

About 1,000 rooms have been secured in San Francisco for the accommodation of visiting Sir Knights. Ascalon Commandery, of St. Louis, has secured accommodations at the Baldwin. The United States army officers have been selected to judge of the drill, which will probably be held at the Bery District track or the parade grounds of the presidio.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benefit Institution took place recently, under the distinguished presidency of our esteemed and well-known Bro., General J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, with 272 Stewards. The returns amounted to £13,047. Of this sum the Metropolis, with 137 Stewards, sends £7,646, and the Provinces, with 195 Stewards, remits £5,401. Surrey bringing up £1,000. This is a noble commencement for 1883. We shall call special attention to the returns in our next issue.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the 33rd and last degree of the Cerneau A. & A. Scottish Rite of the Dominion of Canada and Province of Newfoundland met at Belleville on the 22nd inst. The S. G. Commander, Ill. Bro. L. H. Henderson, 33°, stated that arrangements would soon be completed for the formation of a Consistory in Montreal. Charters were issued for Consistories in London, Toronto, Belleville, and Ottawa, and a Rose Croix Chapter for Peterboro'.—*Mail*.

AN OLD CUSTOM.—On a certain occasion Bro. John Trask, of Gloucester, Mass., was in Fredericksburg, Va., when he visited the lodge located at that place. He then had the satisfaction of examining the old records, and noticed in particular the record of the meeting when George Washington was made a Mason. He was amused to see, among other things, that the lodge appointed a committee of one to wait upon Widow ———,

and ascertain at what price she would furnish a supper for the brethren, at the close of the lodge, which should include "a mug of flip for each person."

It is probable that the body under Ill. Bro. Longley will shortly unite with that under Ill. Bro. Henderson, and when this is done the United Supreme Council will stand on unimpeachable grounds. With such leading and energetic Masons as Ill. Bro. L. H. Henderson, Past Grand Z. and Past District Deputy Grand Master, etc.; Rev. Dr. Clarke, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba; J. Parker Thomas, Judge Lazier, A. Robertson, M. P., of Belleville; C. D. McDonald, Past Grand Z., and E. H. D. Hall, District Deputy Grand Master, of Peterboro', Dr. Ramsay, of Orillia; W. H. Hambly, of Toronto; Oronhyatekha, Dawson, Beltz, and Jarvis, of London, the Cerneau Supreme Council must succeed and become a strong Masonic organization.—*Mail*.

The following are the principal officers, Orient Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1:—Sir Knights Joseph Mixsell, M.D., Ph. D., Most Wise; T. C. Stokes, Sen. W.; T. W. Ayres, J.W., and D. E. Hughes, M.D., Archivist. Hermes Senate, No. 1:—Ill. Bros. A. H. Woodward, Sub. Gr. Com.; J. W. Haseltine, Sov. Sen. Kt. Interp.; A. McCune, Jun. Kt. Interp.; R. T. Houston, Kt. Archivist. Sesostris Council, No. 1:—Ill. Bros. Robert Lloyd Lee, Subl. Dal.; P. C. Shaffer, 1st Mystery; E. S. Perkins, M.D., 2nd Mystery; D. E. Hughes, Secretary. We congratulate the members of the above bodies upon the favorable and auspicious circumstances under which the Ancient and Primitive Rite has been introduced into the City of Brotherly Love, and as many of the fratres occupy high Masonic positions in Craft, Capitular, and Templar Masonry, we see before them a bright, prosperous, useful and beneficent career.