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TO OUR READERS:

There are no more beautiful degrees in all Freemasonry than those of the Cryptic Rite.

For many years it was an "orphan" so far as the American or York Rite was concerned. But today, its beauty and ritualistic value is being quite generally recognized and it is being made mandatory in many jurisdictions for those who wish to advance in Freemasonry.

A reading of the biographies in this pamphlet will convince the reader that those who have served as the head of Grand Council have been active Freemasons engaged in all branches of the fraternity and who work, not for personal recognition, but for the advancement of the Rite.

Grand Council, at its 1959 assembly, voted to print and distribute these pamphlets so that Masonic students everywhere might have this historical information available.

There are now available, biographies of the heads of Grand Lodge (1947); Grand Council (1958); Grand Chapter (1958), and Grand Commandery (1958).

In your Masonic advancement do not overlook the degrees of the Cryptic Rite; they are necessary to a proper understanding of Ancient Craft Masonry.

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The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Missouri has never seen fit to print a history of that Rite in Missouri. The History of the Cryptic Rite, issued a quarter of a century ago, contains only a short history of the Rite in Missouri.

No biographies of our past grand masters have been printed except for the year in which a grand master served, consequently those histories ran only until the time he had completed his year of office. Of the many who have presided over the Grand Council, only some twenty-four now remain, for each year takes its toll, a year which also brings forth one new name to add to the roll of the living.

It has been our intention over the years to prepare material which might be used, eventually, by those who are to follow us, as a basis to make a complete story of the men who have made Cryptic Freemasonry.

Some have added greatly to the Rite; others have left small impress. That is life, for not all are qualified by nature to lead. We know of no organization where all of its heads have been leaders. Freemasonry, and certainly the Cryptic Rite, is no exception.

The man who accepts the responsibility of grand master, and who does nothing to advance the organization in the twelve months allotted to him, hardly deserves the title of *past grand master*. Fortunately, the greater per cent of those men have not been of that caliber. Visiting councils, issuing dispensations and courtesies, appointing representatives, and the like are necessary commitments, but the inspiration given to others to cultivate the vineyards, and to plan for the present, as well as the future, is much more necessary.

Most of our grand masters, it will be found, have been well educated; they have been religious men, for practically every one has been identified with some church; most of them have

been active in the civic life of their community. That is what Freemasonry urges them to be and to do.

The biographies are short, primarily because our space is limited. Those who wish to go further into the lives of these men may well consult the proceedings and files of the Grand Council.

Walter R. Anthony was born of distinguished ancestry October 4, 1867, in Massachusetts; he graduated at a business school in 1886. From that time on he became bookkeeper, secretary and treasurer of various corporations. In 1906 he was employed by the J. H. Garnsey Insurance Company and, in 1908, became a partner; in 1918, he retired and the company became the Kansas City Insurance Agency. He was active in church work, first in the Independence Avenue Methodist Church, and later in the Linwood Presbyterian Church. He died December 13, 1937, in Kansas City. He was a member of Rural Lodge No. 316 (1899), and was master in 1903. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 102 (1901), and became high priest in 1908. He was greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 (1901), was master in 1907, and grand master in 1913. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 35 (1923). He was active in the Order of High Priesthood. His death occurred in Kansas City, Missouri, December 13, 1937.

Robert Elgin Armstrong was a native of Audrain County, Missouri, born September 17, 1892, but when ten years of age, his parents removed to Kansas City, where he attended public schools and Central High School; later he was a student at Park College, Parkville, Missouri. He was married August 22, 1910, to Miss Helen Florence ValBracht, daughter of pioneer settlers in Carroll County, Missouri. To them was born a son, Robert John, (August 3, 1911). For twenty years, Bob was employed in the flour milling industry, but in 1930 accepted employment as the representative of a Kansas City insurance company; then for a time he operated a restaurant in Neosho, Missouri, and later was in the employ of the government at Camp Crowder. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred suddenly on October 16, 1955, and he was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Neosho. He was made a Master Mason in Acacia Lodge at Schuyler, Nebraska; later he affiliated with a lodge in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and finally with Neosho Lodge No. 247, serving as Master in 1950. He was a member of the Missouri Lodge of Research. He received the Chapter degrees in Oklahoma, affiliating, in 1945, with Tyrian Chapter No. 52 at Neosho, serving as high priest in 1947. He joined Jasper Council No. 30, at Joplin, in 1944 and became a charter member of Neosho Council in 1946, and was its first Master U.D.; in 1953-54 he became Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel and became head of the organization. He was knighted in Oklahoma, but affiliated with Neosho Commandery No. 57

in 1943, and served as commander in 1946. He received the Grand Commandery distinguished service award in 1946 for work in building up Freemasonry in Southwest Missouri. He belonged to St. Andrew Conclave No. 11, Red Cross of Constantine, the Order of High Priesthood, Past Commanders' Association, the K.Y.C.H., the Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

Benjamin Peter Bailey was born near Fulton, in Callaway County, Missouri, March 13, 1847, and died at his home in St. Louis June 8, 1901. For several years he was deputy sheriff of Callaway County, and Mayor of Fulton four years. He was an officer of the Missouri State Senate; served as treasurer and afterwards as Steward of the State Hospital for the Insane at Fulton, and finally became an employe of the United States in the Sub-treasury at St. Louis. He was made a Freemason in Fulton, Missouri, in 1872 and was master in 1876, 1877 and 1885. He was exalted in Orion Chapter No. 49 (1872), and was high priest four years. He received the Cryptic degrees in Columbia, Missouri, in 1874, was a charter member of Hebron Council No. 18, at Fulton, serving as master in 1878; he was Grand Master in 1878. He was knighted in Crusade Commandery No. 23, Mexico, Missouri, in 1873, and was a leading spirit at the organization of Calvary Commandery No. 28 at Fulton.

Martin Toner Balsley, born May 7, 1853, at Marshall, Illinois, was educated in the common schools of that state and at the Medical College of Indiana; he began practice of medicine at Marshall, but later moved to Danville, Illinois. In 1885 he came to Joplin, Missouri, where he died March 8, 1920. He was greatly interested in the public schools and was a member of the board of education, being elected president of the board. He joined Fellowship Lodge No. 345 in 1890, and was master in 1898-1900. He was exalted in Joplin Chapter No. 91 in 1891, and was high priest in 1903-04, and grand high priest in 1914. He was greeted in Jasper Council No. 30 in 1899, and was master 1900-05, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1905. For many years he was chaplain of the Order of High Priesthood. Active in the Red Cross of Constantine, he served as Sovereign of the Joplin conclave.

Reuben Barney, Sr. was born April 30, 1844, at Arlington, Vermont, where he attended private schools, later graduating in medicine at the Albany (N. Y.) Medical College; during the Civil War he served in the medical department of the Union Army. He came to Missouri in 1868, locating at Chillicothe, where he died July 15, 1903. He served three railway lines as company physician, was president of the Chillicothe board of education nine years, and twenty-five years senior warden in the Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. In 1866, he married Mattie Prindle. He was initiated in Red Mountain Lodge No. 63, Vermont, and completed his degrees in St. George Lodge No. 6, New York, in 1866; on his arrival in Chillicothe he affiliated with

Chillicothe Lodge as a charter member, in 1869, serving as master in 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1890. He was exalted in Lone Star Chapter No. 30, June 1, 1873, and in 1887 was grand high priest. He received the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1885, affiliated with Solomon Council No. 26 in 1895, and with Chillicothe Council No. 28 in 1897, serving as Master in 1897, and Grand Master in 1901. He was knighted in Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 14, at Brookfield, in 1874, dimitting to organize Paschal Commandery No. 32, serving five years as commander, and as grand commander in 1900.

John H. Barr was born at Dewitt, Iowa, in 1858. He was a manufacturing jeweler and made many of the jewels worn by Missouri Freemasons until his retirement from that business; he had a shop in Kansas City, where most of his Masonic life was spent. Coming to Kansas City in 1883 he identified himself with Rural Lodge No. 316 (1890) and was master in 1898. He was exalted in Kansas City Chapter No. 28 in 1890, and was elected high priest in 1896. He made his entry into Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1895, was master in 1900, and grand master in 1906. He was knighted in Kansas City Commandery No. 10 in 1893, and served as commander in 1901. He was past exalted ruler of the Kansas City Elks Lodge. After moving to Salem, Oregon, he dimitted from the Masonic bodies in 1931, and died shortly thereafter. He returned to the Catholic Church which he wrote "was a higher form of Freemasonry."

William Yantis Bean was born in Cass County, Missouri, November 3, 1859; the family soon moved to Sweet Springs. At the age of sixteen he entered Missouri School of Mines, at Rolla, and was graduated in 1878. In 1890 he became a supervising architect in St. Louis; in 1898 he accepted a position with a steel bridge company as their western agent. When it was decided (1909) to select an instructor for the Missouri Knights Templar, he was chosen for the work and retained the position until his death November 26, 1933, at Springfield, Missouri. He was a member of Cass Lodge No. 147, at Harrisonville (1884). He was exalted in Signet Chapter No. 68 in 1885, dimitting to St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1897, later with Springfield Chapter No. 15 (1924). He was greeted in Arcana Council No. 16 in 1885, serving as master in 1887, and as Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1898, affiliating (1910) with Hiram Council, later (1929) to Zabud No. 25. He was knighted in Bayard Commandery No. 26 in 1886, affiliating with St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, in St. Louis, in 1891, serving as commander in 1896, later he affiliated with St. John's Commandery No. 20, and Grand Commander in 1922. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

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William R. Brock was born at Oriskany, New York, April 16, 1864; educated in the state normal at Cortland, New York; at twenty years of age he was superintendent of a large dress and skirt company; in 1886 he established the Brock Corset Company, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but in 1899 he came to St. Louis where he became secretary-treasurer of a similar concern. He was made a Freemason in Grand River Lodge No. 34, Grand Rapids, in 1898; the chapter degrees were received in Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, and the Cryptic degrees in Council No. 1, St. Louis, in 1901; three years later he was master of the council and, in 1909 became Grand Master. He was a member of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 (1901), and served as commander in 1909. On moving to St. Louis he transferred his membership to Pride of the West Lodge No. 179 and to Oriental Chapter No. 78, serving the latter as high priest. His membership lapsed in several of the bodies and our records do not show the date of his death.

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and Drury College (B.S. 1917). He attended Washington University for a time, taking a medical course, but due to health was forced to discontinue. While in the army in World War I he attended Edinburgh University, in Scotland. He entered the medical corps of the army in 1918 and, after basic training, was sent to France with the Base Hospital No. 63 and saw active service on the St. Mihiel sector. Having completed his course at Edinburgh University he enrolled in the department of pathology and bacteriology, and at the completion of this course he was discharged in 1919. He is an Episcopalian. His present occupation is a bacteriologist and chief milk control officer in the city health department of Springfield. He was initiated in Republic Lodge No. 570 in 1915 and affiliated with United Lodge No. 5, at Springfield, in 1926, serving as master in 1933. He was exalted in Springfield Chapter No. 15 in 1915 and was high priest in 1925, receiving the Order of High Priesthood in 1925. He was greeted in Zabud Council No. 25, at Springfield, in 1915, and served as master in 1926; he became Grand Master in 1950. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 20, Springfield, in 1915 and was commander in 1929. He accepted an invitation to join St. Christopher Conclave No. 56, Red Cross of Constantine, in 1925 and was sovereign in 1934. He became eligible to join the Knights of York Cross of Honour in 1945 and is a member of Missouri Priory No. 17. He also holds membership in Missouri Lodge of Research, and served as master of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Joseph Scassford Browne was born August 23, 1836, in Washington, D. C. The family came to St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1857, after stopping for a time in Ohio. He died February 12, 1906, leaving one son and three daughters. He served as deputy postmaster at St. Joseph for many years. He was made a Freemason in St. Joseph Lodge No. 78 in 1858; after serving as district deputy grand master and lecturer, in 1877 he was made senior grand warden, and, in 1879, grand master. He was exalted in St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 in 1858 and, in 1876, was made grand high priest. The Cryptic degrees were received in St. Joseph Council No. 9 at its organization, master in 1873 and in that same year grand master. Knighted in Weston Commandery No. 2 in 1857, he affiliated with St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 as a charter member, becoming commander in 1877 and grand commander in 1886. He was made a Scottish Rite Mason in 1865, the degrees 19-32 being communicated by Albert G. Mackey.

Walter John Bublitz was born August 28, 1893, at Chicago, Illinois, the son of Karl Ernst and Wilhelmina Pantou Bublitz. Both parents were born in Germany, but emigrated to America in early life, where they reared a family of eleven children. At the age of twenty-one Walter was graduated from the University of Illinois with the degree of B.S. in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation from college he engaged in the construction business, being associated with the George A. Fuller Company of New York and the Leonard Construction Company of

Chicago. He superintended the construction of several large buildings and, at the age of twenty-four was one of two men who had charge of the construction of the original Camp Funston at Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1917. He also superintended the building of the twenty million dollar army supply base at New Orleans. He was elected secretary-treasurer and executive manager of the Carolina Ship Building Corporation, which was dissolved on the signing of the armistice. For a period of one year after the building of Camp Funston he was manager of the Kansas City office for the George A. Fuller Company. He established the Bublitz Machinery Company in Kansas City in 1927, in which business he is still actively and successfully engaged. On April 7, 1917, he was married to Miss Mary Zimmerschied, of Kansas City, who passed away July 16, 1951; they were the parents of four children, Dorothy Elaine, now Mrs. Jack L. Maroff; Walter John, Jr.; Genevieve Marie, now Mrs. Laurence L. Bratschie; and Karl Ernst. On January 31, 1952, Companion Bublitz was married to Mrs. Rose Jackson. Besides the duties of church, Freemasonry and business, Walter finds time for a number of clubs. He is a member of Kansas City Club, Millburn Country Club, Missouri Yacht Club, Illini Club of the University of Illinois, and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. He was raised a Master Mason in Hesperia Lodge No. 411, Chicago, Illinois, January 7, 1915, and affiliated with Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446, Kansas City, April 9, 1925, serving as master in 1944. He was exalted in Kansas City Chapter No. 28 on October 3, 1924, and was high priest in 1932, grand high priest 1940-41. The Cryptic degrees were conferred in Shekinah Council No. 24 November 9, 1932, and he served as master in 1941; he became a charter member of Kansas City Council No. 45, and was Grand Master in 1957-58. The Order of the Temple was conferred in Kansas City Commandery No. 10 May 3, 1926. He is a member of Missouri Lodge of Research; Order of the Silver Trowel; Order of High Priesthood, serving as president of the Order in 1941. He holds membership in the Red Cross of Constantine and the Scottish Rite.

Francis James Bullivant was born December 25, 1882, at St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, the son of Thomas and Leleah Potter Bullivant. When Francis was but a year and a half old his parents journeyed to Missouri, settling on the rich farm land along the Black River, a short distance from Poplar Bluff. When he was six years old his mother died and he was returned to St. Catharines to be with his paternal grandmother, with whom he lived for some eight years. He received his elementary schooling in the public schools of St. Catharines; after completing his elementary schooling he returned to Poplar Bluff to live with his father. His high school education was completed in Poplar Bluff, from there he went to Missouri University and graduated in 1907 with a B.S. degree in engineering, and, in 1909, with a Master's equivalent in the same field. At the University he was a member of the cadet corps, the forerunner of the R.O.T.C.; he attained the rank

of Captain and was assigned command of a company, and under his command his company won the silver cup award for excellence in competition with other companies. On April 24, 1909, he married Miss Leola Querbach. After graduation, Companion Bullivant spent fourteen years with Wagner Electric Company, from Wagner Electric he transferred his activities to Valley Electric Company, where he held the position of Chief Engineer for more than eight years; he then entered the sales field and became sales manager of the B-I. Electric Company for three years. In 1931 he left the employ of B-I. Electric Company to start his own business as a manufacturers representative, since which time the business has continued to grow and prosper. He was made a Master Mason in George Washington Lodge No. 9, St. Louis, February 17, 1920. The Capitular degrees were conferred in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1922, and he served as high priest in 1936. He received the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1937, was master in 1946, and Grand Master in 1954. The Order of the Temple was conferred June 3, 1922 in Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, and he served as Commander in 1932. February 17, 1933, he was made a member of St. Louis Conclave No. 42, Red Cross of Constantine, and served as Sovereign in 1947. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Missouri Lodge of Research, Order of Silver Trowel, and Past Commanders' Association.

George Tegard Burnham was born in Mason County, Illinois, August 20, 1860. He was educated in the public schools, after which he taught school for three years, and then began the practice of law in Illinois. He came to Missouri in 1885, living at various times in Kansas City, Milan, Unionville, and later went to Magnolia, Louisiana. He died March 14, 1932 and was buried at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was made a Master Mason in Unionville Lodge No. 210 in 1892, and served as master; he was exalted in Milan Chapter No. 103 in 1898 and, in 1903, was high priest and was grand high priest in 1916. He received the Cryptic degrees in Solomon Council No. 26 in 1899, serving as master in that year, and was grand master of the Grand Council in 1907. He was a member of St. Bernard Commandery No. 52, having been knighted in 1899, and was commander in 1905 and 1915.

Paul Raymond Byrum, grand master of the Grand Council 1942-43, was born at Afton, Iowa, February 28, 1892. He attended school at Greensfield and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, later receiving an LL.B. degree from the Kansas City School of Law. At the age of sixteen he went to Chicago where he worked as an office boy for \$5.00 a week and other jobs acquiring experience which later worked to his future success. He spent a few years in Colorado, traveling extensively over several western states. While a resident of Colorado he married Miss Zetta Mary Lewis, and they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1914; they were the parents of Paul Junior (1913) and William Lewis (1917). Both boys attended Kansas City schools, including junior college and

both later entered military service, Marine Corps and Aviation Corps respectively. After serving in the Missouri National Guard, including service on the Mexican Border in 1916, Companion Byrum was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserves and called to active duty in 1917, serving throughout the war with the 89th Division as Captain of a machine gun company; he was twice wounded in action, the last being received nine days before the armistice was signed; he received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. After the war he retained his commission in the Reserves and was finally made a Colonel. He was an active member of the Linwood (Kansas City) Methodist Church, serving on its official board and as a lay reader; he and Mrs. Byrum sponsored a young people's Sunday School class. He began his Masonic career in Temple Lodge No. 299, Kansas City, being raised May 18, 1918, but dimitted to Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446 in 1928. In the chapter, he was exalted in Kansas City Chapter No. 28 in 1923, was high priest in 1932, and continued as an officer of the chapter as its treasurer. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. Greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1925, he became its master in 1932, and grand master in 1942-43. He was a charter member of the Order of the Silver Trowel (1942). He was knighted in Kansas City Commandery No. 10 in 1938. He was distinguished as a lawyer, his real estate decisions of the Supreme Court being published regularly by the Kansas City Real Estate Board. He was commander of Craig Post V.F.W.; assistant adjutant general of the National organization. He was president of the Kansas City Chapter of National Sojourners, Sanford Brown Post of the American Legion, Bar Association, and many other military and civic organizations. His last military service was as Post Judge Advocate at Fort Leonard Wood. His death occurred in Kansas City July 21, 1953.

William Muse Campbell was born March 17, 1873, at Robinson, Kansas, son of a Methodist minister. He was educated in the public schools and at the age of seventeen began the study of medicine, finishing his course in 1893 and practicing for a time at Fairview, Kansas. He continued his medical education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, returning to St. Joseph to teach in a medical college. He spent two years practicing in Sullivan County. He was made a Freemason in Sabetha, Kansas, Lodge No. 362, dimitting to Zeredatha Lodge No. 189, in St. Joseph, where he became master in 1904. He was exalted in St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 in 1896, and was high priest in 1905. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1903, was master in 1915, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1922. He was knighted in St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 in 1896 and became commander in 1906. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, serving as Sovereign in 1920; Potentate of Moila Temple in 1910; a Scottish Rite Mason, 33° in 1921. He was a member of the boards charged with the construction of the Masonic Temple and the Scottish Rite Temple in St. Joseph. He died June 13, 1953.

Bruce James Carl was born at Lone Tree, Iowa, August 6, 1894. The family removing to Kansas, Bruce was educated in the schools of Greenwood County, together with a course in a business college located at Chillicothe, Missouri. He was first employed as a telegrapher with the Frisco Railroad, but after his business college training he located in Columbia. At first he worked with the University Cooperative store; in 1920 he was appointed secretary of the Agricultural Extension Service and remained there until 1930, when he was elected city clerk of Columbia; his duties there were concerned with water and light plants, city auditor and purchasing agent which fitted him for the position of executive director of the Missouri Municipal League, which he accepted in 1943. On December 24, 1914, he was married to Mabel Lillian Bridgewater, and they are the parents of a son, Charles E., and a daughter, Sally Ann; both children graduated from the University of Missouri. He is a member of several civic and fraternal societies, is a Methodist, Odd Fellow, Kiwanian, Boy Scout worker, and has served as grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. In Freemasonry, he was raised in Acacia Lodge No. 602 in 1920, serving as master in 1930; he was a district lecturer in 1931. In the chapter we find him exalted in Columbia Chapter No. 17 in 1923, and high priest in 1931; that same year he entered the Order of High Priesthood. Shortly after his exaltation he was greeted in Centralia Council No. 34 (1924), was master in 1929, and Grand Master 1943-44, and is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel. He was knighted in St. Graal Commandery No. 12 in 1942, serving as commander in 1955.

Gibbon William Carson was born in Washington County, Missouri, July 8, 1854. He graduated at Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri, and entered Missouri Medical College, after which he practiced medicine holding several positions with St. Louis institutions. He was a member and trustee of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 1879, he married Betty N. King of Fulton. He was raised a Master Mason in Pride of the West Lodge No. 179 in 1892, and was master in 1896. He was exalted in O'Sullivan Chapter No. 40 (later St. Louis Chapter No. 8) in 1893 and was high priest in 1895. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1896, was master in 1899, and grand master in 1904; for twenty-four years he was grand treasurer of the Grand Council. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1895, was commander in 1900, and grand commander in 1907. He was chairman of the triennial committee of the Grand Encampment in 1925. He died January 23, 1932.

Henry C. Christopher, according to our records, was born in 1831. Little is known of him except that he died January 29, 1892. At the time of his death he was a member of Anchor Lodge No. 443 and had served as master. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 September 20, 1878, and was high priest in 1883. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1880, serving as Master in 1885 and 1890, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1888.

Martin Collins was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1826; living for a time in New York, he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1844; two years later he engaged in shipping on the Pacific Coast, making voyages to China, South America and the (then) Sandwich Islands. In 1851, in Washington, D. C., he married Mary Alice Crabbe, daughter of Captain Crabbe of the U. S. Marines. Returning to St. Louis in 1852, he entered the insurance business. He was a Pennsylvania Freemason, a member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 126, receiving all the degrees the same evening (1853); he affiliated with Occidental Lodge No. 163, St. Louis, in 1856 and served as master in 1863, 1864 and 1870. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 September 25, 1855, was high priest in 1866, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1867. He held a position in the Order of High Priesthood in 1869-70. He was greeted in St. Louis Council, then under Illinois, serving as master in 1868, 1869, and Grand Master of the Grand Council 1869-70. He was knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 November 30, 1863, and was elected grand senior warden in 1865 and 1866; due to a dispute between George Frank Gouley and the Scottish Rite, he dimitted in 1868 from the commandery. He headed the Board of Relief in St. Louis from 1861 to 1905; was one of the organizers of the Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. A. and its first president. He received the Scottish Rite degrees, 4-33, in Washington, D. C., April 20, 1866 and in August of that year succeeded Anthony O'Sullivan as inspector general for Missouri. During his lifetime he served in several stations of the Supreme Council. His death occurred in St. Louis May 25, 1908, and he was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery in that city.

William H. Dale was born in Vermont, August 12, 1844, and died in St. Louis, December 14, 1898. Little is known of his life. He was initiated in Aurora Lodge No. 267 in 1870. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in O'Sullivan Chapter No. 40 in 1870, serving as high priest in 1875 and 1883. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1874, and was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1884. He has knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in 1871, and was commander in 1882.

Sanford M. Daniels was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, January 18, 1858. At the age of twelve the family came to Kansas City where Sanford resided most of his adult life. He graduated at Kansas City high school and then entered mercantile business, and later the real estate business. On June 12, 1887, he was married to Luella Cady, daughter of a partner in the well known jewelry firm of Cady & Olmstead. He was initiated in York Lodge No. 563 in 1905 and reached the East as master in 1911. The Capitular degrees were received in Orient Chapter No. 102 in 1905, where he advanced rapidly to high priest in 1913. Here he came in contact with the late Dr. Wm. F. Kuhn and was greatly influenced by him in his Masonic interest. In fact, there was a triumvirate of three Cryptic Masons—Daniels, James Price and Wm. J. Vannix—who traveled over North Missouri assisting in the work of conferring

Cryptic degrees; all of them became Grand Masters of the Grand Council. Shekinah Council No. 24 conferred the Cryptic degrees on Daniels in 1906, in 1910 he became master and Grand Master in 1916. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 35 in 1914. He died May 13, 1938.

John A. Dolman was born in Concord, Ohio, February 1, 1822, and died in St. Joseph, Missouri, February 9, 1896, where he had lived since 1854. He filled many important positions, civil, military and educational. He was a charter member of Zeredatha Lodge No. 189, in St. Joseph, and master in 1879. He was exalted in St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 in 1859, affiliated with Mitchell Chapter No. 89 in 1876, serving as its first high priest. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1871, master in 1879 and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1880. He was a charter member of St. Joseph Commandery No. 4.

Richard P. Dorris was born March 23, 1895 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was married May 11, 1927 to Miss Larue Raithe, who died in 1953; in 1958 he was married again. He has one daughter, Paula Gretchen (now Mrs. David Collins). His education was secured in the public schools and Missouri University (A.B. 1917), and Washington University School of Medicine (M.D. 1919). While in school he became a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Beta Pi; he was in military service from 1919-21 as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He is a Baptist; in politics, an Independent; belongs to the Jefferson City Country Club and his hobby is music. He received the degrees in Jefferson Lodge No. 43, being raised by Grand Master Wm. A. Clark. He was exalted in Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 in 1922, and was high priest in 1925. Greeted in Ezra Council No. 32 in 1922, he became master in 1928, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1956. His commandery membership is in Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 (1928). He was invited to membership in St. Chrysostom Conclave No. 36, Red Cross of Constantine, holds membership in the Order of High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Henry C. Elberg was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 2, 1866, of Holland parentage; there he attended public schools and St. Louis high school, graduating at eighteen. In 1885 he moved to Kansas City, where he met and married, September 21, 1892, Miss Elizabeth Kurfiss, and they became the parents of three sons—Henry, Charles, Leslie. Shortly after his arrival in Kansas City he accepted a place in the post office department, advancing to the position of Superintendent of Gateway Station, one of the busiest stations in Kansas City. He was made a Freemason in Temple Lodge No. 299 in 1894-95, but dimitted to form Westport Lodge No. 340, becoming master in 1898; then he was elected secretary, a station he filled until his decease. He was exalted in Kansas City Chapter No. 28 in 1903-04, and served as secretary until he dimitted in 1910 to assist in the formation of Westport Chapter No. 134, which he served as high priest in 1917, and secretary from 1918. He was

greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1908, but dimitted to form Westport Council in 1921, serving as master and later as recorder; he became Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1930. He was knighted in Kansas City Commandery No. 10, dimitting to assist in the formation of Westport Commandery No. 68 in 1919, and serving as its commander in 1913, having previously served as commander of Kansas City Commandery. He was a member of Ararat Shrine and the Order of High Priesthood. His death occurred November 2, 1935.

Clyde Clayton Evans, Grand Master of the Grand Council 1941-42, is a native Missourian, born at Vineland, Missouri, February 6, 1883. He was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and at Poteau, Indian Territory. His entire life has been spent in railway service, for he began business life at the age of thirteen as station helper, then Frisco telegrapher, and in April 1900, with Postal Telegraph in St. Louis; he recalls vividly the St. Louis cyclone of 1896; in that year he went with the Kansas Division of the Frisco, working for a time at Augusta, Kansas, where on March 21, 1901, he was married to Miss Mabel McIlvain, who died in November, 1957. In that year he went to Franklin, Washington, with the Pacific Coast Company as an agent; then to the Great Northern as agent, telegrapher and wire chief. In 1904-05 he served as wire chief of the Northern Pacific at Fargo, North Dakota; in 1905 he returned to his first love, the Frisco, being stationed at Memphis, Tennessee, Springfield and Kansas City, Missouri, but in 1906 he came to the Rock Island, first at Fairbury, Nebraska, and finally in January, 1907, to Trenton, Missouri, where he was dispatcher, and then chief dispatcher. Upon his retirement, September 1, 1949, he taught in a telegraph school in Kansas City. In recent years he has retired completely from all work. He has served as Mayor of Trenton, member of the Board of Education, councilman, ruling elder of the Hodge Presbyterian Church and superintendent of the Sunday School. He became a Freemason in Trenton Lodge No. 111, being raised May 7, 1908, and served as master in 1914-15 and 1933-35, and was named district deputy grand master in 1934, a position he held several years. He has been secretary of the Missouri Lodge of Research, now the largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. He was exalted in Trenton Chapter No. 66, R.A.M., August 9, 1912, was high priest in 1918; greeted in Solomon Council No. 26, at Milan, Missouri, in January 1915, he served as master in 1918, dimitting at the formation of Trenton Council No. 37 which he served as master in 1940. He was knighted in Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 in 1914, and was comander in 1916, 1917, 1941. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel, Past Commanders Association, and Moila Shrine Temple.

Victor H. Falkenhainer was born July 4, 1868, in St. Louis, where he attended public school, and later entered the law school of Washington University, graduating in 1902. From 1907 to 1910 he was assistant

prosecuting attorney of St. Louis; in 1911 he became a judge of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction. On June 20, 1894, he was married to Miss Lulu Scherr, of St. Louis, and they were the parents of one son. He died in St. Louis May 6, 1931, and his remains were cremated. He was a member of Cosmos Lodge No. 282 (1894), and master in 1903. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1900, serving as high priest in 1908. Greeted in Hiram Council No. 1, in 1900, he was master in 1909, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1915. He was knighted in Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in 1920, and was commander in 1926. He was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Ralph Tilden Finley, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1933, was born July 3, 1881, at Greenfield, Missouri. There he attended public school and high school; he attended the University of Missouri from 1901-1904, graduating in the Law Department in the latter year. He was a member of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. He practiced law in Columbia from 1905 to 1919, removing to St. Louis he became title attorney, the latter part of 1919, for the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, resigning later to become a member of the law firm Fauntleroy, Cullen and Hay; in 1922 he went with Jones, Hocker, Sullivan, Gladney and Reed. He was a Presbyterian. He was married to Miss Eleanor Kimber, of Greenfield, September 7, 1904, and they had three daughters, Virginia Belle, Eleanor Anne, and Mary Elizabeth. He was made a Freemason in Acacia Lodge No. 602, at Columbia, in 1913, affiliated with Ferguson Lodge No. 542 in 1930. He was exalted in Columbia Chapter No. 17 in 1914, dimitting in 1926 to affiliate with Cabany Chapter No. 140 in St. Louis, serving as high priest in 1935. Centralia Council No. 34 greeted him in 1914, and elected him master in 1923; he was very faithful to his council, attending most of their meetings when degrees were conferred. He was knighted in St. Graal Commandery No. 12, at Columbia, in 1915, dimitting in 1939 to affiliate with St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in St. Louis. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Order of Silver Trowel, and a charter member of St. Chrysostom Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, becoming its Sovereign. His death occurred in St. Louis January 28, 1958.

Pembroke Reeves Flitcraft was born January 8, 1847, in Woodstown, New Jersey; he removed with his parents to Ohio, later to Indiana and St. Louis. His father was a physician and contracted cholera in 1849, died and left a widow and the son. He was enabled to educate himself, graduating from the University of Michigan in 1871; three years later he received a Master of Arts degree from that university. After that he engaged in various lines of work, finally becoming a circuit judge in 1895. He was made a Master Mason in Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 24, at Centerville, Michigan, in 1870; he affiliated with George Washington Lodge No. 9, in St. Louis. He was exalted in Charlotte Chapter No. 82, April 24, 1872, Charlotte, Michigan. He affiliated with St. Louis

Chapter No. 8 in 1880 and was high priest in 1886. The records do not show where he received the Cryptic degrees, but on July 15, 1879, he affiliated with Hiram Council No. 1, in St. Louis, serving as Master in 1882, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1885. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 20, Youngstown, Ohio, October 3, 1874; he affiliated with St. Louis Commandery No. 1, St. Louis, June 1880, on a dimit from DeMolay Commandery No. 4, of Lawrence, Kansas, and was commander in 1885. He received the 33° of the Scottish Rite in 1899. He died June 17, 1908.

Joseph Fern Gaddy, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1944-46, was born in Andrew County, Missouri, August 12, 1891. To him was given the unusual distinction of having served two terms as Grand Master, the first instance since 1870; this was due to the war situation, government regulations prohibiting travel. He was educated in the Chillicothe, Missouri, Normal School, the Missouri State Teachers College at Maryville, and Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee; in the latter institution he received the degree of LL.B. in 1917. Returning to Missouri he was admitted to the bar in 1917, he practiced in St. Joseph until 1924, at which time he was elected city counselor, then he became circuit judge, 1929-35, in which latter year he again became city counselor, and later entered private law practice. He had a military record of service in World War I, being in the Field Artillery. He was a member of the American Legion, the Presbyterian Church, and a Colonel on the staff of Governor Phil M. Donnelly, as well as a regent of the State Teachers College at Maryville. On April 22, 1920, he was married to Austa E. Gibson, and they were the parents of three children, Margaret Jeane, Emma Laverne, Robert Joseph. He was raised in Whitesville Lodge No. 162 in 1915, served as master in 1918, and dimitted in 1920 to affiliate with Zeredatha Lodge No. 189 at St. Joseph. He was exalted in Savannah Chapter No. 83 in 1919, dimitting to Mitchell Chapter No. 14 at St. Joseph in 1929. He received the Cryptic degrees in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1924, serving as master in 1929. He was knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, in 1929. His death occurred October 5, 1953.

John Milton Gallatin was born on a farm in Mercer County, near Half Rock, Missouri, July 28, 1890; the family moved to Livingston County shortly thereafter, purchasing a farm two miles north of Chillicothe; here he was educated in the public schools, later graduating at the local normal school and began teaching; each summer he attended the normal school at Maryville and the University of Missouri. In 1915 he was prevailed upon to become county clerk of Livingston County, where he remained until July 1, 1926, when he accepted the position of postmaster at Chillicothe; he held commissions under both Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, but in 1934 he was elected probate judge of the county, a position he still holds. November 27, 1907, he was married to Miss Maud Elizabeth Sparling and they have three

children, Howard Noble; Andrey, now Mrs. Carl Lohmar; Martha Jean. He has been a director of the Chamber of Commerce, charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, chairman of board of deacons of the Baptist Church, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and member of the State Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist General Association. He was made a Master Mason in Benevolence Lodge No. 170, at Utica, Missouri, in 1910; while superintendent of schools at Wheeling, he dimitted to Wheeling Lodge No. 434 in 1911, serving a master in 1914; moving to Chillicothe in 1915, he transferred his membership to Friendship Lodge No. 89. In the chapter he was exalted in Lone Star Chapter No. 30 in 1917 and was high priest in 1920, later he was elected treasurer; Chillicothe Council No. 28 greeted him in 1917; in 1921 he was elected master, and in 1935 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was knighted in Paschal Commandery No. 32 in 1920, and was commander in 1929 and 1930. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood, the Order of the Silver Trowel, Missouri Lodge of Research.

Thomas Elwood Garrett was born March 16, 1828, in Chester County, Pennsylvania; he came to St. Louis in 1851, where for twenty-five years he followed literary work. As a writer he stood among the best; he was the author of "The Masque of the Muses," which is said to have provided needed income later in life. To him goes credit for the funeral service adopted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which in its day may have been satisfactory, but which has now become somewhat archaic. He received his degrees in Pride of the West Lodge No. 179 in 1861, serving as master in 1863 and 1867; he was honored by election as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1871. He was exalted in Missouri Chapter No. 1 in 1861, but in 1864 affiliated with St. Louis Chapter No. 8, becoming high priest in 1865, and still more wonderful, he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter that same year. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1, and by 1867 had attained the station of Grand Master of the Grand Council. Knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1, in 1862, he served as Prelate in 1863-64. In September 1868, he was created a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He was the first President of the Order of High Priesthood. He died in St. Louis June 30, 1905.

Walter Warren Garth was born January 27, 1848, and at the time of his death, January 9, 1916, was one of Columbia's oldest native-born citizens. At the age of nineteen, he was married to Miss Eva Samuel. In 1873 he was admitted to the bar; elected clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, in 1874 and 1878; appointed Judge of the Probate Court of Boone County in 1890, resigning to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Exchange National Bank of Columbia. He was made a Master Mason in Twilight Lodge No. 114 March 15, 1869; after serving several years as secretary, he was elected master in 1872. He received the Capitular

degrees in Columbia Chapter No. 17 in May 1869, serving as high priest in 1873, 1874, 1895, 1897. He received the Cryptic degrees July 16, 1872 and assisted in the formation of Melody Council No. 17, serving as master in 1873, 1874, 1876-78, and elected Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1874. The charter of Melody Council was arrested in 1881, leaving him a non-affiliate. He was knighted in St. Graal Commandery No. 12, July 16, 1869, serving as commander in 1876, 1885, 1887, 1890-93; in 1878 he was elected Deputy Grand Commander, but business matters prevented his attendance at the annual conclave in 1880, and not being a candidate for advancement his official connection with the Grand Commandery ceased.

Samuel Arch Gilliland, Grand Master of the Grand Council 1939-40, was born at LaHarpe, Illinois, April 19, 1874. "Sam" knew but two employers in forty-six years, first with a bank and trust company (1893-1903), and the Rock Island Railway (1903-39). On the occasion of his retirement he was given a dinner at Harvey's restaurant, in Kansas City, by the passenger agents of Kansas City. He was married April 16, 1910, to Mrs. Mary Louise Brown who preceded him in death. He was raised in Beatrice (Nebr.) Lodge No. 26 in October, 1897, was master in 1899-1901, dimitting, in 1920, to affiliate with East Gate Lodge No. 630, and in 1923 with Westport Lodge No. 34. He was exalted in Livingston Chapter (Nebr.) No. 10, in 1899, serving as high priest in 1902, and dimitting in 1920 to affiliate with Westport Chapter No. 134 in Kansas City. In Cryptic Masonry we find him receiving the degrees in the council at Beatrice, Nebraska—Rabboni Council No. 9, in 1902, dimitting in 1920 to affiliate with Westport Council No. 38; he served as master in 1933. He was knighted in Mt. Hermon Commandery No. 7 (Nebr.) in 1903, dimitting in 1920 to affiliate with Westport Commandery No. 68. He was invited to become a member of Mary Conclave No. 5, Red Cross of Constantine, and later became its sovereign. He was a member of the Scottish Rite; the Rotary Club; High Twelve; Kansas City Athletic Club; Kansas City Club; Traffic Club; Chamber of Commerce; Order of High Priesthood in Nebraska, but affiliated with Missouri in 1926; the Order of the Silver Trowel; Jesters; Shrine; Methodist Church.

Noah Monroe Givan was born in Indiana, December 1, 1840, and educated in the public schools of Indiana, Franklin College and the University of Indiana; he served as county treasurer, published a county newspaper, and was superintendent of public schools, studying law at the same time; he was admitted to the bar; in 1866 he moved to Harrisonville, Missouri, where he began the practice of law; he was judge of the 7th judicial circuit in 1880-86, when he resigned and moved to St. Louis. He soon returned to Harrisonville where he spent the rest of his life. However his death occurred in St. Louis, October 3, 1907, and his remains were taken to Harrisonville for burial. He was made a Freemason in Burns Lodge No. 55 (Ind.) in 1862, dimitting

to affiliate with Lawrence Lodge No. 5 (Ind.), and when Cass Lodge No. 147 was organized in Harrisonville, in 1867, he became a charter member and its master; in 1878 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; for fifteen years he was chairman of the Grand Lodge committee on appeals and grievances, and was President of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home of Missouri from its organization in 1889 until his death. He received the Capitular degrees in Indiana in 1865; at the organization of Signet Chapter No. 68, in 1870, he was a charter member and served as high priest four terms; he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1878, and Grand Treasurer from 1883 to 1907. He received the Cryptic degrees in Arcana Council No. 16, Harrisonville, in 1871, was master in 1874, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1875. He was knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, in 1874; he was a charter member of Bayard Commandery No. 26 at Harrisonville, serving as commander in 1875-77, 1880-86. While in St. Louis he assisted in the formation of Bernard de Tremelay Commandery No. 49 (now defunct); he was Grand Commander of of the Grand Commandery in 1891. He was treasurer of the Order of High Priesthood from 1894 until his death, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter from 1883 to 1907.

William Cooper Glenn was born at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, August 30, 1858; he lived for more than twenty years at Webb City, Missouri, later in Miami, Oklahoma, where he was city clerk. He was master of Webb City Lodge No. 512 in 1905. He was exalted in Webb City Chapter No. 119 in 1902, serving as high priest in 1908. He was greeted in Jasper Council No. 30, Joplin, in 1904, served as master in 1914, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1919. The Order of the Temple was conferred in Ascension Commandery No. 39, Joplin, in 1903 and he was commander in 1907. His death occurred in Miami, Oklahoma, January 15, 1954.

Charles Gurley was born January 18, 1874, at Birmingham, England. He was educated in Manchester, England, and September 6, 1898, was married to Edith Mary Hankin, and they were the parents of six children. March 17, 1903, he sailed from Liverpool, arriving in New York about March 25, and began his life in America in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was connected with the Western Tablet and Stationery Company, and was a member of the Congregational Church. He was made a Master Mason in 1921 in Charity Lodge No. 331, and was master in 1927. He was exalted in Mitchell Chapter No. 14 in 1921, serving as high priest in 1927. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1921, serving as master in 1927, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1934. He was knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 in 1921, and was commander in 1933. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and served as treasurer in St. Joseph Scottish Rite Cathedral Association. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, Knights York Cross of Honour, and the Shrine. His death occurred November 26, 1955.

William G. Hall was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1831, and died in Kansas City, Missouri, June 11, 1915. He was educated for the medical profession, attending Jefferson Medical College, Western Reserve Medical and the Homeopathic Medical College. For a time he practiced at Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Favoring the Union cause, he volunteered in the Civil War as a major and surgeon in the 10th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry; when the war ended he came to St. Joseph, Missouri. He was made a Master Mason in Golden Gate Lodge No. 245, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, in 1860, affiliating with St. Joseph Lodge No. 18, in 1866. He is said to have been exalted in Quincy Chapter No. 5 in 1867, Quincy, Illinois, dimitting in 1869 to assist in the formation of Mitchell Chapter No. 14 (then No. 89) in St. Joseph, and was high priest in 1884. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1876, master in 1881, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1883. Knighted in St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 in 1878, he was commander in 1880, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1881. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Emanuel F. Hartzell was born near Altoona, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1847. He attended public school in the winter and worked on a farm in the summer, assisting his father in his trade as a carpenter and joiner; he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, but in 1863 the family moved to Covington, Ohio, where he enlisted in the U. S. Army; after he was mustered out in 1864 he again entered the employ of the railroad company, but meeting with an accident he resigned and returned to his parents. In 1865, he re-enlisted with the 8th Ohio Volunteers. Then, in 1866, he moved to the Ozarks in Missouri and engaged in the lumber business. In 1869 he moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, and, after a few years in various positions, he formed an insurance business which he followed successfully. He was made a Freemason in Charity Lodge No. 331, St. Joseph, in 1886, and was master in 1888; he held Grand Lodge office several years, was secretary of the St. Joseph Board of Relief and was president for nine years. He became a Royal Arch Mason in St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 in 1887, and was high priest in 1892. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1887, was master in 1892, and was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1896. Knighted in St. Joseph (now Hugh de Payens) Commandery No. 4 in 1887, he was commander in 1892, and in 1903 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He organized St. Joseph Conclave No. 9 of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1903 and was its first sovereign. That same year, at Peoria, Illinois, he was appointed grand marshal of the Grand Imperial Council, and was also elected to membership in what was then known as the "Supreme Grand Chapter" and made a Knight Grand Cross. His death occurred November 6, 1919.

James L. Heckenlively was born in Gentry County, Missouri, August 18, 1863, and died at Springfield, which had been his home for many

years, August 28, 1938. He was an architect and many buildings throughout Missouri evidence his ability. He began his Masonic life in Solomon Lodge No. 271, at Springfield, in 1901, and was master in 1905. Exalted in Springfield Chapter No. 15 in 1903, he became high priest in 1908 and 1911. He was greeted in Zabud Council No. 25 in 1904, master in 1907, 1908, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1914. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 20 in 1903 and was commander in 1907. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine at Joplin, the Order of High Priesthood, and active in the Shrine.

Robert Wesley Hedrick was born at Ottumwa, Iowa, January 22, 1882. He was married December 21, 1911, to Miss Emily A. Tietjen and they have a son, Robert Wesley, Jr., and a daughter, Mary Margaret (now Mrs. Frank M. Pollard). The family are Presbyterians and Brother Hedrick has devoted much time to the work of his church. Following completion of school in Iowa, he was employed for six years in the ticket and passenger department of the Burlington Railroad; leaving their employ he went to Wyoming, then to Cole Camp, Missouri, in 1907, where his personal popularity landed him in the house of representatives during the 48th and 49th general assemblies. Then he turned to law, and in January 1921 was appointed attorney in the corporation department of the State, but in 1922 the Missouri Telephone Association acquired his services as secretary and attorney, and he continues in that capacity to the present time. He has had service in the Iowa and Missouri National Guard. Sedalia Lodge made him a Master Mason July 7, 1909; he is now affiliated with Jefferson Lodge No. 43, at Jefferson City. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18, 1910, and affiliated with Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 in 1934, serving as high priest in 1941. He was greeted in Ezra Council No. 32 in 1921, was master in 1926, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1936. Knighted in St. Omer Commandery No. 11, at Sedalia, in 1910, he affiliated with Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Jefferson City, was commander in 1933, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1948. He holds membership in the Scottish Rite, St. Chrysostom Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and Missouri Lodge of Research.

William H. Herrick was born at Belleville, Ontario, November 4, 1852; in 1854 the family moved to Vermont; in 1875 he completed his education at the University of Vermont; for fourteen years he lived in Michigan; 1889 he came to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained ten years before coming to St. Louis, Missouri. For many years he was manager of the St. Louis agency of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was made a Freemason in Jonesville, Michigan, in Lafayette Lodge No. 16; after affiliation with Oak Park (Ill.) Lodge No. 540, he was elected master in 1897. He was exalted in Michigan, affiliating with Cicero (Ill.) Chapter No. 180 at Austin,

Illinois, and finally with St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1905. Tyre Council No. 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan, greeted him in 1887; he dimitted to Hiram Council No. 1, in St. Louis, and was master in 1907, and in 1912 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council. Knighted in Siloam Commandery No. 54 (Ill.) in 1893, he was commander in 1897, affiliating with St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1908, and serving as commander. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, was president of the St. Louis Masonic Temple Association, and held membership in Medinah Temple of the Shrine in Chicago. He died July 16, 1921.

Walter Allen Higbee, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1938, was a son of Edward Higbee, a most distinguished past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Walter was born in Lancaster, Missouri, September 4, 1881, and was educated in the schools there; in 1903 he received the degree of A.B. from Missouri University, and in 1905 LL.B. from Washington University. He began the practice of law at Lancaster, where he has continued to live. In May 1907, he was married to Miss Edna Reeves and they became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth (now Mrs. L. F. Cottey). In 1914 he was elected prosecuting attorney, re-elected in 1916, of Schuyler County. In World War I he was government appeal agent under the Selective Service Act, and was chairman of the Liberty Loan Drive, and Federal Food Administrator for the county. In 1922, 1923 he represented his county at the Missouri Constitutional Convention. In 1926 he was elected judge of the 37th judicial circuit, and was re-elected for several terms thereafter. In Lancaster we find him president of a bank, teacher of a woman's Bible class, a trained musician, experienced in public speaking, and with a hobby of breeding fine Herefords. He was initiated, passed and raised in Lodge of Love No. 259, at Lancaster, in 1902-03. He was exalted in Eastern Star Chapter No. 29, Memphis, Missouri, in October 1907. He received the Cryptic degrees in Solomon Council No. 26, at Milan, Missouri, in 1916, serving as master in 1921; he dimitted in order to form Kirksville Council No. 44 in 1928. He received the Order of Knighthood in Memphis Commandery No. 41 in 1908. dimitting in 1914 to Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville, but returning to Memphis Commandery in November 1928, and serving as commander in 1942.

Bruce Harmon Hunt was born at Forest City, Missouri, January 29, 1913. He was married December 26, 1936, to Miss Irene Spencer, a teacher; they are the parents of two children, Stephen Dennis and Suzanne; the family are Methodists. Bruce was educated in the public schools at Kirksville, and graduated from high school at New Bloomfield in 1931. He began work as an apprentice in mechanical dentistry and for several years operated the Superior Dental Laboratory in Kirksville, resigning that work in 1946 to devote himself to teaching Masonic ritual as grand lecturer of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. He is an experienced airplane pilot and has served as a civilian flight instructor. He began his Masonic life by initiation in Adair Lodge No. 366 in 1936, and was elected master in 1940. A fter

serving as district lecturer of the Grand Lodge, 1940-46, 1949-50, he began ascent in the Grand Lodge line and has now reached the station of Senior Grand Warden; for several years he served on the ritual committee. He is a member of the Missouri Lodge of Research, which he has served as master. He was exalted in Caldwell Chapter No. 53, at Kirksville, in 1936 and was high priest in 1941. He was anointed to the High Priesthood in 1941. He was greeted in Kirksville Council No. 44 in 1937 and became master in 1942; he was placed in the Grand Council line and, in 1951, was elected Grand Master; he is an honorary member of several grand councils, and is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel; he was one of the committee which had to do with the planning and completion of the Cryptic Room in the Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. Ely Commandery No. 22, at Kirksville, knighted him in 1939 and he was commander in 1944; he is a member of the Past Commanders' Association. He was installed a member of St. Chrysostom Conclave No. 36, Red Cross of Constantine in 1945; he has been active in Missouri Priory No. 17 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and the Allied Masonic Degrees, being a member of the Grand Council. Other organizations with which he is connected are the Order of the Bath, Knights Templar Priest, Knight Masons of Ireland, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Grand College of Rites, Moila Temple, Philalethes Society, the Scottish Rite.

Kipp Charleton Jolmson was born March 3, 1885 in St. Francois County, Missouri. In May 1906, he entered the employ of a well known Southeast Missouri lumber concern at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and in 1916 participated in the organization of the Ruth Lumber Company, being elected secretary of the company in 1923. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1921, and president of the local Kiwanis Club in 1928. He served many years as a member of the board of education, and as president in 1924 and 1925, vice-president of the Y.M.C.A., and secretary-treasurer of the official board of the Christian Church, of which he was a member. June 8, 1910, he married Miss Allie Vern Curtner, of Hazelton, Indiana, and they were the parents of two sons, Kipp Curtner and Charles Vernon. He was made a Master Mason in Poplar Bluff Lodge No. 209 in 1908, and was master in 1916; he served as district deputy grand master and grand lecturer 1919-20. In Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114, he was exalted in 1910 and became high priest in 1918. The Cryptic degrees were conferred by Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 in 1917, he was elected master in 1920, and in 1929 became Grand Master. He was knighted in Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 in 1919 and was elected commander in 1924. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. His death occurred November 21, 1953.

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William Edward Jolmson was born on a farm near Crawfordsville, Indiana, November 8, 1861. He was raised a Quaker, but later affiliated with the Methodist Church; he was educated in a Quaker school, later

attending Earlham College in Indiana. He began his career working in a Crawfordsville clothing store; he came West, working for six years at Elk City, Kansas, and then to Joplin, Missouri. He was raised in Carson Lodge No. 132 while a resident of Elk City, Kansas, but affiliated, in 1893, with Fellowship Lodge No. 345 at Joplin, and served as master in 1914. He was exalted in 1887 in a chapter at Crawfordsville, Indiana; for a time he held membership in Keystone Chapter No. 22 at Elk City, Kansas, and then affiliated with Joplin Chapter No. 91, in 1897, becoming high priest in 1910. The Cryptic degrees were conferred by Jasper Council No. 30 in 1900, where he became master in 1910, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1931. Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 conferred the Orders of Knighthood in 1888; he affiliated with Ascension Commandery No. 39, at Joplin, in 1895 and was elected commander in 1908. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood, the Scottish Rite, and St. Andrew's Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. His death occurred at Joplin, February 23, 1938.

Cyrus Houston Jones was born April 2, 1868, in Pulaski County, Missouri. He was educated in the country schools and completed his education at the Rolla School of Mines; he did not follow the line of his schooling, but began life as a lawyer, then the insurance business which he found to his liking; in 1890 he entered the home office of the American Central Life Insurance Company in St. Louis, resigning as auditor of the company in 1896 to practice law with Frederick H. Bacon; he was admitted to practice in 1898, but in 1899 formed a partnership with his brother at Rolla, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was made a Freemason in Rolla Lodge No. 213 in 1891, but dimitted to Occidental Lodge No. 163, where he received his 2° and 3°; he was elected master of the lodge in 1898 and served as district deputy grand master and grand lecturer. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1894, dimitting to affiliate with Rolla Chapter No. 32 in 1901. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1894, was master in 1897 and became Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1902. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1895, dimitting to assist in the formation of Rolla Commandery No. 59, being its first commander in 1890. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1898. He dimitted from all the bodies in 1905.

Frederick A. Kage was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, April 4, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He served his community as sheriff and marshal, and for several years was a deputy revenue collector; from 1871 to 1894 he operated a livery establishment. He was made a Freemason in St. Mark's Lodge No. 93 in 1872, and served as master 1889-95; he was a district deputy grand master of his lodge district. Exalted in Wilson Chapter No. 75 in 1873, he was high priest in 1891, 1892, 1894; he received the Order of High Priesthood in 1891. Cryptic degrees were conferred in Charleston Council No. 8 (now defunct) in 1875, but transferred to Cape Council

No. 20 to become a charter member, serving as master in 1893. He received the Orders of Knighthood in St. Louis Commandery No. 1, in 1899, dimitting to assist in the formation of Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 in 1890, and was commander in 1901. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1895; his address occupied two pages of the proceedings, and he never visited a council during his term of office. He died October 6, 1932.

Edwin Knudsen was born March 13, 1909, at Concordia, Kansas. He was married December 31, 1935, to Miss Louise Forsythe Fischler; there are two children, Richard Edwin and Karen Louise. He is president and general manager of Central Farm Products, one of Trenton's largest industries. He was educated in the grade schools in the United States and a high school and drafting school in Denmark; he attended Cornell University, but did not graduate. He is a Presbyterian, a member of many local organizations in Trenton, member of the Board of Public Works, country club, and such allied Masonic degrees as Knight Masons of Ireland, Order of Cork, Order of the Bath, Societas Rosicruciana, Knights Templar Priest, Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand College of Rites, Past Commanders' Association, Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, the Scottish Rite, Moila Temple, and St. Chrysostom Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; he is an honorary member of the Grand Councils of Arkansas, Kansas and Illinois. He rendered great service to the General Grand Council as chairman of the committee which planned and completed the Cryptic room in the great Alexandria Washington Memorial. He received the symbolic degrees in Ossia Lodge No. 317, Westboro, Pennsylvania, but affiliated with Trenton Lodge No. 111 in 1943, and was elected master in 1946. He was exalted in Trenton Chapter No. 66 in 1943, and served as high priest in 1948. Greeted in Trenton Council No. 37 in 1943, he was master in 1947, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1952. He was knighted in Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24 in 1943, serving as commander in 1951. He entered the Knights York Cross of Honour in 1951.

William Frederick Kuhn was generally regarded as one of the nation's best known Freemasons, his Masonic activity extending to all branches of the fraternity in which he left an impress. He was born April 15, 1849, near Lyons, New York; his parents were German and later moved to Mendon, Michigan. Dr. Kuhn entered Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, graduating in 1875 with the degree of A.B.; in 1878 he received the A.M. degree. For a time he acted as principal of schools in Belle Center and DeGraff, Ohio, then entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1884. He came to El Dorado, Kansas, where he practiced his profession until 1888, when he came to Kansas City, Missouri. Here he taught in medical schools for many years, at the same time carrying on a practice; he once served the State as superintendent of the state hos-

pital at Farmington, Missouri, and later at St. Joseph. He was made a Freemason while living at Belle Center, Ohio, in Belle Center Lodge No. 347, in 1877; when he went to Kansas he affiliated with Patmos Lodge No. 97, serving as master; in 1889 he affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 299 in Kansas City, transferring, in 1895, to form York Lodge No. 563 and to become its first master. He was grand orator of the Grand Lodge in 1892, and so distinguished himself by his eloquence that he was placed in the line, becoming Grand Master in 1903. He was one of Missouri's first representatives on the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter No. 60, Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1882, affiliated with El Dorado Chapter No. 35 in 1886, and finally with Orient Chapter No. 102, Kansas City, where he served for three years, 1891-93, as high priest, and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1897. He was active in the national organization and, in 1921, became General Grand High Priest; he was chairman of the committee that prepared the General Grand Chapter ritual adopted at Baltimore in 1918. He was equally at home in Cryptic Masonry—greeted in Hiram Council No. 1, 1892, St. Louis, and was a charter member and first master of Shekinah Council No. 24, 1892, in Kansas City—and stranger yet—he was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1893. He was one of those responsible for the dramatizing of the ritual of the Super Excellent Master degree and often portrayed the part of Jeremiah. He was knighted in El Dorado Commandery No. 19, Kansas, in 1887, serving as commander in 1888; affiliated with Oriental Commandery No. 35, Kansas City, in 1889, and served as commander in 1893, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1910. He was active in the Grand Encampment, serving on its jurisprudence committee many years. He was a member of Mary Conclave No. 5, Red Cross of Constantine, and its first Sovereign, and in 1902 was Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council; he received the Grand Cross in the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Boston in 1899. He was a Scottish Rite Mason 32°, in Kansas City. He died in Kansas City September 1, 1924, a week before he was to preside over the General Grand Chapter. A bronze and marble memorial was unveiled in 1943, the gift of his Masonic friends and bodies.

Bert Sidney Lee was born October 30, 1871, at Mansfield, Missouri. He was married December 27, 1893, to Miss Mabelle Ida Lingsweiler, of Lebanon, Missouri, and they became the parents of five children. His education was secured in the Springfield public schools and Drury College; he served the latter institution as a trustee for several years; for fifteen years he was president of the local Y.M.C.A., and forty years was a trustee in the Springfield Masonic Temple Association. He was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, serving as treasurer fifteen years, and steward fifty years. He was made a Freemason in the lodge at Sparta, Missouri, in 1893, affiliating with Gate of the Temple Lodge, at Springfield, serving as master in 1899, 1900, 1907;

he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1922. Exalted in Vincil Chapter No. 110, he served as high priest in 1901-3-9 and elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1921. He was greeted in Zabud Council No. 25, at Springfield, served as master in 1904, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1910; he was General Grand Master of the General Grand Chapter U.S.A. in 1924-27. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 20 in 1897, was commander in 1902, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1911. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1901; was a member of S. Christopher Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and sovereign in 1918; he was a member of Joplin Consistory of the Scottish Rite, a member of Knights York Cross of Honour, and an emeritus vice-president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. He died in Springfield, March 6, 1957.

William A. Lord was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1886; he had received the Cryptic degrees in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1880, and was master in 1883 and 1887; he dimitted in November 1894, and we have no information as to whether he affiliated elsewhere for he took dimits from lodge, chapter, council and commandery. He came to Missouri from Edgefield Lodge No. 254, Tennessee, affiliated with Charity Lodge in St. Joseph, in June 1879; he was master of the lodge in 1884. He was exalted in Mitchell Chapter No. 89 (now No. 14) in St. Joseph, in 1879, serving as high priest in 1881. He was knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 in 1879 and was commander in 1884.

Frank P. McAtce, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1927, was born at Cuba, Missouri, February 25, 1874. His mother having died when he was three years old, and his father when he was five, he was raised in the home of an uncle, who, in 1884, was living in Benton County, Arkansas, and here he attended rural and town schools. He was teaching school at the age of nineteen; then he attended a teachers college in Emporia, Kansas, and, in 1898, began to teach again. In 1902, he accepted a position in the office of the quartermaster general in Washington, D. C., resigning to move to Salem, Missouri, where he took up the sale of insurance; in 1912 he set up his own agency in Springfield. He was initiated in Salem Lodge No. 225, affiliating with United Lodge No. 5, at Springfield, and serving as master in 1918. He was exalted in Vincil Chapter No. 110, Springfield, in 1914, dimitting to Springfield Chapter No. 15. He was greeted in Zabud Council No. 25 in 1915, was master in 1921. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 20, in 1918. He was head of the DeMolay organization in Springfield for several years, active in the Christian Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Y.M.C.A., the Deaconess Hospital, and president, in 1920, of the Kiwanis Club. He was on the Temple Association Board, the Missouri Home Savings Association, and the Boy Scouts of America. His later Masonic and civic history was somewhat unfortunate, being suspended by his lodge in 1934.

Allan McDowell was born March 9, 1833 in Randolph County, Arkansas; the family moved to Dade County, Missouri, where he received his elementary education. At the age of seventeen he entered the office of the circuit and county clerk as deputy to his father, who held both positions. His great service to Freemasonry was rendered as grand lecturer, a position he held from 1870 until his death May 6, 1906. He entered Freemasonry through Washington Lodge No. 87, at Greenfield, Missouri, being master in 1859 and 1860; he was started in Grand Lodge line in 1867, but resigned to take over the lecturer post. He was exalted in Springfield Chapter No. 15 in 1859, dimitting to become a charter member of Greenfield Chapter No. 38, and serving as high priest; he also became grand lecturer of the Grand Chapter, and in 1892 was elected Grand High Priest. He received the Cryptic degrees in Sedalia Council No. 5, in 1870, and was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1872; he was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council in 1875 and served several years. He was knighted in O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15, at Nevada, in 1870, and assisted in the formation of commanderies at Springfield and Greenfield; he organized the commandery at Jefferson City and became its first commander; in 1888 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. In 1872 he received the Scottish Rite degrees (4-14) from Albert Pike.

James Robert McLachlan, for many years grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1924, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, January 2, 1858; at fourteen he came to Missouri to live with his sister and settled near Kahoka. He was educated in the public schools and for several years taught in them; he was elected county school commissioner of Clark County, then he became an examiner of land titles, but, in 1906, at the death of Allan McDowell, then grand lecturer, he accepted the position in which he spent the rest of his active life, resigning in 1934 to be made an emeritus lecturer. The station of Grand Master of the Grand Council was the only other position he ever held. He was made a Freemason in Hiram Lodge No. 362, at Kahoka, in 1891, and was master in 1894-95. He was exalted in Kahoka Chapter in 1906, while it was under dispensation, and served as high priest in 1909. He was greeted in Solomon Council No. 26, at Milan, in 1907, and was master in 1908. Knighted in Memphis Commandery No. 41 in 1906, he dimitted, in 1914, to affiliate with St. Bernard Commandery No. 52 at Milan, and served as commander in 1916. He was president of the Order of High Priesthood 1929-33. His death occurred July 17, 1944.

Thomas Alexander Milburn was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, July 11, 1854. At the age of eighteen he came to Missouri, settling near Springfield, then went to Warren County and later to Henry County. In 1888 the family moved to Kansas City. Most of his life was spent in serving the various Masonic bodies as secretary and recorder. He was initiated in June, 1894, in Temple Lodge No. 299; was master

of the lodge in 1899. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 102, and in 1901 was high priest, exalting 113 candidates during his year—at that time a record. He was greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1895, serving as master in 1902 and greeting 105 candidates during his term; in 1908 he became Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 35 in 1895, being commander in 1903. Then he was elected secretary and recorder of all these groups. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Shrine and Scottish Rite. He died April 4, 1919.

Louis Moller was born at Florissant, near St. Louis, November 28, 1853. He began work at the age of twelve with a firm that manufactured buckets and barrels; he remained there four years, accepting employment with Sylvester and Company, spending five years as a coach builder. In 1879 he joined Nathan Card and Company, manufacturing carriages. In 1887, with a cousin Frank Joseph Rapp, he organized the Rapp & Moller Carriage Company at 2222 Pine Street; they manufactured buggies. The advent of the automobile made their business obsolete so that for the next twenty years they painted automobiles and rebuilt auto tops. He was a member of West Gate Lodge No. 445 (1895) and master in 1899; he served as district deputy grand master in 1905. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1892. Greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1893, he was master in 1911, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1920; he was grand lecturer from 1923 until his death December 5, 1930. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1892, and was commander in 1910. He was made a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1905.

John Henry Murphy was born in New York, July 29, 1856, and was educated in the public schools there; he began his active life as a reporter on the *New York Evening Express*; later he moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he and a brother engaged in the pork-packing business, but in 1885 he came to Kansas City, Missouri, to continue the same line of work, holding an executive position in one of the nation's largest meat establishments. He entered Freemasonry through Kansas City Lodge No. 220 in 1887, and was master in 1892. Exalted in Orient Chapter No. 102 in 1889, he was high priest in 1896. The Cryptic degrees were received in Hiram Council No. 1, St. Louis, in 1891, and he returned to Kansas City to assist in the formation of Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1892, being master in 1897; in that same year he entered the line of the Grand Council, being elected grand master in 1900. He died September 3, 1910, at Peoria, Illinois.

Walter Herman Niestrath was born in St. Louis, February 19, 1884, and was educated in the public schools of that city. For many years he represented an industrial concern in St. Louis as purchasing agent, finally engaging in business for himself selling heating supplies. He was a member of George Washington Lodge No. 9, and master in 1918. Exalted in Oriental Chapter No. 78, he became high priest in

1922. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1925, was master in 1930, and in 1946 was elected grand master of the Grand Council. He was knighted in Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in 1942, and was captain general-elect at the time of his death, December 12, 1947. He taught a Sunday School class in the Centenary Methodist Church, and his death occurred in the church immediately after addressing the class. He was a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and had received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1911, and the 33° in 1923.

Anthony O'Sullivan was born in County Kerry, Ireland, November 29, 1808. He came to America in 1838, locating in New Orleans, Louisiana, where, on January 30, 1841, he was married to Miss Mary Drake. He came to Arrow Rock, Missouri, in March 1817, where he was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in 1846. He was exalted in Boonville Chapter No. 5 in 1849, but affiliated with St. Louis Chapter No. 1 in 1852, serving as high priest 1853-59. He was knighted in St. Louis Comandery No. 1 in 1852. He became grand master of the Grand Council of Missouri at its organization in 1864, being deputy grand master of Illinois at the time. He became grand secretary of the Grand Chapter in May, 1854, and grand recorder of the Grand Commandery, serving until his death August 11, 1866. He was Missouri's first inspector general of the Scottish Rite, serving from 1859 until his death.

John Rolph Parson was born in Buffalo, New York, February 24, 1839, coming to St. Louis in 1859 where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1895 he established a Masonic supply company and operated it for several years. In 1904 he was named grand secretary of the Grand Lodge and held that position until his retirement in 1921; he died April 8, 1924. He was accepted in Aurora Lodge No. 267 in 1869, being master in 1878, and was grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1892; in 1893 he became grand treasurer, resigning to accept the position of grand secretary in 1904. He was exalted in Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 in 1871, being high priest in 1872, 1882, 1883, 1888; he became grand high priest in 1892. Greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1871, he was master in 1880, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1881. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1871, commander in 1874, and grand commander of the Grand Commandery in 1877. Thus he headed all the bodies of the York Rite. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at the hands of Albert G. Mackey in 1881 and in 1890 the 33°. He held the position of general grand treasurer in the General Grand Chapter O.E.S., 1883-89.

William Ridgeway Penick was born in Boone County, Missouri, May 20 (or 21), 1829, and died December 4 (or 5) 1891. He came, with his parents, to Missouri at the age of eight, settling in what was then known as the Platte Purchase. Most of his life was spent in the drug and book business. During the Civil War he was a supporter of the Union cause and organized what was called the "Unconditional

Union Club of Missouri." During the war he held five military commissions, finally being Brigadier General of the Northwestern Missouri Militia. He served Buchanan County as coroner and St. Joseph as councilman and mayor; he became president of the St. Joseph and Denver Railroad Company. On March 1, 1856, he was made a Mason in St. Joseph Lodge No. 78, serving as master two years later, and in 1861 he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was exalted in St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 (now Mitchell Chapter No. 14) in 1856, was high priest in 1860 and grand high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1861. In 1877 he was Grand Master of the Grand Council, being a charter member of St. Joseph Council No. 9. At the time he was Grand High Priest, he was also Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, having aided in the organization of St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 in 1859. He was a 32° member of the Scottish Rite.

Elijah Hungerford Phelps, grand master of the Grand Council in 1897, was born at Hadlyme, Connecticut, January 4, 1840. He was educated in the normal school; teaching in Connecticut and New Jersey, before coming west to Illinois where he continued to teach nine years. Then he turned to newspaper work for twelve years until he landed a clerkship in the Illinois Legislature. In 1882 he came to Kansas City, Missouri, and was in real estate business until his death February 18, 1904. His wife was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and held grand chapter office, while he served the same organization as grand patron in 1899. He was a member of Lodge No. 263, in Illinois, affiliating with Rural Lodge No. 316, in Missouri, in 1882; in 1889 he became the first master of Fides Lodge UD (later consolidated with Heroine Lodge No. 104), but he returned to Rural Lodge. He was a member of Orient Chapter No. 102, having been exalted in 1884. Greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1892, he was master in 1894. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 35 in 1884, and was commander in 1894. He was a member of Ararat Shrine Temple.

John Pickard was born October 12, 1858, at Penacook, New Hampshire, of Huguenot descent; he graduated in the public schools at Dartmouth (A.B. 1883; A.M. 1886). He became principal of Black River Academy at Ludlow, Vermont, and later principal of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, schools. Then he decided to study abroad, attending the University of Munich, Berlin, and Leipsic, and later the American Schools in Athens and Rome, where he received various degrees. In 1892 he came to the University of Missouri as assistant professor of Greek and Classical Archaeology and Art; for two years he served as dean of the academic faculty. For his work on the decoration of Missouri's State Capitol building, he received the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts from Washington University in 1925. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1914 he was president of the College Art Association. He was the father of the Missouri Lodge of Research; his Masonic career was full and complete; he headed the Grand Lodge, the

Grand Chapter, and the Grand Council of Missouri, and in each position he served with distinction; he also was grand sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He was initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 602 in 1909, was master in 1911, and in 1926 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was exalted in Columbia Chapter No. 17 in 1909, high priest in 1911, and Grand High Priest in 1923. He was greeted in Centralia Council No. 34 in 1911, master during the years 1913, 1914, 1915, placing that council in the top rank of Missouri councils—at one time being the largest council; he was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1918. He was knighted in St. Graal Commandery No. 12 in 1909, and commander in 1911 and 1912; he was president of the Past Commanders' Association in 1918, and president of the Order of High Priesthood in 1928. He was interested in the DeMolay, the Acacia Fraternity, the shrine, and the Scottish Rite, receiving its highest honor in 1917. His death occurred just at the conclusion of the Missouri-Kansas football classic, November 25, 1937.

John J. Pierron, grand master of the Grand Council in 1889, was born November 19, 1846, in New York City, and died in St. Louis, September 14, 1917. In 1874 he came westward and located in St. Louis, where for twenty years he was secretary-treasurer of the Isaacs Wallpaper Company, then sixteen years as cashier of the Barada-Ghio Real Estate Company. He was a member of Occidental Lodge No. 163, receiving the degrees in 1879, and was master in 1885. In the chapter he was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1880, which he served as high priest in 1885. Greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1881, he was elected master in 1886; he was appointed grand steward in the Grand Council while deputy master of his council, and was elected grand master in 1889. He was knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in 1885, and in 1893 was commander. He was a K.C.C.H. of the Scottish Rite.

Walter Blanchard Pingree, grand master of the Grand Council in 1940, was born near Shannon City, Iowa, May 1, 1886. When thirteen, the family moved to Barton County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. Walter was the eighth of thirteen children; joining the Methodist Church at fourteen, he engaged actively in the work of the church and became a licensed local minister; he attended high school at Liberal, Missouri, where he graduated and received a license to teach, although he never taught. In 1907 he took a watch-making course in St. Louis, a trade he followed for a time; then he took a course in a school of optometry, a profession he practiced until his death August 12, 1944. August 27, 1911, he married Miss Maude Williams and they had four daughters. He was initiated, passed and raised in Carthage Lodge No. 197 in 1921-22; after serving eight years as secretary, he was elected master in 1940. In Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61, Carthage, Missouri, he was exalted in May 1922, and became high priest in 1941, receiving the Order of High Priesthood that year. He was greeted in Carthage

Council No. 41 in 1922, was master in 1932, and elected grand master of the Grand Council in 1940. Jasper Commandery No. 31 knighted him in June 1925, and four years later he became commander. He had been honored by election to membership in St. Andrew's Conclave No. 11, Red Cross of Constantine, at Joplin, Missouri.

William A. Prall was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, New York, October 26, 1832, and died in St. Louis February 17, 1885. He was made a Master Mason in Waverly Lodge No. 50, Appleton, Wisconsin, but affiliated with Missouri Lodge No. 1, St. Louis, February 3, 1859, serving as master in 1868. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 1 in 1865, dimitting to affiliate with Kilwinning Chapter No. 50 in 1869, and serving as high priest in 1891. He was a member of St. Louis Council No. 1, serving as master in 1871; he affiliated with Tyrian Council No. 13 (now defunct), then returned to St. Louis Council No. 1 in 1884; he was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1871. He was knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in 1868, and this commandery served as an escort at his funeral. Little else is known of his life.

James Price, grand master of the Grand Council in 1921, was born at Burr Head, Scotland, March 28, 1858. He came to New York in 1875 and worked for a concern handling hides, in which he made himself an expert, resulting in his being sent to Chicago, Illinois, in 1885 as purchasing agent. From 1893 he was employed by the United States Leather Company; he was brought to Kansas City, Missouri, by the Central Leather Company, where he spent the remainder of his life. Although he was at all times a busy man, he had plenty of time for his Freemasonry. He was made a Freemason in Mizpah Lodge No. 768, in Chicago, and was master in 1894 and 1896. He was exalted in Delta Chapter No. 191, Illinois, in 1892, serving as high priest in 1897; in 1902 he affiliated with Orient Chapter No. 102, Kansas City, and proved to be one of the chapter's best assets. Greeted in Palestine Council No. 65, Illinois, in 1893, he affiliated with Shekinah Council No. 24, Kansas City, and was master in 1913. He was knighted in Oriental Commandery No. 35 in 1921. He was a Scottish Rite member and the St. Andrew Society. He was an entertainer par excellence and traveled throughout Missouri singing Scotch songs and exemplifying the cryptic ritual. His death occurred May 25, 1934.

Thomas Harvey Reynolds was born at McArthur, Ohio, July 31, 1866. The family moving to Kansas, he attended Kansas schools and graduated in 1885, which authorized him to teach in Kansas schools; he was admitted to the bar in 1887 and practiced at Great Bend, Kansas, until he came to Kansas City, Missouri, to become a member of the firm of Lathrop, Morrow, Fox and Moore in 1899. He became a member of Temple Lodge No. 299 in 1909 and was master in 1914; he served as district deputy grand master in 1924 and served on many Grand Lodge committees. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 102 in 1909 and was high priest in 1916. He was greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1909,

was master in 1922, and grand master in 1928. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Oriental Commandery No. 35 in 1909, was commander in 1914 and grand commander of the Grand Commandery in 1925. He was honored by membership in Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and was a 33rd member of the Scottish Rite. He served a time as acting inspector general for Missouri in 1935. He died September 18, 1943.

William Richardson was born in Utica, New York, November 12, 1841, and was educated in the public schools in that city. He had planned to enter West Point, but the death of his father in 1856 changed his plans. For seven years he was a commercial traveler, selling stoves; coming to St. Louis in 1866 he engaged in the hardware business, in which he spent his life. He was made a Master Mason in Utica Lodge No. 47, New York, in 1865, affiliating with Keystone Lodge No. 243, Missouri, in 1867, and serving as master in 1881; for several years he was grand marshal of the Grand Lodge. He was exalted in Kilwinning Chapter No. 50 in 1869, and was high priest in 1884; he was a member of the first class of candidates exalted in that chapter; he was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1882, installed master in 1891 and grand master of the Grand Council in 1894. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18 in 1876, serving as commander in 1881. It was during his administration that the deposit was made in New York, which was not to be opened until 1989; the deposit from Missouri included the proceedings, the tabular statement, and biographical sketches. He died February 4, 1918.

Ulrich Schneider, grand master of the Grand Council in 1892, was a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri; there is little information available as to his early life. He died in St. Joseph November 10, 1902. He became a member of Wellington Lodge at DeKalb, Missouri, later affiliating with St. Joseph Lodge No. 78, was master in 1884, and served as secretary from 1885-89; he was district deputy grand master in 1883, 1886. He was exalted in Ringo Chapter No. 6, at DeKalb, in 1870, affiliating with St. Joseph Chapter No. 14 in 1873, and was high priest in 1883, 1886, 1887. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1874, and was master in 1892. He was knighted in St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 in 1876, serving as commander in 1890. He died November 10, 1902.

Henry Schroeder was born at Winchester, Illinois, July 12, 1872 and received his education in the public schools of that state. In 1887 he entered railroad service as a telegraph operator and station agent, and remained in that work throughout his life, and by his integrity and faithfulness was highly regarded by all who came in contact with him; his home city, St. Mary's, Missouri although largely Catholic, elected him as mayor. He became a Mason in Four Mile Lodge No. 212, Campbell, Missouri, and was master in 1907, later affiliating with Saline Lodge No. 226 at St. Mary's. The capitular degrees were received in Helm

Chapter No. 117, Kennett, in 1903. April 6, 1906, he, with thirty-nine others, petitioned the Grand Council for a dispensation for a council at Campbell; it was granted and he became the first candidate to receive the degrees in this council; he became the first master and his report for the year showed the greeting of ninety-five candidates. This record attracted the attention of the Grand Council, resulting in his election as grand master in 1911. He was knighted in Malden Commandery No. 61 in 1904, and served as prelate two years. He was honored by invitation to membership in St. Andrew's Conclave No. 11, Red Cross of Constantine, Joplin. His death occurred May 7, 1950.

Thomas Scal was born in 1836. Little is known of this companion. He was a member of Lambskin Lodge No. 460. He was exalted in St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1874, and was high priest in 1880. He was greeted in Hiram Council No. 1 in 1880, was master in 1887, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1891. He was knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in 1881 and was commander in 1888. His death occurred September 26, 1903.

William H. Stansbury was born at Fredericktown, Maryland, but little is known of his life. He died August 23, 1897, at Harrisonville, Missouri, within seven days of his reaching the age of seventy. He was a past master of Cass Lodge No. 147, at Harrisonville. In Signet Chapter No. 68, he was exalted in 1871, serving as high priest in 1878, 1880, 1882-86, 1888. He was greeted in Arcana Council No. 16 in 1883, was master in 1884, 1885-87, 1890, 1891, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1887. He was knighted in Bayard Commandery No. 26 in 1875, serving as commander in 1885-96.

Robert Freeman Stevenson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1843. His mother died when he was 14 and a half years old and he went to live with his grandparents, who, in 1849, went on the gold rush to California. Returning to Elgin, Illinois, he worked on a farm and attended school until he was fourteen, when his father died; then he went to Philadelphia to live with an uncle, where he attended school until it closed because of the Civil War; he returned to Illinois, worked on a farm and taught school. He came thereafter to Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri, where he conducted a merchandise business; this he sold and went into the newspaper work at Clinton, Missouri, reading law in the meantime. In 1871 he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, until in 1873 he became chief clerk in the office of the state treasurer; he served six years as superintendent of Jefferson City schools, two years in the banking business at Clinton, one year in the Chick Bank in Kansas City, and then in the milling business at Blue Springs; in 1887 he became bookkeeper for a mortgage company, from this employment he went to a position of United States Surveyor of Customs at Kansas City. He was initiated in Clintonville Lodge, Illinois, in 1865, passed and raised in Calhoun Lodge No. 184, Calhoun, Missouri,

in 1867; in 1869 he affiliated with Tebo Lodge No. 68, Clinton; in 1873, he affiliated with Jefferson Lodge No. 43, Jefferson City, serving as master in 1878; he was grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1884. He was exalted in Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 in 1874, serving as high priest in 1876-78; he affiliated with Clinton Chapter No. 73 in 1880, and was high priest in 1882; in 1888 he affiliated with Orient Chapter No. 102, Kansas City, and was elected Grand High Priest in 1886. He was recorder of the Order of High Priesthood. The Cryptic degrees were conferred in Shekinah Council No. 24, Kansas City in 1894, and was master in 1899; in 1903 he was elected grand master of the Grand Council. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Jefferson City, at its organization in 1877; he assisted in organizing Boanerges Commandery No. 34, at Clinton, in 1881 and was its first commander; in 1884, he affiliated with Oriental Commandery No. 35, Kansas City, and was commander in 1885. He received the Scottish Rite degrees from Albert Pike in 1885, and was a 33° member, being among the first to receive this degree in the new temple in Washington, D. C. In 1905 he became Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, and held these positions until shortly before his death in Kansas City, April 28, 1925.

Joseph Dain Stewart was born in Livingston County, Missouri, October 29, 1891. His education was obtained in the local high school and Missouri University (LL.B. 1913), since that time he practiced law in Chillicothe, Missouri, with the exception of the time he served in World War I, where we find him as a Lieutenant of the Quartermaster Corps, assigned to the First Army in France. On October 15, 1917, he was married to Miss Sarah Margaret Crawford, of Hurdland, Missouri. He has been active in civic projects, including the Board of Education, Christian Church, Rotary, Boy Scouts, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Moila Shrine. In 1934 he was appointed post-master at Chillicothe. Companion Stewart was raised in Chillicothe Lodge No. 333, later consolidated with Friendship Lodge No. 89, in 1914, serving as master in 1916; he was district deputy grand master and grand lecturer 1925-27. Exalted in Lone Star Chapter No. 30 in 1916, he was high priest in 1923; in 1924 he was anointed to the Order of High Priesthood. He was greeted in Chillicothe Council No. 28 in 1916, was master in 1924, and elected Grand Master in 1947. He was knighted in Paschal Commandery No. 32 in 1945.

Cornelius Dale Struble was born near Bennington, Kansas, March 6, 1885, tenth of a family of eleven children. He was educated in the schools at Bennington, graduating from high school in 1901; he attended Kansas City Business College in 1902-03, and later Kansas City College of Law in 1915-17. He was married June 18, 1907, to Miss Myrtle Mae Wenneker of St. Louis; they were the parents of two daughters. During the early part of his life, Cornelius was associated

with the motion picture industry and was, at one time, president of the National Association of Motion Picture Equipment Dealers; later he entered the oil marketing business and became president of the Western Oil and Gas Company, with headquarters in Kansas City. He was active in the Country Club Methodist Church and the Good Will Industries. His career as grand master of the Grand Council was marked by the formation of many new councils—Hannibal, Independence, Eastgate, Liberty. He was made a Freemason in Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446 in 1915, and was master in 1921; during his year of office the membership in the lodge increased 526, 276 of which was by affiliation; he was district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge and served on many of its committees; he held membership in Missouri Lodge of Research, and was instrumental in establishing the Order of the Silver Trowel in Missouri, becoming its first master (1950). He was exalted in Kansas City Chapter No. 28 in 1915 and was high priest in 1938; he entered the Order of High Priesthood in 1938. He was greeted in Shekinah Council No. 24 in 1917, but affiliated with Westport Council No. 38 in 1940, which he served as master in 1943; he was grand master of the Grand Council in 1949. The Orders of Knighthood were received in Kansas City Commandery No. 10 in 1916. He was a charter member of Kilwinning Council No. 19, Allied Masonic Degrees at its organization in Kansas City in 1947. He was active in the affairs of the Masters and Wardens Club in Kansas City, and held honorary membership in many grand councils and Silver Trowel groups. His death occurred June 5, 1953.

William Racns Stubblefeld was born at Greenfield, Illinois, May 8, 1835, the son of a Methodist minister, and died at the home of his daughter in St. Louis January 10, 1908; he became a resident of St. Louis in 1856. He was given a common school education, and at the age of seventeen began clerking in a store; in 1865 he secured a position in a St. Louis wholesale house, but three years later became a clothing salesman, in which he spent the balance of his life. He was made a Master Mason in Occidental Lodge No. 163 in 1859, was master in 1873, and elected grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1880. He was exalted in Lafayette Chapter No. 2, Illinois, in 1864, affiliating with Kilwinning Chapter No. 50, St. Louis, in 1871, and serving as high priest in 1872-74, 1891; he was grand high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1877; for ten years he served as grand lecturer of the Grand Chapter. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council No. 4, Illinois in 1864; returning to St. Louis, he assisted in organizing Tyrian Council No. 13 in 1871 (now defunct), and served as master, dimitting to Hiram Council No. 1 in 1903; he was grand master of the Grand Council in 1876. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery No. 1, Illinois, in 1864, affiliating with Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, St. Louis, in 1871, and was commander in 1875. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Chicago and affiliated with the bodies in St. Louis. He was the first grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Missouri.

Carl August Swenson was born December 6, 1870, at Traheryd, in southern Sweden, where he was educated, including a four year college course. He spoke fluently Swedish, German, French and English. He began his business life with a ship chandler concern; at twenty he came to America, locating at Marshall, Kansas, but came to Missouri in 1895, locating at Mountain Grove, where he continued to live; he was salesman for a wholesale grocery concern working out of Kansas City and Springfield until 1914, when he took up insurance as a profession. In 1895 he married Miss Anna Loofbourrous and they were parents of three children. The family were Methodist. He was initiated in Garfield Lodge No. 245, Leonardville, Kansas, in 1893, and affiliated with Mountain Grove Lodge No. 158 in 1899, being master in 1901; he was district deputy grand master and grand lecturer for several years. Exalted in Mansfield Chapter No. 122 in 1904, he dimitted to become a charter member of Mountain Grove Chapter No. 137 in 1921, and its high priest in 1925; he was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. Zabud Council No. 25, at Springfield, greeted him in 1912, and he dimitted to become a charter member of Fidelity Council No. 35, at Mountain Grove, in 1920, which he served as master that same year. In 1932 he was elected grand master of the Grand Council. He was knighted in West Plains Commandery No. 48 in 1906, but dimitted when Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66 was formed in 1912, becoming its commander in 1913. He was a member of St. Christopher Conclave No. 56, Red Cross of Constantine. His death occurred December 26, 1941.

Bernal Leslie Tatman was born in Connorsville, Indiana, December 30, 1873, where he received a high school education, later attending DePauw University. He edited a newspaper at Connorsville two years, but because of failing health he went to Colorado; there he took a Prudential Insurance agency; he was promoted to a district superintendency at Joplin, Missouri, then to St. Joseph, then to St. Louis, and finally promoted into the home office at Newark, New Jersey. After fifteen years of this work, he resigned to start the Reliable Life Insurance Company, St. Louis, of which he was president several years. He was raised in Fellowship Lodge No. 346, while a resident of Joplin, in 1903; later he affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Newark, and still later with Kirkwood Lodge No. 484, Kirkwood, Missouri, which he served as master in 1914; he was district deputy grand master of the 57th district in 1917. He received the Capitular degrees in Mitchell Chapter No. 89, St. Joseph, in 1905, dimitting to affiliate with St. Louis Chapter No. 8 in 1912; in 1913 he dimitted and became a charter member of Rabboni Chapter No. 131, and in 1922 assisted in the formation of Wellston Chapter No. 138. He received the Cryptic degrees in St. Joseph Council No. 9, at St. Joseph, in 1905, affiliating with Hiram Council No. 1, St. Louis, in 1912, serving as master in 1918, and was grand Master of the Grand Council in 1925. He was knighted in St. Joseph Commandery No. 4 in 1905, affiliating with St. Aldemar Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, in 1915, and in 1918 affiliated with St.

Louis Commandery No. 1. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Joplin and St. Joseph, in which he received the honor of K.C.C.H. He was an extensive world traveler. His death occurred March 22, 1944.

Henry Clay Thompson, grand master of the Grand Council in 1948, was born May 20, 1889, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was educated in the public schools of Joplin, Missouri, and St. Louis, with two years spent in Washington University. He was first employed by the Illinois Traction system with a job in the boiler room at Venice, Illinois. Soon he became chief electrician for the system and sent to Cairo, Illinois, to rebuild a power house and street car system; later he went with the Westinghouse Electrical Company as construction and service engineer, and, in 1916, became chief engineer for the Missouri Cobalt Company on a project at Fredericktown, Missouri. It was there he met Miss Edith Newberry, and on January 29, 1917, they were married. They moved to Bonne Terre, Missouri, in 1926, where he was employed as an engineer for the St. Joseph Lead Company. They have a son, Henry Clay III, who attended Central College, Washington University (AB) and St. Louis University (DDS); he went into service in the army and as a Captain spent much time in the Philippines and Germany. Companion Thompson is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, active in boy scout work, a painter of no mean ability, a stamp collector, historian and genealogist. His father, too, was an interested Freemason, having at one time served as commander of a commandery in Chicago, but later became a member of Tuscan Lodge and Ascalon Commandery in St. Louis; in fact he died while giving the Templar work while standing at the triangle. Henry was made a Freemason in Marcus Lodge No. 110, Fredericktown, in 1918, dimitting to Samaritan Lodge No. 424, Bonne Terre, in 1930, served as secretary 1930-40, and as master in 1946; he was president of the Temple Association at Bonne Terre, and was district deputy grand master of the 18th district. He is a member of Missouri Lodge of Research. Exalted in Uel Chapter No. 129, Bonne Terre, in 1928, he was secretary in 1943-48, and high priest in 1936; he received the Order of High Priesthood in 1938. Greeted in Bonne Terre Council No. 43 in 1930, he was master in 1935, 1938, and recorder 1943-48; he was also grand sentinel of the Grand Council in 1942. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis, in 1944. He is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in St. Louis, a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and the Order of the Silver Trowel. He is a trustee of the Missouri State Historical Society, and frequently writes historical articles for local papers.

Flavius Josephus Tygard was born in Virginia, November 16, 1839. He completed his education in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later he came to Butler, Missouri, where he organized the National Bank of Butler; in 1880 he organized a second bank at Rich Hill. He received his Masonic degrees in Virginia in 1862. Coming to Missouri he assisted in forming Butler Lodge No. 254, at Butler, and served as master three

years, and was Grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1897; he was first treasurer of the Masonic Home of Missouri. He became involved in the handling of funds and was expelled by his lodge in 1908, but was reinstated in 1910. He was exalted in Miami Chapter No. 76, Butler, in 1872, being high priest in 1882. He was greeted in Butler Council No. 22 in 1881, serving as master 1887-89, affiliating with Arcana Council No. 16, at Harrisonville, he returned to Butler Council in 1898; he was grand master of the Grand Council in 1890. Knighted in Bayard Commandery No. 26, at Harrisonville, in 1875, he dimitted to assist in the formation of Gouley Commandery No. 30, Butler, and was its commander eight terms; he was grand commander of the Grand Commandery in 1883; in 1888 he was elected grand treasurer of the Grand Commandery. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in St. Louis; was a member of the Shrine and of the Order of Eastern Star. He died April 3, 1911.

William John Vannix was a native of Dublin, Ireland, born August 14, 1864, but the family removing to London, he acquired his education in England; in 1886 he came to Canada, and in 1888 to the United States. His desire was to become a minister and he was ordained a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, then he decided to enter business and became an insurance agent, remaining in that work until he assumed the custodianship of the St. Joseph Masonic Temple. At the time of his death, September 28, 1948, he was recorder of Moila Shrine. We find him at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, in 1888, where he was made a Freemason in Keystone Lodge No. 412; he is listed as master of a lodge U.D. at Fort Pierre, South Dakota in 1895, and finally affiliated with Charity Lodge No. 331 in St. Joseph. He went to Hancock, Michigan, to receive his Royal Arch degrees in 1889; he is listed as high priest of Huron Chapter No. 10, South Dakota, and later, as affiliating with Mitchell Chapter No. 14, St. Joseph, serving as high priest in 1916. In 1895, he received the Cryptic degrees in Koda Council, Flandreau, South Dakota; in 1907 he affiliated with St. Joseph Council No. 9, was master in 1912, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1917. Knighted in St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, Mitchell, South Dakota, in 1892, he affiliated with Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, in St. Joseph, in 1906, and was commander in 1915. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred in Yankton, South Dakota. In 1915 he became a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and served as Sovereign in 1918.

George William Walker was born near Jonesboro, Illinois, January 26, 1876. In 1900 he entered a medical school in Louisville, Kentucky, attending two terms; in 1901 he entered Washington University, St. Louis, graduating in 1904; he practiced in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, from 1905 until his death November 13, 1946. In 1897 he was married to Miss Effie Fulenwider and they were the parents of four children. He was made a Master Mason in Jonesboro Lodge No. 111, Illinois, in 1904, dimitting to St. Marks Lodge No. 93, Cape Girardeau, in 1906,

and serving as master in 1909 and 1910; he was district deputy grand master 1919-25, and grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1936. He was exalted in Wilson Chapter No. 75, Cape Girardeau, in 1912, serving as high priest in 1915; he was a member of the Order of High Priesthood. Greeted in Cape Council No. 9 in 1913, he was master in 1914, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1923. He was knighted in Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 in 1912, serving as commander in 1916.

John Morgan Waller was born August 2, 1862, in Winchester, Kentucky. He was an infant when his father was killed while serving in the Civil War. At nineteen he came with his mother to Randolph County, Missouri, but in 1890 moved to Boone County and settled at Centralia; here he engaged in business as the Waller Clothing Company. In 1894 he was married to Miss Elizabeth G. Hawkinson, and their only child, a son, was killed during World War I on the plains of Siberia. He was made a Freemason in Centralia Lodge No. 59 in 1905, and was master in 1910 and 1911. He was exalted in Mexico Chapter No. 27 in 1908, affiliating, in 1914, with Columbia Chapter No. 17. Greeted in Centralia Council No. 34 in 1911, he served as master in 1916, and as grand master of the Grand Council in 1926. He died March 27, 1931.

Carl Priesmeyer Westerhaus was born in St. Louis, February 11, 1898. He was married in 1928 to Miss Bernice Parent and they have one son. Carl began life as a dental technician, but left that work to enter the employ of a dental supply concern. He is a Christian Scientist. He was initiated, passed and raised in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 40, St. Louis, in 1919. He was exalted in Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25, St. Louis, in 1920 and was high priest in 1932; he received the Order of High Priesthood in 1936. The Cryptic degrees were conferred in York Council No. 40 in 1925, and he was master in 1930, and in 1937 was installed as grand master of the Grand Council; he is a member of the Order of Silver Trowel. Knighted in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 in 1923, he was commander in 1935; he is a member of the Past Commanders' Association, the Shrine, and the Missouri Lodge of Research.

David McConoughy Wilson was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1853, son of a Presbyterian minister. As a young man he attended the University of Missouri, receiving the degree of A.B. and that of A.M. in 1878. He was admitted to practice law in 1881. During his residence in Milan, Missouri, he was school commissioner in 1883, and prosecuting attorney in 1884, 1886-88. In 1885 he was married to Miss Selena McClary, and they were the parents of four children. He was made a Master Mason in Seaman Lodge No. 126, Milan, in 1876, and served as master in 1887 and 1888, and was elected grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1899. He was exalted in Milan Chapter No. 103 in 1883, serving as high priest in 1886, and grand high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1907; he was active in the Order of High Priesthood, serving as its president for many years. He received the Cryptic de-

grees in Shekinah Council No. 24, Kansas City, in 1894, dimitting to assist in the formation of Solomon Council No. 26 (now defunct) in 1894, was master in 1894, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1899. Knighted in Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 14, Brookfield, Missouri, in 1883, he dimitted to affiliate with St. Bernard Commandery No. 52, at Milan, as a charter member in 1899, serving as commander in 1892. He was active in the affairs of the Masonic Home of Missouri, and died there October 27, 1926, during the annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Edward Ewell Wilson was born at Fort Benton, Montana, May 25, 1901. He graduated from Montana State College, at Bozeman, with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. Since 1934 he has been superintendent of the steamplant of the St. Joseph Light and Power Company, St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is an excellent ritualist. In 1926 he was married to Miss Lorheta Lawrence. He was made a Master Mason in Bozeman Lodge No. 18, Montana, in 1927, dimitting to affiliate with Charity Lodge No. 331, St. Joseph, in 1939, and serving as master in 1946; he is a member of the Masonic Home Board, and of Missouri Lodge of Research. He was exalted in Mitchell Chapter No. 14, St. Joseph, in 1942, and was high priest in 1949, and is a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He was greeted in St. Joseph Council No. 9 in 1942, was master in 1948, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1955; he is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel. Knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, in 1943. He is a member of Moila Shrine Temple.

William B. Wilson was born at Appleton City, Missouri, January 12, 1831. He was educated by private tutors, and in 1850 graduated in the medical department of the University of New York. He came to Missouri shortly thereafter and located at Cape Girardeau, where he died October 18, 1900. He was made a Freemason in St. Mark's Lodge No. 93, at Cape Girardeau, in 1853, and served as master twenty-three terms. He became a Royal Arch Mason in Clarkton Chapter No. 31, at Clarkton, dimitting to assist in the formation of Wilson Chapter No. 75 at Cape Girardeau and serving as its first high priest and for a period of fifteen years; he was elected grand high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1888. He assisted in the organization of Cape Council No. 20 and was its first master, serving several years; in 1882 he became grand master of the Grand Council. He was knighted in St. Louis Commandery No. 1 in 1889, affiliating with Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55, as a charter member, in 1889, and serving as commander 1890-93.