

At the annual assembly of Hamilton Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix de H. R. D. M., the following officers were duly installed by Ill. Bro. John W. Murton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General: Ill. Bro. Hugh Murray, 32°, M. W. S.; Sov. Pr. Arch'd Macallum, 18°, R. & P. Prelate; Ill. Bros. J. M. Gibson, 32°, E. & P. 1st General; R. A. Hutchison, 31°, E. & P. 2nd General; R. K. Hope, 29°, E. & P. Raphael; Sov. Pr. J. H. Laing, 18°, E. & P. Gr. Marshal; Sov. Pr. W. Bowman, 18°, E. & P. Registrar; Ill. Bro. John W. Murton, 33°, E. & P. Treasurer; Sov. Pr. J. M. Meakins, 18°, R. & P. C. of Guard; Sov. Pr. Joseph Mason, 18°, Guard.

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#### ABROAD.

THE *Portland Masonic Relief Association* now numbers 548 members, with \$3,472.43 in the treasury March 22.

THE Freemasons of Belfast, Maine, have purchased 5,000 feet of land for a new Masonic block on the corner of Main and High streets, paying \$7,500.

AMTY LODGE, No. 6, of Camden, chartered March 10, 1801, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary with a historic address by Bro. T. R. Simonton.

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## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

ILLINOIS pays her Grand High Priest his traveling expenses and a salary of \$500.

No subordinate lodge in Massachusetts has the power to suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry.

THE Grand Lodge of Arkansas has passed an edict that Masons of twenty years' affiliation shall be inscribed on rolls of honor in their lodges and be exempt from dues.

SALT LAKE CITY has congregated enough members of the Order to start a commandery, and it is called "Utah No. 1," and has brilliant prospects.

DISSENSIONS have arisen in Peru between the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council, and expulsions pro and con are the order of the day. Besides these two Grand Bodies there is also a "Provincial Grand Lodge" under the authority of Scotland, containing fifteen subordinate lodges which does not recognize the other bodies as Masonic at all. There is in Lima a lodge working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and one under a warrant from Hamburg; these two latter lodges are completely isolated.

THERE exists in Hungary a Grand Lodge, Grand Orient, and Grand Council. The Grand Lodge confers only the first three degrees, and is in perfect accord with the Grand Orient by the treaty of 1871. The Grand Orient confers the grades of the A. and A. Rite, while the Grand Council forms a portion of the Grand Orient, and exercises exclusive jurisdiction over the higher grades. There is one chapter for every two lodges, and one council for every three chapters. The Grand Orient consists of the Grand Master; Representative of Grand Master; the Council of Administration; and the General Assembly. The General Assembly is composed of two representatives from each lodge, two from each chapter, and the members of the Grand Orient.

A FREEMASONS' CLUB is about forming in Philadelphia. It is projected to issue 600 shares of stock, at \$50 each. Ownership of stock will not, however, secure membership in the Club. All Master Masons in good Masonic standing will be eligible to membership, but their suspension or expulsion in the lodge will work their suspension from membership in the Club. The entrance fee will be \$50, which will entitle each member to ownership of one share of stock. The annual dues will be \$25. It is contemplated to have it incorporated. The above are the projected features, which may be hereafter modified.

AN OLD BOWL.—A beautiful punch-bowl was lately presented to the Masonic Lodge of Nantucket, Mass., and the reason why it was not presented long ago is worth telling. Once upon a time in the year of light A. L. 5800, answering among the uninitiated to A. D. 1800, a worthy gentleman took the degrees at the aforesaid lodge in Nantucket, and thereupon went to China. There he had made a beautiful punch-bowl of superb China ware, with the generous purpose of making it a gift to his lodge. His directions were to put on the bowl a suitable inscription, names, dates, and all. Now the "Chinee" workmen did their prettiest; the beautiful thing came home, inscription and all, but behold! the word Lodge was spelled "Loge!" The generous man was mortified. He laid the bowl aside, and lived and died in Nantucket making no sign with that bowl. He had a son born, and he too became a member of this very lodge, and when the half-century anniversary of his membership came to pass, he presented the old bowl to the lodge.