

[APPENDIX F.]

Circular from the Supreme Council, 33°, S.: J.:
U. S. A., regarding spurious Bodies of the A.: & A.: S.:
Rite in the U. S.

FROM THE GRAND ORIENT OF CHARLESTON.

IN DEO FIDUCIA NOSTRA.

SOUTH CAROLINA, November 1st, 1883, V.: E.:

*The Supreme Council (Ancestral Council of the World) of the Inspectors-General,
Grand Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the 33rd
Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the
Southern Jurisdiction of the United States:*

*Unto the Supreme Councils of the same Degree of its correspondence, and unto the
Bodies and Free-Masons of its obedience:*

We do hereby make known to you, that the spurious Body in the City of New York, of which WILLIAM H. PECKHAM is the Chief, and which, falsely claiming to be identically, by continuation, revival and reorganization, the spurious association established in 1807, in New York, by JOSEPH CERNEAU, a Knight Kadosh of the Rite of Perfection, made such by MATHIEU DUPOTET, in the Island of Cuba, in July, 1806, and as such bedecking itself with the title of Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, has lately established in the City of Washington what it calls Consistory No. 7, of Princes of the Royal Secret of the 32nd Degree, having sold to its members its counterfeit Degrees for the sum of fifteen dollars each; in which disreputable work one FREDERICK WIDDOWS has given active aid and assistance, who, having regularly received the Degrees of the said Rite from 4 to 32 in regular Bodies of the Obedience of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, and having been a member of such Bodies, was until lately a member of a Consistory of our Obedience in the City of Washington, and yet has received from said spurious Body or from the said Peckham what is pretended by them to be the 33rd Degree.

We do also make known to you, that the officers of this base-born Consistory are HARRISON DINGMAN, wearing the title of 33rd, Grand Commander; MAJOR W. BAYLISS, also fancying himself a 33rd, Lieutenant Grand Commander; with EMMETT C. ELMORE, ISAAC N. JACKSON, HARVEY H. HAZARD, WINFIELD S. JENKS, T. JOHN NEWTON, WILLIAM T. TURPIN, HENRY A. JOHNSTON, E. W. DAY, BENJAMIN F. LARCOMBE and MARTIN V. CASEY, all residents of the City of Washington.

We do, therefore, request you, the Supreme Councils of our correspondence, to close all your temples against these persons and their associates, and to direct