

MASONS MEET TO UNVEIL MONUMENT

On Monday, July 19, the United Supreme Council A. A. S. R. Masons of the southern and western Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America, its territories and dependencies; the Imperial Grand Council A. A. O. N. M. S., Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America; the Supreme Council of the Order of Red Cross of North America, General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, U. S. A., generals and encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A. and Canada; General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx; Supreme Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho; Supreme Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, assembled at Pythian hall, corner of 44th and State streets, Chicago. After a brief session of the several departments an automobile procession was formed and marched to Oakwoods cemetery, where a beautiful monument had been erected and veiled awaiting the memorial services of the unveiling in memory of the Ill. John G. Jones, deceased, 33d degree Mason.

Hold Ceremonies

A great gathering of citizens of Chicago and Masons from the various states of the United States assembled at the monument and the following imposing ceremonies were performed: 1. Grand master of ceremonies, Vivon Vasin, 33d degree, grand master of St. John's grand lodge of Illinois, presided. 2. Selection, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." 3. Invocation by Grand Prior, Illinois, J. M. Maddox, 33d degree, Fla. 4. Reading of "St. John's Day" by Ill. James R. Small, 33d degree, grand secretary general, H. E. Mass. 5. Selection, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." 6. Unveiling of monument by Ill. C. L. Mitchell, 33d degree of San Antonio, Tex., M. P. sovereign grand commander and imperial grand potentate of the imperial grand council, A. A. O. N. M. S., Mystic Shrine of North and South America, who spoke in the most eloquent terms of the achievements of the world's greatest Masons in his day and time, to whom we owe all that is lawful and regular in Freemasonry today. 7. Eulogy of the late Ill. John G. Jones, 33d degree, by Ill. John H. Smith, 33d degree deputy sovereign grand commander of the state of New York, who described in a forceful manner the accomplishments of the Ill. John G. Jones in that he linked the Mason jurisdictions A. F. and A. M. with the Masons of Europe. 8. A floral wreath was placed upon the monument by the M. P. sovereign grand commander, Ill. C. L. Mitchell, 33d degree, which was presented by Daughter E. A. Weir of San Antonio, Tex., in the name of the Masons of the grand duchy of Luxembourg, Europe, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, France, Italy and England. Daughter Weir emphasized her statements regarding the floral tribute from the Masons of those governments to the memory of Ill. John G. Jones, 33d degree, who by communication had authorized the sovereign grand commander, Ill. C. L. Mitchell, 33d degree, to cause same to be done. 9. Foreign correspondence from the Masons of Europe on the work of Ill. C. L. Mitchell, holding the standard set by the late John G. Jones in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, United States, and their fraternal greetings thereof by Ill. G. C. Williams of Louisiana, lieutenant grand commander. 10. Remarks were made by Daughter Ada J. Stillyard, West Virginia, most worthy supreme grand matron, A. A. O., Daughters of Sphinx; Sister Mary C. Hogan supreme grand royal matron of the supreme grand chapter, Order Eastern Star of the United States and Canada; Sister Willie Jones, most ancient supreme matron of Heroines of Jericho, U. S. A., all of whom spoke in glowing terms of the work that their several departments are doing as auxiliaries to the jurisdiction of the united supreme council, the Masonic grand lodges, affiliated therein, and of the other branches thus affiliated, that they owe the honor to be able to do this work to Ill. John G. Jones. 11. Remarks by Grand Masters Ill. John L. Gordon, New Jersey; Ill. J. H. Cox, Ohio; Ill. G. L. Russ, Florida; Ill. S. S. Jackson, Tennessee; Ill. J. H. Coleman, Arkansas; Ill. Simon Ball, all 33d degree Masons, and Ill. Reg. Poyte, 32d degree of Massachusetts, all of whom spoke of the work of the grand lodges in cementing into one common brotherhood the citizens of their several jurisdictions in their states and the wonderful increase in

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membership in the several subordinate lodges. 12. Selection, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Reports Heard

On Tuesday, July 20, the United Supreme Council A. A. S. R. M., opened with imposing ceremonies and received reports from the grand consistories from the various states, which were made through the deputies thereof, and after the collection of dues and taxes of the council the routine of business was carried out in ample form. A resolution adopted to continue the present officers for the next two years, or until their successors are chosen, was taken on the Supreme Council, and Imperial Grand Council A. A. O. N. M. S. was opened in accordance with the custom and usage of the order, after which reports of the deputies of the various states on the work of the temples therein was made. A resolution was adopted nominating and electing the following officers: Ill. C. L. Mitchell, 33d degree, imperial grand potentate; Ill. G. C. Williams, deputy imperial grand potentate; Ill. James R. Small, grand recorder, after which a recess was taken and the general grand encampment of Knights Templar was opened in conformity with the custom of the order, and routine business transacted, closing thereafter. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in due and ancient form and transacted business and closed. The General Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters was opened in due and ample form, and after several resolutions were adopted for the mutual protection of the several Masonic jurisdictions, the congress was closed to meet in 1922.

Elections Held

The Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx held a very successful session and continued in office Daughter Ada J. Stillyard as the most worthy supreme grand matron. The Supreme Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held a most successful session and continued in office Sister Mary C. Hogan as supreme grand royal matron. The Supreme Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho also held a successful session and continued Sister Willie Jones as most ancient supreme grand matron.

On Saturday, July 24, the United Supreme Council reconvened in the evening and finished up the routine of business and after greetings were exchanged the council was closed in due and ample form, to meet in Nashville, Tenn., in July, 1922, unless otherwise ordered by the M. P. sovereign grand commander. A temporary injunction that was served by N. N. Boozler and other expelled Masons upon the officers of the United Supreme Council was dissolved by Judge Rush, sitting in the circuit court of Chicago, thus leaving the officers of the council free and unhampered to discharge their respective duties.