

MOSAICS.

It is announced that that old, idiotic excessiveness, the Shah of Persia, has issued his edict exterminating the Freemasons from his dominions, under the pain of death if they fail to go.

The Royal Masnic Institution for boys, England, is now providing for one hundred and seventy-six boys, and the buildings are to be extended.

We learn from the *Herald* that Cherokee Lodge, No. 146, will have a public installation of officers at Murphy, on the 27th inst., and that all the Master Masons' wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, widows—and sweethearts, are invited to the Lodge room at night to partake of refreshments—which means, we suppose, a regular mountain repast.

In Illinois, there are 39,956 affiliated Master Masons. There were 2,665 initiations in that State during the past year, and 969 applicants were refused admission; 994 Master Masons were admitted on dimitts, and 190 were reinstated to membership. Of those formerly members, 1,413 dimitted, 467 died, 974 were suspended and 86 were expelled. The increase in membership over that of the preceding year is 748.

All the Commanderies of Knights Templar in the world are invited to the Re-union of Knights to be held in Philadelphia on the first of June next. A grand Templar parade is to take place on that day, it being the twenty-second annual convocation of the Pennsylvania Commandery. The hundredth anniversary of American republic is the occasion which gives rise to this great gathering.

The following are the officers elect of Maswell Chapter, No. 38, Kinston, N. C., for the ensuing year:

- S. H. Roundtree, H. P.
- S. Aarvey, K.
- W. W. Dunn, S.
- R. B. Gilliam, C. H.
- C. Bailey, P. S.
- A. Ottinger, R. A. C.
- T. A. Harvey, Treas.
- A. Nicol, Sec.
- T. A. Woodley, M. Harvey & J. H. Dibble, M. of Vails,
- W. Kilpatrick, Tyler.

The following are the officers elect of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, N. C., for the ensuing year:

- W. Larkins, W. M.
- C. M. VanOrsdell, S. W.
- J. I. Macks, J. W.
- J. C. Munds, Secretary.
- W. N. Holt, Treasurer.

The following are the officers of Wilmington Commodity, No. 1, Knights Templar, for the ensuing year.

- H. H. Munson, E. C.
- G. W. Jewett, G.
- B. P. Harrison, C. G.
- Rev. Geo. Patterson, P.
- S. S. Everitt, S. W.
- C. M. VanOrsdell, J. W.
- A. Martin, T.
- S. D. Wallace, R.
- T. H. Johnson, S'td B.
- T. B. Carr, Sw. B.
- Geo. Harris, W.
- B. G. Bates, S.

The following are the officers elected at the recent Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:

- M. W. Williams, B. Taliferro, G. M.
- R. W. Richard Parker, D. G. M.
- R. W. B. R. Welford, Jr., G. S. W.
- R. W. Peyton S. Coles, G. J. W.
- R. W. T. U. Dudley, G. Treasurer.
- R. W. John Dove, G. Secretary.

Wor. R. M. Page, G. S. D.
 Wor. W. B. Carrington, G. J. D.
 The M. W. G. M. then made the following appointments:
 M. W. G. W. Dame, G. C.
 Wor. James E. Riddick, G. P.
 Thomas Angel, G. S.
 Wor. James M. Taylor, G. T.
 Wor. W. B. Isaacs, D. G. S.
 Wor. J. R. Dowell, Grand Lecturer.

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

The annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Tuesday last. A very large number of members and visitors were present, who were much interested in the business transacted. The officers elected were: Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Grand High Priest; James Sent, Chelsea, Deputy Grand High Priest; Elbridge G. Snow, Fitchburg, Grand King; Josiah C. Fuller, Plymouth, Grand Scribe; Peter C. Jones, Newton, Grand Treasurer; Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Cambridge, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—Presentation of the Portrait of the Prince of Wales.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held Monday, at the Masonic Temple. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was one of great interest. The annual election of officers took place, Percival L. Everett, of Boston, being re-elected Grand Master. Messrs. Howland and Upton were elected Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, respectively. The Rev. Charles H. Titus was elected Recording Grand Secretary, and John McCiellen, of Boston, Grand Treasurer. Messrs. William S. Gardner and William Sutton were elected Directors of the First Class, and Sereno D. Nickerson and Charles A. Welch, Directors of the Second Class, for two years each.

A notable feature of the communication was a presentation to the Grand Lodge of a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. The same having been painted with the full regalia of his office.

Attempt to Swindle a Relief Association.

In 1873, Thomas B. Redmond ceased acting as agent for the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society, and some months later drifted out into the Colorado country. He held a policy for \$4500 in the Society, upon which assessments were paid by a friend. In September, Col. Martin was called upon to pay the benefit in behalf of M. s. Redmond, who accompanied the application with a letter from Carson City Colorado, written by one Griffin and stating that her husband had died from the effects of cramp colic, while on a trip in the mountains. Payment of the policy, upon such slender testimony of death, was declined, notwithstanding M. s. Redmond's persistent correspondence, and now Col. Martin is in receipt of a letter from Redmond himself stating that the word of his death was sent to his wife because they had parted, and that he had no idea she would make application for payment of the policy upon his life.—*Indianapolis News.*

The present title of the Gr. Body of the English Templars, "Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta."

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