

**Royal Arcanum History and Statistics.**

The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum was organized on June 23rd, 1877, and incorporated under the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts on November 5th, 1877. The first annual session was held in Boston, April 23rd to 26th, 1878. The Supreme Council was at this time composed of the incorporators and representatives from the Grand Councils of Massachusetts, Ohio and Michigan.

At that Session 82 Councils were reported. These were scattered over a large proportion of the United States and a part of Canada and included an enrolled membership of about 3,000.

The quality of the membership was of a superior nature being composed of the very best class of gentlemen. During the first year three deaths only have occurred and three assessments had been levied.

During the following fiscal year the number of Councils had increased to 305, and the membership to 10,500. These were located in 3 Canadian Provinces and 23 States of the Union—New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin had each been formed into a Grand Council.

Thirty deaths had occurred during the second year of the Society and the claims had been met by 7 calls.

At the 3rd annual session of the Supreme Council held in 1880, the formation of the new Grand Councils of Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Georgia were reported. The number of Councils was increased to 470 and the membership aggregated 20,500. Six assessments during the year paid the demands of the beneficiary of 61 deceased members.

Cincinnati was the place of meeting of the fourth Supreme Council in 1881—when the membership had reached 28,000 and the number of Subordinate Councils was 571. Eight assessments had been needed during the year and the proceeds satisfied the claims of 121 deceased brothers.

At the fifth annual meeting of Supreme Council in Baltimore in April, 1882 there were reported 13 Grand and 642 Subordinate Councils with a membership of 34,305. The number of assessments for the year had increased to 10.

The membership of the Order during the next year increased to 41,369—the number of Councils from 642 to 735 while the deaths of the year were 263 covered by 10 calls as in the previous year.

In 1884 the Supreme Council met in Chicago and reported an increase of over 7,000 members for the year and 89 new Councils. Eleven assessments had been issued during the year to satisfy the beneficiaries of 317 deceased members.

In 1885 the Grand Council of the Province of Ontario was instituted in the City of London, at which 66 Regents and Past Regents were present and 31 Councils in the Province were represented out of 37 in existence.

During the year 1886 the net increase of the membership of the R. A. was 9,866. During that year 98 new Councils were added, and when the Supreme Council met again at Boston in June, 1887, the total number of Councils reported in existence was 1037 enrolled under 16 Grand Councils of the Order.

By this time the Order was paying out over one and a half millions yearly to the widows and orphans of deceased members, while the amount of insurance risk carried by the entire Order was \$209,595,000—a sum almost beyond comprehension.

In the years 1890, 1891 and 1892 the respective number of assessments issued was 15, producing for the last named year the enormous amount of \$3,432,833.68. The death rate of 1892 was 8.8, being lower than for the previous year and indicating a very prosperous condition of affairs.

Death claims had been paid in 1892 amounting to \$3,401,750, while the individual claims making this aggregate had, with the exception of a few cases only, been paid to the beneficiary within 30 days from the death of the member. The membership increased by 12,165 in 1892, making a total of 137,194 on 31st Dec., 1892, or 143,325 at the date of the last Annual Session of the Supreme Council, in 1893.

**Maple Leaf Council No. 867.**

The above Council held its fortnightly meeting in the Council room, Elm street Toronto, on Thursday evening, April 19th, ult. the Regent, William Ray, in the chair. Two candidates were admitted to membership. Maple Leaf is bound to hold the position it now has as the banner council of Ontario. The membership is steadily increasing. Songs and readings by several of the members were given to the enjoyment of all. At the previous meeting there was also a good attendance and visitors were present from other Councils. The by-laws and general information about the order with a list of the membership were distributed to the members.

Next meeting night is Thursday, May 3rd.

**Missouri Grand Council.**

The eleventh annual session of the Grand Council of Missouri, held at St. Louis, elected the following officers: Grand Regent, P. R. Fitteralt; Grand Vice Regent, Jere Haldean; Grand Orator, Louis A. Steber; Past Grand Regent, Carl Moller; Grand Secretary, Charles E. Cox; Grand Treasurer, A.S. Robinson, Jr., all of St. Louis; Grand Chaplain, Frank H. Calcott of Kansas City. The next session of the Grand Council will be held on the third Tuesday in February, 1895.

**ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.**

**ROYAL ARCANUM.**

**Directory of Councils in Ontario, 1894.**

LOCATION.	NAME OF COUNCIL.	NO.	REGENT'S NAME.	SECRETARY'S NAME.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.
Ancaster	Ancaster	956	Albert House	James T. H. Regan	1st and 3rd Thursdays	Arcanum Hall
Arcona	Arcona	289	J. Detwiler	B. Leary	1st and 3rd Mondays	Council Chamber
Barrie	Barrie	873	Thomas Kennedy	F. X. Marrin	2nd and 4th Fridays	Foresters' Hall
Brampton	Brampton	875		J. J. Manning	1st Monday in month	Benyon & Manning's Hall
Brantford	Brantford	487	Charles Griner	John R. Neilson	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	A. O. F. Hall
Belleville	Belleville	893	R. D. Conger	F. Landenberger	1st and 3rd Mondays	Shire Hall
Berlin	Berlin	822	C. E. Hoffman	A. Mueller	2nd and 4th Mondays	I. O. O. F. Hall
Bowmanville	Bowmanville	938	Joseph LaBelle	David Morrison	2nd and 4th Mondays	Sons of England Hall
Brockville	Brockville	901	James Dodds	R. W. Tackaberry	2nd and 4th Mondays	Foresters' Hall
Cardinal	Cardinal	1270	Duncan Gow	J. M. Thompson	Alternate Fridays	Dowsley's Hall
Chatham	Chatham	832	T. A. Smith	William Milner	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	A. O. U. W. Hall
Cobourg	Cobourg	969	John W. Sanders	F. J. Black	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Dr. Rowe's Dental Hall
Deseronto	City of Quinte	1425	H. A. Yeomans, M. D.	Wm. Evans	1st and 3rd Thursdays	Foresters' Hall
Forest	Lambton	1389	Alex. Scott, M. D.	H. J. Pettypiece	Last Thursday	Dr. Scott's Office
Galt	Galt	898	W. W. Wilkinson	W. C. Coulthard	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	I. O. O. F. Hall
Gananoque	Gananoque	917	R. C. McCullough	O. J. Shaneman	2nd and Last Wednesdays	Foresters' Hall
Goderich	Goderich	998	Wm. Proudfoot	Isaac F. Toms	2nd Wed. & Last Tuesday	Oddfellows' Hall
Guelph	Guelph	810	Harry Gummer	John Day, Box 181	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	Good Templars' Hall
Hamilton	Kanawha	681	A. M. Cunningham	Lyman Lee	1st and 3rd Mondays	St. Andrew's Hall
do	Regina	757	S. A. Moore, 131 Young St.	Canada Life Chambers		St. Andrew's Hall
do	Invincible	1539	B. Robson, Vanneck P.O.	A. C. Attwood, Vanneck	2nd and 4th Mondays	Arcanum Hall
Kincardine	Penetanguishene	1023	George M. Harris	J. H. Scott, [P. O.]	1st and 3rd Fridays	A. O. F. Hall
Kingston	St. Lawrence	955	A. P. Clowm, M. D.	Robert Anglin	2nd and 4th Fridays	Cataraqui O. F. Hall
Lindsay	Lindsay	911	D. Ray	A. P. J. Macrachen	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Association Hall
London	London	233	W. H. Henderson	A. P. Munson	Alternate Wednesdays	K. of P. Hall, Duffield Block
do	London South	663	R. W. Rennie	S. W. Fawcett	1st and 3rd Thursdays	Trebilcock's Hall
Madoc	Madoc	1551	C. G. Wilson	Wm. Cross	2nd and 4th Fridays	Foresters' Hall
Morrisburg	Dundas	1330	Geo. E. Myers	Luther S. Froats	1st and 3rd Mondays	A. O. U. W. Hall
Owen Sound	Georgian	1127	E. H. Newman	C. K. Grigg	1st and 3rd Thursdays	A. O. F. Hall
Orillia	Mississauga	951	E. C. Roper	D. C. Watson, Box 224	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Orange Hall
Ottawa	Ottawa	1437	A. C. Bleckney	T. J. Code, Customs Dept.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	A. O. U. W. Hall
Petrolia	Ontario	42	Edward Marshall	W. E. Reynolds	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Foresters' Hall
Peterborough	Peterborough	735	David W. Dumble	B. Shortley	2nd Thursday	Regent's Office
Prescott	Grenville	514	A. Greenhill	W. F. Macpherson	1st and 3rd Fridays	Arcanum Hall
Preston	Preston	863	W. Stahl Schmidt	C. Dolph	2nd and 4th Thursdays	A. O. U. W. Hall
Point Edward	Point Edward	281	James Morrison	D. W. McKenzie	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	McDonald's Hall
Port Hope	Gochingomink	235	S. G. Jackson	T. A. Thompson, Drawer	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Pringle's Hall
Perth	Perth	1441	David Hogz	G. E. Armstrong, [384]	2nd and 4th Thursdays	A. O. U. W. Hall
Sarnia	Primus	40	Edward M. Ross	D. McMaster	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	Arcanum Hall
Stratroy	Stratroy	240	Thomas Dunsmore	J. H. McIntosh	1st and 3rd Fridays	Robertson's Hall
Stratford	Stratford	762	George F. Ingram	Geo. F. Moir, P. O. Box 65	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Stack's Hall
Seaforth	Seaforth	1001	J. R. Lyon	Alex. Wilson	1st and 3rd Fridays	Oddfellows' Hall
Simcoe	Simcoe	994	George A. Curtis	D. T. Hodgson	1st and 3rd Thursdays	I. O. O. F. Hall
St. Catharines	DeCew Falls	1039	W. W. V. Corbin	C. Beard	1st and 3rd Tuesdays	Fowler's Hall
St. Thomas	St. Thomas	856	James G. Sherman	E. C. Sanders, 11 Eagle St.	1st and 3rd Thursdays	"Journal" Hall
Smith's Falls	Beck with	1426	James H. Ross	James Helme	2nd and 4th Mondays	C. O. F. Hall
Toronto	Canada	612	Curran Morrison	J. J. Thompson	2nd and 4th Thursdays	St. George's Hall, 16 Elm St
do	Beaver	815	R. A. Mitchell	C. E. Fice	2nd and 4th Mondays	St. George's Hall, 16 Elm St
do	Maple Leaf	867	William Ray, at Heinzman & Co., King St. W.	David Adair	1st and 3rd Thursdays	St. George's Hall, 16 Elm St
do	St. Matthews	1146	Richard Richardson	Robert Woodcock	2nd and 4th Mondays	Dingman's Hall
Watford	Watford	996	Murdo McLeay	J. T. Crone	1st and 3rd Mondays	Templars' Hall
Windsor	Windsor	1112	J. E. Davignon	C. Chubb	1st and 3rd Fridays	Foresters' Hall
Wallaceburg	Wallaceburg	853	J. C. Shaw	Geo. J. Fraser	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Little's Hall
Woodstock	Woodstock	719	W. H. VanIngen	Geo. J. Fraser	2nd and 4th Thursdays	Douglas' Hall
Wroxeter	Wroxeter	1009	J. K. Rae	W. C. Hazlewood	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Oddfellows' Hall

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Barrie, Ont.

**Assessment Rate in the Royal Arcanum for a \$3,000 Certificate.**

Between ages of 21 and 22	\$1.00
" 22 " 23	1.04
" 23 " 24	1.08
" 24 " 25	1.12
" 25 " 26	1.16
" 26 " 27	1.20
" 27 " 28	1.24
" 28 " 29	1.28
" 29 " 30	1.32
" 30 " 31	1.38
" 31 " 32	1.44
" 32 " 33	1.50
" 33 " 34	1.56
" 34 " 35	1.62
" 35 " 36	1.68
" 36 " 37	1.74
" 37 " 38	1.80
" 38 " 39	1.86
" 39 " 40	1.96
" 40 " 41	2.06
" 41 " 42	2.16
" 42 " 43	2.26
" 43 " 44	2.36
" 44 " 45	2.46
" 45 " 46	2.58
" 46 " 47	2.70
" 47 " 48	2.82
" 48 " 49	2.96
" 49 " 50	3.10
" 50 " 51	3.26
" 51 " 52	3.42
" 52 " 53	3.60
" 53 " 54	3.80
" 54 " 55	4.00

The member's assessment remains the same during his connection with the Order as paid at entrance if the certificate is not altered as to the amount payable at his death.

**Canada Council, 612.**

At a late meeting of Canada Council, No. 612 R.A., held in St. George's Hall two more applications for full membership were received, a sign of the steady growth of this popular council.

At this meeting they had the attendance of the senior Past Regent, Bro. A. R. Richey, who had been residing abroad but was here in attendance at the annual meeting of the Home Circle order.

The proposed amendments to the constitution and to that of the Grand and Supreme Council formed a theme for discussion at the meeting on 12th April.

Bros. C. P. Lennox and George Moir, past regents, will represent Canada Council at Gd. Council on 9th of May.

Bros. Jas. Brandon and H. M. Stevenson, of Canada Council, will also attend as members of important committees.

Bro. J. W. Hickson, past regent, also of Canada Council, as Grand Regent of Ontario has issued special circulars relative to this meeting and it promises to be a most harmonious and satisfactory session.

**Grand Officers and Committees, Royal Arcanum, Ontario, 1893-4.**

GRAND REGENT.	
J. W. Hickson	11 Cameron Place, Toronto.
GRAND VICE REGENT.	
T. L. L. Lewis	15 Howard Street, Toronto.
GRAND ORATOR.	
J. B. McKillop	London.
PAST GRAND REGENT.	
Judge James Reynolds	Brockville.
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Daniel Spry	Barrie.
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J. K. Dowsley	Prescott.
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W. R. Haight	Toronto.
GRAND SENTRY.	
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Thomas Sargent	Toronto.
James Brandon	Toronto.
A. R. Munson	London.
REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COUNCIL.	
D. F. McWatt, Representative	Barrie.
Judge James Reynolds, Alternate	Brockville.
PROVINCIAL MEDICAL EXAMINER.	
Cl. T. Campbell, M. D.	London.
STANDING COMMITTEES.	
Finance.—A. McPherson (Chairman), Hamilton; John Pope, London; Charles Packert, Stratford.	
Laws.—J. McLean Stevenson (Chairman), Barrie; J. Parker Thomas, Belleville; P. E. W. Moyer, Berlin.	
Appeals and Grievances.—H. M. Stevenson (Chairman), Toronto; George Leys, Sarnia; A. Shaw, Kingston.	
Supplies.—J. W. Hickson (Chairman), Toronto; T. L. L. Lewis, Toronto; Lyman Lee, Hamilton.	
State of the Order.—J. T. Johnston (Chairman), Toronto; J. H. Scott, Kincardine; W. R. Travers, Berlin.	

**District Deputy Grand Regents, Royal Arcanum, Ontario, 1893 4.**

District No. 1.—Bro. George Leys	Sarnia.
District No. 2.—Bro. Thomas Bland	London.
District No. 3.—Bro. G. F. Ingram	Stratford.
District No. 4.—Bro. G. M. Harris	Kincardine.
District No. 5.—Bro. W. H. VanIngen	Woodstock.
District No. 6.—Bro. Donald Clark	Hamilton.
District No. 7.—Bro. John Day	Guelph.
District No. 8.—Bro. H. Bird	Barrie.
District No. 9.—Bro. W. H. Law	Toronto.
District No. 10.—Bro. M. A. James	Bowmanville.
District No. 11.—Bro. H. J. Snelgrove	Cobourg.
District No. 12.—Bro. E. T. Miller	Deseronto.
District No. 13.—Bro. J. Morgan Shaw	Kingston.
District No. 14.—Bro. Robert Stewart	Perth.