree, he is a member of the Lodge which elected him. Signing the By-Laws is an important act of identity, but is not indispensable to membership.

"If the Master elect declines installation, the old Master holds over, unless a dispensation be obtained, by common consent, to elect another.

"Entered Apprentices, who by their own neglect have failed to apply for advancement within one year after their initiation, must petition and be recommended anew for the second and third degrees, and pass through all the forms of reference, report and ballot. The same rule applies to Fellow Crafts.

"Lodges U. D. cannot admit members, nor try them. Its only additions while U. D. is by way of the degrees."

His other decisions appear to be constructions of the Illinois written law, or upon points which have been so frequently settled as to render a reference to them unnecessary.

We cite from the Grand Master's address the following statement of his labors during the year, which satisfactorily demonstrates that that the office of Grand Master is no sinecure in Illinois :

"I have devoted an average of twelve hours per day for the last year to the affairs of Masonry. At least three-fourths of that time has been in your service. I intended to visit the Lodges all that I could in March, April and May, but serious indisposition prevented. From the few visits I have made I am satisfied that an official visit from the Grand East, in most of our Lodges, would be highly beneficial, and would tend greatly to the advancement of the moral and financial interests of this Grand Lodge.

"I have received more than two thousand letters and communications; have written more than three thousand letters; have made more than one thousand decisions, interdicts, decrees or orders. In all cases of complaint, I have notified the accused, whether Lodge, officer or brother, of the nature of the complaint, and have given full opportunity for answer, defense, apology or amendment, before

proceeding to a hearing. I have labored hard to do and obtain full and substantial justice, and have tempered the whole with that charity which always remembers that man, in his best estate, is subject to error, weakness and frailty. I have tried to remember that I, too, am a man, and like all my brethren, am amenable to another and higher bar. I have exposed no Lodge or brother in fault to the gaze of the world, to the fraternity, or even to you, unless exposed before. I have traveled nearly ten thousand miles, and have spared neither time nor pains to promote your interests and fame. How far I may have succeeded is not for me to say. But after a year of hard labor and honest endeavor, I bring back to you the authority, the gavel and the jewel which you so generously gave me, and leave them in your hands."

An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Robbins, to whom, we presume, we are also indebted for the very able report on Foreign Correspondence.

Much unfounded talk has recently been indulged in by Masonic writers, adverse to what is known as the prerogatives of the Grand Master. The immediate incitement to this discussion, was, no doubt the action of M. W. Bro. R. D. Holmes, of New York, in conferring the degrees upon Bro. James T. Brady, in an emergent Lodge. That Bro. Holmes in so doing was in the exercise of a prerogative appertaining to his office, a prerogative older than Grand Lodges and beyond the reach of Grand Lodge legislation, we have never entertained the slightest doubt. We commend to the brethren the following quotation from the Committee's review of Kentucky. In our opinion it expresses good Masonic doctrine :

"The following remarks indicate a belief that Grand Masters have no 'immemorial rights' that Grand Lodges are bound to respect :

"Regarding the Grand Master simply as the creature of the Grand Lodge, deriving all his authority from that body, and subject to its laws, we did not believe that we were invested with any '*prerogative*' which might annul her edicts, or contravene her avowed policy. The truth is, we have but little patience or sympathy with that *elastic, intangible, nondescript something, ycleped 'prerogative,'* and instinctively suspect the soundness of any Masonic legislation that is based *exclusively* upon it. This '*sacred and indefeasible prerogative*' of the Grand Master is, in our judgment, '*next of kin*' to the '*Divine right of Kings*' and the '*infallibility of the Pope.*'

“Now while nothing, perhaps, is more becoming on the part of a ruler than to avoid as far as possible, the exercise of extraordinary powers, it by no means follows that these powers do not exist; and we protest against this sophistry that the Grand Master is the creature of the Grand Lodge. While it is true of any particular Grand Master that he is personally the *elected* of the Grand Lodge, it is also indisputable that the office of Grand Master was not created, nor can it be destroyed by, the Grand Lodge.

“No intelligent Mason will deny that these extraordinary powers of the Grand Master did inhere in him prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge. They were his by virtue of his office, and were never exercised by sufferance. When the Grand Lodge came into existence as the representative of the Craft at large, his prerogatives could no more revert to it than they could have reverted to the whole body of the Fraternity before the Grand Lodge took the place of the General Assembly. This is not a question of theory, but of fact. We are not at this moment concerned with what *should be*, but with what *is*. As an illustration, take the government of Great Britain. Theoretically it is a constitutional government, and perhaps no people are more jealously watchful that no infraction of their fundamental law is permitted. Yet the prerogative of pardon, existing in the Crown, is not conferred by the Constitution. As its very name implies, it is not law, yet it is none the less an existing fact, a power which the law silently recognizes. So with the prerogatives of the Grand Master; the Constitution of the Grand Lodge may be silent as to their existence, as is the British Constitution regarding the prerogatives of the Crown, but they exist, still. Neither can be deprived of them except by revolution.”

The following from the report on Maryland, we also cite :

“In reply to Bro. Carr, who asks why Maryland does not agree with the Kansas practice of having but one ballot for the three degrees, he says :

“‘This matter has been fully discussed in former reports, and we will now only say—that it has been the custom in Maryland to have a separate ballot for each degree, and we have had great reason to like it, and we see no reason at present to make any change. We think we cannot be too careful in making persons full members of Lodges. The Worshipful Master has the right to keep a candidate from advancing, for cause; but the cause, though it should be, is not always made known to him. Therefore it is, in our opinion, better to have the safeguard of a secret and separate ballot. Any

Mason who would allow personal, political or religious motives to govern his ballot, deserves expulsion.'

"While we like the spirit of this extract we cannot agree with its conclusions. Like Maryland, we require a separate ballot for each degree, but we doubt if a better reason could be given for the existence of this rule than that it is established. Habit goes a great way with us all. We have known Masons to stick pertinaciously to a phrase that would make the bones of Lindley Murray rattle in his grave, simply because they were accustomed to it; and, doubtless, many who are accustomed to the separate ballot for each degree would expect an upheaval of the very foundations of Masonry, if one ballot for the three degrees were substituted.

"With Bro. Wroth, we think we cannot be too careful in making persons full members of Lodges, but we think we should be equally careful in making them *quasi* members. Nothing should debar a person from being made a full member, that would not equally debar him from being made a Mason.

"The first step, in this, as in all the concerns of life, is the important one, and if the first ballot were the final one, we believe it would lead to greater care in balloting for initiation.

"Again, we hold that when a man has been made a Mason, he has acquired Masonic rights, and among them the right of trial, and of being heard in his own defence on any allegation of sufficient gravity to debar him from advancement. It is true that he cannot have a hearing when objection is privately made to the Worshipful Master, but this is an exception that cannot be reached by legislation, and its existence should afford no excuse for the multiplication of exceptions to so just a rule by Grand Lodge action."

We agree with the remarks contained in the foregoing quotation with the exception of those in the last sentence. It appears to us that the argument in the former part of the quotation annihilates the conclusion to which the Committee arrive in the sentence to which we object. If it be true, as we think it is, that "when a man has been made a Mason he has acquired Masonic rights, and among them the right of trial, and of being heard in his own defence," we cannot see how he can be deprived of this right by an objection privately made to the Master. It appears to us, that his right to be heard in his own defence and to know what are the objections to his advancement remain intact, whether the objection be made openly to the Lodge or be whispered in the ears of the Master.

Very flattering reference is made in this report to New Jersey, and

liberal extracts are made from the Report on Foreign Correspondence for 1869.

M. W. Harman G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Orlin H. Miner, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The regular Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the city of Indianapolis, May 24th, A. L. 5870, M. W. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master, was present and presided.

The duties of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, contrary to the plan adopted in other jurisdictions, are devolved by the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the Grand Master. This demand upon his time and labor in addition to the discharge of the necessary duties of his office, appears to us to be unreasonable. Grand Master Rice acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of several Grand Lodges, but makes no attempt to review them. He suggests the propriety of the appointment of a committee, charged with the duty of presenting a report, in accordance with the custom which almost universally obtains in the United States. The following remarks on this subject, from his address, are true and pertinent :

“ In every State but ours, this labor is performed by a committee appointed for that purpose, who present at each annual meeting a summary of the business and work of all the other jurisdictions. These reports are printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and thus furnish to the Craft a knowledge of the working of Masonry abroad, as well as at home. There can be no good reason why we should stand as a single exception to a practice that has so long and so universally prevailed. There seems to me to be a selfishness, a coldness and an almost want of courtesy in this exclusiveness. Ours is one of the largest Grand Lodges in this country, and we like to be remembered as members of the great Masonic family. Let us cultivate the social virtues and strengthen the bond of our union by reciprocating this fraternal intercourse. A large family of children, in the changes incident to human life, become separated at points remote from each other. Through the medium of a regular correspondence the natural feelings of affection, sympathy and love that unite them are preserved and strengthened. We will suppose that one brother does not reciprocate those favors, but reading his letters, lays them away unanswered. How long a time do you suppose will elapse before they become less frequent, and he will be almost forgotten? Are we not occupying a position very similar to

his? I have made this digression, deeming the subject worthy of your serious consideration."

We are glad to see that the Grand Lodge concurred in his recommendation.

The following specimen of sharp practice in the matter of the ballot is interesting for its enormity :

"LAUREL LODGE, NO. 29.—From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, as well as from the papers presented to us, in the matter of complaint against the W. Master of this Lodge, we learn that at a Stated Communication of the Lodge, held on the 17th day of April, 1870, a ballot was had on a petition for initiation, when two negative votes appearing, the W. Master, in violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge, ordered a second ballot to be had. On the second ballot, there still appearing two negative votes, the W. Master proceeded to close the Lodge, and the members dispersed, about one-half of those present returning to their homes. The others, with the W. Master and Secretary then returned, opened the Lodge, took a third ballot, declared the candidate elected, and then proceeded to initiate him in this irregular manner; and then after his initiation, proceeded to spread the ballot again, and declared him elected to the second degree of Masonry.

"With such a statement of facts before us, we might rationally begin to have some doubts as to whether we are really living in a civilized age, where the sacredness of obligations are revered, or whether we may not yet be living in the barbarous ages of the past, where might alone was considered right.

"The only excuse offered for such outrageous conduct upon the part of the W. Master, is that he knew *he was* violating his obligations, as well as the laws of the Grand Lodge, yet he could see no other way by which the applicant could be made a Mason."

The Grand Master had suspended the Master, and the Grand Lodge approved his action and further recommended that charges be presented against the Master in his own Lodge. It appears to us that the Master having been guilty of *official* misdemeanor, the proper place to try him would be the Grand Lodge, to which he is answerable for his official conduct.

The Committee upon the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, report the following resolutions :

"*Whereas*, The Grand Orient of France has recently recognized, and entered into relations of Masonic amity with, a body pretending

to be Masonic, and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and which has been heretofore repeatedly denounced and proclaimed to the world as spurious by the Grand Orient of France, and also so denounced by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and also so held to be spurious, as we believe, by every other Grand and subordinate Masonic body in the world. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana recognizes the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as the only legal Masonic authority in the State of Louisiana, having jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees of Free Masonry.

Resolved, That a certain body pretending to be Masons, and styling themselves 'The Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite in and for the Sovereign State of Louisiana,' is a spurious and clandestine body.

Resolved, That whereas, the Grand Orient of France, by a decree of November 5, 1868, declared that 'From this date official and friendly relations are established between the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the State of Louisiana, sitting at the East of New Orleans. The fraternal ties which henceforth unite these two Masonic powers will ultimately be further strengthened by the reciprocal appointment of representatives.'

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has been 'grieved to learn' that the said pretended Louisiana Supreme Council 'has undertaken of its own proper authority to make itself the center of a new Masonic power,' and are further grieved to learn that the Grand Orient of France has recognized said Council, and entered into 'official and friendly relations with it,' for the reason that 'this attempt which can have no other result than to weaken the respect due to the principles of authority, and to produce disquiet and trouble in the minds of Masons of all obediences, and has also for immediate consequence to discredit Masonry with the profane world, by the spectacle which it presents of strifes and intestine dissensions essentially fatal to its teachings, hence they are in formal opposition to its doctrines.'

Resolved, That we recognize the cause of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as our cause and the cause of the Masonic world, and that the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana must be imperatively upheld, and that all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France is hereby dissolved, and all Lodges and Masons under this obedience are hereby forbidden to receive as visitors or hold Masonic intercourse with any Mason owing allegiance to said Grand Orient of France, or any Masonic body under its jurisdiction.

"Resolved, That an authenticated copy of this report, preamble and resolutions, be transmitted by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Orient of France, and to all Masonic bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge."

The Committee upon the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, presented a report arguing against the regularity of the last named Grand Lodge. No final action, however, was taken, but the consideration of the subject was postponed until the next Annual Communication.

M. W. Martin H. Rice, and R. W. John M. Bramwell, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

M. W. John Scott, Grand Master; R. W. Theo. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the "Burtis Opera House," in the city of Davenport, June 7th, A. L. 5870.

From the address of the Grand Master, which is chiefly occupied with matters of local interest, we quote the following :

"Eighteen years ago, the Grand Lodge of Iowa adopted a Report on Foreign Correspondence, which embodied and endorsed the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, declaring that the 'exclusion of persons of the negro race is in accordance with Masonic law and the ancient charges and regulations,' and, also, declaring it 'not proper to initiate them in our Lodges.' Also, at the same time, it was declared 'inexpedient, as a general rule, to initiate persons of the Indian race, or constitute Lodges among them.'

"I am unable to find, in any Masonic law outside of this edict, any color of authority for this declaration. On the contrary, everything that can be construed to bear upon the question as it *then* existed, relates to the *bondsman*, and not to his race. We have always and everywhere been taught that Masonry is universal; that the ancient Craft has ever come through various rites and mysteries far removed from each other, and that some of the most affecting incidents in its history are found in the unexpected discovery of a true brother in the land of the stranger and the enemy. It is among our well established illustrations of the universality of Masonry, that our brethren have been rescued from the stake by a recognition of that electric sign, which is born only of extremity. It is within the

personal knowledge of many of us to-day, that the distinguished chief of the Six Nations is an active Free Mason.

"The practical effect of such action has been, probably, quite inconsiderable, as it is not probable that the particular Lodges would, without such legislation, have admitted persons of African descent to membership, unless in most exceptional cases. The practical effect of the repeal of the former action would only be to place again in the hands of the particular Lodges *what has been theirs without question*, from time immemorial, viz.: *the selection of material for the temple.*

"It is that the Grand Lodge may do justice to itself, as a venerator of Masonic landmarks, and, by repealing its former action, if wrong, restore to the particular Lodges what they had ever possessed and exercised, that I now call attention to this subject."

The following resolutions on this subject, reported by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, were adopted by the Grand Lodge :

"In regard to the subject of the initiation of Indians and negroes, the committee beg leave to offer the following :

"*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge believe that, by the provisions of the Ancient Constitutions, the selection of members of Subordinate Lodges belongs to them only, and is not a subject for legislation ; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That all action of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of Indians and negroes, as found on pages 147, 148 and 149 of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, edition of 1866, and bearing date in 1852, be and is hereby repealed."

These resolutions, and the suggestions of the Grand Master, above cited, present the true rule, in our opinion, upon this vexed subject. It is the inalienable right of every "man, free born, and of lawful age," to make application for the degrees and membership in a symbolic Lodge, without regard to race, religion, birth-place or color. And it is also the inalienable right of every symbolic Lodge to accept or reject him, as it pleases, (other ordinary requisites being complied with), and no Grand Lodge can restrict or limit this right, without violation of the cosmopolitan and universal principles of Free Masonry. We ourselves have sat in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey with a "heathen Chinee."

The Grand Master reports issuing twenty-six dispensations for new Lodges.

He reports forty-five decisions. We append a few of the more interesting ones, and take pleasure in expressing our concurrence with those herein cited :

" 1. No purely political act is cause for Masonic discipline. 'We are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.'

" 6. No general law of the Subordinate Lodge can divest a brother of any Lodge privileges, either for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause. To do so requires a regular trial, finding, and judgment.

" 16. A Lodge cannot undo the action of its previous meeting by altering or erasing the record. If the matter be a proper subject of reconsideration, it may be brought up in that form at the next regular meeting, but not afterward.

" 18. The loss of a foot is such a disqualification as the Grand Master cannot remove. An artificial limb will not obviate the objection.

" 26. The facts that matters of difference between certain parties, one of whom is a Mason, have been 'amicably settled,' and receipts in full passed, will not be a bar to charges of unmasonic conduct alleged against the Mason brother. A Lodge will, however, consider all the circumstances, and may decide not to entertain the charges. If an offence has been committed, it may not be 'compounded' in Masonic or civil law. If considerable *time* has elapsed, all the facts being known, it would be proper, also, to consider that circumstance.

" 27. A Lodge refusing to recommend petitioners for a Lodge under dispensation, need not give the reasons that influence such action. Each member voting has a reason for his action, and is responsible only to himself and the body of Masonry therefor. It would often be *impossible* to give the reasons.

" 28. Any brother, who is competent to do so, may be invited by the Worshipful Master to confer the degrees.

" 29. If a candidate be rejected in Lodge A, which afterwards consents that Lodge B (of concurrent jurisdiction) shall act upon his petition, in which he is also rejected, A cannot afterwards consider his petition without the consent of B. But B may again consider his petition without consent of A.

" 35. The Grand Master has no authority to grant the privilege to a Lodge in another jurisdiction, of initiating a citizen of Iowa. The consent of a Subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction must be obtained."

We agree with decision No. 35, although we are aware that the general practice is otherwise. The Grand Master has no control over the material belonging to the particular Lodge. He could not, by his dispensation, authorize a Lodge within his jurisdiction to use the material belonging to another Lodge, without the consent of that Lodge. And he has no more right to authorize a Lodge, located outside of the territorial limits of his Grand Lodge, to use the material within the jurisdiction of one of his Subordinate Lodges. The Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides, is the only power which can authorize the use of its material by another Lodge, wherever located.

We regret to find that Bro. Guilbert's Report on Foreign Correspondence for 1867 and 1868, about which so much inquiry has been made, has not been, and probably will not be, published by the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution, on the quarrel between Louisiana and France, was adopted :

"Resolved, That all Masonic intercourse and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Grand Orient of France be, and are hereby forbidden, and no member of any body under the allegiance of that Grand Orient shall be recognized as a Mason in any Lodge within this jurisdiction, until the said Grand Orient shall have withdrawn recognition of the 'Supreme Council of the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana,' or of any other clandestine Grand or Subordinate Masonic body claiming to exercise jurisdiction within the bounds of any regular Grand Lodge within the United States of America."

Also the following, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa recognizes, in the fullest sense, as regularly formed, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and fraternally welcomes it to the circle of Grand Lodges."

An eloquent and practical address from the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. J. P. Sandford, is printed with the proceedings. We would gladly make many extracts from this oration, did space permit. But we must content ourselves with the following :

"I, for one, shall be glad to see the time come when the so-called side degrees are all swept from the Masonic vocabulary, especially those in which our wives, sisters, and daughters are made to participate. I know of no aid which a woman could obtain by the use of the side degree, which would not as readily be granted her without

it. Misdirected effort seeks to win the favor of women by laying a side track along the main line of Masonry, and asking them to take passage. Brethren, you may paint 'Eastern Star,' or any other star, on a train of this kind, and, after all, it is not Masonry, nor a part of Masonry. The Mason's wife, widow, orphan, or sister needs no extra degrees to give assurance of Masonic aid and protection, and I doubt the value of woman's good opinion when thus bought. Let us fairly and squarely say to them, that the ancient rules of our Order, framed when Masonry was an operative trade, kept woman out of the craftman's band, on account of her physical unfitness to perform the hard tasks required, and that these rules are the rules of to-day. Then let us manifest our zeal for favor by practical benevolence and deeds of charity; and in so doing we shall win the favor and respect of woman far more readily than by multiplying degrees, when we know they are not Masonic degrees."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. W. B. Langridge, for the Committee. In perusing the report, we find innumerable points upon which we are compelled to differ from Bro. Langridge. They are so many that a reference to and a discussion of them would require a small volume. He gives quite a copious reference to New Jersey, but finds very little in our proceedings or adjudications which suit him.

We are compelled to call attention to one portion of his strictures upon New Jersey, which exhibits, in a striking manner, a pernicious and dangerous tendency of the Masonic age.

In our report for 1869, we quoted, in substantiation of an opinion therein expressed, the *words* of the Ancient Constitutions of George Payne, compiled in 1720. The application, to the question under consideration, of this extract, is characterized by Bro. Langridge as "a fair specimen of that old-fashioned sticking to 'the letter which killeth,' for the purpose of avoiding the 'spirit which maketh alive.'"

Answering for ourselves, we frankly confess that, upon Masonic questions, it is one of our failings to believe in the "old-fashioned sticking to the letter," whether it kills or makes alive. Much of the irregularities in modern Masonry arise, as we think, from a disposition to disregard the *letter*, and make every man the judge for himself of the *spirit* of the law. We suppose that it was this regard for the *spirit*, in opposition to the *letter*, which induced one of the Grand Lodges of the United States to sanction the initiation of a blind man, the Grand Lodge of France to initiate a deaf mute, the Grand Lodge of Prussia to declare that no Jew should be made a

Mason, the Grand Master of Rhode Island to justify, recently, in an elaborate address, the initiation of a man with one leg, the Grand Lodge of France, again, seriously to discuss the proposition to initiate women, and, more recently, to adopt a resolution doing away with the office of Grand Master; and, finally, Bro. Langridge himself, to lose no occasion in his report to justify and defend that disreputable fraud, the Eastern Star degree. We think that Masonry would be in a better condition, if the brethren would stick to the palpable directions of the *letter*, and not exercise the faculties of the imagination as to what might be its *spirit*.

M. W. Bro. John Scott, and R. W. Theodore S. Parvin, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the City of Leavenworth, October 20th, A. L. 5869, M. W. John H. Brown, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is quite lengthy, and contains much matter of general interest. He reports that he had granted dispensations for twelve new Lodges during the year.

We conclude, from the address, that in Kansas the Grand Master has the power of assigning a name to the Lodge to which he grants a dispensation. We are not sure that this is not a good regulation. We certainly favor it, if its operation be to prevent giving to Lodges names which have no Masonic or local significance. Our own register displays some names for which, we presume, we are indebted to the poetical imagination of the brethren. We have pressed into the service of Masonic nomenclature the firmament of heaven. We have Star Lodge, Evening Star Lodge, Eastern Star Lodge and Rising Star Lodge, not to mention the constellation of Orion. The pertinence of these names for Masonic Lodges, we confess our inability to perceive. The Grand Master of Kansas reports that in naming Lodges he has assigned names "suggestive of some Masonic virtue, a principle, character or place;" and he expresses a hope, in which we cordially join him, that this rule in future will be followed strictly.

We cite from the Grand Master's address the following eloquent allusion to the Institution of Free Masonry:

"Ours is no recent organization, grown out of the newness and disquiet of civil life, nor are its doctrines new and untried theories cast out by experimentalists to find out what humanity demands.

No. Our Order stood up in robust, manly strength before modern States existed, as distinct germs, and our doctrines are older than 'Roman Law or Grecian Art.' When the first Temple was built, it came from the hands of our ancient brethren. When the old world was to be adorned, Masonic hands gave shape and comeliness to its noble monuments, which, like our Order, have outlasted revolutions, bade defiance to barbarism, and mocked decay. When learning was in disgrace, and its friends thrust aside by men stained with crime, the Lodge gave it an asylum and fostered those friends till it and they could once more appear in honor among men. When literature was not, and study a hazardous pursuit, then our elder brethren taught those sublime truths which have thus far subserved the best interests of humanity, and bound the world in an indissoluble brotherhood. These truths, tested by the brightest minds for centuries, have yet to be denied or proved of no avail. Sweeping forward, they will, in less than half a century hence, be acknowledged wherever civilized man has a home, and prove an efficient means for the overthrow of dissension, discord and fraternal strife."

The Grand Master appends to his address several decisions, with some of which we cannot agree. We have not time or space to discuss all the decisions from which we are compelled to withhold our assent, but we cannot refrain from expressing our unqualified disapprobation of one of the decisions, which is in the following words:

"When a brother has been tried and found guilty of a Masonic offence and the penalty has been fixed by the Lodge, notice of his intention to appeal does not operate as a bar to the proceedings. It is your duty as Worshipful Master to carry out the order of the Lodge by inflicting the penalty which, in the case in question, is a reprimand."

Every brother has the inherent and inalienable right to appeal to the Grand Lodge from the action of the Subordinate. The appeal is for the purpose of correcting error, preventing injustice, and protecting the appellant from the infliction of the punishment which the Lodge, in his opinion, has unjustly voted. If the foregoing opinion be correct, the right of appeal would be almost worthless. The punishment is inflicted before the appellate body has had an opportunity to review the proceedings. If the Grand Lodge, on appeal, should decide the proceedings to be irregular, or the charges not sustained by the proof, it could not obliterate the sting and disgrace of the reprimand. In our opinion, in the case in question,

the infliction of the penalty should be held in abeyance until the appeal had been heard and decided.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas appear to have found themselves in the midst of a hospitable people. On Wednesday they received and accepted an invitation to "partake of a *supper* at Laing's Hall and to participate in a ball at Odd Fellows' Hall," and on Thursday they received and accepted an invitation to "partake of a *dinner* at Laing's Hall." We hope that the digestive functions of our Kansas brethren were equal to the occasion.

The Grand Lodge suspended Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. E. T. Carr. Full reference is made to this jurisdiction, and a lengthy extract from the address of Grand Master Cannon is inserted.

M. W. John H. Brown was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. E. T. Carr Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the city of Louisville, October 18th, A. L. 5869, M. W. Elisha S. Fitch, G. M., presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is very lengthy, occupying about twenty-seven pages of the printed proceedings; but, lengthy as it is, every portion of it is entitled to attentive perusal. It is one of the very best addresses which we have been privileged to read, in the discharge of the duty assigned to us by the Grand Lodge.

The views which he expresses upon the subject of the rapid multiplication of Lodges are so forcible, and treat of a question of so much importance to the Craft, that we make no apology for the liberal extracts which we here insert:

"While we are annually complaining, and very justly too, that our Subordinate Lodges are doing too much work and receiving too indiscriminately those who are knocking at their doors, may it not be possible that, as a Grand Lodge, we are acting inconsistently and quite as indiscreetly in granting by wholesale, as has been too much our habit, the multitudinous petitions which from year to year are found crowding our Grand Secretary's table? While I believe, and am willing to concede, that there are some portions of the State which may not be sufficiently supplied with Lodge facilities, and which may even, perhaps, be embraced by some of the petitions

referred to the Grand Master, yet I am quite as well satisfied that we are forming Lodges far too rapidly and promiscuously for the general good of Masonry in this Commonwealth.

"It is a lamentable fact that a too rapid multiplication of Lodges has tended only to cheapen Masonry, and this cheapening policy, in its turn, has tended only to lessen its dignity, to depreciate its comparative value and importance in the estimation of the world, and to render the privileges of the Fraternity a matter of too easy attainment, and therefore, instead of the door of our Mystic Temple being closely tyed to all save the worthy and well qualified, it is virtually thrown wide open, and thus invites an indiscriminate rush from the inquisitive populace without. This is indeed a sad and most deplorable perversion of the original design of the Institution, and one which, as a Grand Lodge, we should not for a moment tolerate, much less in any way sustain or sanction. In view of the unprecedented popularity of the Fraternity, it behooves us to be more vigilant and guarded than ever before.

"Otherwise, brethren, the pure and beautiful stream of Masonic philanthropy which for ages past has glided on in quiet majesty within its own appointed channel, bearing on its bosom the richest argosies of 'Good men and true,' to gladden and bless the wasted and destitute portions of our moral domain, may become, even in its fancied flood tide of prosperity, a wild and unmanageable torrent of popular passion and prejudice, overflowing its ancient embankments, only to gather up in its destructive course the drift wood of our common humanity, and float upon its turbid waters the worthless wrecks of a former glory and splendor. Such a catastrophe is not more revolting than the danger is impending, and it becomes all our Lodges, throughout the land, both Grand and Subordinate, to attend well to this vociferous alarm at the outer door; to do all in their power to stay and direct the heady current of popular impulse which has already set in and threatens to bear us away from our ancient moorings, and set us adrift without compass or plummet, upon the shoreless sea of expediency. It is the manifest tendency of the times to popularize everything, both in Church and State, and the same dangerous leaven is at work in our Masonic Lodges. Hence it is that we find such importunate and persistent appeals for new Lodges, not only in our cities and larger towns, but also in every village and hamlet, and at almost every cross roads and wagon stand in the State."

We concur in the following decision, and the same question has been so ruled in New Jersey:

"It should be remembered that suspension only leaves the brother in the condition of any other unaffiliated Mason, and therefore he is amenable to the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides for his deportment as a Mason, and that the Lodge may, if necessary, proceed from one prosecution against him to another, according to the grade of the offence committed, until the persistent delinquent is finally expelled from the Fraternity. Otherwise, a brother suspended for non-payment of dues could at any subsequent period demand admission and fellowship simply on paying his dues, no matter how grossly immoral or even infamous he might in the meantime have become!"

We would gladly make more liberal extracts from this very able address, but a fear of rendering this Report too bulky deters us from so doing. We cannot refrain, however, from inserting the eloquent peroration with which his address concludes :

"In conclusion, then, brethren, I adjure you to remember that, as Free and Accepted Masons, we are the honored members of an institution which bears in all its features the indelible impress of an Almighty Architect—that benevolence and good will to man constitute its chief foundation corner-stone, and that the supporting pillars of the superstructure are wisdom, strength and beauty—the wisdom of eternal truth, the strength of harmony and the 'Beauty of Holiness'—that within this Mystic Temple we are taught by precept and symbol the important duties we owe to God, to our fellow man and to ourselves—that charity, the Godlike principle having power to 'cover a multitude of sins,' is its pervading spirit—that its grand design is to assist, as an inferior and subordinate agency in repairing the ruin of our first parents, to restore the moral image of God upon the soul of man, and to fill it with goodness, purity and truth, to teach brethren to dwell together in unity, to give direction and force to those social feelings which flow so deeply in our nature, to bind us as men and as Masons, to grasp our fellow man in friendship's warm embrace where each can

'Feel a brother's woe and show a brother's love.'

"In a word, that it is the great object of the Fraternity to give full scope and active exercise to all our powers of doing good, and under the guidance of its Great Light, so to develop the moral faculties of her votaries, that the character of each shall present the appearance of a beautiful and symmetrical column, founded on the firm and enduring pediment of truth and virtue and carried up in fair due proportions, combining the strength of the Doric with

the beauty of the Corinthian, illustrating in its designs the skill and grace of wisdom and goodness, and displaying in its admirable finish the embellishments of Faith, Hope and Charity, so that finally, properly marked and prepared, the cap-stone may be laid by the Almighty Architect himself in a higher and brighter sphere, and its proper place assigned it in that 'spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

During the session of the Grand Lodge, that Body laid the corner stone of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville, in *ample form*. Upon this occasion another able and eloquent address was delivered by Grand Master Fitch, who, at the request of the Board of Managers of that Institution, had assumed the task of visiting the Lodges in the jurisdiction during the year, in aid of that charity.

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary McCorkle presented a report on the France and Louisiana difficulty, and the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

" *Whereas*, It is manifest that the Grand Orient of France, by the late recognition by its Grand Master, General Millinet, of the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, and the recent endorsement of said recognition by the said Grand Orient, at its last July meeting, after having, ten years ago, denounced it and expelled its founder for refusing to dissolve it, evidences a settled determination on the part of the said Grand Orient to uphold and countenance a most flagrant invasion of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ; therefore,

" *Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky*, That all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France be now dissolved ; and that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all Masons owing allegiance to it, are hereby forbidden to receive as visitors, or hold Masonic intercourse with, any Mason owing allegiance to the said Grand Orient of France, or any Masonic body under its jurisdiction.

" *Resolved*, That an authenticated copy of this report, preamble and resolutions be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Orient of France, and to all Masonic bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge formally adopted the system of Grand Lodge representation.

Our brethren in Kentucky don't appear to have got through yet with the " Conservators." We, in these parts, have been enjoying

the assured belief that that abortion was dead and buried years ago. But there are suspicions afloat in Kentucky that it has been resurrected, and a special Committee was appointed to investigate the matter, and ascertain, if possible,

—“Why the sepulchre
Wherein we saw it quietly in-urned,
Hath op'd his ponderous and marble jaws
To cast it up again.”

We wish the Committee all success in this undertaking, and we do most earnestly pray that if they find the resuscitated body, they will, this time, bury it so deep that the hand of resurrection and the trumpet of the Archangel will be powerless to reach it.

Pertinent and eloquent addresses were delivered by the incoming and outgoing Grand Masters.

The only complaint we have to make of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge is, that the Grand Lodge received and permitted to be spread upon its minutes, in conspicuous type, a homily on Temperance, addressed to it by a party subscribing himself “G. W. C. T.” (whatever that may be), “Independent Order of Good Templars.” We have no objection to the enforcement of the cardinal virtue of temperance by the Craft, as often as may seem advisable. But we do think that Masonry needs no advice or assistance from the “Independent Order of Good Templars” or from any other “Independent Order” towards the discharge of its prescribed duty.

We concur in the following decision, reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence and assented to by the Grand Lodge: “It is in accordance with correct Masonic usage for a presiding Warden of a Lodge, in the absence of the Master, to call to his assistance any Master Mason to preside during the time, regardless of the presence of any Past Master.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, and reviews briefly, among others, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M. W. Charles Eginton was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. M. S. McCorkle was re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

M. W. Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master; R. W. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held at the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of New Orleans, February 14th, A. L. 5870.

The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy paper, and contains much matter of great interest. As a motion to substitute "striking from the roll," instead of "suspension," for non-payment of dues, is to be acted upon at the present session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, we cite the following from the address, as showing the operation of "striking from the roll" in Louisiana :

"The striking of members from the roll of Lodges for the non-payment of dues has been brought to my notice many times during the past year, and many complaints have been made of the action of Lodges, under this provision of our Grand Lodge By-Laws. Ten years ago I brought this subject to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and gave my views in opposition to the law as it stands; and I have seen no reason to change my opinion on this matter since.

"It is, without dispute, the duty of every member of a Lodge to bear his share of its burthens, and to pay his regular dues; and a refusal or neglect to do this should subject him to Masonic discipline, unless it be claimed in his behalf, and clearly shown, that he is unable to do so, in which case it would be unjust to subject him to Masonic punishment. For, if poor and in need, it becomes the duty of the Lodge and its members to afford him all necessary relief, as poverty cannot with us be considered a crime, nor punished as such. This provision of our Grand Lodge By-Laws was not enacted for the purpose of enabling Lodges to throw out their poor and needy members, but rather with the view of enabling them to disencumber their rolls of the names of those who had left this jurisdiction without leaving any trace of their whereabouts, or providing for the payment of their dues.

"For those who continue to reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and who are abundantly able, and yet refuse to pay their dues, there is a much better and more effectual remedy in the power of the Lodge, and one which has been used in this city with good results. Let charges be preferred against such brethren for un-masonic conduct in withholding money due the Lodge, they being fully able to pay the same; and this charge being substantiated on the trial of the case, let them be duly punished in accordance with Masonic usage. My experience has been that very few such cases are permitted to go to trial.

"According to our present regulations, a brother who has been stricken from the roll of his Lodge, and who permits six months to elapse before making payment in full of his indebtedness, is in a much worse position than one who has been suspended for the

commission of a Masonic crime. The latter can be reinstated by the vote of the members of his Lodge, which is required to suspend him. But a brother who has been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues can only be readmitted by an unanimous vote. This is an injustice which can only be remedied by the repeal or modification of that By-Law."

In this connection, we cite also the report of the Committee of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, on the same subject :

"The practice of striking from the roll the names of members in arrears for non-payment of dues, your Committee do not consider Masonic. If a brother voluntarily connects himself with a Lodge which has a By-Law providing for the payment of dues, he is a party to that obligation, and to omit or refuse to pay his dues, if able to do so, would be a wrong to his Lodge and to his brethren associated with him in it; and such a violation of Masonic engagement and duty would be a fair subject for Masonic discipline. We hold that a brother cannot be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges without due trial, and after conviction of a violation of Masonic engagement; and that if any punishment is to be inflicted for non-payment of dues, it should be regular Masonic punishment, such as reprimand, deprivation or indefinite suspension, or expulsion. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the striking out of that portion of the Grand Lodge By-Laws providing for dropping from the roll the names of those who do not pay their dues."

The following, from the address of the Grand Master, on a subject much discussed, meets our hearty concurrence :

"I have given the opinion, in several instances, that a Mason has not the inherent right of visitation (so-called.) This is a courtesy extended to the visitor by the W. M. and the Lodge, and may be refused if the W. M. or members see proper to do so. It is the bounden duty of the W. M. to prevent any visitor from entering the Lodge whose presence would cause dissensions or difficulties therein, or in any manner disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and particularly if any member of the Lodge should object to the admission of such visitor. A member who objects to sit in a Lodge with a visiting brother need not prefer charges against him, unless he thinks proper to do so. The right of objecting to the entrance of a visiting brother should not be lightly exercised, nor without sufficient cause, but the brother objecting is the proper judge of this, and the matter is between him and his conscience."

The following, from a report of the Committee of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, on the much vexed subject of dimitts, presents the view which we entertain on this question :

"A dimit, properly speaking, is the recommendation of a Lodge given to one of its members to another Lodge; recently, however, not addressed to any particular Lodge, but to the Fraternity generally, and dissolving his connection with the Lodge, though this was not formerly the case. When a Lodge has granted this dimit, formerly a recommendation to a particular Lodge, for the purpose of affiliation in that particular Lodge, now for the purpose of dissolving the connection with the Lodge, with a recommendation generally to all Lodges and Masons; the officers of the Lodge, generally the Secretary and Master, gives a certificate of this action of the Lodge, and this document is called a certificate of dimit; no brother can withdraw from a Lodge without its consent; any brother can make application to withdraw. The application may be withdrawn at any time prior to its being acted upon, and until the application is acted upon by the Lodge there is no dimit. The granting of a dimit, of whichever kind, therefore, is an act of the Lodge. The Master cannot grant it under any circumstances whatever. He may take the responsibility of issuing a *certificate*, but he does it at his peril. If the Lodge, on the matter being brought before it, grants the dimit, the certificate of the Master becomes good; but if the Lodge refuses, the Master is subject to severe censure. Again, should events transpire which should induce the brother to withdraw his application at any time before the Lodge should have acted upon it, there would be nothing upon which the Lodge could act, and the voting a dimit in such a case would be an absolute nullity."

We have never been able to give our assent to the proposition that any member is entitled to a dimit who applies for it, and that the Lodge has no discretion whether to refuse or grant it. We hold, with the Louisiana Committee, in the extract annexed, that the granting of a dimit is the act of the Lodge, and that no dimit can issue without the affirmative vote of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member. Such is the settled rule in New Jersey, and we are satisfied of its correctness.

There are many other matters of interest in these proceedings, but the space we have devoted above to the Jurisdiction of Louisiana forbids us to make all the comments and extracts we desire to make.

A very thorough and exhaustive report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. James B. Scot, is appended to the pro-

ceedings. A full and satisfactory review of the proceedings of the Eighty-second Communication of our Grand Lodge appears in this report. In our report for 1869 we had occasion to reply to an allusion to the proceedings of a subordinate of this jurisdiction, which had been made in a previous report by Bro. Scot; and we did not know but we were doomed to an interminable discussion on the subject involved. But inasmuch as we find, on comparing notes, that we are both on the same side of the question, there does not appear to be much room for debate. We are glad to find Bro. Scot on our side, and perhaps Bro. Scot does not object to find us on his.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MAINE.

M. W. John H. Lynde, Grand Master; R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge for 1870 was held May 3d, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland. One hundred and forty Lodges, out of one hundred and forty-nine, were represented.

We have read the address of the Grand Master with great interest.

We cite the following remarks on the subject of conferring what are known as "side degrees," because we believe every word that Bro. Lynde says on the subject:

"I have been frequently asked whether halls dedicated to Masonry should be used for conferring what are popularly known as 'side degrees,' and have answered that they should not. These 'degrees' have no connection with Masonry, and are not acknowledged by this Grand Lodge. If wise and beneficent, they should be recognized by Grand Bodies, and taught to all Masons; otherwise they may only tend to create painful doubts as to the honesty of an applicant for assistance. The wife of a Mason may be far from home and in distress. She understands enough of Masonry to know that she has a claim upon the fraternity for protection, and naturally seeks aid from that source. If she has received one of these fancy degrees and the brethren have not, she attempts to convince them of her sincerity by methods they know not of. Doubts at once arise, and, although she may receive assistance, it is given with coldness, when it should come with that spirit of cheerfulness which gives to such deeds their principal value. I am aware that many have indulged in these amusements, and do not consider them an injury to the fraternity. It seems to me, however, that he

who confers them upon his female friends, as a part of Masonry, is guilty of deception, no matter how honorable his motives, or how sincere he may be in his desire to promote a kindly feeling towards the fraternity. Occasional social gatherings, in which females may participate, are unquestionably beneficial; but let us leave off all attempts to deceive them with degrees which are the creation of some over-zealous brother, and without the sanction of Grand Bodies."

We concur in the following decisions :

"1. There is no regulation requiring an application for membership (affiliation) to be made to the Lodge nearest the candidate's residence.

"2. The work of the Lodge cannot be delayed by an appeal from the ruling of the Master.

"3. An application to which the candidate has affixed 'his mark' should not be received.

"4. It would not be proper for the Master of a Lodge to sign a petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge.

"5. If a candidate dies, deposit fee should be returned to his legal representatives. No ballot should be had.

"6. After a candidate is *declared* rejected, the result cannot be changed, even though a brother states he threw the black ball by mistake.

"7. A candidate balloted for *and accepted* when there is not a quorum present, must abide the result of another ballot at the next stated meeting. The records should show the facts.

"8. A legally elected officer is entitled to an installation, unless sufficient reasons are shown why such installation ought not to take place.

"9. A duly elected and installed Master, who has served his Lodge faithfully until his successor is elected and installed, is entitled to a Past Master's diploma, even though his actual term of service is less than one year.

"10. Halls, leased for Masonic purposes only, should not be used for conferring what are known as 'side degrees.'

"12. Suspended members may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote, prior to action by the Grand Lodge.

"13. Objections made *after ballot* may be withdrawn at any time before the candidate is declared rejected.

"14. The names of additional petitioners cannot be inserted in a charter, after the Lodge has been constituted, without action of the Grand Lodge.

" 15. A brother applies for a dimit and it is granted. Afterwards he desires membership in the same Lodge. Must he make an application, and abide the result of a ballot ?

" *Ans.* He must. A dimit granted at his request severs his membership."

We have not inserted the 11th decision, because we are not entirely sure we understand it. It probably refers to some local regulation. We should judge, however, that in Maine it is permitted to confer the 2d and 3d degrees at one Communication, without any time intervening after conferring the 1st degree, except such time as may elapse before the next Lodge meeting. Our practice in New Jersey is different. We do not permit more than one degree to be conferred on a candidate the same night, and require one month to elapse between the degrees.

By an intimation in the Grand Master's address, it would appear that, in Maine, District Deputy Grand Masters are permitted to grant dispensations. If this be so, we cannot concur in the correctness of the practice. We think that the power of dispensation is a personal prerogative, appertaining to the person and office of the Grand Master, and not alienable either by him or the Grand Lodge.

The only item of general interest which we find in the Grand Lodge proceedings is the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Quebec. This result was, no doubt, produced by a very able report on the subject, by P. G. M. Drummond, in the Report of Foreign Correspondence. We must admit, however, that neither the argument or the conclusions of Bro. Drummond are entirely satisfactory to us. We forbear to discuss the question in this report, as this difficulty has been referred by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to a Special Committee, who will, doubtless, give it the attention it deserves.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, as we remark above, is from the pen of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, and is one of the most able and satisfactory reports we have been privileged to read. We have been struck, in reading the report, with the general similarity of views upon questions of Masonic jurisprudence, entertained by Bro. Drummond, and those which obtain in this jurisdiction.

We are glad to find, from the following extract from the review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, that such excellent authority as Bro. Drummond coincides with the views which we entertain on the subject of signing the By-Laws to complete *membership* :

"He (*i. e.* the G. M. of Florida) holds that a Mason becomes a member of the Lodge in which he was made without signing the By-Laws; and that such membership should cease only when he becomes a member of another Lodge. He supports the views in an able manner: and we agree with him in the opinion (as heretofore expressed by us) that the universal adoption of a regulation, adopting such a system, would, at no very distant day, abate all the existing trouble on the subject of non-affiliation."

In our Report, for 1869, reviewed by Bro. Drummond, we expressed an opinion that the Grand Lodge had no power to restore an *expelled* Mason. Bro. Drummond says that this view is "contrary to the practice of almost all the Grand Lodges." The view expressed is our private, personal opinion, and may or may not be entertained by our Grand Lodge. We put an *expelled* Mason on the same footing with a *profane*. We would deny him restoration, except after petition, an investigation by a committee, the usual probation, and a unanimous ballot. Entertaining these views, we cannot admit the right of the Grand Lodge to restore him, any more than we can admit the right of a Grand Lodge to receive the petition of a profane for initiation and the degrees.

We concur in the views expressed by Bro. Drummond, in the annexed extract from his review of the proceedings of Missouri:

"The following resolution was adopted by a vote (by Lodges) of 398 to 309:

"*Resolved*, That when charges are preferred against a Mason, and those charges have been entertained by the Lodge, and a time set for trial, that such Mason cannot be considered in good Masonic standing until his innocence has been established by the verdict of his brethren.'

"We do not know whether we concur in this or not, for we are not sure that we know what it means. We agree that a Mason under charges is not in good standing, in the same manner that a citizen under indictment for crime is not in good standing in the community. The former is not entitled to a dimit, to be installed into office, or to any other rights *which include an indorsement by his Lodge of his character*; the latter is subject to similar disabilities in the community. But both are presumed to be innocent till found to be guilty, and the Mason is entitled to act and vote in his Lodge upon any and all questions save those which concern him personally, in the same manner as the citizen is in the community. From the closeness of the vote, we suspect the resolution was understood

to go further than we have indicated. If it means that, pending charges, the accused is deprived of all his Masonic rights for the time being, we protest against it as worthy of the Inquisition rather than Masonry."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland met November 15th, 1869, in the city of Baltimore, M. W. John Coates, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, congratulates the brethren upon the completion of their magnificent Temple in Baltimore, which he says "is a credit to our Ancient and Honorable Institution, and an ornament to our beautiful City of Monuments." After a continuous service of six years, he takes leave of his brethren in the following impressive language:

"Now at the close of the sixth year of my administration, I am desirous to fall back into the ranks with my brethren, and labor with them for the promotion of our beloved Order. The sweet remembrance, that I may still live in the memory, and share in the affections of my brethren, will cheer the most pensive hour of my life. May we, therefore, all have true wisdom, to look forward and contemplate, with composure and serenity of mind, the close of mortal life, and the opening scenes of an immortal existence; and finally, may we all be prepared to meet again, and rejoice together in a world of pure and sublime happiness, where friendship will be perfect, and love without alloy."

We regret to see, by resolutions subsequently offered in the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Master's retirement was induced by the burden of years and infirmities.

We find nothing of special interest in the proceedings.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. John S. Berry is Grand Master, and R. W. Jacob H. Medairy Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This volume contains abstracts of the proceedings of this venerable Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communications, held March 10th, 5869, June 9, 5869, and September 8th, 5869, and the Annual Communication held December 8th, 1869, and also a Stated Communication held December 28th, 5869, for the installation of the Grand Officers and the celebration of the feast of St. John the

Evangelist. The latter Communication derived additional interest from the fact that it was the centennial of the inauguration of the so-called "Massachusetts Grand Lodge" and of the installation of Major General Joseph Warren, of Revolutionary memory, as Grand Master of Masons in that State.

This abstract of the proceedings of Massachusetts is so full of interesting matter, that we are at a loss in attempting to make a review. We could, with profit to the Craft, fill all the space allotted to our Report on Foreign Correspondence with extracts from these proceedings. But being compelled to season our report with that spice of life, *variety*, we are compelled to compress all the good things into a narrow compass.

We are especially pleased with the great care and study manifested in the reports of the several Committees. They not only give the conclusion which they have reached, but also the process of reasoning by which they arrive at their conclusion.

Among these reports we cannot refrain from specifying the various reports signed by Tracy P. Cheever and others, that of the Committee on the complaint of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana against the Grand Lodge of France, that of the Committee on the petition of colored Masons for recognition, that of the Committee appointed to hunt up the Charity Fund, which it appeared had been swallowed up by the new Temple, and other reports which we have not time to designate.

If any enthusiastic Mason desires to increase his stock of Masonic law and facts, we advise him to borrow or steal somebody else's copy of these proceedings than that of the writer of this review. Our copy is safe under lock and key, and we don't propose to either borrow or lend.

From the report of the Committee, in the case of North Star Lodge *vs.* Silas D. Bates, we cite the following able and exhaustive treatise on the subject of Masonic offences. The extract is somewhat longer than we ordinarily admit into our columns, but it will well repay perusal:

"The question, What constitutes a Masonic offence? has, perhaps, never been determined with accuracy, and certainly not with completeness. It is perhaps impossible, by any verbal definition, to determine perfectly, in all cases, a crime or an offence in Masonry. The compass cannot describe a circle inside of which the crime always exists, and outside of which it can never be found. There are no lines in moral geometry within which the misdemeanor may

always be traced. Accordingly, there is no strict Masonic code or classification of offences. Yet such is the nature of our Fraternity that the absence of a written criminal law can hardly be regarded as a defect. So much depends upon the facts and circumstances of the particular case, upon the relation which the accused sustains to others, upon the intent, of which the municipal law does not always take cognizance, nay, even upon the temper and manners, that we at once realize the difficulty of declaring in advance what shall be deemed an act against Masonry. It would be manifestly absurd to hold that every act which contravenes the civil law is a crime against this Fraternity, although obedience to law and the constituted authorities of the State is one of our fundamental doctrines. Nevertheless, no Lodge would expel, or even try one of its members for keeping a dog without a license, or for neglecting to shovel the snow from his sidewalk. Some acts, also, which in contemplation of the law are fraudulent, being made so, perhaps, by the express words of the statute, such as the preference by a bankrupt of a particular creditor, and other acts known as legal frauds, are not therefore and necessarily offences against Masonry. On the contrary, it is not difficult to find cases where the fraud in law is clear, and yet the act itself is entirely innocent, and perhaps commendable, when tried by the rule of Masonic right.

On the other hand, there is a large class of statute crimes, such as felonies, and other offences involving moral obliquity and turpitude;—offences as to which all right-minded men, as well as all Masons, are in harmony with the law, and of which it is the imperative duty of Lodges to take cognizance, even should they anticipate the Grand Jury or the Police Court. As such crimes are directed against the law, against society as a whole, and against the right of the peace of the individual, they are necessarily crimes against an institution sacredly devoted to the protection of all these interests.

Another large class of offences which may be deemed Masonic offences, consists of acts clearly and directly opposed to our constitutions and established regulations, to those cardinal principles known as the general tenets of the Fraternity, and to the special obligations involved in the ritual, and voluntarily assumed by every initiate. Thus, acts against the cardinal virtue of justice, persistent intemperance, willful or habitual violation of the regulations of the Grand Lodge, or the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge, the disclosure to the uninitiated of the secrets or the private business of the Lodge, the failure to comply with those ties of obligation which should be

most sacredly observed, though perhaps involving other elements of wrong and wickedness, are to be considered as strictly Masonic offences. This enumeration is not intended to exclude many cases which, as has been before observed, do not admit of classification or definition. Whenever it shall be found that the acts of a brother are clearly adverse to the principles or regulations of the Craft, or the rights or happiness of any of its members, it will be the duty of his Lodge to try him for those acts, although the offence involved was never described or known before on sea or land."

The Committee on the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and France, after a very lengthy and elaborate report, conclude with the following resolutions and summary :

"Your Committee report as their conclusions—

"1. That the pretended Supreme Council of Louisiana for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is a spurious non-Masonic body ; and that no person claiming to have been made a Mason through its authority has any right to fraternal privileges of Free Masonry.

"2. That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has been wounded and injured in her just and lawful prerogatives and relations by the decree of the Grand Orient of France.

"Your Committee further remark that if their conclusions are acceptable to the Grand Lodge, a Mason of this jurisdiction cannot sit in any Lodge of the Grand Orient's jurisdiction where any person claiming from the pretended Council of Louisiana is present. They have forborne to recommend at this time the absolute discontinuance of intercourse with the Grand Orient because, perceiving that body to have been misled in some important particulars, they cherish the hope that she will magnanimously disclaim the hostility towards Blue Masonry in the United States which her attitude evinces, and reconsider the step which has provoked the just umbrage of the Masonic powers of the United States."

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of exchange of Grand Lodge Representatives, reported that they deemed it inexpedient to adopt the representative system. We believe that Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are the only two Grand Lodges in the United States which have refused to appoint representatives to sister Grand Lodges. (Since writing the above, we have ascertained that Michigan has taken the same position.)

We cite the following from the address of the Grand Master, as it treats of a question which has occasioned much correspondence between the Grand Master and the Craft in this jurisdiction, and sustains generally the views which are entertained in New Jersey :

“If a candidate is accepted by a clear ballot, and a brother afterwards objects to his advancement, what course is to be pursued ?

“I have decided that, if the candidate was regularly accepted by a clear ballot, in a Lodge where notices were sent to the members with the name of the candidate upon the notices, or in a Lodge where no notices are sent, but where the ballot was at a regular meeting, that no new ballot can be had.

“That if a brother objects, the W. Master has the right to refuse to confer the degrees.

“If the Master does not so decide, it is his duty—under Section 7, Article 3, Part 4 of our Constitutions, which provides that ‘Every member of a Subordinate Lodge may object to the initiation, passing or raising of a candidate at any time before the degree is conferred; and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to investigate such objections before proceeding with the candidate,’—to appoint a Committee to consider the objections, and to report thereon to the Lodge, and that the Lodge is to decide by a majority vote of the sufficiency of the objections. That the ballot once fairly and regularly taken, by which the candidate is accepted, cannot be repeated, unless the Lodge by vote, decide so to do.”

We have read with great interest the address of the Grand Master at the centennial of the installation of R. G. M. Joseph Warren. The address contains a statement of the early history of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of the divisions which existed between Subordinates holding warrants under distinct Grand Lodges, and concludes with a promise to trace the Masonic history of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts until March, 1792, at which time a fraternal union took place between the opposing bodies.

It appears from the address that the body of P. G. M. Joseph Warren was buried on the field of battle, where he fell, but was not found and identified until April 4th, 1776. The body, when found, was much disfigured, but was recognized by two artificial teeth set for him a few days before his death. It was re-interred April 8th, 1776, with the usual funeral ceremonies of the Craft. An oration was delivered on the occasion by Bro. Perez Morton, from which we cite the following, as containing a most beautiful and pertinent Masonic allusion. It must be borne in mind that Bro. Warren, at the time of his death, was the “son of a widow :”

“Into this Fraternity he was early initiated, and after having given repeated proofs of a rapid proficiency in the arts, and after

evidencing by his life the profession of his lips, finally, as the reward of his merit, he was commissioned the Most Worshipful Grand Master of all the Ancient Masons through North America; and you, brethren, are living testimonies with how much honor to himself and benefit to the Craft universal he discharged the duties of his elevated trust; with what sweetened accents he courted your attention, while with *wisdom, strength and beauty* he instructed his Lodges in the secret arts of *Free Masonry*; what perfect order and decorum he preserved in the government of them; and in all his conduct what a bright example he set us, *to live within compass and act upon the square*. With what pleasure did he silence the wants of poor and penniless brethren; yea, the necessitous everywhere, though ignorant of the mysteries of the Craft, from his benefactions, felt the happy effects of that Institution which is founded on *Faith, Hope and Charity*, and the world may cease to wonder that he so readily offered up his life, on the altar of his country, when they are told that the main pillar of *Masonry* is the *love of mankind*.

“The fates, as if they would reveal, in the person of our *Grand Master*, those mysteries which have so long lain hid from the world, have suffered him, like the great master builder in the temple of old, to fall by the hands of ruffians, and be again raised in honor and authority. We searched in the field for the murdered son of a widow, and we found him *by the turf and the twig*, buried under the brow of a hill, though not in a decent grave. And though we must again commit his body to the tomb, yet our breasts shall be the burying spot of his Masonic virtues, and there—

“‘An adamantine monument we’ll rear
With this inscription, “Masonry” lies here.’”

Bro. William Sewall Gardner is Grand Master of Massachusetts, and Bro. Solon Thornton Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The regular Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held at Detroit, January 12th, A. L. 5870, M. W. Bro. A. T. Metcalf being Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary.

We have read the able address of the Grand Master with great interest and pleasure. The wonderful (may we not say *alarming*?) growth of the Masonic Institution in Michigan is shown by the fol-

lowing tabular statement of membership, which we quote from the Grand Master's report :

"We had in our jurisdiction, in

	LODGES.	MEM.		LODGES.	MEM.
1860.....	115	5,816	1865.....	150	10,078
1861.....	123	6,210	1866.....	169	10,509
1862.....	129	6,450	1867.....	189	13,154
1863.....	136	7,313	1868.....	221	16,861
1864.....	141	8,772	1869.....	243	18,016

"And now we have (in 1870) two hundred and fifty-seven Lodges, exclusive of those U. D., and over twenty thousand Master Masons in good standing."

We also cite the following cases and decisions, which the Grand Master reports :

"1. At our last regular communication an unusual number of members were present, and in balloting upon candidates for initiation several brothers were unable to ballot, because of an insufficiency of balls.

"*Question.*—Is the ballot legal ?

"*Answer.*—No. It is the *right* not only, but the *duty* of every member present to ballot upon candidates for initiation or advancement, unless excused by a unanimous vote of the Lodge.

"2. A brother, dissatisfied with the action of his Lodge upon a subject of controversy, asks for a dimit.

"*Question.*—Is a Lodge *obliged* to grant a dimit to a member in good standing, and whose dues are paid ?

"*Answer.*—No. The very fact that a vote is required is sufficient to prove that a Lodge is *not* obliged to grant a dimit, simply because a brother demands it. In general terms, a brother is entitled to a dimit '*on good cause shown.*'

"3. '*Resolved*, That all whose names appear on our records E. A. or F. C.'s, must appear within four months from this date, and apply for the remaining degree or degrees, or they will be considered the same as though they had not been initiated.'

"*Question.*—Is such a resolution legal ?

"*Answer.*—No. An E. A. is entitled to all the rights and privileges of an E. A. Lodge, and they cannot be denied him, except upon charges and trial."

We concur decidedly in the decisions of the Grand Master in his answers to the interrogatories propounded in the first two cases.

We have not yet been able to satisfy ourselves of the correctness of the opinion, which we admit to be very generally entertained, that a Lodge is *bound* to grant a dimit to any member that asks for it. No dimit, in our opinion, can be granted without an affirmative vote of the Lodge. To say that a Lodge is *compelled* to do what is so far left to its discretion as to be the subject of a vote, is paradoxical and absurd.

We agree, also, with the answer of the Grand Master to the third interrogatory, for the reason that the By-Law in question was retrospective in its operations, and partook of the character of an *ex post facto* law. We believe, however, that a By-Law like the one in question, intended to be prospective in its operation, and to effect such persons who may present their petitions subsequent to its adoption, is perfectly regular and Masonic. We are very clear in the belief that the following decision of M. W. Bro. Cannon, of this jurisdiction, in 1869, on this subject, is good Masonic law :

"The right of a candidate to receive his degrees is subject to the By-Laws of the Lodge to which he had applied. A By-Law of a Lodge requiring candidates to receive their degrees within a reasonable specified time, is regular, and should be enforced."

A Special Committee, to which was referred the question of the representative system between the Grand Lodges, presented a lengthy report adverse to the system, which report was adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted with reference to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and that of France :

"*Whereas*, Full and satisfactory evidence has been furnished this Grand Lodge that the Grand Orient of France has recognized a spurious and illegal Masonic body styling itself 'The Supreme Council of Louisiana,' and claiming, within that jurisdiction, the control of the first three degrees of Masonry ; and

"*Whereas*, The Masonic jurisdiction of these degrees, in that State, is claimed by this Grand Lodge to be fully occupied by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ; and

"*Whereas*, Such a breach of comity by a foreign Masonic body towards one of the Grand Lodges of these United States menaces the Masonic interests of all, and compels them to make the rights of a sister Grand Lodge their common cause ; therefore it is, by the Grand Lodge of Michigan,

"*Resolved*, That the Masonic correspondence and intercourse heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France is hereby dissolved, and that all Lodges and Masons

owing allegiance to this jurisdiction are forbidden to receive as visitors, or to hold Masonic intercourse with any Mason whose allegiance is due to the Grand Orient of France, or any of its subordinate bodies.

“Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is, instructed to transmit an authenticated copy of this preamble and the accompanying resolutions to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, to the Grand Orient of France, and to all other Grand Masonic Bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.”

We find brief reference to New Jersey in the report on Foreign Correspondence. The Committee cite all the decisions of Grand Master Cannon, reported in 1869, but express no opinion on any of them.

Bro. A. T. Metcalf, Grand Master, and Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, were re-elected to their respective stations.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Lodge met in Annual Communication in the city of St. Paul, January 11th, A. L. 5870, M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, presiding.

Our M. W. Bro., and esteemed friend, P. G. M. Simons, of New York, in reviewing the proceedings of a sister Grand Lodge, recently, came to the conclusion that the cabalistic figures, 32°, appended to the name of the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, was intended to intimate that the report in question was the thirty-second report which that brother had written. Upon the title-page of the proceedings of Minnesota, lying before us, we find the following mysterious entry:

“M. W. C. W. Nash, 33° G. M.”

After puzzling our brains in the task of deciphering what all this means, we have finally concluded that it is intended to announce that Bro. Nash is the thirty-third Grand Master of Minnesota. If our surmise be true, we are compelled to express our surprise that a Grand Lodge so young as that of Minnesota should already have enjoyed the services of thirty-three Grand Masters.

We find nothing in the Grand Master's address, which requires special mention.

The following resolutions, in reference to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, were adopted, on motion of P. G. M. A. T. C. Pierson :

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge recognizes the doctrine that a Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over the three degrees in Masonry within its territory; and

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge holds that Masonic intercourse with clandestine or spurious Masons constitutes a Masonic offence; and

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge has information that a body of men are claiming and exercising, as a right, the conferring of the first three degrees of Masonry, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, with whom we are in fraternal correspondence, and in defiance of its authority; and

"Whereas, The Grand Orient of France has recognized and thus encouraged the spurious body referred to: therefore,

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Minnesota most earnestly protests against the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing spurious Lodges established within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

"Resolved, That the Grand Orient of France is fraternally besought to reconsider and rescind its action in this matter.

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward copies of the proceedings containing these resolutions to the Grand Orient of France.

"Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be instructed to be particularly careful in the examination of all visitors hailing from Louisiana, to admit none but those made in regular Lodges."

An appeal to the Grand Lodge, by one Ebenezer Ayres, complaining of a decision of a Master of a Subordinate Lodge, was referred to the Committee of Appeals and Grievances. It appeared, by the appeal, that the Subordinate Lodge in question had assessed a *per capita* tax on the members for building purposes. The petitioner, having refused to pay this tax, was, by the order of the Worshipful Master, deprived of his right to vote at the election for officers, and was refused the privilege of examining the minutes of the Lodge for the purposes of the appeal. The Committee reported that the action of the Master was "proper and correct, and in compliance with the By-Laws of the Lodge."

The action complained of may have been "in compliance with the By-Laws of the Lodge," but we cannot agree that it was "proper and correct." We do not believe that any Lodge, by a By-Law, or any Master, has the right to deprive a Master Mason of the enjoyment of any of his rights, except after trial and due notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by P. G. M. A. T. C. Pierson, and we presume is the production of his pen. It is very able and voluminous. Full notice is taken of the proceedings of New Jersey for 1869.

Bro. Pierson, in commenting on one of the decisions of our Grand Lodge, holds that "a party is not amenable to Masonic law for acts committed before he became a Mason." If a candidate, either in his petition or in his answers to the questions propounded to him by the proper officer, should assert that he had never been rejected in another Lodge, and it should turn out that the assertion was wilfully and knowingly false, the candidate would be guilty of an offence committed before he became a Mason. We would ask Bro. Pierson whether the offender would not be amenable to Masonic law?

Lengthy extracts are made from our report on Foreign Correspondence for 1869.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash and R. W. Bro. William S. Combs were, respectively, re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction was held January 17th, A. L. 5870, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jackson.

M. W. Thos. S. Gathright, Grand Master; R. W. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is quite lengthy, and contains much matter of interest. There are some passages which, we think, it would have been better to have omitted. Bro. Gathright, although expressly disclaiming any desire to introduce the discussion of political questions in a Masonic Body, still subjects himself to the charge of so doing. His remarks in connection with such subjects were doubtless made with the best intentions, being designed for the purpose of offering to the brethren some very sensible suggestions as to their political duties. But the discussion of such subjects in a Masonic gathering, no matter how praiseworthy may be the purpose, is a very dangerous experiment. In the case under consideration, Brother Gathright is unable to conceal his political predilections, and says some things which, we can readily conceive, might have grated harshly on the ears of some members of his Grand Lodge.

We are somewhat surprised to find in his address the record of the following action taken by him during the year:

"I have granted special dispensations during the year, to retake the ballot, in cases of rejection, when the Lodge unanimously certified that it was the opinion of all the brethren that injustice had been done the candidate. In looking back over my year's work, I reproach myself for the number of such dispensations. Were I to pass over the same ground again, I could not consent to yield to so many applications. Lodges should exercise more care in balloting, and in petitioning the Grand Master. Other cases of the dispensing power will be referred to in the course of this address."

No Grand Master should permit a Lodge to "certify unanimously that it was the opinion of all the brethren that injustice had been done the candidate." It destroys the secrecy of the ballot. If any member of the Lodge had refused to join in the certificate, he would have been immediately marked as the brother to whose ballot the rejection of the candidate was to be attributed. He must join in the certificate, or do what no Lodge can compel a brother to do, *i. e.*, disclose his ballot on the petition. In most cases, a unanimous certificate could be obtained, as a matter of course.

The following decision presents a question which has been much discussed among individual brethren in this Grand Lodge :

"I have decided that no Subordinate Lodge can legally transact any business unless there be present seven Master Masons, who are members of the Lodge. I was forced to promulgate this decision, because the Grand Lodge has failed to do so, though I called special attention to the matter in my last address. As I declared in that address, there is a great difference between a legal Lodge and a ceremonial Lodge. A Lodge considered as a legal body must be composed of the material, quantity and quality, named in the charter. The Grand Lodge would grant a charter to no less number than seven persons, all of them Master Masons, in good standing. It would be gratifying to me if the Grand Lodge would decide this point."

G. M. Whitehead decided, during his term, that the presence of seven Master Masons was necessary to open and close a Lodge, but that it was not absolutely requisite that these seven should be *members*. The Grand Lodge sustained the decision. We have reason to believe that, on subsequent and more mature reflection, Bro. Whitehead entertains some doubt about the correctness of that decision. We should be very glad if this question might be reconsidered, and a renewed discussion might be had upon it. It is one of those questions of which much may be said on both sides.

All Masons must sincerely regret to read the following painful story in the Grand Master's address :

"After writing the foregoing, my school, Summerville Institute, and my residence, with all my earthly goods, were consumed by fire. With them my library and my papers were destroyed. These sheets were saved by accident. All of my private papers perished in the remorseless flames that swept from my dear children the gatherings of my former years. I know the Grand Lodge will be lenient in their judgment of a brother so severely stricken. The severity of the stroke can be appreciated by none except by those who have been suddenly stripped of food, raiment and shelter."

Although personally unacquainted with Bro. Gathright, we beg to extend to him our cordial sympathy in his misfortune.

We have seen very queer names for Masonic Lodges in our day, but we think that Mississippi may take the belt in the contest for inappropriate Masonic nomenclature. They have a Lodge U. D. in that jurisdiction by the name of Why Not? Lodge.

A great deal of business was transacted, but it was mostly of a local nature.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Charles T. Murphy, and reviews, among others, the Proceedings of New Jersey for 1868. He speaks in complimentary terms of our Report for that year, but regrets that the matter was not arranged alphabetically. Bro. Murphy's point is well taken. The arrangement of the Report that year was owing to circumstances over which we had no control, and we will see that it shall not occur again.

Bro. George R. Fearn is Grand Master, and Bro. J. L. Power Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The Fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held October 4th, 1869, at the city of Helena, M. W. Bro. Wilbur F. Saunders in the Grand East.

The copy of the proceedings which has come to hand equals, if it does not excel, in typographical neatness and beauty, any Grand Lodge Journal which has been received. It is adorned with an engraved likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Sanders.

The address of the Grand Master is a handsomely written document, displaying more culture and refinement than we are apt to expect from our newly settled territories.

He is strongly opposed to the exercise by the Grand Master of his prerogative of dispensation, and reports that he has availed himself

of it but once. The case reported seems to be such as fully justified the exercise of his prerogative.

He wisely declined to answer questions propounded to him by individual members of the Subordinate Lodges, and only responded to such as came to him officially from the Lodge or its Master. The adoption of any other rule would greatly increase the labors of the Grand Master, and would invade the peculiar province of the Master of the Subordinate Lodge. The Master is the authority, in the first instance, to whom the members of the particular Lodge should apply. An appeal from his decision lies, of course, to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master in the vacation. We cite his remarks upon this subject, as being pertinent and well-timed :

“ Frequently during the past year I have been interrogated in my capacity as Grand Master, by brother Masons within this jurisdiction, in writing and otherwise, as to my interpretation of your Constitution and By-Laws, and also as to my opinion of Masonic law upon questions arising outside of either. It seemed at first blush that answers to such inquiries, made in a spirit wholly creditable, should be returned. But reflecting that over the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are placed Masters whose interpretations and decisions are, as to such Lodges, the end of the law, I decided that respect for their position and authority forbade me retailing the opinions of the Grand Master to whomsoever should request it. To such Master, when inquiring as to his duty, or could such question be brought to the Grand Master upon appeal, he should of course give an answer. Then the question is before him officially, and his answer cannot result in harm. Ought the Masters of Subordinate Lodges to be annoyed, their authority impaired, or confidence in their capacity to interpret and administer the law correctly, weakened by the statement that upon some question once before them, in which their decision was taken as the end of the law, the Grand Master had given a different opinion? Would not these consequences follow, and trouble and insubordination result from the practice? If, in any sense, the Grand Master is the expounder of the law, he is so only in those instances where questions are officially before him. Then he feels the responsibilities of his position, and the importance of giving a correct ruling. At other times he cannot know what prior discussion, excitement, or decision, such questions may have evoked in the Subordinate Lodge, nor what the consequences of his reply may be. Pursuant to these views, I have declined deciding the questions so submitted to me, deeming it bet-

ter that I seem ungracious, than that by my example I lend countenance to a course fraught with so much of mischief."

A ludicrous and not very creditable parliamentary battle occurred on the question of the place of meeting of the next Grand Lodge. We refer to this matter more particularly for the purpose of expressing our surprise that the newly elected Grand Master, during the debate, entertained, on several occasions, a motion to adjourn. We consider such motion out of order in any Masonic body.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is well written, and is from the pen of Bro. Cornelius Hedges. No mention is made of New Jersey, the Committee probably having failed to receive our proceedings.

M. W. N. P. Langford, Grand Master; R. W. Sol. Star, Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 13; number of members, 545.

NEBRASKA.

The Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held in Nebraska City, October 28th, A. L. 5869, D. G. M. Harry P. Deuel in the East, in the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. O. H. Irish, who had been appointed United States Consul at Dresden, Saxony.

P. G. M. R. W. Furnas read the address of the Grand Master, which had been prepared before his departure from this country. From this address we cite the two following decisions as expressing, in our opinion, the true doctrine upon the subjects treated of:

"If, as it seems to be admitted, the candidate resides within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at Rock Bluffs, his petition was not at any time properly before the Plattsmouth Lodge, and it could not, therefore, without the consent of the former Lodge, acquire jurisdiction over him, either by receiving, referring or acting upon the petition. Jurisdiction is conferred upon the *nearest* Lodge, and a rejection by another is, in reality, so far as it affects the candidate or the Lodge having jurisdiction, no rejection at all; the whole proceeding being null and void, it need not be regarded by the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, but it may proceed to receive and act upon his petition, and, if duly elected, they may confer the degrees, the permission of the former Lodge not being necessary to enable them to do so.

"No dimitted Mason can be made a member by *implication*; he can only become so by being regularly proposed by petition, which

must be properly referred to the appropriate Committee, and at the time prescribed in the By-Laws, he can be balloted for, and upon a *unanimous* vote in his favor, declared elected. The vote must be by secret ballot, be directly upon the question of membership, and *unanimous*. The Grand Master has no power to dispense with *these three* requisites. He can only dispense with time."

The Deputy Grand Master presented a report of his doings as acting Grand Master subsequent to the departure of Bro. Irish. We find nothing therein of special interest.

A question having arisen as to the prerogatives and powers of a Deputy Grand Master, the following resolution was adopted, as recommended by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the powers of a Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, are supreme, and that the Deputy Grand Master should not exercise the power of granting dispensations or performing any other official act, during recess, except in case of absence, death or disability of the Grand Master, or by his authority or instruction."

An able oration was delivered during the session by Bro. O. B. Hewitt, Grand Orator.

A report on Foreign Correspondence is appended to the proceedings, but we find no mention of New Jersey. We presume this omission has arisen from the failure to receive copies of our proceedings. For this we are not chargeable, as the Grand Secretary of New Jersey invariably mails duplicate copies of our proceedings to all the Grand Lodges with which we are in friendly correspondence.

M. W. H. P. Deuel was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Furnas was elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The Fifth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Virginia, Sept. 21st, 1869, M. W. George W. Hopkins, Grand Master, presiding.

We insert the following, from the address of the Grand Master, and cheerfully endorse the views expressed in the extract :

"I received a circular letter from a Committee of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, asking the opinion of our Grand Lodge as to the propriety of the use of cypher for the preservation of the esoteric work. I replied to this circular that we had nothing of the kind in our possession, and briefly stated my own opinion to be that we could not reconcile the making or possession of such cyphers, even

in the *safe* of a Grand Lodge, consistently with our Masonic obligation. I now refer the matter to you. The single objection on the ground of our obligation is, I think, sufficient to condemn the project; but aside from this, I consider it dangerous. In the first place, I do not believe it to be within the power of human ingenuity to invent a cypher which human skill cannot decipher, when its use is extended over as much space as would be required to embrace the whole of our esoteric work. Then again, when once an innovation of any kind shall creep into our Fraternity, it will be an entering wedge for the introduction of further *improvements* on the old ways, and the conservative character of our institution, which in a great measure constitutes its strength, will yield to elements of weakness that may so far corrupt it as to destroy it. Let us not be in the remotest degree accessory to such a possibility."

The remainder of the address is mainly occupied by matters of local interest.

The following answers to questions of Masonic law, found in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, present, in our opinion, correct doctrine. The answer to the third question is in accordance with the New Jersey rule on the subject of advancement:

"*2d Question.* Has the Master or a Lodge the power or the right to dispense with the examination in open Lodge of candidates for advancement—see Sec. 6, Art. III, Part III, of Constitution?

"*Answer.* No. The provisions of the section referred to are sufficiently explicit: 'No Lodge shall advance an E. A. or F. C. to a higher degree until after a strict examination in open Lodge,' etc. Which examination, in the opinion of your Committee, should never on any occasion be slighted or set aside.

"*3d Question.* If objection is made to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, and an examination of charges be had, as provided for in Sec. 5, Art. III, Part III, of the Constitution, has the candidate the right to appear before the Committee and defend himself, or should the examination be *ex parte*?

"*Answer.* The brother to whose advancement objection is made should be fully advised as to the charges preferred against him, and should be afforded every facility to properly defend himself, and, if he so desire, be present at the sessions of the Committee, other than those held to deliberate on a report."

A brief but practical and eloquent address, delivered by the Grand orator, W. Bro. Robert H. Taylor, is printed with the proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. W.

Bro. William A. M. Van Bokkelen. Complimentary reference is made to this jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. George W. Hopkins was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. William A. M. Van Bokkelen Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1869.

A Semi-Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Manchester, December 29th, 1868, at which very little business appears to have been transacted. The regular Annual Communication was held at Concord, June 10th, A. D. 1869, M. W. Bro. Alexander M. Winn presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief, and is confined exclusively to a statement of his official acts during the recess.

We find nothing of special interest in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge to which it is necessary to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. John J. Bell, and is written with much ability. The reference to New Jersey is quite copious, and a lengthy extract is inserted from the address of M. W. Bro. Whitehead, in 1868. Bro. Bell takes exception to the views expressed by our Committee, on the subject of the regularity of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. That question having been settled by the amicable recognition of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, we do not feel disposed to enter into a discussion with Bro. Bell upon the subject of the original regularity of the first named Grand Lodge. "Let the dead past bury its dead."

Bro. Alexander M. Winn was re-elected Grand Master, and *Hon.* ? Horace Chase re-elected Grand Secretary. We greatly dislike to see the foregoing title of distinction prefixed to the name of any brother in Masonic proceedings. It is not a Masonic title, and it looks too much like an attempt to distinguish one Mason from another by reason of his worldly wealth and *honors*, which we are taught Masonry does not regard.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1870.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, for the year 5870, was held in the Masonic Temple at Concord, on the 18th and 19th days of May. The Grand Master, M. W. Alexander M. Winn, was present and presided.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, and is principally confined to a discussion of matters of local interest.

The following resolutions were adopted with reference to the controversy between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France:

"Whereas, The exclusive jurisdiction of every Grand Lodge over all the Masons and Lodges within the State, Province or Country in which it is located, and the sole right of establishing Lodges and of determining the status of Lodges and Masons within such jurisdiction is, by the universal consent of all Grand Lodges on this continent, thoroughly established; and

"Whereas, The Grand Orient of France, in violation of this right, has seen fit to recognize a spurious and clandestine body of pretended Masons in Louisiana, heretofore so declared by herself, thereby destroying that peace and concord which ought to be characteristic of the Craft.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire protests in the strongest manner at this violation of the rights of a sister Grand Lodge, and calls upon the Grand Orient in the most fraternal manner to reconsider a measure fraught with so much of evil to the Fraternity.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested, be forwarded to the Grand Orient of France."

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Horace Chase, who had served the Grand Lodge in that capacity for seventeen consecutive years, in declining a re-election, delivered a parting address to the Grand Lodge, from which we cite the following interesting extracts:

"Having been connected with this Grand Lodge as a life member for the last half century, and, to a great degree, shared its confidence, and honored by appointments and election to various high and responsible offices in its gift, and having been annually elected and served as Grand Secretary, for the last sixteen years, and now about to withdraw, decline all official station, and become a private member during the brief remnant of a long life, I should do violence to my own feelings, and injustice to this Grand body, were I to suffer this opportunity to pass without giving utterance to the feelings of my heart which the occasion awakens.

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"I must express myself surprised in finding that, of the fifty-five years I have been a Mason, I have held some office in the Grand Lodge thirty-six years.

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"I have the consolation of knowing that I have never, directly or indirectly, sought Masonic office, and that all with which I have been honored in this or any other Grand or Subordinate body, have been

the voluntary free-will offerings of my brethren ; nor have I alluded to my official relations in a vain-glorious spirit, but simply to show the extent of my obligations for the same.

"I early imbibed the idea that *Masonic office* should never be *sought*, or seldom *declined* when voluntarily offered. If a member of any Masonic body have merits, it is better that his brethren be the first to discover and reward them ; and if he have faults, he himself should be first to see and correct them.

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"In 1854, when I was first elected Grand Secretary, there was but twenty-six working Lodges in this jurisdiction ; in 1869, the number enrolled was *seventy-one*. Including two chartered in 1854, there have been thirty-one new Lodges chartered, and dormant Lodges resuscitated, so that we now have in the jurisdiction the above number of seventy-one, all apparently in a prosperous condition.

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"I hope to be excused for taking this occasion of stating my conviction that no notice of rejections should be given or communicated, except between two or more Lodges having concurrent jurisdictions. This system of giving notice of rejections throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge might injuriously affect the character of the applicant rejected ; it is wholly unnecessary as a protection of Lodges against imposition ; is attended with a useless expense, and imposes additional labor upon the Grand Secretary without adequate compensation. These are my views, conscientiously entertained and frankly expressed, and I hope I may be spared to see the whole matter expunged from our Grand Constitution.

"And now, M. W. Sir and beloved brethren, as I am about to close my official labors, take my final official adieu, and perhaps never again to meet you in Grand Lodge, I hope I may be indulged in again expressing my gratitude for every favor received while laboring with and for you, and to congratulate you on the past increase of the Grand Lodge, its present united, harmonious and prosperous condition and future prospects. With an ardent desire and prayer for the future prosperity and usefulness of this Grand Lodge, and all its several branches, for the health, happiness and prosperity of all its present and past surviving Grand Officers, and a hope that I may be spared to meet you again and share in your deliberations, I bid you an affectionate adieu."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. J. J. Bell, for the Committee. Courteous and liberal mention is made of the proceedings of this jurisdiction. The Committee differ from us

on two or three points, and express their dissent in courteous terms. The resolution on the subject of non-affiliation, inserted in the report of the proceedings of New Jersey, and therein stated to have been carried, were not adopted by the Grand Lodge, but laid over until the next Annual Communication.

M. W. John R. Holbrook was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Abel Hutchins was elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held June 7th, A. L. 5870, at Apollo Hall, in the city of New York, M. W. James Gibson, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of Grand Master Gibson is quite lengthy, which must necessarily be the case in a report of the official doings of a Grand Master of so extensive a jurisdiction as that of New York.

In our report two years ago, when discussing the many complaints made against New York of making Masons of individuals not resident in that jurisdiction, we suggested that a little wholesome discipline of the offending Lodges might go far towards breaking up the practice. Whether our suggestion has had any influence with the Grand officers of New York, we do not know; but we are happy to be able to give testimony to the faithful discharge of duty in this respect by M. W. Bro. Gibson. We do not care to specify the particular cases reported by the Grand Master, wherein the punitive discipline of the Craft has been invoked to punish such offences; but simply take occasion to say that it appears to us that Bro. Gibson has done everything to suppress these irregularities which could be reasonably asked by any complaining Grand Lodge. It is sufficient to say that two Lodges were suspended by him, two members expelled and one suspended by the Subordinate Lodges for connection with such irregularities, and that charges were made against two other Lodges, which remain undetermined.

Fraternal mention is made of the decease of P. M. Robert D. Holmes. The Grand Lodge of New York has our cordial sympathies in its affliction by the death of such an enlightened Mason and distinguished brother as was Bro. Holmes.

The Grand Master reports his decision in a case quite novel in its character and circumstances. It appears that charges were presented against a brother for testifying before one of the justices of the Supreme Court in Elmira, in 1869, that the reputation of two brothers named, and of the wife of another brother, was bad, and that, judg-

ing from the speech of people about them, he would not believe either of them under oath.

The answer was an admission that the brother did so testify, and "that said evidence was given by him as a witness in a judicial proceeding, or *habeas corpus*, before a justice of the Supreme Court, to attend which he was duly subpœnaed, and, so attending, was duly sworn as such witness; and thereupon, in answer to questions put to him, he gave the evidence charged as an offence."

The result of the trial was that the brother was indefinitely suspended. He appealed from the action of the Lodge.

The Grand Master reversed the action of the Lodge, and the appellant was restored to membership.

We cite the whole of the opinion of the Grand Master on this interesting case. The extract is rather long, but we insert it for the importance of the principle involved:

"The question thus raised for decision was conceded by both sides to be of great importance. It was, substantially, whether a Mason, being duly summoned to appear as a witness before the courts of law of a State, can appear and testify to the truth, when such testimony will disgrace or implicate a brother Mason or a brother Mason's wife. This was the sole question raised by the appeal, as there was no evidence given or offered, nor was it charged that the testimony given by the appellant before the judge was false.

"In determining the appeal, it seemed to me that Bro. Westlake's position was one of great difficulty as to what he should do in order to avoid punishment by the Lodge. He testified to the truth, and they suspended him. What would the Lodge have done if he had testified falsely? Certainly, the penalty imposed would not have been less for a higher offence. He would then have been suspended at least. He was therefore certain of suspension by the Lodge, whichever way he testified, falsely or truly. Had he testified falsely, would not the court have punished him by indictment for perjury, and sent him to State prison as a felon? Should he have refused to answer? The only reason he could have given for such refusal would be that his answer would implicate or disgrace a brother Mason, or a brother Mason's wife; no such excuse would have been allowed by the court, and he would have been compelled to answer. Had he still refused, his imprisonment for contempt would have followed, and he would have been an inmate of the county jail till he did answer, and made suitable atonement for his misconduct.

"Masonry inculcates, as a duty on its members, obedience to the civil authority and the laws of the State, and indeed will, in its own

tribunals, punish crimes against those laws by suitable Masonic penalties.

"The appellant, therefore, when giving his evidence, was 'obedient unto the law,' and did his duty by civil as well as by Masonic jurisprudence.

"He could not do otherwise with either safety or security. He thus conformed to the Holy Law, as well as to that of man's devising, and it was a gratification to be able to decide that, in so doing, he did also his Masonic duty.

"He had taken an oath in the presence of the Great Master of the Universe, with his hand on the book of the Holy Law, that he would 'testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.' Is there anything in the obligations of a Mason or his duty toward a brother Mason, that forbids, nullifies or absolves him from the full force of the oath taken?

"The Grand Master was not and is not aware of anything in those obligations or duties that gives, or professes to give, any such absolution. On the contrary, we are taught distinctly that there is nothing in our obligations that in any wise conflicts with our duties to God, our fellow-men or the State.

"The appellant was therefore bound by his solemn oath to tell the truth on the examination in question. This duty he faithfully observed, and he could not be punished by any Masonic tribunal for so answering.

"The idea that seems to prevail to a considerable extent, that a Mason, or a Mason's wife, is above or beyond the law of the State, or not subject to have his or her moral character, or standing, or truthfulness investigated, when called as witnesses in the courts of the State, and that other Masons must not, under penalty of suspension, testify to what they know and believe on the subject, is a gross error, and one that can not be too thoroughly eradicated.

"If such an error should become general, it would soon be applied to Masons acting as jurors on the trial of another Mason charged with crime; and finding a verdict of guilty, they would, under such a rule, be liable to suspension, as it would be urged then, as it was in support of the conviction of the appellant, that by such verdict they had brought disgrace on the Lodge. Not at all. Those who argue thus should call to mind the noble answer given by a French king to a similar argument urged by certain noblemen petitioning for the pardon of one of their class who had been sentenced to execution for the robbery and assassination of a jeweler; and the pardon being sought because his execution would bring disgrace upon their order.

The king sternly refused, saying, 'The disgrace is in the crime, and not in the punishment.'"

As the writer of this report is known to the brethren of this jurisdiction as one who recognizes the supremacy of civil law, and the duty of Masons to be obedient to it, it is perhaps unnecessary for him to add that he heartily endorses and concurs in every jot and tittle of the Grand Master's decision, above cited.

We also cite the following for the purpose of expressing our concurrence therewith :

"The question was presented, whether an alien could be initiated in one of our Lodges, though he had resided in this State over one year, and was in all other respects duly qualified, except his alienage.

"My answer was in the affirmative. That in the Fraternity of Masonry, alienage was unknown. That our Institution was cosmopolitan in its character, and takes within its folds all who apply, and are Masonically qualified for admission, without the slightest regard to kindred, or tongue, or race, who, on inspection, shall pass the scrutiny of an unanimous ballot in a particular Lodge. In the commonwealth of our Israel there is no one such a stranger that, being Masonically qualified, he can not apply for admission within the gates of the temple, nor was there such under the Mosaic dispensation."

We cannot give our adherence to the following decision, although we know that it is settled Masonic law in New York :

"In conformity to the decision reported last year as to the effect of an objection to a candidate after his acceptance on balloting, I have repeatedly directed that he is, by this objection, deemed as rejected, and that the objection should be entered on the minutes, and his consequent rejection, and the fee be returned."

We shall always protest against such doctrine, even if we found ourselves standing "solitary and alone", amongst the Grand Lodges of the United States. We hold, in accordance with repeated adjudications in New Jersey, that a legal rejection can only be by ballot, and that advancement (except for a lack of proficiency in the degrees) can only be stayed for *cause*, of which *cause* the brother is entitled to notice, and an opportunity for explanation or defence.

We should be glad to cite other portions of this interesting and able address, but the space to which we are limited forbids.

Twelve pages of the proceedings are occupied with a full account of the ceremonies on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Temple in the city of New York.

We desire to acknowledge the honor of an invitation to be present upon this occasion, and to express our regrets that unavoidable circumstances prevented our presence. From the description of the ceremonies, with which the world was favored in the columns of the secular and Masonic press, we are glad to find that everything was done decently and in order, and that the attendance of the Craft exceeded everything before known in the history of Masonry in the United States.

We note among the visitors present at the opening of the Grand Lodge the names of G. M. Robert Rusling, D. G. M. William E. Pine, P. G. M. Daniel B. Bruen, and G. L. William Mead of this jurisdiction.

Bro. John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee to which was referred the proposition to divide the jurisdiction of New York into several Subordinate Grand Lodges, presented a report, from which it appeared that nothing had been done. The Committee were thereupon discharged. We presume this ends the matter for the present, and, perhaps, forever.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the fertile and ready pen of P. G. M. John W. Simons. We have given so much of our space to New York that we cannot make extracts. New Jersey has copious mention. Bro. Simons approves the recommendation by Grand Master Cannon, adopted by the Grand Lodge, to make the Committees on Jurisprudence and Appeals permanent, with power to act in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. John H. Anthon was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James M. Austin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

M. W. Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, R. W. D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

The eighty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, was held in the city of Raleigh, December 6th, A. L. 5869.

The address of the Grand Master is a very able and interesting production.

He reports twenty-six decisions, of which we quote but two.

Question. Is it Masonic to hold balls (dancing parties) in the Lodge hall, or to play cards therein?

Answer. Dancing and card playing are not taught in the ritual or landmarks. They had better be practiced elsewhere, if at all.

Question. How shall an expelled Mason be restored?

Answer. By petition and a clear ballot."

There is a sly bit of satire in the first decision, which we commend to some brethren of this jurisdiction, whose Lodge rooms are devoted more to dancing, suppers, concerts and Eastern Star Sisters, than to the practice of the ritual.

The second decision is contrary to the rule and practice which obtains in New Jersey upon the subject therein referred to. We are satisfied, however, that the decision of the Grand Master of North Carolina is correct. An *expulsion* severs entirely the expelled brother from the Craft, and he becomes as a profane. If he desires to re-enter the fraternity, he must pursue the same course as if he had never been initiated.

We cite, at length, the interesting and eloquent peroration of Bro. Vance's address.

"In March, 1865, a Confederate officer was returning from a long and painful captivity to his own distressed and bleeding region. The splendid steamer on which he was still a prisoner, passed old Fortress Monroe, the wrecks of the Congress and Cumberland, associated with the fame of the Merrimac, and entered the majestic James River. It was a fine day and the deck was crowded with Federal officers. It was a continuous line of 'blue,' broken only by the solitary 'gray' of the officer mentioned. As 'twilight gray' was coming on, he felt very lonely, although in a crowd. Desiring to see if any would recognize 'a brother in gray,' he simply *walked across the deck*. In a moment a man with silver locks was at his side and the warm palm of the stranger caused a thrill in his. 'I saw you,' said he, 'and you and your party (there were eleven others in the cabin) must take tea with me.' They went. As the tea was finished an officer with shoulder straps tapped the two brothers on the shoulder, remarking, 'you must now separate.' No word was spoken, but the Confederate drew from his pocket a prison ring and slipped it on the finger of the stranger, while he took a beautiful Masonic breast pin and placed on the bosom of the gray. Then, while the cold, lovely stars looked down on the love of their bosoms, they gave the last true grip, never to be forgotten on earth. The stranger was Bro. Jordan, of Boston, Massachusetts, and the gray knows not if he is yet living.

"Brethren! there is much for us to do in the world. There are those who hunger, to be fed; there are those who die for knowledge, to be educated, and there are wounds to be mollified with ointment. And see what a vast field we have in which to labor. Our Lodge is the world, our mother is the Universe, and our Father is God. Our Lodge extending from Earth to Heaven, from Centre to Circumference,

from East to West, between the North and the South, by labor her fertile vales are fruitful and her hill-tops are glorified. And bear in mind, brethren, that there is associated with the thought of LABOR, the hope of REST in the great hereafter. Here is not our final, but only our passing habitation. The very name—'Lodge'—is suggestive—signifying in the old records of language—'a temporary habitation'—and exhorts us to remember that we are strangers and pilgrims in the earth, as our fathers were before us. The poet has seized the idea of temporary rest, as further suggested in the term 'Lodge,' and says :

'Oh, for a Lodge in some vast wilderness—
Some boundless contiguity of shade !'

and again :—

'Oh bear me off to vast embowering shades,
To weeping grottoes and prophetic glooms,
Where angel forms athwart the solemn dusk,
Tremendous sweep, or seem to sweep along,
And voices, more than human, deep sounding
Through the void, seize the enthusiastic ear !'

"And, brethren, there are 'voices more than human,' sounding through the holy walks of a Lodge of devoted brethren ; and whether they are gazing upon beautiful virgins weeping over broken columns ; or meditating upon the darkness and sterility of the religion of reason ; or contemplating the glorious doctrine of the resurrection from death, or the consummation of all bliss in the strength and power of Judah's Lion, the soul is thrilled by them, calling it to the Holy of Holies beyond the skies."

The business was of a local character and nothing of special interest to the Craft generally was transacted, except the adoption of the following resolutions on the subject of dispensations :

"*Resolved* 1st, That this Grand Lodge cannot hereafter recognize any other mode of making Masons than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usage of the Craft, namely : 'In a regular Lodge,' after previous notice and due inquiry into character.

"2d, That this Grand Lodge cannot and does not recognize any inherent right or power, or prerogative in Grand Masters, to make Masons at sight or will, out of a regular Lodge : and must regard the exercise of such power not only as arbitrary, but in violation of the plain and unmistakable provisions of the ancient Charges and Constitutions of Masonry.

"3d. That these makings by Grand Masters heretofore, are hereby declared legal, and the Masons so made, entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Craft."

It is unnecessary for us to say that we do not concur in the proposition contained in these resolutions. Neither can we see, if such dispensations are "in violation of the plain and unmistakable provision of the Ancient Charge and Constitution of Masonry," what right the Grand Lodge of North Carolina had to declare any makings by virtue of such dispensations to have been legal. If the proposition of the second resolution be true, that of the third cannot be. We hold to the doctrine on this subject contained in the following resolution of Bro. Eugenie Grissom, which appears to have failed of its passage:

"*Resolved*, That the right of a Grand Master of Masons to make Masons at sight, or in an occasional Lodge with due regard to the proper form, is an *inherent* prerogative, but that its exercise, except under extraordinary circumstances, is inexpedient."

An able report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Committee. New Jersey has full and complimentary mention. Extracts of some length are inserted from the address of Grand Master Cannon in 1869.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

OHIO.

The sixtieth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held in the city of Cleveland, October 19th, 1869, M. W. Howard Matthews, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is mostly occupied with a statement of his official transactions during the year.

We cite the following from the address, on the subject of the impropriety of public Masonic discussions:

"During the year there have been two *public discussions* of the merits or demerits of Masonry, between members of the institution and its opponents, and I have been tempted to doubt the expediency of indulging in such a course. It is urged that the cause must be a weak one that would not bear the public scrutiny, but every initiate is instructed at the threshold that he 'should avoid entering into quarrels or fruitless arguments with those whom ignorance or prejudice may cause to abuse it.' Provided we live true to the *teachings* of Masonry, and make its precepts the rule and guide of our daily walk and conversation, then will our enemies be silenced, and our

conduct be a *living epistle* that will be its *most eloquent defence*. Our chief 'duties as Masons are those we owe to God, our *neighbor* and *ourselves*. To God, in never mentioning His sacred name but with that reverential awe which is due from the creature to its Creator; to implore His gracious favor in all our laudable undertakings, and ever to esteem Him the chief good. To our neighbor, in ever acting with him upon the square, and in all our dealings and intercourse with him doing unto him as, under similar circumstances, we should desire him to do with us. To ourselves, in cultivating every moral and social virtue, and shunning every irregularity having a tendency to impair our faculties and debase the dignity of our profession.' It is degrading the institution of Masonry, and humiliating to its friends, to see this public discussion of its merits. Does not every candidate for initiation come 'of his own free will and accord?' Does he not come to us 'unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives?' Why, then, do we seek to discuss the merits of the institution, when by so doing we not only violate the precepts of Masonry, but confer no benefit on the Craft? Let us live consistently with our profession as *Masons*, and we shall compel the respect of all good men. I suggest that the Grand Lodge give an expression on this subject, in order to check this disposition to public discussions."

We agree with the views expressed by Grand Master Matthews, expressed in the foregoing extract. In addition to the reasons expressed by the Grand Master, we think that public Masonic discussions partake too much of the character of proselytism. The object of such debates can only be to commend the Fraternity to the favor of the profane. This we do not desire to do. Membership in Masonry is voluntary, and it is contrary to the principles and teachings of the Society to proselyte, either privately or publicly, for initiates.

During the proceedings, Bro. Augustus Stone, of American Union Lodge, No. 1, a Mason since 1800, was presented to the M. W. Grand Master, by Bro. Cornelius Moore, Grand Representative of New Jersey, and was received by the Grand Lodge with appropriate honors.

The following resolution, rescinding action taken in 1847 by the Grand Lodge respecting colored men, was adopted:

"*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge is disposed to do justice to all men, without regard to color, race or religion; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1847, and which is as follows: '*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it would be inexpedient and tend to ruin the present

harmony of the Fraternity to admit any persons of color, so-called, into the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby rescinded."

We insert the action taken by Ohio on the subject of the difficulty between Louisiana and France :

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge again recognizes the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as the supreme authority over the symbolic degrees within its territorial jurisdiction.

"Resolved, That the establishment of an Order within the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which claims to work the symbolic degrees without, and in violation of, its authority, is an unwarranted proceeding, revolutionary in its character, and should receive the prompt condemnation of this and every other Grand Lodge in this country.

"Resolved, That the members of the Fraternity in Ohio are hereby positively prohibited from holding any fraternal relations or Masonic intercourse with those who claim to have received the symbolic degrees by or through the so-called Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by a Committee, of which M. W. Bro. Sparrow, P. G. M., was Chairman, and we presume it is the production of his pen. The report does not review the proceedings of the Grand Lodges, under their respective titles, but extracts from them all discussions of pending Masonic questions of interest. The decisions of the Grand Master of New Jersey are inserted without comment.

M. W. Bro. Alexander H. Newcomb was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Caldwell was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

M. W. D. G. Clark, Grand Master; R. W. J. E. Hurford, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for 1870, was held at the town of Astoria, June 20th, of that year.

The address of the Grand Master is a practical document, entirely confined to a discussion of local matters. We find nothing in it which would be of special interest to our readers.

The following resolutions on the subject of the Louisiana difficulty, were adopted :

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Oregon recognizes the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as the supreme authority over symbolic Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Orient of France in establishing Subordinate Lodges within the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and in violation of its authority, is an unwarranted proceeding, revolutionary in its character, and should receive the prompt condemnation of this and every other Grand Lodge in this country.

Resolved, That the Masonic Fraternity in Oregon, are hereby positively prohibited from holding any Fraternal relations or Masonic intercourse with those who claim to have received the Symbolic Degrees by or through the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of the Sovereign and independent State of Louisiana."

The brethren in Oregon appear to be troubled with traveling impostors. To remedy the difficulty, the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolutions. We append the resolutions so that any of our New Jersey brethren who propose to go to Oregon, may take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly :

"Your committee to whom was referred the matter of devising some suitable means whereby impostors may be prevented from practising their schemes upon the brethren of this jurisdiction, request the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it shall be incumbent on every traveling brother asking assistance from the brethren in this State, to produce, with his application for pecuniary aid, a certificate from the Lodge of which he is a member, of his being a Mason in good standing. This certificate shall be good for one year from its date, and shall bear the seal of the Lodge from which the brother holding it hails.

Resolved, That we suggest to sister Grand Lodges the propriety of taking some similar action with regard to the members under their several jurisdictions."

The old difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Oregon and that of Washington Territory, has not yet been definitely settled. In reference to this difficulty, the Grand Lodge of Oregon adopted the following courteous and Fraternal resolutions :

"Your Special Committee, to whom was referred so much much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the unhappy difference between the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington Territory and this Grand Lodge, have had said matter under consideration and ask leave to submit the following report :

"Your committee have to express their sorrow that any question has arisen to mar or disturb the Fraternal relations heretofore existing between said Grand Bodies, and regret the unhappy difference that

seems to divide these sister jurisdictions, and to the end that nothing upon our part shall be wanting that said Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, might, could or ought to ask of a sister Grand Lodge to restore Fraternal relations which we have never desired should be suspended, therefore be it

"*Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that we disclaim any intention on our part, at any time, to treat Most Worshipful Grand Master Reed, of Washington Territory, discourteously, or to treat said Grand Lodge with disrespect.

"*Resolved*, That we hereby extend to the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, the right hand of fellowship—that we now are, as we have ever been, ready to hold communion with them, and hereby express our desire that Fraternal relations may be restored between said Grand Bodies.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward an attested copy of this report, together with the accompanying resolutions, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Washington Territory, and request of him to submit the same to his said Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Oregon, having thus handsomely tendered the olive branch, we trust that it will be received in a like Fraternal spirit by the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, and that thus this unfortunate quarrel may be composed.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Rev. S. F. Chadwick. New Jersey is not mentioned, the Committee probably having failed to receive a copy of our proceedings.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

R. W. Richard Vaux, Grand Master; R. W. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

The portion of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge devoted to business is entirely of local interest. But we have been greatly pleased with the perusal of the valedictory address of the retiring Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Vaux, and the salutatory address of the incoming Grand Master, R. W. Robert A. Lamberton. And we know of no better way to interest the craft in this jurisdiction than by making copious extracts from these able and truly Masonic addresses.

The following, from the address of Bro. Vaux, upon the self-sustaining and independent position which the Masonic Institution should occupy before the world, presents the subject in its true light:

“On the continent of Europe, a condition of affairs has long, and yet exists, which complicates the true position of these Masonic bodies. The political power, in many of the countries of the continent, proclaims the right of supervision over the Masonic Fraternity. The king, or emperor, or whatever title the chief of the State enjoys, assumes to authorize the existence of Masons in any collective, and even in some cases their individual, characters as members of the Order. I never can consent that such a right exists outside of the brotherhood. To recognize Grand Lodges thus subordinated to any political power, is to admit that a Masonic body so constituted is a supreme sovereign authority. Masonry claims to exist by a prescriptive right superior to, and more ancient, than modern dynasties. It proclaims, moreover, that its aims, purposes and organism are violative of no allegiance the Mason owes to the government under which he lives. It has no connection with politics or sectarianism. This position of the Craft is beyond the reach of doubt or controversy. It has been asserted ever since Hiram, king of Tyre, aided king Solomon to build ‘The Temple.’ It is not now to be yielded, and, in my opinion, Masonry in Europe or elsewhere is false to its character if it tolerates, tacitly even, a qualified negation of this claim. But it is not to be doubted that Grand Lodges have been treated like minor powers by stronger nations, and their existence ended by the political power of absorbing within their boundaries the territorial limits of these unresisting Masonic jurisdictions. To recognize, therefore, Grand Lodges holding their sovereignty and Masonic supremacy by so frail a tenure as the will of kings, or the boundaries which treaties to-day establish, and to-morrow the sword severs or subverts, in so far as such recognition can, is a virtual acknowledgment that these bodies are Lodges subordinate to the State, and not intrinsically sovereign and supreme. It does more : it subjects the recognition to an admission that Masonry may, under any circumstances, be subordinate to the political government of a country in which it is located.”

Bro. Vaux does not favor the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, judging from the annexed citation :

“The Grand Lodge of Canada has, as I hinted last year, more trials of her Masonic faith. An effort is being made to segregate a portion of her jurisdiction without her consent, and set up a Grand Lodge therein. The Masonic law applicable to like efforts has been declared. When I was chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, this subject was examined. The consent

of the original jurisdiction must be first obtained before recognition is Masonically lawful. It is not necessary now to refer to it, or to decide as to the merits of the case. Such a course has just been condemned. It is my earnest hope that harmony will again assert its power over the minds of the brethren, and at last they may have a happy issue out of all their afflictions. These trials are often necessary, as it sometimes happens therein those who are not true Masons show their real character, which else might pass unobserved till larger scope for mischief is created. It is the enemy within our Order which is more to be feared than the enemy without."

He suggests a convention of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges in the vicinity of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of taking some steps towards the assistance of parties making explorations in the Holy Land. As we have seen no reference to this proposition in the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, we presume that the scheme has fallen through.

We insert Bro. Vaux's encomium upon the Philadelphia work :

"The Pennsylvania work is sublime from its simplicity. That it is the ancient work, is best shown conclusively, however, from this single fact, it is so simple, so free from those displays of modern inventions to attract the attention without enlightening, improving or cultivating the mind. In this work every word has its significance. Its types and symbols are but the language in which truth is conveyed. These are to be studied to be understood. In the spoken language no synonyms are permitted. In the ceremonial, no innovations are tolerated. In the ritual, no modern verbiage is allowed. The head and mind are both under the influence of the solemnizing power of these objective teachings, and the true interpretation of the sublime principles and majestic truths so taught."

The following is well worthy of observation, in this day of progress and so-called improvement :

"It is not unfrequently heard among the less thoughtful of the brethren, that Free Masonry is progressive. This, as so stated, is an error. If by progressive is meant that novelties and mere attractions, an adaptation to passing fancies, to the forms which futile though glittering superficialities assume, to supersede the real and the true, then Masonry never so contradicts its character and origin. It is the highest glory of the Order that it is steadfast and established. It resists innovations with a power which has never been overcome. Its landmarks are the towers of its strength. They may be assaulted but never destroyed. Free Masonry is a

citadel in which its mysteries are guarded by its usages and customs. They never slumber or sleep. The watchful eyes of these guardians are never closed. By the Masonic light, which is unextinguishable, the approach by force or stealth of hostile aims is detected. Progress may assume to be a virtue, but progress not based on the severest application of admitted truths cannot enter our Temple gates. The advancement, we admit, is proficiency required for further advancement. Let us reject the seductive influences of that progressive spirit which seeks to build by destroying the foundation. The world is full of such progress, and its track is marked by the ruins it has made."

There are many other passages in Brother Vaux's address which we would be glad to cite. But such extracts as we have made occupy all the space we can give to this most eloquent address.

Much discussion has recently taken place on the subject of the ballot, and Grand Masters have not failed to remind the brethren to be careful in excluding improper material from the Temple. But ample means of observation have satisfied us that there has been great error on the other side. Many good, worthy and unexceptionable candidates have been rejected through the most improper motives. We commend to all the Craft the wise words of the new Grand Master, Bro. Lamberton, which we here cite :

"A Mason, in the undoubted right he enjoys freely to pass upon the qualifications of candidates, answerable to his conscience, should use that right governed by a sense of its importance and of his responsibility. At our ballot box, he is no true man who is controlled by partisan rancor, business rivalry, sectarian prejudice, or other like unworthy influence.

"The casting of a black ball at the suggestion of any such motive is in ignorance of the alphabet of the Order, is in violation of duty to the Craft, and is the act of a coward who takes advantage of his opportunity to strike the stealthy blow. The ballot is not to be polluted for the purpose of petty malice, private revenge, or in a spirit of retaliation for real or fancied injuries.' And one who thus wields the power which Masonry gives him, and excludes from our Temple those against whom there is no other objection, has been declared by this Grand Lodge 'to violate his Masonic obligations,' 'to be a foe to Masonry, and false to every principle of duty and right, and unfit to belong to the Craft.'"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Robert J. Fisher, and occupies much more space than has been

heretofore given to such reports in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. New Jersey receives brief but complimentary mention.

R. W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Thomson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

This pamphlet presents us with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, at its Semi-Annual Communication, held in Providence, November 15th, A. L. 5869, and the Annual Communication, held at the same place, May 16th, A. L. 5870. The Grand Master, Bro. Thomas A. D'byle, was present, and presided on both occasions.

We find nothing of special interest to report at the Semi-Annual meeting.

We cite the following from the decisions of the Grand Master, reported in his address :

"A profane, rejected by a Lodge which has not legal jurisdiction over him, is not obliged to apply to that Lodge for a recommendation to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides. The first rejection is null and void.

"A Lodge cannot legally receive a petition from a profane who, by reason of physical infirmity, could not do Masonic work. Such petition, if received and referred in ignorance of such infirmity, may be returned to the applicant without a ballot.

"The business of the Lodge is entirely within the control of the Master, and he is not compelled to recognize a motion to act upon a particular matter, but in his discretion may refuse to allow it to be considered.

"A member of a Lodge, having stated in his petition for the degrees that he had not before applied for initiation, when in fact he had been rejected in another State, should be tried for unmasonic conduct, in that he has knowingly and wilfully deceived the Lodge."

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on December 31st, A. L. 5869, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of M. W. William Field, P. G. M. We are somewhat surprised to see that, although the funeral ceremonies were under the charge of the Grand Lodge, yet the only service read at the grave was the Knights Templar funeral service. We agree in an opinion expressed some time since by a Grand Master of Maine, that in a funeral procession under the charge of a Grand

Lodge or a Subordinate Symbolic Lodge, neither Knights Templar or Royal Arch Masons can have any place, *as such*. If they desire to join in the procession and ceremony they must do so in the character of Master Masons.

The election for Grand Officers resulted in the re-election of M. W. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and W. Bro. Edward B. Knight was elected Grand Secretary. We find, however, by reference to the cover of the book, that the address of the Grand Secretary is given as "Charles D. Greene." How is this?

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Charleston, November 16th, A. L. 5870, M. W. James Conner, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master reports that he has granted dispensations for thirteen new Lodges, and upon this subject appends the following pertinent remarks:

"In connection with this subject, I would call your attention to the precautions to be observed before creating new Lodges. While it is, of course, our duty to charter Lodges in numbers sufficient for the needs of the Craft, we should be careful not to multiply them beyond the actual necessity. It is not enough that the provisions of the Constitution are complied with, that seven Master Masons request and the nearest Lodge recommends, for even when these requirements are complied with it is still in the discretion of the Grand Lodge to grant or withhold the charter. We should go farther and satisfy ourselves that there is a field for labor, and material from which the new Lodge may draw its members and acquire strength, without impairing the resources of Lodges already existing.

"I also suggest that some care be taken in selecting names for new Lodges. It is true that this is almost purely a question of taste, but good taste is to be cultivated if we sacrifice nothing substantial to it, and it is in the highest degree appropriate that Lodges should have a name associated with some event, legend or character of Masonry rather than by a name purely local, and often uncouth. Our Masonic literature is extensive enough to furnish graceful and appropriate names for all the Lodges we shall ever need."

The following remarks and recommendations are wise and timely, and we present them for the consideration of the brethren in New Jersey:

"I desire to express also my utter disapproval of the practice of giving more than one of the degrees on the same night. The Constitution, it is true, does not forbid it, but it is, in my judgment, a practice more destructive of correct Masonic teaching than almost any other. Carefully to confer any one of the three degrees requires all the time usually given to a Communication. When more than this is attempted each degree is hurried, the members become impatient, the instruction is meagre, and the work slurred. I earnestly invite the Masters of Lodges, as they value their own reputation and the character of their Lodges, to discontinue such practice."

The Grand Master strongly recommends the erection of a new Grand Lodge hall in the city of Charleston. The Grand Lodge, agreeing with the Grand Master, adopted a plan for such hall, and appointed a Committee to carry the Grand Master's recommendation into effect.

The address contains many other matters of interest which we would gladly cite if time and space permitted.

The following resolution was adopted in reference to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France :

"Resolved, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and the Grand Orient of France close and be discontinued, and that no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body shall be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, until the said Grand Orient of France shall withdraw its recognition of the body styling itself the Supreme Council, for the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, and we have read it with great interest. We must, however, condemn, in common with other committees, the use by Bro. Bruns of the cabalistic figures 32°, appended to his name. He might, with equal propriety, sign his name "R. S. Bruns, Knight Templar." Neither degree has anything to do with the Masonic bodies whose proceedings he was reviewing.

We regret very much that we find no notice of New Jersey in this able report. It is very singular if no copy of the three volumes of the proceedings, which we mailed to the address of Bro. Bruns, reached its destination.

Bro. Bruns declined a re-election as Grand Secretary.

M. W. Bro. James Conner was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Rush Campbell, was elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

M. W. Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master; R. W. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Texas met at the city of Houston, June 13th, A. L. 5870, the Grand Lodge being opened by the Grand Master.

From the address of the Grand Master we make the following quotation, and commend its truths to the serious consideration of the representatives to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

" In discharging the duties before us, permit me to enjoin it upon you to proceed with patience, and not in haste. Hasty legislation is unwise. Let us not attempt to force business unseasonably, but to give every subject its proper degree of attention and care, avoid all hasty action, and seek considerably and intelligently to dispose of the various matters coming before us. Hasty or inconsiderate action always comes back to annoy us afterwards; and in this I include a practice somewhat prevalent in this Grand Body, of receiving and acting upon reports of committees founded on *ex parte* statements. It is fruitful of evil, and should be discontinued. Action should not be taken upon any subject by any Committee, or by this Grand Body, that has not been thoroughly examined. The saving of time is not as important as the attainment of justice. Better continue a Committee during the year than commit an error. We should aim so to conduct our business that, when once passed upon, it may never need a re-examination. Masonic business should be conducted with the same prudent care as that which we would exercise as individuals in managing our private business, in that we would scarcely abandon it before it was half completed; and yet a large number of the representatives in this Grand Body each year leave for home immediately after the election of officers, and before the business is half completed. This practice should be abandoned. The business before the Committee cannot generally be matured until late in the session, consequently it is usual that the most important legislation takes place after many have left, which is much to be regretted. The good of the Order requires that the representatives remain until the close of the Annual Communication, and I urge it upon you, brethren, that you do so."

We feel in no mood to ridicule the poverty of the Subordinate Lodges of Texas, when we consider the ordeal through which that State has recently passed, and from the effects of which it has hardly as yet recovered. Yet, we think that the security of Free Masonry requires protection from the carelessness of two

Lodges, which the Grand Master names. With reference to one, he says that they were "in the practice of meeting in a room (in which another organization usually met) in the second story of a wooden building, the Master's seat being but nine feet above the public sidewalk, the window back of it having lost several lights of glass, the room kept in anything but a cleanly condition, destitute of Masonic furniture, the only jewels being of tin, suspended on twine, and the Lodge-room unsafe for Masonic purposes, as everything spoken in the East could be heard on the sidewalk."

With reference to another, he says that they occupied, "for Lodge meeting, a hall in the second story of a wooden building, used as a grog shop, and that the Lodge-room windows were *destitute of sash, glass or shutters.*"

We also quote from the report the following cases, showing a singular lack of Lodge discipline :

"TYRE LODGE, No. 198.—The R. W. Bro. J. A. Lawrence, District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth District, reports most atrocious conduct by this Lodge towards the Order, in this : that two members were known to be enemies ; that they met in deadly combat, and fought until both were seriously wounded by pistol-shots. For this they were summoned to answer before the Lodge ; one appeared, the other sent a proxy, but positively refused to appear in person. They were both tried and *acquitted*. So gross a neglect of Masonic duty by a Lodge, in not inflicting adequate punishment, never has come to my knowledge. Can it be possible that brother can engage brother in hostile combat, seeking to deprive each other of life, and that for it their Lodge is so destitute of moral courage that it dare not expel them for so doing ! Or that Masons, once worthy of the name, have become so obtuse in the perception of right and wrong, when assembled as a Lodge, that such conduct, in their opinion, does not deserve the highest punishment known to Masonic law ! It is time that the Grand Lodge used its powers to punish such disgraceful conduct in the past, and to prevent it in future. And I recommend that this Grand Body expel both of the combatants, as the Subordinate Lodge should have done ; and that for neglecting to do so, Tyre Lodge, No. 198, be deprived of its charter.

"TANNEHILL LODGE, No. 52.—I am informed that a member of this Lodge carried a challenge to deadly combat from a profane to another member of the same Lodge ; that he was warned not to do so by another brother Mason, but persisted in so doing. At my last advices the Lodge had ignored the offence, entirely failing to take cognizance of it."

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, upon his retirement from the Grand East.

During the Grand Communication the corner-stone of the Hebrew Temple, "Beth Israel," was laid by the Grand Lodge, in the city of Houston.

The Grand Lodge, upon the report of the Committee on the Reports of the Grand Officers, adopted a resolution formally recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A majority of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported that seven, five and three are the proper numbers for a quorum in the respective Lodges of E. A., F. C. and M. M.

The minority reported that no less number than seven could lawfully open a Lodge on any degree.

The report of the majority was adopted.

We agree, however, with the report of the minority, and believe that the presence of seven Master Masons is requisite to open a Lodge. Whether it is necessary that these seven should be *members* of the Lodge is a question which has been much discussed, and is one upon which we confess our head is not clear. We should like to hear the views, on this question, of Committees whose attention, may be called to this subject.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. A. S. Richardson. No mention is made of New Jersey.

M. W. Clinton M. Winkler was elected Grand Master, and R. W. George H. Bringham was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, for the year 5869, was held in the city of Burlington, on the 9th day of June, in that year.

M. W. George M. Hall, Grand Master; R. W. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written document, barring the constant use of the objectionable term "Order," when speaking of the Masonic Fraternity. From it we cite the following reference to some distinguished Free Masons of Vermont, whose names are familiar to all well posted Masons throughout the United States:

"And who, my brethren, were those men to whose labors the Grand Lodge of Vermont owes so much?—aye, it may with truth be said, much of its present prosperity and influence, if not its existence. I allude to the true-hearted and zealous Hazwell, the noble and gifted Tucker, through whose united efforts the Grand Lodge was awakened

from its sleep of years, to assume once more among its peers its position of usefulness and benefaction. To you who have been co-laborers with these men for the prosperity of the institution in Vermont, it may seem superfluous for me to allude, even though in terms of praise; their memories are deeply engraved upon your hearts, and you freely accord to them the just tribute of your gratitude and love. To them the care of preserving the old landmarks of the Fraternity was an anxious and abiding one; and any effort made, either through too great zeal, or, it may be, through design, to infringe upon the established usages of the Fraternity, met at once their unqualified rebuke and denunciation. They believed in Free Masonry as an institution well calculated to advance the true interests of humanity; that the principles upon which it is founded were such as to be worthy of all care to preserve and to perpetuate as an undying legacy down to the latest generations of men. In the reorganization of the Order in Vermont, they evinced that true catholic, as well as conservative, spirit so necessary to its continued prosperity. Deeply imbued with the same spirit, their immediate successor has labored with us to preserve unsullied the mantle that, so unexpectedly to himself, fell upon him, and to transmit to posterity, in all their simplicity and beauty, those noble behests with which he was so solemnly intrusted. But, my brethren, the highway which these Grand Masters have followed with such devotion was not built up by themselves; its foundations were securely laid long ago in the past, and hedged about on either side with jealous care by the wisdom and prudence of the venerated founders of the Order, this highway became to them the 'straight and narrow one,' but at the same time the only one which could lead to a permanent and abiding success. How well they have trodden this narrow way the records of the past twenty-five years will abundantly attest. Questions of the greatest importance have arisen, from time to time, which have threatened us with disaster and ruin. Yet they have faithfully met them, and with your help and generous sympathy have laid the disturbing elements, let us hope, in lasting sleep."

In a subsequent portion of the proceedings we find a part of this address, which had been referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and was not printed in its regular order. From this portion we quote the following :

"In *law*, a man is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is fully proven upon a final trial; but in *Masonry*, it is fairly to be presumed that no brother will prefer charges against another which, if proven,

would lead to his expulsion from the Order, unless he has abundant proof with which to substantiate, in the clearest manner possible, the truth of the charges made against him, knowing full well that any malicious persecution of a brother, on his part, or charges which are untrue, and wilfully and knowingly made, and understood to be so when made, would inevitably lead to his own expulsion from the Order. And hence, in the language of Bro. Mitchel, 'the standing of the brother charged is impaired by a very high order of testimony.' It is to be taken, in fact, as *prima facie* evidence of his guilt, so far, at least, as to impair his standing in the Order. Hence, his rights and privileges as a Mason are virtually suspended for the time being, and until, by a strict investigation, they are found to be groundless."

We have cited the above because it affords us a good opportunity of placing upon record our unqualified disapprobation of the doctrine therein contained. It is not the first time we have seen it, but we are greatly rejoiced to know that Masons who endorse the sentiments of the foregoing extract are 'few and far between.' In the name of Masonic Charity, in the name of Masonic Justice, in the name of the great principle of Masonic Fraternity, we do most solemnly, and with a sense of indignation difficult to repress, protest against the doctrine. What! shall a Mason deny to his brother that charity which the whole outside world concedes to him? Are Masonic obligations nothing? Is Masonic BROTHERHOOD a myth, a delusion and a snare? Shall gentle Masonry clothe her hand with an iron glove harsher than the mailed gauntlet of the Common Law? God forbid!

The only argument upon which the doctrine is based is that contained in the foregoing excerpt, and we consider it worthless. The insistent is, that it is "fairly to be presumed that no brother will prefer charges, unless he has abundant proof to substantiate them." But is it not equally true that it is "fairly to be presumed" that no Mason would be guilty of conduct for which charges should be preferred? And if so, we have two antagonistic presumptions of equal force and obligation. In such case charity should decide in favor of the brother alleged to have erred.

We will not refer to the great injustice which the brother would suffer in case he were proved innocent, if the principle of the foregoing extract were applied. In fact, we won't write any farther upon this subject. If we do we fear we shall lose our temper.

Thirty-six decisions are reported, but we find none of special interest, except the following, in which we concur :

"A candidate who has made a false statement in his application regarding his age, stating that he was of age, when, in fact, he was a minor, and knowing at the same time that our rules required him to be of age at the time of his initiation, would clearly be a subject of Masonic discipline, although he may have been passed and raised."

During the session a jewel was presented to P. G. M. Englesby. The presentation speech and the reply are published in the proceedings.

The following extract from the proceedings we insert for the purpose of expressing our concurrence in both of the Grand Master's decisions contained therein :

"Bro. S. G. Heaton moved that the representatives from the newly-chartered Lodges be received as delegates. The Grand Master decided the motion out of order. Bro. G. G. Hunt appealed from the decision of the Grand Master. The Grand Master decided that an appeal from the decision of the chair could not be entertained ; therefore the motion was declared out of order."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary, and we presume it is the production of his pen. Fraternal and complimentary reference is made to this jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark were, respectively, re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

M. W. William Terry, Grand Master ; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the city of Richmond, December 13th, A. L. 5869.

The address of the Grand Master is a short but very interesting document. We cite from it the following extract, as presenting important views, which in these days of progress and so-called improvements, cannot too frequently be impressed upon the brethren :

"In this utilitarian age, progress is the boast of the outside world. In the arts and sciences, in material development, in the science of government, the genius of man has accomplished much, and in these, as living men of the age, we take a lively interest, and greatly rejoice. We participate in their benefits and enjoy their rewards, but, as Masons, it is our pride to follow the well-beaten track of our fathers—we seek no change or reforms, but give to

those who follow us the moss-covered landmarks as we received them. When we seek for light in Masonry, we look to the past; and when we are satisfied with its antiquity, we are satisfied with its wisdom and its adaptation to the ends and objects of our Order. We claim to have had no revolutions, no exploded theories in the principles of our Order; and it stands to-day, as it was in the morning of its institution, unchanged, and endorsed by the approval of ages. And it behooves us, in these days of change, to see that we do not, in Masonry, fall into the spirit of the times, and be drifted upon the dangers which changes involve."

We are rejoiced to see, from the minutes of this Grand Lodge, that the matters in difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and that of West Virginia have been amicably settled.

The Grand Master reported in his address a case in which a Master of a Lodge had permitted a candidate to be entered, *whose leg had been amputated below the knee*. In consequence of the irregularity, the Lodge had been suspended. The matter was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported the following:

"That the Book of Constitutions (Chapter 1, Section 3,) declares that every one who desires to be admitted into Masonry must be 'upright in body, not deformed or dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be;' and again, (in Chapter 2, Section 5,) that 'the Master shall take care that no Apprentice or Fellow be taken into his Lodge,' unless (amongst other designated qualifications) he finds him to be 'without maim or defect in body.' Regarding this as our supreme law, the Committee are of opinion that the Worshipful Master of Sidney Lodge violated its injunctions in initiating the candidate mentioned in the address and other papers submitted with it."

We cite also the following, from report of the same Committee:

"*Resolved*, That the Master of a Lodge has not the power to admit any but Master Masons as pall bearers in a Masonic funeral procession.

"*Resolved*, That entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are responsible to and triable by the Lodge in which they were initiated and passed. The proceedings, required to be had in open Lodge, shall be had in a Lodge on the degree to which the accused belongs; but the Master Mason's Lodge shall be resumed for deliberation and decision.

"*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to change the law as it now stands, so as to make the Deacons and Chaplain elective officers."

With reference to the latter resolution, we are clearly of the opinion that the Deacons of a Subordinate Lodge should never be elective officers. They are the executive assistants of the Master and Senior Warden, and we think should be selected by those officers.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence. The Grand Secretary, however, courteously acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of a large number of Grand Lodges, among which we find those of New Jersey.

M. W. Thomas F. Owens was elected Grand Master, and R. W., John Dove was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The twelfth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Masonic Hall, in Olympia, September 16, A. L. 5869. The Grand Master being absent, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, in *due* form. The Grand Master appeared at the afternoon Communication and assumed his station.

The Grand Master's address is a recital of his official acts during the vacation, and contains nothing of special interest to brethren outside of that jurisdiction.

We regret to see that the old difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Oregon and Washington Territory have not as yet been composed, and that fraternal intercourse between the two Grand Lodges continues to be interdicted.

In looking over the report of the Deputy Grand Master, we find that he reported having issued a dispensation during the year, which action was approved by the Grand Lodge. While we have no sympathy whatever with the attempt which is being made, in some quarters, to deprive the Grand Master of his ancient prerogative of dispensation, we must deny that power to the Deputy Grand Master, except where, by reason of the death or absence from the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, the duties and responsibilities of his station have devolved on the Deputy.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. William H. Troup was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Thomas M. Reed re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The fifth Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Wheeling, November 9th, 5869, M. W. William J. Bates, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, represents the state of Free Masonry in his jurisdiction as most encouraging; that the principles and objects of the institution are being better understood, and the growth of the society, consequently, of a more healthy character.

He reports the gratifying intelligence that the difficulties between this Grand Lodge and that of Virginia had been satisfactorily settled, and that the Grand Lodge of Virginia had extended to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia "Masonic and fraternal recognition."

New Jersey, we believe, not being entirely satisfied with the regularity of the institution of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, has never officially recognized her. We recommend that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey do extend to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, at this communication, an official recognition.

We find nothing in the proceedings of general interest to the Craft. The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. O. S. Long. Favorable mention is made of New Jersey, and a lengthy extract is inserted from the closing remarks of G. M. Cannon, at the Grand Communication of 1868.

M. W. William J. Bates, Grand Master; R. W. Thomas H. Logan, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Milwaukee, June 14th, 1870. The Grand Master, M. W. Gabriel Bouck, was present and presided.

We find nothing of special interest to report in the address of the Grand Master, which is mainly occupied by a statement of local affairs. He reports that he has granted four dispensations for new Lodges, and has refused six applications.

We note the following decisions:

"1st. That an E. A. or F. C. who has become maimed subsequent to his initiation or passing, is not by reason thereof barred from being advanced.

"2d. If an applicant has been elected to be initiated, but subsequently, and before initiation, becomes maimed. he is by reason thereof barred from initiation.

"4th. It is error for W. M. to give a brother a dimit out of the Lodge when he is clear of the books. The request should be in open Lodge, at a stated Communication.

"6th. The W. M. has the right to proceed and confer a degree, although the brethren may wish to postpone it; or he may postpone

it, even if a majority of the brethren wish him to proceed. He has the power and the right to determine such questions, provided he does not go to such extent as to become arbitrary.

"9th. An examination of a candidate may be had at a special Communication.

"10th. A Mason has no right to disclose what his vote was upon any question when the secret ballot is required.

"13th. A Lodge has a right to receive charges, and try any unaffiliated Mason, or an affiliated Mason, in a foreign jurisdiction, residing within its jurisdiction, for unmasonic conduct committed while a resident within such jurisdiction."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence disagreed with the Grand Master on the first decision, and reported the following:

"If an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall suffer any personal injury which would disqualify him from receiving the first degree in Masonry, such injury shall not prevent his advancement, provided its character is such as not to impair his ability to fulfil the requirements of the Ritual."

We append the following from the report of the Committee on Grievances:

"It is the opinion of your Committee, that in a case where the accused is tried and found *not guilty*, that the *accuser* has no right of appeal to the Grand Lodge. We would therefore recommend that the appeal in this case be dismissed."

The question here referred to, has recently been a subject of considerable discussion. The above appears to express the generally received opinion at present.

A lengthy and able report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. S. Cadwallader. We regret that we find no notice of New Jersey.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

CHILI.

The Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Chili, has been received. It does not give the proceedings of that Grand Body, but simply contains the annual address of the Grand Master, an oration delivered by a brother at the constitution of a new Lodge, and a few other documents of purely local interest.

From a circular accompanying the Bulletin, it appears that there are within the jurisdiction, six Lodges, with a membership of 605.

M. W. J. D. Arlequi was elected Grand Master, and R. W. José Maldonado, Grand Secretary.

FRANCE.

The Annual Assemblage of the Grand Orient of France, was held in Paris, June 6 to June 11, 1870. R. W. Alfred Blanche, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. 291 Subordinate Bodies were represented by 283 brethren.

The M. W. Grand Master, M. Mellinet, resigned his office but was re-elected, Upon his refusing to serve, a discussion followed, the report of which occupies the principal part of the official record. Nothing of special interest to American Masons, seems to have transpired.

Fourteen new Lodges had been constituted during the year, two old Lodges had been revived and six had been established in foreign countries. No statistics are given.

M. W. M. Babaud-Larivière, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thèvenot, Grand Secretary.

Since the commencement of the Franco-Prussian War, the Grand Orient has issued circulars calling upon the brethren to contribute aid for the relief of the suffering, of whatever creed or nationality, thus showing that the benign influence of our Fraternity, asserts itself there as elsewhere, amid the conflicting passions and din of war, no less than in the stillness of national peace.

In conclusion, the Committee add that they have selected from the proceedings, and laid before the Grand Lodge in their report, such questions as their experience suggested would be most interesting to the brethren of this jurisdiction.

The Committee, in some cases, have presented their views upon mooted questions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is necessarily so voluminous, and the questions raised and discussed are so numerous, that fair consideration of them and of the views of the Committee, could not well be had during the time occupied at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge. For these reasons we are of the opinion that such reports should never be *adopted* as the judgment of the Grand Lodge, but only received as the individual opinion of the Committee, to which the Grand Lodge should not be held committed.

Your Committee perceive, with pleasure, that in many of the jurisdictions the question of reprinting and publishing the old minutes of the Grand Lodge, has been discussed; but they, also, perceive with regret, that in many instances the proposition does not receive the cordial encouragement to which it is entitled.

The early proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges, are not only of interest to the Grand Lodge to which they relate, but also to other jurisdictions. In most cases the only copy of the minutes in existence is contained in the original manuscript on the books of the Grand Secretary, which so slight an occurrence as the accidental ignition of a match, might, in a few minutes, irrecoverably destroy.

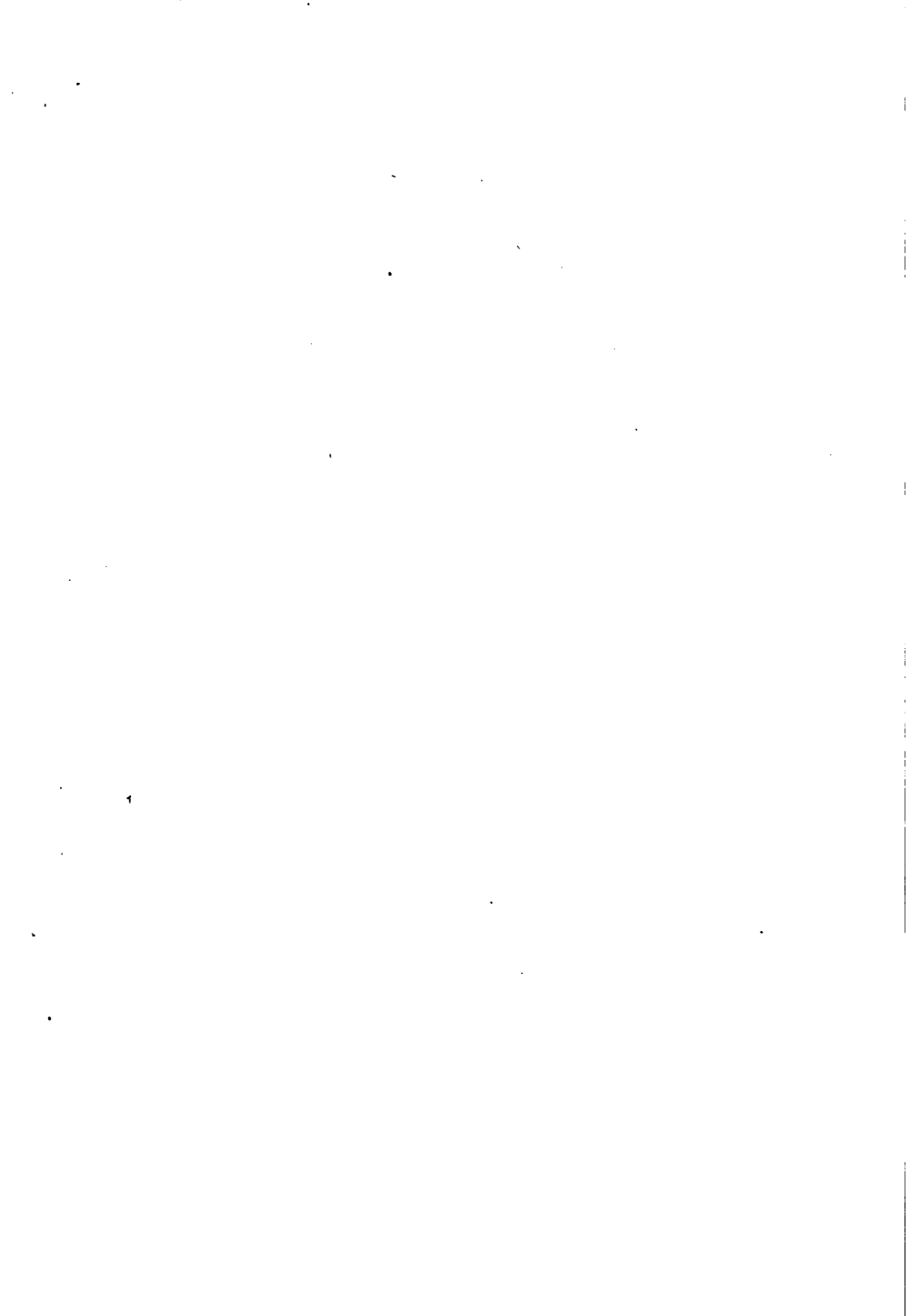
The Committee are gratified to know that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey have recently taken steps to prevent such a misfortune in its own case.

The Committee submit to the candid and liberal criticism of the the Craft, a report which has been the result of no little labor.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH,

Trenton, Dec. 1st, 1870.

For the Committee.



PROCEEDINGS

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OF

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OF

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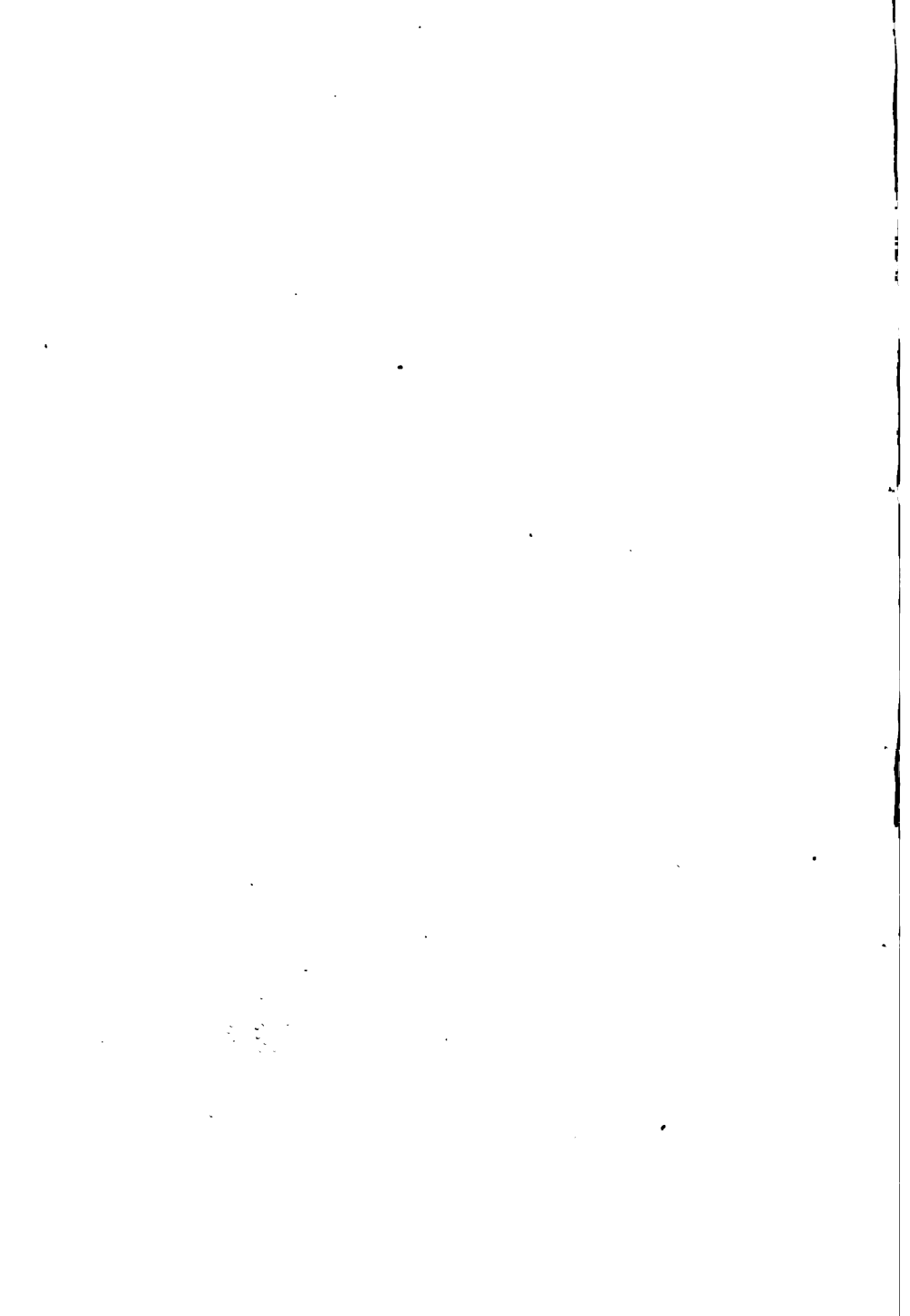
JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH, A. L. 5872, A. D. 1872.

EIGHTEENTH GENERAL REGULATION.—The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge shall be publicly read in all the Subordinate Lodges.

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OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY,

AT THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT THE CITY
OF TRENTON, JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH, 1872.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, held at Freese's Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th and 18th days of January, A. L. 5872, A. D. 1872, there being present—

<i>M. W.</i> WILLIAM E. PINE.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
<i>R. W.</i> NATHAN HAINES.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
<i>R. W.</i> WILLIAM A. PEMBROOK.....	{ <i>Junior Grand Warden.</i> <i>pro tem.</i>
<i>R. W.</i> WILLIAM R. CLAPP.....	
<i>R. W.</i> JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
<i>R. W.</i> WILLIAM D. RUTAN.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
<i>W. and REV.</i> HENRY VEHSLAGE, JUN.....	<i>Dep. Grand Secretary.</i>
<i>W.</i> WILLIAM MEAD.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
<i>W.</i> LEOPOLD KIESLING.....	{ <i>Grand Lecturer.</i> <i>Grand Visitor to German Lodges.</i>
<i>W.</i> THEODORE N. BENTLEY.....	
<i>W.</i> HEBER WELLS.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
<i>W.</i> GEORGE B. EDWARDS.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
<i>W.</i> CHARLES C. WELLS.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
<i>W.</i> WILLIAM H. PAGE.....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
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<i>W.</i> CHARLES C. CHIPMAN.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
<i>Bro.</i> AMOS HOWELL.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

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<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	Joseph Trimble.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	" 26.....	Henry R. Cannon.
<i>Joppa</i>	" 29.....	Isaac Van Wagoner.
<i>Independence</i>	" 42.....	Robert Rusling.

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<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	James H. Stevens.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

<i>Enterprise</i>	No. 48.....	Chancellor W. Chase.
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<i>Varick</i>	" 31.....	Henry E. Phelps.
<i>Paterson Orange</i>	" 43.....	Orrin Vanderhoven.

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<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	{ Richard F. Smith, Charles I. Fireng.

<i>Hiram</i>	No. 17.....	{ John Hilton, Henry F. Crawford.
<i>Northern</i>	" 25.....	{ R. W. Vandervoort, Ludlow Allen.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	" 26.....	Stephen O. Horton.
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<i>Enterprise</i>	" 48.....	William H. Page.
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<i>Mercer</i>	" 50.....	{ Isaac H. Hutchinson, Samuel M. Youmans.
<i>Oriental</i>	" 51.....	{ Herbert Cottrell, James J. Terhune, J. Warren Vandever, James L. Hays.
<i>Delaware</i>	" 52.....	{ Edward H. Bird, James E. Moore.
<i>Excelsior</i> ..	" 54.....	A. M. P. V. H. Dickeson.
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<i>St. Stephens</i>	" 63.....	Robert Walker.
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<i>Long Branch</i>	" 78.....	T. G. Chattle.
<i>Hermann</i>	" 81.....	Mayer Sontheimer.
<i>Falls City</i>	" 82.....	{ J. V. E. Fredericks, Samuel Murray.
<i>Florence</i>	" 87.....	{ Benjamin W. Cloud, Frederick E. Knorr.
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<i>Evening Star</i>	" 97.....	Simon A. Beckhardt.
<i>Bayonne</i>	" 99.....	Hiram Van Buskirk.
<i>Beverly</i>	" 107.....	Ezra C. Tompkins.

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<i>Amwell</i>	" 12.....	{ Johnson Holcombe, Charles Roberts.
<i>Warren</i>	" 13.....	William Silverthorn.
<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	William H. Gamble.
<i>Olive Branch</i>	" 16.....	John D. Buckelew.
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<i>Union</i>	" 19.....	{ Isaac L. Fisher, Joseph C. Letson, John F. Babcock.
<i>Harmony</i>	" 23.....	Samuel T. Smith.
<i>La Fayette</i>	" 27.....	{ Chris. D. Marsh, L. Murray Perkins.
<i>Mt. Moriah</i>	" 28.....	Edward Clift.
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<i>Independence</i>	" 42.....	{ William McCracken, J. M. Stewart.
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<i>Trenton</i>	" 5.....	{ Henry C. Case, W. M., John G. Box, S. W., Wm. C. Taylor, J. W.
<i>Lebanon</i>	" 6.....	Monroe Curtis, S. W.
<i>Newark</i>	" 7.....	{ E. Goeller, Jun., W. M., John Hastings, S. W., C. Belcher, Jun., J. W.
<i>Clinton</i>	" 8.....	
<i>Washington Shrewsbury</i> ...	" 9.....	{ Wm. H. Horner, W. M., Jas. L. Townley, J. W.
<i>Franklin</i>	" 10.....	{ Rev. H. Vehslage, Jun., W. M.
<i>Union</i>	" 11.....	{ Thos. O. Ayres, S. W., Chas. E. Dodd, J. W.
<i>Amwell</i>	" 12.....	{ J. Hayhurst, W. M., Isaac S. Roberts, J. W.
<i>Warren</i>	" 13.....	Martin Freeman, W. M.
<i>Mt. Holly</i>	" 14.....	{ Milton Hansell, W. M., Fred. W. Kelly, S. W.
<i>Camden</i>	" 15.....	Wm. Hardacre, W. M.
<i>Olive Branch</i>	" 16.....	{ Alex. A. Yard, W. M., Wm. J. Butcher, S. W.
<i>Hiram</i>	" 17.....	{ G. W. Laforge, W. M., Chas. W. Gray, S. W., James Dickson, J. W.
<i>Harmony</i>	" 18.....	{ C. C. Chipman, W. M., E. W. Snyder, S. W.
<i>Union</i>	" 19.....	{ T. H. R. Redway, W. M., John C. Scott, S. W.
<i>Acacia</i>	" 20.....	Isaac W. Searing, W. M.

<i>Mystic Brotherhood</i>.....No. 21.....	Jehu P. Cooper, W. M.
<i>Diogenes</i> " 22.....	{ Sam'l Fleischer, W. M., John Beisinger, S. W., John B. Kaas, J. W.
<i>Harmony</i> " 23.....	{ John T. Stewart, W. M., George Hardin, S. W.
<i>Prospect</i> " 24.....	John S. Stiger, W. M.
<i>Northern</i> " 25.....	{ Jacob Guyer, W. M., I. Reed Elston, S. W. Amzi Pierson, J. W.
<i>Jerusalem</i> " 26.....	
<i>La Fayette</i> " 27.....	James H. Putnam, S. W ^o
<i>Mt. Moriah</i> " 28.....	{ Moses Wolf, W. M., Edwin S. Buzby, S. W.
<i>Joppa</i> " 29.....	{ T. V. Iderstine, W. M., Abm. A. Fonda, J. W.
<i>Cape Island</i> " 30.....	
<i>Varick</i> " 31.....	{ Henry E. Phelps, proxy for W. M.
<i>Burlington</i> " 32.....	Wilbur Watts, W. M.
<i>Washington</i> " 33.....	Charles Russ, W. M.
<i>Stewart</i> " 34.....	Rich'd H. Gano, W. M.
<i>Hoboken</i> " 35.....	
<i>Mansfield</i> " 36.....	E. W. Alliger, W. M.
<i>Darcy</i> " 37.....	
<i>Princeton</i> " 38.....	{ W. C. Vandewater, W. M., James L. Briner, J. W.
<i>Eureka</i> " 39.....	{ David L. Garrigus, W. M., Chas. E. Smith, S. W., Edward Martin, J. W.
<i>Bloomfield</i> " 40.....	{ Henry Cadmus, S. W., Edw. H. Freeman, J. W.
<i>Hightstown</i> " 41.....	{ C. R. Hutchinson, W. M., Serring Shangle, S. W., John Molsbury, J. W.
<i>Independence</i> " 42.....	
<i>Paterson Orange</i> " 43.....	{ Alexander Fyfe, W. M., William Page, J. W.
<i>Central</i> " 44.....	John S. Carpenter, W. M.
<i>Benevolent</i> " 45.....	{ Alfred N. Horton, proxy for W. M., John S. Hartley, S. W.
<i>Solomon's</i> " 46.....	{ Henry G. Wagoner, proxy for W. M.,

<i>Bergen</i>	No. 47.....	{ David W. Palmer, W. M., Theo. E. Bailey, S. W., Charles F. Case, J. W.
<i>Enterprise</i>	" 48	{ A. L. Boyes, W. M., R. B. Seymour, J. W.
<i>Essex</i>	" 49.....	{ Edw. L. Tillou, W. M., Edward Phares, S. W., Thomas Winsor, J. W.
<i>Mercer</i>	" 50.....	{ Henry J. Nicklin, W. M., A. K. Forman, S. W., Luther S. Skillman, J. W.
<i>Oriental</i>	" 51.....	{ John S. Clark, W. M., John D. Faitoute, S. W., Abm. S. Staats, J. W.
<i>Delaware</i>	" 52.....	{ Andrew P. Teel, W. M., A. G. Burstrom, S. W., James Irvin Lake, J. W.
<i>Eagle</i>	" 53.....	{ Charles F. Bucken, proxy for W. M.
<i>Excelsior</i>	" 54.....	
<i>Kane</i>	" 55.....	{ Theo. F. Young, W. M., Rob't R. Courson, S. W., Edward P. Day, J. W.
<i>Orion</i>	" 56.....	Gabriel H. Slater, W. M.
<i>Corinthian</i>	" 57.....	{ William Green, W. M., Thomas P. Bayes, J. W.
<i>Shekinah</i>	" 58.....	{ John W. Newlin, W. M., Wm. L. Newell, S. W., Joseph W. Shaw, J. W.
<i>Caldwell</i>	" 59.....	
<i>Arcana</i>	" 60.....	{ S. F. Drinkwater, W. M., C. O. Cooper, S. W.
<i>Raritan</i>	" 61.....	Frederick Harper, W. M.
<i>La Fraternité Française</i> ...	" 62.....	{ Emile Girods, W. M., Charles Pieters, S. W., Alexander Lelong, J. W.
<i>St. Stephen</i>	" 63.....	{ J. B. Vancleve, W. M., William S. Young, S. W.
<i>Cæsarea</i>	" 64	F. D. Woodruff, J. W.
<i>Star</i>	" 65.....	{ Thomas L. Russel, proxy for W. M.
<i>Schiller</i>	" 66.....	{ Julius Stapff, W. M., William Wendell, S. W., Martin Issler, J. W.
<i>Passaic</i>	" 67.....	{ John Duffus, W. M., Joseph T. Speer, S. W., Leonard L. Grear, J. W.

<i>St. Albans</i>	No. 68.....	{ A. P. Mayhew, W. M., Isaac D. Leonard, S. W., F. A. J. Casterline, J. W.
<i>Vineland</i>	" 69.....	Thos. B. Steele, W. M.,
<i>Pioneer</i>	" 70.....	{ Charles W. Vanderbeek, W. M.
<i>Hudson</i>	" 71.....	{ Herman Blohm, W. M., Frederick Raab, S. W., Emil Rath, J. W.
<i>Teutonia</i>	" 72.....	{ Henry E. Klein, W. M., Fred'k Roeder, S. W., Louis Bruhne, J. W.
<i>Wall</i>	" 73.....	E. S. Vanlier, W. M.,
<i>Jersey City</i>	" 74.....	{ E. B. Leonard, W. M., Albert J. Jardine, S. W., J. Irving Benedict, J. W.
<i>Neptune</i>	" 75.....	{ Samuel Butcher, W. M., Henry Moore, J. W.
<i>Ashlar</i>	" 76.....	{ Alex. C. Yard, W. M., J. G. Muirhead, J. W.
<i>Alpine</i>	" 77.....	{ Wm. L. Forster, W. M., Chas. H. Lyons, S. W., Geo. W. Courter, J. W.
<i>Long Branch</i>	" 78.....	
<i>Trinity</i>	" 79.....	{ L. C. Albertson, W. M., S. H. Cavaleer, J. W.
<i>Highland</i>	" 80.....	Edw. P. Cogger, W. M.
<i>Hermann</i>	" 81.....	{ Wilhelm Shroder, W. M. John P. Ritter, S. W., Aug. Hirschbaum, J. W.
<i>Falls City</i>	" 82.....	Joseph Greaves, W. M.
<i>Americus</i>	" 83.....	{ Robert J. Wylie, W. M., C. A. Campbell, S. W., Chas. C. Dally, J. W.
<i>Palisade</i>	" 84.....	Chris. Treche, W. M.
<i>Glassboro'</i>	" 85.....	John Campbell, S. W.
<i>Doric</i>	" 86.....	W. F. Green, W. M.
<i>Florence</i>	" 87.....	{ Geo. E. Pierson, W. M., J. P. Fullerton, S. W.
<i>Ivanhoe</i>	" 88.....	{ Chas. N. Sterrett, W. M., J. Wm. Congdon S. W., Albert D. Winfield, J. W.
<i>Ocean</i>	" 89.....	
<i>Aberdeen</i>	" 90.....	{ R. W. Dayton, W. M., F. K. Travers, S. W.
<i>Forest Grove</i>	" 91.....	Wm. A. Warriner, W. M.
<i>Pyramid</i>	" 92.....	Joseph E. Shreve.

<i>Madison</i>	No. 93.....	{ James H. Bunting, proxy for W. M.
<i>Ionic</i>	" 94.....	{ Seth Thomas, W. M., Josiah Matlack, S. W., Isaac C. Githens, J. W.
<i>Mantua</i>	" 95.....	{ William L. Paul, W. M., Camille J. Martel, J. W.,
<i>Unity</i>	" 96.....	D. B. Ingersoll, W. M.
<i>Evening Star</i>	" 97.....	S. F. Pennell, W. M.
<i>Samaritan</i>	" 98.....	{ S. M. Stoddard, W. M., Geo. W. Rhodes, S. W.
<i>Bayonne</i>	" 99.....	{ John W. Swope, W. M., Charles S. Noe, S. W.
<i>Century</i>	" 100.....	{ Jos. W. Wildey, W. M., Benj. L. Chandler, S. W., D. B. Muchmore, J. W.
<i>Cloud</i>	" 101.....	Edward Mills, W. M.
<i>Friendship</i>	" 102.....	Garret F. Herring, S. W.
<i>Amity</i>	" 103.....	C. Vreeland, W. M.
<i>Cannon</i>	" 104.....	
<i>Eastern Star</i>	" 105.....	
<i>Cosmos</i>	" 106.....	{ H. G. Disbrow, W. M., Edw. J. Merrell, S. W., Isaac H. Terrill, J. W.
<i>Beverley</i>	" 107.....	{ E. P. Townsend, W. M., Chas. H. Oliver, J. W.
<i>Belleville</i>	" 108.....	{ S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, W. M., John H. Osborne, J. W.
<i>Rising Star</i>	" 109.....	Thos. W. Tilden, W. M.
<i>Lodge of the Temple</i>	" 110.....	Hamilton Wallis, S. W.
<i>Palestine</i>	" 111.....	{ Rob't C. Helm, W. M., Enos A. Sage, S. W., Geo. M. Burton, J. W.
<i>Triluminar</i>	" 112.....	James Lovatt, S. W.
<i>Fidelity</i>	" 113.....	{ John M. Knapp, W. M., John A. Marinus, S. W., Albert G. Hopper, J. W.
<i>Humboldt</i>	" 114.....	{ Emil Priestler, W. M., John P. Mayer, S. W.
<i>Tuscan</i>	" 115.....	Wm. C. Davies, S. W.
<i>Alpha</i>	" 116.....	{ Nathan Mingus, W. M., Wm. M. Clarke, S. W., Israel Baldwin, J. W.
<i>Trimble</i>	" 117.....	George F. Fort, W. M.

<i>Pythagoras</i>	No. 118.....	{ Luke Morris, W. M., Jos. Harrington, S. W., Seymour Tucker, J. W.
<i>Merchantville</i>	<i>U. D.</i>	
<i>Column</i>	"	{ Levi J. Bibbins, S. W., Lewis C. Wooley, J. W.
<i>Atlas</i>	"	
		{ W. A. Macquoid, W. M., Addison S. Clark, J. W.

The following hymn, composed by R. W. Bro. William R. Clapp for the Annual Grand Communication of 1867, was sung :

Air—God Save America.

Welcome ye brothers dear
Once more assembled here
In conclave grand.
Pleasant it is to meet,
In this revered retreat,
Holding communion sweet,
Joined, heart and hand.

Brothers, an anthem raise,
Join in a song of praise
With one accord.
Come let our voices blend,
Let earnest pray'rs ascend
To Him, our surest friend,
Great God, our Lord !

Hear Thou our humble pray'r,
Extend Thy loving care
To craftsmen here.
And, gracious God ! ordain
That in Thy sacred fane
Sweet peace and concord reign
Our toils to cheer.

Father ! to thee we owe
All we enjoy below
In mercy given.
By Thee, our first and best,
Are we supremely blest ;
On Thee we humbly rest
Our hopes of Heaven !

The Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was proclaimed open in ample form.

The roll of Lodges was called, and a quorum was found present. (See Lodges and Representatives enumerated in preceding pages.)

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Grand Communication was commenced, when, on motion of P. M. Orrin Vanderhoven, of No. 43, the further reading was dispensed with, and the minutes, as printed, were approved.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN :—Amidst the general call to happiness with which the new year comes freighted, "when heart calleth unto heart," and the flame of charity burns brightly, we, as members of one great family, have assembled to renew our mystic pledges of fraternal love, to hear tidings from the Craft, and to legislate for the best interests of the Fraternity. Your labors will exercise a lasting influence upon the future of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and I earnestly counsel the same degree of harmony which has heretofore characterized the deliberations of this Grand Body; and may we legislate, not only for the present, but for the future good of the Fraternity, and for the *peace* and *harmony* of our great Brotherhood.

We have brought to the altar our offering of thanksgiving and praise, invoked the blessing of the Most High upon our deliberations, and may we enter upon our duties under the sunlight of His love. Our annual greetings are seldom an unmixed joy. Each succeeding year the "veil of eternity falls around us," and we are now called upon to add to the list of our fraternal dead, the names of M. W. Bro. Joseph Warren Scott, and W. Bro. John Helm.

Bro. Scott was born in the city of New Brunswick, on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1778, and died in that city on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1871. Bro. Scott was made a Mason in Jerusalem Lodge, No. 40, now No. 26, half a century ago, and subsequently affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 19, of his native city. In 1829 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of this Body, and in 1830-31-32-33, was elected Grand Master, which station he filled with marked distinction.

In the death of Bro. Scott, Masonry has lost one of her brightest ornaments. Although the infirmities of age deprived him of taking an active part in the affairs of the Grand Lodge for several years preceding his death, his love for the Institution was not diminished, but increased with his years. He was a ripe scholar, an eminent

lawyer, and, at the time of his death, President of the Order of the Cincinnati.

Bro. John Helm was born in England, in the year 1801, removed to this country at an early age, and died at the city of New Brunswick, on the 25th day of August, 1871. He was made a Mason in Union Lodge, No. 19, and served as Worshipful Master during the year 1863. His genial nature endeared him to his brethren, by whom he was greatly beloved and respected.

These brethren, at an advanced age, have passed away, and "at evening time, *with them*, it was light." I recommend appropriate action be taken by the Grand Lodge, as a mark of respect to the memory of our departed brethren.

Passing from this sad topic, I ask your attention to the report of my official acts during the past year. I have received many applications for dispensations to shorten the time required by the general regulations between the degrees; and for conferring two degrees upon one candidate at the same Communication. The reasons urged for such dispensations, I deemed insufficient, except from the following Lodges, to whom dispensations were granted.

January 26th. Varick Lodge, No. 31, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate passed January 6th.

April 25th. Jersey City Lodge, No. 74, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate passed April 14th.

May 1st. Trimble Lodge, No. 117, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate passed April 21st.

July 7th. Delaware Lodge, No. 52, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees upon a candidate at the same Communication.

August 9th. Hiram Lodge, No. 17, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate passed July 29th.

I have accounted to the Grand Secretary for the fees received from the above source.

I have issued seven dispensations for New Lodges, as follows: one at Merchantville, Camden County, to be hailed as Merchantville Lodge; one at Trenton, Mercer County, to be hailed as Column Lodge; one at Camden, Camden County, to be hailed as Mozart Lodge, and be permitted to work in the German Language; one at Boonton, Morris County, to be hailed as Silentia Lodge; one at Union, Hudson County, to be hailed as Mystic Tie Lodge; one at East Orange, Essex County, to be hailed as Hope Lodge; one at Westfield, Union County, to be hailed as Atlas Lodge. I recom-

meud that warrants be granted to these Lodges, and that they be numbered in the order named.

I received a petition for a new Lodge at Elizabeth, Union County, to be hailed as Orient Lodge. My predecessors having adopted the rule not to grant any dispensations for new Lodges within three months of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and the petition of this Lodge coming within that rule, the dispensation was refused. The petition and recommendation will be laid before the Committee on Dispensations and Warrants. I recommend that the warrant be granted. I also received a petition for a new Lodge at Haddonfield, Camden County, to be hailed as Haddonfield Lodge. Believing the interests of Masonry could be better promoted, by requiring applicants for the degrees to apply to one of the several Lodges in that immediate vicinity, I refused to grant the prayer of the petitioners. Several other petitions are upon the files of the Grand Secretary awaiting your action.

On the twenty-sixth day of October, assisted by a majority of the Grand Officers, at the request of the Masonic Hall Association, of the City of New Brunswick, I laid the corner stone of a Masonic edifice to be erected in that city. The occasion was one of the most interesting which has ever occurred in this jurisdiction, some forty Lodges being fully represented. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren partook of a banquet prepared by Union Lodge, No. 19, and Palestine Lodge, No. 111. We congratulate these Lodges upon having taken the initiatory step toward the erection of a hall more beautiful and commodious than any in the State.

I have dedicated, in ancient form, new Lodge rooms as follows: for Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88, at Paterson, Lodge of the Temple, No. 110, at Jersey City, and Northern Lodge, No. 25, at Newark. At the conclusion of the dedicatory ceremonies of Northern Lodge room, Bro. Campbell, in behalf of the Lodge, presented the Grand Lodge with the consecration vessels and candlesticks to be used upon such occasions. I recommend that appropriate action be taken by the Grand Lodge in acknowledgment of this valuable and useful gift.

I have appointed R. W. Bro. R. P. Bowen, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and have had the honor of receiving the appointment of Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi near this Grand Lodge. The commission I herewith present.

On the evening of the 27th of January, assisted by several of my associate Grand Officers, I constituted and installed the officers of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, at the city of Newark. On the 24th of the month following, complaint was made to me, by Bro. David L. Garrigus and many members of the Grand Lodge, setting forth—among other things—that the warrant of Alpha Lodge was obtained at the last Annual Communication through *deceit* and *misrepresentation*, and that certain proceedings of said Lodge had a tendency to *disturb the peace and harmony* of the Craft in this jurisdiction. After well considering the nature and cause of the complaint, I arrested the warrant of said Alpha Lodge.

I subsequently received a petition from W. Bro. Robert Dingwell and others, requesting restoration of the warrant, and in the event of refusal to restore the same, to call a special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of investigating the complaint as set forth by petitioners. Being unauthorized by the facts before me to accede to the first request, and unwilling to call you together for the purpose of considering a complaint, which, at that time, became a matter of reference to a committee, I declined to assemble the Grand Lodge, but referred both petitions, and all matters relating thereto, to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances for investigation and report. Upon receipt of the report and evidence, I carefully reviewed the same, and decided to withhold the warrant of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, until the present session of the Grand Lodge. The warrant has been returned to the Grand Secretary, subject to such order as the Grand Lodge shall make. I recommitted the evidence to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, with instructions to report at the present Communication of the Grand Lodge. The *reports* and *evidence* I submit herewith.

Shortly after the closing of the last Annual Grand Communication, I received a visit from certain members of Hudson Lodge, No. 71, of Hoboken, who, I well knew, represented an element in that Lodge, which had been disappointed at the result of the then recent annual election. At that interview, I was asked if I would grant a dispensation for a new Lodge at Hoboken, with authority to work in the German language, if an application for that purpose were duly presented. I replied, that I could not undertake to state in advance, what my action would be in an emergency which had not actually arisen; but, that if an application for such dispensation were formally made, I would give the subject proper inquiry and attention. At subsequent interviews upon the same subject, while

I adhered to the intention which had before been expressed,—not to decide the matter until it was formally and regularly laid before me,—I did intimate an impression that a new German Lodge at Hoboken was not at present demanded by any exigencies of which I was then aware. Soon after, I received information from several sources, that the parties from whom this application emanated, apprehending that a petition for a dispensation would not meet a favorable response, had presented, or were making arrangements to present, to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in Europe, a petition for a dispensation.

In the Month of October, I became aware that such application had been successfully made, and that a warrant for a Lodge to be located at Hoboken, to be known as Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3, had actually emanated from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

An invitation from such *spurious* Lodge, addressed to Hudson Lodge, No. 71, stating that such warrant had been granted June 24th, 1871, and inviting Hudson Lodge to be present at the installation of the officers of the new Lodge, and the exemplification of the First Degree, on the 8th day of October, 1871, has been placed in my hands by Hudson Lodge.

It will thus be seen, that a professed Masonic power, located at a distance of over three thousand miles, has planted within the limits of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, a subordinate body, which is not, and does not profess to be amenable to the authority of this Grand Lodge.

As soon as I became satisfied that such warrant had actually been issued, and a pretended Lodge organized by its authority, I issued an edict addressed to all the Grand Lodges with which we hold fraternal intercourse, and to all the subordinate Lodges and individual Masons residing in this State, whether filiated or unaffiliated, warning them of the existence of this spurious Lodge, and also a solemn protest, addressed to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, against this *unmasonic* and illegal intrusion upon territory already Masonically occupied. Copies of these documents will be found in an appendix annexed to this report.

Over twenty years ago, this same Grand Lodge of Hamburg, planted in the cities of Brooklyn and New York, and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, two subordinate bodies, known as Franklin and Pythagoras Lodges. The Grand Lodge of New York protested against this illegal and unwarranted invasion of their territory, and appealed for protection to the other Grand Lodges in the United States.

The result of this appeal was, that every Grand Lodge, I believe, then in existence in the Republic, discontinued Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. Yet, notwithstanding this combined action, and notwithstanding the renewed and continued protests of the Grand Lodge of New York, the warrants of Franklin and Pythagoras Lodges have not been withdrawn, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by this renewed invasion of exclusive and acknowledged authority, equally as well established as that of the Grand Lodge of New York, has again flaunted the black flag of Masonic piracy and filibusterism in the face of the Masonic World. The doctrine of Grand Lodge supremacy and exclusive sovereignty within well defined and established territorial limits, is *sometimes* called an *American doctrine*. I do not regard it as an exclusively American doctrine. It is a *universal Masonic doctrine*. I do not believe there is a Grand Lodge in the world, which would not indignantly resent a similar illegal intrusion upon its jurisdiction. If the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were so base and unmindful of its Masonic duty and obligation, as to establish a subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of Hamburg, I have no doubt that that body would vehemently protest against the irregularity.

I regret to say, that I fear the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is powerless, alone and unaided, to protect itself in the premises. What the great State of New York, with its constant communication with Hamburg, has failed for twenty years to effect, New Jersey cannot expect to accomplish.

The history of the former conduct of Hamburg assures me, that the protest which I have issued, and any protest and remonstrance which this Grand Lodge may issue, will be received by Hamburg with sovereign contempt. I do expect, that the Masonic instincts of Amity and Fraternity, not to consider the less noble instinct of self-preservation, will induce the Grand Lodges of the United States to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in resisting this illegal invasion of territory exclusively masonically occupied.

I can see but one means of protection to ourselves, and at the same time to all the other Grand Lodges of the Union. The individual action of the Grand Lodges of the United States has been tried in defence of the Grand Lodge of New York, and has failed. I believe that the united and combined action of the entire Craft in the United States will alone abate the evil. How such united action

is to be brought about I leave for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

I regret that I have been unable to visit many Lodges during the past year, the routine, and other duties of my office, having generally occupied my time. I refer you to the comprehensive reports of my associate Grand Officers, which show the Craft to be in a prosperous condition.

Of the many decisions called upon to render, I submit the following:

1. Where Lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction, it is unnecessary for a Lodge out of such jurisdiction to obtain the consent of more than one Lodge, to receive and act upon the petition of a candidate residing therein.

2. A Lodge has the right to return the petition fee of a candidate, after election, before a degree is conferred, if by vote they so determine, and such candidate may present his petition to any Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside, and such Lodge can act upon the petition without the consent of the first named Lodge, all claim between it and the candidate being dissolved.

3. It is unlawful for a Lodge to suspend a member for non-payment of dues at a Special Communication.

4. A non-affiliated Mason in good standing, may petition to any Lodge in New Jersey for affiliation, without the consent of a particular Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside.

5. The evidence of an *expelled* Mason cannot be received in a Masonic trial, neither can he act as counsel in such trial.

6. The Grand Master cannot by dispensation, authorize a particular Lodge to use the material belonging to another.

7. No member of a Lodge can legally demand of a brother, his reasons for voting against a candidate for initiation or membership, and no attempt should be made to discover the brother who shall have cast a negative ballot.

8. The ballot should be strictly secret; a brother violates the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted, and should not be permitted to give his reasons for so doing.

9. Upon the rejection of a candidate, the W. M. should permit no discussion.

10. If a candidate is proposed and rejected, and subsequently becomes a resident of another jurisdiction, the Lodge wherein he was rejected does not lose jurisdiction on him. Such Lodge would be authorized to receive an act upon his petition, although a non-

resident, which could not be acted upon by any other Lodge without consent of the Lodge wherein he was rejected.

11. A candidate rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and subsequently made a Mason in another jurisdiction, without the consent of the Lodge wherein rejected, is illegally made.

12. Subordinate Lodges have exclusive control over the material residing within their particular jurisdictions, and have the right to grant permission to act upon petitions of candidates residing therein.

13. No officer of a Lodge can resign or dimit during the term for which he was installed.

14. When a brother, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders to the Secretary the amount of his indebtedness, the money should be received, and receipt given for the same. It would not be proper for the W. M. to order the money returned in case the Lodge refused to reinstate the brother.

15. A subordinate Lodge has the right to prefer charges, and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge.

I desire to urge upon the officers of Lodges the necessity of a frequent and careful perusal of the Constitution, By-Laws, and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Each officer should also become perfectly familiar with all decisions approved by the Grand Lodge, by so doing, much labor will be saved the Grand Master, who is too often required to reply to questions which are fully answered in the Digest.

The Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1860, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed and paid three per cent. upon all monies of this Grand Lodge, received by him." Our present faithful and efficient Grand Treasurer has declined to receive this emolument during the years he has performed the duties of that office, and believing his successor will cheerfully imitate the example of Bro. Clapp, I urge the repeal of this resolution.

During the past year, R. W. Bro. Hough, Grand Secretary, has compiled and published at his individual expense, the second part of the "Origin of Masonry in New Jersey." This work is invaluable to every Mason in this jurisdiction, as it enables him to form a correct idea of the progress of Masonry in New Jersey, from its earliest days down to the year 1857. It needs no higher commendation than it has received from our distinguished brother, M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, who speaks of this volume as "an exceedingly valuable contribution to Masonic history and literature," and commends it to all Masonic students. Like the first part,

it can be purchased at the cost of printing, and we confidently hope the efforts of Bro. Hough will meet with the encouragement they deserve.

I recommend that two hundred copies be ordered, one of which, be sent to each subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction, and the surplus numbers, bound with the remaining copies of the first part ordered at the last Annual Communication, and a copy forwarded to each Grand Lodge with which we hold fraternal intercourse.

In April last, I had the honor to receive a fraternal invitation from M. W. Charles F. Stansbury, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia. to be present at a banquet given by the M. W. Grand Lodge at Washington to the R. W. Earl de Gray and Ripon, Grand Master of Masons in England.

With reluctance, I was compelled to deprive myself of the pleasure of joining the Grand Masters of the United States, in doing honor to our distinguished brother.

I am requested by M. W. Bro. Stansbury, to lay before you a copy of Letters and Resolutions adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, held on Wednesday, June 7th, 1871, which are submitted herewith.

I also received an invitation from M. W. J. C. McCabe, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, to be present on the 20th of April, to witness the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of a Masonic Temple to be erected by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, at the City of Wilmington. Other engagements prevented me from representing this Grand Lodge on that occasion.

At the Request of Bro. John S. Benson, I herewith submit for your consideration, a pamphlet having reference to the completion of a monument to the memory of our illustrious Bro. George Washington, which for many years has been in course of erection at the City of Washington. It is unnecessary for me to enlarge upon the appeal here presented.

One of the ancient charges, said to be of the time of James II, directs "that every Master give pay to his fellows and servants as they may deserve, soe that he be not defamed with false workeing."

I desire from this text to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the insufficiency of the compensation awarded to the Grand Secretary. The present salary of the Grand Secretary (\$600), was fixed in the year 1865, at which time there were in New Jersey but sixty-nine Lodges, and four thousand three hundred and six filiated

Masons. At the present time there are one hundred and eighteen warranted Lodges, and over ten thousand filiated Masons.

From my facilities for observation during the past year, I can testify that the duties of the office are very laborious and exacting, and occupy almost the entire time of the Grand Secretary. The labor has increased proportionately with the increase of membership, and the expense of living has also seriously increased since the adoption of the present salary received by the Grand Secretary. It is not necessary for me to testify here to the diligence and zeal which the Grand Secretary brings to the discharge of his duties. They are too well known to the Grand Lodge to require any encomium from me. I am of opinion that the present salary is entirely inadequate, and recommend that it be increased to the sum of one thousand dollars.

While the Fraternity within our own jurisdiction has been highly favored, across the ocean war has blighted many a home, and for a time caused the teachings of Masonry to be forgotten. In our own land, sister jurisdictions have been visited by unprecedented calamities, which have called forth the sympathy of the civilized world.

Chicago, the Queen City of the West, has been laid in ashes, yet the wreck and ruin of her treasures has called forth a grand and glorious spirit of oneness, showing that all mankind are kin. The spontaneous offerings from both Continents have been Catholic in spirit, yet it is meet, that societies (like families) should first care for the safety and welfare of their own members. The heart-throb of Masonic Brotherhood has extended from Maine to the Pacific States, and through the noble generosity of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction, as Grand Master, I have laid *your offering* upon the altar of Masonry.

In response to my letter addressed to the subordinate Lodges, I received and have transmitted to M. W. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars and seventy cents, for which amount, vouchers and letters are hereunto appended. There is still remaining in the hands of the Grand Secretary one hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents.

To the brethren who so cheerfully responded to my call for aid for the needy and suffering, and to those who forwarded their contributions ere my call had reached them, I return my heartfelt thanks, reminding them that "God loveth a cheerful giver, and such shall surely drink of the River of His pleasure."

WM. E. PINE,
Grand Master.

APPENDIX.

COPY OF CIRCULAR TO GRAND LODGES.

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of—

I, William E. Pine, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, Send Greeting :

Whereas, it has come to my knowledge, that a Society professing to be a Lodge of A. F. & A. M., and known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," has been instituted, and is now at labor in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which Society claims to do Masonic work by the authority of a warrant issued by an organization, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in Europe.

And whereas, the sole and exclusive jurisdiction over matters pertaining to Symbolic Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey has been, since its organization, and still is, and is acknowledged by all the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, to be, in this Grand Lodge, and the same has never been curtailed by the legitimate action of any Masonic body, and is now in full force and effect, and binding on all Masonic authority in the world.

And whereas, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has never consented to the organization of said so-called subordinate Lodge, known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," within its jurisdiction.

And whereas, the institution of said Society within the State of New Jersey by said body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, is an unauthorized, illegal, and unmasonic intrusion into and upon the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and a gross and unwarranted violation of its exclusive rights and authority.

Now, therefore, I do, by these presents, in virtue of the power and authority to me appertaining as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New Jersey, pronounce the said Society known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," and all the work of said so-called Lodge, which may have been heretofore done, or which may hereafter be done, under the pretended authority of said body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, to be SPURIOUS, ILLEGAL, and CLANDESTINE.

And I do, in the name and behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, most solemnly PROTEST against this illegal and unmasonic intrusion upon the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and do fraternally invite the co-operation of all the Grand Lodges of the United States, with which this Grand Lodge holds amicable intercourse, in resisting this renewed disregard of well-established Masonic Law, and invasion of territory Masonically occupied, on the part of the body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and caused these presents to be attested by the Grand Secretary, at Trenton, this 16th day of October, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871.

[SEAL.]

WM E. PINE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

COPY OF CIRCULAR TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

By William E. Pine, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey.

To all and singular the subordinate Lodges of A. F. & A. M. of the State of New Jersey, the members thereof, and all filiated and unaffiliated Masons, whether Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons, residing or being in said jurisdiction, these presents send greeting:

Whereas, it has come to my knowledge that a Society, professing to be a Lodge of A. F. & A. M., and known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," has been instituted, and is now at labor in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which Society claims to do Masonic work by the authority of a warrant issued by an organization, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in Europe.

And whereas, the exclusive jurisdiction over matters pertaining to Symbolic Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey, has been since its organization, and still is, and is acknowledged by all the other Grand Lodges of the United States to be in this Grand Lodge, and the same has never been curtailed by the legitimate action of any Masonic body, and is now in full force and effect, and binding upon all Masonic authority in the world.

And whereas, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has never consented to the organization of said so-called subordinate Lodge, known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," within its jurisdiction.

And whereas, the institution of said Society within the State of New Jersey by said body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, is an unauthorized, illegal, and un-masonic intrusion into and upon the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and a gross and unwarranted violation of its exclusive rights and authority.

And whereas, the said body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by its notorious and repeated violations of Masonic Law and Masonic Amity, long since ceased to be recognized in the United States of America as a legitimate Masonic organization.

Now, therefore, I do, by these presents, in virtue of the power and authority to me appertaining as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New Jersey, pronounce the said Society known as "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," and all the work of said so-called Lodge, which may have been heretofore done, or which may hereafter be done, under the pretended authority of said body, claiming to be Masonic, known as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, to be SPURIOUS, ILLEGAL, and CLANDESTINE.

And I do further, by these presents, absolutely and peremptorily forbid and interdict all Masonic intercourse and communication between the regular Lodges in this jurisdiction and said clandestine Lodge, and also all Masonic communication and intercourse between the individual members of any regular Lodge in this jurisdiction, and between all filiated and unaffiliated Masons, being or residing within the State of New Jersey, and the members of said clandestine Lodge, known as Lodge "Beton zum Licht, No. 3," under the penalty that may fall thereon.

And I do hereby fraternally and solemnly warn all persons, who may have been heretofore members of Lodges, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and who have connected themselves with the above named clandestine Lodge, that such action is a direct and positive violation of their Masonic duty, and subjects them to the severest penalties of the Craft, and I do urge such misguided persons to desist from their unmasonic course, and to return to their allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the

seal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and have caused these presents to be attested by the Grand Secretary, at Trenton, this 16th day of October, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871.

[SEAL.]

WM. E. PINE,
Grand Master.

Attest :

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

COPY OF PROTEST TO GRAND LODGE OF HAMBURG.

*To the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of
Hamburg :*

By William E. Pine, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, in the United States of America.

Whereas, I have been credibly informed that the above named Grand Lodge of Hamburg, has established within the limits of the State of New Jersey, by its warrant or dispensation, a subordinate Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, known by the name of "Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3," and located in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, and State aforesaid.

And whereas, the territory known as the State of New Jersey is now Masonically occupied by a Grand Lodge, known as "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, which has and exercises, and of right ought to have and exercise, sole and exclusive jurisdiction within the territory aforesaid.

And whereas, the institution of the said pretended Lodge of A. F. & A. M. within the limits of the territory aforesaid, is a violation of well established Masonic law and usage, and is an unwarrantable, illegal, and unmasonic intrusion with and upon the rights, privileges and authority of this Grand Lodge.

Now, therefore, I do, in the name and in the behalf of the said, "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey," most solemnly PROTEST against the above recited, unauthorized, and illegal action of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and I do hereby APPEAL to the Grand Lodges of the World from this gross violation of Masonic Law, Masonic Usage, and Masonic Amity, which the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has thus perpetrated.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and caused these pre-

sents to be attested by the Grand Secretary this 16th day of October, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871.

[SEAL.]

Attest:

WM. E. PINE,
Grand Master.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

The report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master having been received, subsequent to the communication, is as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2d, 1872.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

Another year has rolled into the eternity of the past, and I find myself at its close thousands of miles away from home, its loved ones and my brethren, and in another jurisdiction. I am reminded by a retrospection of the past, and the thoughts induced in thinking over the events of the past year, that I have a duty to perform to my own jurisdiction, although far away from it. When I left home some months ago for California on matters connected with my business, I fully expected to have been able to return long ere this, but owing to the loss by the great Chicago fire of certain machinery in transit to this place, I have been compelled to remain here until it could be duplicated and shipped, consequently I have not been able to fulfill the duties appertaining to the high and honorable office confided to my charge at the last Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, as I had earnestly hoped at the time of accepting it.

I have delayed rendering my report, in the hope that I might complete my business here and reach home a sufficient time before the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to make a full report; fearing, however, that I may fail to do so, I beg to report as follows my official actions as near as possible from the few notes I have with me.

My first official act was to constitute Trimble Lodge and install its officers in the City of Camden, on which occasion I was ably assisted by P. G. M. Joseph Trimble, P. G. S. W. James H. Stevens, W. Bro's R. F. Smith and John Rogers, P. M.'s Joseph L. De La Cour and Thomas McDowell, and a large number of the brethren of Camden and Ionic Lodges, at the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren were handsomely provided with a banquet, at which there was not only food for the material body, but an ample supply of intellectual refreshment. It is only necessary to allude to a *name* dear to our jurisdiction to be assured of the harmony and success of this Lodge.

On February 7th I proceeded to Newark, and with the assistance of Bro. William Mead, Grand Lecturer, and a number of the brethren of the several Lodges located in that city, constituted Pythagoras Lodge and installed its officers. The material of which this Lodge is composed is a guarantee of its prosperity.

On the evening of April 8th, by your orders, I proceeded to Merchantville and set to work Merchantville Lodge, U. D., quite a number of the brethren of the several Lodges located in Camden accompanied me. It is hardly necessary for me to say, that I feel confident that the establishing of a Lodge in this locality will prove to be a benefit to the Craft and the brethren composing the Lodge, as you gave the matter full and careful consideration before granting the dispensation.

On the evening of May 24th, in accordance with your directions, I set to work Mozart Lodge, U. D., in the City of Camden, to *work in the German language*. The formation of this new Lodge being for the purpose of meeting a growing necessity to accommodate our German brethren and the constantly increasing population of that nationality in said city; as in the preceding cases I am confident this Lodge will prove to be an ornament in our Grand Old Masonic Temple.

This about completes my official acts, as near as I can report from the brief notes I have with me.

I need not assure you, and through you, my brethren of the Grand Lodge, of my great and deep regret at not having been able to be among them more the past year, but it has been rendered impossible for the reasons given. I am making every effort to be present at the next Annual Communication of our brethren, but almost despair of being able of doing so, as it is several days yet before I can leave, and the delay by snow on the plains is greater than ever before, if I fail, be assured that the fault is not mine. In conclusion, please accept my thanks and fraternal regards for your many courtesies and kindness in all our official relations, and with the earnest prayer that the "Great Architect of the Universe" may direct you with wisdom to preside over the deliberations of the brethren, and that they may be governed in all their doings by "Liberality, Brotherly Love, and Charity" for each others' opinions, not forgetting "those great duties which as Masons they are charged to inculcate, to God, their neighbors and themselves."

I am truly and fraternally yours,

WM. WALLACE GOODWIN,

Deputy Grand Master.

The report of the R. W. Senior Grand Warden was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

In obedience to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, I beg to submit a report of my official acts during the year:

My official labors were commenced on Thursday evening, February 9th, when, obeying your orders, I constituted and installed the officers of Palestine Lodge, No. 111, at New Brunswick; at which time it was my privilege to have the assistance of W. Bro. William Mead, Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, W. Bro. Charles Dunham, and others of Union Lodge, No. 19, in the work.

I was pleased to see under what favorable auspices this Lodge commenced its labors, having the unanimous support of No. 19, so well known to many members of the Grand Lodge for their magnanimous shelter from the great snow storm of 1867.

April 12th, by your authority, I set to work Column Lodge, U. D., at Trenton, at which time I had the assistance of R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. William Mead, and others; there was manifested great anxiety to master the true work, by the manner in which the Grand Lecturer was interrogated. I have since visited this Lodge, U. D., and witnessed their work, and have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be given them, as I believe they evince the true spirit for success and usefulness.

April 20th, it was my pleasure, in company with R. W. D. Grand Master Wm. Wallace Goodwin, to be present, and participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple now in the course of erection at Wilmington, Delaware. To M. W. Bro. J. C. McCabe, and others of that jurisdiction, we are under obligations for fraternal kindness and attention.

May 4th, obeying your summons, I was present with yourself and associate Grand Officers at New Brunswick, and attended the funeral of P. G. Master Joseph Warren Scott of Union Lodge, No. 19, an old and well tried Mason, dear to the members of his own Lodge, and to all the fraternity to whom he was known. Honored and beloved he was "cut down by the all devouring scythe of time," and I trust is now a member of "that Lodge on High, eternal in the Heavens."

On Wednesday evening, October 12th, in obedience to your summons, I assisted in dedicating to Masonry Ivanhoe Lodge-room in St. John's Hall at Paterson. To their commendable devotion to

Masonic work the brethren of No. 88 unite a cultivated and artistic taste, which is shown by the furniture and appointments, which reflect great credit upon them.

October 26th, in compliance with your order, I visited New Brunswick, and assisted in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall now building in that city. On that occasion we were more than recompensed for the stormy skies and slimy footways, by the genial hospitality of the brethren of Union and Palestine Lodges. The memory of their cordial welcome will not quickly fade from the minds of the numerous participants, nor will the interesting ceremonies of the occasion be forgotten. May their magnificent undertaking be crowned with success, and nothing occur to retard the progress of their work until the City of New Brunswick is adorned with a Masonic Hall, which will be not only a just object of satisfaction and pride to the brethren of that community, but also by its utility afford a practical illustration of their devotedness to the institution they profess to cherish.

December 14th, in obedience to your summons, I assisted in dedicating the hall of the Lodge of the Temple, at Jersey City, and on the evening of December 27th, in answer to a like summons, I assisted in dedicating the hall and installing the officers of Northern Lodge No. 25. On both occasions referred to, we were favored with the presence of the lady friends of the brethren, and I doubt not, from their attentiveness, they were interested in the ceremonies they witnessed, as we all were in the entertainment that followed it. Upon the furniture and ornamentation of these two halls no little care and expense have been bestowed. The decorations, beautiful as they are, as far as possible, are in keeping with the ancient symbols of the Fraternity, and testify to the excellent taste and understanding of the brethren of these respective Lodges.

Of the Lodges you were pleased to assign to my care and supervision, I have visited Camden, No. 15; Northern, No. 25; Mount Moriah, No. 28; Washington, No. 33; Eureka, No. 39; Ivanhoe, No. 88, Ionic, No. 94; Beverly, No. 107; Lodge of the Temple, No. 110, and Palestine, No. 111. So far as I have observed the work and become acquainted with the operations of the Lodges which I have visited, I feel assured that the attachment to the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, and close adherence to the accepted ritual of the Grand Lodge, are sufficient evidences of the healthy and prosperous condition of the institution in this jurisdiction. It is but justly due to the officers of Washington, No. 33, and Eureka, No. 39, to say, the

work as I witnessed it in those Lodges was most beautifully and impressively rendered. I have never seen it excelled.

In conclusion, allow me to express to you, worshipful sir, my heartfelt thanks for your universal kindness, and through you to the brethren with whom I have met and become acquainted in my visitations during the past year, for the very cordial and courteous manner with which I have been received among them.

Fraternally yours,

NATHAN HAINES, S. G. W.

BURLINGTON, January 4th, 1872.

The report of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden was read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, I respectfully submit to you the following report:

On the evening of January 27th, 1871, in compliance with your direction, I constituted and installed the officers of Fidelity Lodge, No. 113, at Hohokus, being assisted by W. Bro. Mead, Grand Lecturer, and Past Masters Doremus, Goodridge, Vanderhoven, and Webb, of Paterson.

On the 1st of March I constituted and installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 6, at Clarkesville. And on the 4th of August, under a dispensation granted by you, I set at work the officers of Silentia Lodge, Boonton.

The brethren of this Lodge show great zeal and proficiency in Masonic work, and to them, I doubt not, a warrant will be granted.

On the 10th of October, I was accompanied by yourself and other officers of the Grand Lodge, in an official visit to Passaic Lodge, No. 67, and have also made visits to Madison Lodge, No. 93, and Silentia Lodge, U. D.

On the 18th of July, I attended, by invitation, the reopening of the Lodge-room of Joppa, No. 29, the brethren of which Lodge, have with excellent taste, fitted up and beautified their room.

I have had the honor, together with my associate officers, of assisting you in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall at New Brunswick, and in the dedication of the halls of Ivanhoe, No. 88, Paterson, Lodge of the Temple, No. 110, Jersey City, and Northern Lodge, No. 25, Newark.

Few of the Lodges assigned to me for official visitation, have, in my opinion, required it, and consequently, in accordance with the spirit of the existing By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, I have made but few official visits. However, from my knowledge of the Lodges assigned me, and from frequent intercourse with many of the brethren, I am able to report that, the uniformity and efficiency in Masonic work, which has been the pleasure and the boast of the Masons of New Jersey for many years still exists, and that the Lodges of my district are very generally in a prosperous and harmonious condition.

I desire to thank you for your courtesy and advice in our official relations, and to express my grateful appreciation of the hospitalities and acts of kindness received from the brethren I have met while performing my official duties.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JAMES V. BENTLY, *J. G. Warden.*

MORRISTOWN, January 8th, 1872.

The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year closing January 10th, 1872 :

Balance on hand (see Minutes 1871, page 223).....	\$1,301 37
Received of Grand Secretary.....	7,112 13
	\$8,413 50
Paid out as per vouchers Nos. 279 to 316, inclusive.....	4,731 81
	\$3,681 69

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. CLAPP, *Grand Treasurer.*

Trenton, January 10th, 1872.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned in accordance with the by-laws, would respectfully submit his annual report for the year now passed.

The printed journal of the last Grand Communication was received on the third of April last past, and immediately they were put up

and sent by express to the several Secretaries of the Lodges in this State, and also to the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with this M. W. Grand Lodge.

I would further report that there has been received the past year for dues, etc., up to this date, the sum of four thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirteen cents, as will be seen by a schedule attached hereto, and I have also attached a like statement of the several sums that are due, and the excess of payments that appear on the ledger.

I would further report, I append a statement of the payments made out of the appropriation of four hundred dollars, to meet office rent and other necessary expenses, leaving a balance of one dollar and eighty-four cents in hand.

I would further report that; in obedience to the circular issued, soliciting donations for our destitute and suffering brethren, who suffered by the fire in the city of Chicago, there has been received by me the sum of four thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty cents. Of this sum I have remitted to M. W. Grand Master Pine the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars and seventy cents, leaving in my hands the balance of one hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents, subject to his direction, and I append a statement to this report, showing when and where the different sums making up this amount came from.

I would further report that returns have been received up to this date from the following Lodges, viz. : Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, and Merchantville, Hope, Atlas, Column and Mozart Lodges under dispensation, who have obeyed the requirement of the First Article, third section of by-laws, making ninety-eight who have warrants and five under dispensations.

I would suggest for your consideration that further time should be given to receive, examine, and have corrections made (if any), to the end that uniformity from the several Lodges be exacted, for which the limited time of ten days only is given to this office, and also to the several Secretaries, who, no doubt, have to make up their returns sometimes in haste. Whether the M. W. Grand Master should not be advised in ample time to examine the reports of the Treasurer and

Secretary, and they to furnish him with such information as he might think advisable to place in his address, with any suggestions he might think proper.

I would further report that the duties of your Secretary have been quite laborious the past year, in the effort to get the various matters in more perfect condition, where no record has been made.

Proper books have been prepared to have a perfect record of each warrant made from the organization of this Grand Lodge in 1786 to the present; but I regret to say that other duties have so engrossed my time, that it has not been completed.

The register of membership, commenced in 1866, has been another matter that requires great care and labor, and which will need more each year as our membership increases.

Since the last Annual Communication, deeming it of importance to the Craft to complete the volume of reprint of the Minutes of former years, which were out of print, I have had published the second part—from 1838 to 1857, inclusive—with an index to the whole work, making 747 pages, which I offer to the Craft at the same rates as the former part—cost. This will enable each Brother, who wishes to inform himself of the transactions of the past, to procure it at a very low price—two dollars and twenty-five cents, in good cloth cover, and, if sent by mail, the postage will be an additional charge of thirty-six cents. As this is not intended to be a source of profit to myself, I make mention here of its completion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

Trenton, January 10th, 1872.

Statement of receipts, and from what source, up to January 10th, 1872, inclusive.

1871.			
Jan'y	20.	By cash from Alpha Lodge.....	Petition fee, \$30 00
"	24.	" Doric.....	No. 86, Dues, 28 50
"	25.	" Caldwell.....	" 59, " 26 00
"	27.	" G.L. Proc'd'gs, '70..	75
Feb'y	7.	" Tuscan.....	Petition fee, 30 00
"	4.	" Hudson.....	No. 71, Certif., 1 00
"	9.	" Mt. Moriah.....	" 28, " 1 00
"	11.	" Pioneer.....	" 70, " 1 00
"	17.	" Burlington.....	" 32, " 1 00
"	18.	" Belleville.....	" 108, " 1 00
"	23.	" La Fra. Française... "	62, " 1 00

Feb'y 25.	By cash from Hoboken.....	No. 35, Certif.,	\$1 00
March 9.	" Teutonia.....	" 72, "	2 00
" "	" La Fayette.....	" 27, "	2 00
" 10.	" Trenton.....	" 5, "	1 00
" 18.	" Mercer... ..	" 50, "	1 00
" 25.	" Enterprise.....	" 48, "	1 00
" 28.	" Union.....	" 11, "	1 00
April 1.	" Merchantville.....	Petition fee,	30 00
" "	" Paterson Orange.....	No. 43, Certif.,	1 00
" 3.	" Column.....	Petition fee,	30 00
" 12.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
" 14.	" " "		50
" 15.	" " "		50
" 17.	" " "		1 50
" 19.	" " "		1 00
" "	" Teutonia.....	No. 72, Certif.,	1 00
" 25.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		60
" 26.	" " "		60
" 28.	" " "		50
May 1.	" Jersey City.....	No. 74, Certif.,	1 00
" "	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		1 00
" 2.	" " "		1 00
" 3.	" Hudson.....	No. 71, Certif.,	1 00
" 4.	" Trenton.....	" 5, "	2 00
" 5.	" Shekinah.....	" 58, "	1 00
" "	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		3 50
" 6.	" Mozart.....	Petition fee,	30 00
" 8.	" Varick... ..	No. 31, Certif.,	1 00
" 10.	" Triluminar.....	" 112, "	1 00
" "	" La Fra. Française..	" 62, "	1 00
" "	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		1 58
" 11.	" Trimble.....	No. 117, Certif.,	1 00
" "	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
" 12.	" " "		50
" 15.	" Hudson.....	No. 71, Certif.,	1 00
" 23.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
" 27.	" Enterprise.....	No. 48, Certif.,	2 00
" 29.	" Oriental.....	" 51, "	1 00
" 30.	" Falls City.....	" 82, "	1 00
" "	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		60
June 2.	" Kane.....	No. 55, Certif.,	1 00

June	3.	By cash from Highland.....No.	80, Certif.,	\$1 00
"	5.	" Independence..... "	42, "	1 00
"	9.	" Teutonia..... "	72, "	1 00
"	13.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		60
"	23.	" " " "		50
"	"	" Northern.....No.	25, Certif.,	1 00
"	29.	" Newark..... "	7, "	1 00
July	1.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
"	21.	" Cloud.....No.	101, Certif.,	1 00
Aug.	1.	" Silentia.....Petition fee,		30 00
"	8.	" St. John's.....No.	1, Certif.,	1 00
"	17.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		2 15
"	23.	" La Fra. Française...No.	62, Certif.,	1 00
"	"	" Ivanhoe..... "	88, "	1 00
"	"	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
"	25.	" " " "		60
"	29.	" Pythagoras .....No.	118, Certif.,	2 00
Sept.	5.	" Trenton..... "	5, "	1 00
"	13.	" Cæsarea "	64, "	1 00
"	16.	" Mystic Tie.....Petition fee,		30 00
"	19.	" Highland .....No.	80, Certif.,	1 00
Oct.	2.	" Hope... ..Petition fee,		30 00
"	3.	" Trenton.....No.	5, Certif.,	1 00
"	6.	" Eureka..... "	39, "	1 00
"	"	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
"	13.	" Atlas.....Petition fee,		30 00
"	19.	" Northern.....No.	25, Certif.,	1 00
"	31.	" G. M. Pine.....Dispensation,		25 00
"	"	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		50
Nov.	1.	" Mt. Moriah.....No.	28, Certif.,	1 00
"	2.	" Camden "	15, "	1 00
"	11.	" Palisade "	84, "	1 00
"	14.	" Jersey City..... "	74, "	1 00
"	15.	" G. L. Proc'd'gs, '71...		1 50
"	30.	" (old years)..		1 75
Dec.	6.	" Eureka.....No.	39, Certif.,	2 00
				<u>\$429 23</u>
"	15.	To cash paid Grand Treasurer....		429 23
"	"	By cash from Friendship .....No.	102, Dues,	\$14 50
"	"	" Hightstown..... "	41, "	29 50

Dec.	20.	By cash from Eagle	No. 53,	Dues,	\$63 00
"	21.	Camden	" 15,	"	105 50
"	"	St. Stephen's	" 63,	"	36 50
"	22.	Solomon's.....	" 46,	"	45 00
"	"	Hightstown.....	" 41,	"	50
"	"	Eastern Star.....	" 105,	"	25 50
"	"	Ashlar.....	" 76,	"	39 00
"	23.	L. of the Temple....	" 110,	"	13 50
"	"	Forest Grove.....	" 91,	"	18 00
"	"	Trimble.....	" 117,	"	12 50
"	25.	Cloud.....	" 103,	"	24 50
"	"	Ivanhoe.....	" 88,	"	53 50
"	26.	Glassboro'	" 85,	"	26 50
"	"	Trenton.....	" 5,	"	121 00
"	27.	Fidelity.....	" 113,	"	15 00
"	"	Teutonia.....	" 72,	"	49 00
"	"	Jersey City.....	" 74,	"	70 00
"	"	Pioneer.....	" 70,	"	30 00
"	"	Palisade.....	" 84,	"	39 00
"	28.	Pyramid.....	" 92,	"	23 50
"	"	Florence.....	" 87,	"	20 00
"	"	Merchantville.....U. D.,	"	"	19 00
"	"	Hermann.....No.	81,	"	27 00
"	"	Mercer.....	" 50,	"	55 00
"	"	Palestine.....	" 111,	"	30 00
"	"	Pythagoras.....	" 118,	"	24 50
"	"	Cannon.....	" 104,	"	32 00
"	"	Lebanon.....	" 6,	"	22 50
"	29.	Arcana.....	" 60,	"	42 00
"	"	Union	" 19,	"	83 50
"	"	Harmony.....	" 23,	"	97 00
"	"	Vineland.....	" 69,	"	54 00
"	"	Shekinah.....	" 58, Certif.,	"	1 00
"	30.	Amity.....	" 103, Dues,	"	32 00
"	"	Orient	Petition fee,	"	30 00
"	"	Cape Island.....No.	30, Dues,	"	40 50
"	"	Mozart.....U. D.,	"	"	11 50
"	"	Falls City.....No.	82,	"	37 50
"	"	Eureka.....	" 39,	"	126 00
"	"	Hoboken.....	" 35,	"	99 50

Dec.	30.	By cash from Highland.....No.	80,	Dues,	\$39 00
"	"	Enterprise.....	48,	"	69 00
1872.					
Jan'y	1.	Diogenes... .	22,	"	69 50
"	"	St. John's.....	1,	"	92 50
"	"	Trinity	79,	"	35 00
"	"	Central.....	44,	"	25 50
"	"	Stewart.....	34,	"	39 00
"	"	Beverly.....	107,	"	14 50
"	"	Evening Star.....	97,	"	26 50
"	"	Cincinnati.....	3,	"	45 00
"	2.	Mt. Holly.....	14,	"	55 50
"	"	Joppa.....	29,	"	67 00
"	"	La Fayette.....	27,	"	52 00
"	"	Column.....U. D.,	"	"	20 00
"	3.	Tuckerton.....No.	4,	"	28 50
"	"	Schiller.....	66,	"	32 00
"	"	Corinthian	57,	"	39 00
"	"	Union	11,	"	48 50
"	"	Warren.....	13,	"	73 00
"	"	Mansfield.....	36,	"	56 50
"	"	Brearley	2,	"	64 50
"	"	Triluminar.....	112,	"	30 50
"	"	Humboldt.....	114,	"	22 50
"	4.	Washington.....	33,	"	73 50
"	"	Shekinah	58,	"	72 00
"	"	Excelsior.....	54,	"	34 50
"	"	Olive Branch.....	16,	"	39 50
"	"	St. Albans.....	68,	"	83 00
"	"	Mystic Brotherh'd...	21,	"	51 00
"	5.	Mantua.....	95,	"	21 50
"	"	Neptune	75,	"	23 50
"	"	Passaic.....	67,	"	38 00
"	"	Kane.....	55,	"	63 00
"	"	Bloomfield.....	40,	"	40 50
"	"	Acacia.....	20,	"	47 50
"	"	Harmony.....	18,	"	28 50
"	"	Rising Star.....	109,	"	27 00
"	"	Cosmos.....	106,	"	45 50
"	"	Darcy	37,	"	37 50
"	6.	Alpine.....	77,	"	23 00

Jan'y	6.	By cash from Star	No. 65,	Dues,	\$27 00
"	"	" Raritan.....	" 61,	"	22 00
"	"	" Bergen.....	" 47,	"	32 00
"	8.	" Independence.....	" 42,	"	57 50
"	"	" Princeton	" 38,	"	29 00
"	"	" Bayonne.....	" 99,	"	28 50
"	"	" Franklin	" 10,	"	26 50
"	"	" Americus	" 83,	"	19 50
"	10.	" Essex.....	" 49,	"	59 50
"	"	" Orion.....	" 56,	"	53 00
"	"	" Hope.....	U. D.,	"	12 00
"	"	" Varick.....	No. 31,	"	37 50
"	"	" Burlington	" 32,	"	40 00
"	"	" Madison.....	" 93,	"	37 50
"	"	" Benevolent.....	" 45,	"	68 50
"	"	" Hudson!,	" 71,	"	34 00
"	"	" Hiram.....	" 17,	"	I 22 50
"	"	" Northern.....	" 25,	"	I 04 00
Excess of payment.....					90
					<u>\$4,444 90</u>
Jan'y	11.	To cash paid Grand Treasurer....			4,444 90

Amounts due and overpaid up to January 10th, 1872.

		DUE.	OVERPAID.
St. John's	No. 1.....		\$3 00
Brearley	" 2.....		5 50
Cincinnati.....	" 3.....		1 00
*Newark.....	" 7.....		
*Clinton.....	" 8.....	\$1 00	
*Washington Shrewsbury....	" 9.....		2 50
*Amwell	" 12.....		
Mt. Holly.....	" 14.....		2 00
Harmony.....	" 18.....		1 50
Union.....	" 19.....		1 00
Acacia.....	" 20.....		3 00
Diogenes.....	" 22.....		3 50
Harmony	" 23.....		2 50
*Prospect.....	" 24.....		
*Jerusalem.....	" 26.....	†52 50	
*Mt. Moriah.....	" 28.....		69 00

* Dues of 1871.

† Since paid.

		DUF.	OVERPAID.
Cape Island.....	No. 30.....	\$4 00	
Washington.....	" 33.....		50
Darcy	" 37.....		50
Bloomfield	" 40.....	1 00	
*Paterson Orange.....	" 43.....	60 50	
Benevolent.....	" 45.....		1 00
Bergen.....	" 47.....	1 00	
*Oriental.....	" 51.....	105 50	
*Delaware.....	" 52.....	†70 00	
Eagle	" 53.....	2 00	
Kane.....	" 55.....		1 00
Orion.....	" 56.....		2 00
Corinthian	" 57.....	1 00	
Shekinah.....	" 58		1 50
*Caldwell.....	" 59.....	†26 00	
La Fraternité Française.....	" 62.....		4 50
St. Stephen's	" 63.....		2 50
*Cæsarea.....	" 64	†28 00	
Vineland	" 69.....		4 00
*Wall.....	" 73.....		
Neptune.....	" 75.....	2 50	
*Long Branch.....	" 78		
Highland	" 80.....		2 50
Glassboro'	" 85.....	5 00	
*Doric.....	" 86..	32 00	
*Ocean.....	" 89.....		
*Aberdeen	" 90.....		
*Ionic	" 94.....	69 00	
*Unity.....	" 97.....		
*Samaritan.....	" 98.....		
Bayonne.....	" 99.....		1 50
*Century.....	" 100.....	†18 00	
Amity.....	" 103.....	10 50	
Cannon.....	" 104.....		50
*Belleville.....	" 108.....	†42 50	
Fidelity.....	" 113.....		50
*Tuscan.....	" 115.....		
*Alpha.....	" 116.....		

* Dues of 1871.

† Since paid.

Appropriation Account.

1871.				
Jan'y	3.	By balance from last report (page 230).....		\$2 73
"	20.	" Appropriation.....		400 00
				\$402 73
Feb'y	13.	To cash paid postage stamps.....	\$7 54	
March	2.	" " half ton of coal.....	4 50	
"	25.	" " book case.....	14 00	
April	8.	" " one quarter's rent, oil cloth, &c.....	53 64	
"	10.	" " gas bill.....	2 13	
"	13.	" " N. J. Express Company.....	59 20	
"	14.	" " postage stamps.....	12 00	
"	15.	" " chair for Secretary's room...	9 00	
May	2.	" " desk for Treasurer.....	14 50	
"	"	" " postage stamps.....	21 00	
"	"	" " calendar clock for Sec'y's rooms.....	20 00	
June	2.	" " table and cover for Sec'y's rooms.....	11 00	
"	30.	" " doors for case in back room	19 28	
July	1.	" " painting " " "	3 10	
"	5.	" " one quarter's rent..	50 00	
Oct.	2.	" " " "	50 00	
1872.				
Jan'y	5.	" " " "	50 00	
		Balance on hand.....	1 84	\$402 73
		By balance on hand.....		1 84

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

Trenton, January 10th, 1872.

Statement of Moneys Collected for the Relief of Brethren in Chicago.

1871.				
October	12.	By cash from Column Lodge, U. D.....	\$50 00	
"	"	" " Mercer, No. 50.....	50 00	
"	17.	" " Enterprise, " 48.....	100 00	
"	"	" " Jersey City, " 74.....	100 00	
"	18.	" " Madison, " 93.....	216 00	
"	19.	" " Union, " 19.....	50 00	
"	"	" " Trenton, " 5.....	100 00	

October	20.	By cash from Union Chapter, No. 7.....	\$100 00
"	"	" " Hiram Lodge, " 17.....	250 00
"	"	" " La Fayette, " 27.....	100 00
"	21.	" " Ashlar, " 76.....	50 00
"	23.	" " Mystic Brother'd " 21.....	75 00
"	"	" " Amity, " 103.....	50 00
"	24.	" " Cincinnati, " 3.....	100 00
"	25.	" " Benevolent, " 45.....	100 00
"	"	" " Newark, " 7.....	250 00
"	"	" " Madison, " 93.....	20 00
"	26.	" " Schiller, " 66.....	100 00
"	"	" " Bayonne, " 99.....	20 00
"	27.	" " Arcana, " 60.....	25 00
"	"	" " Acacia, " 20.....	200 00
"	30.	" " Vineland, " 69.....	20 00
"	"	" " Trinity, " 79.....	100 00
"	"	" " Cosmos, " 106.....	50 00
"	"	" " Eureka, " 39.....	100 00
"	31.	" " Delaware, " 52.....	50 00
"	"	" " Rising Star, " 109.....	50 00
"	"	" " Oriental, " 51.....	100 00
"	"	" " G. B. E.,	94 20
"	"	" " Samaritan, " 98.....	57 00
November	2.	" " St. Stephens, " 63.....	50 00
"	"	" " Central, " 44.....	25 00
"	3.	" " Mt. Moriah, " 28.....	50 00
"	"	" " Mystic Tie, U. D.....	20 00
"	"	" " Harmony, No. 18.....	50 00
"	7.	" " Palestine, " 111.....	25 00
"	9.	" " Ivanhoe, " 88.....	100 00
"	14.	" " Cannon, " 104.....	38 00
"	15.	" " Doric, " 86.....	50 00
"	16.	" " Falls City, " 82.....	50 00
"	"	" " Teutonia, " 72.....	50 00
"	18.	" " Glassboro', " 85.....	25 00
"	28.	" " Mozart, U. D.....	50 00
December	2.	" " Bro. Jos. Hensler, of No. 66....	100 00
"	5.	" " Cloud Lodge, No. 101.....	37 00
"	7.	" " Olive Branch, " 16	10 00
"	12.	" " Beverly, " 107.....	32 00
"	"	" " Humboldt, " 114.....	52 50

December 14.	By cash from Tuckerton,	No. 4.....	\$15 00
" 18.	" " Pythagoras,	" 118.....	35 00
" " "	" " Princeton,	" 38.....	10 00
" " "	" " j. B. Woodward, of No. 13.....	" 47.....	11 50
" 20.	" " Bergen Lodge,	" 40.....	106 00
" 27.	" " Bloomfield,	" 92.....	25 00
" 28.	" " Pyramid,	" 67.....	35 50
" " "	" " Merchantville, U. D.....		

1872.

January 3.	By cash from T. O. Ayres, of No. 11.....	50 00
" 4.	" " Washington, " 33.....	100 00
" 5.	" " Passaic, " 67.....	55 00

 \$3,985 70

1871.

November 1.	To check to W. E. Pine, G. M.....	\$2,000 00
" 27.	" " " " " ".....	1,000 00

1872.

January 5.	" " " " " ".....	985 70
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 \$3,985 70

1872.

January 6.	By cash from Raritan Lodge, No. 61.....	\$43 50
" " "	" " Neptune, " 75.....	25 00
" 10.	" " Americus " 83.....	62 00

 Amount in my hands January 10th, 1872..... \$130 50

 JOSEPH H. HOUGH,
Grand Secretary.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer was read as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.
To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The flight of another year reminds me of more facts than I have time to record, but I will say, that I am reminded that our days and our years are rapidly passing away, and that the frosts of time are becoming more and more visible upon our heads.

The past year has been one of startling incidents, yet the Craft in our jurisdiction are still prospering, and are working with commendable zeal.

For reasons well known to yourself, I have not been able to visit as many of the Lodges during the year as I have in previous years. I have, however, visited and met with the officers of seventy-four of

the Lodges, and it affords me pleasure to report to you, that a decided improvement in the work is apparent.

I was present and assisted in organizing and installing the officers of Fidelity Lodge, No. 113; Palestine, No. 111; Lebanon, No. 6; Lodge of the Temple, No. 110; Humboldt, No. 114; Pythagoras, No. 118; was also present and assisted in setting to work Column Lodge, U. D., and by your order set to work Hope Lodge, U. D., all of these and several others of the young Lodges, are deserving of much credit for the manner in which the work is performed, many of them will bear a favorable comparison with some of the older Lodges who are experienced in the ritual.

I was also present with yourself and other Grand Officers at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at New Brunswick, and at the dedication of Ivanhoe Lodge at Paterson; Lodge of the Temple at Jersey City, and Northern Lodge at Newark.

The Grand Lodge will probably receive from you favorable mention of the liberality and good taste manifested by the members of these Lodges in providing spacious, comfortable, and appropriate halls for their use.

And now, at the close of the seventh year of my labors with the Craft, I desire to return to you and other Grand Officers, and the officers and Members of the various Lodges, my heartfelt thanks for the many kind regards shown to me while laboring among them endeavoring to exemplify the ritual adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The expenses for the year are, for services, eleven hundred dollars, and the traveling expenses, three hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents. Total amount (\$1,434 25).

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MEAD, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report of the visitor to German Lodges was read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO GERMAN LODGES.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts during the past year.

During the year, I have visited all the German Lodges in this jurisdiction repeatedly, and it affords me great pleasure to be able to inform you of the improved and excellent condition of the German Lodges, and of the eagerness and zeal manifested by our German brethren in their desire to accomplish the work thoroughly and perfectly.

I have taken particular pains in instructing Mozart Lodge, U. D., at Camden, which was placed under my special supervision. The brethren of this Lodge have always been desirous to acquire the work in a perfect manner, and have made great progress during my official visits.

A large number of brethren, having obtained their Dimits from Diogenes Lodge, No. 22, and being desirous of opening a new German Lodge, to be called Germania, have exemplified their work in Schiller Lodge, No. 66, in a very satisfactory manner. I most cheerfully endorse the application of these brethren for a warrant, knowing of no reason why their request should not be granted.

I had the pleasure of participating with you, Worshipful Sir, and other Grand Officers, in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of a Masonic Temple at New Brunswick; in dedicating new Lodgerooms for Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88; Temple, No. 110; Northern, No. 25; and also installed Humboldt Lodge, No. 114.

In conclusion, I thank you, Worshipful Sir, for courtesies and kindness in all our official relations, and also through you to the brethren of the various Lodges visited by me, for their acts of kindness extended to me upon all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. KISSLING,
Visitor to German Lodges.

Newark, January 15, 1872.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report printed for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, the reading whereof was commenced, when on motion, the further reading was dispensed with.

(For report, see Appendix.)

It was on motion, ordered, that the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the Reports of the Grand Officers just read, be referred to a Special Committee.

COMMITTEE. .

P. G. M. Joseph Trimble, No. 15; P. M.'s Samuel Lilly, No. 12; and Marshall B. Smith, No. 67.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following Committees:

TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNTS.

* P. M.'s Charles Bechtel, No. 5; Charles H. Ingalls, No. 39; and John M. Knapp, No. 113.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

P. M. Joseph H. Hough, No. 50; P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead, No. 1; and P. M. Marshall B. Smith, No. 67.

DISPENSATIONS AND WARRANTS.

P. S. G. W. James H. Stevens, No. 15; P. M.'s John Kennard, No. 47, and Ludlow Allen, No. 25.

Bros. Joel Parker, No. 16, the Governor of this State, and William L. Newell, No. 58, were received with a short address by the Grand Master, and conducted to seats near the Grand East.

The Standing Committee on Petitions and Grievances presented the following report, which was read.

On motion of P. M. John Kennard, No. 47, the report of the Committee was received, and the action of the Grand Master confirmed.

To Bro. William E. Pine, M. W. G. M. of Masons in New Jersey :

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom you by your communication of March 30th, 1871, as M. W. G. M., referred for examination, investigation, and report, the matters of alleged grievance contained in the petitions :

1st. "Of Bro. David L. Garrigus, S. W. of Eureka Lodge, No. 39, and other brethren, bearing date 24th February, 1871, with reference to the action of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, in contravention of their representations to members of the Grand Lodge in obtaining their warrant at its last Annual Communication, upon which representations, it is stated, the warrant of said Alpha Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge.

"2d. Of Bro. Robert Dingwell, P. M. of Eureka Lodge, No. 39, and others, requesting a restoration of the warrant of Alpha Lodge, No. 116," bearing date March 2, 1871.

3d. Of Bro. W. M. "Nathan Mingus of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, and others, demanding a copy of complaint," in your communication referred to, "together with a copy of each and every charge made or preferred against himself and other petitioners for warrant above mentioned, to the end, that the rights of said Alpha Lodge, No. 116, might be restored to its members, unless such complaint or charges shall be fully sustained before competent tribunal," would respectfully report :

1st. That several meetings of your Committee have been held at Oriental Lodge-room in the city of Newark and other places, for the purposes of examination, investigation, and report of the matters referred to us by you.

2d. That the request of the brethren representing the several petitioners hereinbefore mentioned and referred to, Bros. Lyon and King appeared and acted as counsel for Bro. Garrigus and others, in the examination of witnesses. Bro. John Whitehead as counsel for Bro. Dingwell and others, and Bro. Morrow as counsel for Bro. Mingus and others.

3d. That the parties in interest were represented at the several sessions of the Committee held at Oriental Lodge-room, Newark, and were known and designated as follows, to wit:

Bro. Garrigus and others, as petitioners No. 1.

Bro. Dingwell and others, as petitioners No. 2.

Bro. Mingus and others, as petitioners No. 3.

4th. That the representatives and counsel of the several petitioners, were requested by the Committee to produce all the testimony that could or might have any weight or bearing upon the matters referred for examination, investigation, and report. And that the examination of witnesses was continued so long as testimony and evidence were offered or produced on the parts of the several petitioners, and until the Committee were informed that no other witnesses would be produced on the behalf of either of the petitioners.

5th. That a full and even legally technical examination of the several witnesses produced was allowed.

6th. That the representatives and counsel, of the several petitioners, waived making any argument, or furnishing any memoranda of the views of the case as referred, that they entertained, after hearing the testimony produced.

7th. That the testimony taken in the matter of the examination and investigation of the matter referred, is herewith placed in your hands.

8th. That after careful consideration of the matters presented to the M. W. G. M. by the brethren, designated as petitioners No. 1., the Committee are agreed that the M. W. G. M. acted properly in arresting the warrant of Alpha Lodge, No. 116. That the conclusion thus arrived at is supported and strengthened by the testimony taken.

9th. That the Committee have not considered the question as to the right of one or another to become a Mason, but merely the matters specially referred in regard to the arresting of the warrant of Alpha Lodge, No. 116.

ISAAC VAN WAGONER,
HENRY R. CANNON,
GEORGE B. EDWARDS.

P. S. G. W. Thomas J. Corson of No. 5, made statement, that he had just received the following dispatch, which he read.

On motion, it was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes :

SACRAMENTO, Cal., January 15, 1872.

To Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey :

Brethren! unavoidably detained; deeply regret I cannot be with you; mailed report; home in three weeks; may the Grand Architect direct all your deliberations and direct you, is the prayer of

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM WALLACE GOODWIN,

Deputy Grand Master.

A petition from Bro. J. W. Preston a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 6, stating several questions for answer was read.

On motion of P. S. G. W. Thomas J. Corson, No. 5, said petition be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity.

On motion of P. M. David Naar, No. 5, the matter be laid on the table, which prevailed.

The Grand Lodge was called off to 2½ o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The report of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, relating to Alpha Lodge, No. 116, being under consideration this morning, was again resumed. The evidence and documents accompanying said report were read, and, after considerable discussion, the further consideration of the matter was, on motion, postponed until this evening.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the reports of the several Grand Officers, presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion of P. S. G. W. Thomas J. Corson, of No. 5, that the said report be received—

P. G. Sec'y Orrin Vanderhoven, of No. 43, moved to lay it on the table. Not agreed to.

The original motion was then stated and agreed to :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the reports of the other Grand Officers, would respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and offer the following recommendations for the consideration of the Grand Lodge :

1. They recommend that a memorial page be inserted in the printed proceedings, in commemoration of our deceased brother, M. W. Past Grand Master Joseph Warren Scott.

2. They recommend the reference of so much as relates to the intrusion of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg into this Jurisdiction—and also the decision of the M. W. Grand Master—to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity.

3. That so much as relates to the issuing or withholding of dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Warrants.

4. That the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

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6. They recommend the repeal of the resolution, which requires the payment to the Grand Treasurer of three per cent. on moneys received by him for this Grand Lodge, as suggested by the Grand Master.

7. In view of the multiplied labors of the Grand Secretary, your committee would recommend that his salary be increased to \$1000. (Amended to \$1200.)

8. We recommend that a sufficient number of copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, etc., of this Grand Lodge be distributed among the Subordinate Lodges, in order that the officers and members may be instructed as to the requirements of this Jurisdiction.

9. We also recommend that two hundred copies of "The Origin of Masonry in New Jersey" be purchased and disposed of as suggested by the Grand Master.

10. Your committee congratulate the Grand Lodge on the growing liberality and taste of the brethren in New Jersey, as evidenced in the erection and beautifying of temples for the use of our ancient Craft, affording examples which the Grand Lodge might worthily

follow, by erecting a suitable temple to meet a want which each year becomes more pressing and apparent,

11. The gift of Northern Lodge, No. 25, Newark, to the Grand Lodge, of vessels for the solemn consecration services of the Fraternity, is an evidence at once of liberality and Masonic loyalty that should not pass unnoticed; we therefore recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Northern Lodge, in the form of a resolution, suitably engrossed, and signed by the Grand Officers.

12. The reports of the several Grand Officers indicate a degree of growth and harmony among the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction which is highly gratifying, which is doubtless largely due to the labors of the Grand Lecturer in visiting and instructing the various Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOS. TRIMBLE,
M. B. SMITH,
SAM'L LILLY,
Committee.

Trenton, January 17, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to 8 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The report of the Committee on the Address of the M. W. Grand Master and the Reports of the Grand Officers, was called up, read, and, on motion, the several recommendations were taken up separately, and adopted—after amending the 7th recommendation.

The following report of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances, further relating to Alpha Lodge, No. 116, was called up, with the previous report made in this matter, and, after considerable debate thereon was agreed to:

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the evidence taken before this committee, and all papers having reference to the matter of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, in your favor of December 11th, beg respectfully to say, that they know of no addi-

tions that they can make at this time to the report they have already made to the M. W. Grand Master; and further beg to hand to him all the papers and report of the committee in this connection.

ISAAC VAN WAGONER,
HENRY R. CANNON,
GEORGE B. EDWARDS,

Trenton, January 16, 1872.

Committee.

On motion of P. M. Augustus L. Wilcox, of No. 1, that the warrant of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, be restored to said Lodge, was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to Thursday morning at 9½ o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 18, 1872—9½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. Grand Officers same as yesterday.

The roll of Lodges was called, and the following found to be represented, viz.:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117 and 118.

The Committee on Dispensations and Warrants presented the following report, which was read.

On motion, that the report be received and recommendations adopted, was agreed to:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The undersigned, a committee appointed to consider the dispensations granted by the M. W. Grand Master, and other applications for warrants for new Lodges, hereby report, that having examined the papers referred to them, they recommend that warrants be granted to the following Lodges, to wit:

1. Merchantville Lodge, in village of Merchantville, county of Camden, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 119.

2. Column Lodge, in the city of Trenton, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 120.

3. Mozart Lodge, in the city of Camden, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 121.

4. Silertia Lodge, in Boonton, county of Morris, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 122.

5. Mystic Tie Lodge, in the town of Union, county of Hudson, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 123.

6. Hope Lodge, in East Orange, county of Essex, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 124.

7. Atlas Lodge, in Westfield, county of Union, with the officers named in the dispensation, as No. 125.

8. Orient Lodge, in the city of Elizabeth, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 126.

9. Oxford Lodge, in Oxford, county of Warren, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 127.

10. Germania Lodge, in the city of Newark, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 128.

11. Azure Lodge, in Roselle, county of Union, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 129.

12. Haddonfield Lodge, in the village of Haddonfield, county of Camden, with the officers named in the petition, as No. 130.

The committee have under consideration one more petition, which will receive their consideration, and a report made on the same during this session.

JAS. H. STEVENS,
JOHN KENNARD,
LUDLOW ALLEN,

Committee.

Trenton, January 18, 1872.

On motion of P. G. M. Henry R. Cannon, of No. 26, the Representatives of the Lodges to whom warrants have been granted, were invited to seats within the body of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion, received and the recommendations adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Charity, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to the unwarranted and illegal intrusion by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg upon the exclusive jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of New Jersey, by the constitution of a Subordinate Lodge at Hoboken, known as Lodge Beton zum Licht, No. 3, beg leave respectfully to report—

That the M. W. Grand Master is entitled to the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the prompt and decisive measures taken by him upon receiving intelligence of the institution of this spurious Lodge.

The merits of the question and the rights of the respective parties are so well stated by the Grand Master in his address, that your committee feel that nothing which they may say, can add to the force and effect of such statement.

They recommend that all the edicts issued by the Grand Master be approved, as embodying the sense of this Grand Lodge; and that the resolution heretofore adopted in this Grand Lodge, discontinuing Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, be reënacted.

Your committee cannot suggest any other means of protection from the illegal assaults of Hamburg, except those adopted by the Grand Master. That body has the physical power to plant Lodges within the jurisdiction of New Jersey, and this Grand Lodge is powerless to prevent it. The experience of many years demonstrates that Hamburg is deaf to the voice of reason, Masonic justice and well-established principles of Masonic law. Appeal and protest are useless. This Grand Lodge must rely upon the declaration of the Grand Master—hereby affirmed by this Grand Lodge—that all Lodges in New Jersey, not constituted by the authority of this Grand Lodge, are clandestine and irregular. It is the duty of all officers and members of Subordinate Lodges to see that any Masonic intercourse between the members of regular Lodges and those of this spurious Subordinate, be severely punished.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey will be ready, at all times, to join in any combined action with her sister Grand Lodges, with a view to protection from these repeated assaults from foreign jurisdictions, which circumstances may render advisable and necessary.

All which is fraternally submitted,

WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
JOS. TRIMBLE,
ROBERT RUSLING,

Committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion, received and the several decisions taken up separately and agreed to.

During the consideration of the report, by unanimous consent the words "or admission," in the second line of 7th General Regulations were stricken out.

The consideration of the report was resumed, read through, and, after some alteration of the decisions, was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The undersigned, the standing Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Charity, to whom the decisions reported by the Grand Master in his address have been referred, beg leave fraternally to report—

That decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14, in the opinion of your committee, are correct, and present the true rule upon the points in said decisions respectively treated.

Your committee are compelled to dissent from some of the views expressed by the Grand Master in the decisions not above enumerated.

By the second decision, the Grand Master holds that a Lodge has the right to return the proposition fee of a candidate, after election, before a degree is conferred, if, by vote, it so determines; and that such candidate may thereupon present his petition to any other Lodge, which may act upon it without the consent of the Lodge to which the petition was originally presented. Your committee cannot concur in this decision. It appears to them to be in direct conflict with the 9th General Regulation, which provides that "a petition may be withdrawn, with the unanimous consent of the Lodge, before the investigating committee has reported, *but not afterwards.*"

The fifth decision contains two distinct propositions: it holds that the evidence of an expelled Mason cannot be received in a Masonic trial, and that he cannot act as counsel in such trial. To the latter branch of the decision your committee assent, but are of the opinion that the first proposition is erroneous. They believe that the evidence of an expelled Mason should be taken by the committee, like that of a profane, and that the fact of his expulsion may be considered by the committee upon the question of the weight and credit to be attached to his statements.

With reference to the thirteenth decision, your committee are of the opinion that the restriction against resigning or dimitting is confined to the *elective* officers of a Lodge.

The fifteenth decision is generally correct, but requires some qualification. The mere fact that a member of a Subordinate Lodge is a member of the Grand Lodge, does not, in itself, protect

him from trial and discipline by the particular Lodge. But there are numerous exceptions to this general rule. A Lodge cannot try its Master, or its Wardens, during their term of office, for any offence. After the expiration of their term, they may be tried for any offence, other than *official* misconduct. For the latter, they are amenable only to the Grand Lodge.

Your committee are also of the opinion that a Subordinate Lodge cannot try an *elective* officer of the Grand Lodge during his term of office.

All which is fraternally submitted,

WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
JOS. TRIMBLE,
ROB'T RUSLING,

Committee.

The decisions alluded to in the foregoing report are here inserted, with the alterations as adopted :

1. Where Lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction, it is unnecessary for a Lodge out of such jurisdiction to obtain the consent of more than one Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a candidate residing therein. [Approved.]

2. A Lodge has the right to return the petition fee of a candidate, after election, before a degree is conferred, if, by vote, they so determine ; and such candidate may present his petition to any Lodge, in whose jurisdiction he may reside, and such Lodge can act upon the petition without consent of the first named Lodge, all claim between it and the candidate being dissolved. [Disapproved.]

3. It is unlawful for a Lodge to suspend a member, for non-payment of dues, at a special communication. [Approved.]

4. A non-affiliated Mason, in good standing, may petition to any Lodge in New Jersey for affiliation, without the consent of a particular Lodge in whose jurisdiction he may reside. [Approved.]

5. The evidence of an expelled Mason cannot be received in a Masonic trial ; neither can he act as counsel in such trial. [First clause disapproved ; last clause approved.]

6. The Grand Master cannot, by dispensation, authorize a particular Lodge to use the material belonging to another. [Approved.]

7. No member of a Lodge can legally demand of a brother his reasons for voting against a candidate for initiation or membership ; and no attempt should be made to discover the brother who shall have cast a negative ballot. [Approved.]

8. The ballot should be strictly secret. A brother violates the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted, and should not be permitted to give his reasons for so doing. [Approved.]

9. Upon the rejection of a candidate, the W. M. should permit no discussion. [Approved.]

10. If a candidate is proposed and rejected, and subsequently becomes a resident of another jurisdiction, the Lodge wherein he was rejected does not lose jurisdiction over him. Such Lodge would be authorized to receive and act upon his petition, although a non-resident, which could not be acted upon by any other Lodge without consent of the Lodge wherein he was rejected. [Approved.]

11. A candidate rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and subsequently made a Mason in another jurisdiction without consent of the Lodge wherein rejected, is illegally made. [Approved.]

12. Subordinate Lodges have exclusive control over the material residing within their particular jurisdictions, and have the right to grant permission to act upon petitions of candidates residing therein. [Approved.]

13. No officer of a Lodge can resign or dimit during the term for which he was installed. [Approved.]

14. When a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders to the Secretary the amount of his indebtedness, the money should be received, and receipt given for the same. It would not be proper for the W. M. to order the money returned in case the Lodge refused to reinstate the brother. [Approved.]

15. A Subordinate Lodge has the right to prefer charges and try a member who is also a member of the Grand Lodge. [Report of the committee adopted, instead of this 15th decision.]

The commission of M. W. Grand Master William E. Pine, as Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi near this Grand Lodge, was read, and on motion, accepted. He was announced, and received with the high honors of the Craft, welcomed by the chair, and conducted to a seat in the Grand East.

The appeal of Bro. Robert G. Austin from the action of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 68, was presented by the Chairman of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances for consideration, and was read. It was, on motion, referred back to the committee, with instructions to report to this Communication.

A communication from the Grand Orient of Brazil, requesting a recognition and communication with them, also a note accompanying from R. W. Bro. A. G. Goodall, of the City of New York, their

representative at large, soliciting the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge, was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity.

Deputy Grand Secretary William D. Rutan, No. 55, offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, adopted.

Resolved, That the minutes of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge be printed under the supervision of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw a draft upon the Grand Treasurer for the expense thereof, when the same is completed to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; and the Grand Secretary is also authorized to cause to be printed one hundred extra copies of the proceedings, which he is authorized to dispose of to parties applying therefor, on paying their cost price and the expense of transmission to the applicant.

P. M. Augustus L. Wilcox, of No. 1, gave notice of an amendment to 17th Section, General Regulations, by striking out the word "suspended" in the last line, and inserting in place thereof "struck from the roll of membership, but such brother shall be restored to his former rights and privileges in his Lodge upon the payment of all arrears."

Laid over to next Annual Communication.

The committee appointed at the Annual Communication of 1870 (see page 52), to report a uniform code of laws for Subordinate Lodges, and code of trial, having neglected to present any report. It was, on motion, ordered that the committee be discharged, and another appointed in its stead.

Committee.—P. M.s Robert C. Helm, No. 111; Thomas H. R. Redway, No. 19; and John C. Scott, No. 19.

On motion of P. Dep. G. Secretary Orrin Vanderhoven, No. 43, that the salary of the Grand Tyler be fifty dollars per annum, was agreed to.

Deputy Grand Secretary William D. Rutan, No. 55, moved to amend Art. 1, Sec. 1, By-Laws, by striking out in third line the words "ten o'clock A," and insert "twelve o'clock" in place thereof, was laid over to next Annual Communication.

The following resolutions presented at the last Annual Communication by P. G. M. Daniel B. Bruen, No. 7, to be found on page 242 of the Journal were called up, read; and, on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the so-called side degrees, otherwise known as Adoptive or Androgynous Masonry, represented by the degrees of the Eastern Star and under other appellations, are not legitimate Masonic degrees, and do not of themselves entitle the recipients thereof to any of the rights and benefits of Masonry, or to any Masonic recognition.

Resolved, That the conferring of said degrees, or any or either of them, upon women, is a fraud upon them, reflects discredit upon the Craft, and therefore meets the severe reprobation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Lodges in this jurisdiction having control of their own Lodge rooms are forbidden, under any pretence whatever, to permit their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring any or either of said degrees; and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to withdraw the warrant of any Lodge offending against either the spirit or the letter of these resolutions.

The amendment offered by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity, on page 248 of the Journal of the last Annual Communication, to Art. 1st, Sec. 8, as follows: Strike out the word "fifty" in line third, Sec. 8, Art. 1, of the By-Laws and insert the word "sixty." Strike out the words "fifty cents" in the seventh line of the same section, and insert the words "two dollars."

Called up, and, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding the Annual Communications, presented at the last Annual Communication, to be found on pages 249 and 250 as follows, was called up and read, and, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

WHEREAS, The regular meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey takes place at the same time that the Legislature of New Jersey is in session, and at the same time the several anniversaries of the State take place, which necessarily fills the places of public accommodation to overflowing, produces great discomfort for the most of hotel accommodations, prevents the members of the Grand Lodge from making acquaintance with each other; and prevents that prosperity to the Craft that would grow out of a more familiar acquaintance; therefore,

Resolved That the regular meetings of the M. W. Grand Lodge shall hereafter take place at Trenton on the first Wednesday of February, until changed by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

The motion made at the last Annual Communication, on page 249 of the Journal as follows :

"On motion, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure one hundred aprons for the use of this Grand Lodge; the question was postponed to the next Annual Communication," was called up, read, and, on motion, agreed to.

The resolution and preamble offered by P. M. George B. Edwards, No. 47, to be found on page 250 of last year's Journal, was called up, read, and, on motion, adopted. Said preamble and resolution are as follows :

WHEREAS, It has been assumed to graft "Androgynous Masonry" upon Symbolic Masonry, by printing reports in connection in the public papers, and by the use of Lodge rooms in this jurisdiction, thereby giving it a significance to those who are unable to form a just estimate of the subject; AND WHEREAS, the Androgynous degrees are unrecognizable in any other character than that of "bogus Masonry;" therefore,

Resolved, That the use of the Lodge rooms in this jurisdiction for the purpose of conferring any degrees denominated Androgynous, is hereby interdicted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to 2½ o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Dispensations and Warrants presented the following report, which was read. On motion, the report be received, and recommendation granted; was not agreed to.

On motion, that a warrant be granted and numbered 131; was agreed to.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey;

The Committee to whom was referred the dispensations and petitions for warrants, would further report, that on the application of brethren in Jersey City for a warrant for a Lodge, to be styled Zenodatha Lodge, remonstrance was made against the same by the

representatives of an adjacent Lodge, and your Committee having given the subject their careful consideration, have deemed it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners for a Lodge in that vicinity at the present time.

JAMES H. STEVENS,
JOHN KENNARD,
LUDLOW ALLEN,

Committee.

Trenton, January 18, 1872.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Charity presented the following report, which was read. On motion, the report was received and recommendation adopted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey;

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Charity, to which was referred the communication of a body claiming to be the Grand Orient of Brazil, requesting an exchange of relations of amity between this body and that Grand Orient, beg leave to report.

That your committee is familiar with the general fact, that for a long time Masonic affairs have been in an unsettled state in Brazil, and that there are in that jurisdiction rival grand bodies. Your Committee have never had occasion to examine into the merits of such controversy, and have not now either the time, or the means of information, to enable them to report understandingly to this Grand Lodge, as to the status in the Masonic world of the Grand Orient from which this communication emanates.

Your Committee are the more embarrassed in this matter by the fact, that the party by whom this document is signed, appends to his signature the cabalistic figures 33, with the meaning of which, neither one of your Committee is familiar.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, which may be appointed by the Grand Master to be elected at the present Grand Communication, and that that Committee have leave to consider the matter in the vacation, and report to the next Communication of this Grand Lodge.

All which is fraternally submitted.

WM. SILAS WHITEHEAD,
ROBERT RUSLING,
JOSEPH TRIMBLE,

Committee.

The Committee on Treasurer and Secretary's accounts presented the following report, which was read. On motion, the report was received, and the bills reported by the Committee ordered paid.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and find them correct, and beg leave to submit the following :

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at date of his last report (to be found on page 251, proceedings of 1871)...	\$3,539 37
Since that date, Grand Secretary has received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per receipts, up to January 10, 1872.....	4,874 13
Since the 10th of January, 1872, there has been received, and is now in hands of Grand Secretary.....	1,088 42
Total.....	\$9,501 92
Amount paid, as per vouchers, from January 19, 1871, to January 11, 1872	4,731 81
Leaving balance on hand January 18, 1872.....	\$4,770 11

The following bills have been presented, which, upon examination, we find correct, and recommend their payment :

William E. Pine, M. W. G. M., expenses.....	\$101 71
Nathan Haines, S. G. W., "	78 35
Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, services.....	600 00
William D. Rutan, D. G. Secretary.....	21 00
Henry Vehslage, G. Chaplain.....	15 00
T. N. Bentley, S. G. D.....	9 00
Heber Wells, J. G. D.	17 00
Charles C. Wells, S. G. Steward.....	14 35
William H. Page, J. G. Steward.....	11 00
S. A. Beckhardt, G. Sword Bearer.....	33 00
Charles C. Chipman, G. Pursuivant.....	23 00
Leopold Kiesling, German Visitor.....	95 00
George R. Nicholl, services to Com. on Pet. and Grievances	50 00
Willet Hicks, frames for G. L. pictures.....	20 38
Joseph H. Hough, incidental, postage, gas, &c.....	138 04
Murphy & Bechtel, binding, printing, etc.....	259 75
Amos Howell, Grand Tyler.....	50 00
James V. Bentley, J. G. W.....	37 75

\$1,574 33

We would recommend that an appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400) in advance, be made to the Grand Secretary for current expenses of his office for the ensuing year.

All the bills presented above, which we have audited and allowed, are itemized according to requirement.

CHARLES BECHTEL,
CHARLES H. INGALLS,
JOHN M. KNAPP.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances presented the following report, which was read: On motion, the report was received, and recommendation adopted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, beg leave to report, that the papers presented to them from Bro. George Carlough, an E. A. of Benevolent Lodge, No. 45, are not in form and are irregular.

That in the matter of the appeal of Bro. Robert G. Austin, of St. Albans Lodge, No. 68; your Committee after a careful examination of the papers relating thereto, are satisfied that the proceedings of St. Albans Lodge in this case were regular and in accordance with the requirements of this jurisdiction. Your Committee have received papers relating to this case, which they understand have not been before St. Albans Lodge, that would have considerable weight upon the subject, and which from the peculiar circumstances, could not be brought before the Lodge at the time of the action of the Lodge.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the whole subject and papers relating to it, be sent to St. Albans Lodge for their further action.

That in the case of appeal of Bro. Moses Atkinson of Florence Lodge, No. 87, your Committee find that the whole subject was disposed of by this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication.

Respectfully Submitted,

ISAAC VAN WAGONER,
HENRY R. CANNON,
G. B. EDWARDS,

Committee.

A bill was presented from Bro. Valentine Archenbach, amounting to twenty dollars, which was referred to the Committee on Treasurer and Secretary's accounts, who were ordered to audit it for payment, and if correct, it be paid. The Committee then reported it, and recommend it be paid, which was, on motion, so ordered.

P. M. Augustus L. Wilcox, No. 1, called up the question of the per diem allowance to the Grand Lecturer, and moved it be rescinded.

The motion was not agreed to.

The M. W. Grand Master ordered an election for officers to serve the ensuing year, and appointed P. M. John Kennard, No. 47, W. M. George F. Fort, No. 117, and P. M. Louis L. Carlisle, No. 1, tellers to hold an election. After performing that duty, they reported the following as having received the highest number of votes, who were declared duly elected:

<i>M. W. Grand Master</i>	William E. Pine.....	No. 39
<i>R. W. Dep. Grand Master</i>	Nathan Haines.....	No. 32
<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden</i>	William A. Pembroke.....	No. 33
<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden</i>	James V. Bentley.....	No. 3
<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer</i>	Charles Bechtel.....	No. 5
<i>R. W. Grand Secretary</i>	Joseph H. Hough.....	No. 50
<i>R. W. Dep. Grand Secretary</i>	William D. Rutan.....	No. 55

The officers elect were severally installed by P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead.

The roll of Lodges was called, and the following answered the call:

Nos. 1, 2, 19, 39, 43, 58, 60, 65, 75, 81, 82, 86, 87, 88, 93, 96, 102, 111, 113, 117. Twenty Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

W. and Rev. Henry Vehslage, Jr.	No. 10.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
W. James H. Bunting.....	No. 93.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
W. Robert C. Helm.....	No. 111.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
W. George B. Edwards.....	No. 47.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
W. Harmon Goodridge.....	No. 43.....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
W. Charles H. Ingalls.....	No. 39.....	" "
W. Thomas H. Russell.....	No. 65.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
W. Mayer Sontheimer.....	No. 81.....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
Bro. Amos Howell.....	No. 5.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

They were severally installed by P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead, and proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Master further appointed—

W. William Mead.....	No. 25.....	<i>Grand Lecturer.</i>
W. Leopold Kiesling.....	No. 66.....	<i>Visitor to German Lodges.</i>

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

P. G. M. Isaac Van Wagoner, No. 29; P. G. M. Henry R. Cannon, No. 26; P. D. G. M. Robert C. Buzby, No. 28.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND CHARITY.

P. G. M. William Silas Whitehead, No. 1; P. G. M. Joseph Trimble, No. 15; P. G. M. Robert Rusling, No. 42.

Grand visitations for the present Masonic year :

R. W. Deputy Grand Master—Nos. 2, 4, 5, 12, 14, 19, 27, 28, 30, 39, 41, 42, 44, 52, 54, 58, 61, 65, 69, 73, 75, 79, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 91, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 104, 106, 107, 108, 117, 119, 121, 126, 130.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden—Nos. 1, 3, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 31, 32, 37, 38, 43, 46, 48, 53, 55, 60, 64, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 78, 80, 82, 90, 94, 99, 105, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 120, 123, 124, 127, 131.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden—Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 22, 24, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 45, 47, 49, 50, 51, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63, 66, 71, 76, 77, 86, 88, 92, 93, 98, 102, 103, 113, 114, 115, 118, 122, 125, 128, 129.

It was ordered that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and printed under the supervision of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary.

No Further business offering, the M. W. Grand Lodge was closed in harmony and Ample Form, to meet again at the city of Trenton on the first Wednesday after the third Tuesday of January next (January 22, 1873), unless sooner convened by the proper authority.

WM. E. PINE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

Wm. E. Pine
Grand Master

*CLOSING HYMN.***(Air—Auld Lang Syne.)*

Come brothers of the mystic tie,
Join in a parting hymn
Of gratitude to God on high,
The architect Supreme.
The glorious architect Supreme,
To whom all praise is due
For blessings rare vouchsafed by him,
And mercies ever new.

Our toil is o'er, the time has come
When we must say farewell,
Each one to seek his cherish'd home
Where all his loved ones dwell.
Then around the altar form a ring,
Each craftsman tried and true,
A hymn of thankfulness to sing,
And bid a kind adieu.

Now let us wish each brother dear,
And those that he loves best,
A happy lot while pilgrims here,
A happier with the blest,
As round the altar—heart to heart
Each craftsman tried and true—
We sing in chorus, ere we part,
Adieu! a warm adieu.

We part, perhaps no more to meet
The brothers whom we love,
But let us hope each one to greet
In the Grand Lodge above.
Adieu! adieu, each brother dear,
Each craftsman tried and true;
With kindly grip and love sincere
A heart-warm, fond adieu!

* Written by P. G. Treasurer Wm. R. Clapp.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Since the closing of the Report of the Grand Secretary, Jan. 10, 1872.

1872.

January 11,	by cash from Century.....	No. 100, Dues,	\$18 00
"	"	Caldwell..... " 59, "	26 00
"	"	Delaware..... " 52, "	70 00
"	"	Jerusalem..... " 26, "	52 50
"	12,	Cæsarea..... " 64, "	25 50
"	"	Silentia.....U. D., "	18 00
"	"	Belleville.....No. 108, "	31 50
"	13,	Mystic Tie.....U. D., "	14 50
"	"	Tuscan.....No. 115, "	13 00
"	"	Oriental..... " 51, "	105 50
"	"	Eagle..... " 53, Certif.,	1 00
"	"	Germania.....Petition fee,	30 00
"	15,	Amwell.....No. 12, Dues,	69 50
"	"	Ocean..... " 89, "	15 00
"	"	Unity..... " 96, "	11 50
"	16,	Clinton..... " 8, "	34 00
"	"	Oxford.....Petition fee,	30 00
"	17,	Aberdeen.....No. 90, Dues,	15 00
"	"	Newark..... " 7, "	132 00
"	"	Zeredatha.....Petition fee,	30 00
"	"	Haddonfield..... " "	30 00
"	"	Wall.....No. 73, Dues,	30 00
"	"	Ionic..... " 94, "	69 00
"	"	Samaritan..... " 98, "	30 00
"	"	Alpha..... " 116, "	5 00
"	18,	Wash. Shrews... " 9, "	43 00
"	"	Joppa..... " 29, Certif.	1 00
"	"	Doric..... " 86, Dues,	32 00
"	"	Mt. Moriah..... " 28, "	75 92
"	"	Azure.....Petition fee,	30 00
			\$1088 42
"	9, To cash paid Grand Treasurer per receipt.		\$1088 42

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY,
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	When commis'ned
Alabama.....	OLIVER S. BEERS, MOBILE.....	June 20, 1870.
California.....	ALEX. G. ABELL, San Francisco.....	Oct. 17, 1870.
Connecticut.....	THOMAS H. TOTTEEN, New Haven.....	Mar. 16, 1869.
Canada.....	ALDIS BERNARD, Montreal.....	Jan. 20, 1870.
Dist. Columbia.....	NOBLE D. LARNER, Washington.....	Dec. 30, 1868.
Florida.....	THOMAS A. CARRUTH, Welborn.....	July 14, 1870.
Delaware.....	JOHN A. NICHOLSON, Wilmington.....	April 6, 1865.
Illinois.....	IRA A. W. BUCK, Aurora.....	Jan. 8, 1861.
Iowa.....	THEODORE S. PARVIN, Iowa City.....	Nov. 18, 1868.
Louisiana.....	EMMET D. CRAIG, New Orleans.....	
Minnesota.....	WILLIAM S. COMBS, St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1869.
Missouri.....	OSCAR F. POTTER, St. Louis.....	Dec. 6, 1861.
Montana.....	WILBUR F. SAUNDERS, Virginia City.....	Sept. 15, 1869.
Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. CAIN, Arago.....	Sept. 15, 1869.
North Carolina.....	DONALD W. BAIN, Raleigh.....	Nov. 18, 1868.
Vermont.....	RANDSLOW W. CLARK, Brattleboro'.....	Dec. 30, 1861.
New York.....	CLINTON F. PAIGE, Binghampton.....	July 25, 1863.
Maine.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Portland.....	Dec. 7, 1863.
Kansas.....	E. T. CARR, Fort Leavenworth.....	Jan. 5, 1864.
Pennsylvania.....	ALFRED R. POTTER, Philadelphia.....	April 14, 1865.
Texas.....	NAHOR B. YARD, Galveston.....	Feb. 15, 1866.
Ohio.....	CORNELIUS MOORE, Cincinnati.....	Jan. 30, 1867.
Oregon.....	B. F. BROWN, Salem.....	Sept. 7, 1870.
Tennessee.....	GEORGE H. PRINCE, Macedonia.....	Nov. 30, 1869.
Mississippi.....	RICHARD P. BOWEN, Chulahoma.....	June 3, 1871.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

NEAR THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	Residence.
Alabama	WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD.....	Newark.
New York	WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD.....	"
Connecticut.....	WILLIAM R. CLAPP.....	Trenton.
Delaware.....	REV. MARSHALL B. SMITH.....	Passaic.

Grand Lodges.	Names.	Residence.
Illinois.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	Trenton.
Iowa.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	"
Ohio.....	THOMAS J. CORSON.....	"
Kansas.....		
Louisiana.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	"
Missouri.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	"
Dist. Columbia.....	JOSEPH H. HOUGH.....	"
Maine.....	JAMES S. AITKIN.....	"
North Carolina.....	WILLIAM H. DEWOLFE.....	Hackensack.
Nebraska.....	CHARLES BECHTEL.....	Trenton.
Vermont.....		
Montana.....	HENRY E. PHELPS.....	Jersey City.
Canada.....	HENRY R. CANNON.....	Elizabeth.
Kentucky.....	ROBERT RUSLING.....	Hackettstown.
California.....	JOSEPH TRIMBLE.....	Philadelphia.
Texas.....	HOLMES W. MURPHY.....	Freehold.
Florida.....	ISAAC VAN WAGONER.....	Paterson.
Mississippi.....	WILLIAM E. PINE.....	Newark.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEW
JERSEY, WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

State.	Secretary.	Address.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alexander G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada	Thomas Bird Harris.....	Hamilton.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmalee.....	Georgetown.
Delaware.....	J. P. Allmond.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia...	C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.
Florida.....	R. C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Orlin H. Miner.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Idaho	L. F. Cartee.....	Boise City.

State.	Secretary.	Address.
Kentucky.....	J. M. S. McCorkle.....	Louisville.
Kansas	John H. Brown.....	Leavenworth.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor, M.D.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Charles H. Titus.....	Boston.
Michigan	James Fenton	Detroit.
Missouri.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	St. Louis.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Minnesota.....	William S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Montana.....	Sol. Star.....	Helena.
New Hampshire.....	Horace Chase.....	Hopkinton.
New York.....	James M. Austin, M.D.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nebraska.....	Robert W. Furnace.....	Brownville.
Nevada.....	John Curtis Currie.....	Virginia City.
New Brunswick.....	W. F. Bunting	St. Johns.
Nova Scotia.....	Charles J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. E. Hurfurd.....	Oregon City.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Charles D. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	B. Rush Campbell.....	Laurens.
Tennessee	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst.....	Houston.
Virginia.....	John Dove, M.D.....	Richmond.
Vermont.....	Henry Clark.....	Rutland.
Wisconsin.....	William T. Palmer	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory...	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.

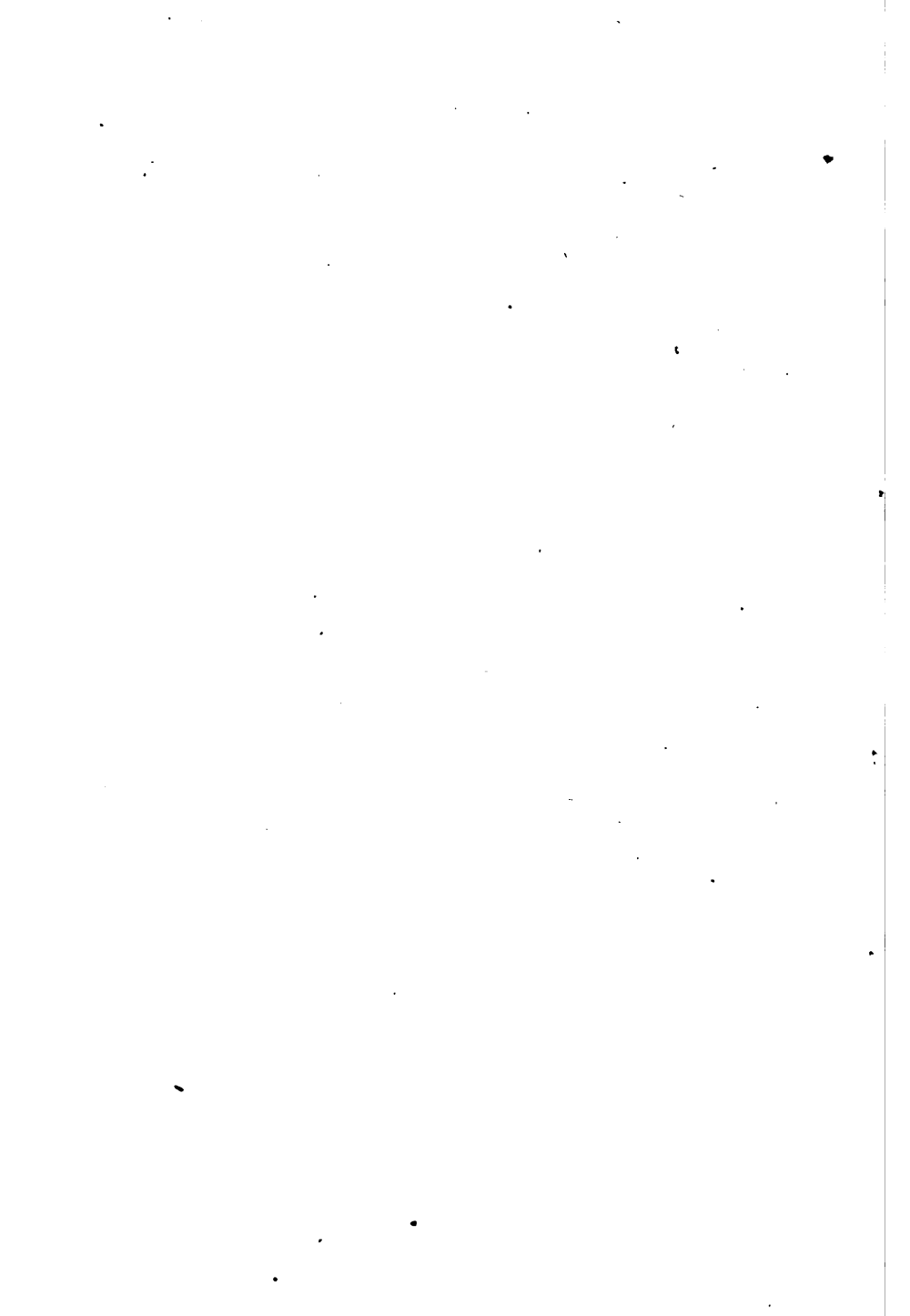
STATEMENT OF MONEYS SENT

*by the several Lodges previous to the Circular ordered by the
M. W. Grand Master, for the relief of our
Brethren in the city of Chicago.*

Union Lodge, No. 11.....	Orange.....	\$200 00
Diogenes " 22.....	Newark.....	100 00
Burlington " 32.....	Burlington.....	100 00
Stewart " 34.....	Clinton Station.....	25 00
Hoboken " 35.....	Hoboken.....	100 00
Kane " 55.....	Newark.....	100 00
Corinthian " 57.....	Orange.....	300 00
La Fra. Française 62.....	Newark.....	25 00
St. Alban's No. 68.....	Newark.....	50 00
Hudson " 71.....	Hoboken.....	50 00
Ashlar " 76.....	Trenton (prv'sly cont'd)	25 00
Palisade " 84.....	Union Hill.....	100 00
Belleville " 108.....	Belleville.....	25 00
Total.....		\$1200 00

*Cash received since my Report was made up, January 10, 1872,
for Chicago Fund, as follows :*

1872.		
February 22.	Stewart Lodge, No. 34.....	\$25 00
March 1.	Essex " " 49.....	25 00
		\$50 00



IN MEMORY

—OF—

JOSEPH WARREN SCOTT,

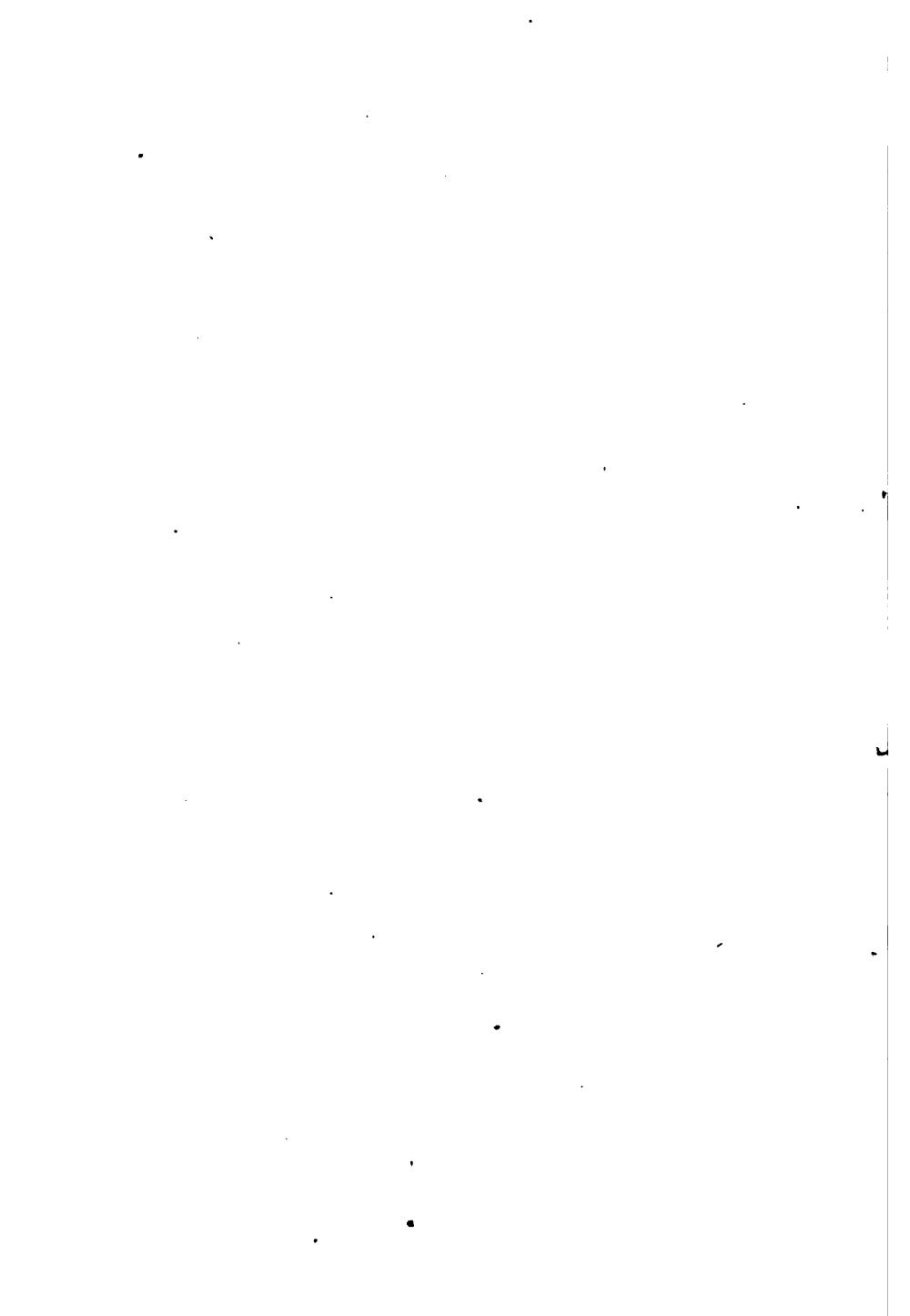
Past Grand Master of the M. W. Grand

Lodge of New Jersey.

BORN NOVEMBER 21, 1778.

DIED APRIL 27, 1871.

AGED 93 YEARS.



LIST OF OFFICERS, &c.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1—NEWARK.

Meets at St. John's Hall, Wednesday Evenings, at 7½ o'clock.

OFFICERS.

Osceola Currier, P. M., W. M.,	George W. Wiedenmayer, S. D.,
A. V. C. Genung, S. W.,	William Godber, J. D.,
Fred. J. Stevens, J. W.,	Tobias M. Cook, M. OF C.,
Caleb W. Harrison, TREAS.,	J. Woods Poinier, jun., "
George Haskins, SEC'Y,	Elias B. Latham, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

William Silas Whitehead.

PAST MASTERS.

William B. Glasby,	Frederick W. Ricord, N. Norris Halstead,
Timothy W. Lord,	Augustus L. Wilcox, Lewis L. Carlile.

RAISED.

G. A. Weidenmayer,	N. Grotta,	J. Woods Poinier, jun.,
G. W. Poole,	Charles T. Cochran.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES—J. Flock, jun., J. T. Howland.

AFFILIATED—L. V. F. Randolph, William H. Garrison, V. P. Suvoong.

REINSTATED—G. O. Glavis.

DECEASED—Edwin L. Nichols.

DIMITTED—W. W. Coffin, Nathan Mingus, Israel Baldwin, P. M. William M. Clark, Samuel Morrow, jun., Marcus W. Adams.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John J. Craven, Jacob Rhein, J. C. Sours.

BREARLEY LODGE NO. 2—BRIDGETON.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall, in Bank street.

OFFICERS.

J. Lenhart Rice, w. m.,	William D. Pullen, j. d.,
William Rice, jun., s. w.,	Thomas M. Woodruff, M. OF C.,
Daniel Bacon, j. w.,	John D. Ware, " "
David O. Garrison, TREAS.,	Horace S. Carter, STEWARD,
John H. Stiles, SEC'Y,	William W. Carl, "
William P. Cox, s. d.,	Horace S. Carter, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

William S. Bowen.

PAST MASTERS.

Erkurius B. Fithian,	George B. Fithian,	George B. Stearns,
John Carter,	David O. Frazier.	

RAISED.

David P. Mulford,	Lewis J. Barker,	William L. Gibson,
Winfield S. Harris,	Ephraim Harris,	John D. Ware,
Thomas M. Woodruff,	Stephen Cox, Jun.,	George H. Whipple.

FELLOW CRAFTS—James D. Moore, William Levic.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Hiram Harris, Charles Miller, Christian Kienzle, Albert Walton.

DIMITTED—Rev. Samuel Vansant, Joel F. Sheppard, Samuel T. Dubois, Rev. A. L. Brice, Charles E. Edwards.

CINCINNATI LODGE, NO. 3—MORRISTOWN.

Meets Monday evening of each week.

OFFICERS.

Richard M. Stites, w. m.,	William H. Voorhees, s. d.,
Erastus D. Allen, s. w.,	James Dickson, j. d.,
Charles B. Frost, j. w.,	Jacob O. Arnold, M. OF C.,
John W. Hays, TREAS.,	Edward Trudeau, "
John M. Moore, SEC'Y,	Luther M. Baird, TYLER.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

James V. Bentley.

PASSED DEP. GRAND SECRETARY.

George Vail.

PASSED MASTERS.

Henry M. Dalrymple, Chas. H. Dalrymple, Roswell B. Downing,
Thomas B. Flagler, Alanson A. Vance.

RAISED.

Edward Trudeau, Samuel P. Oliver, J. Henry Smith,
Adelbert S. Bullock, Alfred S. Eagles, David Salkind,
Lewis O. Corbet.

AFFILIATED—F. Wooster Owen.

REINSTATED—David S. Evans.

DIMITTED—John Whitehead, Ellis T. Armstrong, Adrian Dickerson.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Pierson O. Freeman, James S. Brookfield,
Philip H. Hoffman, Augustus W. Cutler, Charles V. Boss, J. Fred.
Donaldson, John Mills, David W. Crater, Charles E. Clark.

EXPELLED—Gibson Kent.

TUCKERTON LODGE, NO. 4—TUCKERTON.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Francis French, P. M., w. M.,	Edmund K. Hopkins, J. D.,
Joseph B. Farnam, S. W.,	Nicholas V. Lane, M. OF C.,
Stanley G. Clarke, J. W.,	Edwin A. Bragg, "
William K. Mason, P. M., TREAS.,	Hezekiah Brown, STEWARD,
George W. Mathis, SEC'Y,	William H. Falkinberg, "
Henry Walter Sapp, S. D.,	William J. Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Stephen Willets.

RAISED.

Garrett Lippincott, Joseph Helfreck, George W. Mathis.

FELLOW CRAFTS—James F. Devine, Benjamin D. Cramer, Napoleon B. Horner, Bennington Randolph, Henry L. Cramer.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William N. Allen, Otis E. Falkinburg, Prentice Bugby, Lewis L. Bragg, Isaac F. Hewett.

AFFILIATED—Abram Fort, Joseph B. Farnam.

DIMITTED—Isaac M. Downs.

DECEASED—Rev. Levi J. Rhoades.

TRENTON LODGE, NO. 5—TRENTON.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry C. Case, P. M., W. M.,	John W. Wright, J. D.,
John G. Box, S. W.,	Aaron Carlile, M. OF C.,
William C. Taylor, J. W.,	Samuel W. Foster, "
William D. Sinclair, P. M., TREAS.,	Joseph R. Sweeney, STEWARD,
George M. Mitchell, P. M., SEC'Y,	George M. Shaw, "
Jacob B. Hartpence, S. D.,	Amos Howell, TYLER.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Thomas J. Corson.

GRAND TREASURER.

Charles Bechtel.

PAST MASTERS.

David Naar,	Andrew Dutcher,	John Woolverton,
William Green,	Lewis Parker, jun.,	Edward S. Ellis,
Sylvester Van Syckel,	Samuel Brackett,	W. H. Brace.

RAISED.

Gottlieb Maulick,	Geo. F. Butterworth,	Adolphus F. Roat,
Daniel Lodor,	Samuel Mentz,	George M. Shaw,
Warren Kimble,	Marlin C. Williams,	Joseph R. Sweeney,
Aaron S. Lovett,	Jacob Kugler,	Isaac Scott,
Benjamin Hawkins,	Francis C. Roberson,	John Leuckle,
William E. Garrison,	Nicholas McCarty,	Benjamin F. Muschert.
George N. Nutt,	Charles S. Taylor,	

AFFILIATED—Henry C. Blake, Emanuel Mellach, Henry Snyder, L. W. Robinson, Lucas Haines.

DIMITTED—Joseph W. Woolverton, William F. Clark, Jacob F. Mynick.

REINSTATED—Jacob Miller, David T. Potter.

DECEASED—Samuel Kay, James Hoy, sen., Henry Speeler, Theophile Frey.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—George Barlow, J. H. Brewer, James Christian, Benjamin L. Disbrow, Barker Gummere, Samuel Johnson, David P. Lukens, Emanuel Mellach, John E. Painter, Emanuel Siviter, J. T. Thompson, Joseph B. Turpin, William L. Zane, George R. Worth.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 6—CLARKSVILLE.

(Hunterdon County.)

Meets first, third and fifth Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Robert Fozard, w. m.,	James Huntsman, s. d.,
Monroe Curtis, s. w.,	Theodore Castner, j. d.,
John C. Tomey, j. w.,	L. W. Hewitt, m. of c.,
John Eveland, TREAS.,	J. W. Preston, "
John M. Shannon, SEC'Y.,	George T. Shurts, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

David Bruce.

RAISED.

James Huntsman,	Caleb Shiner,	Charles Thornton,
Alexander Cook,	Joseph Winters,	L. Biglow,
John M. Shannon,	L. Streeter,	W. A. Mulford, jun.,
J. C. Reeves,	William W. Swayze,	B. Deremer.

FELLOW CRAFTS—George W. Bird, Reuben Shanck, Andrew B. Banghart, Thomas Mitchell.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—A. Banghart, J. Dorland, J. W. Mitchell, C. T. Stockton.

AFFILIATED—John C. Tomey, E. F. Snow, J. W. Preston, Ezra Nason.

DIMITTED—W. A. Mulford, jun.

NEWARK LODGE, NO. 7—NEWARK.

*Meets every Friday evening, at Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 768
Broad street.*

OFFICERS.

Edward Goeller, jun., w. m.,	William Deas, J. D.,
John Hastings, s. w.,	Willis S. Oviatt, M. OF C.,
Charles Belcher, jun., J. W.,	John W. Baird, "
Adam Hay, TREAS.,	William D. Cowan, CHAPLAIN,
David J. Camfield, SEC'Y,	Albert G. Cann, ORGANIST,
Christopher A. Hosfield, s. D.,	William Pilkington, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Daniel B. Bruen.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

David S. Plume.

PAST MASTERS.

James L. Courter,	Oscar J. Valentine,	Charles L. Jones.
Abram Van Arsdale,		

RAISED.

John T. Hastings,	William J. McCully,	William Goud,
Alanson Leake,	James Bradbury,	John Forster,
John W. Baird,	George Flanagan,	Charles Goddard,
Peter C. Bergen,	William D. Cowan,	George W. Vernet,
Charles H. Howard,	Daniel Bryant,	Thomas J. Harrison.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Warren J. Brown, Frederick F. Seeland.

AFFILIATED—Willis S. Oviatt, Robert G. Gerth, Harvey Treat.

REINSTATED—Stephen M. Gould, John Brown.

DIMITTED—Roswell C. Miller, Thomas Atha, William S. Brison,
John P. Brooks, J. H. D. Littlehale, Horace Harris, Adam Bentley,
John R. Williams, Henry V. D. Schenk.

DECEASED—Luther K. Lyon, William H. Cook, Nathan Condit.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—George E. Mead, Albert Helbig, William
E. Bradner, John B. Camfield, William G. Payne, Morgan L. Curtis,
James W. Dutton, Rev. R. B. Lockwood.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 8—BASKINGRIDGE.

Meets Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Van Arsdale, P. M., W. M.,	Clark D. Todd, J. D.,
N. C. Cox, S. W.,	George Terrill, M. OF C.,
Job Prawl, J. W.,	Nelson Bonnell, "
George L. Rickey, TREAS.,	Thomas Terrill, STEWARD,
Samuel S. Adamson, P. M., SEC'Y,	George Brown, "
James Doty, P. M., S. D.,	Oliver W. Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Moses Craig,	Daniel D. Craig,	A. F. Voorhees,
John Dayton,	William Bilyou,	Henry E. Agens.

RAISED.

Clark D. Todd,	George Terrill,	Thomas Terrill,
George W. Taylor,	Samuel B. Gillespie.	

FELLOW CRAFT—Louis A. Thompson.

AFFILIATED—John Hippenmyer.

DIMITTED—Peter Hoffman, J. P. Crater, Charles Hedden.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Benjamin Smith, Gilbert Van Dorn, Maline M. Bonnell, Samuel Garrison, George D. Emmons, William Hughsen, William Barker.

WASHINGTON SHREWSBURY, NO. 9—EATONTOWN.

Meets first Monday before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William H. Horner, W. M.,	Alexander M. Lewis, J. D.,
Isaiah S. Lane, S. W.,	Smith C. Pitcher, M. OF C.,
James L. Townley, J. W.,	Lewis Brown, "
Thomas Cook, TREAS.,	Benjamin King, STEWARD,
Arthur Wilson, SEC'Y,	John Slocum, "
George W. Cook, S. D.,	Hubbard Dennis, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Bennett, Francis Corlies, George A. Tator.

RAISED.

James L. Townley, Sidney Goble, Vandorn Hendrickson.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Forman Sickles, Gilbert Vannote.

DIMITTED—Richard Davis.

DECEASED—Samuel P. Silleck, Daniel Van Brunt, P. D. Kneiskern, Samuel S. Pyatt.

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 10—IRVINGTON.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Rev. H. Vehslage, jun., G. C., W. M.,	William Avery, M. OF C.,
Joseph G. Ward, S. W.,	James Chalmers, "
Moses Hand, J. W.,	Allen L. Bassett, TRUSTEE.
Benjamin H. Freeman, TREAS.,	John Van Cleve, P. M., "
D. Pateman Berry, SEC'Y,	Josiah L. Baldwin, "
———, S. D.,	George Harbidge, TYLER.
Matthias Crane, J. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Charles C. Stewart, John Rino, Frederick S. Underhill.

RAISED.

Matthias C. Eaton.

FELLOW CRAFT—James L. Looker.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William Riker.

AFFILIATED—Edward Fullings.

DIMITTED—Simon Pelkus.

 UNION LODGE, NO. 11—ORANGE.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Frederick W. Morris, P. M.,	W. M.,	Augustus W. Coon, S. D.,
Thomas O. Ayres, S. W.,		Jacob Miller, J. D.,
Charles E. Dodd, J. W.,		Matthew Chambers, M. OF C.,
Alvin M. Condit, TREAS.,		James Rowbotham, "
Charles W. Monroe, SEC'Y,		Henry C. Carpenter, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Simeon Harrison,	William B. Williams,	Isaac L. Van Orden,
William P. Condit,	Jesse Williams,	John W. Lees,
Joseph Gasner,	Joseph M. Dodd,	Hiram Ingalsbe,
Walter E. Smith.		

RAISED.

George D. Turner,	James F. Smith,	Jacob Miller,
William McChesney,	Thomas Walker,	John Edwards.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Charles A. Lighthipe.

AFFILIATED—George W. Brown, Elijah H. St. John, R. Simonson.

REINSTATED—George W. Condit.

DECEASED—Orrin Dickinson, Charles Cutting.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William Reeves, John J. Robinson, Henry A. Bloomfield.

 AMWELL LODGE, NO. 12—LAMBERTVILLE.

Meets Wednesday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Jeremiah Hayhurst, P. M.,	W. M.,	Jacob Heins, J. D.,
Sylvester H. Mains, S. W.,		Joseph Watt, M. OF C.,
Isaac S. Roberts, J. W.,		William H. Hoagland, "
Charles Schulhaus, P. M.,	TREAS.,	Andrew J. Scarborough, STEWARD,
Charles Roberts, SEC'Y,		Joseph H. Boozer, "
John C. Moore, P. M.,	S. D.,	Francis Moore, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Samuel Lilly.

PAST MASTERS.

Ancel St. John,	Charles A. Skillman,	Richard H. Wilson,
Silas H. Beans,	Reuben P. Ely,	Hiram Scarborough,
Hugh B. Ely,	Moses G. Quick,	John T. Neely.
William G. Moore,	James P. Smith,	

RAISED.

Lambert H. Sergeant,	O. H. Sproul,	R. B. Reading,
H. L. Van Dolah,	Simpson Stilwell,	L. K. Strouse,
Isaac W. Holcomb.		

DIMITTED—Ingham Coryell, P. D. G. Sec'y, James G. Leiper, Rev. C. T. Frame, Hiram Pierson.

DECEASED—Aaron Emmons, John R. Young.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William Linburg, Justus Woodhull.

 WARREN LODGE, NO. 13—BELVIDERE.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Martin Freeman, w. m.,	William C. Witte, J. D.,
John Simerson, s. w.,	Jesse King, P. M., M. OF C.,
J. Purnell Toadvine, J. w.,	Elias J. Mackey, "
Simon Wade, TREAS.,	William Silverthorn, STEWARD,
Richard T. Drake, P. M., SEC'Y,	Samuel Lanterman, "
John H. King, s. D.,	George Suydam, TYLER.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Samuel S. Clark.

PAST MASTERS.

Jacob Sharp,	Samuel Rees,	William M. Mayberry.
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RAISED.

Alfred G. Baird,	William R. Lair,	J. Calvin Horn,
John A. Rusling,	James H. Brands,	Marshall Smith,
S. O. Dagget,	Staats N. Park,	John B. Clark,
William A. Hoit,	James A. Britton,	John H. King.

FELLOW CRAFT—E. W. Barnes.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Peter M. Hendrickson, Zadoc Loller, George Young, N. C. Easton, Rev. William H. McCormick.

AFFILIATED—A. H. Harris, Aaron L. Lanning.

DIMITTED—John Eilenberg, William A. Person, Milton D. Hetzel, Warren Ward, James Stout, Henry Meyers, James C. Meyers, William Boofman, Henry Repp, John Hippenhimer, John B. Smith, Harrison B. Perkins, Michael Hilpert, Henry Wolfinger.

DECEASED—Theodore Anderson, William S. Kirkhuff, Edwin R. Crane, P. M., Nehemiah Tunis.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Elisha M. Allen, Thomas Bond, Samuel Barnes, Simeon Cook, John Dill, Sr., John L. Donoho, Moses Foster, Pelatiah Fitch, George G. Galloway, Aaron Hulshizer, George W. Hoag, Joshua Hilton, Daniel W. Kleinhans, William H. Mackey, Charles E. Parker, Henry H. Rinchart, William S. Swayze, Alexander Snyder, Daniel Shannon, John R. Stout, George Titman, Jesse Titman, Isaac Wildrick, Frederick Lang.

MOUNT HOLLY LODGE, NO. 14—MT. HOLLY.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Milton Hansell, w. m.,	Albert Hansell, j. d.,
Fred. W. Kelly, s. w.,	Charles S. Stockton, M. OF C.,
Alfred B. Webster, j. w.,	William Mortland, "
George A. Egley, TREAS.,	John'Eking, STEWARD,
Charles W. Heisler, SEC'Y,	John S. Cook, "
Thomas H. Risdon, s. d.,	John Forker, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Samuel Read.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

George W. Curtis.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas B. Woolston,	George H. Pancoast,	Charles W. Ewan, Jr.,
John B. Deacon,	William Gray,	Samuel C. Woolman.

RAISED.

Edward R. Haines, Thos. D. Armstrong, Theodore H. Risdon,
Morton Van Darlinger.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles E. Hendrickson, Thomas R. Risdon, Jr.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Charles S. Kemble.

DIMITTED—Christopher M. Hughes, Robert Moffet, John B. Gaskill.

DECEASED—Stokes Haines, Richard W. Earl.

CAMDEN LODGE—NO. 15—CAMDEN.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

William Hardacre, w. m.,	Robert Patterson, s. d.,
Allen M. Powell, s. w.,	Charles English, j. d.,
Andrew B. Frazee, j. w.,	John S. W. Johnson, M. OF C.,
J. H. Stevens, P. G. S. W., TREAS.,	William L. Sayre, “
James M. Cassidy, P. M., SEC'Y,	William H. Jefferys, CHAPLAIN.
	Charles H. Gordon, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Joseph Trimble.

PAST MASTERS.

Matthew Miller,	Edward W. Coffin,	Charles I. Fireng,
Joseph L. De La Cour,	Nathan Shaw,	Daniel H. Erdman,
Richard F. Smith.		

RAISED.

Andrew Harbison,	Thomas J. Smith,	Edward S. Huston,
Christopher A. Bergen,	John T. Bottomley,	Joseph P. Weatherby,
Oscar J. Boardman,	Clinton Love,	Henry B. Lake,
William T. Watson,	William Heisler,	Louis E. Foliet,
Jarvis R. Wallen,	Chas. F. Hollingshead.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—Isaiah Woolston, Uriah Timmons, Israel E. Porter, John S. Read, Jr., Abraham M. Browning, William A. Cox, Joshua Jefferis.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jonathan L. Vickers, George P. Marshall, John Rose, Israel Elberson, Amer P. Smith, John W. Stutzer,

Alden C. Scovel, Smith Fisher, Rev. Phil L. Davies, Frank L. Knight, George Brewer, John Binder, Granville Lewis, Joseph C. Lewis, Charles C. Warren, John M. Hall, Edward T. Aitkin, William Butt, Ledwick R. Devault, Alexander Rudolph, Thomas C. Cordery, Owen R. Jones, Thomas Naylor, Manley S. Peacock, John F. Tudor, Robert Freeman, Webster Krips, George Boatt, Ahab Wilson, Robert H. Huffington, Abraham Bessay, C. Henry Kain.

AFFILIATED—Evan Peters, John O. Moore, John B. Gaskill.

REINSTATED—Benjamin F. Hamell.

DIMITTED—Robert L. Ryan, Charles W. Lippincott, Samuel A. Wentz, A. Clifford Jackson, James Mellor, William C. Shinn, Edward W. Reeve, George C. King, Edward S. Huston, Richard A. Ludlum, Thomas S. Swain, Charles F. Parker, P. M., Thomas C. Knight, Frank E. Newkirk.

DECEASED—Charles F. Brevoor.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 16—FREEHOLD.

Meets Tuesday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter from November until April.

OFFICERS.

Alex. A. Yard, P. M., W. M.,	Charles Hartzheim, M. OF C.,
William J. Butcher, S. W.,	Britton C. Clayton, "
Thomas C. Swift, J. W.,	A. R. Throckmorton, P. J. G. W.,
Joseph H. Rosell, TREAS.,	STEWARD,
Aaron C. Hart, SEC'Y,	James S. Yard, P. M., STEWARD,
James B. Craig, S. D.,	Joseph S. W. Douglass, TYLER.
George C. Hulett, J. D.,	

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Holmes W. Murphy.

PAST MASTERS.

Isaac S. Buckalew. Jacob C. Lawrence, George C. Beekman.

RAISED.

C. Ewing Patterson, James B. Craig.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—A. T. Applegate.

DIMITTED—Rev. W. W. Moffett.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 17—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

George W. Laforge, P. M., W. M.,	Archibald White, S. D.,
Charles W. Gray, S. W.,	Edgar L. Bradley, J. D.,
James Dickson, J. W.,	Thomas Leather, M. OF C.,
Alexander Wilson, TREAS.,	John McKnight, "
John A. Shawda, SEC'Y,	Oliver Brown, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry F. Crawford,	Ephraim S. Johnson,	James A. Alexander,
John Hilton,	Charles H. Parsons,	Leroy Schermerhorn.

RAISED.

James N. Talmadge,	Edgar L. Bradley,	John F. Jenne,
John McKnight,	Frank H. Bliss,	John Peoples,
Francis M. Faircloth,	Henry Haase,	John Spence,
L. Q. Quackenbush,	Theodore Rosenberg,	George Lewis.

FELLOW CRAFT—John E. Snowden.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Henry Simpson, Jeremiah Steelman, Samuel S. Van Nostrand, John C. Drew, Charles Parkins, John S. Smith.

DIMITTED—John Anness, William Stone, Orrison McNeal, Wm. Murray.

DECEASED—James Holt, John Hartman.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D—Francis R. Hill, William R. Meeker, Wm. Jaquins, Robert L. Smith, Henry W. Colston, Benjamin F. Britton, Frederick Davey, George W. Kien, Seymour Winchell, John J. Hill, James P. Lewis, Charles Singer, Wickham Williams, Henry H. Todd, Henry M. Harrison, Robert Martin, Edward E. Brown, Frank H. Brown, Garrett J. Houston, James Parry, James O. Lindsley, William H. Mitchell, Charles P. Summers, James O. Clark, David E. Whyte, Daniel Allen, James B. Hills, C. B. Potter, Sharon H. Waples, Fred. A. Farrell, Charles Cornwall, David G. Christie, C. T. Higginbotham, P. M.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 18—TOM'S RIVER.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles C. Chipman, P. W., M. W., John D. Mayer, J. D.,
 Edward W. Snyder, S. W., Smith Cowdrick, M. OF C.,
 John Walton, J. W., George E. Applegate, "
 Cornelius Cowdrick, TREAS., William R. Schultze, STEWARD,
 John A. Noble, SEC'Y, Brookfield Goble, "
 Warren C. Abbee, P. J. G. W., S. D., R. Douglass James, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William I. James, David J. Bower, William A. Low:

RAISED.

John D. Mayer, Alonzo Greaves, William R. Schultze,
 A. Birdsall Newberry.

AFFILIATED—Rev. J. T. H. Waite.

DIMITTED—E. H. Easterbrook.

DECEASED—Ivins D. Cornelius, Thomas Hooper, P. M., Francis J. Speer.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Lewis E. Pearce, David Teed, John R. Pharo, Jacob P. Curtis, Alexander Letts, Isaac Vansant, Benjamin S. Sharp, George W. Clayton, John E. Clayton, John Pharo, Matthew P. Gravatt.

UNION LODGE, NO. 19—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Meets first and third Monday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thos. H. R. Redway, P. M., W. M., Abram Q. Fine, S. D.,
 John C. Scott, S. W., A. V. D. Westervelt, J. D.,
 Everitt L. Goodwin, J. W., John H. Van Duersen, M. OF C.
 Archibald J. Wark, TREAS., George R. Grigg, "
 Uriah De Hart, SEC'Y, John Cortelyou, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Haley Fisk.

PAST MASTERS.

George Taylor,	Charles Dunham,	John W. Newell,
Samuel L. Johnson,	David T. Jeffries,	Abram V. Schenck,
Miles R. Martin,	John J. Holland,	Charles C. Wells.

RAISED.

Edward W. Northrup,	John Dunham,	Daniel W. McCarty,
Adrian Graff,	Edward Waldron,	James K. Peterson,
Jacob Levison,	Cornelius W. Schuyler,	John H. Van Duersen,
William R. Janeway,	Isaac D. Fry,	Lloyd E. Burt,
William P. Messler,	William Knight.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—Edward W. Chamberlain, Robert Bloodgood.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Harry Worthington, Stephen G. Gano,
John B. Murray.

AFFILIATED—William Burton, S. Leaderer.

DIMITTED—William Knight, Benjamin H. Plechner, William
Plechner, Cornelius S. See, Ward Wheeler.DECEASED—Joseph Warren Scott, P. G. M., John Williams, John
Helm, P. M., Charles M. Herbert.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Samuel Applegate, George M. Courray.

ACACIA LODGE, NO. 20—DOVER.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Isaac W. Searing, P. M., W. M.,	Alfred Taylor, S. D.,
William T. Leport, S. W.,	Robert Richards, J. D.,
Isaac Hance, J. W.,	T. R. Crittenden, P. M., M. OF C.,
William L. Young, TREAS.,	James B. Lewis, P. M.,
W. J. R. Hegerman, SEC'Y,	John W. Venner, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles McFarlan,

John Armitage.

RAISED.

Fred. H. Beach, William A. Green, W. J. R. Hegeman,
Nathan R. Wilcox, Joseph E. Ayres, I. S. Henry Clark.

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles F. Gage.

AFFILIATED—C. L. Leport, H. B. Chambre, William T. Leport.

DIMITTED—B. W. Hopper, David Harris, Robert McCain.

MYSTIC BROTHERHOOD LODGE, NO. 21—RED BANK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jehu P. Cooper, P. M., W. M.,	John B. Bergen, S. D.,
William A. Cole, S. W.,	Daniel B. Steilwaggon, J. D.,
Larue N. White, J. W.,	James W. Dorn, M. OF C.,
William Van Schoick, TREAS.,	Jacob Corlies, "
John E. Norris, P. M., SEC'Y,	Rev. Lewis Stults, CHAPLAIN,
	Sheppard Kollock, TYLER.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

James H. Patterson.

PAST MASTERS.

William C. Park, William Haddon, Joseph Gill.

RAISED.

John B. Bergen, James W. Dorn, John Lloyd,
Jacob P. Borden, William H. Langden, Charles P. Worthley,
George C. Owen, Joseph W. Child.

FELLOW CRAFT—John May.

AFFILIATED—William H. Pinckney.

DIMITTED—William J. Ward, George M. Joy.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William L. Chadwick, Albert Bellson.

DIOGENES LODGE No. 22—NEWARK.

Meets every Thursday evening, at Eureka Hall, No. 748 Broad street.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Fleischer, P. M., W. M.,	Oscar Seifert, S. D.,
John Beisinger, S. W.,	John Ruckelshaus, J. D.,
John B. Kaas, J. W.,	Fred. Manger, M. OF C.,
Charles Lawrenz, TREAS.,	Benj. W. Jeteles, "
Ernst Hausmann, SEC'Y,	Charles Bank, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Fried. A. Traudt, Joseph R. Fleuchaus, Henry Stengel.

RAISED.

Max. Himermann,	George Anncrester,	Charles Vogt,
Joseph Bratherly,	Abraham Bermaun,	Charles A. Beck.
Felix Bettger,		

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles Bachmann.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Fred. Lindermann, Leopold Eckerlin.

AFFILIATED—John Hang.

DIMITTED—Traugott Beck August Au, Albert F. Gscheidt.

DECEASED—Erhardt Kummer.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 23—NEWTON.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

John T. Stewart, P. M., W. M.,	John B. Drake, J. D.,
George Harden, S. W.,	Ira S. Bigler, M. OF C.,
Robert T. Johnson, J. W.,	Thomas G. Bunnell, "
Alfred F. Fellows, TREAS.,	Charles Crooks, STEWARD,
Hiram C. Clark, SEC'Y,	Benj. Stewart, P. M., "
A. B. Hockenberry, S. D.,	James A. Terhune, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William M. Babbitt, John R. Stewart, John Hunt.
Wm. H. Hagaman, Robert A. Sheppard,

RAISED.

John W. Pudon, Benj. Van Campen, Oscar T. Simpson,
John T. Craig, Henry Rinker, Jonathan Wilson.

FELLOW CRAFTS—George B. Drake, Peter Anthony, William E. Ross, John F. Simpson.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Garret Van Blarcom.

AFFILIATED—Thomas Newcomb.

REINSTATED—Peter P. Vansyckel, Lewis Writer.

DIMITTED—James L. Smith, John D. Reynolds, P. H. Beemer
Thomas Newcomb, Wesley Iliff, Henry Hulsizer, Isaac M. Losey.

DECEASED—Joseph Hart.

 PROSPECT LODGE, NO. 24—MENDHAM.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

John S. Stiger, P. M., W. M.,	Joseph H. Smith, S. D.,
Daniel B. Woodruff, S. W.,	Peter Hoffman, J. D.,
Peter E. Cramer, J. W.,	Charles M. Quimby, M. OF C.,
Theodore W. Phoenix, TREAS.,	John Whitlock, "
James H. Day, SEC'Y,	Philip Riley, TYLER.

RAISED.

Joseph H. Smith, Nelson M. Langdon, Henry George.
Philip M. Thompson,

FELLOW CRAFT—George H. Welshman.

AFFILIATED—David B. Woodruff, Peter Huffman, J. Webb, jun.,
John T. Hooper.

DIMITTED—Charles H. Dunham.

NORTHERN LODGE, NO. 25—NEWARK.

Meets first, third and fifth Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob Guyer, P. M., W. M.,	George F. Elston, S. D.,
Isaac Reed Elston, S. W.,	George W. Moore, J. D.,
Amzi Pierson, J. W.,	Martin H. Scott, M. OF C.,
Ludlow Allen, P. M., TREAS.,	George Riley, "
John W. Kumerle, SEC'Y,	Joseph Musgrove, TYLER.

GRAND LECTURER.

William Mead.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Vandervoort, Dennis W. Morris, Levi H. Sandford.

RAISED.

Alfred C. Dowling,	Wilson Crane,	George Riley,
J. Crowell Mundy,	Thomas Davis,	James Robinson,
Franklin R. Sanford,	Robert Nelson,	Alfred W. Killick,
Joseph S. Mundy,	Israel S. Kinsey,	Ernest A. Astley,
Aaron W. Miller,	Frank L. Patton,	Alfred L. Barrister,
Henry Schermerhorn,	Martin H. Scott,	Alexander Wilson,
Franklin J. Keek,	David G. Johnson,	Charles P. Miller,
W. H. DeCamp,	Garret De Bow,	J. W. Porter.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—H. D. Gould, John R. Schermerhorn.

AFFILIATED—F. W. Hunt, James Stephenson, Alexander Ritchie, Robert Watt, John Brockie, Reuben D. Baldwin.

DMITTED—F. W. Hunt, Joseph Harrington, George H. Bronson, Joseph Booth, James Booth, George Booth, P. M., Waters B. Day, Charles B. Day.

DECEASED—John S. Hargreaves.

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 26—PLAINFIELD.

Meets every Tuesday Evening.

OFFICERS.

William B. Maxon, W. M.,	Thomas J. Young, J. D.,
William Freeman, S. W.,	Frederick Casper, M. OF C.,
Peter D. Baldwin, J. W.,	Benjamin F. Coriell, "

T. Alberti Rogers, TREAS., George Miller, STEWARD,
 Charles H. Andrews, SEC'Y, William E. Gardner, "
 William H. Sebring, S. D., Edwin H. Holmes, TYLER.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Henry R. Cannon.

PAST MASTERS.

L. L. Compton, Joel R. Briant, John D. Brown,
 William L. Gavett, Stephen O. Horton, Edward C. Mulford.
 John C. Sutphin.

RAISED.

Frederick Casper, Benjamin F. Coriell, Samuel S. Bogart,
 J. H. Edwards, jun., William T. Groundie, Samuel V. Gibson,
 George Miller, Israel C. Pierson, Wm. H. Sebring, jun.,
 Thomas J. Young.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Erastus M. Dolbier, John Vasselmann, Cornelius
 L. Voorhees, Shalier S. Strickland.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Joseph C. Randolph.

AFFILIATED—J. Douglass Kinsman, John W. Murray.

REINSTATED—George R. Conover, Israel A. Coddington.

DIMITTED—William T. Groundie, John L. Hanson, Junia Harris,
 Charles H. Snediker, Alexander Snediker, George Weville.

DECEASED—Elias Kirkpatrick, George S. Hudson, E. A.

 LA FAYETTE LODGE NO. 27—RAHWAY.

Meets Monday evenings at La Fayette Hall.

OFFICERS.

Joseph W. Martin, P. M., W. M., Christopher D. Marsh, M. OF C.,
 James H. Putnam, S. W., Thomas N. Black, "
 James E. Tier, J. W., Charles H. Jackson, STEWARD,
 John H. Durand, TREAS., John A. Mallon, "
 Daniel G. Urmston, SEC'Y, George W. Treat, CHAPLAIN,
 James H. Durand, S. D., Frank V. W. Jewell, ORGANIST,
 Nathaniel V. Compton, J. D., William Conger, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

John R. Chapin.

PAST MASTERS.

Abram A. Ward,

David Crowell.

RAISED.

John H. Durand, Christopher D. Marsh, Thomas N. Black,
 Charles H. Jackson, John A. Mallon, Ebenezer Muddell,
 Charles J. Geddes, Thomas O. S. Gibbs, Joseph Wooster,
 William H. Weldon, John Winans, William Morgan,
 W. Updyke Selover, James E. Browne.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Henry M. Whitehead, Oscar E. Boyd.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Patrick Clark, James W. Bowdoin, Oscar
 E. Lang, Joseph Moffitt, John F. Whitney, J. C. Van Vleet, David
 C. Stiles, William Ross, John M. Weldon, John J. Urmston, Edward
 F. Stanton, Benjamin A. Vail, Charles Watts.

AFFILIATED—William M. Blake, Isaac S. Connett, J. Scott Payne,
 John B. Walley.

REINSTATED—Garret Berry.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 28—BORDENTOWN.

Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Moses Wolf, w. m.,	William Watson, J. D.,
Edwin S. Buzby, s. w.,	Henry Wetteroth, M. OF C.,
William C. Wilson j. w.,	Thomas Brady, “
Lambert Hughes, TREAS.,	John J. Rogers, STEWARD,
Rev. Robert Julien, SEC'Y,	Fred. Shreve, “
Isaac D. Gabel, s. D.,	Joseph Miller, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Robert C. Buzby.

PAST MASTERS.

James W. Allen,	Charles C. Buzby,	William E. Frazier,
Israel Frazier,	John B. Hulse,	James Stratton,
John Shaw,	Joseph Wilson,	Fred. G. Wiese.

RAISED.

Joseph Gominger, George W. Lippincott, George L. Watson,
 John G. L. Whitehead, Charles W. Edwards, Theodore Dunn,
 George W. Carneau, John H. Frazer, Edward W. Killey.

AFFILIATED—Rev. Nathaniel Pettit, P. G. Chaplain.

DIMITTED—Rev. Abel P. Buel, Lewis P. Barnes, Rev. J. W. Custis,
 Querico R. Bonnell, Charles R. Cannon.

JOPPA LODGE, NO. 29—PATERSON.

*Meets every Wednesday evening from Sept. 1st to May 1st; second and
 fourth Wednesday evenings from May 1st to Sept. 1st, in Masonic
 Hall, No. 118 Market street.*

OFFICERS.

Tunis Van Iderstine, w. m.,	George L. Catlin, M. OF C.,
Cornelius A. Cadmus, s. w.,	J. Henry Crosby, "
Abraham A. Fonda, j. w.,	John C. G. Robertson, P. M., CHAP.,
John E. Dunning, P. M., TREAS.,	I. Van Wagoner, P. G. M., TRUSTEE,
Ambrose T. Secor, SEC'Y,	Robert McCulloch, "
William Dufford, s. D.,	David D. Ackerman, "
Philip Schuyler, j. D.,	Wm Rauchfuss (88), ORGANIST,
	Joseph Ettinger (88), TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

John Hopper.

PAST MASTERS.

Robert R. Taylor,

Robert O. Smith.

RAISED.

John A. Van Winkle, Thos. Beoridge, jun., John C. Roe,
 Henry Labaugh, J. Henry Crosby, James Inglis, jun.
 Frederick K. Bradley,

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William J. Rushton, Jabez Partington.

AFFILIATED—Clarkson Crolies, Sidney Farrar.

REINSTATED—John Berdan, P. M.

DIMITTED—Henry A. Lynde, Garret S. Boice, Henry S. Jaqua.

DECEASED—Charles Downs, Horace B. Tainter, John Hutcheon.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John B. Sarson, Horace O. Hedge.

CAPE ISLAND LODGE, NO. 30—CAPE ISLAND.

Meets Tuesday on or after full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Q. Williams, w. m.,	Jeremiah Schellenger, J. D.,
John W. Lycett, s. w.,	James C. Bennett, M. OF C.,
William B. Eldredge, J. W.,	Fornian L. Richardson, "
Samuel S. Marcy, TREAS.,	William T. Stevens, STEWARD,
Enos R. Williams, SEC'Y,	Samuel Ewing, "
Robert E. Hughes, s. D.,	Jeremiah Church, jun., TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Virgil M. D. Marcy,	Israel Hughes,	Samuel R. Stites.
William F. Cassidy,		

RAISED.

Nicholas Neal,	Albion P. Hall.	Reuben S. Hoffman.
Isaac W. Hand,		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Philip Shields.

DIMITTED—Richard T. Miller.

DECEASED—Jesse M. Smith, Richard S. Souder.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—George Hildreth, Benjamin F. Hewitt, Waters B. Miller, Walter A. Barrows, Henry H. Eldridge, Joseph B. Hughes, B. F. Stratton, W. Chester, Richard R. Thompson, Nicholas A. Wenzell.

VARICK LODGE, NO. 31—JERSEY CITY.

Meets every Friday evening at No. 67 Grand street.

OFFICERS.

O. S. Betts, w. m.,	George Curtis, J. D.,
T. H. Smith, s. w.,	Thomas Stephens, M. OF C.,
P. H. Prindle, J. W.,	Thomas Goddard, "
Thomas Gross, TREAS.,	M. R. Case, CHAPLAIN,
F. Higham, SEC'Y,	A. G. Stevenson, ORGANIST.
C. H. Walrath, s. D.,	John T. Taylor, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Henry E. Phelps.

PAST MASTERS.

Theo. F. Randolph, William Grice, Leverett Bradley.

RAISED.

Thomas Hill,	C. R. James,	William Hughes,
G. L. Van Emburg,	C. H. Tuthill,	George Curtis,
A. G. Stephenson,	O. M. Stiger.	

FELLOW CRAFT—E. A. S. Mann.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William Douglass.

AFFILIATED—M. Higginbotham, Robert Graham, F. Hlgham, J. J. Hertford.

REINSTATED—E. J. Livesey.

DIMITTED—Robert Amos, Robert Kirk, George Harriott, W. F. Hollowell, B. F. Phelps, James Webber, W. D. Havens, S. B. Masters, R. B. Sears.

DECEASED—Thomas Royle, John Pennington, Charles Tollner, William Manson, James Main.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—W. D. Striker, C. G. Conklin, W. H. Winslow, J. B. Monel, C. S. Dunning, W. F. Pine, Francis Moles, William Brien, W. J. Hough, J. H. Sears, L. W. Burns, W. Carroll, C. Y. Ward, J. Ramsey, J. Wilkinson, William Milligan, J. H. Burst, Josiah J. Burgess, P. M., C. Molfred, Dennis Madden, C. H. Newhall, C. D. Humphrey, M. McLaughlin.

BURLINGTON LODGE, NO. 32—BURLINGTON.

Meets second Tuesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Wilbur Watts, P. M., W. M.,	Robert Barclay, J. D.,
Henry S. Haines, S. W.,	Thomas Mann, M. OF C.,
Henry Venable, J. W.,	George W. Watts, "
George H. Woolman, TREAS.,	John R. Duball, STEWARD,
Ellwood Connor, SEC'Y,	Samuel K. Schuyler, "
Thomas M. Warren, S. D.,	Lewis Gotta, TYLER.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Nathan Haines.

PAST MASTERS.

Horace Grant, jun., Charles G. Milnor, Charles H. Page,
James Watts.

RAISED.

Thomas M. Warren.

DIMITTED—Jacob Perkins, Charles Higgins.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 33—ELIZABETH.

Meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

Charles Russ, w. m.,	William H. Meeker, j. d.,
Robert M. Moore, s. w.,	James M. Brooks, m. of c.,
Charles H. Hibbard, j. w.,	John McD. Winans, "
Robert M. Hooker, TREAS.,	T. B. Budd, STEWARD,
Joseph E. Buzby, SEC'Y,	Greenleaf Stackpole, "
Joseph H. Gray, s. d.,	J. B. Waters, TYLER.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

William A. Pembroke.

PAST MASTERS.

James S. Green,	Robert S. Green,	Jacob Sciple,
Adrian W. Smith,	Lewis W. Oakley,	S. Winans Whitehead,
Frederick V. Price.		

RAISED.

James M. Brooks, Charles M. Hibbard, Wilson Stead,
William H. Meeker.

FELLOW CRAFT—David T. Baker.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—W. Henry White, A. Vaughn Dimock.

AFFILIATED—John Whittaker, T. J. Barnaby, Jeremiah Lang,
Benjamin Darby, Henry Quayle, George C. Ford, George M. Dalley,
H. P. Wetmore.

DMITTED—William N. Olmsted, Richard H. Avery, Henry Clay, J. H. Doremus, Stephen H. Faulks, H. L. Johnson, William H. Luster, S. Osborn, J. W. Sheppard, N. K. Thompson, Theodore W. Townley, William R. Tunison, John Whittaker, Morgan R. Mulford.

DECEASED—William H. Bird.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—J. W. Brown, William C. Dayton, jun., C. A. Heckman.

STEWART LODGE, NO. 34—ANNANDALE.

(Hunterdon County.)

Meets first Friday afternoon of each month at 2 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

Richard H. Gano, P. M., W. M.,	John C. Holder, J. D.,
Clement H. Bonnell, S. W.,	Benjamin Bird, M. OF C.,
Herman Altemus, J. W.,	John B. Weller, "
William A. Young, TREAS.,	James R. Cline, STEWARD,
Edward V. Parry, SEC'Y,	David C. Crammer, "
William B. Pickle, S. D.,	_____, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Jacob A. Cline,	John R. Emery,	William E. Hoffman,
John C. Rafferty,	Augustus E. Sanderson.	

RAISED.

Edward Y. Taylor,	John C. Holden,	John R. Pence,
George M. Reinhart,	Ed. V. Parry,	John R. Appgar.

FELLOW CRAFT—John Neighbour.

AFFILIATED—Hugh Foster, Jacob T. Hoffman, Casper Boulstellie.

DMITTED—Hugh Foster, Jacob T. Hoffman.

DECEASED—Philip E. Eick.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Samuel Carhart, George Hall, John E. Voorhees, L. R. Goodwin, A. A. Clark, W. J. Iliff, Daniel Carhart, John L. Wert, Edson J. Rood, William H. H. Wyckoff.

HOBOKEN LODGE, NO. 35—HOBOKEN.

Meets every Thursday Evening.

OFFICERS.

Ramon M. Cook, P. M., W. M.,	Edwin J. Kerr, S. D.,
Robert A. Anderson, S. W.,	John Simpson, J. D.,
Tustin Jones, J. W.,	Charles H. Hoagland, M. OF C.,
Erastus Hedges, TREAS.,	Edwin W. Havens, "
John T. Seymour, sen., SEC'Y,	Peter J. Powless, P. M., TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Bethuel N. Crane,	William Hersee,	F. M. McDonough,
John R. Terry,	William C. Morris,	James H. Wilson.

RAISED.

Edward J. Kerr,	Philip Kearney, jun.,	William Simpson,
George T. Hayward,	Isaac Pearson,	John H. Pritchard,
Samuel Collins,	Isaac J. Mansfield,	Benj. E. Givandan,
William Foos.		

FELLOW CRAFT—William S. Devlan.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—John McMahon, George Schriber, Chas. Semler, Leon Halvin.

REINSTATED—James Post, Robert Leland.

DIMITTED—Robert Leland, Samuel Casey, Anthony H. Ryder, John H. Ross.

DECEASED—E. V. R. Wright, John J. Van Valen, Albert P. Moulton.

MANSFIELD LODGE, No. 36—WASHINGTON.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

E. W. Alliger, W. M.,	Aaron H. Vough, jun., J. D.,
J. L. Trobridge, S. W.,	Wm. M. Stires, P. M., M. OF C.
John B. Kelsey, J. W.,	C. R. Lunger, "
James D. Taylor, P. M., TREAS.,	Oscar Jeffreys, CHAPLAIN,
Jacob C. Wandling, SEC'Y,	Joseph A. Shrope, TYLER.
Edward D. Taylor, S. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

Alex. P. Berthoud, John V. Mattison, Madison K. Raub.

RAISED.

Aaron H. Vough, jun., J. S. D. Carling, Miller R. Hunn,
 William P. Anderson, Oscar Jeffreys, David C. Riddle,
 Andrew Miller, jun., C. R. Lunger, C. S. Strader,
 George Hoff.

FELLOW CRAFT—Henry H. Johnston.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Sharp C. Paxon.

REINSTATED—Jacob Raub, James Cole, David Smith, Charles D. Smith, Mark Cyphers.

DIMITTED—George S. Dearborn, Jos. S. Matthews, Baxter Booth, William R. Call, James Keene, Joseph B. Winkley, Henry C. Keith, Jacob B. Smith, Ezra Nason.

DECEASED—Benjamin Taylor.

SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY—John H. Stires.

DARCY LODGE, NO. 37—FLEMINGTON.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

William S. Riley, w. m.,	Theodore R. Young, J. D.,
George T. Robbins, s. w.,	George T. Gray, M. OF C.,
John S. Hankinson, J. W.,	Lewis H. Staats, "
David Van Fleet, TREAS.,	Asa P. Hoagland, STEWARD,
George Hanson, SEC'Y,	Lewis H. Staats, "
Sylvester S. Robbins, s. D.,	Wm. G. Pedrick (No. 14), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry S. Crater, H. B. Nightingale.

RAISED.

John A. Thompson, Jacob Van Fleet, George M. Dalby.
 Wm. E. Thompson, Andrew Thompson,

FELLOW CRAFTS—C. B. Stout, Richard S. Reed.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Richard Bellis, Joseph P. Lake.

DIMITTED—Chester Van Syckel, James D. McCauley, Samuel D. Hall, William N. Hoagland, John G. Reading, George M. Daby, William W. Drake, George A. Poulson, P. M.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Bennet Van Syckel, Philip Case, Joseph A. Suydam, Pearson Matthews, Samuel Young, M. L. Stothoff.

PRINCETON LODGE, NO. 38—PRINCETON.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

W. C. Vandewater, P. M., W. M.,	Charles O. Hudnut, P. M., S. D.,
Edward Sweeney, jun., S. W.,	Aaron L. Green, J. D.,
James L. Briner, J. W.,	Amos C. Albertson, M. OF C.,
Joseph Priest, TREAS.,	Charles H. Olden, "
Richard Runyon, SEC'Y,	Edward M. Allen, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Crowell Marsh.

PAST MASTERS.

John H. Margerum,	William W. Stelle,	Cornelius Van Dyne.
Leroy H. Anderson,		

RAISED.

William B. Hunt,	Peter V. Shann,	William W. Mershon.
Robert Priest,	Edward P. Brearley,	Rev. A. Lawrence,
John B. McGregor.		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Robert W. Ross.

DIMITTED—Thomas Applegate, John Conover, Elijah Allen.

DECEASED—Marcus H. Krauskopf.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Clark Brooks, Thomas N. Bradfield, Wm. R. Reid, Charles D. Sullivan, H. L. R. Van Dyke, Rev. C. W. Cortright.

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 39—NEWARK.

*Meets every Tuesday evening, at Eureka Hall, Nos. 746 and 748
Broad street.*

OFFICERS.

David L. Garrigus, w. m.,	James F. Burrage, s. d.,
Charles E. Smith, s. w.,	James B. Small, j. d.,
Edward Martin, j. w.,	George Burch, M. OF C.,
Edwards Ely, TREAS.,	Wellington B. Doty, "
John P. Contrell, SEC'Y,	William H. Wilkinson, TYLER.

M. W. GRAND MASTER.

William E. Pine.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Milton Baldwin.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles H. Ingalls,	Robert Dingwell,	Henry L. Martin,
Lewis D. Crans,	Robert C. Winters,	William Wright,
Charles H. Harrison,	David Dingwell.	

RAISED.

William Allen,	Henry Sinclair,	Amos W. Austin,
Thomas P. Fowler,	Theo. W. Douglass,	James Bates,
Rawson Hargreaves,	George A. Shipman,	Henry C. Kleuner,
James V. Lummis,	James McFarland,	Lemuel Baldwin,
Wellington B. Doty,	Abram Parsons,	John Weingartner,
Horatio N. Williams,	George Burch,	Aaron W. Reeve,
Melvin K. Hopping,	John A. Dyer,	Edward S. Coil,
George Van Name,	John Creighton,	Lewis M. Randall,
John H. Robinson,	Edward Invinski.	

AFFILIATED—George H. Anson.

DIMITTED—Ferdinand Hortwick, Ernst Dreher.

DECEASED—William C. Douglass, Isaac Ayres.

BLOOMFIELD LODGE NO. 40—BLOOMFIELD.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

James A. Hedden, P. M., W. M.,	J. Banks Reford, S. D.,
Henry Cadmus, S. W.,	Moses Davis, J. D.,
Edwin H. Freeman, J. W.,	Reuben W. Dodd, M. OF C.,
T. W. Langstroth, P. M., TREAS.,	Walter S. Freeman, "
Charles B. Peck, SEC'Y,	John Weber, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Wright F. Conger,	Augustus Baldwin.
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RAISED.

Charles Hall,	James B. Crane,	Reuben N. Dodd,
J. Banks Reford,	Walter S. Freeman,	J. Hunt Adams,
John Weber,	John G. Keyler.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—Samuel Carl, William A. Francis.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John Sherman.

AFFILIATED—Adrian Dickerson, James Ives, Charles B. Peck, Francis De Gress.

REINSTATED—John R. McDevitt.

DIMITTED—John R. McDevitt, William Porter.

DECEASED—T. Whitfield Nichols, William A. Benson, E. A.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Thomas F. Douglass, Giles Van Duync.

HIGHTSTOWN LODGE, NO. 41—HIGHTSTOWN.

Meets Friday evening on or after full moon.

OFFICERS.

Chas. R. Hutchinson, P. M., W. M.,	George E. Pierson, J. D.,
Serring Shangle, S. W.,	Samuel M. Schank, P. M., M. OF C.,
John Molsbury, J. W.,	William T. Smock, "
Thomas Applegate, TREAS.,	Joseph McMurren, STEWARD,
Thomas C. Pearce, P. M.,	Charles H. Pembroke, TYLER.
John R. Shangle, S. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

E. C. Taylor, E. T. R. Applegate, Charles Keeler,
 Thomas J. Pullen, Charles L. Robbins, William W. Taylor,
 William G. Pearce.

RAISED.

Charles H. Pembroke, Charles H. Smock.

DECEASED—George W. Fielder.

 INDEPENDENCE LODGE, NO. 42—HACKETTSTOWN.

Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jerry R. George, W. M.,	Theodore F. Hazen, S. D.,
Dayton E. Flint, S. W.,	William Burritt, J. D.,
Amor W. McLean, J. W.,	W. H. H. Youngblood, M. OF C.,
William McCracken, TREAS.,	David McClallen, "
Joseph K. Rice, SEC'Y,	Peter Vreeland, TYLER. •

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Robert Rusling.

PAST MASTERS.

Theodore N. Bentley, Charles F. R. Moore, James J. Rusling.
 Caleb H. Valentine,

RAISED.

Polhemus Hoffman, William Dempster, James L. Pettit.
 William V. Egbert, Jacob D. Flock,

DIMITTED—E. G. Budd, Theodore F. Grandin, George T. Knight,
 S. D. Budd, D. A. Witermute, Jacob McConnell.

PATERSON ORANGE LODGE, NO. 43—PATERSON.

Meets Thursday evenings of each week.

OFFICERS.

Alexander Fyfe, P. M., W. M.,	Henry Thomas, J. D.,
George Crother, S. W.,	Joseph Hallowell, M. OF C.,
William Page, J. W.,	George Broomhead "
Henry Hagedom, TREAS.,	Joseph Cocker, STEWARD,
Henry Donaldson, SEC'Y,	William Adams, "
John Oldham, S. D.,	Henry Rose (No. 88), TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

Orrin Vanderhoven.

PAST MASTERS.

John C. Benson, Harmon B. Goodridge, Socrates Tuttle.

RAISED.

William Adams,	Anselmo Moraga,	George Broomhead,
William Smithurs,	Henry Thomas,	George Van Wagoner.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Herbert D. Bloomfield, Clarence D. Cooper, Jonathan C. FreScott.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William Radcliff, Levi D. York, O. V. Garnet.

REINSTATED—William Taylor, Markus C. Woodhull.

DIMITTED—Jacob D. Vogel, George L. Hoelbe, Thomas Jerrold. John Farlow.

DECEASED—Markus C. Woodhull.

CENTRAL LODGE, NO. 44—VINCENTOWN.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

John S. Carpenter, W. M.,	Joseph E. Kain, J. D.,
Martin L. Haines, S. W.,	John I. Brick, M. OF C.,
William K. Haines, J. W.,	Francis Stratton, "
George F. Brown, TREAS.,	George F. Brown, STEWARD,
Samuel O. Ross, SEC'Y,	William H. Doron, "
Jacob Heisler, S. D.,	William M. Allen, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Henry J. Irick, John R. Howell, Guy Bryan,
Albert Kubie.

RAISED.

Simon W. Lake, Isaac S. Shivers, William H. Doron,
Josiah S. Huston.

AFFILIATED—James D. Gibson.

REINSTATED—Joseph M. Hulme.

DIMITTED—Samuel S. Smith.

DECEASED—William H. Irick, P. M.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, NO. 45—PATERSON.

Meets Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

William H. Levi, jr., P. M., W. M., Arthur B. Pearce, S. D.,
John S. Hartley, S. W., John Grimshaw, J. D.,
John C. Mead, J. W., Robert Crawford, M. OF C.,
George Scott, TREAS., Joseph Wadsworth, "
Alfred N. Horton, P. M., SEC'Y. Joseph Ettinger (88), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William Dobson, Thomas Williams, James Peacock,
David Neer, Robert Smith, Allen Knowles.

RAISED.

Joseph Wadsworth, Arthur Brean Pearce, William Richard,
William Ackerman, Benjamin Booth, George D. Healey.
Joseph Mallinson, John Grimshaw,

FELLOW CRAFT—Benjamin W. Hoxsey, James Grimshaw.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Hiram Gould.

AFFILIATED—John J. Jackson.

REINSTATED—Henry L. Carlough, John F. Russell, Leonard Spring-
stein, John R. Smith, P. M., William Curry, George Irving, Henry
Mains, Benjamin F. Garside.

DIMITTED—Uriah Speer, John F. Russell.

DECEASED—William Cole, Christopher Snyder, George Irving.

SOLOMON'S LODGE NO. 46—SOMERVILLE.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Nicholas I. Rouser, w. m.,	Alfred Barber, s. d.,
Frederick Van Liew, s. w.,	Charles M. Young, j. d.,
Robert L. Day, j. w.,	G. Snowden Cook, m. of c.,
John Ringlemann, TREAS.,	Joshua Doughty, jun., "
Bernard M. Polhemus, SEC'Y,	John Struck (No. —), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

David P. Kinyon,	Job C. Kinyon,	John Hartwell,
Henry G. Wagoner,	N. B. Richardson,	George S. Jones.

RAISED.

Robert H. Morey,	G. Snowden Cook,	Thomas Coddington,
J. Newton Schenck,	Daniel J. Cole,	Alonzo H. Dayton.

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles Dixon.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—J. J. Norris, Marshall W. Mettler, Henry P. Hoagland.

AFFILIATED—Miles W. Wallens, John Schomp.

DIMITTED—Robert H. Morey, John F. Talmage, David T. Ross.

DECEASED—Jonathan D. Potter, Cornelius T. Cox, Nathaniel C. Morris, Eli Ramsden.

BERGEN LODGE, NO. 47—BERGEN, HUDSON CO.

Meets every Friday evening, at Masonic Hall.

OFFICERS.

David W. Palmer, w. m.,	Frank C. Fry, j. d.,
Thomas E. Bailey, s. w.,	E. W. Baxter, m. of c.,
Charles F. Case, j. w.,	John S. Urquhart, "
John J. Toffey, TREAS.,	Rev. Lewis L. Noble, CHAPLAIN,
Thomas P. Rockett, SEC'Y,	Clifford Sickelmore, ORGANIST,
Robert M. Packer, s. d.,	Thos. H. N. Wilks, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Doggett, Absalom Northrop, Theodore F. Hay,
George B. Edwards, John Kennard.

RAISED.

Victor H. Earnst, Gustavus O. Goesling, William V. Toffey,
Perry T. Cumberson, John J. Odell, Thomas H. Williams.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Robert J. Conway, Robert Barber.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Wilber N. Wickham, M. H. Amram.

DIMITTED—Allanby Thompson, Henry R. Hilton, William T. Day, E. Henry Smith, William J. Smith, Charles Saxtan, Charles Townsend, Bennet Stockmar, Oscar F. Lund, Richard F. Smart.

DECEASED—J. Erskin Birmingham.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—I. P. Newkirk, William G. Lowden, Robert H. Lowden.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—William H. Barrett.

ENTERPRISE LODGE, NO. 48—JERSEY CITY.

Meets every Thursday evening.

OFFICERS.

Ambrose L. Boyes, P. M., W. M., Robert McIndoe, S. D.,
Martin M. Drohan, S. W., John G. W. Bird, J. D.,
Roderick B. Seymour, J. W., Robert McClane, M. OF C.,
William H. Page, P. M., TREAS., Henry N. Hurdle " "
C. W. Chase, P. J. G. W., SEC'Y, Thomas Logan, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John C. Sheridan, James H. McDowell, John A. Partridge.

RAISED.

John Wilcox, Roderick B. Seymour, Theodore Dingler,
George Wiley, William M. Bowker, William H. Cornell,
Elijah Brownbe, Sherwood Billington, Thomas Potter.

FELLOW CRAFT—Thomas J. Fatton.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Horace W. Billington, George E. Bryen,
Alexander McDonald.

DIMITTED—Edwin J. Hulshizer, Joseph R. Hixon, Joel P. Felker, George Harlett, Philip Dorothy, John R. Martin, Henry Bloomfield.

DECEASED—John R. Low, John G. Ridley, P. M.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—George M. Rowland, William Long, William M. Darling, Albert A. Rice, P. M.

ESSEX LODGE, NO. 49—ELIZABETHPORT.

Meets every Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Edward L. Tillou, w. m.,	Robert C. Patterson, j. d.,
Elwood Phares, s. w.,	Charles E. Bullinger, M. OF C.,
Thomas Winsor, j. w.,	Robert G. Houston, “
Thomas Robins, P. M., TREAS.,	Elias Wentworth, STEWARD,
George H. Sanborn, SEC'Y,	Frederick Anderson, “
J. B. Wentworth, s. d.,	Rev. George Minsor, CHAPLAIN,
	George H. Shaw, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George N. Potter,	Peter H. Wyckoff,	William H. Adams,
William A. Morrell,	Joseph Alward,	Henry L. Norton,
George H. Ropes,	Samel L. Moore.	

RAISED.

George L. Syres,	Robert C. Patterson,	Thomas J. Bird,
Thomas R. Tremble,	Rev. George Minsor,	Joseph Moorhouse,
John Milburn,	John N. White.	

DIMITTED—Edmund L. Le Breton, Thomas E. Minse, John H. Piercey.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Thompson Barrick.

MERCER LODGE, NO. 50—TRENTON.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry J. Nicklin, w. m.,	Spencer S. Bower, j. d.,
Augustus K. Forman, s. w.,	Jacob Kling, m. of c.,
Luther S. Skillman, j. w.,	Enoch W. Case, "
Sam'l M. Youmans, p. m., TREAS.	Theodore Carling, STEWARD,
Henry E. Finch, SEC'Y,	Charles Seaman, "
William C. Thorn, s. d.,	Amos Howell (No. 5), TYLER.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Joseph H. Hough.

PAST MASTERS.

Edward W. Scudder, William T. Nicholson, Charles B. Yard.
Isaac H. Hutchinson,

RAISED.

Josiah Fluirty,	Lewis Furman,	William A. Marshall,
James Fowler,	Enoch W. Case,	W. H. Thompson,
Theodore Carling,	Charles Howell,	Charles J. Woerner.
Alfred Wood,		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Martin Spiegel, John W. Barber, E. D. Packer.

DIMITTED—William Bamford, James Nicklin, P. M., Joseph Stokes, P. M., Levi J. Bibbins, John Lee, John Drake, Robert Bassett, John J. Strasser, Samuel Stringer, Lewis C. Wooley, William Truman, Peter Kendrick.

EXPULSED—Walter B. Hill.

ORIENTAL LODGE No. 51—NEWARK.

Meets every Thursday evening, corner of Court and Broad streets.

OFFICERS.

John S. Clark, P. M., w. m.,	Elias B. Mills, s. d.,
John D. Faitoute, s. w.,	Isaac Pierson, j. d.,
Abm. S. Staats, j. w.,	Stephen R. Wilson, m. of c.,
Daniel Wallace, TREAS.,	Albert S. Denman, "
Charles B. Pollard, SEC'Y,	Valentine Ashenbach, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James J. Turhune, Francis Lindsley, James L. Hays,
 Charles L. C. Gifford, Joseph I. Cornell, Herbert Cottrell,
 J. Warren Vandever.

RAISED.

James F. Bond, William H. Bailey, Martin V. Bennett,
 Peter Dallas, Albert S. Denman, Enoch W. Gwinnell,
 Alpheus W. Myer, James M. McDougall, Ed. M. Platt,
 George W. Shiebler, Eliphalet A. Tripp, William C. Wardell.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John M. Acken, George A. Mulford, J. Meyers.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—A. S. Schoonmaker.

AFFILIATED—Chester H. Dunham, Benjamin W. Hopper.

REINSTATED—John D. Buckley.

DIMITTED—Charles H. Booth, Luke Morris, Sylvanius H. Quimby,
 Seymour Tucker, Charles S. Woodruff.

DECEASED—Samuel S. Taylor.

DELAWARE LODGE, NO. 52—PHILLIPSBURG.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Andrew P. Teel, w. m., Alonzo Nelson, J. D.,
 Andrew G. Burstrom, s. w., David M. Angle, M. OF C.,
 James Irvin Lake, J. w., William Beers, jun., "
 Joseph Flavel Sheppard, TREAS., Isaac Shields, STEWARD,
 James E. Moon, P. M., SEC'Y, Benjamin T. Harris, "
 Charles P. Pleasants, s. D., William Smith, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

R. J. Swackhamer, John W. Dean, Edmund Teel,
 Edward H. Bird, Horace M. Norton, William R. Wilson,
 Caleb M. Clark, Jesse F. Carhart, Sam. B. Van Arsdale.

RAISED.

Isadore Popper, Harrison Stiles, David M. Angle,
 John R. Kent, Henry Bice, Silas W. DeWitt,
 Eldridge Dale, Isaac Shields.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John McR. Shimer, William C. Shannon.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William A. Mettler, Jacob Frone, Isaac Miller, William Dalruple.

AFFILIATED—Edwin H. Bieber, John Eilenburg, Jacob H. Cooley, Charles P. Pleasants.

DIMITTED—Bartley Murtaugh, William Hixon, J. F. Cauley, Josely Fulper.

DECEASED—Jonathan M. Welstead.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Burrows Riley.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—Benjamin F. Carpenter.

EAGLE LODGE, NO. 53—HUDSON CITY.

Meets every Monday evening, except during the months of July and August, and the fourth Monday in December.

OFFICERS.

George I. States, w. M.,	Samuel Randall, j. D.,
Albert G. Southward, s. w.,	Albert Cox, M. OF C.,
Augustus Von Cleff, j. w.,	William H. Campbell, "
Edgar M. Eoff, TREAS.,	Edward A. Montany, STEWARD,
Theodore Tasheria, SEC'Y,	Michael Fliese, "
John Walters, s. D.,	John W. Tiniam, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles F. Bucken,	Benjamin M. Rogers,	John Duff,
Joseph Jewkes.		

RAISED.

John C. Anderson, James H. Presonthick, William H. Campbell, H. Lewis O'Donnell.

AFFILIATED—Maximilian Joseph Von Greiff, Alexander Montgomery.

DIMITTED—Frank W. Fischer, Henry F. Maakins, John J. Spencer, Christopher B. Keogh, William Haining, Jacob Schilb.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Christopher Bartels, Wilson S. Wolf, Solomon Weeks, John W. Whitney, George F. Kraus, George J. Elwood.

EXPELLED—Frederic C. Hartman.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, NO. 54—SALEM.

Meets Monday evenings, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

A. M. P. V. H. Dickeson, P. M. W. M.,	John Perrine, J. D.,
John J. Thompson, S. W.,	John Lambert, M. OF C.,
Benjamin Kely, J. W.,	Joseph Miller, "
John P. Moore, TREAS.,	John G. Garwood, STEWARD,
Charles S. Lawson, SEC'Y,	Samuel Dilmore, "
William H. Gilmore, S. D.,	George Morrison, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Joshua J. Bates, Albert H. Slape, John Kirby.

RAISED.

Jonathan Woodnut.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Henry B. Richman, Joseph Bassett.

AFFILIATED—Wyatt W. Miller.

DIMITTED—Miles W. Wallens.

DECEASED—William L. Tyler, P. M., Jeremiah Stull, James²S. Nevius.

KANE LODGE, NO. 55—NEWARK.

Meets every Friday evening at Eureka Hall.

OFFICERS.

Theodore F. Young, P. M., W. M.,	Eugene Ufford, jun., S. D.,
Robert Corson, S. W.,	David A. Clark, J. D.,
Edward P. Day, J. W.,	John W. Chedister, M. OF C.,
John Hines, TREAS.,	Edward O. Campbell, "
Samuel D. Aspinwall, SEC'Y,	Francis Pell, TYLER.

DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

William D. Rutan.

PAST MASTERS.

W. Donaldson Kinney, Thomas Godson, David H. Brown.

RAISED.

Samuel C. Howell, Theodore H. Blake, Walter Stiles,
Richard F. Jolley, Thos. E. Sissiserson, Edwin Carter,
Alfred Y. Barnard, Charles Becker, J. H. H. Peshine.

FELLOW CRAFT—Orlando Greacen.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Joseph R. Wright.

AFFILIATED—Jacob Price.

REINSTATED—August Greenwould, William H. Hick.

DIMITTED—David Meyers, Augustus H. Abbott, David B. Woodruff, E. A.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John C. Mitchell, William E. Ryckman.

 ORION LODGE, NO. 55—FRENCHTOWN.

Meets Monday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Gabriel H. Slater, P. M., W. M., Morris Maxwell, J. D.,
Thomas Rogan, S. W., Jonas Rymond, P. M., M. OF C.,
Albert Vanderbilt, J. W., Asher Riley, "
Jonas Rymond, TREAS., Abel B. Harring, STEWARD,
Thomas Palmer, SEC'Y, Edward B. Kachline, "
Howell McEntire, P. M., S. D., David Roberson, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

N. W. Thompson, James C. Fackenthall, John L. Slack.

RAISED.

Daniel Matthews, Thomas R. Stratton, John H. Hunt.
Abel B. Harring,

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Cornelius S. Conklin, Solomon Weider.

AFFILIATED—William A. Person, James R. Laird.

DIMITTED—Spencer M. Allpaugh, Jacob S. Bast, Jacob H. Cooley,
William W. Paxon, John Stout, Rev. George H. Jones, P. G. Chap.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Michael N. Shuster, William E. Mattison,
Peter Polhemus, Samuel Thatcher, John T. Hudnit.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 57—ORANGE.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

William Green, w. m.,	Joseph Cooper, s. d.,
Warren McChesney, s. w.,	Jacob A. Glazier, j. d.,
Thomas P. Bayes, j. w.,	Edward Hill, m. of c.,
Charles W. Banta, p. m., TREAS.,	Emery H. Adams, "
John R. Long, sec'y,	Augustus Dykman, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles W. Banta,	Andrew Britton,	Edwin B. Whiting,
Edward D. Pierson,	Augustus T. Grinsted,	John H. Myers.

RAISED.

Josiah W. Miller,	James Duggan,	Bernard Francis,
Jacob A. Glazier,	Emery H. Adams.	

FELLOW CRAFT—Alfred Meeker.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Frank X. Schiemann.

DIMITTED—Oliver Libby.

DECEASED—James P. Burton, P. M.

SHEKINAH LODGE, NO. 58—MILLVILLE.

Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

John W. Newlin, w. m.,	Edward Ireland, j. d.,
William L. Newell, s. w.,	Sergeant Brannin, m. of c.,
Joseph W. Shaw, j. w.,	Cornelius A. Shaw, "
George W. Dummett, TREAS.,	John B. Madden, STEWARD,
Samuel Steinmetz, sec'y,	Joseph Congdon, "
Wm. H. Clay Smith, s. d.,	John L. Williams, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Elijah B. Richmond,	Alexander Gillen,	William J. Thompson,
Jacob S. Simmerman,	Jonathan S. Whitaker,	

RAISED.

Silas C. Smith,	Alfred Brandriff,	Thomas S. Reeves,
Sergeant Brannin,	Daniel Force,	John H. Clayborough,
William M. Berry,	Henry K. Poole.	

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles W. Renear.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—William Crawford.

DIMITTED—James McLaughlin, Thomas Ballinger.

DECEASED—William Kienzle.

 CALDWELL LODGE, NO. 59—CALDWELL.
Meets Friday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter

OFFICERS.

Isaac Lane, w. m.,	Thomas Hoage, s. d.,
Daniel De Camp, s. w.,	Lewis H. King, j. d.,
Stephen Van Orden, j. w.,	Jeptha Personette, m. of c.,
Lambert Speer, TREAS.,	John H. Speer, "
Hubert M. Benham, SEC'Y,	John M. Mead, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. H. Condit,	Lewis G. Lockwood,	Philip H. Harrison,
Joel D. Mead.		

RAISED.

Samuel King, Hubert M. Benham.

FELLOW CRAFT—Mahlon Speer.

DECEASED—John Dodd, jun.

 ARCANA LODGE, NO. 60—BOONTON.
Meets Thursday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

• S. F. Drinkwater, w m.,	Thomas H. Primrose, s. d.,
C. O. Cooper, s. w.,	Peter McEwing, j. d.,
James King, j. w.,	David McEwen, m. of c.,
John Meyers, 3d, TREAS.,	Peter D. Hart, "
George S. Esten, SEC'Y,	S. C. Tibballs (No. 122), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William C. Clark, David C. Ely, Edwin E. Willis.

RAISED.

E. A. Backer, Robert Green, E. P. Kemble,
William Price.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John S. Vail, Theodore Estler, O. W. Myers.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George W. Jenkins, Joseph M. DeHart.

DIMITTED—N. T. Jennings, Lewis Estler, Thomas H. Homan,
Samuel C. Tibballs, George Anthony, P. M., James H. Husk, Ezra
Estler, jun.

DECEASED—Benoni Whitehead, Charles P. Davenport, P. M.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—Martin S. Shaw.

RARITAN LODGE, NO. 61—PERTH AMBOY.

Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Frederick Harper, w. m.,	John Fothergill, J. D.,
William P. Dally, s. w.,	William A. Slaight, M. OF C.,
Charles Jackson, J. W.,	William Buchanan, "
Eber H. Hall, TREAS.,	John W. Mersherrow, STEWARD,
Moses Martin, SEC'Y,	William A. Willford, "
William King, s. D.,	Joseph Burnes, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Isaac D. Ward, William T. Clark, Peter R. Hawley.

RAISED.

William Buchanan..

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Ezra W. Arnold.

LA FRATERNITÉ FRANÇAISE, NO. 62—NEWARK.

Meets first, third and fifth Wednesday evenings in each month at Eureka Hall.

OFFICERS.

Emile Girod, w. m.,	Paul Benatre, s. d.,
Charles Pieters, s. w.,	Francis Cavenget, j. d.,
Alex. Lelong, j. w.,	Peter Dress, m. of c.,
Victor Benatre, TREAS.,	Charles Tayee, "
Gosselius Habbema, SEC'Y,	Wm. Wilkinson (No. 39), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Alphonse Letellier, Justin Calame.

RAISED.

Francis Cavenget.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles Luchini, Julius Griener.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James Clinchard, James Esch, Peter Sedille.

AFFILIATED—Alexander Lelong, Nicholas Peiffer.

DMITTED—John Blake, Victor Gongibus, John Baptist Marquet, Eugene Miannay.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Anton Bonnefoy, Desire Chalumean, Henry Knab.

ST. STEPHEN'S LODGE, NO. 63—SOUTH AMBOY.

Meets first and third Monday evenings, except from the third Monday in June to the first Monday in September.

OFFICERS.

John B. Vancleve, P. M., w. m.,	Charles H. Muirhead, j. d.,
William S. Young, s. w.,	Henry Arrowsmith, m. of c.,
George Carr, j. w.,	Rollin H. Guild, "
Edmund O. Howell, TREAS.,	John Wright, STEWARD,
Joseph H. Murphy, SEC'Y,	Bernard Roddy, "
Edwin Williams, s. d.,	Richard Maguire, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John Sexton, Hiram McConnell, Robert Walker.
John Wood,

RAISED.

William D. Forman, Rollin H. Guild, Charles H. Muirhead,
Edwin Williams, William S. Young, Henry Arrowsmith.

FELLOW CRAFT—William S. Cooper.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—August Blum, John W. Getely, Ferdinand H. Tobias.

REINSTATED—Matthew R. Dey, David H. Shock.

DIMITTED—David H. Shock.

. CÆSAREA LODGE, NO. 64—KEYPORT.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin Decker, jun., w. m., James Chadwick, s. d.,
George W. Holmes, s. w., Richard W. Brown, j. d.,
Fred. D. Woodruff, j. w., Benjamin Luffburrow, m. of c.,
Benjamin Decker, sen., TREAS., Timothy I. Murphy, "
Jacob R. Smith, SEC'Y, Charles A. Stafford, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Rev. S. Lockwood, Benjamin B. Pierce, John Britton.
Alfred B. Stoney, David Warner,

RAISED.

Orleans Downs.

FELLOW CRAFT—Joseph Collins.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—James H. Johnson.

DIMITTED—J. S. Phelps.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—John Crawford, William Warner, Selah Burt, Edwin C. Burt, George Creary.

 STAR LODGE, NO. 65—TUCKAHOE.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Reuben S. Robinson, P. M. W. M.,	Seth Homan, J. D.,
Lewis S. Williams, S. W.,	Belford E. Smith, M. OF C.,
Eli W. Budd, J. W.,	Aaron Van Gilder, "
William B. Brown, TREAS.,	Franklin Van Gilder, STEWARD.
Charles R. Powell, SEC'Y,	Andrew Steelman, "
Somers Stephens, S. D.,	Thomas L. Russell, P. M., TYLER.

RAISED.

Samuel Sears.

DECEASED—Silas Wheaton.

SCHILLER LODGE, NO. 66—NEWARK.

Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Julius Stapff, W. M.,	Jacob Weyer, J. D.,
William Wendel, S. W.,	Thomas Dusel, M. OF C.,
Martin Issler, J. W.,	Charles Schuetz, "
Anton Stubenbordt, TREAS.,	William Kaecht, STEWARD,
William I. Bohler, SEC'Y,	Bernhard Kellner, "
Charles Hackmeister, S. D.,	Ernst A. Adam, TYLER.

VISITOR TO GERMAN LODGES.

Leopold Kiesling.

PAST MASTERS.

Peter Bender, John Hammell, Christian Walther.

RAISED.

Charles Wiemann, John A. Sypeoch, Aug. Broemel,
 Matthias Kastner, Albert Brands.

DIMITTED—Robert G. Gerth.

PASSAIC LODGE, NO. 67—PASSAIC.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings at Speer's Hall.

OFFICERS.

John Duffus, w. m.,	Edwin F. Brainard, J. D.,
Joseph T. Speer, s. w.,	R. Burnett Smith, M. OF C.,
Leonard L. Gear, J. W.,	Stephen Y. Myers, "
J. T. Van Iderstine, P. M., TREAS.,	Rev. John A. Monroe, CHAPLAIN,
Benjamin B. Aycriff, P. M., SEC'Y,	E. Roberts (No. 287, N. Y.), ORG.,
Martin C. Healey, s. D.,	Joseph B. Knight, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Rev. Marshal B. Smith,	Richard A. Turhune,	Robert H. Blake,
James A. Norton,	Thomas B. Stewart,	Joseph H. Wright.

RAISED.

William Van Saun,	Stephen Y. Myers,	Francis H. Dean,
Edward W. Woolsey,	Frank B. Lawrence,	Jacob H. Vreeland,
Joseph Herman,	Frederick A. Pell,	Joseph Morris,
James P. Dunham.		

FELLOW CRAFT—Albert V. Bennett.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John H. Gear.

AFFILIATED—Lewis Lowenthal, James L. Smith.

DIMITTED—Rev. T. S. Haggerty.

DECEASED—William F. Walker, Nicholas J. Kipp.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, NO. 68—NEWARK.

Meets every Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Alfred P. Mayhew, P. M., W. M.,	Joseph H. Wightman, S. D.,
Isaac D. Leonard, s. w.,	Henry W. Champlin, J. D.,
Frank A. J. Casterline, J. W.,	Milton Taylor, M. OF C.,
Aaron C. Littell, TREAS.,	B. F. Moorhouse, "
George G. Trelease, SEC'Y,	Andrew Amrine, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

John M. Mayhew, John E. Saunier, David S. Battey.

RAISED.

Samuel Thomas, jun.,	C. G. Vreeland,	Elias Berla,
John Corneil,	George D. Peck,	Finlator C. Anderson,
Henry M. Thompson,	Ansen Vincent,	Thomas Luff,
G. W. Housel,	John P. Thompson,	Joseph C. Wills,
Richard M. Barnett,	Horatio N. Barrows,	J. Wesley Jackson,
J. McVicker,	David S. Shuler,	Charles H. Green,
Ogden Chidester,	John W. Littell,	Frederick C. Callen.

FELLOW CRAFT—S. G. Mayo.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Simeon G. Turton, Samuel R. Brown.

AFFILIATED—Emil A. Krestchmann, John Edmonson.

DIMITTED—George Everett, Thomas W. Topham, George W Hedden, Nelson G. Baldwin, Albert E. Hedden, Joseph C. Wills.

DECEASED—A. B. Shipman.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William H. Haines, Ed. C. Aber.

EXPELLED—Robert George Austin.

VINELAND LODGE, NO. 69—VINELAND.

Meets January 1st, 1872, and every other Monday evening thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Steele, w. m.,	R. P. Crowell, j. d.,
Frank C. Wilkie, s. w.,	Charles H. Lyfford, M. OF C.,
Edward A. Young, j. w.,	John L. Burk, "
James Chance, TREAS.,	Eli H. Pierson, STEWARD,
Henry T. Manly, SEC'Y,	Howard L. Manning, "
Edward K. Brick, s. d.,	S. E. Bailey, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James W. Mills, Alexander Holman, Walter H. Davis.

RAISED.

S. H. Gibbs,	G. R. Chambers,	Charles Dawlin,
C. J. Kingman,	J. L. Burk,	Rev. Oscar Clute,
O. R. Hyde,	E. H. Pierson.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—R. C. Sykes, D. D. Webster.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Edmund F. Pond.

AFFILIATED—O. D. Graves, James Smith, James Sawyer, F. Bingham.

REINSTATED—J. N. Dunton.

DIMITTED—E. J. Cannon, Isaac Kellog, Solomon Garfield, C. H. S. Newcomb.

DECEASED—E. W. Gray.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—M. Fair, A. J. Gould, J. S. Hoard, A. D. Howe, Isaac Pardee, N. W. Pulsifer.

PIONEER LODGE, NO. 70—HACKENSACK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Vanderbeck, w. m.,	Jos. P. Vreeland, p. m., s. d.,
Alexander F. Ackerman, s. w.,	Samuel H. Campbell, j. d.,
William T. Knapp, j. w.,	Cornelius Bertholf, m. of c.,
Garret M. Campbell, TREAS.,	Romeo T. Leviness, "
Wm. H. De Wolfe, p. m., SEC'Y,	Theophilis Bolton, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William H. Hall, A. S. Burdett, L. D. Hay,

RAISED.

Romeo T. Leviness.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Colin Anderson, Henry Applin, Robert B. Martin.

DIMITTED—Albert T. Heal, Adriance Van Brunt, J. W. Dewell, George Stark.

DECEASED—Henry S. Pollard.

 HUDSON LODGE, NO. 71—HOBOKEN.

Meets every Friday evening, at 80 and 82 Washington Street.

OFFICERS.

Herman Blohm, P. M., W. M.,	George Rhodenburg, J. D.,
Frederick Raab, S. W.,	August Schasberger, M. OF C.
Emil Rath, J. W.,	Carl Hinse, "
Ferd. A. Pfalmer, TREAS.,	Albert Burfeind, STEWARD,
William Hartung, SEC'Y,	Dittrich Bischoff, "
Arthur De Bonneville, S. D.,	Franz Julius Illig, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Charles F. A. Jordon.

RAISED.

Erns Mohs,	Mathias Seip,	George Rohdenburg,
Albert Burfeind,	Carl Finke,	William D. Harries,
Carl A. Mohn.		

FELLOW CRAFTS—Carl W. Krafft, Joseph Schnobbe.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Emil Freutz, Henry Ludewig, John F. Schmidt, Fritz C. Furgan.

DIMITTED—Julius Max Borchardt, P. M., H. Klussman, August Tode, Karl Kamlah, R. F. J. Bostelmann, Hugo Borchardt, H. F. A. Muller.

DECEASED—Ludwig Stein.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Johan Carl Schober.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—William Ehlers.

 TEUTONIA LODGE, NO. 72—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Monday evenings, except the first, third, fourth and fifth Monday evenings in July and August.

OFFICERS.

Henry E. Klein, W. M.,	Willfam Bush, S. D.,
Frederick Roder, S. W.,	Johann Furlein, J. D.,
Louis Bruhne, J. W.,	August Latermann, M. OF C.,
Christian Kaiser, TREAS.,	Charles Furst, "
Robert Ehrlich, SEC'Y,	August Stubans, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Jacob Ringle, Rudolph Surber.

RAISED.

August Ristenpadt, Henry Heinecke, Adolph Steinbecker,
Ch. Adolph Timm, A. Frederick Reuter, N. Charles Furst,
Ch. Furlein,

AFFILIATED—James B. Garton, Julius Meyding.

DECEASED—Andrew Seebach, Henry Hoffman, William Laud-
messer.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Jacob Soney.

WALL LODGE, NO. 73—SQUAN VILLAGE.

Meets Wednesday evening, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

E. Shuck Vanlier, w. m.,	Eugene Longstreet, j. d.,
William B. Pierce, s. w.,	John A. Laird, m. of c.,
Frederick Bernard, j. w.,	David Sexton, "
Osborn Curtis, TREAS.,	Allen R. Cook, STEWARD,
Robert Laird, P. M., SEC'Y,	David L. Huntsinger, "
John S. Allgor, s. d.,	Peter Tilton, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

A. A. Higgins.

RAISED.

Charles Riddle,	James E. Green,	Asa Curtis,
Elwood Arnold,	John W. Egbert,	Elias Dye,
J. W. Clark,	James Willson,	

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Abraham Longstreet, Asher Curtis.

 JERSEY CITY LODGE, NO. 74—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Friday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Edgar B. Leonard, w. M.,	Richard Wade, J. D.,
Albert J. Jardine, s. w.,	Charles D. Joslin, M. OF C.,
J. Irving Benedict, j. w.,	William Johnson, "
James P. Mackey, TREAS.,	John H. Mecabe, CHAPLAIN,
George A. Lacas, SEC'Y,	William E. Dumville, TYLER.
George W. Snow, s. D.,	

PAST MASTERS.

James D. Hopping,	Edward Bootes,	Henry E. Farrier.
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RAISED.

Richard Wade,	Charles D. Joslin,	Andrew J. Newberry,
George F. Scobie,	William C. Bills,	George H. Dunham,
William W. Love,	John Templeton,	F. H. Cane,
William H. Coleman,	Chauncey H. Lathrop,	J. J. Youlin,
John M. Taylor,		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—James Machin.

AFFILIATED—Warren H. Havens.

DIMITTED—Hiram Y. Lazear, P. M., Frederick B. Bouffler.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—William S. Eastburn, Joseph A. Crammer,
Russel W. Woodward, David T. Kidd, Lewis C. Gosson.

DECEASED—J. E. Ganson, Isaac Willets.

 NEPTUNE LODGE, NO. 75—MAURICETOWN.

Meets first Tuesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Butcher, P. M., w. M.,	John C. Weaver, J. D.,
Charles Butcher, s. w.,	William Haley, M. OF C.
Henry Moore, j. w.,	George D. Fagan, "
Seth Bowen, TREAS.,	John C. Weaver, STEWARD,
Samuel Cobb, SEC'Y,	William Haley, "
William T. Cobb, s. D.,	Thomas F. Mayhew, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

John S. Locke.

RAISED.

Charles Bateman, Alonzo T. Bacon, Job Hand,
Thomas F. Mayhew.

FELLOW CRAFT—A. Jackson Blackman.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William Lloyd, Reuben Shropshire.

DIMITTED—Daniel Sharp.

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 76—TRENTON.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alexander C. Yard, w. m.,	James S. Kiger, J. D.,
Westley Creveling, s. w.,	William W. Titus, M. OF C.,
John G. Muirheid, J. w.,	Benjamin M. Phillips, "
Wm. R. Clapp, P. G. T., TREAS.,	Wilson Hart, STEWARD,
Isaac N. Snyder, SEC'Y,	George Agnew, "
George W. Clayton, S. D.,	Amos Howell (No. 5), TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James S. Aitkin, Wm. W. L. Phillips, Edward T. Green,
Thomas S. Stevens.

RAISED.

Benjamin M. Phillips, John Tattersall, Albert S. Phillips,
Joseph T. Kinney, Alexander Dunn, James S. Kiger,
William B. Johnston, James R. Stevens, A. R. Skinner.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James Moses, Robert G. Stevens.

AFFILIATED—William J. Coite.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D —Peter P. Robinson.

ALPINE LODGE, NO. 77—CLOSTER, BERGEN CO.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

William L. Forster, w. m.,	George R. Barbour, s. d.,
Charles H. Lyons, s. w.,	James D. Demarest, j. d.,
George W. Cauter, j. w.,	John F. Hering, m. of c.,
John H. Stephens, p. m., TREAS.,	E. G. Gismond, "
Fred. Devoe, sec'y,	Allen B. Griffin, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert F. Rich.

RAISED.

Calvin Haring,	Emanuel G. Grismond,	John Blauvelt,
Fred. Devoe,	Allen B. Griffin,	Henry J. White.
W. H. Odell,		

AFFILIATED—William L. Forster, W. T. LaRoche.

LONG BRANCH LODGE NO. 78—LONG BRANCH.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Timbrook Morris, w. m.,	Edmund H. Clark, sec'y,
Samuel S. Dunham, s. w.,	Howard A. Brindley, s. d.,
James E. Lippincott, j. w.,	W. J. Hubbard, j. d.,
George W. Brown, p. m. TREAS.,	—————, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William B. Lippincott, T. G. Chattle, Theodore I. Wooley.

RAISED.

A. M. Dillentash,	Josiah Vandyke.	Robert Hamilton,
J. A. Hayers,	H. W. Page,	L. W. Bliss,
William D. Bishop,	C. H. Brown,	Pitman West,
Jacob Steinbach,	John Steinbach,	L. W. Fish.
W. J. Hubbard,		

AFFILIATED—James D. M. Beebee.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—F. A. Jelk.

TRINITY LODGE, NO. 79—ABSECOM.

Meets Tuesday evenings, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Levi C. Albertson, W. M.,	Lemuel S. Connolly, J. D.,
Samuel H. Cavileer, S. W.,	Joseph B. Collins, M. OF C.,
Edward Wilson, J. W.,	Joseph G. Clark, "
Leonard Ashley, TREAS.,	John Price, STEWARD,
Henry Wooton, SEC'Y,	John C. Albertson, "
Lewis Evans, S. D.,	James S. Robinson, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Job B. Somers,	George F. Currie,	Correll Doughty,
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RAISED.

Samuel G. Endicott,	Parker C. Huntley,	William Holdzkom,
Peter W. Furry,	Alfred S. Scull,	John C. Alb eis

FELLOW CRAFTS—John F. Griffith, William C. Heath.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George Tomlinson, John H. Turner.

DIMITTED—John C. Albertson, Charles F. Provost.

HIGHLAND LODGE, NO. 80.—HUDSON CITY.

Meets Thursday evening, except the months of July and August.

OFFICERS.

Edward P. Cogger, P. M., W. M.,	A. F. Parker, S. D.,
Symmes G. Parker, S. W.,	J. T. Blackburn, J. D.,
William H. Wheeler, J. W.,	Joseph Antenrieth, M. OF C.,
Charles L. Mierau, TREAS.,	Henry Muth, "
Charles H. Hall, SEC'Y,	Paul Berner, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

John B. Burdett.

RAISED.

A. Crane Watts,	A. F. Parker,	Archibald Smith,
Thomas Hardy,	Benjamin B. Davis,	Samuel H. Peterson.
D. O. Masters,		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William D. W. Jones, Jeremiah Church, Alfred Berney, James C. Cummings.

AFFILIATED—Augustus G. Bennett, Paul Berner.

HERMANN LODGE, NO. 81.—ELIZABETH

Meets Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Fred. William Schroder, w. m., Jacob Bruckbacher, TREAS.,
 John P. Ritter, s. w., Henry Strauss, SEC'Y,
 August Hirschbaum, j. w., Jacob Schnell, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Mayer Sontheimer.

RAISED.

Louis I. Knopp, Henry Ulmer, Henry Keller,
 August F. Grosh, Edward Loesser, Gustav A. Roehner.
 Meyer Newmann, Morgan A. Wuster,

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Edward Drieckmann, Frangott Worsch-
 ing, August Tauber.

DIMITTED—J. A. M. Ritter, Fred. A. Apelles.

DECEASED—Charles Hay.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Charles Jacoby.

EXPELLED—Max Levinsohn, F. A.

FALLS CITY LODGE NO. 82—PATERSON.

Meets Tuesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Greaves, w. m., James Wilson, s. d.,
 Henderson B. White, s. w., William M. Barr, j. d.,
 John Bustard, j. w., Peter Arnott, m. of c.,
 Samuel Murray, P. M., TREAS., John H. Jones, "
 Will. Hague, SEC'Y, Joseph Ettinger (No. 88) TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Alvin Webb, Elias Vanderhoven, Thomas S. Reynolds.

RAISED.

Peter Arnott,	James Wilson,	Frank D. Tripp,
John Manly,	Milton Sears,	William M. Barr,
John Joseph Lace,	Morris Barnett,	Richard H. Norris,
Robert Salisbury,	Warren Gushee,	Henry R. Allen,
John Henry Jones,	William Terris,	Samuel Groves.

FELLOW CRAFT—William S. Dale.

REINSTATED—Robert Bridge, Robert Bridge, Jun.

AMERICUS LODGE, NO. 83—WOODBRIDGE.

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert J. Wylie, w. m.,	Howard Valentine, s. d.,
Charles A. Campbell, s. w.,	Luther M. Hope, j. d.,
Charles C. Dally, j. w.,	Robert McEwen, m. of c.,
Charles M. Dally, TREAS.,	James A. Dockham, "
J. Ward Smith, SEC'Y,	Edward A. Goriss, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William T. Ames,	Isaac Inslee, Jun.
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RAISED.

Frank Miller,	George Brewster,	Thomas N. Ackin,
William Vansicklen,	Howard Valentine,	Albion M. Whittier.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Erastes Tappen.

AFFILIATED—Luther M. Hope, Jonathan H. Dally.

PALISADE LODGE, NO. 84—UNION HILL.

Meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Christian Treche, w. m.,	Hans P. Hansen, j. d.,
Philip C. Reinhardt, s. w.,	Mathias Klein, m. of c.,
Frederick Schaefer, sen. j. w.,	Conrad Dietz, "
Nicholas Goelz, TREAS.,	Frank Kunz, STEWARD,
Edward Rave, SEC'Y,	John Reinhardt, "
Conrad Piper, s. d.,	John Rottman, TYLER,

PAST MASTERS.

Henry Rottman,

Carl Delker.

RAISED.

Hans P. Hansen,

John Stein,

Edward Rave.

Conrad Dietz,

David Sasse,

FELLOW CRAFT—I. O. Bricks.

GLASSBORO' LODGE, NO. 85—GLASSBORO'.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

J. Down Heritage, w. m.,

Francis Focer, M. OF C.,

John Campbell, s. w.,

Isaiah F. Barnes, "

Jonathan Duffield, j. w.,

Thomas M. Ferrell, STEWARD,

Samuel Luffberry, TREAS.,

Henry P. Ledden, "

George S. Moffett, SEC'Y,

Edmund Hance, CHAPLAIN,

Charles F. Fisler, s. d.,

Joseph C. Conover, TYLER.

John C. Sweeten, j. d.

PAST MASTERS.

M. Clift Greene,

Edward V. Brown,

Walter H. Zane.

RAISED.

Horace C. Pease,

Andrew J. Proud,

Simon S. Duffield,

John S. Wood.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Abijah S. Hewitt.

DECEASED—John P. Crist.

DORIC LODGE, NO 86.—WEST HOBOKEN.

Meets every Tuesday evening, except the months of July and August.

OFFICERS.

William F. Green, w. m.,

Major Irwin, j. d.,

Edward N. Little, s. w.,

Amos Vanzile, M. OF C.,

Louis H. Matthias, j. w.,

Edward S. Goynes, "

Manuel Lastayo, TREAS.,

H. ——— Mellins, CHAPLIN,

Henry Morgan, SEC'Y,

H. Maddern, ORGANIST,

James Maddern, s. d.,

William Alexander, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas M. Abell, jun., Richard P. Graham, Benj'n S. Payne.

RAISED.

Daniel Allen, Hugh McElroy, Jacob Domm,
 H. M. Stock, Joseph McGown, George F. Ball,
 Charles E. Ackerman, George Richardson, John W. Wood.
 E. P. Sinclair, Thomas Belten,

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Charles N. Poulson.

AFFILIATED—Thomas P. Hollingsworth, James Symes.

SUSPENDED.—John A. Money penny.

FLORENCE LODGE, NO. 87.—WOODBURY.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

George E. Pierson, w. m., Jacob Muller, j. d.,
 J. Palmer Fullerton, s. w., Benjamin W. Fowler, m. of c.,
 Hiram B. Vanneman, j. w., Lewis M. Green, "
 Frederick E. Know, p. m., TREAS., Thomas P. Matthers, STEWARD,
 Benjamin W. Cloud, p. m., SEC'Y, Charles Buckman, "
 John M. Henderson, s. d., Adon W. Cattell, TYLER.

RAISED.

John M. Henderson, Frank E. Snow, Thomas G. Zane.

FELLOW CRAFT—A. R. Tallman.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—D. L. Lamb.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 88—PATERSON.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Charles N. Sterrett, w. m., E. Livingston Allen, s. d.,
 Joseph Wm. Congdon, s. w., Peter F. Haldam, j. d.,
 Albert D. Winfield, j. w., William H. Makepeace, m. of c.,
 John T. Robert, TREAS., William P. Doremus, "
 Albert W. Stagg, SEC'Y, Joseph Ettinger, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

William F. Bertkau, Alfred W. Piaget, Darius Wells.
Heber Wells.

RAISED.

Peter F. Haldam, James K. P. Friend, E. Livingston Allen,
Jacob T. Schoonmaker, Peter Ower, Henry P. Doremus,
Gonzague Gabelin, William Clerihav, Jacob Kingsland,
Wm. P. Richardson, Charles H. May, James J. Vanderbeck,
Albert W. Stagg, Henry Waters, Theodore C. Sutton,
Alfred Dilliston, Cornelius J. Vanhorn, Abram C. Yorks,
James S. Ackerman, James A. Nickolson, John H. Remig,
Hamilton Arnot.

AFFILIATED—William Irwin, Alexander F. Anderson, Peter Courter, Henry Rose, Edmund S. LeBreton.

DIMITTED—Gonzague Gabelin.

DECEASED—Walter L. Conklin.

OCEAN LODGE, NO. 89—BRICKSBURG.

Meets first Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John S. Calkins, P. M., W. M.,	Joseph G. Cooper, J. W.,
S. B. Oviatt, S. W.,	David Perkins, M. OF C.,
Charles H. Bond, J. W.,	N. P. Brooks, "
A. M. Bradshaw, P. M., TREAS,	Abner Plummer, STEWARD,
Calvin Vannote, SEC'Y,	Daniel R. Wooley, "
Marcus Conant, S. D.,	C. P. Brooks, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert Fuller.

RAISED.

Thomas Carr Longton, Calvin Vannote.

FELLOW CRAFT—Solomon Kitchell.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—A. W. Downey, William Nesbitt, Sen.

AFFILIATED—S. S. Waterhouse.

DIMITTED—William B. Cary, L. G. Weston.

ABERDEEN LODGE NO. 90—MATAWAN.

Meets January 3d, 1872, and every alternate Wednesday evening.

OFFICERS.

Rensselaer W. Dayton, P. M.,	W. M. Alfred E. Letts, J. D.,
F. K. Travers, S. W.,	Wm. J. Maggs, M. OF C.
Charles A. Gerau, J. W.,	Charles E. Kipp, "
John P. V. Schanck, TREAS.	Josiah P. Gerau, STEWARD,
Edwin F. Disbrow, SEC'Y,	William A. Fountain, "
A. T. Howard, S. D.,	Charles W. Fountain, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Judson G. Shackelton, Andrew Jackson.

RAISED.

Edward F. Disbrow.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Jacob C. Campbell, Benjamin E. Griggs.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Peter L. Cortelyou, Alexander Hance
Adolph G. Levi.

AFFILIATED—F. K. Travers, A. C. Vandewater.

DECEASED—Obadiah Lamberson, F. C.

FOREST GROVE LODGE NO. 91—FRANKLINVILLE.

Meets every alternate Tuesday, from December 19th, 1871.

OFFICERS.

Wm. A. Warriner, P. M.,	W. M. George H. Nute, S. D.
John F. Nute, S. W.,	Thaddeus C. Thorp, J. D.,
Edmund Jones, J. W.,	William Porch, sen. M. OF C.,
Jonathan H. Smith, TREAS.,	Warren E. Trott, "
Ebert B. Clouse, SEC'Y,	Andrew Buckingham, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Robert C. Parvin.

RAISED.

Ebert B. Clouse, William Porch, Jonathan H. Smith,
Edmund Jones, Thaddeus C. Throop, George Leach,
Andrew Buckingham.

AFFILIATED—John F. Nute, George H. Nute.

DIMITTED—Stillman D. Warriner, George L. Walker, James M. Goodenough.

DECEASED—Furrian Middleton, Roswell P. Collins.

PYRAMID LODGE, NO. 92.—NEW EGYPT.

Meets Tuesday evening, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Joseph E. Shreeve, P. M., W. M.,	Stacy B. Taylor, J. D.,
George D. Horner, S. W.,	William H. Cliver, M. OF C.,
Nicholas Waln, jun., J. W.,	John H. Croshaw, “
J. Miller Shinn, TREAS.,	Walter Cottrell, STEWARD,
Andrew J. Allen, SEC'Y,	William M. Creed, “
Empson R. Kirby, S. D.,	Adam Comp, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

E. Frank Newbold, George W. Lundy.

RAISED.

Joseph Carter,	John Widman,	Edward W. Cross,
Caleb N. Taylor,	William H. Carr,	Empson R. Kirby.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Charles H. Lott, Edward Allen, Samuel S. Woodward, Charles H. Diviney.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William D. Hartshorn, Joshua N. Carr, Samuel S. Stackhouse, Robert Dunfee.

SUSPENDED.—Peter Pepler.

MADISON LODGE, NO. 93.—MADISON.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Nich. M. Goble, W. M.,	William H. Byram, S. D.,
Charles L. Chovey, S. W.,	James Post, J. D.,
Charles E. Garrison, J. W.,	Silas P. Genung, M. OF C.,
Henry Bardon, TREAS.,	Wm. K. Gray, jun., “
Wilbur F. Morrow, SEC'Y,	James Helm, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

James H. Bunting, James W. Tuttle, Richard H. Travis.

RAISED.

Silas P. Genung, George D. Allen, Charles W. Farrow,
 James Helm, Charles A. Eldon, Horace S. Van Wagner,
 Peter B. Jacobus, A. F. Dotterse, Newell K. Alward,
 John C. Killington, William K. Gray, jun., William H. Hopping,
 Daniel M. Compton, William S. Genung, John Nilson.

FELLOW CRAFT—John N. Allen.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Samuel H. Cook, Charles E. Cook, James Cook.

AFFILIATED—Ernest G. Wesley, James M. Nixon.

DIMITTED—J. Kelsey Osborn.

 IONIC LODGE, NO. 94—CAMDEN.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Seth Thomas, w. m., William T. Brewer, j. d.,
 Josiah Matlack, s. w., William H. Dorell, m. of c.,
 Isaac C. Githens, j. w., Joseph W. Sickles, "
 James W. Worth, TREAS., Washington D. Reed, STEWARD,
 Frank F. Mitchelson, SEC'Y, Oliver T. Terry, "
 George Shattuck, s. d., Christopher C. Smith, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

William Wallace Goodwin.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas McDowell, Charles W. Sartori, John W. Rogers.

RAISED.

Henry B. Twoes, Lewis S. Garwood, George Keffee,
 Isaac E. Shivers, Joseph C. Nichols, Benj. H. Connolly,
 Clarck G. Cooper, Lambert Pierson, Mark J. Davis,
 Charles Clendenning, Valentine S. Campbell, J. H. Austin,
 Washington D. Read, Joseph Mayer, Jun., Lewis E. Pfeiffer,
 Samuel T. White, Frank H. Burdsall, Thomas P. Giberson,
 John M. Paschall, Frederic G. Thoman, George C. Price,
 James S. Smyth, William P. Harris, James P. Moore,
 George W. Smith.

FELLOW CRAFT—Herman T. Fuchs.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William Davidsohn, Norris Copper, Alfred H. Mead, Charles A. Froast, George M. Bugbee, William T. Benner, Orwin M. Goodwin.

DIMITTED—John S. Stratford, George Shattuck, Frederick P. Pfeiffer, Robert T. S. Heath, N. B. Jennings, W. R. Myers, James M. Pimlott, J. Earl Atkinson, D. S. Stetson, J. Morris Roberts.

DECEASED—John R. Cunningham, J. S. Duncan.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.—Isaac Albertson.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—James A. Parsons.

MANTUA LODGE, NO. 95—MANTUA.

Meets Thursday evenings, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William L. Paul, W. M.,	Eustace Eggie, J. D.,
Jacob S. Bendler, S. W.,	William Hoffman, M. OF C.,
Camille J. Martell, J. W.,	Stille Chew, "
Allen S. Morgan, TREAS.,	Joseph A. Daniels, STEWARD,
Isaac Scott, SEC'Y,	William H. Park, "
William H. Turner, S. D.,	Dayton L. Chew, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George T. Doughty,	Hugh A. Long,	John R. Sickler.
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RAISED.

Stille Chew,	John I. Sturmer,	Augustus Aubic.
Dayton L. Chew,	William H. Rice,	Isaac Scott.

UNITY LODGE, NO. 96—MAY'S LANDING.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Denman B. Ingersol, W. M.,	Melvin R. Morse, S. D.,
Christopher N. Rape, S. W.,	Robert Bing, J. D.,
Lucien B. Corson, J. W.,	Walter S. Miller, M. OF C.
George Wheaton, TREAS,	Charles Clark, "
Chas. E. P. Mayhew, P. M, SEC'Y,	Elisha E. Hudson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

George R. Greene.

RAISED.

Samuel S. Somers,

Melvin R. Moore,

FELLOW CRAFT—Frederick T. Devinney.

AFFILIATED—William Botte.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 97—BRIDGETON.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

S. Franklin Pennell, w. m.,

Louis Beckhardt, J. D.

Charles B. Moore, s. w.,

Charles H. Dare, m. of c.

Daniel Sharp, j. w.,

Paul H. Moore, "

Dayton B. Whitaker, TREAS.,

Joseph C. Kirby, P. M., STEWARD,

Joseph S. Miner, SEC'Y,

Theo. G. Compton, "

Daniel W. Pedrick, s. d.,

D. Edward Smith, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

George W. Claypoole, Simon A. Beckhardt, Martin Anderson,
Jacob Mengel.

RAISED.

Paul H. Moore,

Louis Beckhardt,

Daniel C. Adams,

Isaac H. Bowen,

Charles G. Webber,

Charles H. Dare,

Peter Hand.

FELLOW CRAFTS—John D. Craig, Daniel B. Thompson.

AFFILIATED—Ernest S. Young, George Stark, Daniel Sharp.

DIMITTED—William S. Hinline.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 98.—DECKERTOWN.

Meets Friday evening on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

OFFICERS.

Simeon M. Stoddard, P. M., W. M.,	Hugh Smith, M. OF C.,
George W. Rhodes, S. W.,	Devitt C. Hoyt, "
John E. Decker, J. W.,	Alpheus Howell, TRUSTEE,
John K. Odell, TREAS.,	George W. Rhodes, "
W. A. Titsworth, SEC'Y,	Thos. M. Moore, "
Merritt Hockenberry, S. D.,	George W. Horton, CHAPLAIN,
David Kern, J. D.,	F. M. Cannon, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Thomas A. Rogers.

RAISED.

Samuel A. Beardsley,	Hugh Struble,	William B. Wood,
Alex Myers,	W. A. Titsworth,	Jas. G. Case,
Carr Lewis,	Mahlon Christie,	William Owen,
Devitt Hoyt,	J. Crane,	Thos. Decker.

FELLOW CRAFT—Daniel Ross.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—E. J. Evered, Noah Bross, Jacob Whitaker, D. B. Howell, J. E. Adams, John W. Elston.

EXPELLED—Thomas A. Rogers.

BAYONNE LODGE NO. 99.—BERGEN POINT.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

John W. Swope, W. M.,	Henry D. Kernaghan, S. D.,
Charles S. Noe, S. W.,	Willard T. Eddy, jun., J. D.,
John Newnan, J. W.,	Albin M. Smith, M. OF C.,
Alvah C. Nickson, TREAS.,	James C. Brown, "
Ebenezer C. Earl, SEC'Y,	Leonard J. Johnson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Hiram Van Buskirk.

RAISED.

Emmet Smith, Sylvester J. Tinsman, George H. Sanford,
 Jas. C. Reinhardt, Marcelus Wanters, James C. Brown.

FELLOW CRAFT—Andrew T. Deering.

AFFILIATED—Alvah C. Nickerson, Max. Myers.

DIMITTED—John H. Beshler, P. M., George Marshall, Thomas Ibbotson.

CENTURY LODGE, NO. 100—SOUTH ORANGE.

Meets Tuesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Joseph W. Wildy, w. m.,	Josiah Quincey, s. d.,
Benjamin L. Chandler, s. w.,	Horace D. Talmadge, j. d.,
David B. Muchmore, j. w.,	Lewis H. Smith, m. of c.,
Anson A. Ransom, TREAS.,	George L. Stevenson, "
Edgar N. Taylor, SEC'Y,	Henry Carpenter, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Charles H. Waterman, Daniel T. Clark.

RAISED.

Edgar N. Taylor,	George M. Smith,	Horace D. Talmadge,
Josiah Quincey,	John Estell,	Frank B. Eldred.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—James M. Riveley, John G. Spangler,
 Henry C. Perkins, James F. Allen, Luther T. Milligan.

CLOUD LODGE, NO. 101—GLOUCESTER CITY.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Edward Mills, w. m.,	William H. Banks, M. OF C.,
John P. Booth, s. w.,	Thomas J. Finney, "
Edwin Tomlinson, J. W.,	Edgar T. Roby, STEWARD,
John C. Stinson, TREAS.,	William W. Garrett, "
John W. Warner, SEC'Y,	Rev. A. K. Street (No. 58), CHAP.,
John Gourley, s. D.,	John Warburton, ORGANIST,
George W. Powell, J. D.,	Thomas J. Manson, TYLER.

PAST MASTERS.

Richard C. Horner, Philip H. Fowler.

RAISED.

Alfred A. Tallman,	Alfred Barlow	Joseph Carter,
John William Carter,	Anthony L. Smith,	Archibald M. Graham,
Thomas Ormrod.		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Frederick Shindle.

DECEASED—Charles W. Nesbitt, Charles H. Hewlings.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 102—PASCACK.

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, excepting December, first Tuesday only.

OFFICERS.

Henry C. Neer, P. M., W. M.,	Harvey K. Cope, s. D.,
Garret F. Hering, s. w.,	John A. L. Blauvelt, J. D.,
John P. Wortendyke, J. W.,	William English, M. OF C.,
Charles F. Neer, TREAS.,	Abraham J. Hopper, "
B. A. Bartholf, SEC'Y,	John J. Tice, TYLER.

RAISED.

John S. Storms,	Abraham J. Hopper,	Andrew J. Hopper,
David P. Pulis,	O. B. Doremus,	Wallace Van Doorn.

AFFILIATED—John A. Post, Harvey R. Cope.

 AMITY LODGE, NO. 103—LA FAYETTE.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Cornelius Vreeland, P. M., W. M.,	George H. Kidder, S. D.,
Charles C. Lima, S. W.,	John F. Clark, J. D.,
Francis Clarke, J. W.,	Nathaniel W. Jones, M. OF C.,
George R. Hillier, TREAS.,	James R. Hillier, “
A. Warren Hatfield, SEC'Y,	Charles R. Jones, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Isaac Van Saun.

RAISED.

John F. Clarke,	Nathaniel W. Jones,	John Arbuckle,
George Burrell,	Hecter Campbell,	Alexander Campbell,
Peter E. Stohr,	Robert Moffat,	F. B. Randolph,
Robert J. Elliott.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Charles H. Tisdale, James H. Dalby.

AFFILIATED—James Daly, Orison McNeil, R. M. C. Broas, J. E. Smith.

DIMITTED—David L. Hubbard.

DECEASED—W. H. Watrous.

 CANNON LODGE, NO. 104—SEAVILLE.

Meets once in two weeks, commencing January 13, 1872.

OFFICERS.

J. Milton Townsend, P. M., W. M.,	German Corson, J. D.,
Michael Swing, S. W.,	Edwin F. Westcott, M. OF C.,
William Doolittle, J. W.,	J. Swain Townsend, “
Thomas Townsend, TREAS.,	Isaac Swain, jun., STEWARD,
Remington Corson, SEC'Y,	P. M. Way, “
George G. Carl, S. D.,	Joseph R. Wilson, CHAPLAIN,
	Aaron G. Robinson, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Rev. Benj. C. Lippincott.

RAISED.

Richard L. Hooper, Joseph R. Wilson, Isaac Swain, jun.,
E. M. Beesley, Charles H. Garton.

FELLOW CRAFT—F. S. Thompson.

DIMITTED—P. W. Smith.

DECEASED—Elmer T. Edwards.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 105—BOUND BROOK.

Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Theodore Giles, P. M., W. M.,	George Thomas, J. D.,
James B. Curry, S. W.,	Parminus Gillem, M. OF C.,
John G. Smith, J. W.,	William McNabb, "
Samuel Kennedy, TREAS.,	Anthony Powleson, STEWARD,
George Creed, SEC'Y,	William Fisher, "
Charles Felty, S. D.,	Peter Keohler, TYLER.

RAISED.

John L. Hyde,	Charles Tappen,	Charles H. Horton,
John McCollum,	Henry J. Sillcocks,	William Fisher,
William McNabb,	John D. Ennete,	Theodore R. Hodge.

FELLOW CRAFTS—Francis S. Carr, Philip Zimmer.

COSMOS LODGE, NO. 106—NEWARK.

Meets Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Henry G. Disbrow, W. M.,	Samuel W. Disbrow, S. D.,
Edward J. Merrell, S. W.,	Robert Hatch, J. D.,
Isaac H. Terrell, J. W.,	John W. Hare, M. OF C.,
James A. Arnold, TREAS.,	John Anderson, "
Abram Beach, SEC'Y,	Henry C. Beach, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Cyrus A. Force.

RAISED.

George W. Porter,	Charles H. Porter,	Ferdinand Herpers,
Abm. S. Woodland,	George E. Moore,	Frank A. Disbrow,
Samuel W. Disbrow,	John W. Hare,	Henry C. Beach,
George H. Bannister,	George W. Sayre,	Peter C. Golden,
Charles A. Knorr,	Hyman Frenchman,	Ludolph Kiesenvetter,
George Palissier,	Albert Smith,	Charles F. Richman.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Jacob F. Zeeb, Julius Bartosch, John R. Decker, Laion A. Falize.

AFFILIATED—Milo M. Lines, Henry Ward.

DIMITTED—Abraham S. Woodland, H. A. Hottenroth, Edward Hervey.

DECEASED—Robert O. Davis, John Williams, Reuben Potter, E. A.

BEVERLY LODGE, NO. 107—BEVERLY.

Meets Monday evenings on or preceding full moon.

OFFICERS.

Ellis P. Townsend, w. m.,	R. Frank Hadley, j. d.,
Joseph L. Simon, s. w.,	Joseph H. Toms, m. of c.,
Charles H. Oliver, j. w.,	Alvin B. Collins, “
William E. Blow, TREAS.,	Jacob Perkins, STEWARD,
J. Ritner Praul, SEC'Y,	Clement C. Adams, “
Addison G. McKee, s. d.,	John Langginger, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Ezra C. Tompkins.

RAISED.

Clement C. Adams, William J. White, Addison G. McKee.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William E. Boyle, Abraham Merritt, Charles H. Peart, Joseph H. Gaskill.

AFFILIATED—Jacob Perkins.

BELLEVILLE LODGE, NO. 108—BELLEVILLE.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, P. M. W. M.,	T. J. Marshall, J. D.,
Hugh Holmes, S. W.,	William H. Harrison, M. OF C.,
John H. Osborne, J. W.,	Adrian Vreeland, "
John F. Wisschusen, TREAS.,	Rev. George T. Jackson, CHAP.,
Edward W. Ward, SEC'Y,	R. S. Osborne, TYLER.
W. V. W. Vreeland, S. D.,	

PAST MASTER.

Daniel M. Skinner.

RAISED.

T. J. Marshall,	William H. Harrison,	Louis Sussmann,
Eli W. Van Houten,	George Caldwell,	Charles A. Bloomfield,
James Moore,	William E. Sandford,	Charles Coure,
George F. Jackson,	John Place,	Edward W. Ward,
George E. Chapin.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William B. Stanley, Wm. W. Tamplin,
Elisha Bradey.

AFFILIATED—Robert S. Osborne.

DIMITTED—Charles Tileston.

RISING STAR LODGE, NO. 109—JERSEY CITY.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Thomas W. Tilden, P. M., W. M.,	Ernst F. Helmer, M. OF C.,
John W. Denvers, S. W.,	Daniel C. Allen, "
William H. Gardner, J. W.,	Anning Smith, CHAPLAIN,
William P. Scott, TREAS.,	Robt. H. Tenbrook, } STANDING
James N. Davis, SEC'Y,	John Howlett, } COM.
M. D. Tilden, S. D.,	David G. Ryers, }
George A. Conklein, J. D.,	Joseph P. Brower, TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

John H. James.

RAISED.

Edward Y. McDonald,	David G. Ryers,	Ernst F. Helmer,
John W. Johnston,	Abram Gowld,	James L. Pratt,
James S. Howell,	Daniel C. Allen,	John Jelby,
Isaac Lawrence,	Seth H. Bevins.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—Edward Jardine, John H. Freeman, Abbott
Phillips, John Jones, Joseph Segurs.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Albert A. Blevin.

AFFILIATED—Myron H. Kelsey.

LODGE OF THE TEMPLE, NO. 110—JERSEY CITY.

*Meets from October 1 to April 1, first and third Thursday preceding
full moon; from April 1 to October 1, first Thursday preceding
full moon.*

OFFICERS.

James R. Mercein, w. m.,	William R. Laird, s. d.,
Hamilton Wallis, s. w.,	Dudley Murray, j. d.,
Alexander T. McGill, j. w.,	John A. Kunkel, m. of c.,
Abraham C. Tully, TREAS.,	Lewis D. Gray, "
William Muirheid, SEC'Y.	John T. Taylor, TYLER.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Theodore R. Varick.

PAST MASTER.

James S. Gamble.

RAISED.

Dudley Murray.

AFFILIATED—Wilson D. Havens, James Crawford, John A.
Kunkel, W. F. Folwill.

DIMITTED—William H. Case.

PALESTINE LODGE, NO. 111—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Meets first, third and fifth Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Robert C. Helm, P. M. W. M.,	Charles Denton, S. D.,
Enos A. Sage, S. W.,	Archie Montgomery, J. D.,
George M. Benton, J. W.,	William W. Montalvo, M. OF C.,
Robert G. Miller, TREAS.,	John A. Vigus, "
James C. Harra, SEC'Y,	John Cortelyou, TYLER.

RAISED.

John W. Morris,	Andrew Richardson,	Jacob D. Van Horn,
Charles H. Connett,	Edward C. Jones,	Isaac S. Hartough,
John A. Vigus,	George W. Rolfe,	Lewis P. Tarbox,
John W. Rastell,	Jonathan B. Connett,	Moses Doyle,
William Ther, sen.		

FELLOW CRAFT—William Ther, jun.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Benjamin P. Hubbard, John Pollard,
James H. Dayton.

AFFILIATED—John H. Mattison, Charles S. Woodruff, Ayres D.
Inslee.

TRILUMINAR LODGE, NO. 112—NEWARK.

Meets Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Julius C. Fitzgerald, P. M., W. M.,	William H. Elston, S. D.,
James Lovatt, S. W.,	Thomas Godby, J. D.,
Peter P. Saunier, J. W.,	John G. Aschenbach, M. OF C.,
Charles V. Wilson, TREAS.,	Mark W. Mahon, "
Charles G. Ritchie, SEC'Y,	Joseph E. Ball, TYLER.

RAISED.

William S. Moore,	Fred. Hoffman,	John G. R. Stenning,
Thomas Godby,	Theodore Bailey,	Elisha B. Vliet,
J. L. Carrigan,	Wellington B. Bedford,	Thomas H. Hickey,
William B. Sweazey,	John Day,	John Theobald,
Fred. Herwagen,	Philip Dilly,	Edward S. Morris,
John Wolf,	Benj. S. Anderson.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—George Latimer, John W. Straghan.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—William C. Pope, Louis Dilly, Lewis Noll, George Rusher, Peter Spawn.

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 113—HOHOKUS.

Meets second and fourth Friday evenings.

OFFICERS.

John M. Knapp, P. M., W. M.,	John M. Terhune, J. D.,
John A. Marinus, S. W.,	Rev. Richard Johns, CHAPLAIN,
Albert G. Hopper, J. W.,	Garret G. Van Dien, STEWARD,
John P. Hopper, TREAS.,	Horace Holcomb, "
John B. Wortendyke, SEC'Y,	Baron Higham, MARSHAL,
Moses D. Mabie, S. D.,	George Morrison, TYLER.

RAISED.

Albert G. Hopper,	Horace Holcomb,	John B. Wortendyke,
John W. Halstead,	John M. Terhune,	John Rogers,
John P. Hopper,	Garret G. Van Dien,	Baron Higham,
Moses D. Mabie,	George Morrison.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Isaac Wortendyke, Cornelius Shuart.

AFFILIATED—W. Albert S. Beakes, P. M.

DECEASED—Lucian H. Kendall.

HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 114—PATERSON.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Emil Priester, P. M., W. M.,	John A. Blank, J. D.,
John P. Mayer, S. W.,	Henry Kuhn, M. OF C.,
Jacob Pfitzenmeier, J. W.,	Julius Zimmermann, "
Theodore Leonhard, TREAS.,	Philip Katz, STEWARD,
Max. Squarrenina, SEC'Y,	Louis Guthern, "
Alexander Simon, S. D.,	Joseph Ettinger (No. 88), TYLER.

PAST MASTER.

Edward M. Weiss.

RAISED.

Sigmund Dringer, Julius Zimmermann, Bernhard Posseles,
 Leopold Karlesberg, Fr. William Wehns, Henry Kuhn,
 Karl E. Ludwig, William Shelius, A. Lehmann,
 Chr. Helmo, Isaac Henrichs, Max. Squarrenina.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—T. J. Shemba, Bernhard B. Boehler,
 George Chr. Schleber, Karl Broke.

SUSPENDED, U. M. C.—Jacob Levi.

TUSCAN, NO. 115—ENGLEWOOD, BERGEN CO.

Meets first and third Monday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

Peter Rogers, P. M., W. M.,	John A. Hyde, S. D.,
William C. Davies, S. W.,	Jacob Campbell, J. D.,
Moses E. Springer, J. W.,	Joseph Conklin, M. OF C.,
Henry West, TREAS.,	Daniel Tillotson, "
Alexander Cass, SEC'Y,	Francis Van Amburgh, TYLER.

RAISED.

Henry West, Cornelius Lydecker, Francis Van Amburgh,
 G. W. Chamberlain, Daniel Tillotson.

FELLOW CRAFT—Jacob A. Bogart, George M. Sawyer.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Henry M. Willis, Edgar A. Toms.

ALPHA LODGE, NO. 116—NEWARK.

*Meets Tuesday evenings, Oriental Hall, corner Broad and Mechanic
 Streets.*

OFFICERS.

Nathan Mingus, W. M.,	George E. P. Howard, S. D.,
William M. Clarke, S. W.,	Marcus Adams, J. D.,
Israel Baldwin, P. M., J. W.;	George M. Howells, M. OF C.,
John Whitehead, TREAS.,	Hermann P. Witzel, "
Samuel W. Morrow, jun., SEC'Y,	V. Ashenbach (No. 51), TYLER.

TRIMBLE LODGE, NO. 117—CAMDEN.

Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

George F. Fort, w. m.,	D. Somers Risley, j. d.,
Marmaduke B. Taylor, s. w.,	Robert H. Ewen, m. of c.,
Nathan T. Cowan, j. w.,	William Ewen, "
H. Genet Taylor, TREAS.,	Joseph F. Garrison, CHAPLAIN,
J. Graham Milligan, SEC'Y,	Charles H. Gordon, TYLER.
—————S. D.,	

PAST MASTER.

George H. Fairfield.

RAISED.

Joseph F. Garrison,	George W. Bailey,	Ernest H. Troth,
Thomas D. Westcott,	Robert H. Ewen,	Richard C. Wilkins,
William Ewen.		

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Robert P. Dunham.

AFFILIATED—D. Somers Risley, Richard T. Miller.

DIMITTED—Alfred C. Merritt.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, NO. 118—NEWARK.

Meets——

OFFICERS.

Luke Morris, P. M., w. m.,	Echrin Harvey, s. d.,
Joseph Harrington, s. w.,	Henry Lewis, j. d.,
Seymour Tucker, j. w.,	Francis Totten, m. of c.,
John P. Brooks, TREAS.,	Henry L. Hallock, "
Amos Marsh, SEC'Y,	Joseph Smith, TYLER.

RAISED.

James H. Marley,	Amos Marsh,	Frank J. Keit,
Edwin Hedden,	William R. Morehead,	Joseph Smith,
Henry L. Hallock,	Nicholas L. Crissman,	John Ely,
C. E. Schuetctrumpf,	Joseph Barton,	John Wynn,
James Pettigrove,	Francis Totten,	Peter Martin,
William A. Russell,	Henry Mueller,	Martin Doll,
Francis Toler.		

FELLOW CRAFT—Bernard Lowey.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Miles Sweeney.

AFFILIATED—Roswell C. Miller, John P. Brooks, Henry Lewis,
August Schmidt.

MERCHANTVILLE LODGE, NO. 119—MERCHANT-
VILLE, CAMDEN CO.

Meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert F. S. Heath, w. m.,	Christopher C. Hughes, j. d.,
David S. Steson, jun., s. w.,	Jacob L. Tripler, m. of c.,
J. Earl Atkinsor, j. w.,	Oliver Lund, “
Matthias Horner, TREAS.,	Thomas C. Andrews, STEWARD,
John Horner, SEC'Y,	Charles H. Kimble, “
A. Clifford Jackson, s. d.,	Charles P. Fish, TYLER.

RAISED.

John Horner,	Oliver Lund,	Joseph P. Henry,
Jacob L. Tripler,	William Howard,	Benjamin Bishop,
William R. Lippincott,	Richard C. Schreiner,	Joel R. Haines,
Charles H. Kimball,	Benjamin F. Cole,	Thomas C. Andrews,
William Marsden,	Charles Wentzell,	Charles P. Fish.

FELLOW CRAFTS—George Crump, Elijah G. Cattell, William Smith, George Conover.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Wallace Lippincott, Edward Owens,
Joseph S. Thomas, John L. Morgan.

COLUMN LODGE, NO. 120—TRENTON.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

James Nicklin, P. M., W. M.,	Samuel Stringer, SEC'Y,
Levi J. Bibbins, s. w.,	John Lee, s. d.,
Lewis C. Wooley, j. w.,	Robert Bassett, j. d.,
Joseph Stokes, P. M., TREAS.,	John J. Strasser, TYLER.

RAISED.

Edward T. Hayes,	Joseph Milburn,	Jeremiah Lilly,
Duncan McKenzie,	William Ossenburg,	Richard P. Wilson,
Wm. M. Vansyckle,	John C. Goulding,	John H. Ferris,
Simeon Bibbins,	J. Howard Murray,	Augustus M. Crook,
Francis Binder,	George E. Hooper.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—Louis Brand, Edward Young, James B. Winder.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—Henry S. Leggett.

MOZART LODGE, NO. 121—CAMDEN.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Frederick P. Pfeiffer, w. m.,	George Sensfelder, J. D.,
Daniel G. Langendorf, s. w.,	George Goetz, M. OF C.,
Gustavus Grossman, j. w.,	Solomon Seybold, "
John Welsh, TREAS.,	William Kraft, STEWARD,
Charles H. Riceman, SEC'Y,	William Stein, "
August C. Riceman, s. D.,	C. C. Smith, TYLER.

RAISED.

William Stein,	Charles Engel,	William Kraft,
Louis Creger,	John Heileman,	John Heim,
George Brandenstein.		

ENTERED APPRENTICES—George Pfeiffer, Christian Heim.

SILENTIA LODGE, NO. 122—BOONTON.

Meets second and fourth Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

George H. Jones, P. M., W. M.,	George Anthony, P. M., S. D.,
Nathan T. Jennings, s. w.,	William Gordon, J. D.,
Henry D. Crane, j. w.,	S. M. Howell, M. OF C.,
Thomas H. Homan, TREAS.,	Silas C. Todd, "
Lewis Estler, SEC'Y,	Sam'l C. Tibbals (No. 60), TYLER.

RAISED.

G. H. Snyder,	S. M. Howell,	Silas C. Todd,
Emmons Decker,	Abraham A. Brown,	William Gordon,
John W. Drinkwater,	James C. Porter,	Abraham Cook,
Asa T. Cook,	John H. Hixon,	Peter Purcell,
Daniel T. Corwin,	Samuel Blowers.	

FELLOW CRAFTS—R. D. Stearns, David A. Cox.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—John I. Gordon.

MYSTIC TIE LODGE, NO. 123—UNION, BERGEN CO.

Meets Wednesday evenings.

OFFICERS.

William T. Day, w. m.,	James H. Sims, s. d.,
William H. Rogers, s. w.,	John J. Spencer, j. d.,
Simeon U. Youmans, j. w.,	H. A. Maakens, m. of c.,
John A. Ross, TREAS.,	William Morgan (No. 53), TYLER.
Thomas F. Clancy, SEC'Y,	

RAISED.

Lemuel Evans,	John Neuscheler,	Ebenezer D. Gardner,
Joseph E. Walker,	Harvey Wilkins,	William Acker,
William Prosser,	Frederick Dobbs,	Garrett D. Lozier
Charles Stateley,		

DECEASED—U. U. Gibbs.

HOPE LODGE, NO. 124—EAST ORANGE.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

Thomas W. Topham, w. m.,	Charles B. Day, s. d.,
Nelson G. Baldwin, s. w.,	Albert E. Hedden, j. d.,
Charles F. R. Moore, j. w.,	George H. Suydam, m. of c.,
George Booth, TREAS.,	Henry A. Hottenroth, "
John D. Toppin, SEC'Y,	Joseph C. Wills, TYLER.

FELLOW CRAFTS—David M. Logan, William H. Stewart, Frank Wilmarth, George A. Boyce, Daniel M. Dill.

 ATLAS LODGE, NO. 125—WESTFIELD, UNION CO.

Meets Thursday evenings.

OFFICERS.

William A. Macquoid, W. M.,	Richard S. Canfield, S. D.,
Henry E. Harris, S. W.,	John Hanson, J. D.,
Addison S. Clark, J. W.,	William T. Goundie, M. OF C.,
William T. Peek, TREAS.,	F. T. Baker, "
Daniel O. Affec, SEC'Y,	Sydney Baylis, TYLER.

FELLOW CRAFT—Charles Haberly.

ENTERED APPRENTICES—Luther M. Whittaker, William C. Hall.

ORIENTAL LODGE, NO. 126—ELIZABETH.

Meets—

OFFICERS.

W. H. McIlhanney, W. M.,	R. H. Avery, J. D.,
John Whittaker, S. W.,	Henry Clay, M. OF C.,
N. K. Thompson, J. W.,	I. W. Sheppard, "
John A. Ritter, TREAS.,	I. H. Doremus, STEWARD,
Stephen K. Faulks, SEC'Y,	W. R. Tunison, "
Theodore W. Townley, S. D.,	I. B. Waters (No. 33), TYLER.

OXFORD LODGE, NO. 127—OXFORD, WARREN CO.

Meets—

OFFICERS.

Jacob S. Smith, W. M.,	J. B. Winkley, J. D.,
Ezra Estler, S. W.,	William Boofman, M. OF C.,
H. B. Perkins, J. W.,	James C. Myers, "
T. F. Cawley, TREAS.,	C. B. Weston, STEWARD,
John Schoonover, SEC'Y,	C. C. Weston, "
William B. Call, S. D.,	John Hippenheimer, TYLER.

 GERMANIA LODGE, NO. 128—NEWARK.

Meets ———

OFFICERS.

George Bergesser, P. M., W. M.,	William Kraft, S. D.,
Bernhard Assman, S. W.,	Jacob Briel, J. D.,
Michael Gertmann, J. W.,	John Thielen, M. OF C.,
Henry Koch, TREAS.,	Fred. Kiefer, “
H. J. Becker, SEC'Y,	Joseph Albers, TYLER.

AZURE LODGE, NO. 129—ROSELLE, UNION CO.

Meets ———

OFFICERS.

Adrian W. Smith, P. M., W. M.,	Henry C. Pierson, S. D.,
Thomas B. Kingsland, S. W.,	John W. Cocks, J. D.,
William A. Mulford, jun., J. W.,	John W. Mulford, 2d, M. OF C.,
Daniel Mulford, TREAS.,	Miller Moore, “
Alfred Atkins, SEC'Y,	George K. Crane, TYLER.

HADDONFIELD LODGE, NO. 130—HADDONFIELD.

Meets ———

OFFICERS.

Napoleon B. Jennings, W. M.,	William R. Myers, S. D.,
Edward M. Reeve, S. W.,	James H. Pimlott, J. D.,
George C. Kay, J. W.,	Junia Harris, M. OF C.,
Edward S. Houston, TREAS.,	J. Morris Roberts, “
William C. Shinn, SEC'Y,	Rev. Wm. L. Zane (5), CHAPLAIN,
	A. Lettelier, P. M. (62), TYLER.

ZEREDATHA LODGE, NO. 131—JERSEY CITY.

Meets ———

OFFICERS.

E. Henry Smith, w. m.,
Oscar F. Lund, s. w.,
Bennett Stockmar, j. w.,
Joel P. Felker, TREAS.,
William J. Smith, SEC'Y,
Charles Saxton, s. d.,

George W. Powe, j. d.,
Frank B. Randolph, M. OF C.,
William Twaits, "
Joel P. Felker, STEWARD,
Charles Townsend, ORGANIST,
Philip Dorethy, TYLER.

ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Previous Mem	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dismissed.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Members at this date.
1	St. John's.....	Newark.....	173	6	3	1	9	1	3	.....	.....	173
2	Brearley.....	Bridgeton.....	107	9	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
3	Cincinnati.....	Morristown.....	84	7	1	4	3	.....	9	.....	1	83
4	Tuckerton.....	Tuckerton.....	50	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
5	Trenton.....	Trenton.....	216	20	5	2	3	4	14	.....	.....	222
6	Lebanon.....	Clarksville (Hunterdon)	17	12	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
7	Newark.....	Newark.....	249	15	3	2	9	3	8	.....	.....	249
8	Clinton.....	Basking Ridge.....	65	5	1	.....	3	.....	7	.....	.....	61
9	Washington Shrewsbury.....	Eatontown.....	82	3	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	80
10	Franklin.....	Irvington.....	50	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
11	Union.....	Orange.....	86	6	3	1	.....	2	3	.....	.....	91
12	Amwell.....	Lambertville.....	126	7	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	125
13	Warren.....	Belvidere.....	160	12	2	.....	14	2	24	.....	.....	132
14	Mt. Holly.....	Mt. Holly.....	104	4	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	103
15	Camden.....	Camden.....	180	14	3	1	14	1	.....	.....	.....	183
16	Olive Branch.....	Freehold.....	75	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	76
17	Hiram.....	Jersey City.....	260	12	.....	.....	4	2	33	.....	.....	233
18	Harmony.....	Toms River.....	63	4	1	.....	1	3	11	.....	.....	53
19	Union.....	New Brunswick.....	148	14	2	.....	5	4	2	.....	.....	153
20	Acacia.....	Dover.....	77	6	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	83

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Previous Mem- bership.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Members at this date.
21	Mystic Brotherhood.....	Red Bank.....	87	9	1	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	93
22	Diogenes.....	Newark.....	119	7	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	123
23	Harmony.....	Newton.....	183	6	.....	2	7	1	.....	.....	.....	183
24	Prospect.....	Mendham.....	27	3	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
25	Northern.....	Newark.....	164	24	6	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	184
26	Jerusalem.....	Plainfield.....	88	10	2	2	0	1	.....	.....	.....	95
27	La Fayette.....	Rahway.....	71	14	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
28	Mt. Moriah.....	Bordentown.....	124	9	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	129
29	Joppa.....	Paterson.....	123	7	2	1	3	3	2	.....	.....	127
30	Cape Island.....	Cape Island.....	81	4	.....	.....	1	1	10	.....	.....	73
31	Varrick.....	Jersey City.....	191	8	4	1	6	5	23	.....	.....	167
32	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	80	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	79
33	Washington.....	Elizabeth.....	149	4	8	.....	14	1	3	.....	.....	143
34	Stewart.....	Annandale.....	71	6	3	1	2	1	10	.....	.....	68
35	Hoboken.....	Hoboken.....	183	10	1	2	4	3	.....	.....	.....	189
36	Mansfield.....	Washington.....	99	10	.....	5	9	1	.....	1	.....	103
37	Darcy.....	Flemington.....	78	5	.....	.....	8	.....	6	.....	.....	69
38	Princeton.....	Princeton.....	54	7	3	1	6	51
39	Eureka.....	Newark.....	203	26	1	2	2	2	226
40	Bloomfield.....	Bloomfield.....	65	8	4	1	2	1	3	73

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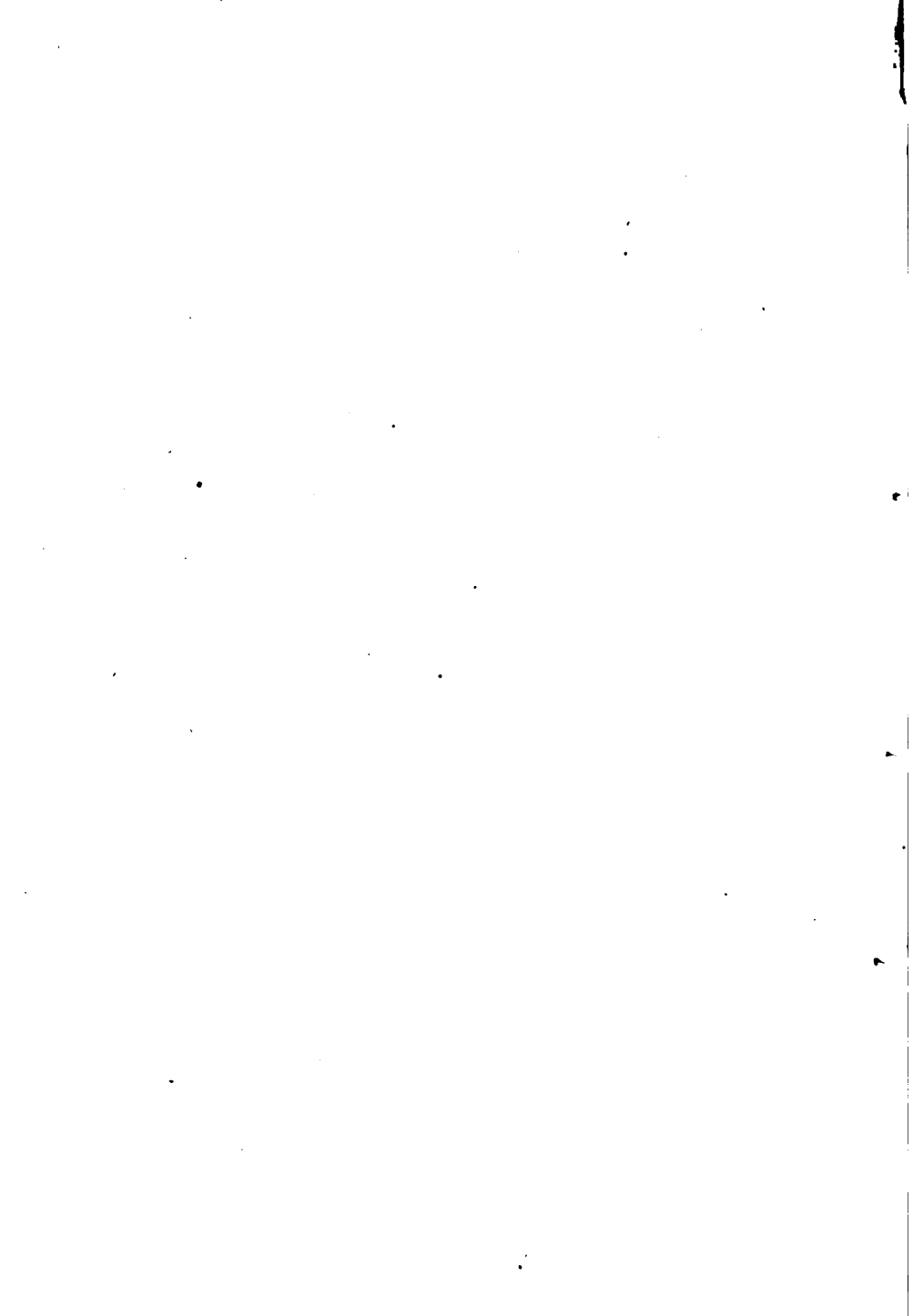
No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Previous Mem- bership.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Members at this date.
72	Teutonia.....	Jersey City.....	86	7	2	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	91
73	Wall.....	Squan Village.....	44	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58
74	Jersey City.....	Jersey City.....	122	13	1	.....	2	2	5	.....	.....	127
75	Neptune.....	Mauricetown.....	40	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
76	Ashlar.....	Trenton.....	60	9	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	69
77	Alpine.....	Closter.....	30	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39
78	Long Branch.....	Long Branch.....	60	13	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	71
79	Trinity.....	Absecom.....	59	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
80	Highland.....	Hudson City.....	62	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
81	Hermann.....	Elizabeth.....	42	8	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	46
82	Falls City.....	Paterson.....	43	15	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
83	Americus.....	Woodbridge.....	25	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
84	Palisade.....	Union Hill.....	49	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
85	Glassboro.....	Glassboro.....	46	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	49
86	Doric.....	West Hoboken.....	45	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	53
87	Florence.....	Woodbury.....	34	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
88	Ivanhoe.....	Paterson.....	60	22	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	85
89	Ocean.....	Bricksburg.....	25	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
90	Aberdeen.....	Matawan.....	31	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	26
91	Forest Grove.....	Franklinville.....	34	7	2	1	3	2	1	.....	.....	29

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Previous Mem- bership.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled.	Members at this date.
123	Mystic Tie.....	Union (Bergen County).....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	16
124	Hope.....	East Orange.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
125	Atlas.....	Westfield (Union Co.)....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
126	Orient.....	Elizabeth.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
127	Oxford.....	Oxford (Warren Co.)....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
128	Germania.....	Newark.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
129	Azure.....	Roselle (Union Co.).....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
130	Haddonfield.....	Haddonfield.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
131	Zerodatha.....	Jersey City.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
	Total.....	.....	9362	990	175	54	321	108	232	8	.....	5,9907

RECAPITULATION OF THE FOREGOING TABLE.

Members at the last report.....	9362
Raised during the year.....	990
Affiliated " " "	175
Reinstated " " "	54
	<u>10,581</u>
Dimitted " " "	321
Died " " "	108
Suspended, N. P. D.....	232
" U. M. C.....	8
Expelled	5
Total membership at this date.	<u>9907</u>
	10,581



APPENDIX.

To the GRAND LODGE of the MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the State of New Jersey :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at the last Annual Communication, beg to present the following report as the result of their labors.

Your Committee have reviewed all of the Grand Lodge Journals which have been received at the office of the Grand Secretary. They have to renew the complaint made in the last report, that either through the inadvertency of Grand Secretaries, or the default of the Post Office Department, many of the Journals have not come to hand.

The Proceedings of the several Jurisdictions, appear in alphabetical order.

ALABAMA.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdictions, commenced its Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication in the city of Montgomery, on December 5th, A. L. 5870. William P. Chilton, Most Worshipful Grand Master, present and presiding.

From the Grand Master's address, we cite the following decisions, with which we agree :

" 1. Refused a Dispensation to a Lodge to elect a Master to whom said Lodge had granted a dimit; deciding that the Master could not create a vacancy by dimitting, and that if he could, his duties would devolve upon the Senior Warden.

" 2. It is no infringement upon the Masonic Jurisdiction of our sister State, Georgia, for a person who has resided and carried on business in Columbus in that State, but who has since acquired an

actual domicil and residence in this State, to petition for and obtain the Masonic degrees in this State, although he may continue to carry on his business in Georgia, and has removed to this State for the purpose of obtaining such degrees. It would, however, be otherwise, if his removal was a temporary expedient or device to obtain the degrees which he could not otherwise obtain, and with the intention of returning to Georgia when his object had been accomplished. This would constitute a fraud upon the jurisdiction of Georgia.

"3. *Held* that the Grand Master has no power to authorize, by special dispensation or otherwise, any Mason to affiliate with another Lodge without a dimit. *See Code, p. 60.*

"4. It is neither the duty nor the province of the Grand Master to intervene in the matter of an alleged indebtedness of a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members; the creditor, however, is not without his remedy.

"6. Refused to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees as in case of emergency; holding that it was a wise rule which required the candidate to become *proficient* as he progressed; and that it should not be relaxed, except under peculiar and extraordinary circumstances.

"8. It is irregular and opposed to the practice of the fathers for a Subordinate Lodge to *call off*, at a regular communication, to another and different day, for the purpose of receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees at such meeting. *Chase's Digest, 390.*

"9. *Held* that a candidate for masonry must be free from such corporeal infirmity as would render him *incapable* of practising and teaching the ritual of the Fraternity.

"13. *Held* that there was no such thing in the organization of Masonry under this jurisdiction as an Entered Apprentice's or Fellow Craft's Lodge. The Lodge, the officers of which must be Master Masons, opens and works in these degrees. A regularly organized and properly constituted Lodge consists of seven or more, and there cannot be a properly organized Lodge with but one Master Mason in it.

"18. *Held* that one dismembered by the loss of his right thumb could not be made a Mason.

"19. *Held* it improper to pass two or more candidates at the same time. The second section of the degree may be thus given.

"21. A Lodge is not bound to prefer charges against a brother who petitions for affiliation and is rejected by it. This is a matter for the exercise of the sound discretion of the Lodge.

" 23. A surgeon in the regular army of the United States was elected to take the first degree, and, without his fault, was ordered to a distant point before the Lodge could confer it; the fee should be restored to him by the Lodge.

" 25. Any member of a Lodge in good standing, who has himself been installed as a Master of a Lodge, is competent to install the officers of a Lodge, and the Master after installation may install the officers under him.

" 29. Although there is no *positive* prohibition in Masonic law against renting a Lodge room for other than Masonic purposes, nevertheless it is inexpedient, and the Lodge room should be kept for the purposes for which it has been dedicated and consecrated—Masonic purposes alone.

" 30. A member of a Lodge that has ceased to exist may affiliate with another Lodge without a dimit. The law does not require impossibilities; provided he has a certificate from the Grand Secretary.

" 32. One who has filled the office of Senior Warden in any Lodge under this jurisdiction, is eligible to the office of Master in the same or any other Lodge of which he may become a member.

" 34. One who has taken the Past Master's degree in the Chapter, is not qualified in virtue thereof to install the officers of a Subordinate Lodge.

" 37. *Held* that it is the right of all Masons in good standing to visit Lodges opened in any degree that the visitor has taken, but at the same time there is a correlative right on the part of every Lodge to refuse to any visitor whose introduction might mar or imperil the harmony of the Lodge; that when these two rights are insisted upon by the parties, it is better that the visitor retire than that the family should be disturbed or possibly broken up by his forcing himself upon it.

" 42. *Held* that one unable to elevate his arm above a level with his shoulder could not be made a Mason.

" 43. If there be nothing in the by-laws of the Lodge to prevent it, one who petitions for affiliation and is rejected may renew his application thereafter at any regular meeting.

" 44. The rule which requires that the Master should have previously served as Warden may not be dispensed with while there are members in the Lodge properly qualified to fill the office of Master, though they may reside some twelve or fifteen miles distant from the place of meeting.

"49. If members refuse to obey the gavel, the Master has the right, in order to stop further confusion and disorder, to declare the Lodge closed, and take himself and his charter out of it, even while at labor.

"53. While it must be admitted that anciently Masonic duties were sometimes enforced by pecuniary mulcts, such practice is opposed to the genius and spirit of modern Free Masonry, and is very generally condemned as unmasonic. Fines and pecuniary penalties for the enforcement of Masonic duties are held unmasonic in this jurisdiction.

"55. A suspended member may be tried for an offence committed after his suspension, the penalty of which is expulsion. He has a right to be present and to make his defence without being relieved from the sentence of suspension; the contrary rule, which has sometimes been acted on, is not in accordance with Masonic law."

We are glad to find that our Southern Grand Lodges are beginning to realize the difficulty of supporting institutions of learning out of the funds of the Craft. Our entire country, but more particularly its Southern and Western sections, is strewn with the wrecks of similar ill-fated enterprises. We quote from the Grand Master's address the following wise and salutary words on this subject:

"Nothing has inflicted greater injury upon this Grand Body than our previous attempts to establish and foster seminaries of learning, all of which have proved abortions, after a considerable amount of our funds have been dissipated by attempts to sustain them. I confess that I was among those who favored the scheme of erecting Masonic schools, and who voted for such appropriations; but the result has shown most conclusively the impolicy of the Grand Lodge engaging in such an enterprise. I should be very happy to know that none of our Subordinate Lodges have sustained serious injury from their connection with similar institutions. Let us, as patriotic and benevolent men, sustain as far as we can the great cause of education; but we can do this more efficiently as individuals than we can by involving the Grand Lodge, or even our Subordinate Lodges, for its promotion. Let us look well to our little helpless ones, who by the death of their parents are thrown as waifs upon an unfeeling world. But do not pen them up, as it were, in an asylum. Let me take one, and you take one, and that other brother one—in

short, all of us who are able to sustain them take one, until they shall be all of them provided with homes. Let us take them into the bosom of our families, and make them feel that they have a home indeed, where they can be cheered with the warm sympathies of our wives and daughters, who will aid us to train them up for usefulness here, and happiness hereafter. This is the true spirit of unostentatious Masonic charity. Would to God there was more of it!"

In the report of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, we find the following, which expresses the rule on the subject treated of, which obtains in New Jersey :

" Heaton Lodge, No. 354, makes application for a dispensation to elect a Senior Warden, stating that their Senior Warden had dimitted and removed from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Your committee is of opinion that it is irregular for any one of the first three officers of a Lodge to dimit during the term for which he has been installed, and therefore decline recommending a grant of the dispensation."

The time of the Grand Lodge was mainly occupied with the transaction of business of local interest.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. R. F. Knott, Chairman of the Committee. The comment on the proceedings of New Jersey for 1869, is favorable and complimentary. We think that Bro. Knott is unnecessarily nervous over the courteous reception by our Grand Lodge of a respectful communication of colored men claiming to be Masons.

M. W. Bro. William P. Chilton is Grand Master, and R. W. Daniel Sayre is Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas, held its Thirty-second Annual Communication at the city of Little Rock, November 21st, A. D. 1870.

It must be a source of great pleasure to all Masons, who have at heart the practical objects of Masonry, to read the following favorable report of the Grand Master upon the affairs of St. John's College :

"It affords me great pleasure to announce that this protégé of the Grand Lodge has a brighter prospect now than at any time since the close of our late civil war. A great many Grand Bodies having previously made the attempt to establish a similar seat of learning in their respective jurisdictions and failed, they have been almost unanimous in predicting a similar result for our College. Without stopping to inquire the causes for these failures, I think I express the unanimous verdict of this Grand Body when I assert that St. John's College is on a firm foundation."

We quote the following from the Grand Master's decisions:

"There is no distance prescribed between Lodges in the country. They may be near each other, provided the interest of the Order requires it. Of this the Grand Master cannot always judge. He must generally rely upon the judgment of the Lodge recommending the dispensation.

"No entry on the Lodge record of a fact transpiring in it should be expunged at a subsequent meeting. If the entry was made through mistake, and an injustice done, the correction may be made by a full statement of all the facts.

"An objection having been made and allowed to receiving and inquiring into a charge of perjury against a brother, lest, on failure to sustain the charges, he might sue at law for slander, I directed the Worshipful Master to act in the case, and if the brother attempted such a course of unmasonic conduct, it was good cause for expulsion.

"A dimitted Mason is not entitled to Lodge privileges, nor to Masonic burial. I know of no power to make him pay dues, though it has been often attempted.

"A Fellow Craft, charged in a criminal proceeding, ought neither to be raised or dimitted until the civil prosecution is disposed of, nor without satisfactory inquiry.

"Though a Mason be convicted of a crime by a court of the country, he cannot be expelled without trial and judgment in the Lodge.

"A brother cannot vouch for a visitor unless he has sat in a Lodge with him, or has examined him by appointment of the Worshipful Master. The appointment of the committee may be made when the Lodge is about to open, as well as after it has been actually opened.

"We cannot interfere with the business pursuits of our members, provided such business be allowed by law. The propriety of admit-

ting into our Order a person whose business is the sale of liquors, may be a question for the brethren to consider at the time, but such business is not cause of discipline after he becomes a member."

We emphatically dissent from the following decision:

"Where notice to show cause why the member has failed to attend Lodge meetings, as prescribed by the By-Laws, has been served, and he fails to do so, the Master may suspend him; but the Lodge may give the member further time."

The Master, under extraordinary circumstances, is authorized to exclude a member from a Lodge meeting. But we deny the right of the Master, under any circumstances, to suspend a member from membership.

An address was delivered at the installation of the Grand Officers, by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. M. L. Bell. We would gladly make lengthy extracts from this able and eloquent oration, but our space permits the insertion of only the following:

"Let me charge you, sir, who have been entrusted with the government of the Craft for the ensuing year, to see that the Craft are not idle, 'because no man hath hired them.' Let them not be in confusion because no designs are drawn upon the trestle board. Let me charge you, my brethren of the Grand Lodge, in the plain, simple words of earnest truth, to work as Masons. When you go home to your respective Lodges, say unto them: Go to work in the great field of humanity. Let it be the special duty of our noble Order to bring back mankind to the true principles of life—to live for the good of our neighbors and brethren; to counteract the false teachings of modern philosophers and theologians, and elevate men's hearts and consciences—that while they are *great* they *may be good*.

"There is work for all! In the great field of human suffering, there is a wound for each hand to bind up, a tear for every heart to wipe away. Let every one go forth to the great field of labor, to relieve the oppressed, succor the distressed, protect the innocent, and keep faithful guard over virtue and goodness wherever found. Dispensing charity, benevolence and brotherly love, with a liberal hand to the deserving in all lands and of all classes; aiding and assisting all worthy fellows and brothers, their widows and orphans,

wherever we may find them. That Mason who neglects these duties, who retires from the active service of the Lodge, and does not come up regularly on the evening of the sixth day, to present his work and receive his wages, we fear lives not in accordance with the spirit of our noble institution, but in neglecting his duty to himself, his fellows, and to his Great Grand Master above."

The following decisions, which appear to us to be undoubtedly correct, are from the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage:

"If a brother was Master of a Lodge, known as a Traveling Lodge, during the war, is he entitled to the privileges and benefits of a *Past Master*?' report that Traveling Lodges during the war were under dispensation, and as Past Masters of Chartered Lodges only are entitled to privileges as such, the question is answered in the negative.

"Is the interruption of a brother, when speaking, who has been recognized by Most Worshipful Master, by cries of 'question, question,' consistent with Masonic decorum and courtesy?"

"In answer to the first question, the committee have to say that every member of the Grand Lodge, when in order, has the right to be heard upon any question before the Grand Lodge, and should be respectfully heard.

"We have not been accustomed to hear a brother desiring to speak, cut off from this privilege, by cries of *question! question!* We think this habit belongs to political, rather than Masonic bodies. But if brethren are wearied by unusually long speeches, which are not customary in Masonic Lodges, and become impatient, we think it not amiss to indicate, in some courteous mode, that they desire the discussion to terminate. The exercise of a sound discretion is left to the presiding officer in regulating debate."

To the latter decision we call the especial attention of the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. O. C. Gray, chairman of the committee; but from his concluding remarks we find that we are indebted for the review of New Jersey, to Bro. I. N. Smithee.

The report on our proceedings is quite lengthy, and the comments are generally fair. But we cannot refrain from an expression of surprise and regret, to find in a publication,

professedly Masonic, the following comment. In referring to the action of our Grand Lodge in receiving the petition of colored men, *claiming* to be regular Masons, and referring it to a special committee, Bro. Smithee uses the following language :

“We are both surprised and pained at this action of the Grand Lodge. There is nothing more certain than that these colored Masons are clandestine—indeed, the committee admit as much, in effect, when they say ‘the petition of colored persons *claiming* to be Masons.’ However respectful and courteous was the communication, we cannot but reproach the committee and the Grand Lodge for their action in this matter. If these colored persons *claimed* to be Masons, that matter could easily have been determined; by failing to promptly act, we are forced to the conclusion that the committee *must* believe, if not know, they were irregularly made, and could not properly be recognized by any body of regularly constituted Masons.”

If anything would justify a Master Mason in the use of profane language, we think it would be just such criticism as the foregoing. What would the Committee of Arkansas have the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to do under the circumstances? Should we have condemned the petitioners unheard? Should we have declared them to have been clandestine, without inquiring into the facts and ascertaining whether they were clandestine or not? We trust that is not the way our brethren in Arkansas do business. It is certainly not our style in New Jersey. On the contrary, we hold that, except under very extraordinary circumstances, (which do not affect the question we are discussing), if a visitor, *claiming* to be a regular Master Mason, demands admission to a Lodge, be he white, black, or copper-colored, be he Caucasian, African, or Heathen Chinese, be he Gentile, Jew, or Mohammedan, be he a dweller in Pontus, Galatia, Capadocia, Asia, or Bythinia, he is *entitled, as of absolute right*, to have his claim examined, and allowed or disallowed. A Subordinate Lodge which (excepting as aforesaid), should refuse to investigate such claim, would deserve to lose its warrant. A Grand Lodge which should refuse to receive a respectful petition from persons *claiming* to be Masons, and to investigate such

claim, ought to receive the universal rebuke of the Craft, where-soever dispersed throughout the world.

It does not follow that because Massachusetts and Arkansas may have declared the Lodges from which the petitioners hailed, to have been clandestine, that therefore New Jersey must do the same thing. New Jersey is not in the habit of following, absolutely, the *dictum* of Massachusetts, Arkansas, or any other Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge generally examines questions, which arise, for itself, and draws its own conclusions. The subject of the irregularity of the Lodge in question, was, for the first time in the history of New Jersey Masonry, presented to the Grand Lodge in 1870. It did what it was its *bounden duty* to do: it examined the question and *after (not before)*, investigation, decided it.

The Arkansas Committee appear to be of the opinion, that the various points involved in this subject might have been examined, in the confusion and pressure of business of a communication of the Grand Lodge. If he will examine the report of the committee at the session of 1871, he will find that a proper investigation of the questions involved, necessitated laborious and elaborate research and study, which could not have been given to it during the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

We do not expect that the Committee of Arkansas, from the tenor of the criticism we have quoted, will agree with us, but we will relate a circumstance, which has been communicated to us by the principal actor, which exemplifies our idea of what is True Masonry:

A venerable and highly esteemed brother, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was once the United States Consul at one of the Islands of the West Indies. While there he connected himself with the Masonic Lodge, located at the place of his residence, and eventually became its Master. While presiding one evening, a visitor, hailing from a Lodge in an adjoining island, prayed admission. No one being able to vouch for him, the usual committee was appointed, who having retired, immediately returned and reported that the visitor was a black man. The Master replied that he had not charged the

committee with the duty of ascertaining the *color* of the visitor, but whether he was a regular Master Mason, and directed them to proceed with their duty. The committee presently reported that the visitor was a particularly bright and intelligent Mason, and regularly made, having received his degrees under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. No objection being made, he was admitted, and before the Lodge closed, addressed the brethren by invitation.

It afterwards turned out that the Masons of the island, where the visitor resided, and in which the blacks largely predominated, had been in the habit of assisting white Masons, officers and crews of vessels, in distress. Some malcontent had asserted that, although white men in distress were willing to accept their charity, yet that the blacks would not be recognized by their white neighbors. The visiting brother, being high in authority, had been specially deputed to visit the island where the consul resided, to test the truth of the assertion. The report which he was enabled to make, on his return, was a good exemplification of the universality of Masonry.

M. W. Sam. W. Williams is Grand Master, and R. W, Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have before us for review (we think, for the first time) the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia. That Body assembled at its Second Annual Communication, at Victoria, V. I. B. C., (whatever that may be) May 1st, A. D. 1869. The Provincial Grand Master, R. W. I. W. Powell, was present and presided.

The following, from the Grand Master's address on the subject of the inviolable secret of the ballot, presents an important question, well put :

“Trouble arising in Lodges from a want of knowledge of those laws and customs which regulate the admission of candidates, has been frequently brought to my notice on this account, discussions have arisen after a ballot has proved unfavorable, and especially after the Lodge has been closed. Such discussions can only be productive of the greatest evil, and a slur upon the motive of the

Lodge which has refused to receive the candidate. When the ballot has been announced by the Master, it should be considered and is the solemn action of the Lodge. Every member may be said to have cast the black ballot; and therefore in all instances, so far as the Lodge is concerned, and the time honored custom teaches, is unanimous. No member after the Master's declaration has a right to say how he voted, whether affirmatively or negatively, unless indeed it be to satisfy the Lodge that he has committed an error and wishes to remedy the resulting injustice of his act. Comment then, either in or out of the Lodge, is unlawful. It is beside not only productive of ill feeling and discord, but it questions the integrity of each and every individual action which Masonic honor, sacred obligation, and the solemnity of the occasion should perfectly guarantee."

We cite from the Constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which we find in the Appendix, the following schedules of internal revenue tax, which the brethren of that jurisdiction assess upon their ambitious and aspiring brethren :

III.

"Every Master Mason on his first appointment to any office in the Provincial Grand Lodge, shall pay the following contribution to the fund thereof:

Provincial Grand Master.....	\$15 00
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.....	10 00
And every other officer except the Tyler.....	5 00

IV.

"The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall contribute to the fund for General Purposes, annually, as follows :

Provincial Grand Master.....	\$15 00
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.....	10 00
Provincial Grand Wardens.....	} 7 50 each.
" " Treasurer.....	
" " Secretary.....	
" " Clerk.....	
" " Chaplain.....	
" " Director of Ceremonies.....	} 5 00 each.
Provincial Grand Deacon.....	
" " Sword Bearer.....	
" " Architect.....	
" " Bible Bearer.....	} 5 00 each.
" " Director of Ceremonies.....	
And every member.....	2 50 each.

We commend these provisions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to all Grand Lodges which are troubled with a superfluity of candidates for exalted stations.

R. W. I. W. Powell is Provincial Grand Master, and V. W. H. F. Heistermann is Provincial Grand Secretary.

There are but four Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction, and a membership of 143. We note that "The Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland," is a member of all the Lodges.

CALIFORNIA.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California commenced its Twenty-first Annual Communication in the city of San Francisco, October 11, A. L. 5870. M. W. Leonidas E. Pratt, Grand Master, present and presiding.

The Grand Master commences his address with a feeling allusion to domestic afflictions, under which he had suffered during the preceding year. His address is exceedingly interesting, and we would be glad to make more liberal extracts from it than our space will permit.

The following discussion of the status of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, presents the irregularity and insubordination of that Body in a strong light :

"The *status* and pretensions of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, will demand your serious consideration. In my judgment it is one of those matters on which this Grand Lodge should take decisive action, and that without delay. Any attempt to evade fairly meeting and disposing of the whole subject-matter, would be a species of moral cowardice, and delay can only result in more serious and irreconcilable difficulties. I trust, therefore, that you will manifest yourselves, one way or the other, in unmistakable terms. All of the pertinent facts will be gathered from the various papers herewith submitted, and it will be hardly necessary or appropriate for me to re-state them in this document. I regret to say that two of our sister Grand Lodges have already recognized this new star in the Masonic firmament, born of rebellion, and without the

usual justification of wrong or oppression, and that others, so far as their reports have been received, have maintained a state of masterly inactivity. Certain it is, that the territory to be occupied by the new Grand Lodge has been Masonically occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada for fifteen years last past; and that during all of this time the latter Body has been recognized, not only by the Lodges in the now Province of Quebec, but throughout the entire Masonic world, as the supreme and exclusive Masonic sovereignty in that territory; for, although there are several Lodges in the territory holding their charters from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, yet, since 1855, they have so held under and by virtue of an express stipulation and consent on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada. But, in 1867, the political government of the entire country under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada was reorganized, and new municipal boundaries created; and upon this alone the Grand Lodge of Quebec rests its claim of regularity and recognition. The Grand Lodges which have already recognized the new body, seem to place it entirely upon the grounds of precedents—those precedents being the formation of the various Grand Lodges in the United States, after the Revolution, and the more recent case of West Virginia. The cases could scarcely be more unlike in all their essential elements. In all the cases cited there was the absolute suspension and destruction of an existing government; the sundering of allegiance; the overthrow and annihilation of a political sovereignty; and the establishment of a new sovereignty in its stead, to which the people were obliged to accord a new allegiance. In the case under consideration none of these things have occurred. There has been no severing of any allegiance, no old sovereignty destroyed, and no new one created. But the same old government and political power, still existing and supreme, has itself, upon its own volition, by a mere act of legislation simply, prescribed a new method of administering itself, and adopted new local and municipal machinery for that purpose. There has been nothing but a mere act of legislation; and the local Parliament which this act of legislation granted to the Province of Quebec is more akin to our city and county than to our State governments. It is for municipal purposes only. It exercises such powers only as are delegated to it by the sovereignty, instead of, as is the case in our State governments, exercising all the powers of sovereignty, except such as it has itself delegated to another. If our State legislature should proceed to reorganize the counties of the State—

creating new ones—and the Lodges within these new counties should proceed, without your consent, to organize a new Grand Lodge, it would be far more analogous to the present case than are the precedents cited. If the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be maintainable, Masonic allegiance depends upon the legislative will of the country; and as often as it may suit the caprice of the British Government to reorganize and subdivide the Province of Quebec, so often all Masonic allegiance must be there destroyed.

“If the Act of Parliament, reorganizing and dividing the Province of Canada, absolved the Lodges in the now Province of Quebec from their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, it equally absolved the Lodges in the now Province of Ontario from *their* allegiance; and the Grand Lodge of Canada is to-day without any power or jurisdiction whatever, except by the sufferance of the Lodges which may still choose to cling to her. These are some of the absurdities into which the vicious reasoning of some of our sister Grand Lodges inevitably lead us. Now, that the Province of Quebec presents a proper field for a new Grand Lodge, and that the general interests of the Craft would be promoted by a division of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I am inclined to believe; and I would not hesitate to unite in advising and urging the Grand Lodge of Canada to assent thereto, upon a proper application, and on fair and reasonable terms. But in the present movement, as it now presents itself, I see nothing but causeless and unqualified rebellion; and, until the consent of the Grand Lodge of Canada has been given, a proper respect for the dignity of our sister Grand Bodies demands, in my judgment, that we set our faces firmly against recognition; and, if need be, place the rebellious Lodges under the ban of non-intercourse. If precedents are to be invoked, this Grand Lodge has set one for itself, in its refusal to recognize the Grand Lodge of Canada until the Grand Lodge of England had first done so. I repeat, that it is a case of rebellion simple and unmitigated; and against rebellion in every form and from every source, the spirit, the traditions, and the principles of Free Masonry are unalterably opposed.”

In the statement of the case, the Grand Master falls into one error, which weakens his argument. He admits that “new municipal boundaries were created” in Canada in 1867. We do not understand that to be the fact. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was originally instituted, Canada was already

divided into two Provinces, known as Canada East and Canada West. The representatives of these two Provinces met and created a Grand Lodge with jurisdiction over both Provinces. The change which was made in 1867, if we are correctly informed, did not alter the boundaries of the Provinces as they formerly existed, but only altered their names. Instead of Upper and Lower Canada, we have now the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, with the same boundaries and the same general form of government.

The following remarks from the address, upon the subject of the importance and responsibility of the office of Grand Lecturer, are pertinent and well timed, and may be read with profit :

“ In this connection, permit me to say that I fear there is a general disposition among us to underrate the dignity and importance of the position of Grand Lecturer. No office in this Body demands a more careful choice of incumbent. The outside world, indeed, will see more of him than of any other officer; and both within and without the Fraternity he must be hailed and recognized as a representative of this Body in the broadest sense of the term. This is an exalted position to occupy, and he who fills it should be of such character and recognized worth among his fellow men as to command the respect of all; while among ourselves the position should be becomingly dignified and honored. He should be furnished with the proper clothing and jewel of his office, and assigned a seat on the floor of the Grand Lodge, and a place in all its processions. These things may seem to some like trifles. Yet it is just such trifles which exalt, distinguish, and dignify position, and command the deference and respect of all. Men, after all, are not so widely different from children, and it is through the human senses, which are fed by just such trifles, that the mind and heart are most readily reached and affected. From the very nature of the office, too, the idea of permanency—of no change—should be strictly associated with it; and a good officer, once found, should be continued in the position. The direct tendency of a long retention of the same person in that position would be to inspire all the brethren with perfect confidence in his work, and relieve him from the perpetual annoyance of being told that Bro. —, who was Lecturer last year, taught something a little different. And, for the purpose of more

effectually stopping these vexations, I suggest, that after the work has been exemplified at this session, the Grand Lodge, if satisfied therewith, should adopt a resolution declaring explicitly the work as taught and exemplified by the present Grand Lecturer, to be *the* work of Masonry in this jurisdiction."

The Grand Master in his address called the attention of the Craft to the usual sparse attendance of Lodge members at the funeral services of a deceased brother. A resolution from California Lodge, proposing a pecuniary fine, was offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported as follows:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial of *California* Lodge, No. 1, relative to the imposition of fines for non-attendance at funerals, respectfully submit the following:

"1st. That, under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, the only penalties recognized for the violation of our laws are reprimand, suspension, and expulsion: 2d. that, in their opinion, no legislation can be had which will authorize the imposition of fines for any cause, except by an amendment to the Constitution: and, 3d, that it is deemed inexpedient to propose any such amendment.

"Your committee cannot, however, submit this subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge without expressing in the most earnest manner their condemnation of the conduct of some of the brethren in their seeming neglect of duty in not attending the funerals of deceased brethren. Unless this evil be remedied, it will be the duty of the Masters of Lodges to summon the members of their Lodges in such cases; and wilful disobedience of that summons involves the penalty prescribed by the Constitution, namely—expulsion. Your committee recommend that no legislative action be had on the subject."

California, heretofore, adopted a rule that no suicide should be buried with Masonic honors, and that the question of insanity in connection with the suicide, could not be inquired into. This rule always appeared to us extraordinary in its character and unnecessarily stringent. At the present Communication, Bro. Morris M. Estee, a minority of the committee to which this question was referred, presented a report, concluding with the following resolution:

“Resolved, That in the case of a suicide by a Master Mason in this jurisdiction, the Lodge to which he belonged shall determine as to his insanity, and as to the propriety of interring him with Masonic honors.”

The report was concurred in and the resolution adopted.

A great deal of business was transacted, but it was generally of a local nature.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. William H. Hill. Full and fraternal reference is made to the proceedings of New Jersey for 1870. The committee say of Bro. Cannon's address that it "is an excellent document, neither tedious in length nor ambitious in style, but just what, in our estimation, such an address should be". Quite a lengthy extract from the address is inserted.

Referring to our Digest of Decisions, the committee say, "it is an excellent idea, and we think such a California Digest would be a great assistance to our Grand Master and Committees on Jurisprudence."

We can inform Bro. Hill that since the publication of the Digest, the burden of the Grand Master's correspondence has been sensibly lightened.

M. W. Leonidas E. Pratt is Grand Master, and V. W. Alexander G. Abeel, Grand Secretary, both officers having been re-elected.

CANADA.

The volume before us contains the record of the proceedings of three Special Communications, and of the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Two of the Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones, and one for the purpose of considering the secession of Lodges to form the so called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

At the last named special Communication, the Grand Master made a very lengthy address, detailing the history of the formation of a Grand Lodge in Quebec, and the steps which he had taken to suppress it. In our opinion, the argument of the Grand

Master against the regularity of the so called Grand Lodge of Quebec, is unanswerable. The address is too long to transfer to our columns, and to cite any portion of it would break the continuity and connection of the argument. We however insert a portion of the Report of the Special Committee to whom the matter was referred :

" 1. That the Province of Quebec has been fully occupied Masonically, since 1855, and is still so occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

" 2. That the Province of Quebec, being fully occupied, Masonically, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the formation of a second Grand Lodge, within such territory, is illegal and unconstitutional, so long as such occupation continues.

" 3. That while unanimously and emphatically condemning the action of the brethren who have presumed to form the so-called 'Grand Lodge of Quebec,' within the territory Masonically occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, this Grand Lodge at the same time expresses the hope that the seceding brethren will see the propriety of returning to their allegiance to it, and assures them that in doing so they will be received with cordiality and brotherly good will; but at the same time it deems it due to its own dignity, and its duty to the loyal Masons and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, as well as to the Craft generally, to withhold any hope of recognition to the so-called 'Grand Lodge of Quebec,' and to express its opinion that on a proper presentation of the facts of the case, no recognition by other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, ought to be accorded to it.

" 4. That all Masonic communication with the brethren and Lodges acknowledging allegiance to the so-called 'Grand Lodge of Quebec,' be prohibited; and that all those who fail or neglect to comply with the provision of the previous resolution, by returning to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, within a period of three months be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, to show cause why they should not be expelled from the privileges of Free Masonry.

" 5. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the action taken by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the trying circumstances in which he has been placed owing to the contumacious conduct of certain brethren in the Province of Quebec, in seceding from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, merits the highest

approbation of Grand Lodge, having been characterized by a strict regard for the Constitution of Free Masonry, and for the honor and dignity of the high position he occupies; and that all the acts, which, in the discharge of his high duties, he has done in this most painful emergency, be, and the same are hereby confirmed."

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Toronto, July 13th, A. L. 5870. M. W. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master on the Throne. We notice that M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, Grand Representative of New Jersey, was present at the opening and presented his credentials.

In the Grand Master's address, we find the following reference to a visit made by him to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

"In January, I had the great gratification of meeting with the brethren of New Jersey, at the Annual Communication of their Grand Lodge, held at the city of Trenton. This was the first Grand Lodge which I had the honor of visiting in the United States and I was greatly impressed with the strict order which characterized all their proceedings, and the high respect for authority manifested throughout the session. The reports presented gave unmistakable evidence of the prosperous condition of Free Masonry within the jurisdiction of that State. From Most Worshipful Bros. Cannon, Rusling and Whitehead, and Right Worshipful Bros. Pine, Corson, and others, I received the greatest fraternal courtesy."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Edward Mitchell, chairman of the committee. New Jersey has courteous mention, several extracts being made from the address of G. M. Cannon, in 1870.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado met in Annual Communication, in Central City, on the 27th day of September, A. L. 5870.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Henry M. Teller, reports, among other things, that he had very unwillingly consented to permit the corner stone of the Denver Pacific Railway

Company's Depot, at Denver, to be laid with Masonic honors. In connection with this subject he adds the following pertinent and impressive remarks :

" I trust, the attention of the brethren having been called to this subject, that no Grand Master of this jurisdiction will be again called upon to lay the corner-stone of a private building. I cannot neglect this opportunity to call your attention to what I consider an increasing evil in this jurisdiction. I refer to the anxiety shown by the brethren to appear in public as Masons—to seize every opportunity to make a Masonic display, to have Masonic celebrations, Masonic festivals, public installations, upon every possible occasion. Members who for months have not darkened the doors of the Lodge room come promptly to the call for a public display, anxious for an opportunity to proclaim their connection with the Fraternity. These members return to the Lodge room, take off their Masonic clothing, and are seen no more in the Lodge until they are again wanted to swell the ranks of a Masonic procession. In the work of the Lodge they have no part ; its benefits they claim, its burdens they do not bear. While Masonry is popular, they will appear in public as often as the opportunity is presented ; but let the spirit of persecution prevail, as it has in the past—let it be unpopular to be a Mason, and these brethren will no longer seek opportunities to proclaim that they are Masons. It is said that these public displays bring us before the public, induce a spirit of inquiry among profanes, and thus induce good men to offer themselves for admission to our Lodges. Masonry is not aggressive, and does not seek to proselyte. We want men who are attracted not by idle curiosity, not because Masonry is honorable, not because it is a passport to place or power, but men in search of light—anxious inquirers after truth, with mental and moral perceptions to understand our symbols and sacred mysteries—such men will come to us, not because we indulge in imposing ceremonies in public, not because it is popular to be a Mason, but because they are actuated by a spirit of truth and virtue."

The Special Committee on the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec presented the following report :

" Your special committee appointed to consider the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, respectfully beg leave to

report, that during the short time allowed for the investigation, they have not been able to gain sufficient information, in their judgment, to recommend its recognition, and would respectfully suggest that this committee be discharged and a new one appointed, with instructions to report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge."

We find nothing of special interest in the proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee. In the review of New Jersey, the committee indulge in the following criticism of our action in the matter referred to:

"A petition from certain colored persons claiming to be Masons praying recognition by the Grand Lodge, etc., was received and considered by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who recommended that it be referred to a special committee, to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, to have an interview with the parties in charge of the petition, &c. We think the action of the Grand Lodge was extremely unwise in adopting the recommendation and appointing a committee. It was virtually holding Masonic intercourse with clandestine Masons, and a violation of obligation. We think the evidence is ample to prove the fact, that the negro Lodges in the United States are clandestine in their character. Under the head of Massachusetts the facts are fully set forth, and we regard the evidence as conclusive."

Can anything be more absurd than this criticism? How is the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to ascertain whether a party claiming to be a Mason is clandestine or not without having an interview with him? The mere fact that he is black is not conclusive against his regularity, because there are many colored men in the United States who were made as regularly and by as competent authority as Bro. Greenleaf or the writer of this report. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey takes the *ipse dixit* of no Grand Lodge on this subject. She examines for herself, and decides for herself, whether a party *claiming* to be a Mason is or is not clandestine. When that fact is established, then the question of "holding Masonic intercourse with clandestine Masons" is in order, and not before. Suppose a visitor should

present himself for admission to a Lodge of which Bro. Greenleaf is a member, and that brother should be appointed a committee to examine him. He reports that the visitor is a clandestine Mason. Is Bro. Greenleaf to be subject to criticism or to discipline for holding Masonic intercourse with a clandestine Mason? If Bro. Greenleaf will recal to his mind the Ritual, he will find that there is no prohibition against holding Masonic intercourse with clandestine Masons. There is a very important qualifying clause which we do not care to put into writing, but with which Bro. Greenleaf is very familiar.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The pamphlet before us contains the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at a Special Communication held in New Haven, September 30th, A. L. 5870, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Secretary Eliphalet G. Storer; a Special Communication held at Hartford, December 7th, A. L. 5870, for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the three degrees; and the Eighty-third Annual Grand Communication held in New Haven, May 10th, A. L. 5871, Most Worshipful Asa Smith, Grand Master, being present, and presiding at all the Communications.

The following decisions, to the correctness of which we assent are cited from the Grand Master's Address:

"1. I decided that where an applicant had been rejected in another jurisdiction, he must obtain the consent of the Lodge so rejecting before he can be admitted to a Lodge in this State.

"2. That if a petition for admission be received from an applicant, physically disqualified, it should be returned without a ballot.

The Grand Master pays the following well deserved tribute to the memory of Bro. Eliphalet G. Storer, for more than thirty years Grand Secretary of Connecticut:

"It becomes my painful duty to report to you the death of Right Worshipful Bro. E. G. Storer, who departed this life, in the city of

New Haven, on the 25th of September last. On receipt of the sad intelligence, I directed the Grand Secretary to notify the officers of the Grand Lodge to attend the funeral, and on the 30th of September, assisted by every officer of the Grand Lodge and a large concourse of the Fraternity of New Haven and other places, I performed the last sad rites of our Order over his remains.

"The loss to this Grand Body, by the death of Bro. Storer, is of no ordinary character. For more than thirty years, he filled the arduous and responsible position of its Grand Secretary with the most perfect satisfaction; and it was only when his advanced age and declining health rendered it impossible for him to any longer discharge its duties, did this Grand Body allow itself to select another in his stead.

"Associated for so long a time with this Grand Lodge, he appeared as a pillar of wisdom and strength, towards which we looked for counsel and support. In the character of our departed brother was exemplified, in a high degree, the virtue and piety which animates the Christian and true Mason. Long and faithfully he labored in the erection and adornment of his moral edifice, and when at last he was summoned from labor by that Grand Master above, we doubt not but that it was to enter into heavenly rest. Let us not only cherish his virtues as a glorious memory, but may they be among us as a personal presence, inciting us to follow his footsteps and stimulating every heart to a nobler consecration of our lives to a high and holy purpose worthy of our profession."

The business of the Grand Lodge was mostly of local interest.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler. Fraternal and complimentary reference is made to New Jersey. The committee insert in full, Bro. Clapp's hymn, which was sung at the opening of the Grand Lodge, in 1870.

M. W. Bro. James L. Gould, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the above jurisdiction, was held in the city of Washington, November 9th, A. L. 5870.

The address of the Grand Master is quite brief, as compared with some others which we have read. He pays a glowing tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Benjamin B. French, lately deceased. We insert the following extract from the will of Bro. French, which we find in the address :

“ Eighth. To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, in testimony of my undying love for the Craft and my firm belief in the truth of the declaration of the great and good Washington, that Free Masonry is ‘ a society whose liberal principles are founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice,’ and my deep conviction of the usefulness of the Order, all my books on the subject of Free Masonry. And I here express my regret that it is not in my power to make to that Grand Body a more valuable bequest.”

We think that very few Grand Masters in the United States can conscientiously make the annexed assertion :

“ It is gratifying to be able to record the fact that the Masters of the Subordinate Lodges in our jurisdiction are generally so well informed in regard to the general principles of Masonic jurisprudence, that the Grand Master has had to be called on in but few instances to interpret the law, or decide a question as to the proper mode of proceeding in a given case.”

The address is mainly taken up with a statement of the Grand Master's official acts during the year.

In an appendix to the proceedings, we find the responses made by several Grand Masters, to a circular issued by the Grand Master of the District, inquiring as to the custom in the several jurisdictions, as to the right of visitation, and more particularly, as to whether the objecting brother is bound to give his reasons for objecting. There are in some cases conflicting decisions from the same jurisdiction. But the following appears to be a correct summing up of the responses. Colorado, New York, Michigan, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, Maine, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Georgia, Minnesota, Indiana, Montana, Ohio, Washington Territory, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Delaware and Kentucky, hold that the objecting brother cannot be compelled to

give the reasons of his objection. On the other hand, the contrary doctrine is asserted by the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, California, Rhode Island and Oregon.

M. W. Bro. Charles F. Stansbury is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Noble D. Larner, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Jacksonville, February 14th, A. D. 1871.

From the interesting and eloquent address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Pasco, we make the following extract :

“The rich beauties and sacred lessons of Masonry were brought home to my own heart with peculiar force during the recent struggle between the opposing sections of our country. I remember when I lay a helpless prisoner, suffering from a severe wound, fearing to trust the very surgeons, lest they should employ their skill to my injury. As one after another came up and asked me if I needed immediate attention, I put them off by telling them there were many much worse off than myself; on the evening of the third day, the chief surgeon came up and entered into conversation with me, and on finding from my speech that we were brethren, he pressed my hand and assured me that he recognized the sacred tie that united us, and I put my entire confidence in him from that moment, and I shall never forget his acts of brotherly love towards me, nor how my heart glowed towards him when he manifested fraternal love and sympathy for me. I remember at a later period of my captivity, when thousands of us from all parts of our beloved South were enduring the horrors of a bitter winter, badly sheltered, thinly clad, ill fed, sick, wounded, wretched exiles, with no prospect of freedom to cheer our hearts, our comrades being cut down daily by disease and famine, how a few score of us, who were Craftsmen, found one another out, cheered each others' hearts, and shared with each other, anything we had over and above what actual necessity required. We formed a Masonic society, proved one another, corresponded with a similar society in another prison, visited one another when sick, and through some of those who had authority over us, we were gratified to learn that our sad condition moved the

sympathy of our brethren in the city near by, who would have aided us had not the severe rigor of military law prevented. But even the severity of military law did not wholly exclude individual acts of charity and brotherly love, which reached some of us in a disguised form. And I used sometimes to think that the Christianity of that time and place had much to learn of Masonry, for no word of sympathy or warning, in its name, ever reached inside our walls, though the tongues of scores of church bells called together the worshipers within our hearing as often as the holy Sabbath returned, and the city hard by boasted of more churches in proportion to its population, than any other in the country."

From the decisions reported by the Grand Master, we select the following, as presenting what, in our opinion, is the true doctrines on the several subjects treated of :

"1. *Physical Disqualifications.*—The general principle that should guide us in such matters, is the ability of the applicant to work as a Master Mason. If he possesses, in addition to the moral faculties, the physical requisites, any slight deformity may be disregarded.

"2. *Master.*—I see no objection to the Worshipful Master assisting any committee of his Lodge. He is the Master Workman, is responsible for the whole work, and his counsels should guide the Craftsmen wherever they may be laboring.

"5. *Trials.*—In all questions that arise in the trial of a brother, each member of the Lodge present should vote, unless especially excused for good cause stated.

"6. *Lodge Business.*—If the Worshipful Master should think that any unfair advantage is about to be taken because of the small attendance at any meeting, he has a right to interfere for the protection of the Lodge, or of a brother, and postpone action on any business; but the transaction of business should not ordinarily be delayed on account of a small attendance.

"9. *Jurisdiction.*—A Lodge has received a petition for initiation and referred it to a committee; meanwhile a Lodge U. D. is formed nearer to the applicant's residence. The Lodge having obtained jurisdiction in this matter retains it and goes on with the work.

"10. If a brother has been dropped from the rolls (under the old Constitution) and wishes to join a Lodge U. D., he must first make his record clear in his former Lodge.

"11. *Visitors.*—A Master Mason in good standing does not possess any inherent right of visiting any Lodge at any time. He has

a right to apply for admission, and the Lodge to which he applies is in duty bound to admit him, unless it can show good cause for refusal, such as the following: 1. The Lodge may be engaged in the examination of some private matter which they do not wish to publish to the Masonic world. 2. The applicant may be an element of discord in the Lodge he desires to visit.

"17. *Dimit.*—Where it appears that a brother has been marked as dimitted by mistake or inadvertence, the Lodge would be justified in restoring his name to the rolls upon payment of dues.

"18. *Jurisdiction.*—A Lodge cannot transfer its jurisdiction over an applicant for the mysteries of Masonry upon the ground that some of the brethren have conscientious doubts in regard to the physical qualifications of the applicant. If they have such doubts, they should use the B. B."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Most Worshipful Bro. D. C. Dawkins, does not review the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges separately, but presents an able summary of all the important questions recently discussed by such committees. Among other topics, the committee discuss the question, whether the testimony of a profane should ever be taken in Masonic trials, arriving at the conclusion that profanes are not competent witnesses. Without arguing this question, or giving the reasons for the faith that is in us, we desire to place ourselves upon record as dissenting from the conclusion which the committee reached. Another question which they consider is, the extent of the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges over members of other Lodges. The committee are of the opinion that the Lodge has no power to exercise its punitive discipline over a member of another Lodge. The argument of the committee is presented with great force and has raised serious doubts in our mind as to the correctness of the rule, which generally obtains on this question. It is difficult to see how the action of a Lodge in Florida, for instance, could have the effect of severing the relations of a New Jersey Mason with his own Lodge. If intelligence should be received by the Lodge of which we are a member, that one of its members had been expelled from the Fraternity by a Lodge in Florida,

we think we would be very unwilling to report his name to the Grand Secretary of New Jersey as an expelled Mason.

M. W. Bro. Sam. Pasco and R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened October 25th, A. L. 5870, in the city of Macon, Most Worshipful Samuel Lawrence, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is mainly occupied with a rehearsal of his official acts during the vacation of the Grand Lodge. We find nothing in it of special interest to the Craft outside of the jurisdiction of Georgia. The Grand Master closes his address with an eloquent tribute to Past Grand Master William S. Rockwell, who had lately deceased.

From the report of the Deputy Grand Master of the first district, we extract the following, which teaches a lesson well worthy of being learned in these days of innovation and so-called progress :

"There seems to be a disposition manifested by some of our brethren, to urge new language and new modes of work, to keep pace, as they say, with the progress of the times. Now, so far as the system, language, work and teachings of Free Masonry are concerned, I am no progressionist, and it seems to me that any one who will, cannot help realizing the fatal effects of progression, and using our sacred institutions as merchandise, and whenever we depart from the landmarks our ancient fathers set, and adopt new rituals, new modes of lectures, and depart from the established principles and manner of teaching them, then we as members of our ancient Order will fail in the objects contemplated, and soon anarchy and confusion will take the place of that peace and harmony that should ever characterize the workings of our beloved Order. Let us guard well the portals of our institution, and never suffer an infringement upon or any violation of, or innovation upon, the old established usages, customs, and landmarks of Masonry. I am satisfied with the institution as handed down to us by the ancient fathers."

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we cite the following decisions of general interest :

"1. No Lodge can entertain the petition of a candidate for initiation, whose application has been rejected by another Lodge, without first obtaining the permission of the Lodge by which he was rejected.

"2. That a rejected candidate for affiliation may apply to the same Lodge, or any other Lodge, at the next or any other regular meeting, and when rejected, his dimit should be returned.

"3. That the jurisdictional distance between Lodges is determined by an air line.

"4. After a favorable clear ballot, if it is discovered that the applicant is not a proper subject, the degree should not be confirmed.

"The fact has been presented to us that some Lodges in this jurisdiction declare it contumacy to disobey a Lodge summons, and provide for the punishment of the member for such disobedience, and the question as to the legality of this action has been referred to this committee. In the judgment of the committee, no power is more fully recognized and established. A Mason is bound to obey the summons of his Lodge, without regard to distance, and may be punished for disobedience after due trial and conviction. Your committee further decide that a summons emanating from a Lodge in due form is legal and binding, whenever and however received."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary. It presents an able and exhaustive review of the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges. New Jersey receives honorable mention.

M. W. Samuel Lawrence and R. W. J. Emmett Blackshear were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

The Third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Boise City, October 3d, A. L. 5870, with the representatives of eight Warranted Lodges, and several Past Masters entitled to seats.

In the absence of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was opened in *DUE FORM* by the Deputy Grand Master. The following resolution, which was lost on being put to vote, accounts for the absence of the Grand Master :

"WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jonas W. Brown, did, with the consent of seven of the eight Lodges within this jurisdiction, postpone the meeting of the Grand Lodge until the 12th day of December next—

"*Resolved*, That when this Grand Lodge shall be called to refreshment it shall be called to labor again on the 12th day of December, 1870, and moved its adoption."

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge do not disclose the merit of this controversy, and we are unable to judge of the right of the Grand Master to postpone the Annual Communication in the manner stated in the resolution. If, however, the Grand Master should undertake to hold a communication of the Grand Lodge at the time to which he had postponed it, we can readily see that there will be trouble in Idaho.

The Deputy Grand Master, in a brief address, reported that he had granted dispensations in two cases. There is no allegation that the Grand Master was absent from the State, or prevented by sickness or otherwise, from discharging the functions of his office. We deny the right of the Deputy Grand Master to grant dispensations under the circumstances, and to us it is strange that a brother occupying that responsible position in the Craft, should so far misunderstand or misconstrue the extent of his authority.

Upon this subject, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report as follows :

"We, the undersigned Committee on Jurisprudence, respectfully report that we have had under consideration that portion of the Deputy Grand Master's address relating to the granting of dispensations to Coe and Pioneer Lodges to confer the second and third degrees the same night; and give it as our opinion that while at certain times and under certain emergencies it may be very desirable that such power should be exercised, that the exercise thereof is of doubtful propriety and contrary to the true intent and spirit of our Constitution and the Standing Resolution of this Grand Lodge."

The report of the committee is unsatisfactory. It should have stated the emergency under which the power in question might properly have been exercised. The only emergencies known to us, under which the Deputy is authorized to assume the func-

tions of the Grand Master are, the absence of the Grand Master from the State, or his inability to discharge the duties devolving upon him, by reason of sickness or mental alienation.

The following letter from the acting Grand Secretary, was read by the Grand Secretary *pro tem*.

“ TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE,

“ A. F. & A. M., IDAHO TERRITORY.

“ BRETHREN—I did not receive any appointment as Grand Secretary until the evening of September the 15th; consequently, in so short a time any report coming from me must necessarily be very brief.

“ I found everything relating to the Secretary's office in the utmost confusion, and it took me some time to put things in shape.

“ Upon examining the Secretary's books, I find it will take a more skillful accountant than myself to arrive at any just conclusion.

“ I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding the books, etc., for your inspection and supervision. There is one self-evident fact. He has drawn his salary for the present year.

“ By direction of Right Worshipful Bro. S. B. Connelly, Deputy Grand Master, the several Lodges were notified to appear in Boise City, October 3d, A. L. 5870, to attend the Annual Communication.

“ And in conclusion, brethren, allow me to say that I very much regret my inability to attend this session of the Grand Lodge. My duties are such as to prevent my so doing. You will please accept my earnest wishes for your future success from your friend and brother,

“ JOHN KENNALY.”

After perusing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, we are brought to the unpleasant conclusion, that there is a screw loose somewhere in that jurisdiction.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. S. B. Connelly was elected Grand Master, and R. W. H. E. Prickett, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Thirtieth Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held at Farwell Hall, in the city of Chicago, October 4th, A. L. 5870, Most Worshipful Bro. Harman G. Reynolds presiding in the Grand East.

The address of the Grand Master is quite voluminous, its size being commensurate with the immense jurisdiction over which he had been called upon to preside. It is mostly taken up with a rehearsal of the official acts of the Grand Master.

From the reported decisions, we cite the following, which are of general interest :

" 1. The Lodge found a brother guilty upon the charges preferred and voted a reprimand ; the Worshipful Master neglected to perform the duty, and removed from the State ; held, that the Senior Warden should administer the reprimand, or cause the same to be done.

" 4. It is the duty of every non-affiliate to join some Lodge, but he is privileged to join such one as suits him best, without regard to local jurisdiction.

" 5. The right to visit is not absolute, but conditional. The right to ask implies the power to deny, and the power to deny rests with any member of the Lodge, and must be respected.

" 6. Where a negative ballot is cast upon application for initiation, advancement or affiliation, no brother has any right to disclose how he voted, and any such disclosure should be followed by effective discipline, except in cases where it is clear that *the* negative was the result of misapprehension or mistake.

" 7. The officers of a Lodge named in a charter hold their positions after installation, until the time set for election in the By-Laws, when an election should be held, even if it should occur on the next day after their installation.

" 9. In voting by show of hands the Worshipful Master does not vote, unless his vote may be necessary to a tie, or as a casting vote. The Worshipful Master never has but one vote, and may vote whenever a ballot is taken.

" 11. A brother wishing to visit a Lodge must first satisfy himself of its legality by inspection of the charter and the usual test ; the Master of the Lodge must then require proof in the usual way that the brother is a just and upright Mason.

" 12. The test should precede all examinations ; two brothers may examine each other for their mutual satisfaction, but they cannot vouch for each other upon such an examination ; the only cases where vouchers are permitted are where the brethren have sat in Lodge together, or where a satisfactory examination has been had by authority of the Worshipful Master.

"13. It is unlawful to give a suicide Masonic burial, unless the evidence of insanity is clear.

"14. A two-thirds vote restores a member suspended indefinitely to membership.

"15. In the absence of any Lodge By-Law, a majority vote is sufficient to grant a dimit.

The doctrine contained in one of the decisions quoted above, to the effect that "no brother has any right to disclose how he voted on the petition of a candidate, for initiation or affiliation, and that any such disclosure should be followed by effective discipline," we have always supposed to be as well settled as any principle of Masonic Jurisprudence. Yet, notwithstanding its distinct enunciation by the Grand Master, we find the following statement in his address:

"Wesley B. Lucas was rejected in Venice Lodge, No. 621, upon a supposed state of facts, which proved to be untrue. Thereupon, I set aside the ballot, and granted leave to spread the ballot again."

How the Grand Master can reconcile his action in this case, with the principle stated in the decision above particularly referred to, we cannot easily see. Before the Grand Master could be informed of the state of facts, which proved to be untrue, it was necessary that some one should disclose how he had voted; and the state of facts which had influenced the member in voting as he did. But, apart from this glaring inconsistency, the action of the Grand Master in setting aside the ballot in a Subordinate Lodge, strikes us as being a most extraordinary and dangerous exercise of the Grand Master's prerogative. Every Subordinate Lodge is the sole judge of its own material. Neither the Grand Lodge or Grand Master is omnipotent in Masonry. In the matter of the selection of its material by a particular Lodge, the subordinate is independent of the Grand Lodge, and the latter body has no right to interfere, either to make or unmake a candidate for our mysteries, so long as the landmarks are complied with. If it be admitted that the Grand Master has the power, whenever he chooses, to cross the threshold of a Subordinate Lodge, and set aside the balloting for a candidate at his own will and

pleasure, all the reserved and independent rights of the subordinates will be swallowed up by the Grand Lodge. It will not do to say that, in the case in question, the candidate was improperly rejected, and that the action of the Grand Master was at the request of the Lodge. What we object to is the principle of the thing. We object to finding the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in the person of its Grand Master, where it had no business to be. In the case in question, the action of the Grand Master may have been, and undoubtedly was, induced by the best of motives. But all Grand Masters are not as wise and prudent as Bro. Reynolds; and we protest against vesting in Grand Masters the extraordinary power exercised by Bro. Reynolds in the case in question.

An eloquent address by the Grand Orator, Past Grand Master Brownwell, is incorporated in the proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence has a brief and courteous reference to New Jersey.

M. W. DeWitt C. Cregier was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Orlin H. Miner was re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the city of Indianapolis, May 23d, A. L. 5871.

The Grand Master commences his address with the following flattering statement of the prosperity of the Craft in Indiana:

“ In presenting to you my report for the past year, it affords me much satisfaction to be able to say, that at no time since the organization of this Grand Lodge, has it ever assembled in Grand Communication under more propitious circumstances than surround us this day. We have enjoyed a year of Masonic prosperity, and our Lodges generally have been doing good work and increasing their membership; although the whole number admitted is not as large as in some preceding years. I am satisfied that this is not because a less number of applications have been presented, but is owing to the fact that greater care has been exercised, and a more careful inquiry made into the qualifications of those who sought to gain admission. Our brethren are beginning to understand that numbers alone do not constitute strength, but oftentimes the reverse; that if they

would have their Lodges prosper and become the habitations of Friendship, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, none should be permitted to enter but those who are worthy and well qualified, who have given evidence of those qualities which are essential to properly appreciate and understand their duties as Masons."

The address is mainly occupied with matters of home interest, and presents no points of interest to the brethren in New Jersey.

The following resolution, laid over under the rules, although unquestionably right in principle, will, we think, be found difficult of practical enforcement :

"*Resolved*, That no Mason shall be eligible to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Grand Warden, who shall personally solicit, or authorize others to solicit, delegates of the Grand Lodge to vote for him for either of said offices."

The extract which we insert below, from the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, confirm the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on the same subject, at the Annual Communication of 1870:

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following question: 'Has a brother Master Mason in good standing in his Lodge, a right to prefer charges against a member of another Lodge before the Lodge of the latter?' having given the question as much attention as its limited time would permit, report that under the rules and regulations presented by the Grand Lodge for the government of its subordinates, they have no doubt of the existence of the 'right.'

"This right exists not only by virtue of the laws of the Grand Lodge, but lies at the very foundation of the character, usefulness and harmony of the universal Masonic brotherhood. If every member should recognize and relieve the necessities of every other member, whisper good counsel in his ear, and aid in his reformation when reformation is required, should he not have the right to exercise all the means to effect such a reformation?

"Every member of a Subordinate Lodge is not only a member of that particular Lodge, but also of the whole Masonic family; therefore a member of one Lodge, going into and filing charges against a member of another Lodge, is not obnoxious to the charge of going into another family and disturbing the peace and harmony thereof, for all are members of one and the same family."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the chairman, Bro. Thomas R. Austin. The committee review the proceedings of New Jersey for 1870 and 1871. They insert in full, Bro. Clapp's hymns, which were sung at the opening of each Grand Communication, and in the review of 1870 quote at some length from the address of Bro. Cannon, who is called (we presume by a misprint), Cameron.

M. W. Bro. Martin H. Rice is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

IOWA.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held its Twenty-eighth Annual Communication, in the city of Davenport, June 6th, A. L. 5871.

The proceedings before us contain, in a frontispiece, a likeness of the newly elected Grand Master, Most Worshipful O. P. Waters.

We find nothing in the address of the Grand Master of special interest to New Jersey Masons.

We dissent from the following decision of the Grand Master :

"On inquiry, it was decided that '*Chapter Past Masters*' have no recognition in a Lodge of actual Past Masters, except that of a seat therein."

We hold that a Chapter Master is entitled to no recognition by a Lodge of Actual Past Masters, and are not entitled to admission when the secret ceremonies of installation are being performed.

At the installation of the newly elected Grand Officers, an address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. (called in the proceedings Col.) George B. Corkhill. We insert the peroration of Bro. Corkhill's address.

"In Iowa we have just reason to be proud of the men who have matured and built up our institution, I speak it with feelings of honest pride and thankfulness. I have studied with some care, and read with much interest, the history of their early work and faithful labor for the institution they loved so well. The first Lodges organized remember well these fathers of ours. I am just at the threshold, while they are far beyond the inner temple. The most of us are

just rising the declivity of the hill, while they are far down the other side. And when we shall follow Humphreys to his final resting place, and uncover at the grave of Hartsock, and McCleary shall receive the last sad rites of our order, and Parvin shall be missed from that place he has so long and so honorably filled in this Grand Lodge, who will fill the places made vacant ?

" Search not for those a separate doom,
Whom fate made brothers in the tomb ;
But search the land of living men,—
Where shall we find their like again !"

" And, as advancing years shall take away Cotton, Guilbert, Scott, Luse, Griffiths, Waters, Allen, Mickel, Smith, Langridge, Miller, Kidder, Ells, Tuttle, Law, Woodward, Rothert, and the host of other faithful brethren who have borne the heat of the day ; and when there shall be missed from his station at the outer door, that faithful old sentinel, Schreiner—

" Can we forget him ? No ;
His earthly form may go,
His kindly smile be hidden in the sod,
But when these gavel rings,
Fond memories they will bring,
Of the old Tyler gone to rest with God."

" I cannot stop here to recount by name that long list of worthies, living and dead, who have made Masonry what it is in Iowa. If we, when they are gone, shall be able to keep the standard of morals as high, the work as pure, and the craft as earnest, we shall earn the plaudits they will receive, of ' Well done good and faithful servant ; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

" And far beyond the river of life, amid the joys of the unknown hereafter, may we have earned the commendation of our Supreme Grand Master and be welcomed to the celestial Lodge above, where, free from labor here below, upon the bright plains of everlasting life, we may be received as fitting stones for that spiritual temple, ' that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' "

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. N. D. Taylor, and is a careful review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges. In their review of New Jersey, the committee insert Bro. Clapp's hymn, sung at the opening of the Grand Lodge in 1870, and also several extracts from the address of Bro. Cannon, at the same time.

M. W. Bro. Ozias P. Waters was elected Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. Parvin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Atchison, October 16th, A. L. 5870, Most Worshipful John H. Brown presiding, as Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is mainly occupied with a statement of his official acts during the year. We cite from the address the following words of wisdom, which are as applicable to the Craft in this section as in the West :

"A practice—to call it by its mildest name—has found its way among us. I allude to that of bartering and trading upon Masonic reputation. This practice, pernicious in every way, cannot wholly have escaped your observation. It spreads, like every other evil, and in the West seems as yet to have passed unrebuked. I desire to point to it as *unmasonic*, and brand it as infamous. What would we not be justified in saying of that man who, to obtain special favor or credit, or to sell his merchandise, pledges his sacred honor as a man and a Mason, but when his end is attained or his business accomplished, scruples not to bid open defiance to him by whom he has been so kindly favored? Yet such transactions as these transpire. Such men are suffered to pass through the door of the Mystic Temple. Shame, shame upon such! they no longer deserve the name of Mason, for they have long since forfeited all claims they may have had by such practices, so closely akin to swindling, and professions full of falsehood. Figure to yourselves, I pray you, one who, having put on our sacred and time-honored emblems, goes out into the world, and in the full blaze of day unblushingly prostitutes them for mercenary purposes. Scorn is the sole reward due to all such pretenders. May stern contempt meet them at every turn, until they reform or forever abandon our temples and avoid our ranks on public and private occasions. I trust this Grand Lodge will, at this time, put its mark of condemnation upon all such vices, and thus re-affirm a right as old as our institution, to correct such as threaten its prosperity. The integrity of Masonry depends upon the purity of its members. There is no purity in wrong—no sanctity in vice. Whoever, then, would be an upright man and Mason, must eschew the one and avoid the other. A stand must be taken! The time is propitious! Let us, then, do what both law and reason dictates, and find our recompense in a continuance of order, harmony and peace; and while we rejoice in personal pro-

gress, no less so may we in the unsullied beauty of our ancient order. Time tries all things and tests all reputations. We, too must pass the ordeal. May the Supreme Architect grant us the power to do somewhat as Craftsmen to which our successors can point with joyous pride and receive with glad emotions."

The following decisions of the Grand Master are upon subjects of general interest, and appear to express correct Masonic doctrines:

“ Quest. ‘A’ applies for the degrees of Masonry in a Lodge under dispensation, and is rejected therein; soon after his rejection the Lodge surrenders its dispensation. Now, what is the status of ‘A’? Has any other Lodge jurisdiction over him? ”

“ Ans. I am of the opinion that when the Lodge under dispensation in which ‘A’ was rejected ceased to exist, all jurisdiction over him terminated; and he is, therefore, at liberty to apply to any Lodge within the jurisdiction of which he may reside. ”

“ Quest. Can ‘A,’ who signs his name by making his mark, apply for the degrees of Masonry? ”

“ Ans. A candidate for the degrees of Masonry must be able to read and write, and sign the application in his own handwriting. ”

“ Quest. Has a member of a Lodge the right to object to a visitor being present, although he may be a member of a regular Lodge? ”

“ Ans. Visitation is said to be an undoubted right, yet the visitor’s right must be subordinate to the right of the member; and if the Worshipful Master is satisfied that the presence of the visitor in the Lodge would mar the peace and harmony of the members present, it is not only his right, but his duty, to exclude the visitor. If objections are made by one member, who refuses to sit in the Lodge with the visiting brother, the visitor should be excluded. ”

“ Quest. Can the Worshipful Master of a Lodge order a ballot on the application of two or more candidates for the degrees of Masonry at one and the same ballot? ”

“ Ans. It would not be proper for the Worshipful Master to permit a ballot on the application of candidates for the degrees of Masonry in groups. There must be a separate ballot on each application. ”

“ Quest. Has the Worshipful Master the power to appoint all committees? ”

“ Ans. I am of the opinion that the Worshipful Master has the power and authority to appoint all committees. Being responsible to the Grand Lodge for proper conduct of the affairs of the Lodge,

hence it is but just that he should have the selection of the committees. If such were not the case, the Worshipful Master would be, to that extent, under the direction and control of the Lodge—a position he should never be placed in by any local law.

“ Quest. Has a member of a Lodge a right to black ball an applicant for affiliation without assigning reasons or preferring charges ?

“ Ans. Any Master Mason, a member of a Lodge, has an undoubted right to cast a black ball when voting on the application of a candidate for affiliation, and no member has a right to question the brother's motives for such vote. If this be denied, why use the secret ballot at all ?

“ Quest. If a Master Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues, will annual dues still continue to accrue ? or, in other words, should he be charged with dues from the time of his suspension up to the time of his restoration ?

“ Ans. I am of the opinion you cannot charge a suspended brother with annual dues after the date of his suspension until he is restored. He is deprived of all the rights and benefits appertaining to membership, and hence he should not be required to pay annual dues.”

To the following decisions of the Grand Master we must express our unqualified dissent :

“ Quest. Who are entitled to be present in a convention of Past Masters, and assist in conferring the Past Master's degree on a Master elect ?

“ Ans. It requires three actual Past Masters, who have been duly elected and installed to preside over a regular Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons under the jurisdiction of some Grand Lodge, to form and open a convention of Past Masters and confer the degree of Past Master.

“ Quest. Must the vote on the reception of an application for the degrees of Masonry be unanimous, in order to insure its reference to an investigating committee ?

“ Ans. The vote on the reception of an application for the degrees of Masonry must be unanimous ; if not, it should be returned to the applicant.”

We are of the opinion that no convocation of Past Masters is necessary to confer the actual Past Master's degree. We believe that one actual Past Master can do it as effectively as twenty. What is ordinarily called the Past Master's degree, can hardly,

in perfect strictness, be called an independent Masonic degree. It is merely a portion of the installation ceremony.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. The proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed, including those of New Jersey.

We find nothing in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas of especial interest to the Craft outside of that jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. John H. Brown was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in the city of Louisville, October 17th, A. L. 5870.

The following, from the address of the Grand Master, shows the extraordinary and rapid increase of the Craft in Kentucky since the institution of the Grand Lodge in 1800.

"The Grand Master's gavel, on the 16th day of October, in the year 1800, called to order the representatives of the five Subordinate Lodges then in Kentucky, and they labored in the spirit of love and harmony to make their Temple impenetrable to discord—where the pure light of Faith, Hope, and Charity should subordinate self to brotherhood, and reflect sentiments akin to Sinai and Calvary.

"The four hundred and sixty-seven Subordinate Lodges represented here to-day find the Temple of those hardy pioneers to be of sufficient geometrical proportions and dimensions to entertain all who are united in the common heritage of fraternity—the craftsmen from the valley of Tyre, and the burden bearers from the mountains of Lebanon:

"From quarry, hill and shore,
With emblems true and bright,
Who come to toil as oft before,
And thus obtain more light."

"The increase in numbers and organization has made no variance; peace, concord, and unity continue. The Grand Master of to-day is neither more nor less in supreme command than was his first predecessor. The Grand Lodge now is in every particular what i

was when your predecessors met in the first year of the present century. Misinformed zealots, under the influence of ignorance and prejudice, have exerted the utmost of their power against the Order in vain; it remains the same."

On the second day of the session, the Grand Master dedicated the north wing of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary. Addresses were made by Grand Master Egington, Past Grand Master E. S. Fitch, Bro. William Preston, Grand Chaplain H. A. M. Henderson, and Past Grand Master Charles Tilden. The addresses were all in excellent taste and breathed a true Masonic spirit. We would have been glad to made lengthy extracts, did our space permit. We insert only, as a sample, the following from the remarks of Bro. Preston:

"The building which the Grand Master has this day dedicated is in consecration of our cardinal idea. It is the offspring of charity, and the evidence of benevolence to the widows and orphans of our poorer brethren, whom misfortune or calamity may have left destitute. It is another example of the ecumenical genius and expansive energy of the Masonic Order, which, progressing here with this beautiful city, and stimulating its progress, will bequeath to posterity an edifice not alone for architectural embellishment, but for the tenderest charity that man can bestow. The term charity can scarcely, however, with propriety, be applied to this noble institution. It is not strictly speaking a charity, but rather a legacy. It is not an asylum, nor a hospital, provided by the law, but a home for widows and a shelter for the orphans of our brethren, in which, during their lives, they earned a property by their contributions, and to which their families are entitled, in case of necessity, after their death. It is no boon from wealth to want, but a home provided by the frugality of a Fraternity for the less fortunate families of its members."

The following report of a special committee is worthy of perusal:

"The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address in regard to lecturers from and in other jurisdictions, beg leave to report, that the Committee on Itinerant Lecturers (this same subject) made a report to this Grand Lodge in 1855, which is full and complete, and is recorded on page 35, printed proceedings of that year, and which said report, then made and adopted by this Grand Lodge, your committee fully adopt and approve, viz:

“That the system of itinerant lecturers is one fraught with the most serious objections, and resulting in great injury to the Craft, and, in the opinion of your committee, causing continual confusion in the work, by the introduction of new rituals, perverting the minds of the members, and removing the ancient landmarks; indeed the committee are of opinion that no greater mischief can be done to the Craft than by this Grand Lodge, in any manner or way, giving countenance to a system of lectures to the Subordinate Lodges by itinerant lecturers, for it is a fact, and a lamentable truth, that new work and new ideas are being introduced in many of the Subordinate Lodges by traveling brethren, who are frequently going throughout the State, not so much for the love of our ancient institutions, as for the ioaves and fishes—therefore,

“*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Lodges be directed to refuse to hear lectures, or receive work from itinerant or traveling lecturers, and that this Grand Lodge will hold them strictly to account in violating this resolution.’

“Such being the law in Kentucky, we cannot do otherwise than condemn any brother going from this State into another jurisdiction to lecture, unless by special permission obtained from the proper authorities therein; and any Subordinate Lodge or Master of this jurisdiction furnishing credentials in favor of such traveling lecturer should be considered as violating the fundamental law of this jurisdiction, and thereby rendering themselves amenable to such punishment as Masonic usage and law requires.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary. It contains able and elaborate reports of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges. In referring to the action of our Grand Lodge in making the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence and that of Appeals and Grievances standing committees, the committee remark :

“We consider this a very good arrangement, as it will enable the committee to consider carefully all appeals and grievances, and be able to do ample justice to the parties. Too often, in the brief time such committees are able, during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, to bestow on such cases, they are hastily considered, and we fear sometimes, injustice done unintentionally.”

M. W. Charles Eginton and R. W. J. M. S. McCorkle, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of New Orleans, February 13th, A. D. 1871, Most Worshipful Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master.

By far the greater portion of the Grand Master's address is taken up with a recital of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

From the decisions reported by him, we cite the following as stating, in our opinion, correct propositions of Masonic law :

"The loss of one eye is not a disqualification, the candidate being able to see well with his other eye.

"Every candidate raised to the third or Master's degree in a Lodge, becomes a member of it without further action on the part of the Lodge; the newly-admitted member should, however, sign the By-Laws of the Lodge, in order to place his signature upon record; but this is not absolutely necessary, as he has previously, in the most solemn manner, agreed to stand to and abide by them.

"When a visiting brother objects to a candidate for initiation, the work should stop, and not be proceeded with until a full and complete investigation of the nature of the objection be made and reported upon to the Lodge. If the committee to whom this duty has been entrusted should ascertain that the candidate was not in 'good repute' among his fellow-citizens, or that his character and antecedents were such as should exclude him from membership in an institution founded, as ours is, upon the principles of Morality and Brotherly Love, they should so report; and then a new ballot would be eminently proper and right.

"Committees appointed to investigate and report upon the character of an applicant, are not compelled to make their report when the same is due; further time should always be given, if asked for. Even if a majority of the committee are ready to report, and the minority ask for a delay in the proceedings, it should be given, that the fullest investigation may be had. Each member of the committee ought to report according to his own convictions, and should not allow himself to be swayed by the majority, in opposition to his own well-formed conclusions."

The other decisions are mainly constructions of local regulations.

The Grand Master reports that he had declined to attend the meeting of the Grand Masters at Washington, to consider the cruelties practised on Masons in Cuba, proposed by the Grand Master of Kentucky, for the reason that he did not believe that "such an assemblage could adopt any effective measures to remedy the evils complained of."

While upon that subject, it may not be amiss for us to say that we heartily concur with those Grand Masters who refused to attend the proposed gathering. We think that the Masonic institution in the United States would have received a severe blow, if the project of interfering in the political affairs of Cuba had been carried out. Such information as we have upon the subject is based upon newspaper reports, and is entirely unreliable. Besides, the persecution of Masons in Cuba, if any such ever existed, was for political causes, and the Masons of the United States could not have taken part in such a controversy without violating one of the fundamental principles of their profession, viz.: entire freedom from political questions. Masons in the United States must not judge of their brethren throughout the world by the example of their own Lodges. We are afraid that it is too true that the secrecy of our society is taken advantage of in some parts of the world to conceal and promote political intrigues. Paris has lately furnished an example of what the French idea of Masonry in this particular is.

By the report of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, we find that the sum of twelve dollars was disbursed during the year 1870 to applicants hailing from New Jersey.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, defining the status of a member stricken from the rolls for the non-payment of dues, may be of interest:

"Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence respectfully beg leave to report, that the status of a brother stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, is similar to one who is non-affiliated, but with this difference: a brother stricken from the roll can claim from the Fraternity none of the rights of a Mason, and has no rights except to apply to his Lodge for reinstatement, and while he remains outside of his Lodge, he cannot claim the right of visit, nor to walk in Masonic processions, nor Masonic relief nor burial."

The Craft in Louisiana, in common with other Grand Lodges, is agitating the question of a Masonic Temple in New Orleans. The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, of which the Grand Master is president, presented an able report of a plan for raising the necessary funds for the erection of such a building. They propose to erect the building without calling upon the Lodges or Masons outside of the city of New Orleans for a dollar. If this can be done, it will prevent a very common complaint in such matters, that the money of the Craft located in the country is used to promote the convenience of the Masons of the city, without corresponding advantage to those of the country. We wish our brethren all success in their undertaking, and trust they may take warning from the unfortunate result in some similar cases, which we do not care to specify.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. James B. Scot, and is the fullest and most elaborate report that we have as yet read, of the proceedings which we are reviewing. A very full abstract of our proceedings for 1870 is included in the report. When one has discharged the laborious task of preparing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, it is pleasant to know that his labors are appreciated by his brethren of the Grand Lodge. To show how the Grand Lodge of Louisiana appreciates the labors of Bro. Scot, and also to show how both the Grand Lodge and Bro. Scot know how to do the handsome thing, we insert the following extract from the minutes :

“ Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have considered the resolution making an appropriation of three hundred dollars to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN ANDERSON,
EDWIN MARKS,
WM. R. WHITAKER.

“ When Most Worshipful Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows submitted the following as a substitute for the above resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to be drawn by the Chairman of that Committee, and disposed of as he may direct, as a slight token of the appreciation of the Grand Lodge of his services as Chairman of said Committee.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts accepted the substitute, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon, Worshipful Bro. James B. Scot, in a very feeling and impressive manner, expressed his appreciation of the compliment tendered, and stated that, for reasons already expressed to the Grand Lodge, he could not under any circumstances be induced to use said amount for personal use. He would, therefore, with great pleasure, donate it as the first cash contribution to the new Masonic Temple."

M. W. Samuel Manning Todd is Grand Master, and R. W. James C. Batchelor is Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MAINE.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the city of Portland, May 2d, A. L. 5871.

We quote the following decisions from the Grand Master's address:

• "A Master may preside over a Lodge under dispensation without having first received the degree of Past Master.

"A Lodge ought not to receive the application of a candidate until he is twenty-one years of age.

"If an application for degrees was regularly received by the Lodge, it may be acted upon at the usual time, even though it is mislaid and not present at meeting.

"It would not be improper for a Master to call off his Lodge and introduce a visitor for examination, for the purpose of instructing his Lodge, provided he uses proper care and caution.

"The dimit of a rejected applicant for membership should be returned without endorsement. He may apply to another Lodge if he choose to do so.

"A non-affiliated Mason has no legal right to object to the initiation of a candidate. If he is aware of reasons why such candidate should not be admitted, he should notify the Master, whose duty it would be to give the objections such weight as he thought them entitled to."

These decisions appear to be correct.

We also lay before our readers, for their consideration, another decision. While we are not prepared to say that we *dissent*, we can safely say we *doubt*.

"A candidate was balloted for, and the Master announced the ballot clear. Member of the Lodge thought there must be a mistake. Master passed the ballot again to remove the doubt, and the ballot was not clear. I instructed the Master that the last ballot was legal, and that he must declare the candidate rejected."

The following amendments to the Constitution, intended to meet the wide spread evil of non-affiliation, were submitted and referred to the appropriate committee:

"I. That every candidate raised to the third degree in any Lodge, shall thereby become a member of the Lodge, without further fee or signing of By-Laws, and the Secretary shall inscribe his name upon the roll of membership.

"II. That every unaffiliated Master Mason residing in this jurisdiction, shall be required, within one year from the adoption of this amendment, to affiliate with some Lodge, in this State or elsewhere, or in case of rejection from membership, to enroll himself upon the Registry of the Grand Lodge, paying the Grand Lodge dues of one dollar yearly therefor, under the penalty of forfeiting, so long as he shall remain unaffiliated and not enrolled, all claim upon the Fraternity for relief for himself or family, for Masonic burial, for right of visiting, or of uniting in any Masonic ceremony or labor, except such privileges as may be voluntarily accorded him by the Lodges or brethren.

"III. That no fee for affiliation shall be required in any Lodge.

"IV. That a certificate of affiliation shall relieve the enrolled Mason from further yearly dues to the Grand Lodge."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual, from the pen of Most Worshipful Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, and also as usual, it is one of the best which have come to our hands. Full reference is made to New Jersey, and numerous quotations from our journal are inserted.

Speaking of the reprint of the proceedings and history of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, he says that

"It is an exceedingly valuable contribution to Masonic history and literature, and we commend it to all Masonic students."

M. W. John H. Lynde is Grand Master, and R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder (?), both re-elected.

MARYLAND—1870.

The volume of proceedings before us presents the record of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at Communications commencing May 9th, September 2d, and November 21st, A. D. 1870; and also the record of the proceedings of seven meetings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. The latter body is peculiar, we believe, to Maryland Masonry. It certainly relieves the Grand Lodge of much labor, and, in this respect, may be an advantageous institution. It appears to be analogous to the Board of General Purposes, which is peculiar to our Canadian brethren.

Bro. John S. Berry, Most Worshipful Grand Master, was present at the meetings of the Grand Lodge and presided.

Like all our sister Grand Lodges who have undertaken the erection of Masonic Temples recently, the brethren of Maryland find themselves, on the completion of their building, laden with a heavy burden of debt, and the ingenuity and liberality of the Craft are put to the test, to meet their obligations. The total amount of indebtedness is \$82,491.18, of which \$45,684.18 is covered by liens on the building, and \$36,807 of unpaid claims.

From the address of the Grand Master at the Communication held November 21st, A. D. 1870, we cite the following well-deserved tribute to two individuals, one a Mason, and the other a profane, whose liberality had relieved the Grand Lodge of its most pressing liabilities :

"To relieve our financial condition, we have had recourse to loans from members of our Order and others. In this connexion I cannot speak too highly of our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Francis Burns, one of the oldest, and yet most active, zealous and faithful of the Craft; who stood 'true among the truest' in the days when the 'old Masonic Hall' was being built, when some who were called Masons (?) left our Order, rather than fight the poverty and penury which the faithful of those times battled against until the 'old Hall' was finished, the Temple completed; and in those

trying days of anti-Masonry, when the 'blackness of darkness' cast its great pall over our Order throughout the length and breadth of the land, when persecution stalked abroad with a boldness only equalled by its wickedness, and threatened to sweep us, 'with the besom of destruction,' among the noble Craftsmen who stood firm and true against our maligners, was Bro. Burns. Nor has he in these latter days of trial been less true, active or untiring in his efforts to relieve our pressing monetary wants. With an interest and spirit, that has not been equalled by any member of our Order, he offered to loan us for five years, at 6 per cent. interest, \$22,842.09, being one-half of the amount of the Mechanics Lien claims against the Temple building, and thus save us from the disasters which claims of that character always bring.

"One other friend, and he *not* a Mason, came to our rescue, John W. Garrett, Esq., who, having heard of our troubles, *volunteered*, through Bro. Burns, to loan us, on the terms above named, \$22,842.09, being the other half of the Mechanics Liens, and to whom the thanks of every one of us is due. It is perhaps not necessary for me to say more, because other and similar acts of liberality have already made Mr. Garrett widely known, and won for him a reputation and a name scarcely inferior to that which his business life and well known administrative ability have by unanimous consent secured."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very brief, made so intentionally to meet the desire of the Grand Lodge to economize in its bill for printing. The committee discuss only the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France, and that between Canada and Quebec. They report resolutions suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and recommending the Grand Lodge of Canada to recognize the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. John H. B. Latrobe was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. Medairy was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND—1871.

The pamphlet before us contains the proceedings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, held January 5th and April 6th, 1871, and of the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held May 8th, 1871.

The address of the Grand Master, at the Semi-Annual Communication, is almost exclusively confined to a consideration of the financial difficulties by which the Grand Lodge is harassed, arising from the erection of their Temple. We do not feel disposed to state with any explicitness the liabilities of the Craft in Maryland; but we rejoice to believe, from the tenor of the Grand Master's address, that daylight begins to dawn. We insert the peroration of the address:

"It will be readily understood that it would be far more agreeable to the Grand Master to dwell in rounded periods upon the topics suggested by the traditions, the ritual, and the usages of our ancient Order, after the manner of his esteemed predecessors, than to weary your patience with the dry details of financial operations. The time will come, he confidently believes, when no other notice of these need be taken than will be contained in the Treasurer's reports. Now, however, he has thought that the best return he could make for the honor you have conferred upon him, would be to state to you your condition, in plain, unvarnished terms; to explain to you what has been done in the way of extricating the Grand Lodge from a dilemma as unfortunate as it was undignified, and to defer congratulations and disquisitions until the Grand Lodge, out of danger, because it will be out of debt, can once more have no other thought than how best to illustrate its own most admirable antecedents, in the practice of a charity as liberal as it will be universal. That this time will come, the Grand Master repeats that he doubts not. To hasten its arrival will be the duty henceforward of every Mason who regards the untarnished insignia of the Order as 'more ancient than the golden fleece, more honorable than the star and garter.'"

There was no election of Grand Officers or Report on Foreign Correspondence at this Communication.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We never take up the volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this grand old commonwealth, without experiencing pleasurable anticipations of enjoying a bountifully spread "feast of reason." And we never lay down the volume without a hearty and cheerful acknowledgment that our expectations have been more than realized. We dislike introducing in this report

any invidious distinctions between our sister Grand Lodges, but we cannot refrain from saying, that the proceedings of no Grand Lodge in the Union contain so much that is useful and interesting to the Masonic antiquarian, historian, student and jurist, as do the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The volume before us is no exception to the general rule which we have stated above.

The address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful William Sewall Gardner, on March 9th, 1870, is entirely occupied with an historical discussion of the date of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of New Hampshire, for the year 1869, had asserted that there was no legal Grand Lodge in Massachusetts until the year 1792. If this statement by the committee of New Hampshire was true, our own Grand Lodge would be an older sister, as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was indubitably established in 1786. The Grand Master of Massachusetts takes issue on the proposition of the New Hampshire committee and proves, we think, quite conclusively, that "by the record and by contemporaneous history the 'Massachusetts Grand Lodge' on the 8th of March, 1777, by a resolution, and by assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of a Grand Lodge became a free, independent, sovereign Grand Lodge, with a jurisdiction absolute, exclusive, and entire throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The discussion of this subject arose out of the interminable question of the regularity and legitimacy of the "African Lodge" at Boston. The New Hampshire committee had contended that in 1784, the date of the warrant of "African Lodge," there was no existing Grand Lodge in Massachusetts, and consequently no Body holding exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within that State. If this was true, it would follow that at that date Massachusetts was open, unoccupied Masonic territory, and the granting of the warrant for "African Lodge" was within the power of the Grand Lodge of England. The proof, however, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was established in 1777,

and has continued without interruption to this day, explodes the argument of New Hampshire, and drives another nail in the coffin of the "African Lodge."

In this connection the Grand Master discusses fully the legitimacy of the last named Lodge. His line of argument is similar to that of our own committee, in a report on this subject presented at the Annual Communication of 1871, and brings him to the same conclusion. He had, however, in his possession more facts and historical data than the committee of our Grand Lodge had access to, and all such additional facts and data, cited by the Grand Master, confirm the conclusion that the original institution of African Lodge was irregular, and that all its proceedings, and those of other Lodges claiming existence through it, are void. In connection with this question we cite from the appendix to the address, the following letter from the Grand Secretary of England.

"FREE MASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C., 11th Nov. 1868.

"DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER—I am in receipt of your favor of the 20th ult., making inquiries respecting a Warrant granted in 1784, to a certain 'Prince Hall.' I have caused a most diligent search to be made in our books here, and the only reference I can find is in the Calendar for 1785, when a Lodge appears to have been working under the English Constitution, at Boston, under the No. 459, and called the 'African Lodge.' It afterwards became 370, and, I presume, had ceased working, as at the Union, in 1813, it was removed from the list.

"To reply to your questions categorically:—

"1st. I can find no record in 1775, of any Dispensation; but as the Grand Lodge books were not then kept, as they are now, with accuracy, such may, nevertheless, have existed.

"2d. It was struck off the list in 1813, but I can find no trace of any return having been made, and consequently imagine it must have ceased working long before, although retained on the list.

"3d. I should say most decidedly, that the said 'Prince Hall' was never appointed Deputy Grand Master, or had power to grant Warrants for the establishment of Lodges in your country. Henry Price, of Boston, was Past Grand Master for America from (1775 to 1804), after which year his name disappears from the lists.

"It is quite clear that the Lodge referred to is not working under the English Constitutions, and that the parties holding the Warrant can have no right to it, and are not a regular Lodge, unless empowered to meet under your Constitutions.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours, truly and fraternally,

"JOHN HERVEY,

"Grand Secretary.

"CHARLES W. MOORE, ESQ.,

"Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

We also cite the following from the appendix, being extracts from a letter written in 1855, by the late Most Worshipful Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master of Vermont, one of the ablest and best informed Masons, who have graced the Grand East of the Grand Lodges of the United States:

"*First.* Even if a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located within the United States, could be lawfully granted by the Grand Lodge of England, after the close of the American Revolution, and if such charter could be lawfully recognized by the American Lodges, its vitality would necessarily expire when the grantor substantially revoked the grant by striking it from its records, and thus disavowing all connection with the grantee.

"*Second.* That the mere retention of a charter, after its legal revocation, cannot preserve or retain any right, power, or authority in the original grantees or their successors, where the right to revoke is reserved, as it always is in all Grand Lodges, in the grantor.

"*Third.* Even if African Lodge, No. 459, had a lawful Masonic existence June 18th, 1827, the declaration of that date was both un-masonic and revolutionary, and placed that Body as effectually beyond recognition by either the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts or any other Grand Lodge in the United States, as was the French Lodge of Virginia, or the German Lodges of New York.

"*Fourth.* Had African Lodge, No. 459, been in all things a lawful Lodge, after the declaration of its first officer, of July, 1845, that 'it would not admit a *white* Mason if he should present himself as a *visitor*,' it would have been both humiliating and degrading to have allowed the doors of the *white* Lodges to stand open for a reciprocity of courtesies which were thus gratuitously and roughly declared inadmissible, in advance of any request, offer, or wish to establish them."

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"I believe I am correct in stating that the two following propositions are recognized as sound Masonic law in this country :

"*First.* That no Grand Lodge of any State can regularly recognize a Subordinate Lodge existing in another State, or its members, until such Subordinate Lodge is recognized by the Grand Lodge of the State in which it exists.

"*Second.* That no Grand Lodge, either in these United States, or any other country, can legally establish a Subordinate Lodge in any other State where a regularly constituted Grand Lodge exists."

An able report appears from the pen of Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury, on the subject of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, concluding adversely to its recognition.

The following expression of the Grand Master's views on the subject of the right of visitation we insert, as referring to a matter of general interest :

"My own views in relation to the particular point inquired of, are these : if a member objects to a visiting brother, the Worshipful Master should carefully examine the grounds of the objection. If he finds that the visitor would disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, if admitted ; that his personal condition is such from any cause, that trouble would reasonably be anticipated in the Lodge ; or, if from any other reason, the Worshipful Master might reasonably apprehend discord and confusion in the Lodge, upon his appearance, then the Master should exclude him. But upon the mere personal prejudice or caprice of a member, or from private motives or quarrels, the Master should not exclude the visitor, and should not consider such objections a moment.

"It is a custom of more than one hundred years' existence in this jurisdiction to shut out visitors from sessions of the Lodge held for private business ; but, when engaged in the labors of the Lodge, all good and true Masons, hailing from a regular Lodge, have an inherent right to be present, and they should not be deprived of it. And if the Master of a Lodge, without justifiable reasons, should prevent a visitor from entering his Lodge, he would be liable to such punishment therefor as his Grand Lodge might see fit to inflict. As has been stated, each Grand Lodge has the right as well as the power to make such regulations and restrictions of this right as it thinks proper ; but it is very doubtful if it has the right to exclude Masons of a foreign jurisdiction absolutely from its Lodges, except in cases of entire non-intercourse."

We find in the report of a committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of Olive Branch Lodge against one of its members, the discussion of a novel and interesting question. It appears that the Masonic Law of Massachusetts requires, that a copy of the charge and specification, and a citation to appear and answer at a specified time, must be served on the accused. The papers in the case in question were duly served, but at the time of the service, the accused was *under confinement in Worcester jail*. The question which the committee discuss is, whether under the circumstances, the Lodge had a right to proceed with the trial; the accused, in consequence of his confinement in jail, not having had an opportunity to prepare his defence. We make no apology for the length of our extract which follows, from the report of the committee, because the question is one of great importance:

“Was the citation of the secretary to the respondent, under these circumstances, masonically good and sufficient? The Grand Regulations require that an attested copy of the charges shall be served upon the accused, fourteen days at least, previously to the time appointed for their examination. They also provide for a summons to be sent to him a certain number of days, varying according to the place of his residence, from fourteen to sixty, prior to the day fixed for the trial, to appear and show cause. Only when his residence is out of the State and unknown, can the Lodge proceed to examine the charges, *ex parte*. The regulations also provide that the accused *may* select any brother for his counsel; but they by no means, through this rule, exclude him from the right of appearing in person and conducting his own defence. By these provisions of the Constitutions, three distinct objects are contemplated. First, to furnish the respondent with a full and accurate statement of the complaint made against him. Second, to furnish him with sufficient and reasonable time to answer it. And third, to enable him to present his defence at the time appointed, either in person or by aid of such professional ability as he can procure in the Fraternity. Of these objects, it may often happen, that neither is of so much noted consequence to the accused, as *time*. If his witnesses are widely separated, or distant from the Lodge, and, more especially, if their residence be unknown, it is apparent that he must have time to ascertain their localities, confer with them, and bring them forward to

testify in his behalf. The Grand Lodge, therefore, wisely decrees that he shall have time to prepare his defence, as well as opportunity to confront the witnesses arrayed against him. And referring to this well defined purpose of the Grand Regulations, it seems almost an idle mockery to hold that a citation to any person under such duress, as confinement in a county jail involves, to appear at a certain day for his trial, is such a summons as the regulations contemplate. It is at best a *technical*, not a substantial, complaint with the rest ; it is but giving the word of promise to the ear and breaking it to the hope. Nor, in the view of your committee, is the difficulty relieved by the fact which appears in the evidence produced at the trial, that some few days before the appointed time, the respondent was released from jail. He had a right to presume that the Lodge, on the receipt of his solemn protest, would postpone the trial, and that he should not, at the time first indicated, be required to present his defence. And more than this, inasmuch as he had the right to the full time for the preparation prescribed in the Grand Regulations, he might well assume that his Lodge would not proceed to try him until such time had been granted. In some tribunals of the earlier and darker days of history, trial and judgment proceeded without the presence of the accused, and often without a hearing or any opportunity for defence. Under the juster jurisprudence, both Masonic and civil, of our day, and with its fairer and more liberal presumptions, a trial presupposes full and fair opportunity for hearing, as well for the respondent as for his accusers. Every safeguard established for protection of the rights of the party accused must be sacredly maintained, and no precedent admitted which infringes upon any one of them."

The argument of the committee is plausible, and their views appear to be fair and just. But before we finally assent to the conclusions of the committee, we would be glad to have their views on the following case. Suppose that a member of a Lodge should be sentenced to confinement in the State Prison *for life*, in consequence of the commission of a heinous offence. Is the Lodge powerless forever to expel him? If the conclusions of the committee be correct, such would be the inevitable result.

The Masonic student is familiar with the fact, that on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1733, a deputation was granted to Henry Price, of Massachusetts, as "Provincial Grand Master of New

England and dominions and territories thereunto belonging," by the then Grand Master of England, who has been variously called "Lord Montacute" and "Lord Montague." Much discussion has arisen in Massachusetts, as to which was the correct title. A Lodge in Worcester, known as Montacute Lodge, presented a memorial to the Grand Lodge, representing that "evidence had been submitted to them causing grave doubts in the minds of very many members of the Fraternity, whether Montacute is the true title." The result of their memorial is before us in this volume of proceedings, in the shape of a very able, learned, elaborate and exhaustive report of a committee of the Grand Lodge, bristling with quotations from all sorts of Masonic, historical, political and heraldic authorities. The conclusion to which we have arrived, after a perusal of the report is, that both the names "Montacute" and "Montague" were used by the family, the former being the more ancient, the latter the more modern designation. The question involved does not appear to us to be one of such importance as to call for so much labor and learning for its solution, as the committee have bestowed upon it. It is gratifying, however, to know that in this controversy, which has waged so long, and has been the occasion of much acrimonious penmanship, both sides were all the time in the right. The brethren of Montacute Lodge at Worcester, are now, therefore, in the enviable position of the party, whose absurd curiosity induced him to ask the showman, which is Napoleon and which is Wellington," and whose doubts on the subject were immediately dispelled by the convenient response, "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

We have devoted more room to a review of the proceedings of Massachusetts than our limited space would perhaps warrant. Our only apology is, that the questions referred to are of exceeding interest, and we have thought that their presentation in this report, would prove beneficial to the Craft.

M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, R. W. Charles W. Moore, and R. W. Solon Thornton, (three square pegs in three square holes), were respectively re-elected Grand Master, Corresponding Grand Secretary, and Recording Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, in the city of Detroit, on January 11th, A. L. 5871.

We cite two of the decisions reported by the Grand Master, which rather surprise us. It would appear, from the tenor of the decisions, that a candidate for affiliation may be elected a member of a Lodge in Michigan against the protest of two black balls:

"I. Application is made for membership on dimit; but two black balls appear, and the brother is declared elected. Immediately thereafter, three or more members of the Lodge object to the election.

"*Quest.*—Can the Worshipful Master order another ballot?

"*Ans.*—No. The ballot having been declared, cannot be reconsidered.

"*Quest.*—Can the Lodge prevent the signing of its By-Laws by a brother so elected?

"*Ans.*—No; unless charges be preferred.

"II. The ballot is passed for membership on dimit; it is pronounced *not clear* at all the stations, and the brother then is declared rejected. It was afterwards ascertained that but two negative ballots were cast.

"*Quest.*—Can the Worshipful Master order a new ballot?

"*Ans.*—No. The proceeding, however, is irregular, because not in accordance with the Constitution. The remedy is in another petition, which can be presented at the next regular."

If our understanding of these rulings be correct, we are of the opinion that the law in Michigan on the subject of affiliation needs revision. We have always supposed that the rule in the General Regulations, compiled in 1720, was imperative. This rule reads as follows: "VI. But no man can be entered a brother in any particular Lodge, or *admitted to be a member thereof*, without the *unanimous consent* of all the members of that Lodge then present, &c."

We quote the following just and pertinent remarks on the subject of public Masonic displays:

"The undue love of worldly admiration and applause that has come over us, has relaxed our reticent policy in other respects. It prompts too many Masonic processions and demonstrations. There are occasions (of which I have already spoken in another portion of my report) when it is eminently proper that Masons should appear in public *as an Order*. But besides these, in my judgment, the occasions are few—very few indeed—when the Lodge can properly display its insignia. When the occasion illustrates that which is peculiar to our Order, it is not only proper, but wise to honor it; but when it is an occasion with whose principles, spirit and objects Masonry has nothing to do, it is not only in exceeding bad taste, but it is in the last degree unwise, to give it Masonic recognition and endorsement. Men of good sense and of good taste never fail to know when we make a mistake in this direction; and if they happen to dislike our institution, or individual members of it, their sarcasms on our folly come pointed with truth and barbed by a sneer. It is not the spirit of true Masonry that prompts these unmasonic demonstrations by Masons. No, my brethren, they are the offspring of a love of the world's admiration, a love of display, a love of that senseless chatter that titilates the hungry ear, a love of that idle stare of wonder and curiosity which gladdens eyes greedy of admiration."

We find nothing of special interest in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee. It contains brief references to the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges.

M. W. Bro. John W. Champlin was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Mississippi was held in the city of Vicksburg, January 16th, A. L. 5871.

We find the following in the address of the Grand Master:

"A great many applications have been made for special dispensations to retake the ballot upon rejected petitions. I have granted

only a few, and even these very reluctantly. My invariable practice has been to require not merely official information that, in the opinion of the Lodge, injustice has been done, but, in addition thereto, a detailed statement of all the circumstances of each case, and to refuse the dispensation, unless justice clearly demanded it. The responsibility of this deviation from the rules rests upon the Grand Master, and it is but right that he should be the judge of the necessity that calls for it. Let the Lodge believe that these dispensations may be had simply upon the representation that injustice has been done, and there will inevitably be engendered a spirit of carelessness and inattention to their duties, not only among the members, but also with the committees who are particularly charged with a thorough and close scrutiny into the life and character of the candidate. Instances do sometimes occur where, notwithstanding all the precaution that can be taken, mistakes are made, which ought at once to be rectified; but in the large majority of cases, if a title of the labor expended in endeavoring to procure a dispensation, were given to an examination into the fitness of the candidate, no necessity for a re-ballot would arise."

We have inserted the foregoing for the purpose of expressing our dissent to the practice mentioned in the foregoing extract. In our review of the proceedings of Mississippi last year, we expressed ourselves on this subject, and do not now care to repeat our remarks then made.

We cite the following decisions of the Grand Master, all of which appear to us to express the true rule on the subjects respectively treated of:

"Before a member can be 'deprived of membership' for non-payment of dues, he must have notice and a hearing granted, if desired; but the formalities of a regular trial are not necessary.

"The Lodge cannot be opened, or remain open, except one of its three principal officers be present.

"A Lodge has the power to try, and, upon conviction, to punish a non-affiliated Mason residing within its jurisdiction.

"A person whose right hand was mutilated, was initiated before the mutilation was known to the Lodge. Can he be advanced. He can not.

"A Lodge may advance an Entered Apprentice made in an Army Lodge, if he be deemed worthy.

"In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden presides, although he be not a Past Master.

"When a dimitted Mason applies for membership and is rejected, the Lodge must return to him the dimit which accompanied his petition.

"A brother exposing his ballot may be disciplined.

"Charges once preferred can not be withdrawn. Justice to the accused and to the Lodge requires a decision upon the guilt or innocence of the brother charged.

"No certificate or written testimonial is satisfactory evidence that the bearer is a Mason. Such testimonials do not relax the rule requiring legal information or examination."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, we make some interesting quotations :

"When a Mason is arraigned for trial, it is his privilege to plead his own cause and manage his case himself, if he chooses to do so, or he may employ counsel, if he prefers it; or, in his absence, counsel may be appointed for him by the Lodge, or a brother may volunteer in his defence. The mere fact of his being arraigned for trial does not fix guilt on him to such an extent as to debar him from Masonic intercourse. Masonic charity should incline us to give a brother the benefit of any doubts in the case, and not condemn him before trial. He is in good Masonic standing until he is convicted on trial, and has the right to discuss the question. If, in doing so, he should attempt to influence members by threats or bribes, or use any unfair means with the members for their support in the trial, that would be unmasonic conduct, for which he would be subject to Lodge discipline.

"In the practice of the Ritual, the portions that are called into requisition can not be dispensed with or substituted. If certain positions are to be assumed, if certain actions are required to be used in which physical power and ability are called into requisition, and the parts or limbs required to act are wanting, the subject can not proceed, but must be rejected as disqualified and ineligible.

"Our institution is based upon immutable laws and principles, which are characteristic of the Order. These fundamental principles and laws mark its identity, and are termed Landmarks, which admit of no change or modification which would impair its unity as it was in the beginning, is now, and as Masonry must ever remain. These landmarks consist of the Moral, *Physical*, and Religious

qualifications, of peculiar rites and ceremonies, etc., which are beyond the control of Masonic legislative associations, and it is not in the power of any man or set of men to make innovations thereon. It would be as reasonable to ask that the restriction as to sex or age or condition be removed, as there are very many females and others excluded, who possess the moral qualifications in an eminent degree. Would not that destroy the identity of the Order? Remove these ancient landmarks, and other demands would be made. The foundation being sapped, the fair fabric would tumble into ruins.

“Quest. Can the Master or the Lodge excuse a member from voting on trials or petitions? Can a member be forced to vote on such occasions?

“Ans. The duty of voting on ballot and on charges is imperative. It is one of the trusts confided to members alone, and we owe it to each other, and the Master owes it to the Fraternity, to see that it is duly and promptly performed. No brother should be allowed to throw on others the burden of responsibility of receiving, rejecting or expelling. It may be unpleasant to act in such cases, but it is a Masonic duty imposed on all alike, and if one is allowed to evade it others would ask also to be excused, and the onus be dropped on the shoulders of the faithful few. Other Grand Lodges have decided that all present *must* vote, and that the Master or Lodge cannot excuse a member from voting.

“Our Grand Lodge has no special regulation on this subject, and we must be governed by the general rule as expressed above, excluding the prosecutor alone. Some Grand Lodges allow the Lodge to excuse a brother for good reasons, by a majority vote. These are but the exceptions to the general rule, showing that a Lodge cannot excuse a member from voting, unless authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge.

“Quest. Is a man who has lost the thumb off his right hand eligible to be made a Mason?

“Ans. He is not.

“Quest. 1. The status of a non-affiliated Mason who applies for affiliation and is rejected, is not affected by said rejection; he still remains a Mason in good standing until charges are preferred and sentence passed on him.

“The committee conceive that it would be unjust to punish a non-affiliated Mason for remaining in that condition when he had applied for admission and been rejected.

"3. The Lodge may grant the request for funeral honors made by a non-affiliated Mason at its option. It being a Lodge benefit, he could not demand it as a right, but the Lodge might grant it as a favor. The widow and orphans of a non-affiliated Mason, have no claim to the charity fund of the Lodge, but have a strong claim on the individual charity of every Master Mason."

The following question and decision of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presents a novel and extraordinary case :

Quest. Suppose Lodge A and Lodge B are called, and meet in the same room at the same time, the officers of both Lodges in their several places. The Master of Lodge A goes through the regular form of opening, and declares Lodge A duly opened; immediately after, the Master of Lodge B likewise declares Lodge B opened also. Has Lodge B been opened according to law? Suppose the Master goes through with the responses with the Junior Deacon, usual at opening, and ascertains through that officer that the Lodge is duly tyled, and without any more ceremony declares the Lodge duly opened, is it legal or not?

Ans. The case alluded to presents an anomaly in the ceremonies which is not sanctioned by Masonic usage, and cannot be tolerated in practice. Here, two Lodges are called for a special meeting by their respective Masters, and meet in the same room at the same time. The officers of each take their respective stations, namely, both Masters in the East, both Senior Wardens in the West, both Junior Wardens in the South, both Secretaries at the desk, each claiming respectively concurrent authority. The Master of Lodge A goes through the ceremony, and opens his Lodge with his proper officers, and announces Lodge A as duly opened. Then the Master of Lodge B rises and declares his Lodge, B, duly opened also. Here are two Lodges declared to be opened at the same time, in the same room, with two sets of officers. Then, who is to preside and transact the business? One, or both? If but one, which one? If the Master of Lodge A submits a question, and all present vote on it, is that the vote of Lodge A, or of Lodge B? If of Lodge A, is it illegal, as none but members of Lodge A can vote on the business of *that* Lodge, and so with Lodge B? But was Lodge B duly and constitutionally opened by that ceremony, or could it be opened at all within the body of another Lodge? There are certain forms and ceremonies required in opening a Lodge, which every Master, who is duly qualified to preside, knows must be observed. If they were

not performed by Lodge B, then that Lodge was not opened. When you opened Lodge A, agreeable to your order, you were the sole presiding officer of the Lodge, and all the transactions of that meeting, and all Masons present, were under your control as Master of Lodge A. The business of your Lodge should have been transacted and properly recorded on the minutes of your Lodge, and the Lodge duly closed or called off. After which the Master of Lodge B might have opened his Lodge if the members were present, and proceed to the transaction of the business of his Lodge, which should have been duly recorded in the minutes of Lodge B. This distinction of Lodges is necessary to be observed, although the business of each Lodge might be precisely the same. Two or more Lodges cannot unite in the transaction of business jointly. There can be but one superior controlling power in a Lodge opened for business. No Master has the right to preside over any Lodge but his own, certainly not over two or more opened at the same time, without a dispensation. The Master and members of Lodge B, who were present, were only visitors in Lodge A while it was open, and could take no part in the transactions of that Lodge. Many Masters are in the habit of curtailing the ceremonies, both of opening and closing the Lodge. But we think they cannot be abridged beyond the order of the Worshipful Master to the Senior Warden, his report to the Junior Warden, his communication to the brethren, the invocation, and the announcement by the Worshipful Master. These ceremonies are indispensable in opening and closing the Lodge."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brö. A. H. Barkley. The Committee speak in terms of approval of the action of our Grand Lodge in making the Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances and Appeals, standing committees, with power to act in the vacation. They recommend similar action by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

M. W. George R. Fearn is Grand Master, and R. W. J. L. Power is Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

The Eighteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, January 10th, A. L. 5871.

We note a typographical error on the title page. Bro. Nash, the Grand Master, is thereon stated to be the 33d Grand Master. Now, as on the title page of the proceedings of 1870, the Grand Master was styled the 33d, it is manifest, that having been re-elected, he must this year be the 34th Grand Master.

We suggest to the brethren of Minnesota the propriety of calling in and cancelling the edition of their proceedings in which this error occurs.

We cite the following decisions from the address of the Grand Master, with which we concur :

“ A Master or Warden cannot resign or dimit, during his term of office ; but every other member has a clear right to dimit, if there are no charges preferred against him, and he is clear on the books of all dues.

“ Every member of a Subordinate Lodge, in good standing, whose dues are paid, as prescribed by the By-Laws of his Lodge, is eligible to any office in his Lodge, except that of Master.

“ In case an election is not held at the time prescribed in the By-Laws, the old officers hold their respective places until an election is held and their successors are installed. It is improper to pass an election by the time named in the By-Laws. In the event of a neglect to elect, an election can only be held by dispensation from the Grand Master.

“ A Subordinate Lodge has the right to remit the dues of any of its members for satisfactory reasons, and the Master should entertain a proper motion for this purpose.

“ A member residing within the jurisdiction of his Lodge, must be charged in, and tried by, his own Lodge. A non-affiliated Mason can be charged in and tried by any Lodge under whose jurisdiction he may reside ; and a Lodge can try a brother for unmasonic conduct, being a resident in their jurisdiction, although his membership may be with a Lodge of a sister Grand Jurisdiction.

“ The provision of our Grand Lodge Constitution absolutely forbids any degree being conferred on credit. The fee must be paid to the Secretary before a ballot can be taken. There are no exceptions to this rule. In some Lodges, I am informed, it has been the custom to confer degrees without charge, on certain professional gentlemen, clergymen for instance, or the Lodge would do what amounts to the same thing, remit or give back the fee to the applicant. This

mode of procedure is not in accordance with our Constitution and the ancient regulations, nor is there any sound reason for the modern innovation.

“All partiality or favoritism is entire unmasonic, for the first lesson the candidate is taught is perfect equality.

“In case a Lodge requests another Lodge to confer the degrees upon a candidate, the candidate becomes a member of the Lodge which made the request.

“If an entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, be made in a regular Lodge, he cannot receive the remaining degrees in any other Lodge, without the consent in writing of the Lodge which had original jurisdiction of the candidate.

“When a ballot is being taken for a candidate, every member present should be required to vote. None should be excused.”

The following, on a subject of great importance, may be read with profit by all Masons everywhere :

“There are some virtues which peculiarly become the Masonic character, and there are some vices that rest upon it as a deep and peculiar stain.

“One of these vices is that of evil speaking against brothers of the Order. Slander, under ordinary circumstances, among people who do not sustain toward each other any uncommon relation, is one of the meanest offences against social order. It involves falsehood, malignity, cowardice and other odious traits of character. To calumniate a brother Mason is to violate the fundamental law of the Brotherhood, and the first principles upon which it is founded. The slanderer is a disgrace to our Order ; he is an offender against its laws ; he assails not only the reputation of his victim, but the entire system of Masonry, and he is a common enemy and outlaw. The maxims of Masonry prescribe the methods in which evil reports should be brought to the knowledge of those whom they affect, and for whose injury they were invented. This duty should be discharged in all kindness and candor, and fully, not partially. It is made a duty that the brother who is injured may be placed on his guard against his enemy, and that he may be able to procure redress for the wrongs that he has suffered. He cannot accomplish this object if he is only partly enlightened, or if any circumstances are suppressed, a knowledge of which is essential to his safety. The duty of Masons in this respect is most delicate, it is sometimes most unpleasant ; yet it is imperative, and there is no release from its requirements.”

The Grand Master in his address presents an able argument against the legitimacy of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

We have not space for the remarks of the Grand Master, but insert the Report of the Special Committee on the subject :

"The undersigned, members of the committee appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which was referred the application of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, asking fraternal recognition by this Body, have given the subject such attention and deliberation as the few hours intervening between the reference and the report would allow.

"In view of the importance which the subject under reference involves, your committee can but regret that the time at their disposal will not enable them more fully to elaborate the reasons upon which their decision is based.

"In brief, your committee state that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada is the tribunal to which we must look for light upon this subject.

"To this tribunal we refer our brethren of Quebec.

"Have they the Master's word?"

"When that Grand Lodge shall recognize the Grand Lodge of Quebec it will receive our cordial recognition; until then we must decline all Masonic intercourse with that institution; your committee believe that to act otherwise would tend to the removal of 'the ancient landmarks which our forefathers have set,' work innovations in the Order, and be destructive to the best interest of our Craft; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, approving the sentiments upon the subject communicated to this Body by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, C. W. Nash, decline all fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, until it shall have been recognized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, from the facile pen of Most Worshipful Bro. A. T. C. Pierson. He quotes, without comment the decisions of Grand Master Cannon in 1869, and made a selection for insertion from the digest of decisions.

M. W. Charles Nash was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. William S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at Virginia City, October 31st, A. L. 5870.

The volume of proceedings before us has prefixed to it the likeness of Grand Master Nathaniel P. Langford. Bro. Langford is not a bad looking man, and, if only a little handsomer, would much resemble Past Grand Master Cannon, of the jurisdiction of New Jersey.

The Grand Master's address is very lengthy, comprising about seventeen pages, but we do not find in it anything superfluous.

We quote his remarks on the subject of the multiplication of Lodges. This is growing to be a very important subject. We think that the Craft in New Jersey may read these remarks with profit :

“In immediate connection with this evil, is another of almost equal magnitude—the disposition to multiply Lodges. It is proper that a Lodge should be established wherever the convenience of a sufficient number of brethren requires it; but when, as is often the case, members withdraw from their Lodge and form a new one through motives of ambition or dissatisfaction, a multitude of troubles, of most grievous character, generally ensue. Laudable as is the ambition to excel, when properly directed, it is equally reprehensible when it forgets the peace and harmony of the Order. All who attain excellence are sure of reward; and the delay in receiving it, is never a sufficient reason for adopting hasty or ill-advised measures to expedite it. Let the ambitious and deserving ‘wait with patience,’ rather than introduce an element of discord into your midst.

“A new Lodge, formed for the purpose of increasing the facilities for office, is an object of jealousy and distrust to the old Lodge, and necessarily becomes its rival. A strife exists between them from the commencement. It enters into all their affairs. Which shall have the most perfect Ritual; which shall attain the largest membership; which shall possess the most expensive furniture; which treasury shall be best supplied; these are a few of the subjects which constantly exercise the minds and task the ingenuity of the brethren. Dissension is a natural consequence. Proselyting grows into a mania. The cardinal virtues are overlooked. The beautiful lessons of the Ritual, intended for the improvement of the mind and heart,

are perverted to purposes of rivalry and ambition. The Lodges are no longer capable of assisting in the growth and perpetuity of Masonic principles. They introduce a spurious system of morality into the Order, which can find no parallel, except in the doubtful school of party politics. We can not too emphatically discountenance this prevalent innovation of Masonry."

We also insert the following, which rebukes a great evil to which we, surrounded as we are by Masonic publications, are especially subject :

"I can not too strongly reprehend the practice so much indulged by young and zealous Masons, of referring questions of doubtful import to some influential Masonic journal. Answers are received and accepted as final and conclusive, and so acted upon without a thought, which, in nine cases out of ten are predicated either upon the common law requirement in Masonry, or the statute law or custom of the jurisdiction where the editor resides; all of which may be exactly the reverse of the enactments in our own jurisdiction. Better far that these sticklers for law should familiarize themselves with our own Constitution and By-Laws, and afterward with the general Masonic law. It would save their Lodges from much embarrassment and enhance, instead of impair the influence and dignity of their officers, whose decisions, now so often criticized and condemned secretly, would then, if erroneous, be repaired without any disturbance of the peace and harmony of the brethren, or any injury to the feelings of their presiding officer."

We think that no Masonic journal published in one jurisdiction should answer interrogatories addressed to it from another. Every jurisdiction has some rules peculiar to itself. Although New Jersey is next door to New York, yet our rules on the subject of objection to the advancement of candidates are diametrically opposed to those of New York. The proper authority in each jurisdiction is, in the first instance, the Master of the particular Lodge, and then the Grand Master.

We insert the following for the purpose of expressing our dissent thereto :

"Mistakes arising from an incorrect appreciation of the duties of the officers, often find place in the records. It is common, for example, to represent the Senior Warden, when acting in the

absence of the Master, as Worshipful Master *pro tem.*, an office unknown to Masonry. It is the inherent right of the Senior Warden, when the Master is not present, to discharge his duties in the government of the Lodge, and the record should represent him as Worshipful Master. This is not a mere matter of taste. Any other representation disfigures the record, and is wrong in fact. When we consider that a Lodge may be required by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master at any time to exhibit its records, and that defective records furnish occasional cause for suspension, or even abolition of its charter, I trust the brethren will see the necessity for a strict adherence to full, accurate and intelligible forms."

The question presented is not one of very great importance, but we will take occasion to express our views upon it. The Grand Master is clearly right in saying that there is no such office as Worshipful Master *pro tem.*, and that such an entry is clearly erroneous. We think it equally clear that from the time of the annual election and installation of the Worshipful Master, until the regular election and installation of his successor, there can be but one Master of a Lodge. The Senior Warden, by reason of the absence of the Worshipful Master, does not by any means become the Master of the Lodge. He only succeeds to the duties of the Master. Under the circumstances stated in the extract, we think the entry on the minutes should be, "John Jones, Senior Warden, as Worshipful Master."

We transfer to our pages, with great pleasure, the eloquent peroration of the Grand Masters's address:

"Brethren, we have great cause to rejoice at the singular prosperity of Masonry in Montana. Nowhere else has its growth been more healthy, steady and progressive. Eight years ago, it was my rare good fortune, with the assistance of a few brethren, to open and close the first Lodge of Masons ever assembled in this beautiful Territory, on the summit of one of its rocky eminences. I remember with unalloyed pleasure the solemnities of that moment; but when I recall what Montana then was, and what she now is, I can not express to you the delight it affords me to meet, on the ground floor of this elegant temple, erected to God and dedicated to Masonry, so many of the representatives of an organized Fraternity at this our Sixth Annual Communication. Then our Territory was a wilderness, the abode of savage men and beasts. Places where

cities now exist were then unexplored. Valleys, now teeming with fruition, had then never cheered the vision of civilized man. Large rivers, which now afford the means of improvement to thousands, then rolled in solitary grandeur to their union with the Missouri and Columbia. All around was bare creation. Men traversed these distant haunts with fear, and viewed the vastness and variety of mountain, valley, river and canon with wonder and awe. Every stranger was regarded as an enemy. Now, how changed! An empire has sprung up as if by enchantment. Civilization, with all its attendant blessings, has softened the rugged features of the scene, and man, educated, intellectual man, is planting here, on foundations not less permanent than our mountains, all the institutions of a free, united and happy people. Among these Masonry stands pre-eminent. Around its sacred shrine hundreds are congregating to do it reverence. Upon its solid foundations men are forming character, molding example and establishing custom. Its power with us is omnipresent. Its pure influence woos us on in the pursuit of duty, and protects us in our march against surrounding evils. Let us cherish it, and bestow upon it that affection which alone can make it a constant source of blessing to ourselves and to our fellow men."

From the tenor of the annexed resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge, it is manifest that there is at least one committee in which the brethren of Montana have confidence :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Montana, confiding in the discretion, zeal and ability of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is willing to print whatever in the judgment of that committee it shall see fit to include in its report."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Cornelius Hedges, and is an able *resumé* of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges. New Jersey has a complimentary notice. The committee are disposed to complain of the absence of any Grand Lodge Charity Fund. With reference to this question, we would say to the committee that the brethren of New Jersey hold that the Grand Lodge is not a proper almoner of Masonic charity, and that it has no business with funds except such as are necessary for its own ordinary expenses. There is very little similarity, abstractly considered, between a

Grand and Subordinate Lodge. The former is exclusively a legislative body, and has not even the power to enter, pass and raise a Free Mason. The latter is a Masonic Lodge, pure and simple, entrusted with the duty and power of making Masons, and of dispensing Masonic charity.

M. W. Cornelius Hedges was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Hez. L. Hosmer was elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, commenced its Thirteenth Annual Communication, at Plattsmouth, June 21st, A. L. 5870. Most Worshipful Harry P. Deuel, presiding.

From the address of the Grand Master, we cite the following decisions, which appear to express correct propositions of Masonic law :

" *Query.* Can a Lodge receive and act upon the petition of an applicant who has been rejected by another Lodge out of this jurisdiction, without first obtaining the consent of the Lodge that had rejected him ?

" *Answer.* It cannot. Masons belong to one universal family, and are only divided into Grand Lodge jurisdictions for the purpose of local government.

" *Q.* Can a person who has lost the thumb of his right hand be made a Mason ?

" *A.* He cannot.

" *Q.* Does the loss of the fore-finger of the left hand debar a person from receiving the degrees of Masonry ?

" *A.* It does not.

" *Q.* A dimitted brother makes application to a Lodge for membership, and is rejected. Has he a right to apply again to the same Lodge ? and, also, has he the right to apply back to the Lodge from which he was dimitted ?

" *A.* A brother holding a dimit has the right to apply to any Lodge he may choose, for membership, and as often as he may see fit, until elected.

" *Q.* Has suitable proficiency been made if the candidate has only memorized the first section of the lecture of the degree, or does the term mean all the sections of the degree ?

"Q. Is it lawful for a Lodge to receive an application for membership from a brother who has never visited the Lodge, and who cannot pass an examination, upon the avouchment of a brother who has never been in Lodge with the brother who seeks membership?

"A. I will give my answer as made to them. * * * In regard to the proficiency required of a candidate seeking advancement, there is *no rule*; it rests entirely with the Lodge to judge whether the candidate has made the necessary proficiency to enable him to *prove readily* that he has received the several degrees, and they should so express themselves at the close of the examination; and while I think it is much better that the candidate *should* be posted in all of the lectures, I do not think it is *absolutely* necessary.

"A. In regard to the brother who is vouched for by another brother who has never been in Lodge with him, I think the third standing resolution is very plain on that point, that one brother cannot vouch for another unless he has been appointed by the Master for that purpose, or has been in open Lodge with him. There can be no other meaning to the resolution. It is absolutely necessary that the Master should be *fully satisfied* before he admits a visitor to his Lodge."

The annexed extract from the same address may be read with profit by Masters of Lodges in New Jersey, as well as in Nebraska:

"A few words to the Masters of Lodges, and I have done. Do you, my brethren, realize the importance of the position you occupy? Do you realize that to the Entered Apprentice, just stepping upon the threshold of our mystic temple, the Master in the East is highest light, and that it is to him he looks for that advice and information which is to advance him in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge? How necessary, then, that you should thoroughly instruct yourselves in the teachings of our mystic symbolism, and be always ready to impart that instruction which is so much needed by the seeker after Masonic light! For Masonry is a beautiful, noble science, twin sister of religion; hand-in-hand do they travel together, scattering, broadcast, the seeds of morality, love, relief and consolation, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, alleviating the sorrows of the broken-hearted, and pointing, with steadfast finger, towards the Almighty as the only staff in the hour of adversity. This, my brothers, is the only true province of Masonry, and it is to this end that every zealous Mason should labor. Teach them not to confine

their duties merely to the Lodge room. Let their actions in the world be in accordance with the teachings that they there receive, and they will truly merit that proudest appellation, 'a just and upright Mason,' true to their God, faithful to their trusts, and charitable to all mankind. Then will they be truly 'fitted as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' "

The following Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presents questions of general interest, and, in our opinion, correctly answered by the committee :

" 1. What action should be taken by a Subordinate Lodge when a Master Mason presents a diploma from a jurisdiction that does not issue dimits, praying for membership ?

" We answer, that inasmuch as some Grand Lodge jurisdictions do not dimitt Masons, but grant diplomas, the diploma is as much the evidence of Masonic standing as would be the certificate of a secretary of a Lodge where dimits are recognized ; and a Lodge in this jurisdiction should, when a brother holding such diploma asks for membership, if he be otherwise found worthy, admit him to membership. We must, in such cases, recognize the local law of the jurisdiction from which the brother hails ; but a Lodge should be fully satisfied that the jurisdiction does not dimitt members.

" 2. What is the status of a Master Mason who has been regularly initiated, passed and raised in another jurisdiction, and left such jurisdiction without signing the By-Laws of the Lodge which conferred the degrees on him ? and if such Lodge should refuse to dimitt him, on account of such informality, what steps must he take to become a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction ?

" The general principles of Masonry recognize a brother who has been regularly initiated, passed and raised as an inchoate member of the Lodge that conferred the degrees on him. Local law may, in a great measure, determine his full membership. If the By-Laws of a Lodge require that a brother shall sign the By-Laws before he becomes a member, that should be done ; but we cannot conceive that where this is not done, a brother loses any of the rights to which he would undoubtedly be entitled had he signed the By-Laws. The fault is not his, but that of the Lodge, which should see that he does sign them. His removing from the jurisdiction does not affect his status in the least.

"Should a Lodge of another jurisdiction refuse to dimit a brother who is in such a condition, and on account of such informality, it would undoubtedly be because the members thereof believed that he was not a member of that Lodge as provided by their By-Laws, and, consequently, that they had no power to dimit. In such a case the Lodge would undoubtedly grant him a certificate of his having been regularly initiated, passed and raised, and that he is clear on their books. Such certificate would entitle him to make his application to any Lodge in this jurisdiction for membership. If he cannot obtain such dimit or certificate, we know of no law by which he can legally become a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction."

The report on Foreign Correspondence we presume, should be credited to Bro. Goss, although its authorship is nowhere stated. Very considerable space is accorded to New Jersey in the report. The committee does us the honor to insert in full, the digest of the decisions of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, with the accompanying remark, that they deem them worthy of a place upon the records of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. W. Bro. Harry P. Deuel and R. W. Bro. R. W. Furnas were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

After writing the above, we received the printed transactions of their Fourteenth Annual Communication, held the 21st, 22d, and 23d days of June, A. D. 1871, in the city of Lincoln. Most Worshipful Harry P. Deuel, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is almost wholly taken up with matters of a local nature.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Furnas, the chairman of the committee, and printed in a separate volume from the minutes. He mentions having received the minutes of our last Annual Communication.

The proceedings are principally of the work usual to Grand Lodges.

M. W. William E. Hill and R. W. Robert W. Furnas were respectively elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The pamphlet before us contains the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, at a Special Communication, held at Carson City, June 9th, A. L. 5870, to lay the corner-stone of the State Capitol; and of the Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held in the city of Virginia, September 20th, A. L. 5870. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, George W. Hopkins was present and presided on both occasions.

From the address of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication, we cite the following remarks upon side degrees, which meet our hearty concurrence :

“My attention has been called to the subject of ‘side degrees,’ so styled. I know of no degrees over which this Grand Lodge has jurisdiction except Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. A thorough acquaintance with them, and a steady adherence to the precepts and principles which they teach, ought to be sufficient to satisfy a Master Mason. It has been said pseudo degrees, called ‘side degrees,’ do no harm, even if they are not productive of good or beneficial results. I can not concur in this view. So far as Masonry is concerned, what is not good, is bad. If these side degrees are not good, and can not be recognized as legitimate, (and they surely can not,) then the time bestowed upon them is wasted. In response to the question whether the use of Lodge rooms should be permitted for the purpose of ‘conferring’ such so-called ‘side degrees,’ I would say that while I would have confidence in the capacity and desire of the brethren at large to see that Lodge rooms should be occupied for no unworthy purposes, and would not, therefore, by special legislation, interdict such-and-such practices in Lodge rooms, my own opinion upon the matter is, that Masonic halls should be used only for Masonic purposes.”

The remainder of the address is mostly occupied with matters of local interest.

Upon the reception of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, a brief address was made to them by the Grand Orator, from which we extract the following pertinent remarks :

“**REPRESENTATIVES:**—It is with great pleasure that I obey the command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to give you greeting and welcome to the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

"The custom of Grand Lodges to appoint Representatives near other Grand Lodges, now becoming almost universal, is of comparatively recent origin; but it is one which may be made the means of strengthening the bonds of amity and friendship, now so happily existing among American Grand Lodges, and of uniting them more closely in their fraternal relations to, and correspondence with each other. I am not aware of a regulation by any Masonic authority, fixing the powers, privileges or duties of Grand Representatives, Perhaps it would be well that these should be defined. Meantime, the fact that you are charged with no specified duties does not diminish the gratification we feel in receiving you.

"Your coming to us with the commissions which you have this day presented, is another evidence of the affectionate regards of the various Grand Bodies from whom you are accredited. You are therefore doubly welcome. You are welcome as Masons, imbued with those sentiments of brotherly love inspired of the glorious tenets which you and we have learned at the altar of our Masonic faith; and you are welcome as the living proofs of that friendship which has ever marked the intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Nevada and the bodies whom you will severally represent upon this floor. Convey to those bodies, I pray you, the here renewed assurances of the Grand Lodge of Nevada that it is proud of this alliance and correspondence with them; grateful for the evidence of their Masonic love to us, afforded by your appointment hither and presence with us; and confident in the hope that these intimate relations will ever continue, to be still more thoroughly cemented and strengthened as the years roll on."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Robert H. Taylor, and is very full and able. New Jersey has complimentary mention, and extracts are made from the address of our Grand Master and the reports of our committees.

M. W. Bro. George Robinson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. William A. M. Van Bokkelen was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of St. John, on the 25th day of September, A. L. 5869. Most Worshipful B. Lester Peters, Grand Master, was present and presided.

The address of the Grand Master contains a very able and elaborate discussion of the difficulties existing between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Master concludes that the institution of the Lodge of Quebec was irregular and unauthorized, and that such Grand Lodge should not be recognized. The argument of the Grand Master is clear, and to our minds, irresistible. It confirms us in the opinion we have always entertained upon this question, since we gave it the necessary examination. In our opinion the recognition by many of our Grand Lodges, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has struck a severer blow against the great American doctrine of the sovereignty of Grand Lodges, than any thing that has happened in our recollection, not excepting the irregular Grand Council of Louisiana. We regret to see a great Masonic principle struck down in the house of its friends, and rejoice to know that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has ranged itself upon the side of the inviolable sovereignty of Grand Lodges within their jurisdiction.

The Grand Master reports, that fraternal intercourse had been established between the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and those of England and Ireland. There appears to be a germ of discord left by two Subordinate Lodges, still working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is to be hoped, however, that those Lodges may submit to the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, without the exercise of the discipline of the latter Body.

M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn was elected Grand Master, and V. W. William F. Bunting was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Communication of the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of New York," was held in the city of New York, June 6th, A. L. 5871. Most Worshipful John H. Anthon, Grand Master, presiding.

At the opening of the communication, an able address was delivered by Right Worshipful John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain.

We quote from the Grand Master's address, the following :

"I have found that, used to a limited extent, and without any attendant banquet, or, at all events, followed by nothing more dangerous than a temperance entertainment, public ceremonies have been beneficial to the Craft.

"Where public feeling is favorable to Masonry, they tend to strengthen it; where it is adverse they offer a bold challenge of investigation, which our enemies are usually slow to answer, and we do not fear to provoke. Especially is this true in reference to ladies attending such celebrations.

"Debarred as they are, from any admission to Masonry, or to anything which Masonry acknowledges as belonging to itself except its charity and love, they can, by witnessing these public ceremonies, be convinced of the purity of our teaching, for it would be a baseness almost indescribable to speak such language in public and before them as we do in these services, and a different tongue in our private assemblies.

"I say that this is the only way in which we can appeal to those whose esteem we value more highly, perhaps, than any other, because you well know that no such things as Female Masonry, or side degrees, or the like, are recognized in Masonry.

"I fear, indeed, that serious evil may result from the so-called degrees, an apprehension strengthened in my mind by numerous applications for aid made to me by ladies, whose only hope of proving a Masonic claim was a badge or sign, or some other attempted proof that they belonged to some side degree, some branch of Female Masonry, of which I of course knew nothing."

Our private, personal opinion is adverse to the views of the Grand Master, on the subject of public installations, but we heartily agree with him in his stricture upon side degrees.

A reference is made to a complaint made by Most Worshipful Bro. Rusling, late Grand Master of New Jersey, which we insert :

"On the 20th December, 1870, complaint was made by Most Worshipful Robert Rusling, Grand Master of New Jersey, against Amity Lodge, No. 323, for the initiation of John E. Donnelly, a resident of New Jersey. His advancement was arrested by order.

The proof, on examination of the case by Right Worshipful Bro. Selmes, District Deputy Grand Master, showed that Amity Lodge was without fault, being deceived by Donnelly in his written answers, and probably by the member of Amity Lodge who proposed him. Charges were ordered to be preferred in Amity Lodge against both, and the Grand Master of New Jersey is satisfied with the action taken."

We transfer to our columns the following interesting decisions reported by the Grand Master :

" 1. The physical qualifications of a candidate are, that he must be a man, free born, of lawful age, being neither too young nor too old for the Master's work, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered. This is a landmark in which no man or body of men can make change or innovation.

" If, therefore, a Master of a Lodge can not be conscientiously satisfied in his own mind, as his own unbiassed opinion, that the candidate has in fact these necessary qualifications, he can not conscientiously, therefore, he can not Masonically initiate, nor can a brother not so satisfied conscientiously or Masonically vote for or be present at the initiation of such a candidate.

" The same rule applying to passing and raising when the defect has not arisen since initiation.

" The Master or brother can not in this matter substitute for his own conscience or opinion the conscience or opinion of any other man or body of men ; no dispensation or advice can protect the offender ; it can only make sharers in his guilt.

" 2. I have decided the following case :

" In 1864 a candidate was proposed in Lodge A and rejected ; in 1866 he applied to Lodge B, which applied to Lodge A for consent, was refused, and notwithstanding, balloted for the candidate and rejected him.

" In the early part of 1870 he applied to Lodge C, which, knowing of the former rejections, asked no consent, but balloted for and rejected him.

" Subsequently, having made further inquiries, Lodge C received a renewed proposition from the candidate in the latter part of 1870, and asked the consent of Lodge A, which was given. Lodge B now claims jurisdiction, and refuses consent.

" *Held*, That Lodge A held jurisdiction till it consented to the initiation by Lodge C, in which, by that consent, jurisdiction became and was, at the date of the opinion, vested.

" 3. What is commonly termed the Past Master's degree, as preliminary to the installation of the Master of a Lodge, is not in any sense a degree, nor is the degree known under that name in Capitular Masonry, acknowledged in Lodges of the rite of which this is the Grand Lodge.

" Therefore, in the installation of Masters of our Lodges, no brother can take any special part by reason of any degree conferred in a Chapter.

" The ceremony intended by the term, Past Master's Degree, is simply the private imposition, in a certain traditional form, of an obligation suitable to the mastership by a Past Master by actual election in a Lodge, either in the presence of other actual Masters, or without, if none can be obtained, but in no case either by or in the presence of brothers only Past Masters by virtue of a Chapter Degree.

" After favorable report by an examining committee on application of a candidate, can the Master refuse to ballot or initiate on the ground that the Lodge has not jurisdiction over the candidate by reason of non-residence? I decided that he had the right to do so."

The decision above quoted, upon the *Status* of Chapter Past Masters, in a Symbolic Lodge, is as concise and correct a statement of the law upon this subject, as we have ever seen.

Among the visitors present, we notice the name of Daniel B. Bruen, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, who "was received with the customary honors."

A singular instance of the haste and want of care with which Grand Lodge business is sometimes transacted, will be seen by the adoption of the following resolution:

" *Resolved*, That each Lodge in this jurisdiction be entitled to only one copy of the transactions of this Grand Lodge, all other copies to be sold at fifty cents per copy, the proceeds to be donated to the Hall and Asylum Fund; and that no copies of the transactions be disposed of otherwise than in accordance with this resolution, and a copy of the Constitution to be sent to each Lodge with the transactions."

It will be seen by this resolution, that the Grand Lodge is prohibited from sending copies of its proceedings to Grand Lodges, with which it holds fraternal intercourse. From the fact, however, that we have received a copy, we presume that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have been reading the biography of Bro. Andrew Jackson, and have concluded to "take the responsibility."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Enoch P. Breëd; Bro. Simons is chairman of the committee, but a severe and dangerous illness prevented his attention to a large part of the report.

The committee make favorable reference to New Jersey. They refer to our remarks in the report of 1871, criticising the use of the figures 32° and 33°, and the prefix "Hon." in Grand Lodge reports, and add that we, quite as improperly, speak of a "Rev." brother. We stand corrected. We admit that the prefix has no business in a report of Masonic proceedings, and assure the committee that its admission into our report was inadvertent. It is possible, if the committee scrutinize closely, they may find the same error in this report. If so, we beg to plead guilty of an impropriety, without the formality of an indictment.

M. W. Bro. John H. Anthon is Grand Master, and R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina commenced its Eighty-fourth Annual Communication, in the city of Raleigh, December 5th, A. L. 5870, Most Worshipful Robert B. Vance, Grand Master, presiding.

The absence from the journal of the Grand Master's address is accounted for by the following note, inserted by the Grand Secretary :

"NOTE.—The Grand Master retained possession of his address for the purpose of revising it before printing. He mailed it to the Grand Secretary, per registered letter, but the mail in which it was trans-

mitted was lost or robbed, and the Grand Secretary is unable to obtain a copy for publication. It is regretted that the proceedings do not contain the document, as it embraced matters of interest to the Craft.

GRAND SECRETARY."

Considerable business was transacted, but it mainly pertained to matters of local interest.

We insert a report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence on the subject of the right of visitation :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they differ with the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his answer to the question, 'Has a Mason in good standing the right to visit any Lodge?' They decide that he has no such right; he has the right to ask to be allowed to visit, and the Lodge may grant it or not, and he cannot be admitted if any one brother objects."

Since writing the foregoing, we find in an Appendix the address of the Grand Master, which appears to have been recovered. We regret to find in the address the following discouraging remarks :

"The condition of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction is not entirely satisfactory. While there are many noble and pleasing exceptions, it is a painful truth that many of our Lodges languish. This is owing to individual indifference. If all the brethren would do their whole duty, there would be no cause for this regret. Devoted and energetic Masters can, in a good degree, repair this misfortune, but it too frequently happens that delinquents have to be disciplined for failures, and thus become *dismembered*, and hence our great supply of non-affiliated Masons."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary. Our proceedings for 1870 are reviewed.

In connection with these proceedings, we are favored with a pamphlet containing the proceedings of the one hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held January 14th, A. D. 1871. How a Grand Lodge which held its Eighty-fourth Annual Communication in December, 1870, could celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its "corporate existence" in January, 1871, is not very clear to our mind. Th

document upon which this assertion of antiquity is based, is printed in full in the oration of Bro. N. F. Reid, delivered on the occasion. This document is nothing more than a deputation to Joseph Montfort, by the Grand Master of England, dated January 14th, 1771, constituting him Provincial Grand Master of America, with power to constitute Lodges, and is similar, in its terms and character, to the deputation granted to Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, in 1730. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey might, with equal propriety, and with equal impropriety, have celebrated its centennial anniversary on June 5th, 1730, which is the date of Bro. Coxe's deputation.

The deputation to Joseph Montfort constituted no Grand Lodge, neither did it give him power to constitute a Grand Lodge. On the contrary, he was merely appointed *Provincial* Grand Master and was directed by the terms of the deputation to remit to the Grand Lodge of England three pounds three shillings, sterling, for every Lodge he might constitute.

We think the fact sufficiently appears from the oration of Bro. Reid, that the "corporate existence" of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina did not commence until 1787. January 14th, 1871, may have been the centennial anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into North Carolina, but we are not furnished with any evidence that it was the centennial anniversary of the "corporate existence" of that Grand Lodge. On the contrary, the evidence with which we are furnished negatives that assumption.

We should be glad to make many extracts from the able and eloquent oration of Bro. Reid on this occasion; but we must content ourselves with a single one:

"Thus it is seen that the seeds of Masonic truth were sown in North Carolina cotemporaneously with the sowing the seeds of American freedom. Those who know anything of the history of North Carolina, and the character of the men and their deeds whose names I have just recited, will see that the men who struck the first blow for civil and religious freedom on this continent—the men who passed through the 'times that tried men's souls'—the men who, standing up in the face of the whole world against the most appalling

odds, appealing to heaven to defend the right, declared themselves freemen by the inheritance from God and nature, of the inalienable right to be so—the men who constituted the government of the State and then stood at the helm of the ship which they had launched—the men who adorned the Bar, the Bench, the Forum—the men whose names, if they do not get into the histories written by strangers, get at least into their geographies, by being stamped by appreciative descendants on the counties and towns of the State, to be thus rendered imperishable; were the men who laid the foundation and built the superstructure of Masonry in North Carolina. We, to-day, after the lapse of these long years, with feelings of reverence for their memories, and pride in their noble deed, take occasion, in our Masonic character, to make mention of their heroic virtues and herald to the world the fame to which they are so eminently entitled. It falls not on their ear, for through many a long winter and hot summer they have 'slept the sleep that knows no awaking,' but it will serve in some measure to rescue from the threatened oblivion these bright examples of heroism and virtue and charity, and cause them to live again before our eyes, and those who are to come after us, as ensamples worthy of all imitation."

M. W. Charles C. Clark is Grand Master, and R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

• *NOVA SCOTIA.*

The pamphlet before us contains the transactions of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending June 7th and 8th, A. D. 1871.

In the minutes of the three Quarterly Communications preceding the Annual, a large amount of business was transacted, of a nature usual to such a Body, and in which we find nothing of special mention, except the reports of the Deputy Grand Master, William Taylor, who evidently has bestowed much care and attention to the work of the several Subordinate Lodges, and his visits seemed quite numerous.

At the Annual Communication, thirty-two Lodges were represented, and the Grand Lodge was opened by the aforesaid Deputy Grand Master.

We regret to state that "the Grand Secretary informed the members of the Grand Lodge, that owing to severe affliction occasioned by loss of sight, the venerable Grand Master had been unable to prepare his annual address."

The Deputy Grand Master presented and read a short, well written address at the opening.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Right Worshipful Bro. George T. Smithees, wherein he gives our journal of 1871 a short and courteous mention.

He says, "the Committee on Foreign Correspondence do not notice our Grand Lodge." In reply, we can only say he is a little too fast. Our young sister did not appear with us at the time of our writing, hence the failure of proper notice.

The Grand Master was re-elected, and Bro. Benjamin Curren elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Salem, June 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22d, 1871. Most Worshipful D. G. Clark, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master's address is well written and interesting in a business point of view, briefly stating the several matters in a plain and forcible manner. It is wholly of a local nature, and the only thing of moment to state here is, the statement that the fraternal relations between them and the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, has been fully restored, which is quite pleasing to us.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Past Grand Master S. F. Chadwick, the chairman. It is lengthy, and reviews our journals for 1870 and 1871, in a very pleasing manner.

A little error occurred in our last, wherein we had inadvertently attached a prefix to our Right Worshipful Brother's name, and he takes us to task for it. We acknowledge we cannot see how we came to do it, but in extenuation of our fault will say, if we do not call him a worse one, (which we do not intend to), in our tilt against one another, in this agreeable warfare, we hope he will not find much fault.

We here quote what he says of us :

" 'The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Rev. S. F. Chadwick. New Jersey is not mentioned, the committee probably having failed to receive a copy of our proceedings.'

“Why Brother Hough should inflict a title upon us of which we are not deserving, we are at a loss to know. We were disposed to retaliate, for we have as good right to *Rev.* Bro. Hough as he has us. We were in the political cauldron for a long time, and there boiled over and over again; and as the heat became more and more intensified, during the working of this refining process, epithet upon epithet, not remarkable for truthfulness or elegance, were applied with a ‘white man’s freedom’ to that incorruptible party of uncompromising principles with which our political aspirations were allied, but never, never, were we, during all this eventful career, in those days of trial, called *Rev.* And now, when we do not need the aid of this distinguished title, this honor is thrust upon us by our friend in New Jersey. We beseech our Bro., B. F. Brown, representative of the Grand Lodge of this foreign jurisdiction, to intercede in our behalf, and counsel with Bro. Hough as to the best means to be used to protect our clerical friends against this unwarranted use of their appropriate title.”

On the 29th of June, 1871, a Special Communication was held at Portland, to lay the corner stone of the Masonic Temple now in process of erection. Past Grand Master Elwood Evans, delivered the address on the occasion; we print one paragraph, which is well worth the reading:

“MY BRETHREN—It is a singular circumstance that the spot upon which we stand marks the site where, at an early day, Free Masonry entered upon its work and mission in the great city which is now the metropolis of the northwest—the head-centre of its commerce and civilization. Twenty-one years ago the brethren consecrated this ground by here setting up an altar, and using the humble tenement erected here as the Lodge room. Here Masons were made. Here were the Craftsmen at their labor. This memorable fact had well nigh been forgotten; indeed, it seems to have formed no part of the inducement for the purchase of the lot, and only after the conveyance to the Temple Association, did it become known to the purchasing committee. Thus, does it seem, that this Masonic ground, as of its own will and accord, seeks its way back into Masonic hands, to be once more and forever dedicated to the exclusive uses of Free Masonry. This peculiarity, this coincidence if you will, adds to the interest of this day’s proceedings. For within the foundation of the future magnificent Temple, we place among the archives, out of the way of inundations or conflagrations,

the perpetual memorial of the historic character of this ground, and the record of the names of those pioneers of our art who, amid doubt and discouragement, first established here the ark of our covenant. In those archives, side by side with this pristine record, we place the evidence of what mighty results have been wrought by the faithfulness of that little band and the efficiency of their work. To us, their successors standing here to-day, no such record is needed—we see it in everything around us—but still it is not less our grateful duty to bear testimony, on this eventful occasion, to the zeal and devotion of those pioneers.”

M. W. W. D. Hare was elected Grand Master, and J. E. Hurford re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The pamphlet before us contains extracts from the minutes of the Quarterly and Annual Grand Communications during the year A. L. 5870.

At the Annual Communication, held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27th, A. L. 5870, the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Robert A. Lamberton delivered his annual address.

We should be very glad if we could make many quotations from this intelligent and able address. We select for transfer to our columns the following wise words on the subject of public Masonic demonstrations. The evils which Grand Master Lamberton rebukes, are growing ones, and we are glad that the Grand Master of so large and influential a jurisdiction as that of Pennsylvania has ranged himself in opposition to them :

“ From time to time, applications have been made to me for permission to have public processions in regalia upon other than strictly Masonic occasions. To these I have given an invariable refusal. At a memorable time, the rule which has been uniformly and consistently observed by this Grand Lodge, was pronounced to be, that ‘ it would be unusual, and contrary to the principles of our Order, which seeks no popularity by public display, to appear in procession on any occasion whatever, unless called upon to perform the ancient ceremonies devolving upon us as Free and Accepted Masons.’

"It is deeply to be regretted that there is a tendency to overstep this wise rule, and to obtrude Masonry before the world and to give it notoriety. Restless zealots, imported from other associations, whose principles and purposes are widely different from our own, seem determined to thrust our ancient brotherhood out upon the streets, at times most unseemly. No other object can be imagined, than to win votaries to our altars, and to increase the numerical strength of our Lodges. Herein is a direct and palpable violation of one of the fundamental teachings of Free Masonry. She eschews notoriety; she seeks the shadow of silence, unless her work is to be done before men, and then she goes forth to perform her ceremonies, and returns once more to her shelter. In the seclusion of her Lodges she imparts her truths, and forms and forges those links which bind us together as brothers, and as members of that indestructible fraternity which exists wherever are the haunts of civilized men.

"The silence of Free Masonry is one of her virtues. Silence was the first lesson in the ancient mysteries; and under the protecting wing of night were they celebrated. Wise Pythagoras denied to his neophytes speech for a set time, requiring privacy and 'the silent tongue,' that they might learn to retain, undivulged, the esoteric teachings of his philosophy.

In silence mighty things are wrought,
Silently builded, thought on thought,
Truth's temple greets the sky,
And like a citadel with towers,
The soul with her subservient powers,
Is strengthened silently.

"The statue of Silence, with significant monition, gives her warning as we enter the vestibule of this Temple. She stands guard at the portals of our Lodges, and frowns upon the idle and vain show of a Masonic display when there is no Masonic occasion.

"The very object sought to be attained by these empty parades, is in contravention of the explicit teaching of the Royal Craft. Free Masonry does not proselyte, needs not these adventitious aids to help its progress, does not go out into the highways and hedges to compel men to come in. In the lives and works of those who are her true children are her truths to be exemplified and illustrated, and if these are unavailing to attract the earnest seeker, public displays may add to her numbers but not to her strength. If, upon this subject, her teachings are heeded, there will be no following

after strange gods, for whom there are no places in the Masonic temple; we shall have no trouble from those incongruous things styled Masonic Excursions, Masonic Walks, Masonic Fairs, or the like. With these Lodges have nothing to do; they cannot be interpolated in our work, ritual or law. This Grand Lodge, whose organic law forbids any procession in regalia unless permission be first obtained, no more countenances or tolerates such a demonstration without good and sufficient cause therefor, than she does the publishing in the public press the proceedings of her Lodges, painting our emblems on sign boards, printing them on business cards or circulars, or the use of Masonic devices to obtain customers, by those who have more faith in their Masonry than in their wares."

We find little in the report of the proceedings which would be of interest to the brethren of New Jersey. The magnificent Temple, now being erected on Broad Street, is rapidly approaching completion, so far as the outer walls are concerned. We notice that the Building Committee report that from \$500,000 to \$600,000 will yet be required for the completion of the building. We can testify, from actual inspection of its massive proportions, that the new Masonic Temple in Philadelphia has not been erected "for a day, but for all time."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Robert I. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee, and is an able and thorough review of the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, New Jersey being among the number.

R. W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton and R. W. Bro. John Thompson were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Most Worshipful "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," assembled in Annual Communication, at Providence, May 15th, A. L. 5871.

The Grand Master commenced his address by congratulating the Craft in Rhode Island that they are "content to follow the paths our fathers trod, and in the light they walked, endeavoring

to keep ourselves in the true way, hoping to transmit to those who shall succeed us, the trust we received, as pure as when we inherited it."

The following remarks, contained in the address, appear to us to be somewhat inconsistent with the foregoing, and will read strange to New Jersey eyes :

"On the 30th of April, 1869, at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, it was ordered, 'that the Grand Lodge of Instruction be, and they are hereby directed to cause the work and lectures of the three degrees, as approved by this Grand Lodge, to be suitably engrossed in a book for preservation in the office of the Worshipful Grand Secretary.'

"Two years have elapsed since the passage of the above order, and as yet no attention has been given to it by the Grand Lodge of Instruction. The uniformity of the work which it was supposed had been secured by that vote is no nearer attainment than when it was passed, and our Lodges are working the same varieties of ritual as they were previous to its passage. In November, 1861, or nearly ten years since, the Grand Lodge of Instruction was established, those who originated it looked forward to a time when a uniform work would be used throughout the jurisdiction as the result of their labors, but time soon proved that their hopes were vain, and the body as organized was a failure. In May, 1867, the organization was changed and the responsibility of procuring and perfecting the work was placed upon seven members of the Grand Lodge, with no better success than attended their predecessors. I now recommend that the body be abolished, and two brethren be appointed 'Custodians of the Work;' that they be directed to report to the Grand Lodge as soon as practicable the work and lectures of the three degrees, which, being approved, shall then be engrossed as heretofore directed. If this course is adopted, I am convinced that two brethren will be found who will take pleasure in performing the duty, and through whose efforts a uniformity of work may be secured."

We are not at all surprised to learn that two years have elapsed without being able to produce the brother rash enough to comply with the terms of the resolution cited. And we hope that two hundred times two years may pass by before any brother can be found in Rhode Island, or any other Grand jurisdiction, willing to take the responsibility of "engrossing" the work and lectures

of the three degrees. We do not know how it is in Rhode Island, but the Mason who should be detected in doing such a thing in New Jersey, would be expelled as soon as the forms of trial could be gone through with.

Very little business was transacted, and that mainly of local interest.

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Thomas A. Doyle was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina was held in the city of Charleston, November 15th, A. L. 5870.

We cite the following rather singular recommendation from the Grand Master's address :

"Many applications have been made to me for dispensations to confer the degrees on parties who had sustained physical injuries, but who were perfectly able to perform all the work of a Symbolic Lodge. I have uniformly refused to grant such permission. Our constitution is clear and imperative on the subject, and although my own opinion is in favor of a relaxation of the rule, I have felt myself bound to adhere to the ancient rule until the Grand Lodge shall sanction a relaxation of it. Hitherto, the subject has been of but little importance, but it now continually recurs, and a solution of it is imperatively necessary. It is not confined to any section or State. It every where demands decision, and as uniformity is of the highest importance, and there is no general council of the Craft to which it can be referred, I suggest it for your consideration whether it would not be advisable to address a circular to the different Grand Lodges of the United States, to ascertain whether any and what modifications of the ancient rule have been made in their respective jurisdictions."

If there is an *ancient rule* on the subject of physical qualifications by which the Craft has heretofore been bound, we cannot see how any Grand Lodge, or any assent which may be given by a Convocation of Grand Lodges, can alter or relax it. The Grand Master admits that there is such a rule, and that he has

felt himself bound to adhere to it. This, in our opinion, settles the question. "Remove not the landmarks which thy fathers have set."

As the Grand Master suggests, there has been much discussion in Grand Lodges upon this subject; but we have never been able to see what room there was for controversy about it. The ancient rule requires that the candidate must be physically able to "do the work of a Mason." The practical application of this rule, it appears to us, will remove all doubt.

The time of the Grand Lodge was mainly occupied with local legislation. Much discussion was had with reference to the erection of a Masonic Temple, but the Grand Lodge appears to be prudently disposed to count the cost before involving itself in such an enterprise.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. B. Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary. We do not know what is the quarrel between the Committee and New Jersey. For at least three consecutive years, we think, they have ignored us, and such is the case in the report which we are reviewing. We send to the Grand Secretary, annually, three copies of our proceedings, and it is strange if they do not reach their destination.

M. W. W. K. Blake was elected Grand Master, and R. W. B. Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the city of Nashville, October 4th, A. L. 5869.

The address of the Grand Master is mostly confined to a consideration of home matters, and contains little of interest to the Craft outside of Tennessee. A very interesting report is spread upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge from the Board of Managers of the Masonic Orphans' Home. It is proposed to raise four hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of endowing three orphan homes, to be located in different sections of the State. The brethren of Tennessee have proposed to themselves

a task of great magnitude, and it is earnestly to be hoped that they will succeed in the praiseworthy object of their ambition and labors. They have ample opportunities to learn the dangers which beset them, for the Masonic ocean is strewn with the wrecks of just such institutions. We have had a little experience on this subject in New Jersey.

We cite the following decisions from the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

"Can a member of one Lodge object to a member of another Lodge visiting his Lodge? Can the member thus denied demand an investigation? Or, is it the duty of the Lodge in which the objection was made to prefer charges? And if not, must the first Lodge prefer charges against its own member?"

"*Ans.* Visitation is a privilege, and not a right, and no one is to be held responsible for denying that privilege. Neither Lodge is expected or required to prefer charges.

"A brother having been tried by his Lodge, and suspended for unmasonic conduct, afterwards charges the Worshipful Master with being responsible for the action of the Lodge, and threatens his life. What course should the Lodge pursue?"

"*Ans.* Prefer new charges against him, and try him on the new charges, and may expel him.

"Is a motion to lay on the table admissible in a Masonic Lodge?"

"*Ans.* In the opinion of the majority of the committee, this may be done in the Grand Lodge, but not in a Subordinate Lodge.

"Is it right for a secretary to grant a dimit to a brother whose dues are paid, without first bringing the matter to the attention of the Lodge?"

"*Ans.* Dimits should be granted only by the order of the Lodge, and the committee submits the following resolution :

"That dimits must be asked for at a stated meeting of the Lodge, and, if his dues are paid, and there are no charges against the brother, the Lodge shall grant it; provided, however, that if any brother wants it delayed one stated meeting, in order to prefer charges, it shall be thus delayed, and not otherwise; and all laws to the contrary are hereby repealed.

"Have the officers of a Subordinate Lodge the right to tell the brethren, after a ballot upon, and the rejection of, a candidate, how many black balls were cast?"

"Ans. While the committee do not believe it strictly unmasonic for the Master or Wardens to inform any brother present how many negative ballots may have been cast against an applicant, they also believe that no brother can demand such information as a right, and we would advise the withholding of the information.

"The Worshipful Master of a Subordinate Lodge in Tennessee resides in Virginia, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State. Is it lawful for him to occupy the position of Worshipful Master in his Lodge in Tennessee ?

"Ans. We answer, Yes. A Mason can affiliate with a Lodge regardless of his place of residence ; therefore, whilst he is a member in good standing in his Lodge, he is eligible for any office in the gift of the brethren."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of of Right Worshipful George S. Blackle, Assistant Grand Secretary. Courteous reference is made to New Jersey in the report.

M. W. John W. Paxton is Grand Master, and R. W. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

After writing the above, the Journal of the Fifty-seventh Annual Communication came to hand. The Grand Lodge was held at Nashville, November 14th, 1870, M. W. John W. Paxton, Grand Master.

There is one paragraph in the address of the Grand Master well worth the perusal, and will fit other jurisdictions than his own. We take the liberty of inserting it here :

"There is one subject to which I would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge ; it is the great disposition of the Subordinate Lodges to have or be incorporated by special acts of the legislature. Would it not be well for the Grand Lodge to investigate this matter, and ascertain the expediency of their doing so, and whether it would not be well to forbid their doing so altogether ? I know nothing in the Rules or Regulations that would be violated by such incorporation, but I confess that I think it is contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and all the good that can possibly be effected by it is in holding property and in suing and being sued. It seems to me that the authority granting certain privileges would certainly have the right to investigate and defend those rights which could

be done by or through the courts of law. Thus, if a member should be disciplined in a Lodge incorporated by the State, would he not be authorized to have his rights investigated by an appeal to the law, and in this manner unveil a great many things that are required by our laws and ceremonies to be kept sacredly secret from the world? Subordinates receive or derive their being from the Grand Lodge, and if they should be guilty of any Masonic offence whereby their charters should be declared forfeited, all their property and funds revert to the Grand Lodge. Now if a Lodge is incorporated by the State, would not the members hold the property, notwithstanding such Lodge had been declared by the Grand Lodge to have ceased to exist? or, if the Grand Lodge, through its proper officer, or some one delegated for that purpose, should attempt to take possession of it, be sued by any member, or by the corporation itself, and in that case have the reasons for the infliction of punishment or the right to the property brought in question in a court of law, when the offence is merely Masonic, and perhaps not amenable to the civil law? The Code of Tennessee, Section 1516, gives all the authority that is needed to Lodges. It authorizes the officers and members to purchase or take by deed such a quantity of ground as may be necessary for the purpose of building a hall or burial-place; the deed to vest the legal title in the officers and members and their successors. This, it seems to me, does away with the necessity of special incorporation, and would leave the property where it legitimately belongs, should a Lodge cease to exist."

A lengthy and carefully written report on the subject of Non-Affiliation was presented, together with the following resolutions appended thereto, was adopted :

"1. *Resolved*, That non-affiliation does not deprive a brother of his individual rights as a Mason, but only of such additional rights as are acquired by Lodge membership.

"2. *Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee hereby again recommends the abolition of all fees for affiliation in the Lodges of its jurisdiction.

"3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Tennessee considers it to be the duty of every Mason residing within its jurisdiction to be a member of a Lodge, and fraternally urges all non-affiliants to attach themselves to some Lodge without delay.

"4. *Resolved*, That should a brother apply for affiliation to any Lodge of the jurisdiction, and be rejected, he be entitled to receive a certificate of the fact from the Lodge so rejecting him."

Past Master George H. Prince was officially recognized as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was written and presented by Bro. George S. Blackie, the Chairman, their Assistant Grand Secretary, and fully equal to any of his well written and dignified reports. We class Bro. Blackie in the front rank of reporters, as a slight token of our esteem. Our journal of 1870 has a short, pleasant mention.

The annual address was delivered by Bro. Andrew B. Martin, their Grand Orator, which we find spread upon their journal. One or two paragraphs in this interesting production are worthy of a more wide notice :

“The history of Masonry clearly indicates that it was purely operative, from the beginning of its organized existence among men down to a period comparatively of recent date, and that it consisted of societies or Lodges of men who were learned in all the secrets of the mechanical art. They were banded together for their common protection, and, by unusual fidelity to each other, the secrets of their valuable trades were preserved. None but the initiated were enlightened, and to entitle one to the distinction of membership, he was compelled, by the most rigid tests, to exhibit high integrity of character, and, by his unflinching fidelity, to be worthy the most sacred trusts. Now if you will for a moment imagine all the information which the world possesses upon any branch of science or arts, and especially of the mechanic arts, to be centered in a few individuals, invested with the sole power of imparting their knowledge to such as they should themselves choose as worthy to receive it, you will at once be startled as the mind conceives an impression of the vast influence they could wield, not in communities and nations only, but in shaping the destiny of the whole world. The light of civilization and intelligence would dawn upon us in proportion as they imparted the beautiful conceptions of order and symmetry which this splendid art has given to the world. Kings, and Emperors, and Presidents, and nations, and peoples would ‘court their smile and tremble at their frown.’ The master builder would sit down with the rulers of the land, and the humble stone-squarer would become the friend of the princes of the royal blood. That was a wise king of the earth who, 715 B. C. recognized with royal favor the College of Builders and his successors profited by his wisdom

when they extended to these societies the nurturing arm of their kingdoms. The Roman legions in their march, as they bore their eagle to conquest, attested the genius of their leaders by taking with them into the barbarous regions which they subjugated, colleges of artisans who were learned in all the secrets of mechanics. They constructed forts and fortifications and bridges, and built cities, the vestiges of which, in execution and conception, betoken a cultivation and splendor, which is a daily matter of unfeigned astonishment and wonder to the world.

"The principles of our Order being universal in their application to all conditions of men throughout the world, the end of operative Masonry left no longer a necessity for that exclusive feature which confined the membership to a particular class of individuals; and hence we find, in the year 1703, that it was solemnly resolved to extend the principles of Masonry to men of all professions, provided they be regularly approved and initiated into the Fraternity.

"This important decision changed entirely the character of the society, and from a college of mechanics it was transformed into one of philosophy, teaching a sublime system of ethics for the glory and advancement of all people. The spirit of civilization and enlightenment embodied in the principles of the Order, having thus escaped the stiff embrace of a mechanical association, immediately penetrated the heart of the social system and animated it with new life, and as a consequence *Free* Masonry, in an incredibly short space of time, spread itself into almost every portion of the civilized world. From the date of this change in the features of the Order it ceased to erect temples or to engage in material architecture. It no longer exhibited itself in the elevation of spires and turrets as points from which eyes may be directed and hopes ascend toward a better and a happier world; but turning away from these things, it began the nobler work of moral and intellectual culture, and, far outstripping the sanguine hope of those ancient brethren who planned its design as a speculative institution, it has and ever will exercise a powerful and happy influence upon social progress. The most indifferent observer of the principles which lie at the base of the splendid superstructure of *Free* Masonry, and of their practical effects, cannot fail to see how closely allied they are to the wants of human nature, and how intimately blended with the all-important work of pushing on the religious progress of the world. An analysis of even a few of these is impracticable here. But we may speak of human sympathy, which like a radiant cloud o'erspreads them all.

and in whose glowing bosom they are inclosed as one. And indeed what a blessing to the world is human sympathy! It is impassioned electricity; it is the coloring to the picture; the warm glow of that godly virtue, charity. Each part of the great body of Free Masonry responds to every other, as the currents of this beautiful principle flash from heart to heart throughout the world. It opens the door in the heart of man just at the right time, when he is bending over the sorrows and afflictions of his brother. Poor, cold charity would freeze to death at our doors but for this principle. The world would be full of priests and Levites, who would pass by over on the side of our afflictions. We need the warm Samaritan, whose fingers drop the oil and wine of human sympathy as he binds up our wounds and bruises."

M. W. John C. Brown was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bros. John Frizzell and George S. Blackie re-elected respectively Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this State was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Houston, the 12th day of June, 1872. Most Worshipful Clinton W. Winkler, Grand Master.

A representation of eighty-five Lodges answered the call.

An excellent, well written, and interesting address was delivered by the Grand Master, relating wholly to matters concerning the Masonic jurisdiction of Texas.

The Deputy Grand Master made a short report. Among other matters he has granted two dispensations to open and form new Lodges, and discharged other functions which we always supposed were within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Master.

The communication began with Monday and ended on Friday evening, in which time there appears to have been transacted a large amount of business.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Right Worshipful Bro. Robert M. Elgin, for the committee, covering a little over seventy pages of their printed journal. It is written in a fair and impartial spirit, is courteous and fraternal

in language. He reviews our journal of 1870 and 1871, and commences 1870 very pleasantly with matters in general, and with the following dash at our inquiry as to "Colored Masons," to that question an answer has been given to a similar review in this report. He says:

"We have the proceedings of the Eighty-third Annual Communication, held at the city of Trenton, on the 19th of January, 1870. The ceremonies of opening were made much more beautiful and interesting, by the singing of an appropriate hymn composed for the occasion by Right Worshipful Bro. Clapp, who not only has charge of the treasure of the Grand Lodge, but as a composer of hymns, is a perfect *treasure* himself. The address of Grand Master Cannon is a straightforward, business document, discussing the affairs of the Grand Lodge in a dignified and pleasant manner, and closing with some well conceived suggestions as to the moral teachings of Masonry, and our duty as Craftsmen. He reports quite a number of decisions on questions of Masonic law, most of which were approved by the Grand Lodge. Most, if not all the decisions, are upon questions that are well settled in our jurisdiction, and we feel some surprise that in as old a Grand Lodge as New Jersey, some of them, which are of such common occurrence, had not been previously settled. He called attention to the application of some 'Colored Masons' for recognition and connection with the Grand Lodge. The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that the same was couched in respectful language, and entitled to courteous consideration, but that the questions arising under it were of such importance as to require more studious investigation than they could give it at that time. It was, therefore, referred to a special committee, to report at the next communication. Some how or other, these 'Colored Masons,' as they are called, give some Grand Lodges a great deal of unnecessary trouble. If a 'plain' Mason applies for admission, they can send out an investigating committee, and, in a few minutes, determine whether or not he is an impostor. If he is a regular Mason and in good and regular standing, *and no one objects*, he is admitted at once, otherwise he is respectfully, but firmly refused. But if he be 'colored,' (the proceedings do not show whether the 'color' was green, brown, red, yellow, white or black), the Judiciary Committee has to be applied to, and the record of ages searched to find out whether or not he is a legally made Mason. If these committees

would veil their faces in imitation of a certain goddess, so that they could not see whether or not the applicants were *colored*, perhaps they might dispose of those cases in a more summary manner. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey has been in existence for more than four-fifths of a century, and if there is an organization within its jurisdiction, professing to be a Masonic Lodge, which now, for the first time, makes itself known, and asks to connect itself therewith, we should at once pronounce it clandestine. At least, this is the course we would have pursued with parties claiming to be (*plain*) Free Masons. Not having met with any 'Colored Masons,' we cannot say what infatuation they might have created, to cause us to act differently."

And on the same subject as above, in the review of 1871, he says:

"The committee to whom the petition of certain 'Colored Masons' was referred, as mentioned above in our review of the proceedings of last year, made a full report. It seems the petitioners claim to have been made Masons in a Lodge chartered by the 'Prince Hall' Grand Lodge, a history of which we have given in our review of Massachusetts. The committee conclude that whether the original 'African Lodge' was legal or not, the Lodges, whether 'National,' 'Grand,' or Subordinate, deriving authority from it, and all persons claiming to be Masons made therein, are clandestine. They inform the petitioners that the only way in which they can connect themselves with the Grand Lodge is the process to which all profanes are subjected. 'The doors of the Masonic Lodges in New Jersey are open to all *men*, free-born and of lawful age, of every clime, of every color, and of every creed, who declare their trust to be in God, have passed the scrutiny of a committee of a lawful Lodge, and have achieved the favorable verdict of the secret ballot.'"

In the concluding portion of this valuable and interesting report, he holds this truthful language:

"The discussion of the question of negro Masonry seems about closed. The Grand Lodges throughout the country concur in regarding the so-called colored Lodges as clandestine, none of them holding charters emanating from a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Bodies in this country. The current of opinion is, that the matter of admission to membership lies with the Subordinate Lodges

and their members, and that, as no test beyond that contained in the ancient landmarks can be made, all legislation upon the subject is unwise and unnecessary."

M. W. T. J. H. Anderson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. George H. Bringhurst, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since the publication of the report of their transactions, we received a circular from the Deputy Grand Master, William Bramlette, announcing the decease of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the 29th of August last past.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont was held in the city of Burlington, A. L. 5870, Most Worshipful George M. Hall, Grand Master, presiding.

We cite from the Grand Master's address the following remarks upon the physical qualifications of candidates :

"The subject of physical qualifications of candidates, which has of late, as it has always, attracted the attention of so many of our Masonic writers, and which nevertheless seems to be but *imperfectly* understood, to say the least, by most of our Lodges, and even Grand Lodges seem often at variance in the treatment and disposal of this subject. Some requiring absolute physical perfection in the candidate, while others seem to allow of some departure in this respect from the standard of absolute perfection. And some of our brethren who seek to instruct through the press, even seem to advocate the breaking down of all barriers in this respect, telling us that these regulations are but the offshoot of a barbarous age, and ought not to stand in the way of progress, so called. That in fact a man, although he may have lost an arm or a leg, is yet a man, and might make a good Mason, regardless of his deformity, even better than many who are physically perfect; and that, consequently, any rule or law which rejects the one and receives the other, cannot be founded upon strict justice, and hence, ought of right to be expunged and laid aside as a relic of the *old fogyism* of the past. In other words, that we must adapt our laws more to the modern ideas of society if we would have the Institution popular. Make it a little more modern in its tendencies, say they, more in accordance with

progress, so called, if we would not witness our beloved Institution left far behind in the onward march of improvement.

"Past Grand Master Haswell, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in his report to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1850, enumerates the position which 'Green Mountain Masons' have ever taken upon this subject. He says: 'We adopt the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and many other Grand Lodges, that when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the mysteries of the Craft, the admission will not be an infringement of the ancient landmarks.'

"There can be no question but that the opinion as thus expressed is strictly in accordance with the landmarks contained in the old charges as laid down in the Book of Constitutions compiled and arranged by James Anderson, from the ancient records, and published by the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1723, as the true and only constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, and ordained to be received as such by every Lodge under its jurisdiction. From this Grand Lodge, my brethren, we have ourselves descended, and by these constitutions that Grand Lodge is governed to-day. And I know of no authority that can be regarded as exceeding, or even tantamount to this.

"In Anderson's version we read as follows upon the same subject:

"'No Master shall take an Apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect about his body that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow Craft in due time.'

"The principle, my brethren, by which we should be governed in the selection of material in this respect, becomes at once patent by a careful construction of the above clause from Anderson's Constitutions. Absolute physical perfection is not here insisted upon. The candidate must have 'no maim or defect about his body that may render him incapable of learning the Art,' etc. The application of this landmark, or rule, in every case which presents itself, can be readily made by the Worshipful Master.

"If the candidate can conform *literally and without foreign appliances*, to the *work* of the *three degrees* of *Ancient Craft Masonry*, he is a proper candidate in this respect. But if, on the other hand, he cannot perform, and be instructed in *all* the work of the three degrees, so as to conform *literally and fully* to every requirement,

however worthy he may be in other respects, he cannot, according to the ancient usages of the Fraternity, be received as a member of the same."

We agree with the conclusions of the Grand Master of Vermont on this vexed subject. The proposition, for which some contend, that the candidate must be physically *perfect*, is an absurdity and utterly impracticable. A physically *perfect* man does not live. Physiologists tell us that the two sides of no man's face are exactly alike. If a candidate has lost a tooth, or if he have a decayed tooth, he is not a physically *perfect* man. Anderson's rule, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, is in our opinion, the correct one. It corresponds with the rule which obtains in New Jersey, and which is thus expressed in the Digest of Decisions :

"A good rule upon the subject of physical qualifications is, that no candidate should be admitted whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from conforming *literally* to *all* the requirements of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry."

We cite the following from the decisions reported :

"The foreign appliance of a false leg or arm where the original has been lost, does not restore the necessary physical qualifications to be made a Mason.

"The force of a dimit is simply to dissolve a brother's membership with the Lodge ; it, in no sense, relieves him from the order or its obligations.

"The Worshipful Master, when presiding as such, has the undoubted right to close his Lodge at such time as he shall judge it expedient. A Deputy Grand Master would have no right to open the Lodge again to complete the business when once closed by the Worshipful Master. The business may be finished at a special communication, if desired.

"Permission to retire before the Lodge is closed should always be obtained from the Worshipful Master, or the brother who may for the time occupy the seat, whether the Lodge be at refreshment or labor.

"Opening the Lodge upon the third degree, in form and with due ceremony, etc., opens both the other degrees ; and the Lodge may call from the third degree to either the first or second without the formality of opening.

"An amendment to the By-Laws of a secular Lodge should take effect from its passage, unless otherwise provided.

"A brother who has been initiated, could not be passed or raised, if, during the interval, he has received bodily injuries to the extent as to render him incapable of doing the work.

"Habitual violation of the statute laws of the State, whereby the respondent would be considered as liable to punishment under the penal code, would constitute good grounds upon which to base charges, since, by such course, the brother brings into disrepute the institution of which he is a member.

"The permission required before a Lodge can consider the petition of a candidate from another jurisdiction—should be a regular vote of the Lodge, duly certified to by the secretary and under the seal of the Lodge.

"A Worshipful Master, *virtute officio*, has no power to order an election to fill vacancies; this can only be done by dispensation from the Grand Master."

We find nothing of special interest in the proceedings.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary. The proceedings of New Jersey for 1869 are among those reviewed. In referring to the death of Right Worshipful Bro. Elias Phillips, Bro. Clark speaks of him as Past Grand Master. Bro. Phillips was never Grand Master, but was Grand Treasurer for a long series of years.

M. W. Bro. George M. Hall is Grand Master, and R. W. Henry Clark is Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia was held at the city of Richmond, December 12th, A. L. 5870, Most Worshipful Thomas F. Owens, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, makes the following allusion to the unprecedented mortality among the distinguished Masons in Virginia, which had occurred during the preceding year :

"The sad duty devolves upon me of reporting an unusual mortality among the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. Within

a few months, Past Grand Masters Robert G. Scott, W. A. Patterson and Powhatan B. Starke have, by Death's shadow, been erased from the roll of the living; and, as if not satisfied, the Grim Monster has torn from us our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful William L. Maule, and the Grand Pursuivant, John Lester. I have committed to three eminent brethren of this Grand Lodge the preparation of a memorial of these departed brethren, which will be read before you and placed upon our records."

He urges the Grand Lodge to discontinue the office of Deputy Grand Master. We cite one or two of his remarks on this (to us) novel proposition :

"The death of the late Deputy Grand Master leaves that office vacant, and it appears to me that this is the proper time to discontinue it in this Grand Lodge. The distinguished and erudite Mason, Right Worshipful John Dove, in an able report which he made to this Grand Lodge in 1855, informs us that from time immemorial, in all Kingly governments, the incumbent of the throne, when a Mason, was Grand Master of the Craft by royal prerogative, so acknowledged in Masonry, and so proclaimed in history, but as at their time was occupied in matters of pressing State emergency, as war, politics and religion, each appointed his Deputy, who thereupon became and assumed the title of Grand Master of the Lodges of Working Masons, with his Wardens under him. He was, therefore, Deputy of the King for certain purposes, and as such, Grand Master of the Lodges, not *Deputy* Grand Master. Hence the origin of that office.

"I doubt not that this office is an anomaly; is, Masonically, irregular and unnecessary; that it has no place, station, or duty in the Ritual of Free Masonry, and should be abolished from the Masonic Code of Grand Lodges, and recommend that it be discontinued in this Grand Lodge."

We do not care to discuss this question at length, but take this opportunity to put upon record our dissent to the Grand Master's proposition.

While we feel perfectly clear that the office of Deputy Grand Master is one of the oldest in Masonry, we are not satisfied that the practice of *electing* the Grand Master by the votes of the brethren, which obtains in New Jersey, and generally in the United States, is in accordance with Ancient Craft Masonry. In the olden time, the Deputy Grand Master was always

appointed by the Grand Master. It is a matter of serious consideration, whether we might not with propriety restore the ancient custom and "*stare super antiquas vias.*"

We insert a few of the Grand Master's decisions, and as we cannot agree with all of them, will take the liberty of expressing our dissent to some of them :

" 2. Public installations of officers are improper."

We think the proposition too broadly stated, although we are of the opinion that the custom of public installations is one "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

" 3. The installation of a Master elect of a Lodge, followed by immediate resignation, will not entitle him to the rank of a Past Master."

We deny the right of the Master of a Lodge to resign after installation.

The following decision presents an interesting question, to which we have heretofore called the attention of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey :

" 4. The minimum number to whom a dispensation or charter can be granted, may be considered as the minimum number for the transaction of business. It requires seven signatures to a petition for a dispensation to open a Lodge, and that obtains throughout the Masonic Household, and is what the profane would mean when they say of any corporation or other assemblage of persons, 'seven shall constitute a quorum for business.' It is, therefore, requisite that seven members of a Lodge should be present in order to open and transact business and do work. The Master or one of the Wardens should be of the number, and the Tyler, if he be a member, may also compose one of the number.

" 5. No Master Mason is entitled to receive the degree of Past Master except as a preliminary to entering upon the discharge of the duties of Master or Warden. Any one who has taken the degree of Past Master in a Chapter, can sit in a commission of Past Masters formed for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's degree."

We dissent to both branches of this latter decision. A Warden is not entitled to the Past Master's degree, and a Chapter Past Master has no status or recognition in a body of actual Past Masters.

With reference to decisions Nos. 3 and 4, the Committee on Grand Master's Address report as follows :

" They, however, feel reluctantly constrained to *dissent* from the ruling ' that the installation of a Master elect of a Lodge, followed by immediate resignation, will not entitle him to the rank of Past Master.' Your committee are of opinion that a Master elect, who has received the degree of Past Master, and been subsequently installed as Master of a Lodge, *is a Past Master*, without regard to the length of time he may have occupied the chair. They would state, however, that it is, in their opinion, highly improper that any one should accept this position and immediately resign, without serving out his term of office.

" They cannot affirm the decision ' that a Lodge must have present seven members to open, transact business, and do work,' although this ruling is sustained by the Constitutions of many other Grand Lodges, who have made it the subject of special legislation. In this Grand Jurisdiction, however, no such special regulation obtains, and the Ritual of the Order, and the general provisions of the Masonic Constitution, *remain in full force.*"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Worshipful Bro. Beverly R. Wellford, Jr. Under the head of Canada, he discusses the regularity of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and measures swords with Bro. Drummond, of Maine. Bro. Wellford's argument against the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, is the most powerful argument we have read on that side of the question, and to our mind is conclusive. We regret that its length is such as to preclude its publication in our columns. If any one of our brethren of New Jersey has any doubts as to the correctness of the position of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in refusing to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, we confidently refer him to the argument of Bro. Wellford.

The report has very favorable mention of this jurisdiction. The Committee make a lengthy extract from the address of Most Worshipful Bro. Cannon in 1870, and remark that his suggestions contain " familiar truths, but truths which cannot be too often repeated."

M. W. Thomas F. Owens is Grand Master, and W. John Dove, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Olympia, September 15th, A. L. 5870. The Grand Master being absent, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Deputy Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, which was read by the Grand Secretary, contains no matter of special interest to the Fraternity outside of the jurisdiction of his own Grand Lodge. He mentions having granted a dispensation for a new Lodge to a certain brother as *Worthy* Master. We are not aware of any such Masonic title.

It is gratifying to know, that the ancient quarrel between the Grand Lodges of Washington Territory and Oregon, which went so far as to sunder all Masonic intercourse between them, has been healed, and that the right hand of fellowship and fraternal feeling has been joined by the belligerents.

The following resolution was adopted :

“ Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, any Master Mason, who is a member in good standing of his Lodge, and who is competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry and give the lectures appertaining thereto, in accordance with our established ritual, is eligible to the office of Worshipful Master.”

This is contrary to the almost universal practice in the United States, and appears to be in direct conflict with the ancient regulation, requiring a Master to have served as Warden.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is quite short, containing brief allusions to the proceedings of the several jurisdictions received.

M. W. Bro. John T. Jordan was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. T. M. Reed re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Sixth Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held at the city of Wheeling, November 8th, 1870. Most Worshipful William J. Bates presiding in the Grand East.

From the address of the Grand Master, we make the following extract. It inculcates a doctrine which cannot be too frequently or forcibly impressed upon the Craft everywhere :

“The present is an age in which changes the most startling and radical are taking place in the laws and customs of communities and nations, as well as in the opinions, and habits of thought and of feeling of individuals.

“This ‘spirit of progress,’ as it is termed ; this desire for change and reconstruction of existing opinions and laws, has invaded almost every society and association of men. Free Masonry has not escaped its influence. There are certain self-styled reformers, who are anxious to obtain such modification of the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, as shall in their opinion, bring them more perfectly into harmony with the changed social and political sentiments, feelings and customs, which prevail at the present day.”

“But, the principles of Free Masonry being founded upon the Divine truths of revelation, are, like these Divine truths, fit for all time, and adapted to every phase of human condition or human intelligence. They address themselves alike to the capacities of the wise and the simple. To those who occupy the lowest, as to those who hold the highest position in life. To lead virtuous and upright lives, to practice charity and sobriety ; to be obedient to civil authority—to have a just regard to the rights of others—to seek the welfare of a brother, and to be jealous of his honor and reputation ; to sympathize with the distressed, and be ever ready to succor and defend the afflicted and the helpless, are duties which Free Masonry enjoins alike upon the poor and the rich, upon the prince and the peasant, upon him who receives service as upon him who renders it, and for the performance of which all are alike capable.

“If this be a truthful statement of the doctrine and requirements of Free Masonry, then it needs no reform, no reconstruction of its principles or its laws, to adopt it to real or alleged changes in the condition of human wants of the present day. The good which the faithful practice of these principles effected in the lives and character of members of the Craft in ancient times, can also be accomplished in us, ‘if we walk by the same rule and mind the same things.’

“May we then, brethren of the Grand Lodge, be distinguished for faithful adherence to the principles and landmarks in all their purity, as they have descended to us from the ancient Craftsmen ; tolerating no changes to satisfy the whims of the capricious, nor alterations to

comply with the demands of bigoted sectarians or the so-called 'liberal and enlarged views' of modern reformers."

The following Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals demonstrates the pleasing fact, that the brethren of West Virginia dwell together in unity:

"Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals would respectfully report that no cases have been presented to them requiring their consideration.

"Your committee feel that the Grand Lodge and Masonic Fraternity of West Virginia have reason to congratulate each other upon the harmony which prevails in this jurisdiction, and which has, at the present session, prevented the necessity of any labor on the part of this committee."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. O. S. Long, and is an able and comprehensive review of the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges. The committee find the subject of the controversy between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, a knotty question, and decline to make any recommendation regarding the case.

M. W. William J. Bates is Grand Master, and R. W. Thomas H. Logan, Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communicaton of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held at Milwaukee, June 13th, 1871. Most Worshipful Gabriel Bouck, Grand Master, presiding.

We cite the following pertinent and appropriate remarks from the Grand Master's address:

"I have had several applications from Lodges for permission to have gift concerts, for the purpose of procuring funds to erect Masonic halls. These applications I have peremptorily denied for the following, among other numerous objectionable reasons, that gift concerts are in violation of the law of the land, and therefore in direct antagonism, not only to the spirit, but the letter of Masonic Law. The first lesson man is taught in Masonry, is an obedience to the laws of the country in which we live."

On this subject, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report the following resolution :

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deem the participancy of Masonic Lodges and members of the Order combined as such in lotteries, gift concerts, or other similar projects, as in positive opposition to the teachings of Masonry, and conducive of much injury to the Fraternity, and such are hereby prohibited within this jurisdiction.”

We insert also the annexed views, expressed by the Grand Master in his address :

“To all, it must now be apparent, that no general system of charity can be adopted by the Grand Lodge, but that the dispensation of charity to the needy must devolve upon the Subordinate Lodges, but in isolated and in peculiar cases, it would be a burden upon Subordinate Lodges to bear all the charity that is required to be dispensed in their jurisdiction, as in the case of an aged Mason who has moved in their jurisdiction, or in the case of the widow, or the orphans of Masons who are wholly dependent upon the Craft for support—in such isolated and peculiar cases, the Grand Lodge should assist in bearing the burdens, but not wholly relieve the Subordinate Lodge therefrom.”

We agree in this expression of opinion of the Grand Master : We cannot regard a Grand Lodge as a proper dispenser of Masonic charity. A Grand Lodge is a very dissimilar body to a Subordinate Lodge. It has very few of the attributes, powers and duties of the particular Lodge. Its only duties are executive and supervisory. It has no right, in our opinion, to any fund in excess of what is absolutely necessary to carry on its own operations. It cannot properly demand from its subordinates, any greater contribution of money than is requisite to meet its ordinary obligations. There may be exceptional cases, such as are suggested by the Grand Master of Wisconsin, but they are very rare.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. M. Reed. Bro. Reed takes up the Grand Lodges in alphabetical order, but when he reached Montana he appears to have given

out. New Jersey, consequently, having the misfortune to be spelled with the initial N, fails of notice.

At the conclusion of Bro. Reed's report, he inserts some disquisitions on general Masonic topics, from which we cite the following :

" If there is one evil more than another that is operating to the discredit and injury of our institution, it is that of trading or speculation upon Masonic reputation. In another part of this report we have alluded to this practice, and we are glad to notice that in two or three jurisdictions, it has been severely rebuked. We hope every Grand Lodge will make this offence as odious as possible, and crush it out of existence as speedily as may be. We are satisfied that large numbers of Masons have become such with no higher or better motive than to have enlarged opportunities for *speculation* and *swindling*; men who have no other regard for Masonry than as they can reckon it in *dollars* and *cents*; those who barter their sacred honor, as men and Masons, to obtain special favors or credit, and unblushingly desecrate our sacred and time-honored emblems as advertising mediums, for the purposes of trade and speculation. A Mason's honor should be above such groveling and contemptible practices. It should be as sacred as a woman's chastity, and he who would traffic in Masonic reputation or violate his Masonic word, should ever be regarded by the Brotherhood in the same light that society looks upon a woman who traffics in her own shame.

" You may clothe Masonry in gorgeous array; make it inviting to the eye, make it attractive to the world, but it will not satisfy the soul unless the great lights are so displayed that the inquiring mind can see and appreciate the beauty, the glory and divinity that radiates from our sacred altar, and which not only rule and guide our *faith*, but also our thoughts and actions."

M. W. H. L. Palmer was elected Grand Master, and R. W. William T. Palmer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee, in closing the laborious task assigned to them, have nothing to add of a general character. No question of general Masonic interest now agitates the Craft.

Your committee have noticed that the time of an unusually large number of the Grand Lodges has been taken up in the

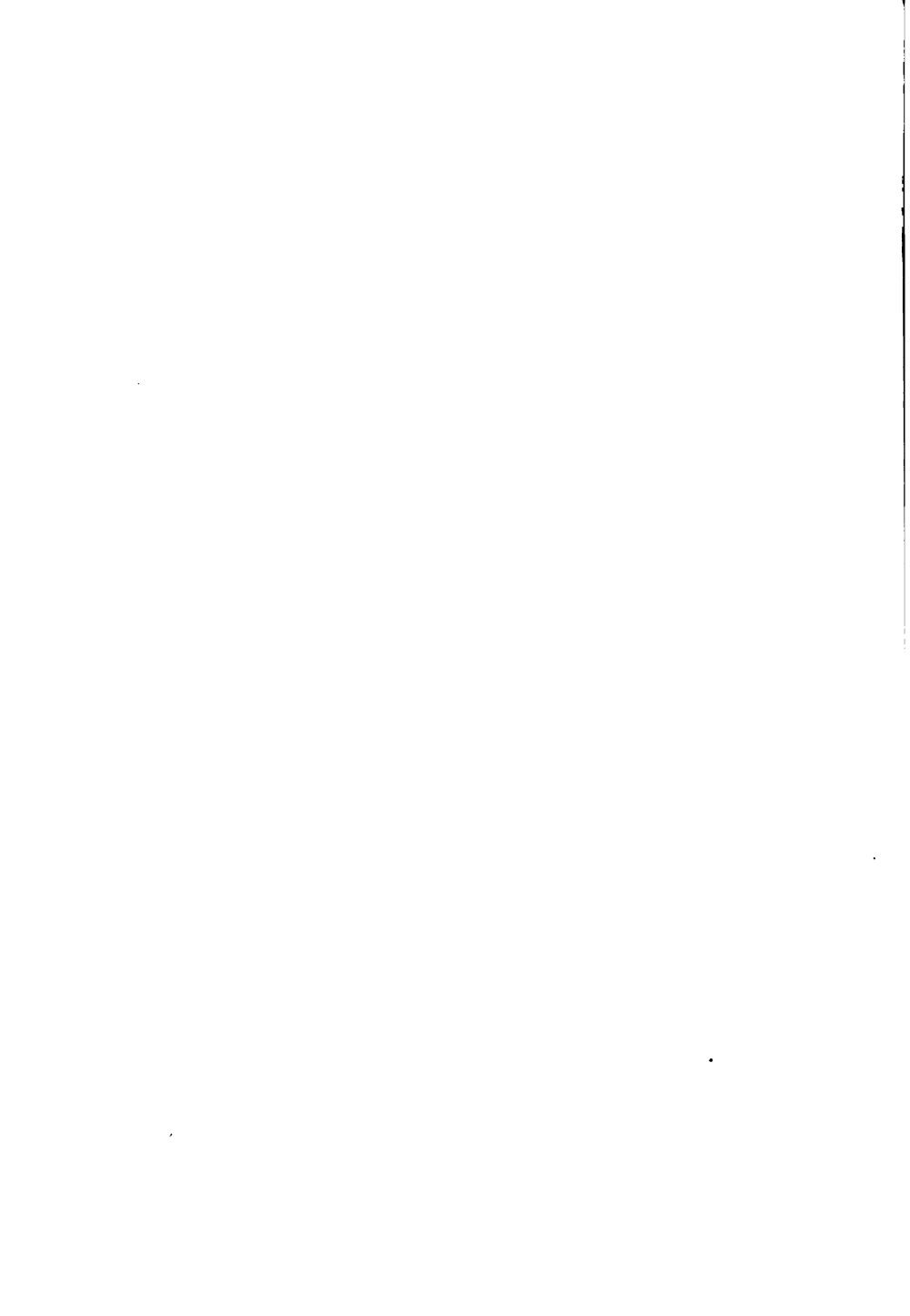
consideration of questions connected with the erection of Masonic Grand Lodge Halls. Of these, a portion have been greatly agitated on the important question, how to get out of debt, while the remainder have been no less agitated by the equally important question, of how to get into debt. The possession of a Grand Lodge Hall is a very desirable thing, but we fear that such enterprises are frequently undertaken without a due regard to the inevitable cost.

Your committee, without further comment, submit their report.

JOS. H. HOUGH, *Chairman.*

November 30th, 1871.

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