

SUPREME COUNCIL 33° A. & A. R.

for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, and of which Hopkins Thomson claims to be M. P. Sov. Gr. Com. and Robert B. Folger Gr. Sec. Gen. and claiming to have resuscitated the so-called "Cerneau Council," which, by a solemn Treaty of Union held on February 7th, 1863, was merged beyond all dispute in the present Sup. Co. of which Ill. Bro. H. L. Palmer is Sov. Gr. Com. and Clinton F. Paige Sec. Gen. From this clandestine body I received an application for recognition on the 3rd day of March last, and to which I requested the Sec. Gen. to reply that being on terms of perfect amity with the Sup. Co. for the N. J. U. S. A. the claim could not for a moment be entertained. Nothing more was heard of the matter until from newspaper reports I learned of the intention to establish a Sup. Co. in the Village of Maitland with

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JOHN DUMBRILLE, 32° LIEUT. GR. COM.

R. J. HOVENDEN, 32° SEC. GEN.

all three being members of our obedience, having solemnly sworn to bear true allegiance to our authority. I at once issued a circular denouncing the formation of this clandestine body, and warning all legitimate members of the Rite to have no conversation or connection with any of its members on matters concerning this Rite, and also appealing to the craft in general to give them no countenance. I also instructed the Gr. Chancellor to put the Sov. Gr. Com. of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions on their guard and am happy to say that in both cases a bulletin denouncing this illegal body was at once promulgated. On the 1st of September, inst., I received a report from the Deputy for Ontario, stating that

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had been summoned to appear before a Sovereign Tribunal of the 31° in the City of Hamilton, to answer to the charges, that they were duly tried and found guilty and sentenced to be suspended at once, with a recommendation to the Supreme Council that they be expelled from the A. & A. S. Rite. In consequence, I at once issued an edict, suspending the above mentioned three Brethren from all the rights and privileges of the A. & A. S. R. of Freemasonry, and it now rests with the Sup. Co. to expel them or not as it may in its wisdom see fit.

Another so-called Supreme Council has been started at Belleville, with one L. H. Henderson at its head, in opposition to the "Cerneau" body, but I am of opinion that the timely warning sent to our legitimate sister Supreme Councils will be all that is necessary and we can easily afford to treat both these Masonic impostors with the contempt they deserve. From a newspaper paragraph I learn that Henderson's body are bearding the lion in his den, having called a meeting in this city for the same day as ourselves, viz. the 18th October.

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