

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS MEET.

The annual re-union of the Supreme Council of Canada of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masons met at the Masonic Temple, Dorchester street, Montreal. Prominent 33rd degree Masons from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the United States were in attendance.

Among those who were present were Bros. I. H. Stearns, Grand Commander, Montreal; Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Hamilton; Hugh Murray, Secretary-General, Hamilton; Hugh A. Mackay, Treasurer-General, Berlin; A. W. Hooper, Master of Ceremonies, Montreal; J. D. Chipman, Grand Chancellor, St. Stephen, N.B.; A. D. Nelson, Staff Bearer, Montreal; A. B. Butterworth, Captain of Guard, Ottawa; B. Tooke, Montreal; Alex. Stephen, Halifax; Hon. J. V. Ellis, St. John, N.B.; W. H. Ballard, Hamilton; C. W. Hagar, Montreal; B. Allen, Toronto; E. T. Malone, Toronto; D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia; W. B. McArthur, Ottawa; Hon. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville; A. W. Porte, Toronto; W. R. White, Pembroke; W. Roaf, Toronto; T. Lees, Hamilton; J. Granville, Toronto; W. J. Eakins, Toronto.

The visitors were: General J. C. Smith, of Chicago; C. W. Carter, of Norwich, Connecticut; and E. D. Washburn, Brooklyn.

The morning session was taken up with the discussion of reports, etc. Short addresses were also delivered by the American visitors, all of whom hold high positions in the Rite.

At one o'clock the Council and several prominent members of the Masonic Fraternity in this city sat down to luncheon in the Temple. The annual address of the Grand Commander, Ald. I. H. Stearns, was read at this afternoon's session. The visitors were highly delighted with their visit. After transacting several items of business the Supreme Council adjourned to hold its next meeting in Hamilton.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

An interesting Masonic function was held in Masonic Hall, Guelph, on Thursday last (Thanksgiving Day), in the shape of a Lodge of Instruction. Representatives were present from many of the Lodges within the Wellington District, comprising the Counties of Wellington and Waterloo, together with the Lodges at Orangeville, Grand Valley and Durham. The meeting was presided over most acceptably by R. W. Bro. Miller, D.D.G. M., of Preston, and among the distinguished visitors present were the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Judge Harding, of Lindsay, and R. W. Bro. Judge MacWatt, of Sarnia. The delegation from Orangeville consisted of R. W. Bros. J. McLaren and R. Irvine, W. Bro. J. A. Glover, and Bros. R. H. Robinson, J. H. Sutherland, A. Hill and J. E. Smith. The work in the first, second and third degrees was exemplified by officers selected respectively from the Lodges at Berlin, Hespeler and Preston, and was much appreciated by the brethren assembled. Just after recess the proceedings were varied by the presentation of a fraternal address and of a handsomely embroidered Past District Deputy Grand Master's apron to R. W. Bro. Robt. Irvine, of Orangeville. The address, which was read by R. W. Bro. Miller, bore testimony to the long service rendered by Bro. Irvine to the Masonic Order, not only as a private member but in the various offices of trust and honor to which he had been elected by his brethren, and more especially in that of District Officer held by him during the year 1901-02. R. W. Bro. Irvine made suitable reply, and the proceeding closed with hearty applause by the brethren. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the ordinary business of the meeting. Appropriate addresses were made by Grand Master Harding, Bro. MacWatt and others, and a very successful gathering closed soon after 5 o'clock.—*Banner*.