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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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Ill.: Bro.: C. W. CARTER, 33°,

*Deputy for the State of Connecticut ;*

" " GEO. O. TYLER, 33°,

*Deputy for the State of Vermont ;*

" " D. BURNHAM TRACY, 33°,

*Deputy for the State of Michigan ;*

who were received, welcomed, and took seats in the Supreme Council.

Letters of excuse were read from the following absentees, viz :—Ill.: Bros.: ROBERT MARSHALL, ROBERT T. CLINCH, B. LESTER PETERS and HUGH W. CHISHOLM, which on motion, were accepted.

Letters were also read from a number of Ill.: Brethren of the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., acknowledging invitations and regretting their inability to be present at this session.

The following resolution was then passed :

*Resolved*,—That the Supreme Council meets to-day in profound sorrow without its Sovereign Grand Commander. Deprived at the last session of his genial presence and wise counsel, by what we believed was a temporary illness, we looked forward with confident hope to meeting him here to-day. Alas ! this hope is not realized ; our brother has finished his work and now sleeps the long last sleep of death. The first bright link in our golden chain is broken, not again to be re-united on this side of the grave. May he rest in peace, and may the bright sunshine of Heaven beam brightly on his awaking. This council desires to put upon record this expression of its profound sorrow at the absence of him whose wise counsel has so long guided us, whose loss we so deeply deplore, and whose memory we shall ever revere.

W. B. SIMPSON, 33°

J. V. ELLIS, 33°

H. A. MACKAY, 33°

The Acting Sov.: Grand Commander then requested the several Representatives of Foreign Supreme Councils to approach the Throne, when in the name of this Supreme Council he welcomed them in warm terms and requested each to inform the Council of any matter of interest concerning their respective Councils, whereupon the Grand Representatives of the following Councils presented themselves, viz :—