

initiated in 1874, 1660; passed, 1612; raised, 1576; admitted, 973; dimitted, 1056; died, 247. Total number of members, 23,832.

BRO. GEO. REX, Past Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, was recently elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

THE General Grand Chapter, A.F. & A.M., at Nashville, disapproved of any legislation by State Grand Chapters forbidding the use of substitutes, and recommending that the matter be left to each chapter as occasion demands. The newly organized State Grand Chapters of Nevada and West Virginia were duly organized.

THE Supreme Council of Freemasons in France has invited all the Grand Lodges of the world to meet at Lausanne, on the first Monday in September, 1875. Says a clerical paper, "It is against the general peace that this assembly will conspire. All the friends of honesty—*les amis du bien*—should keep their eyes upon it!"

THE Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was opened at Nashville, Tenn., on the 24th of November, Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presiding. Most of the State Grand Chapters were duly represented. From Indiana we notice the names of George H. Fish, G. H. P., and Reuben Peden, G. K., who were appointed on important standing committees. The Grand Chapter of Nevada was enrolled upon the list of constituents of the G. G. C., and the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was cordially invited to come into the fold. Charters were granted to the Golden Chapter, at Golden, Colorado; Deer Lodge Chapter, at Deer Lodge City, Montana; Georgetown Chapter, at Georgetown, Colorado; Olympia Chapter, at Olympia, Washington Territory; and Utah Chapter, at Salt Lake City. A resolution was passed disapproving of the action of some of the State Grand Chapters in forbidding the use of substitutes; also one requesting the State Grand Chapters to pay annually to the G. G. Secretary the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason on the rolls of their subordinates, at the date of their annual report. The next triennial meeting will be held in Buffalo, New York, on the third Tuesday in August, 1877. The following officers were elected to serve for the next three years: Elbert H. English, of Arkansas, G. G. H. P.; John Frizzell, of Tennessee, D. G. H. P.; Robert T. Brown, of Iowa, G. G. King; Charles T. Chapman, of Massachusetts, G. G. Scribe; John McClelland of Massachusetts, G. G. Treas.; — Fox, of New York, G. G. Sec.; Noble D. Larner, of District of Columbia, G. G. C. H.; Henry Bostwick, of Kentucky, G. G. R. A. C. Several committees on various subjects were appointed, to report at the next triennial meeting.—*Masonic Advocate*.

THERE must be something in a name after all, for the CRAFTSMAN has found a namesake in a new Masonic monthly on the Pacific slope, the second number of which lies before us. The *Craftsman* hails from San Francisco, California, is handsomely printed, and freighted with a vast deal of information of the greatest interest to the Craft. We gladly welcome the appearance of this valuable periodical.

THE Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on Wednesday, December 2nd inst., in Renaissance Hall of the Mew Masonic Temple. There was an unusually large attendance of members present, including many Deputy Grand Masters. The first business in order was the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St. John's Day next, when the following Brethren were chosen: Bro. Alfred R. Potter, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. Robert Clark, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. James Madison Porter, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Thos. R. Patton, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Grand Sec.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

A NEW Masonic Temple is to be built at Minneapolis, Minn. At the laying of the corner-stone August 18, 1874, eight hundred Masons participated in the ceremonies.

HON. JAMES GARLAND, Judge of the city court of Lynchburg, Va., has been an affiliated Mason forty-six years. So says the *News* of that city.

The *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provides that: "No Brother shall use his certificate, nor expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions."—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 37.

ANOTHER new Masonic work, entitled "Freemasonry, its Symbolism, Religious Nature, and Law of Perfection," by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, P. M. of No. 393, England, is about to be published by Reeves & Turner, London.

THE *Freemason's Monthly*, the first Masonic Magazine in America, was commenced in Philadelphia, in April, 1811.

THE first Papal Bull against Masonry was fulminated, April 28th, 1738.

THE new Masonic Hall of Annawan Lodge, West Haven, Ct., was dedicated Sept.