

A SKETCH OF THE
HISTORY

OF THE

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE
RITE OF MASONRY:

IN

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GREAT BRITAIN,

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HISTORY OF THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

PART I.

HISTORICAL PREFACE.

Hermetic Philosophy, or the Science derived from the Egyptian Hermes, is of considerable antiquity in Europe, having been brought into this division of the globe by the Spanish Arabs, and the Crusading Knights who had been in the East. As Rosicrucianism, or the brotherhood of the Rosy Cross, it claimed to date from about the year A.D. 1400, and was prominently known in the seventeenth century in various parts, at the close of which period various leading English Freemasons were adepts in the Hermetic Science. One of the very earliest of the higher degrees practised in London was named the Knighthood of the Rosy Cross, and in 1743 claimed immemorial date there, and as Rosicrucianism the Masonic system attracted the attention of the press from the year A.D. 1723, at which time it was asserted that some of the Freemasons so closely resembled the Society of Rosy Cross, from which they derived their principles, that it was difficult to distinguish between the two.¹ From this connection resulted on the Continent a large number of Rites, the leading principles of which was the study of Theosophy and sister enquiries.

It is asserted by Bro. Ragon that at an early date (1721,) Emanuel Swedenborg established a Theosophic Rite of "Elected Cohens or Priests" at Stockholm, consisting of seven degrees, the last being Kadosh Templar or Holy Man. The first Temple includes 1-4, and ceremonially represents man's creation, disobedience, punishment, and pain of body and spirit; the second temple teaches how man by a new holy and exemplary life is restored to his primitive dignity.

1. Vide "Speculative Freemasonry," or "Notes on the Scientific and Religious Mysteries of Antiquity," by John Yarker, Junr., Chorlton Road, Manchester. Ashmoles' Diary makes the decay or revival of one Society that of the other also.

In 1728, the Chevalier James Mitchell Ramsey, propagated a Rite of seven degrees, and asserted that his Scottish Mason, Novice, and Templar had been practised from time immemorial in the Lodge of St. Andrew, Edinburgh. The Jesuit College of Clermont in France took up this "Rite of Heredom or Perfection," and it was introduced at Lyons in 1743; also at Marseilles; and Prince Charles Edward Stuart himself granted a Rosy Cross warrant to Arras in 1747; in 1754 the Rite was introduced into Paris by the Chevalier de Bonneville; and the Baron Hunde having obtained the degrees in 1743, propagated a similar Rite in 1754; the three degrees of "Irish Master" were invented in 1747, and the three "Elus" at Toulouse in 1748, and were apparently political reunions.

The nine degrees of the German Rosicrucians professing to date from the original order of Rosy Cross were now well known. Brun the Chief of the Rite died in the middle of the Century, and out of the Rite was formed in 1777 the "Brothers of the Golden Rosy Cross," and in 1780 arose at Lyons another order called the "Initiated Brothers of Asia."

M. Paschalis started at Marseilles, Toulouse and Bordeaux, a rite of nine degrees called "Elected Cohens," in 1754; it was similar to that of Swedenborg, and its aim was the regeneration of man.

In 1758 a dancing master of the name of Lacorne, (whose appointment by Phillip of Orleans the craft repudiated,) collected out of the degrees then known, for the purpose of giving magnificent titles, a rite of 25 called the "Empire of the East and West," and which was subsequently amplified to 33 as the "Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite," by a Charter forged at Charleston in 1802.

About 1760, a Benedictine Monk of the name of Perneti, and the Baron Gabrianco, a Polish nobleman, established the 6 of the "Academy of True Masons," at Avignon. It was Hermetic or Rosicrucian.

In 1766, Schroeder founded an Alchemical or Hermetic Rite of seven degrees; and in 1767, Baucherren founded with the sanction of Frederick II, of Prussia, an Egyptian Rite called the "Order of African Architects." It had a large mansion, an extensive library, a museum of Natural History, and a perfect chemical laboratory. Also the seven degrees of the "Crata Repoa" were in vogue, and professed to confer the true Egyptian Mysteries of Antiquity. B. Chastannier instituted a Rite of "Illuminated Theopists."

In 1767, from the Baron Hunde's Rite sprung the Roman Catholic Rite of "Clerks of Relaxed Observance"; and this produced the "High Observance," devoted to Hermetic Magic, Alchemy, &c., as also the "Exact Observance."

The "Philosophical Scotch Rite," was a revival in 1776 of Perneti's with modifications, and taught Pythagorean, or Egyptian doctrines.

In 1773, Savalette de Langes, Keeper of the Royal Treasury, and Court de Gebelin, founded the Rite of "Philalethes or Searchers after Truth." Its aim was the perfection of man, and his union with divinity. Its constitution was identical with the Rite of "Primitive Philalethes of Narbonne."

The Rite of Cagliostro was Egyptian for both male and female, and founded in 1779.

In 1779, the "Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne" was established, and in 1786 united with the Grand Orient of France. To this Rite the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry," refers for the origin of its principles and form of organization. The *regime* was formed of three classes of Masons, who received ten degrees of instruction, these degrees and classes were but nominally limited to ten, as the instruction thereby could be extended into an infinite number of grades. The first chapter of Rose Croix possessed and fixed the Masonic *culte*, and the veneration of a throng of worthy brothers; the second chapter of Rose Croix was the depository of curious documents upon which the order based its instruction; the third chapter occupied itself with all Masonic knowledge, Physics, and Philosophy; the fourth and last chapter studied assiduously all the so called occult and secret Sciences; their special object being the rehabilitation of intellectual man in his rank and primitive rights.

In 1796, Bro. Fessler drew up a learned Rite from the "Golden Rosy Cross," the "Strict Observance," and the ancient "Chapter of Clermont," each grade of which gives the causes guiding the establishment of various rites.

The reader will notice that all these rites (of which there were about 70 reproducing each other with like principles,) were collected and arranged by private individuals, *and are therefore of equal force, validity, and authenticity*; and that they all aim at the same goal,—a search for truth.

After the increase of the 25 of Lacorne's rite to 33 in 1802, some schism occurred at Milan, and a Jewish Mason of the name of Bedarride invented and collected a rite of 90, called "Mizraim." The Persian Rite was established in 1816.

Some time after this several brethren including J. Et. Marconis, de Negre, of eminence in the literary world, and in the various independent rites then practised, determined to consolidate these on the principles of the before named rites. They therefore recognised the degrees of the Charleston Rite of 1802, which they first revised, and placed

thereon a number of degrees embodying and explaining the religious dogmas of the antient Hierophants, and styled the newly organised rite the "Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis," embodying 95 of instruction divided into *three series*, and subdivided into *seven classes* of Masons, adding 5 Councils, which together form the government of the Order. The seven classes formed originally seven organizations under the denomination of Lodge, College, Chapter, Areopagus, Senate, Consistory, and Council. The mysteries of antiquity had anciently been subdivided.

The Lesser Mysteries of the Antients (1-3°), had for their object the instruction of Initiates in the human sciences. The sacred doctrines or Greater Mysteries were reserved for the superior grades (4-7°) of initiation, called the Grand Manifestation of Light. The knowledge of true happiness was in principle the heritage of superior spirits. They discovered that man was composed of two parts,—body and soul, or spiritual breath: which being disengaged from the terrestrial body, was destined to enjoy for ever a happy existence; these truths, interesting dogmas, and children of high conceptions, were the heritage of a chosen people.

The origin of the long series of symbols and degrees leave no doubt of their moral purity; for in the most remote times the doctrine of the divine unity formed the basis of the Masonic Mysteries, which was made to unite and associate chosen intelligence by a secret bond for the good of humanity. All the mysteries revolved upon three principal points: the moral, the exact sciences, and the sacred doctrines. The general division comprehend the preparation, the trials, the symbols, and the autopsy, which was the grand complement of initiation, the crown of the edifice, the key of the vault.

These ancient mysteries were not only a theoretical and practical course of moral philosophy and religion, but moreover an institution destined to perpetuate the first traditions of mankind; their special object was the rehabilitation and reintegration of intellectual man in his primitive rights. This opinion has been adopted by such profound men as Fabre d'Olivet, Ballanche, &c.; and we read in a work of the celebrated author of the "*Parolis d'un Croyant*," this remarkable passage,—“We are composed of two parts, the animal and the angel, and our work is to combat the one, that the other may have sole dominion, until the moment when disengaged of its heavy envelope it takes its flight to the better and higher regions.”

Whilst the vulgar Mason is satisfied with a mysterious appearance, and contented with knowing how to pronounce certain words of which he is ignorant of the sense, and of giving in exactly certain signs, the philosophical observer and

enquirer shoots into past ages, and ascends to remote first causes, and to the real basis of our institutions. If some success has crowned his feeble researches, if his lamp of study has been able to guide his steps in the obscure labyrinth of the antient mysteries, eager for further instruction, he will knock at the door of our temples, which occupy themselves seriously with the mystic and transcendent part of Masonry. Here it is that he will obtain new knowledge.

It is true that the Masonry of antiquity was not divided into three series, and subdivided into seven classes; but it is now impossible that Lodges can be so constituted that all their members should, without exception, obtain a complete knowledge of the work as developed in the three degrees; hence it has been thought necessary to establish a novitiate, that the passage from one degree to another may have the same delays and precautions as were in vogue in the antient mysteries. But the actual social state opposes itself to this regular and only rational march, and therefore philosophical Masonry takes refuge in the superior grades.

It is deeply to be regretted that we encounter even in this age of enlightenment many Masons who have not even taken the pains to study our system, and who yet arrogate to themselves the right of denouncing and condemning without examination.

The seven classes into which the "Antient and Primitive Rite" is divided, are not solely the designation of such and such degrees, but are the schools giving the initiated the Masonic knowledge, physics, and philosophies, which have an influence upon the happiness, and material and moral well being of temporal man. Originating in the Masonic Rite of Memphis, it possessed originally 95 rituals, the production of more than a quarter of a century of assiduous labour and serious research, drawn from documents belonging to the subject and concerning all known Masonic rites. Independently of these rituals the rite possessed some precious archives and some manuscripts of great value. Some of these were transferred by the late Ill: Bro: Dr. Morison, 95. to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, where they now are.

The *First Series* of the Rite teaches man the moral part, that study of himself which deserves the beautiful name of lover-of-wisdom, (philosopher), by which these adepts understand that triumph over the passions, which represents the union of virtue with justice and liberty. This series gives the explanation of the symbols, emblems, and allegories, disposing the adept to philanthropy, and shewing that need of assistance which nature has wisely willed that we should have to one another; the necessity of binding, of living together, of loving, and of never hurting one another; which principle is the base of society, and the duty of men amongst themselves.

The *Second Series* teaches the natural sciences, philosophy, and history, and the most universal Masonic Rites; practically giving the explanation of the poetic myths of antiquity, and the state of nature most convenient to man.

The *Third Series* makes known the complement of the historic part of philosophy, which includes the immortal elements belonging to the human mind; studying the religious myth of the different ages of humanity, and all those parts of science which are named occult or secret; it develops the mystic and transcendent part of Masonry, forming a composition of esotericism and high mysteries, and admitting the most advanced theosophic studies.

A modern writer upon law has observed that there are but two subjects capable of filling the entire life of man, and preserving every faculty in vigour,—jurisprudence and metaphysics; hence the intellectual Mason has in this Rite an inexhaustible fund of employment for his mind.

Each of the before mentioned *Series* is divided into several steps conferring all the degrees of modern Masonry, whilst the last series carries us onward to their derivation in the ancient mysteries, and instructs us in the religious opinions of the enlightened Sages of antiquity, whose wisdom illuminated those early times, and has transmitted a venerable halo to our institution.

Some objections have been made in the Masonic journals to the titles of the order, but these are not one half so ludicrous and misleading as those of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite to which the objectors belong; whilst the entire Rite is Archæologically complete, and the Egyptian degrees so entirely narrative as not to imply verbal descent; hence the titles of the Council series, which may seem to some objectionable, need only be taken to indicate that the titled possessor, as a literal fact, has arrived at a stage of knowledge which was formerly the heritage only of the Sacred Hierophants of Egypt. In their unaltered state the ceremonials shew a wonderful acquaintance with the Egyptian system of between five and ten thousand years ago, as in the last few years it has been developed to our wondering eyes by Champollion, Lepsius, Bunsen, Birch, and other Egyptologists. Isis—nature, is the symbol of the Chamitic land, which according to the evidence of Antient Masonic documents, is the foster-mother of the Craft and of Geometry.

THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MEMPHIS.

PART II.

FRANCE.

On the 7th July, 1838, the Brother J. E. Marconis was elected Grand Hierophant by the members composing the Masonic Rite of Memphis. 1

The Bro. Marconis arranged the documents which the rite then possessed into 90 degrees, divided into three series, and subdivided into seven classes of discourse under the denomination of Lodges, Chapters, Areopagus, Senates, Consistories, and Councils.

On the 25th September, 1838, was held the first assembly of the Supreme Power of the Order, it was proclaimed the 5th October of the same year, and the Grand Hierophant installed the three Councils, which the Rite then possessed under the denomination of Sanctuary of Memphis, Mystic Temple, Sovereign Grand Council Administrative. 2

The Sanctuary of Memphis, 93 degree, was composed of a Grand Hierophant and of six Patriarch Conservators of the Order, nominated for seven years.

The Sanctuary is charged with the general government: to it belongs the right of constituting Lodges, Chapters, Areopagi, Senates, Consistories, and Councils, and the direction of their labours.

1. See the Patent at the house of Bro. Marconis.
2. See the Statutes General of the Order.

Members of the Sanctuary of Memphis.

1. The Thrice Ill: Bro: Marconis, Man of letters, *Hierophant Supreme Chief*, 95 and last degree.
2. " " Delapline, ex-Surgeon of Marine, Grand Chancellor.
3. " " Audibert, M.D., Mem. of the Institute, *Sublime Odos*, Chief of the Scientific Section.
4. " " Moutet, Man of letters, *Sublime Edda* (Sec. Genl.) Interpreter of Traditions.
5. " " the Baron de Poederlé, Rentier, *Sublime Vacie*, Conservator of Rites.
6. " " Laroussie, Rentier, Mem. of Legion of Honor, *Sublime Pliste*, Interpreter of Hieroglyphics, Symbols, Emblems, and Allegories.
7. " " Morison de Greenfield, Physician to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, *Sublime Pampylach*, Gd. Inspector General of the Order.

The Mystic Temple of Sublime Catechists of the Order is composed of a Grand Master, and six Grand Officers called Philosophers, appointed by the Sanctuary for five years; it is employed in watching over the instruction, and to develop the dogmatical, moral, scientific, mystic, and transcendent part of Freemasonry, forming an exposition of the esotericism of the high mysteries.

Members of the Mystic Temple, 92.

1. Henry de Payen, Man of letters, Grand Master, President.
2. Auguste Amic, Man of letters, Sublime Bard, (Orator.)
3. J. Rousseau, Captain d'état Major, Mem. Legion of Honour, Sublime Annalist.
4. The Baron de Braunecker, Annuitant, Sublime Ized, Catechist of the Order.
5. Honoré Gazay, Member of the Legion of Honour, Messenger of Science.
6. J. Labreau, Chef du Bataillon en retrait, Mem. Legion of Honour, Sublime Hieroceryx, (Guardian of Sacred Things.)
7. Villante de Laforêt, Sublime Saronide, Philanthropist.

Sovereign Grand Council of Inspector Regulators of the Order, 91.

The Sovereign Grand Council is composed of seven members, a President and six dignitary Officers for five years: it is employed in the administration of the Order, and in the supervision of Lodges owing obedience to the Masonic Rite of Memphis.

Members of the Sovereign Grand Council.

1. The Thrice Ill: Bro: Moreau, Mem. of the Leg. of Hon., Annuitant, *Sublime Dai*, President.
2. " " J. B. Fabre, Annuitant, Sublime Zerdust, (Orator.)
3. " " Lamerlière, Man of letters, Sublime Hierotolista, (Secretary.)
4. " " George Feltmans, Sublime Thabon, (Verifier.)
5. " " Theodore Pons, Annuitant, Cistophore, (Archivist.)
6. " " Henaud d'Augy, Proprietor, Sublime Lamas, (Inspector Regulator.)
7. " " J. Ruaux, Annuitant, Sublime Cubage, (Administrator.)

All decisions emanating from the Supreme Council are only authoritative when confirmed with the Seal of the Grand Hierophant and *vised* by the Grand Chancellor of the Order.

The Lodge "La Bienveillance" was founded by the Brothers Wittebole, Jeweller to the King; Vandelaer, Employe of Court of Accounts; G. Lits, Agent; Delparte, Proprietor; George Feltmans, Gloden, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Music; J. Polls, Rentier, &c., installed at Brussels, March 21st, 1838, by Bro. J. Et. Marconis.

The Chapterial Lodge "*De Heliopolis*," was founded at the Orient of Brussels by the Bro. Francois Kaekenbeeck, Rentier; Corbisier, Clerk; Ch. Pichler, Artist; Pierre Mutel, Clerk; Ant. Adam, M.D.; Veyrat; Van Laethem; the General Mélinet, &c., installed by Bro. Delacour, Representative of the Order, Dec. 6th, 1839. A part of their archives have been deposited in the Grand Orient of France.

The Lodge "*De Osiris*," founded at the Orient of Paris, 11 Rue de Jour, by the Bros. Gabriel Mathieu Marconis de Negre, rentier; Eugene Houille, Agent; Antoine Delcour, Clerk; Ruaux, Manager of Lafitte & Galliard; Louis Deligne, Agent; Silvain, M.D.; De Lacombe; Napoleon Josset; Hurel, Professor; Vanderdote, Prof. Gen. of the Messageries; Roy, M.D.; Alphonse Letrillard, Clerk, &c., installed the 21st June, 1838, at the Prado, and in 1839 published its tableau composed of 54 members.

The Lodge of the "*Disciples of Memphis*," (originally founded at Montauban, 70, Rue Lacapelle, the 30th April, 1815, by the Bros. Honis; Gabriel Mathieu Marconis de Negre; the Baron Dumas; the Marquis de Laroque; Hippolyte Labrunie; J. Petit, &c.; constituted the 23rd May of the same year, and declared asleep March 7th, 1816, a portion of this lodge started afresh under the Grand Orient in 1826,) revived its working at the Orient of Paris, the 21st

March, 1839, and was installed in the Temple of the "Rue Grenelle Saint Honore by the Bro. Jacques Etienne Marconis, Man of letters, born at Montauban, the 3rd January, 1795; Napoleon Moutet, Man of letters; Henry de Payan, Rentier; Audibert, M.D., Professor and Member of the Institute; Honore Gazay, Member of the Legion of Honour; the Baron Adolphe de Poederle; Morison de Greenfield; Auguste Amic, Man of letters; Henault d' Augy; Boire Massener; de Lamerliere, Man of letters; Justin Rousseau, Member of the Legion of Honour; Delapline, M.D. (Medal of Honour); Moreau, Cap. d'etat Major, Member of the Legion of Honour; Larousie, Member of the Legion of Honour; Leon d'Abrantes Man of letters, &c.

The Chapterial Lodge "*Des Philadelphes*," was founded at the Orient of Paris by the Bros. J. Et. Marconis; Adrien Roger; d' Chavigny; J. Bap. Fabre; Aug. Forfilier; Gay, Member of the Legion of Honour; the Baron de Braunecker; Aug. Garnier; Alexander Milan; de Heneau; Charles Saulnier; Hippolyte Rivernon, Professor; Theodore Pons, Rentier; Frederick Grantigein; Joachim Burnet; Pichon, Professor; Alph. Labelle; Auguste Schaffesner; Courserand, M.D.; Armant; Jupart, Professor; Gruinier, Member of the Legion of Honour; installed in the Temple of the Rue de Grenelle St. Honore, the 21st May, 1839.

On November 27th, 1839, the three Councils of the Order were informed that M M. Bedarrides, Chiefs of the Rite of Misraim, had solicited from the M. the Prefect of Police, the closing of all Lodges of the Rite of Memphis, which they denounced as political reunions. This Magistrate not having acceded thereto, the brothers Bedarride wrote a pamphlet against the Grand Hierophant, who in presence of all the members of the Rite proved by authentic documents, the nullity of these malevolent attacks, emanating from a well characterised spirit of jealousy.

The Chapterial Lodge "*des Chevaliers de la Palestine*," founded in the Valley of Marseilles, by the Bro. Roux, proprietor; Dumas, Secretary General to the Prefecture; Darbec, Armateur; Moses, Agent; Engène Mayer, Clerk; Pisarello, Artist; Decugis, Agent; Molinard, Agent; Estienne, Agent; Auguste Verron, Clerk; Francois Coquet, Merchant; A. Burg, Merchant Tailor; installed the 21st November, 1840.

The Chapterial Lodge "*Les Lectateurs de Menes*," was founded by the Bros. Netter; Theophile Dubois, Clerk; Felix Lebrun, Annuitant; Rosas, Barrister; Henry Hadancourt, Merchant; Victor Durban, Clerk; Prosper Soulent, Clerk; Joseph Dauphin, Lemonadier; Auguste Marie Tauriac, Captain en retraite; Francois Richois, Annuitant; Auguste Laurillard, Watchmaker; J. Collet, Dealer in Bronzes;

Joseph Edward Riess; Morizot, Professor; Morel, Annuitant; J. A. Dutrois, Mechanic; Emanuel Mayer, Merchant; Hippolyte Vales; Isoire Massennt, Annuitant, &c. This Lodge was installed by the Thrice Illustrious Bro. Marconis, Dec. 25th, 1840.

On the 15th June, 1841, permission was refused without any well grounded motive, to reassemble the numerous adepts of the Rite of Memphis, and the Grand Hierophant was forced to put all the Lodges which existed in France to sleep.

The supreme power of the Order composed of 21 members and divided into three sections, did not cease its work until 1842.

During a period of seven years the Grand Hierophant published "*Les Delassements de l'esprit humaine*," "*L'initiateur aux Mysteries de l'antiquite*," and "*Le Journal del' Europe Litteraire et Scientifique*," &c., &c.

We have said that the Masonic power of the Rite of Memphis ceased work in 1842, but before it was declared asleep, it established a Council of seven members under the distinctive title of the "*Mystic Temple*," 95th and last degree of the Order: to wit—

1. The Grand Hierophant, J. Et. Marconis.
2. The Grand Chancellor, Henry Delapline.
3. The Chief of the Scientific Section, J. Eug. Audibert.
4. The Interpreter of Traditions, Henry de Payen.
5. The Conservator of Rites, de Larousie.
6. The Chief the Mystic Section, Honoré Gazay.
7. The Grand Inspector of the Catèchists, the Baron de Poederlé.

The mission of this Mystic Temple was the preservation of the Archives, and the propogation of the Rite of Memphis in all countries of the world, and to give it real power the following Article 26 was added by a unanimous vote to the General Statutes of the Order:—

"Art. 26.—In case of circumstances in the interest of the Masonic Rite of Memphis the Grand Hierophant can give a special decision, which must be registered in the *BOOK OF GOLD* declaring that it was urgent, and in this position take such measures as he may judge convenient in the interest of the rite, and the execution of which shall be subject to no other formality than the *visé* of the Grand Chancellor of the Order. Every action not invested with this formality is nul."

On the 5th day of March, 1848, the Rite of Memphis revived its work at the Orient of Paris, and the Grand Hierophant installed the three Councils composing the supreme power on the 25th of the same month. The decease

of several old members of the Supreme Council of the Order having compelled a new organization, it may be useful to make known their names to our readers :—

The MYSTIC TEMPLE, 95th and last Degree of the Order, is composed of a Grand Hierophant, named for life, and of the six Patriarchs to wit :—

1. The Grand Hierophant, J. Et. Marconis, Man of letters.
2. P. Grand Chancellor, Henry Delapline.
3. P. Chief of the Scientific Section, Ferdinand Moreau, Annuitant, Mem. Leg. Hon.
4. P. Interpreter of Traditions, Justin Rousseau, Rentier, Mem. Leg. Hon.
5. P. Conservator of the Rites, The Baron de Poederlé, Rentier.
6. P. Chief of the Mystic Section, Esprit Hubert, old Councillor of Prefecture.
7. P. Grand Inspector of Catechists of the Order, Mensa de Villa, Capt. d'etat Major, Commander of the Order of Malta.

All science and light emanates from the Mystic Temple.

The Sanctuary of Memphis governs the Order and is composed of a Grand Master and six Patriarchs, 95°.

1. The Sublime Dai (President,) Jean Auguste Gabriel Gustave de Peterson, Rentier.
2. The P. Sublime Odos (Orator) Benjamin Netter.
3. The P. Sublime Edda (Secretary) Eugene Lelabourer, Rentier.
4. The P. Sublime Zacoris (Treasurer) P. J. B. Joubert, Employé comptable.
5. The P. Sublime Legislatteur, J. Maillard, Advocate.
6. The P. Sublime Guardian of Seals, &c., H. Pradel, Rentier.
7. The P. Sublime Inspector Regulator General, J. Merle, Man of letters.

To the Sanctuary belongs the sole right of constituting the working bodies of the Rite of Memphis and of directing their labours.

The Sovereign Grand Council General Administrature of the Order, is composed of a President and six Dignitaries, Princes of Memphis, 94° to wit :—

1. The President, The Thrice Ill. Bro. Eugéné de Lamerliere.
2. The Annalist, " " J. B. Fabré, Employé Comptable.
3. The Administrator " " J. Et. Hilarion Silvestre, Insurance Director.
4. The Verificator " " Tondeur, Man of letters.
5. The Treasurer " " Saunier, Proprieter..
6. The Archivist (Guardian of Seals) Thrice Ill. Bro. Michaux.
7. The Inspector Verificator " " Emile Genevoix Pharmacist.

The Chapterial and Areopagite Lodge "*The Disciples of Memphis*," recommenced work at the East of Paris the 21st April, 1848, and the Chapter presided over by the Ill. Bro. Harant Gazard was reinstalled the 29th of the same month. The Philosophical Grand Chapter was comprised at this period of 45 members to wit :—Harant Gazard, Eugene Daroux, Henry Chapelet, Hippolyte Bard, Prosper Jammes, Auguste Lefore, Baptiste Vignier, Nicholas Adam Picard, Jacques Bounardel, Louis Florian Derecussou, Eugene Garnier, Tony Merlanchon, German Sourcery, Louis Perrin, Desire Rivel, Charles Saulnier, Baptiste Roux, Hippolyte Riveron, J. Collet, Leon Jaybert, Emmanuel Mayer, Paul Verdier, Michel Muller, Narcisse Francois Allen, Adolphe de Heneau, Auguste Leflis, Auguste Langlois, Pierre Frassines, Jean Baptiste Coquet, Pancere de Chavigny, Désiré Reither, Auguste Morizot, Adolphe Layssard, Floquet, (Advocate,) The Baron Eugene Guillemot, Joseph Edmond Riess, Jean Antoine Dutrois, Pierre Francois Morel, Adolphe Voemard, Auguste Coquerele, Achille Fiengon, Auguste Augier, Pierre Auguste Cathelaine de Brotonne, (Lawyer.)

This Chapter is placed at the summit of the Lodge Hierarchy; it personifies in some sort the Sacerdotal part of the Order, and possesses in its GOLDEN BOOK mysterious symbols and arcana unknown to the greater part of the initiates. Its principal mission consists in the study of the religious myths of the different ages of humanity, and in the most arduous investigation of all that belongs to Theosophy and high philosophy. Depositary of the holy doctrine, it is still further charged with the development of the dogmatical and moral part, for the instruction of the Lodge, and the edification of the brethren. I

In 1849, the Order published its General Statutes, with a portrait of the Grand Hierophant—"*La Sanctuaire de Memphis*, Par J. E. Marconis de Negre, (Bruyer, 259, Rue St. Martin.)" The Order is here regulated by five Supreme Councils as follows :—

1. The Sovereign Sanctuary, where is found the venerated ark of the traditions.
2. The Mystic Temple, Grand Empire of the Sov. Princes of Memphis.
3. The Liturgical College, the name expressing its object.
4. The Sovereign Grand Consistory General of the Sublime Princes of Masonry.
5. The Supreme Grand Tribunal of Grand Defenders of the Order.

1. The whole of pages 9-15, have been translated almost verbatim from the Masonic Journal of 1864, called "*La Ruche*."

From this period the Rite continued to prosper and spread, establishing itself in various parts of the world. In 1856, the T. J. Bro. Marconis established the Order in America, and in 1860 he records in the "Masonic Pantheon," that the New York chapter, of the Masonic Rite of Memphis included the number of 100 Past Masters, under the rule of the Illustrious Bro. David MacClellan. In 1862 the T. J. Bro. Marconis gave the highest degree of the Order to Ill: Bro. Harry J. Seymour, with a Charter empowering him to act as Grand Master of a Sovereign Sanctuary for the Continent of America.

At length the T. J. Bro. Marconis surrendered the title of Grand Hierophant, and vested the control of the Antient and Primitive Rite in the Grand Orient of France, the higher grades being confined to the "Grand Council of Rites," and recognized as a portion thereof. In 1864 "La Ruche" reports—"We are happy to announce that the Brothers George Phillipesco and Constantine Cretziano have merited by their zeal and their good Masonic conduct *'Alidee'*."

The Grand Orient of France acknowledged the legitimacy and continued existence of the Rite of Memphis in America by *viseing* the Charters thereof in due form. In 1865 the G. M. of the Grand Orient of France, Marshal Magnan, appointed representatives with the Sovereign Sanctuary of America; whilst in 1857 we find the following in the *Official Calender of the Grand Orient of France*. (See page 251) *Proceedings of 1857* :—

"Soverain Sanctuaire du Rite de Memphis :—

"Grand Master—Harry J. Seymour.

"Grand Chancellor—John W. Simons.

"Grand Secretary—J. B. Taylor.

"Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of France, near
"the Souverain Sanctuaire de Memphis. Robt. D. Holmes."

It is deeply to be regretted that owing to a misunderstanding in which the Grand Orient of France was clearly and Masonically in the wrong, the Sovereign Sanctuary of America withdrew from all representation, and the Bro. Thevenot, the G. Secretary of the former body, pathetically but ingeniously records his sorrowful complaint in an English Journal of 1872, that the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry had ever been constituted in America, or transferred from that country to Great Britain and Ireland; our own regret is that Brother Masons are often no more candid, straightforward, or tolerant than the profane, and often very much less so.

THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MEMPHIS.

PART III.

AMERICA.

JACQUES ETIENNE MARCONIS DE NEGRE, in person, established the first organization of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, in New York City, November 9th, 1856, by the name and title of "A Supreme Council, Sublime Masters of the Great Work, Ninetieth Degree."

OFFICERS.

Ill. Bro. John Mitchell, 95	.....	Sublime Dai.
" Samuel D. Wilson, 95	.....	First Mystagogue.
" Wm. F. Dubois, 93	.....	Second Mystagogue.
" J. Franklin Wells, 94	....	Orator.
" John Hanna, 94	.....	Secretary.
" Geo. T. Dollinger, 94	....	Grand Expert.
" Theophilus Pratt, 95	.....	M. of C.
" John M. Atwood, 95	....	Treasurer.
" David McLellan, 95	.....	Archivist.
" Anthony Allaire, 94	.....	Messenger of Science.
" Josiah S. Grindle, 94	....	Guard of Sanctuary.

The Most Ill. and En. Brother, MARCONIS DE NEGRE, presented the Council with the provisionary Charter or Warrant, entitling the Council to work the degrees to the Ninetieth Degree, inclusive.

At the fifth meeting of the Council, held January 12th, 1857, ten brethren were elected, and received the Ninetieth Degree, in Antient and Primitive form, viz: Ill. Bro.—

Nehemiah Peck	.....	Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, N.Y.
John Brown,	.....	Lafayette " " 64, "
E. T. Harris	.....	Silentia " " 198, "
David Cochran	.....	Lebanon " " 191, "
Daniel Sickels,	.....	Excelsior " " 195, "
M. L. Mann	.....	Lilly " " 342, "
Charles Scholly	.....	Puritan " " 339, "
Charles D. Brown	.....	New York " " 330, "
W. Horwitz, M.D.	.....	Mystic Tie " " 272, "
John W. Cochran	.....	Eastern Star " " 227, "

A Mystic Temple, Sovereign Grand Council General, Ninety fourth Degree, with Ill. Brother David M'Clellan, Ninety fifth Degree, as Sovereign Grand Master General was organized in 1857, and Charter granted by the Ill. Brother Marconis de Negre; since that time these bodies have been, and are now, in active operation.

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER, 90TH DEGREE.

A La Gloria Du Sublime Architect des Mondes. Au Nom Du Grand Hierophant Salut Sur Les Points Du Triangle. Respect a l' Ordre.

The Grand Hierophant, Sub. Mas. of the L. Sacred Depository of the traditions, Sup. Chief the Order, Great E. of the S. C., Sub. Com. of the three Legions of the Knights of the O., Member of the Alidee, decorated with the great star of S. of Eleusis, President of the Mys. 96th and last Degree, Honorary Grand Master of the Philosophical Persian Rite, one of the Grand Coms. and Inspectors of the Rite of Misraim, Honorary Member of the Sup. G. Council, and Sovereign G. Consistory of the Antient and Accepted Scotch Rite, and the members composing the Celestial Empire of the Masonic Rite of Memphis:

Declare regularly constituted the Supreme Council of the Sub. Mas. of the G. W., sitting in the Valley of New York let all know:

That this Council is authorised, 1st.—to take the title of Sup. Council of the Mas. of G. W. 2nd.—To work the 90th Degree of our Antient and Venerated Rite. 3rd.—To fix the price of the receptions, affiliations, and cotisations. 4th.—To confer the aforesaid Degree on each Mason who shall possess the qualities required by our Masonic laws. Let all equally know that this Sup. Council is exempt from all contribution against the Celestial Empire, and that the number of its members is unlimited. The Sublime Dai is appointed for seven years: he must comply with and obey the general statutes and rules, and cause them to be respected; he must execute the labours as indicated in the rituals, and establish conferences in order that all active members may enjoy the scientific instruction of the 90th degree. The Sublime Dai is bound to deny entrance to the temple to any brother not clothed with the Masonic costume of his degree; to any brother who shall not properly present himself; and to any, not actual members, who shall not be bearer of a title (certificate) in due form.

The Very Illustrious and Very Enlightened Brother John Mitchell, being one of the principal founders of the aforesaid Council, the G. Hierophant declares with the advice of the Patriarchs, Chiefs of the Order, that he shall keep the presidency seven consecutive years, and that he may be re-elected.

In consequence of which we invite all Masons who shall see the present writing to acknowledge to the aforesaid Council, the rights and privileges which are granted to it by our General Statutes.

Given and approved in our Sanctuary where reposes peace, virtue, and the plenitude of all good.

VALLEY OF PARIS, the 7th day of the 5th month of the true light 000,000,000 1856, (Er. Vul.)

G. Arch. Keeper of the Seals, the Baron Otto de Braunkcker, 95. (fol. 354, No. 469.)

The G. Hierophant S. M. of L. Sup. Chief of the Order, J. ET MARCONIS DE NEGRE, 96.

Enregistered by us, G. Secretary.

B. NETTER, 95.	RANVEH, 96.
B. VALLAINT, 95.	L. ROLLIN, 95.
W. B. HANSO, 95.	DE NILLA, 95.
SALARIER, 95.	DELIGNE, 95.
RADITOR, 95.	DELALLAINE, 95.
LAMARTINE, 95.	

COPY OF CHARTER OF THE 94TH DEGREE.

Au Nom du Grand Hierophant—Sous les Auspices du G. Empire de l'ordre Mac. de Memphis.

A tous les Macons repandus sur deux Hemispheres Salut Amitie Fraternitie.

A toutes les loges, a tous les Chapitres, Areopages, Senats, and Conseils travaillant notre Rit Antique et Primitif.

Union, Prosperite, Courage, Force, Tolerance.

Nous G. Hierophant Sub. Maitre de la L., Chief. Sup. et membres composant le Sanctuaire des Patriarches Grand Conservateurs de L' Ordre, Declarons Constituer par les presentes un Conseil Sup. du 94th degree, ce Souveraine Grand Conseil General est autorise a travaille du 1er 94th degree de l'ordre a la Valee de New York, Sous la Presidence de notre T. En. et T. Ill. F. David McLellan, L'un des Pat. G. Conserveure de L'Ordre, membre honoraire du G. Empire, Prince de M, etc., etc., 95th degree. En consequence le Souveraine Grand Conseil General, est autorise a fonder des Loges, Chapitres, Areopages, Senats, et Conseils Jusque au 90th degree, en ce Conformant a l'article 29, titre 3 des Statuts Generaux de notre rit Antique et Primitif.

Nous invitons, prions et ordonnons a tous les Loges, Chapitres, Areopages, Senats et Conseils, que ces presentes Veront de reconnaitre le sus, dit Conseil en cette qualite, et d'accueillir favorablement tous les actes emanus de sen sein, a moins qu' ils ne soient contraires a nos lois sacrees, desirant que nos Ateliers, accordent un accueil beinveillant a tous les ff. que se presentent de leur part avec un titre en borne et

due forme et qu'ils recoivent les honneurs dus a leurs qualites maconiques, etc., le Souverain Grand Conseil General est autorise a faire un reglement particulier pour son administration interieure, et a fixer le prix des initiations, augmentation de salaire, des Diplomes, Brefs et Patentes.

Considerant qui en Vertu d'une decision speciale du G. Hierophant Chef Sup. de l'Ordre declaront qu, il y a urgence, conseil representatif de l'Ordre pour les etats Unis D. Amerique. Fait dans notre Sanctuaire ou repose l'arche Venir des traditions lien eclaire d'un rayon divin ou regnent la paix et la plenitude de tous les biens. Vallee de Paris, le 7r Jr, du 10e m, l'an de la V. qu. 000 000 000 1857.

MARCONIS DE NEGRE, G. H. Chef. Sup. 96°.

Enrege, Par nous G. Chanceliere del'Ordre Y. Rouvel, 95, B. Netter 95, E. Samson, Jr. G. C. G. D. L. 95.

Energie, sur Notre Grand Livre D'or, Delaplaine, 95.

Marconis de Negre issued the following notice to the Craft April 17, 1857.

To the Masonic Fraternity of the United States :

We hereby certify and proclaim that we have constituted a Supreme Council (entitled the "Sovereign Grand Council General,") in the Valley of New York, of which David McLellan, P. G. C. of the Order, member of the Grand Empire 95th degree, is the Sov. Grand Master. This Council alone possesses the sole and supreme administrative power of the Masonic Rite of Memphis in the United States of America ; also the power and right to establish lodges, chapters, areopages, Senates and Councils in the different valleys of the same. We furthermore declare, conformably to the General Statutes of the Order, that all titles and demands not vided by the Sov. Grand Master, are null and void.

MARCONIS DE NEGRE,
Grand Hierophant, 96°.

At the sixteenth meeting of the Council, held March 25th, 1857, the Ill. Grand Master General notified the brethren that Ill. Bro. Marconis De Negre was about leaving New York for his native land, and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz :—

Whereas, Our Most Ill. and En. Grand Hierophant is about to return to his home in France, and in consideration of the distinguished favors he has with such liberal hands been pleased to shower upon us ; it is

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the officers and members of this S. Council, Ninetieth Degree be, and is hereby tendered him, and the expression of the hope that he will believe us anxiously solicitous for his safety and well being in

his journey, wishing that the Supreme Architect of the Universe may take him under his especial care and long preserve him a monument of every Masonic virtue.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be presented to Ill. Bro. Marconis de Negre.

At the 17th meeting of the Council, April 17th, 1857, the following brethren were initiated as members of 90th degree, one of them being Harry J. Seymour, the present Past Grand Master of America :

Chas. Yallalee, Munn Lodge, 190, N. Y. ; O. L. Tilden, Lily Lodge, 342, N. Y. ; J. S. Underhill, Polar Star Lodge, 227, N. Y. ; Robert Spear, Eastern Star Lodge, 227 ; Harry J. Seymour, New York Lodge, 330 ; Charles J. Dodge, Benevolent Lodge, 28 ; John C. Webb, Eastern Star Lodge, 227 ; John McKenzie, Polar Star Lodge, 345 ; T. S. Vaughan, J. D. Willard Lodge, 250.

Bodies were instituted of which the English order has no mention.

In 1861, a Senate for New England, of Knight Hermetic Philosophers, 42° was organised, with Ill. Bros. J. D. Jennings, 94° ; A. K. P. Welch, Samuel C. Lawrence, and others, as the First Officers.

Ill. Brother David M'Clellan's term of office having expired by limitation, the original Charter, 94° was by him given up to Ill. Brother Seymour, who was then acknowledged by the Brethren as the head of the Rite in America. Prior to our unhappy civil war, Brother John Mitchell (killed at the battle of Williamsburgh,) also had given to Ill. Brother Seymour with the consent of the Brethren, the Original Charter of the Supreme Council 90°.

In July 1862, Brother Harry J. Seymour visited Paris, where he received from Marconis de Negre the 96th and last degree, and obtained a Patent or Charter to found and organize a Sovereign Sanctuary, 95° ; also to organize Chapters of Rose Croix, Senates, Councils and Grand Councils General, and appointing Brother Seymour Grand Master, *ad vitam*, of the Rite of Memphis for America. The Grand Orient having *vised* the said Charter September 3rd, 1862, and duly enregistered the same document under its Broad Seal, and the Seal of Brother Thevenoux, Grand Secretary General, and also numbering it as No. 28,911, in the Grand Book of Seals of the Grand Orient of France.

In June 1863, the Thrice Ill. Sov. Grand Master, HARRY J. SEYMOUR appointed the following Eminent Masons as Officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary, 95° : Ill. Brother John J. Crane, M. D., P. G. M., State of New York, as Gr. Admin. Gen. ; Ill. Bro. J. B. Yates Somers, 95° ; V. E. G. Com. Gr.

Encampment, State of New York, at Grand Encampment, at the Rite; Robert D. Holmes, 95; M. W. Grand Master, State of New York, as Gen. Grand Expert; H. F. L. Bunting, 95; Grand Master General of Ceremonies; Peter W. Neefus, 95; Grand Treasurer General; George F. Woodward, M. D., 95; Grand Examiner General; Thomas Pictou, 95; Grand Secretary General; Abram G. Levy, 95; Grand Inspector General; Charles C. J. Beck, 95; Grand Chancellor General; J. Franklin Wells, 95; Grand Keeper of the Temple.

OSIRIS SENATE No. 1 of Connecticut, was organized by Ill. Brothers James L. Gould and John Sheville, November 1862, at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

HOBOKEN SENATE No. 1, of New Jersey, was instituted at Hoboken the same month.

A Sov. Grand Council General, MYSTIC TEMPLE, for New England, was organized June 30th, 1863, with the following Officers who were appointed for five years; A. K. P. Welch, 95; Grand Master of Light; Samuel C. Lawrence, 94; Grand Annalist; Charles C. Southard, 94; Grand Examiner; Caleb C. Allen, 94; Grand Keeper of Rites; James C. Bullen, 95; Grand Ceryce; Benjamin F. Nourse, 94; Grand Treasurer; John D. Jennings, 95; Grand Representative.

In August 1863, SESOSTRIS SENATE, No. 2, State of New York, was established in the City of Brooklyn, N.Y., John B. Harris, 95; S. G. Commander; R. W. Dockson, 93; Sen. Knight Interpreter; John Ellard, 91; Jun. Knight Interpreter; Bradley Parker, M.D., 91; Orator; and 46 other Sir Knights.

At the request of Ill. Brother John J. Crane, M.D., 95, the 95th degree was conferred on R. W. Brothers Stephen H. Johnson and John L. Lewis, June 10th, 1864, and upon R. W. Brothers Clinton F. Paige and Orrin Welch, June 11th, 1864.

ZOROASTER SENATE No. 3 of New York, was instituted, and the Officers installed, July 31st, 1864: Andrew M. Underhill, Sub. Grand Commander; Alvin Graff, S. Knight Interpreter; Edward Bouton, J. Knight Interpreter; Dominicus Snediker, Orator; J. H. Le Bau, Recorder; Horatio N. Carr, Archivist; Sewall Fiske, Sentinel.

HERMES SENATE No. 1 of District of Columbia, at Washington, was instituted September 5th, 1864: Rev. Robert M'Murdy, 95; Sub. G. Commander; John F. Sharretts, 94; S. Knight Interpreter; Z. D. Gilman, J. Knight Interpreter; Hon. Alexander W. Randall, Orator; Hon. Green Adams, Archivist; W. P. Dole, Recorder.

The Senate of Knights Commanders of the Temple, was re-organized as SAMOTHRACE SENATE No. 1 of New York, June 7th, 1865: Abram G. Levy, 95; Sub. G. Commander; W. P. Patten, 95; Sen. Knight Interpreter; John Hanna, 95; Jun. Knight Interpreter; Thomas Bennet, 91; Orator.

SEYMOUR SENATE No. 2 of Washington, D.C., was instituted August 7th, 1865: J. H. Rathrone, S. G. Commander; R. T. Campbell, Sen. Knight Interpreter; E. W. Francis, Jun. Knight Interpreter; John R. Thompson, Orator.

The Sovereign Grand Master General visited the Sixteenth Triennial Convocation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 5th, 6th & 7th days of September, 1865; and there conferred the Degrees of the Rite with the assistance of Ill. Brother Sheville of New Jersey, and James L. Gould, of Connecticut, upon William E. Harvey of Nebraska; Wm. C. Munger of Kentucky, and the following Brothers of Ohio:—William B. Thrall, P. G. H. P. of Ohio; Thomas Sparrow, Grand Master of Ohio; Wm. S. Phares, Wm. A. Hershiser, Edward West, Felix N. V. Spice, William H. Foster, Lucian G. Thrall, Gustavus A. Doren, and Dolphin G. Smith.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Brother Harry J. Seymour conferred the 90th degree upon W. Brother Henry Waters, of Hiram Lodge; Calvin C. Burt, of Alpha Lodge, Keyport, New Jersey, received the 90th degree the same time, September 14th, 1865.

SOCRATIS SENATE No. 4 of New York, was instituted in the Fall of 1865: Ill. Brother P. S. Haines, 95; Sub. Grand Commander; Ill. Brother G. F. Wiltsie, 94; Sen. Knight Interpreter; H. M'Cutcheon, 91; Jun. Knight Interpreter; J. C. Chapman, 91; Orator.

The First Chapter of Rose Croix, GRAMERCY No. 1, was instituted June 1865, with W. P. Patten, 95; M. W.; J. O. Halsey, 94; Sen. Knight W.; H. M. Clark, Jun. Knight W.; J. H. Forshay, Orator; F. C. Van Orden, Knight C. of G.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER No. 2, was organized the same month; Andrew M. Copeland, M.W.; W. T. Lloyd, Sen. Knight W.; J. Lovelock, Jun. Knight W.

An official communication from the Grand Orient of France, dated Paris, May 1st, 1865, No. 314, Vol. 30 of Correspondence, was received by the Sovereign Sanctuary, notifying that body of the appointment by his Excellency the Marshal Magnan, Grand Master of France, of M. W. Bro. Robert D. Holmes, as Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of France, near the Sov. Sanctuary; also a letter of thanks and acceptance, of Grand Representative of the Sov. Sanctuary, near the Grand Orient of France, from Ill. Bro. Heullant.

Copy of appointment of R. W. Robert D. Holmes, a
Grand Representative :

Grand Orient of France, Supreme Council of France, and the
French possessions.

Ill. Bro. Robert D. Holmes : Paris, May 1, 1865.
I have pleasure to inform you, that in compliance with the wish
of the Grand Officers of the Rite of Memphis, our Grand Master,
Marshal Magnan, has appointed you Representative of the Grand
Orient of France, near the Grand Sanctuary of Memphis, sitting in
the Valley of New York.

I feel assured that this appointment, upon which I congratulate
you, will be fruitful in happy results for our Order, and for Masonry
in general.

Accept, illustrious Sir and Brother, the assurance of our distin-
guished consideration and brotherly love.

CUSOIS,

Deputy Grand Master.

Copy of acceptance of Ill. Bro. Heullant, 33°, Gd. Rep.
to G. O. of France.

Grand Orient of France,
Ill. Grand Master and Brethren : Paris, April 27, 1865.

I have received with great satisfaction the diploma sent me, and
have placed it in my library where my eyes will naturally rest upon it
whenever I sit down to write.

I had decided to retire from all official station, and only accepted
the post of Deputy Grand Master, when the difficult situation of
Masonry in France seemed to call on every Mason for help, but I will
act as your representative with all the zeal and devotion at my com-
mand.

Accept the assurance of my Masonic sentiments and sincere
wishes for the prosperity of our noble institution.

HEULLANT,

Grand Officer. Chancellor of the Legion of Honor.

At a meeting of the Sov. Sanctuary, August 26th, 1865,
Ill. Brothers Guiseppe Garibaldi, 33°; Past Grand Master of
the G. O. of Italy; Francesco de Lucca, 33°, Grand Master
of the Italian Freemasonry, were elected Honorary Members
of the Sov. Sanctuary; Ill. Bro. Ludovico Frappolli, 33°,
was appointed as the Grand Representative of the Sov.
Sanctuary, near the Grand Orient of Italy.

An official letter from Ill. Bro. G. Garibaldi, dated "Orient
of Caprera, September 26th, 1865," was received, acknow-
ledging the reception of his appointment and acceptance of
the same.

Despatches from the Grand Orient of Italy, dated "Turin,
October 1, 1865," was received, in which the Grand Master,
Francesco de Lucca, and Ill. Bro. Frapolli, accepted the
appointments given them by the Sov. Sanctuary, and inform-
ing the Sov. Sanctuary that Ill. Bro. John J. Crane, 33°; and
the Ill. Grand Mas. Gen., Harry J. Seymour, had been
nominated and elected members of the Gd. Orient of Italy.

Ill. Bro. Marconis de Negre having prior to this time
surrendered the title of Grand Hierophant, and vested the
control of the Antient and Primitive Rite in the Grand Orient
of France; December the 20th, 1865, the Sov. Sanctuary
adopted and issued the following :

To the glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.
In the name of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Antient and
Primitive Freemasonry, according to the Rite of Memphis,
in and for the Continent of America, sitting in the Valley of
New York. Salutations on all points of the Triangle.
Respect to the Order.

EDICT.

TO ALL MASONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING :

Whereas, The Grand Orient of France, and the Grand
Bodies of the Masonic Rite of Memphis, have mutually
agreed that there be but 33 degrees; the 31st, 32nd, and
33rd, of which shall be conferred only by authorization of the
Supreme Body; and,

Whereas, said agreement was solemnly ratified by the late
Ill. Brother, the Marshal Magnan, 33°, Grand Master of
Masons for France and the French possessions, and the
Ill. Bro. Marconis de Negre, and the officers of the Grand
Orient and Rite of Memphis; and

Whereas, The Officers and Members of the Antient and
Primitive Rite of Memphis, deem it for the best interests of
the Rite and Masonry generally, that the degrees be conden-
sed; thereby concentrating the sublime Morals, Symbols,
Allegories, Antique Legends, and Philosophical Dissertations
into 33 degrees, the better to maintain its unity, exercise
benevolence, propogate knowledge, and avoid the difference
which unhappily exist in other Masonic Rites;

Therefore, We, the Grand Master General, by and with
the advice and consent of the Grand Officers of the Antient
and Primitive Rite *do hereby agree*, that the Antient and
Primitive Rite of Memphis shall consist of 33 degrees, divi-
ded as hereinafter designated :—

SECTION I.—CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.

4th Degree	Discreet Master.
5th "	Sublime Master.
6th "	Sacred Arch.
7th "	Secret Vault.
8th "	Knight of the Sword.
9th "	Knight of Jerusalem.
10th "	Knight of the Orient.
11th "	Rose Croix.

SECTION II.—SENATE OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHERS.

12th Degree	Knight of the Red Eagle.
13th "	Knight of the Temple.
14th "	Knight of the Tabernacle.
15th "	Knight of the Serpent.

16th Degree	Knight Kadosh.
17th "	Knight of the Royal Mystery.
18th "	Grand Inspector.
19th "	Sage of Truth.
20th "	Hermetic Philosopher.

SECTION III.—GRAND COUNCIL.

21st Degree	Grand Installator.
22nd "	Grand Consecrator.
23rd "	Grand Eulogist.
24th "	Patriarch of Truth.
25th "	Patriarch of the Planispheres.
26th "	Patriarch of the Sacred Vedas.
27th "	Patriarch of Isis.
28th "	Patriarch of Memphis.
29th "	Patriarch of the Mystic City.
30th "	Master of the G. W. P. P.

SECTION IV.—OFFICIAL.

31st Degree	Grand Defender of the Rite.
32nd "	Sublime Prince of Memphis.
33rd "	Sov. Grand Conservator of the Rite.

And furthermore, it is declared that the Antient and Primitive Rite do now and forever waive and renounce all claim over the first three or Symbolic degrees, and that no person shall be received unless he be a Master Mason in good standing.

Approved in our Sanctuary,

Harry J. Seymour, 33°, *Sov. Grand Master.*
 Henry F. L. Bunting, 33°, *Grand Master General of Cer.*
 Peter W. Neefus, 33°, *Grand Treasurer General.*
 John J. Crane, M.D., 33°, *Grand Administrator General.*
 John W. Simons, 33°, *Grand Chancellor General.*
 Robt. D. Holmes, 33°, *General Grand Expert.*
 John J. Thompson, 33°, *Guard of the Sanct.*
 Bradley Parker, M.D., 33°, *Keeper of the Golden Book.*
 A. M. Underhill, 33°;
 John Hanna, 33°;
 P. S. Haines, 33°;
 James B. Taylor, 33°, *Grand Secretary General.*

COLUMBIAN Rose Croix Chapter No. 3, was organized in June, 1866. Officers:—Ill. Bros. Sir Kt. James Morrow, Most Wise; A. Barnes, Sen. Warden; Jesse T. Dingee, Jun. Warden; John Shannon, Orator; George W. Sloan, Conductor; W. H. Bromley, Treasurer; Wm. H. Jones, Archivist; Chas. S. Abbott, Capt. of the Guard; J. H. Mendenhall, Guard of the Tower; Edwin Reynolds, Prelate; A. F. Carpenter, Organist; Jas. McCaughie, Sentinel; C. B. Abbott, P. McKay, Robert Birnie, Trustees.

ARCHITECT Rose Croix, Chapter No. 4, was organized at Yorkville, August, 1866. Officers:—Ill. Bros. Jas. Gorton, Most Wise; Richard Banfield, Jun. Warden; W. H. Marshal, Sen. Warden; Moses Bernhard, Orator; Richard Schofield, Conductor; J. T. Van Winkle, Treasurer; Wm. A. Conklin, Archivist; Hermon Elstroth, Guard of Tower; J. A. Pendleton, Capt. of Guard; W. H. Merriam, Sentinel.

PRIMITIVE Rose Croix, Chapter No. 5, was organized in New York, September 7th, 1866. Officers:—Ill. Bros. Sir Kt. Benjamin S. Hill, Most Wise; Charles Latour, Sen. Warden; George Russ, Jun. Warden; Robert Boyd Hardy, Orator; John S. Loughery, Conductor; William Scott, Treasurer; H. Clay Lanius, Archivist; H. R. Chapman, Capt. of the Guard; Adam White, Guard of the Tower; Robert John Somerville, Prelate; Richard Harner, Organist; Andrew Ferguson, Sentinel; J. A. Macdonald, Wm. Fullagar, John T. Davis, Trustees.

PASSAIC Rose Croix, Chapter No. 1. of New Jersey, and No. 7 of the Sanctuary, was instituted at Newark, N.J., September 24th, 1866. Officers:—Sir Knight James B. Taylor, 33°, Most Wise; Wm. D. Rutan, 32°, S. Kt. Warden; David Ayres, 31°, J. Kt. Warden; Jacob W. Crane, 31°, Orator; Wm. Prinver, Treasurer; Eliphalt Smith, Jun., Archivist; Edw. Pressinger, Capt. of Guard; Francis Bell, Guard of the Tower; David A. Johnson, Prelate; Wm. O'Brien, Sentinel.

OLIVE BRANCH Rose Croix, Chapter No. 6 of New York, was organized at Brooklyn, N.Y., October 17, 1866.

Officers:—Ill. Bro. Sir Kt. Charles Latour, Most Wise; Ill. Bro. Sir Kt. Henry E. Day, Sen. Warden; Ill. Bro. Sir Kt. J. Windle Fowler, Jun. Warden; Resp. Sir Kt. A. G. Bishop, Orator; Resp. Sir Kt. Wm. J. Read, Conductor; Resp. Sir Kt. H. L. Foote, Treasurer; Resp. Sir Kt. J. W. Buckbee, Archivist; Sir Kt. Hiram Bloomer, Jr., Capt. of the Guard; Sir Kt. Lawrence Tower, Guard of the Tower; Sir Kt. Rev. H. M. Gallaher, Prelate; Sir Kt. W. F. Gilbert, Organist; Sir Kt. J. W. Hastings, Sentinel; Sir Kts. Wm. McBride, Wm. E. Sprague, J. W. Burnham, Trustees.

ORIENTAL Rose Croix, Chapter No. 1 of the District of Columbia, was organized November, 1866.

Officers:—J. B. Will, 32°, Most Wise; John Lockie, Sen. Kt. Warden; A. G. Dietrick, Jun. Kt. Warden.

ANTIEN Rose Croix, Chapter No. 2, Washington, D.C., was organized November, 1866.

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Officers :—John R. Thompson, 33°, Most Wise ; Geo. W. Francis, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden ; Stephen A. Doyle, Jun. Kt. Warden ; Robert A. Champion, Orator ; M. H. Dillon, Conductor ; C. F. Jarvis, Treasurer ; H. O. Hood, Archivist ; M. B. Gordon, Capt. of Guard ; Albert Partridge, Guard of Tower ; T. Creaser, Sentinel.

The following letter was received by the Sov. Sanctuary :

Peoria, Illinois, December 27, 1866.
"HARRY J. SEYMOUR, Sov. G. M. of the R. of M. of the Valley of New York :

M. W. SIR :—Happening at this city on business, I made the acquaintance of several prominent Masons, who were desirous of forming a Senate of H. P. in this city, and although it was not technically within my jurisdiction, but having in view the good of the Order, and knowing you were anxious to form Masonic Associations, when the requisite number of good brethren could be found :—

I have taken the responsibility of saying to the subscribers of the enclosed petition that you would confer the 90th degree of the R. of M. on them at an early day, and form a Senate of H. P. in this city ; and for such purpose I enclose a petition in due form, and hereby vouch for each of the several subscribers as Master Masons in good standing, every way worthy of your confidence and esteem ; and I trust and hope that you will ratify and confirm to them the early organization of a Senate, and as they are anxious to stand at the top of the list of Senates of this State, I hope if possible you will give them Charter No. 1. As I expect to remain here only a few days, you had better confer with Hon. Wm. Rounseville, Editor of the Peoria National Democrat. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication, and your decision at once.

Illustrious Brother and Sov. Grand Master, allow me to assure you of my fraternal love and esteem in the fulness of Peace, Tolerance, and Truth. I am, truly yours,

CALVIN C. BURT,
S. M., 90°, and Rep. for the Dist. of Erie Co., N.Y.

This communication from C. C. Burt was responded to by enclosing edict of the reduction of degrees by the Sov. Sanctuary, in accordance with the articles of Concordance between the Gd. Orient of France and Marconis de Negre ; and our Peoria brethren, were informed that if they desired a Rose Croix Chapter and Senate under 33 deg. instead of 95 deg., their wishes would be gratified.

To a letter from Ill. Bro. John Q. A. Fellows, dated New Orleans, January 4, 1867, applying for Mystic Temple, 94°, and Charters for all the subordinate bodies of the Rite of Memphis, a like answer was returned to that sent to Peoria, and our Louisiana brethren being satisfied with the reduction of degrees to 33, a Charter was granted for a Mystic Temple (Grand Council General) 32°, for the State of Louisiana, appointing J. Q. A. Fellows, 33-95°, Grand Master of Light ; Edward Barnett, 33-94°, Grand Orator ; Wm. R. Whitaker, 32-94°, Grand Annalist ; Thos. O. May, 32-94°, Grand Treasurer ; J. P. Buckner, 32-95°, Grand Ceryce ; Robert Watson,

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32-95°, Grand Keeper of Rites ; E. T. Parker, 32-95°, Grand Examiner ; Harry T. Hayes, 32-95°, Grand Master of Ceremonies ; Thomas Cripps, 32-95°, Grand Conductor ; J. B. Walton, 32-95°, Grand Guard of the Council ; Alfred Shaw, 33-95°, Grand Representative.

At the same time, January, 1867, Charters were issued for MIZRAIM Chapter No. 1 of Louisiana, and No. 15 of the Sov. Sanc. ; HELIOPOLIS Senate No. 1 of Louisiana, and No. 10 S. S. ; and DELTA Grand Council 30°, No. 1 of Louisiana, and No. 2 of the S. S.

The T. Ill. G. Master visited Peoria, Illinois, and on the 9th of February, 1867, instituted PYRAMID Rose Croix, Chapter No. 1 of Illinois.

Officers :—Justin E. Dow, 33°, Most Wise ; Thos. D. Gantt, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden ; C. A. Rich, 31°, Jun. Rt. Warden ; Wm. Rounseville, 33°, Orator ; Charles Spalding, Conductor ; M. E. Erler, Treasurer ; W. Copeland, Archivist ; J. Higbie, Capt. of the Guard ; F. M. Barrett, Guard of the Tower ; Samuel Tart, Prelate ; F. M. Reinhart, Organist ; T. H. Randolph, Sentinel.

ISIS Senate, H. P., 20°, No. 1 of Illinois, was instituted at the same time and the following officers installed :—Wm. Rounseville, Sub. Grand Com. ; C. Spalding, Sen. Kt. Interpreter ; Samuel Tart, Jun. Kt. Interpreter ; W. Copeland, Knight Recorder ; M. E. Erler, Knight of Finance ; F. M. Barrett, Knight Archivist ; W. Y. Francis, Knight Orator ; J. E. Dow, Knight Marshal ; F. M. Reinhart, Knight Introductor ; D. Spencer, Knight Accompanier ; John Higbie, Knight Capt. of the Guard ; H. E. Seley, Knight Standard Bearer ; T. D. Gantt, Knight Sword Bearer ; T. F. Randolph, Knight Sentinel.

CHEOPS Chapter, No. 2 of Illinois, was instituted at Peoria, February 24, 1867. Louis Furst, 32°, Most Wise ; J. P. Singer, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden ; J. Lorenz, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden ; Marx Moses, 31°, Orator.

DIOGENES Senate, No. 2 of Illinois, was organized at the same time and place. J. N. Niglas, M.D., 33°, Sub. Gd. Commander ; Aug. Reen, 32°, Sen. Kt. Interpreter ; Hy. Ullman, 32°, Jun. Kt. Interpreter ; G. Stiehl, 30°, Recorder.

Cheops Chapter and Diogenes Senate work in the German language.

Official Masonic information from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, (Joseph H. Hough) of proceedings of that Grand Body during its session, January 1856, being received :—

The Sov. Sanctuary, in accordance with Article 22, Sect. 7 of the general Ordinances and Constitution, issued the following Edict:—

T. T. G. O. T. S. A. O. T. U. Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, Peace, Tolerance, Truth.

Office of the T. I. Sov. Gd. Mas. Gen. 152, Canal St. N.Y. Valley of New York, March 1, (E. V.) 1867.

To all Masons to whom these presents shall come Greeting:—

Know Ye, That Whereas, Past Master Calvin C. Burt, late of Alpha Lodge, of F. and A.M., of the State of New Jersey, has been expelled by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey.

And Whereas, The Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, does not countenance, confer degrees upon, or retain within its bosom any person not in good standing in a Blue or Symbolic Lodge of F. and A. M.;

And Whereas, The Rite of Memphis, on the Continent of America, considers the Blue Lodge the foundation and fundamental basis of the beloved institution, to which the Masonic allegiance of all its members are due, and from which there can be no deviation;

I do therefore Declare the said Calvin C. Burt, expelled from all our Chapters, Senates, Grand Councils, and from the Sov. Sanctuary, and I call upon all Masons of our Antient and Primitive Rite, to hold with him no Masonic intercourse whatever.

Done in our Sanctuary, this 30th day of March, 1867, (E.V.)
Witness our hand and seal of office,

HARRY J. SEYMOUR,

T. Ill. Sov. Gd. Mas. Gen. in & for the Continent of America.

Calvin C. Burt, having received moneys which he appropriated to his own use, from the brethren in Illinois, Ohio and Iowa, the Grand Mas. Gen. returned to the West, giving to those brethren the Charters and Rituals which they had paid C. C. Burt for.

COVENANT Rose Croix Chapter, No. 5 of Illinois, was organized April 4, 1867, by the Gd. Mas. Gen., assisted by Ill. Bro. Wm. Rounseville, 33°; at Eureka. Officers, David T. N. Sanderson, 32°, Most Wise; J. A. Davis, 31°, S. Kt. Warden; L. P. Blair, 31°, J. Kt. Warden; E. P. Hall, 31° Orator; Thos. Bullock, Jr., 30°, Conductor; Peter Bennage, 30°, Treasurer; James W. Finley, 30°, Archivist; Thos. H. Gray, 30°, Capt. of Guard; Alonzo Hale, 30°, Guard of the Tower; Sylvester Wright, 32°, Prelate; W. G. Vandyke, 30°, Sentinel.

On April 24th, a delegation of Masons connected with the Rite of Memphis, consisting of Ill. Bros. C. Spalding, L. Furst, J. A. Bush, H. Seley, M. E. Erler, J. Higbie, T. F. Randolph, W. H. Dodds, C. D. Weiennett, H. G. Pein, J. G. Treager, J. Lewis, and others, accompanied Ill. Bro Wm. Rounseville, 33°, Gd. Representative for Illinois, and the T. Ill. G. Master Harry J. Seymour, to Pekin, at which place EMANUEL Rose Croix Chapter, No. 3 of Illinois, and No. 17 of the Sanctuary, was instituted, and the following officers for the ensuing year were installed and inducted into office

in A. and P. form:—Dr. Samuel Wagenseller, Most Wise; N. W. Green, Sen. Kt. Warden; Henry Wilkey, Jun. Kt. Warden; John S. Milam, Kt. Orator; John Cohonour, Kt. Conductor; Peter Weyrich, Kt. Treasurer; W. W. Clemens, Kt. Archivist; F. S. Hubbler, Kt. Capt. of the Guard; W. H. Siebert, Kt. Guard of the Tower; John B. Orr, Kt. Sentinel.

The Charter was granted and the Degrees exemplified to the extreme gratification of all concerned.

Our Pekin brethren prepared a bountiful repast, to which the Peorians did ample justice; the most fraternal feelings were displayed, and the Ill. Gd. Master, Seymour, established another link in the fraternal chain of Antient and Primitive Masonry, which will be an honour to the institution, of which he and the Sov. Sanctuary may well be proud.

ELEUSIS Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1 of the State of Iowa, was organized April 30th, 1867, at Burlington, Iowa. Officers:—Mortimer E. Gillette, 33°, Most Wise; Wm. E. Woodward, 33°, Sen. Kt. Warden; Warner Miller, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; Samuel W. Snow, 31°, Orator; Logan Steece, Conductor; E. C. Parsons, Archivist; Geo. A. McArthur, Treasurer; Samuel J. Lane, Capt. of Guard.

KARNAK Senate H. P., No. 1 of Iowa; was organized at Burlington, Iowa, April 30th, 1867. Officers:—Wm. E. Woodward, 33°, Sub. G. Com; R. N. Raab, 32°, Sub. Kt. Interpreter; Samuel J. Lane, 31°, Jun. Kt. Interpreter; Wm. Bolton, 31°, Orator; H. R. Rhein, Recorder; Saml. Lehman, Kt. of Finance; Solomon Kohn, Archivist; M. E. Gillette, Marshal; E. C. Parsons, Kt. of Introduction; S. W. Snow, Accompanier; Mark X. Kuechen, Capt. of Guard; G. A. McArthur, Standard Bearer, &c.

Other bodies were instituted in this year of which the English Order have no mention.

SIRIUS Grand Council, 30°, No. 1 of Illinois, was organized at Peoria, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 12th, 1867. Officers:—J. F. Niglas, Sub. Dai; H. E. Seley, 1st Mystagogue; D. T. N. Sanderson, 2nd Mystagogue; Wm. McLean, Orator; Michael E. Erler, Treasurer; Charles Spalding, Secretary; George Broad, Grand Expert; John G. Treager, Standard Bearer; Wm. Oberhouser, Sword Bearer; D. W. Meek, Mess. of Sci.; Charles A. Rich, Archivist; C. W. Carroll, Accompanier; J. M. Eiser, Guard of Tower; F. M. Barrett, Sentinel.

At the close of the installation the following resolutions were, in full conclave, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we most cordially thank the Ill. Gd. Mas. Gen. Harry J. Seymour, for the untiring assiduity and patient industry with which he has laboured for the establishment of the Antient and Primitive Rite in the North West.

Resolved, That we have the fullest and most unbounded confidence in him as a Mason and as a man.

Resolved, That as we love the Antient and Primitive Rite, we recommend it as a valuable system of Masonry, regular, legitimate, and beautiful, and calculated to benefit mankind.

Resolved, That we will strive for the prosperity, and labour for the prevalence of the Antient and Primitive Rite, as we may have the ability.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Ill. Gd. Mas. Gen. Seymour, and entered upon the balustre of this Grand Council.

C. SPALDING, Sec.

J. N. NIGLAS, Sub. Dai.

KODESH Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1 of Wisconsin, was organized at Milwaukee, June 27th, 1867. Officers:—Robt. B. Miller, 33°, Most Wise; M. J. Higgins, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; J. L. Sexton, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; W. H. Rainstead, 31°, Orator; John E. Armitage, Conductor; John Gilman, Treasurer; Mark Hendricks, Archivist.

While at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 21st, 1867, Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, conferred the degrees of the Rite of Memphis upon Ill. Bros. Howard Matthews, Dep. Grand Master of Ohio; John D. Caldwell, Gd. Secretary G. Lodge Post, and Geo. W. George, each of whom declared the degrees to be most consistent with History, Masonry, and Holy Writ; that they contained great beauty, new light, and additional truth!

ELEUSINIAN Rose Croix Chapter, No. 8, of Illinois, was organized at Chicago, July 22nd, 1867. Officers:—De Witt C. Cregier, 33°, Most Wise; David A. Cashman, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; Geo. W. Barnard, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; H. W. Turner, 31°, Orator; W. A. Sheridan, Conductor; Geo. B. Carpenter, Treasurer; J. D. Whitney, Archivist; W. F. Holcomb, Capt. of Guard; Wm. Lapham, Guard of Tower; J. I. Spafford, Prelate; D. T. Walker, Organist; J. N. Bowers, Sentinel.

MYRTLE Chapter, No. 9 of Illinois, No. 24 S.S.; TRISMEGISTRAN Senate, No. 4 of Illinois, and No. 16 of S. S.; RAMESES G. Council 30th degree, No. 2 of Illinois, and No. 4 of S. S., were organized by the Dep. Representative, Ill. Bro. D. C. Cregier, 1867.

Officers of the MYRTLE Rose Croix Chapter, No. 9 of Illinois:—H. W. Turner, 32°, Most Wise; A. D. Bascomb, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; T. C. Hatch, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; J. E. Church, 31°, Orator; J. D. Wilson, Conductor; John Walwork, Treasurer; W. T. D. Groodt, Archivist; J. C. Viberts, Capt. of Guard; E. Stevens, Guard of Tower; W. S. Ryans, Sentinel.

Officers of the TRISMEGISTRAN Senate, No. 4 Illinois:—D. A. Cashman, Sub. Gd. Com.; G. W. Barnard, Sen. Kt. Interpreter; W. Lapham, Jun. Kt. Interpreter; H. Guerdon, Orator; J. B. Lewis, Kt. Recorder; J. D. Smedley, Kt. of Finance; J. I. Spafford, Archivist; W. W. Kennedy, Marshal; A. H. Vanzwoll, Kt. of Introduction; C. C. Garber, Accompanier; W. F. Washburn, Capt. of Guard; W. A. Sheridan, Standard Bearer; J. H. Crane, Gd. of Sanctuary; C. P. Silva, Sword Bearer; J. N. Bowers, Sentinel.

RAMESES Grand Council, 30th degree No. 2 of Illinois: Officers,—Wm. Lapham, Sub. Dai; W. A. Sheridan, First Mystagogue; J. I. Spafford, Second Mystagogue; C. C. Hubbard, Orator; W. R. Stubblefield, Treasurer; C. P. Silva, Secretary; A. H. Vanzwoll, Gd. Expert; Robert Hall, Archivist; Geo. L. Ottman, Mess. of S.; E. P. Woodruff, Accompanier; T. W. Wilmarth, Gd. of Sanc.; E. B. Mann, Standard Bearer; W. F. Holcomb, Sword Bearer; J. H. Bowers, Sentinel.

Two splendidly illuminated Patents of the 33rd degree, Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Italy, one for Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, and one for Ill. Bro. John J. Crane, M.D., 33rd degree, were received by the Sov. Sanctuary.

Correspondence with the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Rite of Memphis for America. Extract from the official bulletin of the Grand Orient of Italy, published at Florence, the 21st day of July, 1867.

This Rite has conformed to the number of degrees of Universal Masonry, thus adding a high attribute of wisdom to its Illustrious Chief. The 96th degree of the Rite of Memphis, in America, as in France, has been reduced to 33 degrees.

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A. L. G. D. S. A. D. L. U.

Grand Orient of Italian Masonry:

Very Ill. and Very dear Bro.—Our Very Ill. and Very dear Bro. Francisco de Lucca, has received your fraternal communication of the 23rd of April last, and desires me to send his personal and most sincere thanks. We send to you with your patent, that of the Ill. Bro. John J. Crane, which for some time has been prepared, but owing to the absence of one of our brothers, whose signature was necessary, they have been retarded.

You will at the same time receive the official Bulletin of the G. O. of Italy, containing the acts of the Masonic Assembly at Naples.

We also take the opportunity of informing you that the Ill. Bro. John J. Crane, M.D., has been appointed as our representative near the Sov. Sanctuary. Trusting that this nomination will be happily accepted on his part, receive the triple assurance of Masonic love for yourself and your Brethren.

Orient of Florence, July 18th, 1867.

The G. Chancellor M. MACCHI, 33°.

The 1st Dep. G. M. Acting G. M., L. FRAPOLLI, 33°.

To the Ill. and Very dear Bro. HARRY J. SEYMOUR, 33°, G. Master of the Sov. Sanctuary of Memphis at New York.

No. 2.

G. O. of Masonry for Italy and its Colonies:

We, Grand Masters of Masonry for Italy, in view of the fraternal communications that now exist between our G. O. and the Sov. Sanctuary of the Rite of Memphis, for America, and that the Ill. Bro. John J. Crane, 33°, by his fraternal kindness has contributed to the firm establishment of these communications:

And considering it for the good of the Masonic Order to maintain and continue these communications, we issue this notice of the Council of the Order:

We have decreed, and it is decreed—

Article 1.—The Very Ill. Bro., John J. Crane, M.D., 33°, member of the Sov. Sanctuary of Memphis, at New York, is appointed G. Representative of the G. O. of Italy, near the said Sov. Sanctuary.

Article 2.—Our G. Chancellor, the Brother M. Macchi, is charged with the notification of the present degree.

Done at Florence, at the Masonic Hotel, the 18th of July, 1867, (E.V.)

(Signed) L. FRAPOLLI, 33°, *The 1st Dep. G. Master.*
PIO ADUCCI, 33°, *G. Archivist.*

M. MACCHI, 33°, *G. Chancellor.*

HIEROSOLYMA Chapter, No. 7 of New York, and 25 of the Sov. Sanc., was publicly installed at Irving Hall, New York City, May 2, 1868. Officers,—S. W. Fort, 32°, Most Wise; C. Mackey, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; Levi J. Isaacs, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; W. R. Ford, Orator; S. W. E. Beckner, Treasurer.

May 15th, 1868, the Ill. Sov. Grand Master instituted and installed the following brethren as officers of MEMPHIAN Rose Croix Chapter 27, of the Sov. Sanctuary, and No. 1 of Ohio, in Antient and Primitive Form. Officers,—Ill. Bros. John R. Blakemore, 32°, Most Wise; H. W. George, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; S. C. Benjamin, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; J. E. Stewart, 31°, Kt. Orator; C. D. Parks, 30°, Kt. Conductor; J. W. Foote, 30°, Kt. Treasurer; H. S. Brewster, 30°, Kt. Archivist; A. F. Shaw, 30°, Capt. of Guard; E. H. Kirk, 30°, Kt. Guard of Tower; Jacob Ernst, 30°, Kt. Prelate; R. H. Stone, 31°, Kt. Organist; H. Douglass, 30°, K. Sentinel.

At the same place and time ACACIAN Senate of H. P., 20th degree, No. 1 of the State of Ohio, and No. 17 of the Sov. Sanctuary, was duly organized, and the following brethren installed as its officers:—Ill. Bros. T. W. Bartley, Sub. Gd. Com.; Wm. Cowgill, 32°, M.L., Sen. Kt. Interpreter; Abner Thorp, 31°, M.L., Jun. Kt. Interpreter; R. H. Stone, 31°, Ill. Kt. Orator; Henry Agg, 30°, Ill. Kt. Recorder; J. W. Foote, 30°, Kt. of Finance; J. H. Moore, 30°, Kt. Archivist; J. H. Balby, 30°, Kt. Marshal; J. T. Richie, 30°, Kt. of Introduction; J. W. Hart, 32°, Kt. Accompanier; J. H. Seaman, 31°, Kt. Capt. of Guard; J. A. Snodgrass, 30°, Kt. Standard Bearer; F. A. Bateman, 30°, Kt. Sword Bearer; P. N. Deal, 30°, Kt. Guard of Sanc.; J. T. Vansant, 30°, Kt. Sentinel.

At the request and earnest desire of the craft to complete the organization, a Grand Council 30th degree, was also instituted, its officers as given below, duly installed, and the charter, with those of the Chapter and Senate granted.

Officers of ORIENT Grand Council,—Ill. Bros. Alexander Long, 33°, Sub. Dai; T. C. Thorp, 32°, 1st Mystagogue; J. H. Seaman, 32°, 2nd Mystagogue; Charles W. Moulton, 31°, Orator; J. W. Foote, 30°, Treasurer; H. S. Brewster, 30°, Secretary; C. T. Forristall, 30°, Grand Expert; Howard Douglass, 30°, Archivist; J. M. McFadden, 30°, Mess. of Sci.; J. M. Champlin, 30°, Accompanier; C. F. Schroeder, 30°, Standard Bearer; H. M. Merrill, 30°, Sword Bearer; J. M. Blair, 30°, Guardian of Sanc.; R. S. Burford, 30°, Sentinel; John D. Caldwell, 32°, Acting Assis't M. of C.

Ill. Bro. Alexander Long, 33°, was appointed Gr. Representative of the State, and Ill. Bro. T. W. Bartley, 33°, as Deputy Representative for this portion of Ohio, by Ill. Bro. H. J. Seymour, the Grand Master General.

ELIAH Chapter, No. 10 of New York; and No. 28 of the Sov. Sanc., was instituted June 5th, 1868, at Brooklyn. Officers,—H. C. Sawtell, 32°, Most Wise; Edwin George, 32°, Sen. Kt. Warden; L. W. Sawtell, 31°, Jun. Kt. Warden; Samuel Stretch, 31°, Orator; J. J. Greenhalgh, Archivist; John Roworth, Treasurer.

Ill. Bros. James N. Hubbs, John J. Gorman, Henry W. Morris, John Young, Levi H. Willard, F. A. Richshoffer, Isaac C. Dingman, Willard, C. Black, George W. Close, B. L. Cohen, W. W. Calwell, Wallace C. Dickson, having previously received the degrees of the A. and P. Rite of Memphis, from the Gd. Hierophant, were affiliated with the Sov. Sanctuary and its subordinate bodies, June 14th, 1868.

SANHEDRIM Rose Croix Chapter, No. 9 U.D., of the State of New York, was installed, and its beautiful rooms publicly dedicated, at Brooklyn, E.D., July 9th, 1868. Officers, Ill. Bros. A. B. Barnes, Most Wise; J. J. Rogers, Sen. Kt. Warden; J. A. Niebrugge, Jun. Kt. Warden; T. W. Eccleston, Orator; L. Douglas, Conductor; T. S. Gill, Treasurer; J. L. Hasbrouck, Archivist; C. S. Abbott, Capt. of Guard; J. H. Mendelhall, Gd. of Tower; W. Olmsted, Prelate; W. Cord, Organist; J. H. Johnson, Sentinel; J. Douglas, A. H. Marenus, R. H. Fargue, Trustees.

A Mystic Temple Grand Council Gen. 32nd degree, in and for the State of York, was organized, and the following Ill. Brethren installed, at Odd Fellow's Hall, City of New York, February 5th, 1869. Grand Officers:—Ill. Bros. Andrew M. Underhill, 33°, Gd. Mas. of Light; Ben. S. Hill, 33°, Grand Orator; John Hanna, 33°, Grand Annalist; Oscar

Mussinan, 33° Grand Treasurer; B. Reed, 33° Grand Examiner; W. H. Jones, 32° Grand Keeper of the Rite; Daniel Hooper, 33° Grand Ceryce; Thos. W. Eccleston, 33° G. M. of C.; A. B. Barnes, 33° Grand Conductor; H. A. Adams, 32° Grand Gd. of Council; G. Fred. Wiltzie, 33° Grand Representative; Wm. F. Moller, 33°; Chas. E. Cosgrove, 32° Dep. Representatives; John Langtree, 32° Assistant G. Orator; Thomas C. Cassidy, 33° Grand Annalist; George W. Wilson, 32° Grand Treasurer; Isaac C. Chapman, 32° Grand Examiner; David A. Scott, 32° Grand Keeper of R.; Wesley B. Church, 33° Grand Master of C.; Thomas Bennet, 32°; Grand Ceryce; Louis Berger, 32° Grand Conductor; Alvin Graff, 32° Grand Guard of C.; Rev. Samuel J. Corneille, 32°; Rev. William Dymond, 32° Grand Prelates.

EUREKA Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1 of California, was organized at San Francisco, California, February 5th, 1869. Officers:—Augustus E. Phelps, 33° Most Wise; J. B. Doffie, 32° Sen. Kt. Warden; Daniel Mitchell, 31° Jun. Kt. Warden; E. M. Cottrell, Orator; Robert Gowenlock, Conductor; C. H. Wetherbee, Treasurer; John O'Doane, Archivist; S. H. Kent, Capt. of Guard; W. P. Davidson, Guard of Tower; James Patterson, Prelate; H. Blyth, Organist; James H. Skelly, Sentinel.

GOLDEN GATE Senate, No. 1 of California, of H. P. 20th degree, was organized at San Francisco, Feb. 5th, 1869. Officers:—W. S. Phelps, Sub. G. Com.; J. B. Dobbie, Sen. Kt. Interpreter; S. H. Kent, Jun. Kt. Interpreter; R. Gowenlock, Kt. Orator; A. E. Phelps, Kt. Marshal; D. Mitchell, Kt. Recorder; C. H. Wetherbee, Kt. of Finance; George S. Watt, Kt. Archivist; E. Cottrell, Kt. of Introduction; J. Patterson, Kt. Accompanier; James M. Pike, Capt. of Guard; H. Blyth, Standard Bearer; J. H. Skelly, Gd. of Sanctuary; W. P. Davidson, Sword Bearer; John O. Doane, Sentinel.

TOSEMITÉ Grand Council 30th degree, No. 1 of California, was organized at San Francisco, February 5th, 1869. Officers, Edward Cottrell, Sub. Dai; S. H. Kent, First Mystagogue; J. B. Dobbie, Second Mystagogue; H. Blyth, Orator; C. H. Wetherbee, Treasurer; J. O. Doane, Secretary; D. Mitchell, Archivist; J. M. Pike, Mess. of S.; W. S. Phelps, Accompanier; Geo. S. Watt, Standard Bearer; W. P. Davidson, Sword Bearer; R. Gowenlock, Guardian of Sanctuary; J. H. Skelly, Sentinel.

PENNSYLVANIA Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1 of Pennsylvania, was organized at Philadelphia, March 1, 1869. Officers, W. Brown, M.D., 32° Most Wise; Horace H. Gregg, Archivist; Augustus Plaff, 32° Sen. Kt. Warden; John McCahan, Capt. of Guard; Joshua K. Hughes, 31° Jun. Kt. Warden;

Samuel Sargible, Guard of Tower; Joseph B. Roberts, 31° Orator; Christian X. Fisher, Sentinel; Samuel McClellan, Conductor; G. Aldrigge, Prelate; J. L. Vanderslice, Treasurer; P. A. Welder, Organist.

The following Edict was issued in 1869:—

T. T. G. O. T. S. A. O. T. U.

From the Orient of the Sov. Sanctuary of Sov. P. 33° G. Cons. of Antient and Primitive Freemasonry, according to the Rite of Memphis, in and for the Continent of America.

Valley of New York, this 20th day of March, 1869, E.V.
(Year of True Light 000,000,000.)

To all Masons to whom these presents shall come, greeting;

The following resolutions having been adopted, all Masons of the Antient and Primitive Rite are hereby ordered to abide by the same.

H. J. SEYMOUR, 33°

To the Ill. Sov. Grand Master, Officers & Members of the Sov Sanc. of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis for the Continent of America.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of grievance in relation to the jurisdiction of Louisiana, beg to report that, after careful consideration of the subject matter, your Committee unanimously present the following preamble and resolutions for adoption: That,

Whereas, A decree emanating from the Grand Orient of France, dated the 5th day of November, 1868, in which is recognized and acknowledged a body of spurious Masons, located in the State of Louisiana, styled the "Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. Rite, in and for the Sovereign State of Louisiana," That,

Whereas, Said spurious body has, from time to time, clandestinely granted charters for lodges in said jurisdiction of Louisiana, thereby invading the rights and authority of the M. W. Grand Lodge of that State, That,

Whereas, The Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis has, by its toleration, extended into nearly every State and Territory on this Continent, and in the said jurisdiction of Louisiana there now exists four bodies of our Rite, who claim protection of this Sovereign Body. And,

Whereas, The Rite of Memphis has always acknowledged the Supremacy of the State Grand Lodges over the symbolic or first three degrees of a Blue Lodge, and engrafted the same into its constitution by the following section, viz:—

"*Whereas*, The Rite of Memphis, on the Continent of America, considers the Blue Lodge the foundation and fundamental basis of the beloved institution, to which the Masonic allegiance of all its members are due, and from which there can be no deviation; therefore, no Mason can be allowed to join the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis unless he is a member of a lodge in good standing, working under a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons." And

Whereas, The Officers and Brethren of the A. & P. Rite deprecate the interference of any foreign body with the vested rights of established Masonic Grand Bodies in America. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis, in and for the continent of America, in Council assembled, do hereby unanimously indorse the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as embodied in resolutions, adopted February 13th, 1869. Be it further

Resolved, That until such time as the Grand Orient of France shall have revoked its action as decreed November 5th, 1868, all fraternal intercourse with that Grand Body be, and the same is hereby suspended.

Respectfully submitted, with fraternal salutations.

COMMITTEE:—

Andrew M. Underhill, 33°, Grand Master of Light, State of N. York.
John Hanna, 33°, Assistant Grand Chancellor General.
M. G. de J. Bonnell, 33°
Benjamin S. Hill, 33°
John T. Martin, 33°, Assistant G. Examiner.

Accepted and approved in our Asylum, this 20th day of March, 1869, E. V.

Harry J. Seymour, 33°, T. Ill. Sov. Grand Master General.

John J. Crane, M. D., 33°, G. Administrator General; Hon. Step. H. Johnson, 33°, G. Chancellor Gen.; Daniel G. Rollin, 33°, G. Keeper Gen. of the G. Book; James Morrow, 33°, G. Master Gen. of Ceremonies; James M. Hubbs, 33°, Grand Inspector General; James Gorton, 33°, Grand Examiner General; Moses Bernhard, 33°, Assistant G. Keeper G. Book; John Stratham, 33°, G. Representative for California; G. Fred. Wiltsie, 33°, G. Representative for New York; John S. Bradbury, G. Representative for Pa.; Albert F. Rightmyer, 33°, Deputy Rep. for Pa.; W. H. Van Every, 33°, Assistant G. Inspector Gen.; Henry W. Morris, 33°, Assistant G. Secretary Gen.; B. Reed, 33°, G. Examiner of Mystic Temple; Thomas W. Eccleston, 33°, G. M. of C. Mystic Temple; Daniel Hooper, 33°, G. Ceryce; Royal G. Millard, 33°, Past G. Orator; Edwin M. Alford, 33°, Past G. Examiner; William C. Black, 33°

Benjamin S. Hill, 33°, Grand Secretary General Sov. Sanc.

Various other bodies were instituted, but owing to the Sov. Sanctuary of America not having responded to our enquiries we are unable to give them.

The following is extracted from a pamphlet issued by the Order in America, in 1873, entitled "Masonic Facts:—"

"On June 4th, 1872, at its regular convocation, the Sovereign Sanctuary adopted its Constitutions, Statutes, and General Edicts, upon which the most Ill. S. Grand Master having completed his labours, resigned.

"A Charter was granted to Ill. Bro. JOHN YARKER, 33° for a Sovereign Grand Body for Great Britain and Ireland. The Most Ill. Sov. Grand Master General decorated the Most Ill. Bro. B. D. Hyam, 33°, with the Star of Sirius.

"The following Grand Officers were then elected and appointed:—Harry J. Seymour, of N. Y., M. Ill. Sov. Grand Master General; John J. Crane, M. D., of N. Y., Grand Administrator General; J. J. Gorman, Deputy Grand Administrator General; Hon. Stephen H. Johnson, Grand Chancellor; John Hanna, Deputy Grand Chancellor; Alex. B. Mott, M. D., General Grand Expert; Oscar Musman, Deputy Grand Expert; H. M. Clark, Grand Secretary Gen.; W. H. Plyer, Deputy Grand Secretary General; Wm. Welsh, Conn., Grand Treasurer General; W. Youngblood, Brooklyn,

Deputy Treasurer General; B. D. Hyam, Washington, Grand Keeper G. B.; M. Bernhard, N. Y., Dep. Grand Keeper G. B.; W. H. Van Every, N. Y., Grand Inspector General; Nathan T. Bowman, Vermont, Deputy Inspector General; James Gorton, N. Y., Grand Examiner General; N. F. Rightmyer, Penn., Deputy Examiner General; A. M. Underhill, N. Y., Grand M. General of C.; A. Y. Bishop, N. Y., Deputy Grand M. General of C.; A. H. Voglebach, Penn., Grand Keeper of S. S.; Thomas W. Eccleston, New York, Deputy Keeper of S. S.

PALATINE Rose Croix Chapter, Senate and Council, also the Mystic Temple for Lancashire, was installed by the Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, at the Masonic Temple, Manchester, England, September 7th, 1872.

Tuesday, October 8th, 1872, the Sovereign Sanctuary 33° for Great Britain and Ireland, was formally instituted by Grand Master Seymour, at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, who installed the following Grand Officers of the Sov. Sanc. of Pat.—A. & P. Masonry:—

- Ill. Bro. John Yarker, (P. M. of all Orders) 33° Most Ill. Grand Master General, 7, Tynwald Terrace, Chorlton Road, Manchester.
- „ Michael Caspari, 33° Ill. Grand Chancellor General, 7, Cullum Street, London City.
- „ Samuel Petty Leather, (P.M., P.Z., P.E.C., &c.) 33° Ill. Grand Treasurer General, Gas Engineer, Burnley, Lancashire.
- „ Charles Scott, J.P., (P.M., P.Z., &c.) 33° Ill. Grand Inspector General, Strathroy, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.
- „ P. J. Graham, M.A., L.L.D., (P.M., &c.) 33° Ill. Grand Keeper of the Golden Book.
- „ A. D. Loewenstark, (P.M., P.M.M., P.Z.) 33° Ill. Grand Secretary General, 1, Deveraux Court, Strand, London.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

- Ill. Bro. GENERAL GUISEPPE GARIBALDI, 33° Premier Mason of Italy.
- „ HARRY J. SEYMOUR, 33° M. I. G. M. of America, &c., &c.

Having shown the standing of the Rite, I must refer to my connection with Scottish Rite Masonry. Your subscriber received the 33° and last degree in the Sup. Council of Sovereign Grand Ins. Gen. in 1860, and was made a Sov. Grand Ins. Gen. in presence of Ill. Bro. John W. Mulligan, (in the 94th year of his age,) one of the founders of the Sup. Council in 1807.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1864, the Sovereign Sanctuary, 33rd met at the Mott Memorial Rooms, 27th Street, and Madison Avenue, New York, to Install the new Sovereign Grand Master General, Ill. Bro. Alexander B. Mott, M.D., in place of the Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, who resigned in consequence of family bereavements. Ill. Bro. Henry M. Clark, Grand Secretary General.

"There existed a Northern Jurisdiction, from which the following is an Extract:—

Document 42.

Expulsion of Chas. W. Moore and K. H. Van Rensselaer.

Health. Stability. Power. *Deus Meumque Jus.*

From the Grand East of the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and last degree, of the Antient and Accepted Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, under the C. C., near the B. B., which answers to 42 deg. 21 min. 22 secs. N.L.

To all Sister Supreme Grand Councils throughout the Universe; To all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd deg.; To all Illustrious Most Valliant and Sublime Princes of the R.S., Knights of K. H., Knights of R. C., Princes of Jerusalem, Princes & Knights, Grand Ineffable and Sublime, Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, antient & modern, over the surface of the two Hemispheres.

To all Masons to whom these Letters shall come, greeting:

Whereas, For more than one year, a spirit of insubordination has existed in this jurisdiction, resulting in open rebellion against the authority of this Supreme Grand Council, and is the organization of a *Spurious and Clandestine Body*, which has assumed the name and attempted to exercise the powers and functions of this Supreme Grand Council; and

Whereas, One of the members and sundry Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, not members of this Supreme Grand Council, were the most prominent actors in said disorderly and rebellious proceedings; and

Whereas, The forbearance hitherto exercised towards the offenders has not induced them to abandon their evil designs and practices, and severe discipline has become imperatively necessary.

Now, therefore, Know Ye, That this Supreme Grand Council deferring final action at this time in regard to others, has selected two of the *principal offenders*, namely:

Illustrious Chas. W. Moore, of Boston, formerly Grand Secretary, General H. E., and Illustrious Killian H. Van Rensselaer, of Cambridge, Ohio, formerly Deputy for Ohio, and after due Trial has unanimously *Expelled* the said Chas. H. Moore and Killian H. Van Rensselaer, from all the rights and privileges of the A. and A. Rite, for such gross and unmasonic conduct.

And all Sister Supreme Grand Councils are requested, and all Masons and Masonic Bodies owing allegiance to this Supreme Grand Council, are strictly enjoined to hold no intercourse or communication in the A. and A. Rite, with either of said expelled persons, or with the said *Spurious and Clandestine Body*, which they have assisted to establish.

Given at the Grand East of Boston, this 22nd day of January, A.D. 1862, and certified under our hands and the Seal of the Supreme G. Council.

Edw. A. Raymond, 33rd M.P. Sov. Grand Com. *ad vitam*.
Lucius R. Paige, 33rd Grand Sec. Gen. H.E.
Wm. Field, 33rd Grand Capt. L. G.
Peter Lawson, Grand Treas. Gen. H. E.
Geo. M. Randall, 33rd, Grand Min. of State.

Seal of the
Supreme Council,
Northern Jurisdiction

S. W. Robinson, 33rd P. Lieut. Grand Com.

"May 4th, 1862, the Grand Consistory, 32nd for the State of Massachusetts was organized at which I officiated.

"At Paris in 1862, I was the means of once again bringing into Fraternal intercourse the Sup. Council of the U.S.A., and the Grand Orient of France.

"The Northern Supreme Council was healed in 1863.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS. ORDO AB CHAO.

From the Orient of the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and last degree, of the Antient and Accepted Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies.

To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Be it Known, that on the 17th of the Hebrew month Shebat, Anno Mundi, 5623, answering to the 7th day of February, 1863, (E.V.) by solemn articles, the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and last degree of the Antient and Accepted Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction, sitting at Boston, was duly consolidated with the Supreme Grand Council and Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and last degree of the A. and A. Rite, of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, sitting at New York, upon terms honourable and just alike to all parties interested therein.

Be it further Known, that the following Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in pursuance of such consolidation, compose the Officers of the Supreme Grand Council for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies. They will be recognized and respected accordingly.

Ill. Edmund B. Hayes, M.P.S.G. Com.; Edward A. Raymond, Ass't S.G. Com.; Simon W. Robinson, 1st Lieut. G. C.; Hopkins Thompson, 2nd Lieut. G.C.; Benj. C. Leveridge, G. Orator; George M. Randall, G.M. of State; Lucius R. Page, G. Chancellor; Daniel Sickels, G. Sec. Gen.; Robert E. Roberts, Grand Treasurer General; Ill. Henry C. Banks, Grand Marshall; Aaron P. Hughes, G. Sword B.; Harry J. Seymour, 1st G. Mas. C.; Chas. T. McClennachen, 2nd G. Mas. C.; Peter Lawson, G. Introductor; John Innes, G. Stand'd Bearer; William Field, 1st Grand Captain of Guard; William H. Jarvis, 2nd Grand Captain of Guard.

All of which is promulgated and ordered to be transmitted to whom it may concern.

Done at the Grand East, New York City, the 8th day of the Hebrew month Adar, A.D. 5623, answering to March 1st, 1863, (E.V.)

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Supreme Grand Council to be affixed.

EDMUND B. HAYES, 33rd, M.P. Sov. Gr. Commander.

Attest: Daniel Sickels, 33rd.

G. Sec. Gen. H.E.

"A number of the above Council having associated themselves with a spurious body, styling itself the N. Jurisdiction, many prominent Masons and myself amongst the number refused to violate our pledges, and remained true to our first allegiance in Scottish Rite Masonry.

"From whence comes then the *so-called* Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction? Where is their Charter? Their authority? The Council of the N. J. being healed and consolidated with that of the United States. The present Northern Jurisdiction is illegal, irregular and clandestine.

"To conclude brethren, I never was a member or claimed to be a member of any ORGANIZATION known as the Sup. Council 33rd degree for the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S.; but have always been true to the Supreme Council (of 1807) for the U. S., of which my brethren did me the honour to elect me the M. P. Sov. G. Comm., August the 4th, 1872. For my standing in Constitution Lodge, 241, Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., and Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of New York, the Secretaries of those bodies will inform any enquiries.

"I have the honour, brethren, to submit the above to you in a true fraternal spirit of PEACE, TOLERANCE, TRUTH, guided by that sublime rule 'Do unto others whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you.'

HARRY J. SEYMOUR.

To this it may be asked if the above body had no legitimate Masonic standing, what is the standing of the English S. C. founded by them?

THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

PART IV.

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND.

The Illustrious Brother BENJAMIN D. HYAM, Past Craft Grand Master of California, 33° and last of the Antient and Primitive Rite, and "Deputy Representative at Large," under Patent from the M. J. Grand Master Harry J. Seymour, of New York, bearing the Great Seal of the Order, having arrived temporarily in London, admitted 12 members of the 30° in London, on the 24th day of July, 1871, (E.V.) and subsequently advanced two members to the 33°. Visiting Manchester, he admitted 10 members 30°, on the 21st Aug., 1871, and invested Bro. JOHN YARKER, (P.M. of all known Orders) on the 24th August, 1871, with full powers (under dispensation) to go on receiving members in the North of England and elsewhere, from the 4th to 33°. Various members were received, and the Order in America under date the 20th Sept., 1871, forwarded the Ill. Bros. John Yarker, 33° and Patrick John Graham, M.A., LL.D., 33° Honorary large size engraved Certificates, bearing all the titles of the 90 degrees of the Order, March 26th, 1872.

An application having been made by Ill. Bros. Caspari, and Loewenstark from London, to the Sov. Sanctuary of America, for authority to establish a Sov. Sanctuary in this country, a Dispensation and Patent was forwarded to Ill. Bro. John Yarker, with instructions to associate therewith Ill. Bros. Michael Caspari and A. D. Loewenstark. A Sovereign Sanctuary composed of the following members who constitute the same, was convened at Freemasons Hall, Manchester, under the Patent and Dispensation of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Continent of America, to wit:—

Ill. Bro. John Yarker, 33-96° Patriarch Grand Conservator, (Honorary member of the Order in America,) Sov. Grand Master General of the Sov. Sanctuary of Great Britain and Ireland, under letters Patent dated the 23rd February, 1872.

- III. Bro. Michael Caspari, 33-95. P. Patriarch Grand Conservator, Grand Chancellor General.
 „ Ab. David Loewenstark, 33-95. do. Grand Secretary General.
 „ Patrick John Graham, M.A., LL.D., do. Grand Keeper of the Golden Book.
 „ Samuel P. Leather, 33-95. do. Grand Treasurer General.
 „ Charles Scott, J.P., 33-95. do. Grand Inspector General.

All of whom were duly registered and certified as members of this Sovereign Sanctuary, held under the Dispensation of the T. I. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, (then produced) Grand Master of America, dated the 23rd February, 1872, and all of whom signed the Oath of Fealty to the newly created Sov. Sanctuary.

By another document in duplicate under the Great Seal, all prior representatives were withdrawn, and all rituals and obedience ordered to be rendered to the new Grand Master General.

The Secretary General was instructed to thank the Sov. Sanctuary of America, for the Dispensation, and apply for the grant of a CHARTER, (as the Sov. Sanctuary now represents brethren in England, Ireland, and Scotland), for the Empire of Great Britain and Ireland, at a cost of £50 for Charter and Rituals. A handsomely engraved Certificate plate was ordered.

Whereas the A. & P. Rite in America is held in alliance with the Supreme Grand Council of America, established by III. Bro. Cerneau, in the 33. of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, under Grand Orient of France,—the Secretary General was instructed to notify the Grand Master of America that the following were members of this and other Rites, under the 'Royal Grand Council of Antient Rites time immemorial,' meeting since last century, at Bath, in these and other degrees, viz:—III. Bros. John Yarker, S. P. Leather, P. J. Graham, Chas. Scott, &c., &c., all members of Sov. Sanc. (to which the name of III. Bro. B. B. Labrey, has been added,) and conferring an immemorial sanction to the A. & P. Rite in Great Britain and Ireland.

It was resolved that the Rite, as in duty bound, should be governed by the American Statutes of the Rite, and that the Grand Master shall have full power during the vacations to do whatever is necessary for the progress of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland.

Charters were expedited for No. 1, Mount Sinai, London.
 „ „ No. 2, Palatine, Manchester.
 Dispensation „ No. 3, Orion, Havant.
 „ „ III. Bro. Graham, Dublin.

A Die for a Bronze "Star of Merit,"¹ to be divided into three classes, distinguished by ribbons of different colors was passed:—1st, For Saving Life; 2nd, Presence of Mind; 3rd, Literary and General Merit. It was suggested also that one of the five decorations of the Rite should be granted yearly, the first three to the 33. viz:—the G. M.; the Officers; Honorary members of the S. S.; the 4th to the 32.; and the 5th to the 30.

Scale of Fees—4-11, £2 2 0 payable thereout to S.S. 10/6
 11-20, £3 3 0 „ „ 15/-
 21-30, £4 4 0 „ „ 21/-
 or if 4-30, £9 9 0 together „ 31/6
 31-32, £5 5 0 if Honorary Ex-Officio 21/-
 33, £10 10 0 „ „ £5 5 0
 Warrants, £3 3 0. Dispensations, £1 1 0.

Several brethren were granted the "Star of Merit":—1st & 2nd class,—Bros. J. H. Lawrence Archer, (Capt. 60th Rifles,) and Richard Woof, F.S.A., F.R.S.L., K. of M. 2nd class,—Robert Bigsby, LL.D., K. of M., &c., &c.; H.I.H. Prince Rhodocanakis, Jno. Yarker, W. J. Hughan, and Benj. D. Hyam, for works of tolerance and truth.

October 8th, 1872.—A Meeting of the Sov. Sanctuary in and for Great Britain and Ireland, was called and held at Freemasons' Hall, London, for the Constitution and Installation of Officers, under Charter granted by the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, under hand and seal the 3rd day of June, 1872. There were representatives of the following duly warranted bodies:—"Mount Sinai," Council No. 1, London; "Palatine" Council, No. 2, Manchester; "Orion" Council, No. 3, Havant, and various brethren.

The meeting for installation in the public ceremonial of the Rite was opened at four o'clock, in person, by the Most Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite in and for the Continent of America, 33-96.

The M. I. Bro. Seymour in opening the proceedings gave a history of the Rite, and exhibited the Charters upon which it was founded, and they were passed round for the critical examination of the brethren. Amongst the documents exhibited were the following:—

I.—The Charters of the Most Ill. and En. Bro. J. E. Marconis de Negre of 1856, founding the 30-90. & 32-94. in New York.

¹ The following appears in "Colburn's New Monthly Magazine," No. 20, August, 1873, page 158:—"The A. & P. Rite of Freemasons has founded a decoration of honour for the reward of distinguished acts, whether performed by man or woman, at fires, and where machinery is used, on land, &c. This is as much an 'Order' as 'Le Chapelet de Notre Dame,' of the Burgesses of Valenciennes, and with a much better object."

2.—The Charter of the Most Ill. and En. Bro. Marconis de Negre, 33-96 founding a Sovereign Sanctuary of the 33-95 in America, with Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, as Grand Master, *ad vitam*, 33-96. The Grand Orient having *vised* the said Charter, Sept. 3rd, 1862, and numbered it as No. 28911 in their Grand Book of Seals. The Charter being an interesting one was carefully examined, it bore the signatures of Marshal Magnan, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France; Heullant, G. M. Adjunct; and Thevenoux, Grand Secretary General, and was sealed with the broad seal of the Grand Orient of France.

3.—A letter of Ill. Bro. Heullant accepting Hon. membership and the Representation of the Rite. The same from Ill. Bro. Cussois of the Orient of Italy.

4.—A letter from Ill. Bro. G. Garibaldi, dated "Orient of Caprera, accepting Hon. Membership and Representation.

5.—Various other letters and documents, including one from the late Abraham Lincoln; and the Official Calendar of the Grand Orient of France, recognizing in 1867 the Officers of the Sov. Sanctuary of America, 33-96.

6.—The Edict of the Grand Orient of the Rite of Memphis, dated Dec. 20th, 1865, reducing the Rite to 33 degrees and waiving all claim over the three first.

Knowing (said M. I. Bro. Seymour) that the English brethren were desirous of having a Grand Body of their own, the Sovereign Sanctuary of America had agreed to grant a Charter for the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland and its Dependencies, of which Ill. Bro. John Yarker had been nominated Grand Master, the which appointment had been ratified at a numerously attended meeting at Manchester, when he installed the Officers of a Chapter, Senate, and Council, Sept. 7th, 1872, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, and the Mystic Temple of the Province.² The brethren were then asked whether they acknowledged the power of the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, to grant such a regular and legal Charter; and whether they were willing to accept Ill. Bro. John Yarker as Grand Master, to which those present unanimously signified unqualified assent:—

The Sovereign Sanctuary, 33-95 in and for Great Britain and Ireland was then consecrated and constituted under the following Charter:—

"To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe.

² At the installation in Manchester the reporters of the three leading Newspapers were present, and the 'Courier,' 'Guardian,' 'Examiner' and 'Evening News,' of Sept. 9th, 1872, reported the same in substance as here given, and vouching for the examination of the documents above mentioned.

'Do unto others whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you.'

In the name and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Antient and Primitive Freemasonry, according to the Rite of Memphis, in and for the Continent of America. Salutation on all Points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order. Peace, Tolerance, Truth. To all Masons on the face of the Globe:—

Know ye, that We, Harry J. Seymour, the Most Illustrious Sov. Grand Master General of Antient and Primitive Freemasonry, according to the Rite of Memphis, in and for the Continent of America, by virtue of the powers with which we are invested do declare and proclaim, that we have created and constituted, and by these presents DO CREATE and CONSTITUTE A SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY, 33rd and last degree of our Antient and Primitive Rite for the United Kingdom of GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND, with full powers to issue Dispensations, Charters, and Diplomas, and to confer the degrees of our Rite from the 4th (Discreet Master) to the 33rd inclusive upon Master Masons in good standing, and we do further appoint our Very Illustrious and Dear Brother John Yarker, 33 To be the First Most Ill. Sov. Grand Master General.

A. D. Loewenstark, 33.	„	Grand Chancellor General.
Michael Caspari, 33.	„	Grand Secretary General.
Saml. P. Leather, 33.	„	Grand Treasurer General.
Patrick John Graham, M.A., LL.D., 33.	„	Grand Keeper of the Golden Book.
Charles Scott, J.P., 33.	„	Grand Inspector General.

And We do further Authorise and empower the aforesaid Sovereign Sanctuary to hear all causes and matters relative to the Rite, within the above mentioned jurisdiction, and to install their successors into office after having been duly elected and chosen, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities of their respective offices, and to deliver them this authorisation, and such successors shall in like manner install their successors henceforth and for ever.

Done in our Sanctuary where reigns Peace, Knowledge, and the fulness of all that is good, this the third day of the Egyptian month Chocac, answering to the 3rd day of June, 1872, (E.V.) Witness our Hands and Seals of Office:

Harry J. Seymour, 33. M. I. S. G. M. Gen.; John J. Crane, M.D., 33. Grand Ad. General; Henry M. Clark, 33. Grand Secretary General; Alex. B. Mott, M.D. 33. Grand Expert General; B. D. Hyam, 33. G. K. of the G. B., Stephen H. Johnson, 33. Grand Chancellor; Thos. W. Eccleston, 33. Ass. G. K. G. of the S. S.; Andrew M. Underhill, 33. Grand

M. Gen. of Ceremonies; James Gorton, 33° Gd. Examiner; Wm. Youngblood, 33° Assistant Grand Treasurer; H. Van Every, 33° Grand Inspector General.

The Most Illustrious Brother John Yarker, 33-96° was then presented to the acting Grand Master General by Ill. Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, 33-95° Grand Secretary General (*pro tem.*) for Installation, and after taking upon himself the obligations and oath of his high office, was duly proclaimed and installed Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, its Colonies and Dependences; and appointed his Officers in accordance with the warrant or Charter before given.

The details of Costume were settled, as embodied in the Constitution.

The officers and representatives of the following bodies being present, were obligated and Installed in the Chapter, Senate, and Council degrees, and returns of members handed in:—

1.—The “MOUNT SINAI,” No. 1, London. Members:—A. D. Loewenstark, 33° Sublime Dai; George Neall, 30°; S. Funkenstein, 30°; S. Pollitzer, 32° 1st Myst.; E. H. Theillay, 30°; Michael Caspari, 33° Orator; George Moore, 32°; J. Abrahams, 32° 2 Myst.; M. D. Loewenstark, 30°; L. M. Auerhaem; Eleazar Albert; John Yarker, (Honorary.)

2.—“PALATINE,” No. 2, Manchester. Members:—John Yarker, 33° Merchant, P. S. D. &c.; Geo. E. Tuson, 32° Artist; James Relph, 30° Cashier; O. Andreasian, 32° Merchant; David Politi, 30° Merchant; Bridge Standen, 30° Gentleman; Adolph Shiers, 32° Merchant; Wm. Ashworth, 32° Accountant; J. W. Whitehead, 31° Solicitor; P. J. Graham, 33° M.A., LL.D.; Edward Pickstone, 32°; Edward Croasdel, 30° Accountant; J. H. Lawrence-Archer, 30° Captain; S. P. Leather, 33° C.E.; Wm. Hamer, 30° Schoolmaster; J. R. Royle, 30° Printer; J. N. Porter, 32° Gentleman; Edward Pike, 32° Watch-maker; W. H. Hughes 22° Auctioneer; Robert Nield, 30° Manufacturer; George Binns, 30° Miller; Jonathan Gresty, 32° Merchant; B. D. Hyam, Honorary; Morton Edward, Hon.; Wm. Milner, 30° Innkeeper; Wm. Roberts, 30° Clothier; David Davies, 30° Agent; S. S. Fox, 30° Merchant; John Gregory, 30° Agent; Hugh Randolph, George Bayley, 32° Agent; Jas. Nuttall, 32°; George Rideal, 30° Solicitor; R. C. Thompson, 30° Editor; W. H. Prince, 30° Silk Manufacturer; W. W. Dawson, 32° Secretary; James Rawstron, 30° Manufacturer; Henry Samuels, 30° Merchant; A. Ferguson, 30° Clerk; W. R. Colville, 30° Agent; Hyman Rothenberg, 30° Merchant; Robert Grime, 30° Manufacturer; Bedros Kricorissian, 30°

Merchant; Morris Davis, 30° Agent; Joseph Wonfor, 32° Chemist; Wm. Doolin, 32° Architect; Charles Scott, 33° J.P.; W. J. Wonfor, 30°; Charles Sotheran, 30°; Spirindon Anthony Acrapopolis, 30°; F. W. Dawson; John Croll 30° Installed in the three Series of the Rite with a Mystic Temple, Sept. 7th, 1872, by the M. I. S. Grand Master of America in person.

3.—The “ORION,” No. 3, Havant. Members:—Henry Martin Green, 32° Solicitor, S.D.; Jabez Nath. Hillman, 32° Mys., (since 33°); John Purnell, 32°; John Roach, 30°; H. R. Trigg, 32°; Josiah Clay, 32°; Thos. Howell, 30°; Hy. Fabian Cox, 30°; A. R. Robinson, 30°; Wm. Miller, 30°; Walter Taplin, 30°.

The three foregoing Chapters, Senates and Councils were duly instituted: their officers obligated and Installed on the 8th October, 1872, and other Councils in course of formation were represented at the said meeting.

4.—“SIRIUS,” No. 4, Burnley, Lancashire. Chapter and Senate warranted, July 17th, 1873. Members:—S. P. Leather, 33° C.E.; Ralph Landless, 32° S.D., Gentleman; Hobson Wadsworth, 32° S.G.C., Draper; Tom Bradshaw, 32° M.W., Spirit Merchant; John Leedham, 32° Draper; J. W. Allen, 30° Victualler; George Stuttard, 30° Stone Merchant; Richard Nelson, 30° Upholsterer; Geo. Astwood, 30° Timber Merchant; Wm. Walmsley, 30° Painter; James Sutcliffe, 30° Innkeeper; Charles Sutcliffe, 30° Manufacturer; Sampson Stuttard, 30° Stone Merchant; Saml. Alexander, 31° Supt. Police; Honorary Member,—F. G. Irwin, 32° Captain, admitted in Algiers, Feb. 9th, 1859.

June 12th, 1873, *A Dispensation* granted for Aberdeenshire to Ill. Bro. Thos. Lawrence Shaw, 32° admitted in Edinburgh by Ill. Bro. Leather, 33°.

The annexed Manifesto having been prepared and submitted to all the officers of the S. S. who have signed the Oath of Allegiance, was published to the Order in May and June, 1873:—

“Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and its Dependencies. Sovereign Sanctuary 33-96°.

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe. In the name and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, in and for Great Britain & Ireland, sitting in the Valley of London.

Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order. Peace. Tolerance. Truth.

The Executive Officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary in and for Great Britain and Ireland, regularly and constitutionally established, under a dispensation dated the 23rd day of February, 1872, (E.V.) under hand and seal of the Grand Master General of America, as the Sov. Sanctuary of England, Wales, &c., and since constituted, consecrated, and installed in person by the Grand Master General of America, by

Charter under hand and seal of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the United States of America, dated the 3rd day of June, 1872, (E.V.) as the Sovereign Sanctuary in and for Great Britain & Ireland, embracing at that time several influential Chapters, Senates, Councils, and Mystic Temples, held in various parts of the aforesaid extended jurisdiction; and the official, and other members of the Order being desirous to extend a knowledge of the *sublime teachings* of this truly Masonic, Catholic, and Universal Rite, embracing under its noble banner all rites and degrees, to the intent thereof have ordered:

1st—That Mystic Temples, Councils General (32-94') may be constituted in England, Scotland, Ireland, India, British America, Australia, and other Colonies and possessions of the British Crown: subject to the General Statutes of the Order, with privileges similar to the Grand Mystic Temples—Councils Generals, of the several States of America.

2nd—That subordinate Chapters of the R. C. (11-18'); Senates of Grand Inspectors and K.H.P. (20-33'); Councils of S. M. of the G. W. (30-90'); and Mystic Temples, (32-94'); may be chartered throughout this jurisdiction, in accordance with the General Statutes of the Order.

3rd—Applications to be made to the Grand Chancellor (or other officials) of the Order, who will furnish all information as to fees and mode of Procedure.

PRIVILEGES, PRINCIPLES, AND PREROGATIVES.

The Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, works 33 degrees, divided into three sections, embracing Modern, Chivalric, and Egyptian Masonry, as the latter was worked on the Continent last century. The first section teaches morality, symbols, and philosophical research; and contains the degrees to Rose Croix (11-18'). The second section teaches science, philosophy, and political myth, and develops the sympathetic senses; it contains the degrees of a Senate of Knight Hermetic Philosophers to Grand Inspector (18-33'). The third section contains the Egyptian degrees and occupies itself with high philosophy and religious myth. The Order rewards merit by five decorations:—1st the Grand Star of Sirius. 2nd the Decoration of Alidee. 3rd the Decoration of the Grand Commanders of the 3rd series. 4th the Lybic Chain. 5th the Decoration of Eluesis. 6th the Star of Merit in bronze, for the reward of Literary merit, presence of mind and bravery, either in Masons or non-Masons. These Chivalric and other high degrees of Masonry are all specially sanctioned by the Articles of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813.

The Order recognizes the degrees of all other rites, when legitimately obtained, so that a brother who has the Rose Croix, Kadosh, or Grand Inspector, or any other degree analogous to this Rite under any other authority, may visit and participate in the same degrees of Antient and Primitive Masonry.

It admits brethren of every political and religious creed, for by the American revision of 1865, ~~the~~, the Trinitarian and Unitarian Christian, the Mahomedan, &c., may attend its sublime ceremonies and lectures without any sacrifice of principle, or of private conviction, the Rite breathing only pure Masonry—charity, love, and mutual tolerance—whilst adoring the Sublime Architect of the Universe, inculcating the immortality of the soul, and endless happiness for the good brother.

It embraces a far more extensive ritual of workable degrees than any other Rite, every one of its 33 degrees having its appropriate and elaborate ceremonial, easily arranged for conferment, and its titles purged of ridiculous pretensions.

Its government is strictly representative, as in our own political constitution. The 32' and 31' are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Officers of the *Chapter, Senate, and Council*, and form the *Mystic Temple and Judicial Tribunal*, the Presiding Officer or Grand Master of Light, having the 33rd degree to enable him to represent the Province in the Sov. Sanctuary (33-95'), or governing body.

The Order relies more fully upon Masonic worth, ability and learning than social standing and mere monetary qualifications, and seeks to extend Masonic knowledge, justice and morality. It levies only a small capitation fee upon each member admitted, to be hereafter devoted to charity and good works.

It admits Master Masons only in good standing under some constitutional Grand Lodge, and prohibits all interference with Craft Masonry, upon which its own 30 ceremonies form, and are intended to constitute, the most valuable and learned system of lectures extant, cultivating charity, tolerance and brotherly love in the Masonic Order, and entering into no entangling alliances which too often prove their destruction.

Its watchword—DEFENCE, NOT DEFIANCE,—maintaining the right of every individual brother to join all or any outside Masonic organizations which may agree with his conscience, and protesting against the interference of the sectarian rites and bodies so numerous beyond symbolical Masonry. 3

August 22nd, 1873.—The Bronze "Star of Merit," with emblazoned Certificate, was granted to Mr. John Craddock, of Salford, for saving life on the 8th instant; and to Mons. Coste, for saving the life of H.R.H. Prince Arthur, at Trouville, France, on the 20th instant, to be forwarded through the Ambassador.

In consequence of the publication of the foregoing Manifesto, an attempt was made by Robert Hamilton, of the Spurious Supreme Grand Council, 33' to suppress the Rite through the Tripartite treaty with the Mark and the Templars; and the Illustrious Brothers John Yarker and S. P. Leather, contemptuously renounced all connection with them, in order to confine their attention to this noble Rite.

3. *Vide*:—"The Secret Societies of all ages and Countries," by C. W. Heckthorn, Vol. 1, pp 253. Bentley & Son, London.

Reply to a Summons of the G. V. Chancellor.

"7, Tynwald Terrace, Chorlton Road,
Manchester, Nov. 11th, 1873.

"Dear Sir Knight,

I am duly in receipt of your favour of the 10th instant. It will however be quite impossible for me to come up to London on the 27th instant, but I am very willing to give you every satisfaction in my power by means of correspondence or affidavit. My connection with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, (after starting several Lodges under them,) was closed by my withdrawal several years ago; that with the Order of the Temple, (thanks to this so-called Supreme Grand Council, after working many years for the Templar as hard as any man in England) several months ago. Nevertheless such is my respect for the latter order that I am perfectly willing to defer to any opinion the order may express, so far as I can in accordance with numerous conflicting obligations.

The cause of my expulsion from the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite (mentioned by Mr. Hamilton), arose from an allegation that I had challenged a brother who had insulted my friends. The leader of four insulting speeches (directed against first-class Masons) was Chas. James Banister, and yet he was *Petitioner, SUMMONER and JUDGE* of a so-called 'Sovereign Grand Tribunal' of 'Grand Inspector, Inquisitor Commanders,' himself to try the challenge he had assisted and himself provoked.⁴ Need I say that I positively refused to attend any such meeting on the ground that the 31, 32, & 33rd of the so-called Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite were self-constituted bodies, whose power I declined to recognize, and expressing an opinion that their propogation of a well known spurious and forged constitution to make 'Sovereign Princes' (by false authority,) was an offence cognisable by the ordinary tribunals as *swindling*. The expulsion which I had provoked and expected followed.—I do not regret it, I never shall—because I consider that a Society which is constituted like this Supreme Grand Council! is beyond the pale of honour, and that no man of knowledge could belong to it with honour as then constituted. These sentiments I can only withdraw when their constitution has undergone a radical change, and they have undone all they did, and make a new start.

I was a member then of several rites, the Antient Rite of Perfection 32-33rd, the Rite of Mizraim, the Antient and Primitive Rite of 33rd, in which latter I took a most stringent oath that I would never forsake the order: and my Certificate as an Honorary 33-96th of America bears date Sept. 20th. Their Charter as 33-96th has been handled by me and numerous brethren; it bears the signature (with many others) of Marshal Magnan, Grand Master of France; Heullant, Deputy; Thevenot, Secretary; and the seal of the Grand Orient.

On the passing of the treaty of which you were kind enough to send me a copy, I applied to the Grand Chancellor, but was told that the treaty was not retrospective, as I was then quite willing to have my quarrel with the A. & A. considered by the Templar.

The degrees of the A. & P. Rite of which you are now called upon to take cognisance, are quite different from the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite, (although the founder of the Supreme Grand Council of Scotland,—Dr. Morison, was one of the leading officers of the Rite of Memphis from A.D. 1838, and Captain Phillips and Rev. G. R. Portal associated themselves with some of the 33-95th in founding the recent Royal and Select Master degrees (alluded to in your treaty) from America in London,) and the only privilege I now retain is that of conferring its 33-95th, a privilege not yet put in practice, and which moreover has no resemblance to anything in their Order, nor can they have any proof of my ever having conferred a degree of any kind either in conflict with them or otherwise.

But even if I had not resigned all connection with the Temple as I have (and now do hereby) my 33 degrees of the Antient Rite of Perfection, (identical with the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite which was first started by a forgery at Charlston in 1802,) and the power to confer them, are much older than the treaty of 1871, and therefore outside your jurisdiction.

4. Ill. Brother Yarker states elsewhere in writing,—"Sov. Prince Banister was followed in an indiscreet speech by Bolderson, Birchall, and Wilson in quite a gratuitous attack upon four worthy Irishmen, well recommended by Sov. Prince Charles F. Matier: the last I resented, but mutual explanation immediately followed, and we several times shook hands and separated friends; nevertheless I availed myself of the circumstance to break off all relations with a constitution which I disliked, and which I entered under misrepresentation.

I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when the meddling between alien constitutions will be put a stop to, and that I shall once again be able to take part in an Order I revere so much as the Order of the Temple. My published opinion of all these conflicting rites is expressed in my book, entitled "Speculative Freemasonry," a copy of which could no doubt be got through Bro. Richard Spencer, London: to those opinions I still abide. V.D.S.A."

JOHN YARKER."

To a similar notification the Ill. & En. Bro. S. P. Leather, 33-95th, Treasurer General, replied that he had never given in his adhesion to the unmasonic "Treaty," and never would, that he would not withdraw his support from the A. & P. Rite, and that the "Treaty" was calculated to cover the Order of the Temple with ultimate disgrace. They accordingly accepted the resignation and abandoned all further correspondence.

The following protest was then addressed to H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., at Sandringham.

"We approach your Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Order of the Temple in Great Britain and Ireland, with feelings of profound respect for your august rank, with feelings of respect also for the Order (a modern imitation though it be,) of which your R.H. is the honoured chief; and beg leave to bring under the notice of your Royal Highness an injustice under which we are labouring, and which outside Masonry would not be tolerated in any English community.

"Many years ago whilst the undersigned were Templars they were earnestly solicited to join a Masonic Organization calling itself the Chapter of "Sovereign Princes Rose Croix," and to induce us to enter this order we were shewn a Charter of Constitution (in print by said body) said to be from the Illustrious Frederick King of Prussia, granting to nine individuals in certain specified countries the power to create "Sovereign Princes," with "Sublime Princes," and "Most Wise Sovereign Princes," "Grand Inquisitors," and "Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals," to rule the same "Holy Empire," by divine right alone, and under this pretence a considerable sum of money has been extracted from us. This document is now universally given up as a forgery, which if there were no other evidence, is itself sufficiently proved by a statement that certain missing identical names to make up the nine, have been "effaced by the attrition of sea-water," in different parts of the so-called Constitution which was really forged at Chafleston in 1802, introduced into this country 20 years ago by the notorious Dr. Goss of London, alias Crucifix, who was suspended from Craft Masonry by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Yet even at the present time the enormous privileges of this Constitution are claimed in England under said forgery, and to enforce them the Rite, availing itself of the general ignorance prevailing on Masonic history, have effected a treaty with the Order of the Temple, of which your Royal Highness is the august head.

"Not only is there this objection to the Rite in question, but the legality of its institution in England is questioned, and apart from this, there are in the dominions of Her Majesty the Queen numberless worthy Masons who from conscientious and religious convictions are unable to join even the Order of the Temple, confined as it is to trinitarian Christians. For them a Rite of Universal toleration was established in France in 1838, by learned literary Masons, introduced into America in 1854, and from thence into England in 1871. A Manifesto is enclosed herewith from which your Royal Highness will see that its principles are truly Masonic, and we humbly submit that all Master Masons have the same right of liberty of conscience in masonic as in religious matters.

"In consequence of this Manifesto we the undersigned have now to bring under your Royal Highnesses's notice, the fact that we have been subjected to persecution by the order of which your Royal Highness is the head, and to save ourselves from a probable expulsion without law or equity, have resigned an Order in which we have spent a large amount of time and money in making it what it is, and which moreover we greatly respect.

"We now humbly petition your Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, either that the said "Tripartite Treaty," may be annulled, (that we may be restored to our privileges in the Order of the Temple,) or that your Royal Highness will permit us to record your exalted name as Honorary Grand Patron of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, to place our Rite with universal toleration under its powerful protection, there being nothing in our ceremonials offensive to anyone's religious opinions.

"Done at Manchester, this 5th day of December, 1873, JOHN YARKER, JR., 33° K. T., 7, Tynwald Terrace, Chorlton Road, Manchester, Past Master of all degrees, and Past Grand Constable or Mareschal of the Order of the Temple and Malta; SAMUEL P. LEATHER, 33° K. T., Burnley, Lancashire, Past Master of all degrees, and Past Grand Chancellor of the Order of the Temple in Cheshire."

The object of this document was to enable H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to judge of the trouble likely hereafter to devolve by the alliance with which he was then coquetting and has since consummated. H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex accepted the Grand Mastership of all the higher degrees, and then *suppressed them—an ominous fact.*

The following Report appears in "The Freemason," of April 4th, 1874. The body originally hailed from the Templars of York, afterwards from the confederation of Bro. Dunckerly, and latterly from the source which constituted the Dunckerly Grand Conclave:—

MANCHESTER.—*Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity.* A Meeting of this antient chapter of H.M., K.H., was held at the Manchester Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th March, 1874, under circular to all the 30 members, when the following Report, signed by the three Past R.G.C's was adopted, and the Chapter and Senate united with the Antient & Primitive Rite of Masonry, under the title of the "Palatine and Jerusalem Chapter and Senate of Antiquity No. 2," thus inaugurating a new era.

Report of Facts.—1. A Grand Council was held in Paris in 1762, to ascertain whether the Kadosh and the Templar were one and the same order, and a resolution to adopt the black and white colours of the Temple Beauseant was adopted in their title and eagle. 2. The "Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" derives from the "Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne," 1779. 3. Any evidence of the existence of the Templar Order in Great Britain and Ireland previous to 1780, is absent, and from the earliest time down to 1852, the connection between the Rose Croix and Kadosh Templar was invariable, of which proof was given in English, Irish, and Scottish documents and rituals, between 1792 and 1840. 4. From 1791 to 1852 all warrants issued in England styled the Templar degree "Grand Elected Knight Templar Kadosh of St. John of Jerusalem, &c.," and emblems known only to Kadosh Templars appear upon the certificates, in the ceremony of installation, and upon the old banners of the Jerusalem Encampment or Conclave used prior to 1835, copies of photographs of which were in possession of the R. G. Superintendent. 5. The ritual of the "Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry," was exhibited in the degree of Knight Kadosh, in proof that the symbolism of the old English Templar was known only to members of such degree of the A. & P. Rite. 6. The present Grand Conclave of Knight Templars had utterly disconnected themselves from any possible progenitors in 1852, and again in 1872, in order to ally themselves with a body spurious upon three counts, and working a forged constitution, styling themselves the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Therefore resolved, that the members of the "Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity, H.M., K.H.," amalgamate and unite their Rose Croix and Kadosh Templar degrees with the same degrees of the "Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" of which the R.G. Supt. is head (under the charter of the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, derived from the Illustrious Brother Marconis de Negre, and the late Marshal Magnan, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France,) with such powers to give the extraneous degrees as may be mutually agreed between them, the "Royal Grand Council of Antient Rites, time immemorial," and the "Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry."

At the following Meeting in June the Union was confirmed by both bodies, and the warrant and minutes of the Jerusalem Chapter, &c., deposited with the Sovereign Sanctuary of the A. & P. Rite of Masonry, the R. G. C. Beeby Bowman Labrey, F. L. & P. S. received in the 32°;—the members reserving all their privileges in time immemorial Conclaves of Templars; and Brother Wm. Ashworth, the Treasurer, was by a written and duly signed order and indemnity requested to hand over the funds of the Jerusalem Chapter to the Treasurer of the united body, an order not yet complied with.

During the year 1874 several very eligible applications were made for the degrees of the Rite, but generally it was found inconvenient to confer them; and at the close of 1874

it was resolved to admit a few more members of the 33rd; and to print the Statutes of the Order; also some very excellent Masons were constituted members of the Rite in March, 1875. In this same month a Dispensation was granted to Ill. Bro. Wm. Ledger Erson, J.P., 30th, Dublin, and a Mason under the English Constitution.

The Order, in truth, needs not the patronage of rank and title, as it only requires to be known to be appreciated, and it is hoped that brethren of sufficient knowledge and principle will be found to further spread the light burning under the difficulties of intolerance, sectarianism, and ignorance. It does not aim at being a popular Rite, for it is beyond the comprehension of illiterate masons; its mission is to instruct the laborious searchers after Masonic truth, and will at least save them years of patient labour.

Whilst the other orders of Freemasonry, beyond the venerated degrees of symbolical Masonry, bound together by the abominable Tripartite Treaty, are expelling good Masons, merely because they are men of honour who will not lend themselves to any kind of trickery,⁵ as the Templars recently expelled a well known military brother of position (C. J. Burgess,) which expulsion all the three parties to the *unmasonic* treaty are bound to endorse; may the Antient & Primitive Rite pursue its mission in the true spirit of masonic feeling,—brotherly love, relief, truth, peace, tolerance, union. We pledge our Masonic knowledge and our honour that the Rite has the same claim to *authenticity* as the *best* in existence, whilst its *legitimacy* is much better established than most of the Rites now practised and enjoying favour beyond the three first degrees, and which are carried on under the cover of false history, and pretend to be what they are not. It may be stated that the fees for registration, and the proceeds of these publications all go to the funds of the Order, and it is proposed to devote them to the extension of Masonic works.

The entire history of the Rite is here placed unreservedly before the Craft: if its principles are bad or unmasonic, let the Order fall into oblivion:—but if on the other hand they deserve to live, as they have lived for an hundred centuries, amongst a few learned and esoterically taught individuals, and if there *are* Masons who love fairplay, and have *any* independence of mind, who agree with us, then let them rally to our standard in defence of Masonry, True and Universal, and may the Sublime Architect of the Universe crown the work.

⁵: A very base trick was recently perpetrated by the Mark Grand Lodge, which went the length of expelling a worthy Brother Mason, (like the Italians did H.H. Pope Pius) who had resigned all connection with them, (and all the treaty parties) years ago.