

I also issued a warrant to Kingston Grand Lodge of Perfection to be held in the City of Kingston, and at the request of our deputy in B. C., Ill.: Bro.: Eli Harrison 32°, I directed the Grand Chancellor to cause to be forwarded to him from Washington complete rituals of the degrees from the 4° to the 32°, both inclusive, to enable him to fulfil his duty in an intelligent manner.

On the 19th Sept. I had the pleasure of being present at the annual session of the Supreme Council 33° for the Northern Jurisdiction U. S. A. at its Grand East in the City of Boston, and cannot speak in terms of sufficient warmth of the cordiality and heartiness of my reception as your representative at the hands not only of Ill.: Bro.: Henry L. Palmer, the Sovereign Grand Commander, but of all the very large number of Brethren who were present.

I was most kindly and courteously introduced to the Sup.: Co.: by our representative, Ill.: Bro.: D. Burnham Tracy 33° (for which I beg to tender him my thanks) and after being received and welcomed by the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, was conducted to a seat in the East, in which for three days I listened with the most absorbing interest to the very able and animated debates which took place.

At this session five members were expelled for connection with the so-called Cerneau Council, thus setting us an example which I trust may be followed in regard to our own rebellious subjects, without a dissenting voice.

The Supreme Council for Tunis, and the Sagasta Council for Spain were recognized, and I would recommend that the same course be pursued by us in regard to the latter.

Twenty-six honorary members of the 33° were made, one of whom was a brother of our own Ill.: Bro.: Benjamin Lester Peters, and I was greatly pleased at being able to be present on the occasion.

While upon this point I may say that after discussing the matter thoroughly with several of the leading Brethren of the Northern Jurisdiction, I have come to the conclusion that it will probably be conducive to the best interests of the A.: & A.: S.: Rite in Canada, if our rule upon this subject be so relaxed as to enable us to confer the honorary degree of 33° upon a certain number of the Brethren who may have earned the distinction by hard work in the Rite.

A most touching allusion to the death of our late M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander was made by Ill.: Bro.: F. A. Blades 33° in his report as Chairman of Committee on deceased Brothers (see extract Appendix A).

I was delighted to meet our old friends and visitors Ill.: Bros.: Tracy, Tyler and R. McGraham, and did my best to persuade the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander and as many of the Brethren as possible to be with us at the present meeting, but to my great chagrin I found that the time of our annual session clashes with that of the Southern Jurisdiction and also of the Grand Commandery, but was assured that if our meeting took place in November we would have a large number of visitors. What would you say to making this alteration?

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