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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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The Library Committee appointed at the last session, having selected Bro.: Thos. D. King 18° as custodian of the books belonging to the Supreme Council I have taken upon myself to confer the degrees from 19° to 32° inclusive upon that brother, free of all fees, and I now ask the Council to confirm my action in this matter.

The Supreme Council is still without the necessary paraphernalia for the decoration of the council chamber, and the conferring of the 33°, and I would recommend that this want be at once supplied.

You will also have learned of the terrible calamity that has fallen upon our esteemed Brother, Lieut.: Col.: W. J. B. McLeod Moore 33°, by the destruction of the barracks at LaPrairie by fire, by which he has lost all that he possessed in the world, and I feel sure that an expression of your sympathy will be most highly appreciated by him.

This first day of our annual convocation being the anniversary of the birth of the most puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, I am sure that you will all cordially join with me in wishing him "*Many happy returns.*"

You will have to take up the knotty point of the continued and persistent absence of some of the members of the Supreme Council, action upon which was deferred until this session.

In closing, let me say that during the past year I have done my best to fulfil the onerous duties of the office in which I was so unexpectedly placed ; if I have done so to your satisfaction I am quite content.

One of your first duties will be to elect a successor to our late beloved chief ; may your choice be to the best interests of our beloved Rite, and may the Ruler of all things guide you to that end.



W. H. HUTTON 33°,
Acting Sov.: Gr.: Com.:

The Lodge of Secret Masters was then closed and all below the rank of Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General retired, and the Supreme Council resumed.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: HUGH MURRAY, seconded by Ill.: Bro.: ISAAC STEARNS, the address of the Acting Sov.: Grand Commander was referred to a committee to report upon.