

To satisfy their personal vanity and ridiculous pride, the permanent members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have degraded this Grand Masonic Body into legislating in support of the illegal and fraudulent Supreme Councils presided over respectively by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer. In their insane desire to despotically rule and appear above their more honest brethren, they have compromised the dignity of the Grand Lodge by recognizing the whole of the spurious and fraudulent bodies subordinate to the Supreme Council to which they belong, as the only legal and regular bodies of the Scottish Rite, exceptions being made in favor of the bodies of the obedience of the still more fraudulent Supreme Council of the impudent Masonic impostor, Albert Pike, who, not satisfied with the degrees established by virtue of the mythical, false and forged constitutions above mentioned, has invented for his own benefit those eminently grotesque degrees of his "Court of Honor." Is there anything on earth more ludicrous than that Court of Honor of the humbug mother Pike? We do not know of anything, unless it should be the belief that something honorable could emanate from such unscrupulous Masonic fraud.

Priding ourselves in being good, true and earnest Masons, we cannot help feeling sorry that the personal ambition of the spurious thirty-third degrees, permanent members of the Grand Lodge, have induced this Grand Body into the error of legislating about the legitimacy of Masonic bodies, not only of different degrees, but of different Rites, over which the Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction whatever. That the majority of the Grand Lodge had not the slightest idea of what they were legislating about is made evident by the simple fact of the endorsement given to two such fraudulent legislative bodies as the Supreme Councils, so-called, of Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike. Had the majority of the Grand Lodge

known that the claims of these two irregular Supreme Councils were based upon misrepresentation, fraud and forgery, it is certain that they would not have illegally assumed the right to legislate against their brethren simply because, in their search for more Masonic light, they have chosen to join some other bodies of the Scottish Rite more legal and honorable than those subordinate to Palmer's Supreme Council; and, above all, the majority of the Grand Lodge would have had the manly courage of legislating, legally or illegally, directly upon the subject that they had in view, instead of pretending to aim their legislative weapons against what, in this State, has become nothing but a Masonic phantom.

We have seen, during the last few years, many curious things done by the members of the Supreme Council of Henry L. Palmer, but nothing so curious as their manipulations in the Grand Lodge. As permanent members of this Body, well knowing that they are spurious thirty-thirds, belonging to an irregular and fraudulent organization, they have abused their position in the Grand Lodge to white-wash themselves and assume an air of respectability, and highly satisfied with their success they appeared at the meeting of their fraudulent Supreme Council, at Cincinnati, and there passed a great many resolutions of congratulations and *thanks to themselves* for their heroic and noble conduct in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. And it is to be noted that while in this State they condemn as members of the Grand Lodge any rite, body or degree to which they do not belong, in Cincinnati they entertained and honored the old fraud, Pike, and allowed him the use of their *Cathedral* (?) to defraud and victimize their brethren by conferring upon them, for a good substantial fee, the most spurious degree of the "Royal Order of Scotland," of which the old mother fraud, Pike, is Provincial Grand Master. These worthies,