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On Wednesday night of last week, the shock of an earthquake was experienced in Richmond, Petersburg, and other points in Virginia, and along the line to Raleigh, N. C., the shock passing from South to North. In various places the shock was so severe as to produce sufficient oscillation to cause buildings to shake and to produce serious alarm among the people.

When corresponding with the JOURNAL remember these things: Write the names of Persons, Post Office, County and State plainly, and for all subscriptions send the money with the order. When writing for publication use only one side of the paper. This will save errors in making entries on our Mail Books, in the first instance, and in the second you will aid the printer materially.

THANKS to the brethren who have so kindly remembered us during the holidays. Send in your subscriptions, and in doing so be sure to get one, two, or more friends to join you, and make us glad with good lists from every neighborhood. If every subscriber will send us the name of at least one more (with the cash) it will at once put the paper squarely on its feet.

THE OLD YEAR has passed. Its work is completed and every item is summed up in the great book of Eternity. To many it has been a year fraught with peculiar joy and prosperity, while thousands of others have gone down beneath the waves of sorrow and adversity. It has been a year of great monetary hardships to the masses, while many have fattened on the misfortunes of their fellows; and thus it has ever been.

How many who began the year as blithely as we do this, are now resting in the church yard. Among these are many of our Masonic brethren—we trust called from the labors of the Terrestrial to the refreshments of the Celestial Lodge above. Let us emulate the good of their lives, and cast the veil of Charity over their weaknesses. And may the new-born year prove one of great joy to all our readers and our Craft. Amen.

All right brother *Independent*; here's our

QUERY.

At the regular time for the election of officers of our Lodge, a brother who was duly qualified, was elected Master. After the Lodge was closed, and not until several days after, he expressed his determination not to be installed and serve in the position to which he had been elected. The question arises does the Master of the past year continue to fill the office of Master for the next year, or will the Senior Warden elect, after having been installed as such, take charge of the Lodge, and discharge the duties of Master? N.

ANSWER:

When a Master is installed he is installed to serve until his successor is elected and installed. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden succeeds to the office of Master, and in the absence of both the Master and Senior Warden, then the Junior Warden becomes the Master *pro tem*. This is the law and the custom, but in this case let us see who is really entitled to the chair.

An election was held and all the offices filled, but the Master declining to accept the position to which he was elected, and be installed, does the Master of the past year continue to act as Master, or does the Senior Warden elect assume the duties of Master after his installation? Here a conflict of authority might arise, for each would have apparently good grounds for urging his claims to the office.

Our opinion is, that under such peculiar circumstances, a new election should be held. And this is our reason: If the *εποπ* failed to elect the Master of the Past year, it is evidence that it did not wish his services in that capacity any longer, and therefore by electing another member to the office, the Lodge virtually ended his term of office. Under these circumstances it would hardly be proper for the Senior Warden elect to assume the duties of Master; because, while the Lodge might be willing and anxious to put him in the second official chair, it might not be willing to make him its presiding officer. He might be young and inexperienced, and unqualified for the position. Therefore, in voting for such officer, the members voted to make him Senior Warden—not Master.

Nor do we think it would be proper for the Master of the past year to continue to fill the same office. He may not have been an acceptable officer, and for him to continue to act might be against the almost unanimous wish of the members; yet if it be admitted that he had the right to continue in office, he could be forced upon the Lodge by the act of a single member.

The law making the Senior Warden the Master of the Lodge, *pro tem*. in the absence of the Master, applies when a Master has been regularly elected and installed, and afterward fails for some cause to discharge the duties of his office; but it was never intended in our opinion, nor do we think it law or justice that a Senior Warden should attain to the office of Master simply because the brother elected refused to be installed as Master.

We are therefore of the opinion that in the case cited by our correspondent, the proper way is to have a new election, which can be held under a Dispensation obtained for that purpose, from the proper authority.

Don't forget to send in the Christmas and New Year's presents, in the shape of subscriptions to the JOURNAL. Every new subscriber received strengthens the list, and adds that much to the permanent establishment of the paper.

Elections.

The following are officers elected for North Carolina Lodges, Chapters, &c., for the following Masonic year:

RALEIGH CHAPTER No. 10:

John Nichols, High Priest.
 A. S. Lee, King.
 F. H. Busbee, Scribe.
 J. B. Neathery, Captain of the Host.
 W. J. Hicke, Principal Sojourner.
 W. B. Wetherell, Royal Arch Captain.
 T. W. Blake, M. 3d Vail.
 J. C. Brewster, M. 2d Vail.
 Jno. Whitehead, M. 1st Vail.
 M. Grausman, Treasurer.
 D. W. Bain, Secretary.

CONCORD CHAPTER No. 1:

C. M. VanOrsdell, M. E. H. P.
 H. H. Munson, E. K.
 A. Wronski, E. S.
 W. A. Williams, C. H.
 R. Greenberg, Treasurer.
 J. C. Muds, Secretary.

HIRAM LODGE No. 40:

A. S. Lee, Master.
 F. H. Busbee, Senior Warden.
 J. C. R. Little, Junior Warden.
 L. E. Heartt, Treasurer.
 E. B. Thomas, Secretary.

GOLDSBORO LODGE No. 332:

H. F. Granger, W. M.
 W. F. Kornegay, S. W.
 J. D. Winslow, J. W.
 E. W. Adams, Treasurer.
 T. B. Hyman, Secretary.

WILMINGTON LODGE No. 319:

S. Northop, W. M.
 C. H. Robinson, S. W.
 W. P. Oldham, J. W.
 A. J. Howell, Treasurer.
 W. S. Warrock, Secretary.
 W. H. Chadbourn, S. D.
 E. G. Barker, J. D.
 John B. Robinson, S. H. Collins, Stewards.
 John L. Cantwell, Marshal.
 George Patterson, Chaplain.
 B. G. Bates, Tyler.

F. & A. M., have resolved to issue a six per cent. loan, the proceeds of which are for the purpose of redeeming the 7 3-10ths loans now outstanding. It will be issued in bonds of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 each.

His Imperial Highness Prince Rhodacanakis has been re-elected Grand Master of Greece for a further term of three years, and was installed as such, amid great pomp, on the 26th of October.

Testimonial of Esteem.

A joyful group of Masonic brethren assembled last evening at the office of Dr. Samuel S. Everitt, and so cleverly did the gathering happen to drop in that the Doctor was entirely surprised, but most happily so when Mr. Eugene S. Martin arose and, in the name of the assembled brethren, presented him in appropriate terms with a swinging silver ice pitcher, waiter, cup and card receiver, having engraved thereupon: "Dr. S. S. Everitt, P. M. St. John's Lodge No. 1, from Masonic friends, Dec. 27, 1875, as a token of their brotherly love and esteem, and testimonial of their appreciation of him as a man and Mason, and of his faithful duty to the craft." The happy faces of the donors glanced gleefully from one to the other in smiling recognition of the Doctor's blushes of surprise, and after he had thanked them in words heartfelt and earnest a general hand-shaking of happiness went the rounds, followed by a few jokes and pleasant yarns, which concluded the surprise, and all went home with hearts beating big with brotherly love — *Wilmington Star*.

The Grand Master of Iowa reports that he has granted twenty-seven dispensations to establish new Lodges in that State, during the past year, and that twenty six of them have been instituted and are now at work.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan has undertaken to and is now building an Odd Fellows' Institute at Lansing.

The total number of initiations in the Order during the year 1874, was 55,005.

The annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of Nevada, and the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Nevada, have been postponed to the first Tuesday in June, 1876.

Oddfellowship.

The reports of the different Lodges in Kansas shows a total membership of 4,723. The total receipts were \$35,215.25; the Lodge expenses, \$19,384.31. The Widow and Orphan Fund amounts to \$26,167.20, an increase of \$2,635.19 during the past year, and a decrease of \$1,076.85. The total of Lodge funds amount 20,465.64, an increase to \$4,668.33 during the year, and a decrease of \$1,150.14, being a net increase of \$3,518.19. The total amount expended for relief in regular channels was \$6,599.90, and in irregular channels, \$2,193.04, making a total of \$8,792.64.

ST. JOAN'S DAY.—St. John, the Evangelist, is one of the patron Saints of the order of Free Masons. * * *

Masonic Lodges, in ancient times, were dedicated to King Solomon, the first M. E. G. M., and continued to be so dedicated until after the Crusades. Among the various orders of Knights engaged in those chivalric wars, none were more conspicuous than the magnanimous Order of the Knights of St. John. Many of the brethren of the Ancient Craft also went forth to aid in redeeming the sepulchre of the Saviour from the hands of the infidels, between these and Knights of St. John there existed a reciprocal feeling of brotherly love.

They entered into a solemn pledge of friendship, and the plains of Jerusalem bore witness to their vows. St. John, the Evangelist, was the Christian patron of Freemasonry. It was for this reason the argument was made that all lodges whose members acknowledged the divinity of Christ should be consecrated and dedicated to St. John.—*Weekly Courant*.

The Power of Masonry.

Masonry cannot subdue the tempest, nor say to the ocean "Peace, be still," but it lifts the sinking mariner from the engulfing wave and warms him into life. It cannot hush the voice of the thunder, nor arrest the lightning's fiery missile, but it takes the victim of the storm and wraps its snow-white robe around him. It does not stand at the door of the sepulchre to roll away its stone and bid its silent, solemn tenant come forth, but it finds the lame, the halt, and the blind, that have fallen by the wayside, and pours into their hearts the oil of joy and gladness. It does not go abroad to proclaim its benevolent spirit, but it wipes the tear from the widow's eye, and guides the feet and guards the head of the orphan. It does not boast of its deeds of charity, but it "feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and binds up the wounds of the afflicted." It does not claim that it has fraternized the world, but it diffuses its spirit of Universal Brotherhood and Charity as gentle as the dews of Heaven, and as genial as the light of Heaven.—*GRAND MASTER PRICE, OF KANSAS*.