

whereupon the acting Sovereign Grand Commander opened a Consistory of the 32°, and Illustrious members of that rank being in waiting were admitted.

The Address of the Sov.: Grand Commander was then read.

ADDRESS.

To the Supreme Council 33° of the A.: & A.: Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, and the Officers and Members thereof, GREETING:

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN,—

I congratulate you on the arrival of our Eighth Annual Session. Another year has passed over our lives, and we are still spared by the mercy of the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:, and it is a happiness for me again to declare that not a link has been broken in our "Chain of Union."

Death, although passing us by, has, however, been very busy out of our immediate circle, and our fraternal sympathy is due to those on whom his bolt has descended; and, while extending and offering our condolence to each and all of our suffering brethren and fellow creatures, there are instances which call for special mention.

The first to which I shall refer, is that of the sad departure of our lamented Brother JAMES A. GARFIELD, the late distinguished President of the United States of America, a member of our Rite, and a man and Freemason whose career may well cause us to feel proud of the special Tie that bound us to him and he to us. He succumbed to murder! His sufferings were lengthy and severe, and one does not really know which most to admire, the bravery of his gallant spirit, or his wonderful patience under pain, from the day of his being shot down by an assassin to the moment of his untimely death. His faith and trust were on his Divine Maker. His earthly solace was in being carefully tended by friends, his children and his most admirable wife, to the very last.

I quote from a well known Masonic magazine, the *Corner Stone*, of New York, which thus feelingly and truthfully sums up in brief language the late President's Masonic record:

"To Freemasons throughout the length and breadth of the globe, the calamity of his death comes with appalling force, for he was *one of us*, a genuine Mason. He became a member of our mystic band unsought, unsolicited; he went with us through all the various degrees in the fraternity, and was an honor to every Body with which he was connected. Garfield, our Brother! light rest the sod above you! Green be it as the undying memory of your pure life. Your manly fortitude and patience will remain ever in the hearts of millions."

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