

Knight Masons a History

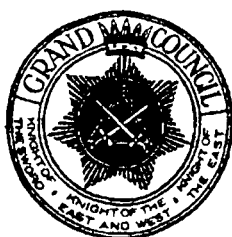


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Most Excellent
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A History of the Knight Masons of the United States

(Formerly of Ireland)

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OTIS V. JONES, JR.
M.E.P.G.C

Born January 7, 1915 in Raleigh, North Carolina, son of Otis V. Jones and Irma Camille Swindell, both of Hyde County, North Carolina.

He attended public schools in Raleigh, N.C. and graduated in 1932. He began working in the food industry at an early age and managed a grocery chain store and market. He attended business college and studied law for five years under Wilber Royester. Then came the war years during which time he handled government business in the southeast for Fleishman Yeast Company. Following the war, he went into business for himself as a Food Broker and continued the business for forty years. He was active in the local and National Food Brokers Association and received the Exceptional Meritorious Award for work in the Food Business. He was a founding member of the National Sales and Marketing Executives in Raleigh (1949) and served as President of that body. He was also an International Director, International Vice President and Senior Vice President. He was elected to membership in Pi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity as a result of work accomplished.

He represents the fourth generation in a family of Freemasons. His son, Van Michael Jones is also a Master Mason. His paternal Grandfather, Edward Hannibal Jones, M.D., a graduate of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and John Hopkins University in Baltimore returned home to Hyde County, N.C. to practice medicine in the middle 1870's. He served as Warden of Atlantic Lodge No. 294 in Swanquarter and then was elected and served twenty-two terms as master followed by three terms as Secretary.

Brother Jones was initiated into DeMolay in Raleigh Chapter in 1932 and served as Master Councilor in 1934-35. He is recipient of the degree of Chevalier and the active Legion of Honor. He was initiated into Freemasonry in William G. Hill Lodge No. 218 on January 18, 1966; Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft Feb. 22, 1966; and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason March 30, 1966. He is a charter dual member of Masters Lodge No. 754 and served as Charter Senior Warden in 1977 and Master in 1979. He has been a member of the Raleigh Consistory of the Scottish Rite since 1966.

and was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council in 1979. He was instrumental in obtaining for the Raleigh Valley of the Scottish Rite the many items of Pike Memorabilia, including some twenty-five books, an Indian water jug, several photographs, a mounted fruit knife, and a most valuable Morocco grained leather covered full and complete copy of Albert Pike's "Hymns to the Gods" autographed to "Rosa" Pike's favorite daughter. These came from Mrs. Nelson Howard of Tarboro, Pike's Great Granddaughter. These books are now the legal care of the Raleigh Valley.

He has been a member of the York Rite Bodies of Raleigh since 1969 and is a past presiding officer of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. His activities in the appendant Masonic groups and the honors and awards which have come to him are legion. However, his untiring interests have been in Masonic research, writing and speaking to lodges on request. He has a large personal Masonic library and collection of memorabilia. He has done a great deal of travel, both here and abroad, and enjoys visiting lodges especially in England and Ireland.

He was appointed to the Grand Council Line of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. by C. Wallace Jackson, who was Great Chief in 1979 and he advanced through the line becoming Great Chief in 1986.

MASONIC RECORD

DeMolay

Initiated December 9, 1932, Raleigh Chapter (441343)

(Fifty Year Honors 1982)

Master Councilor, Raleigh Chapter, 1934-35

Elected officer in the twin region of NC & SC 1935

Chevalier 3/24/83 in Raleigh, NC

Legion of Honor, Active, 8/17/82, Statesville, NC

Masonic Lodges

William G. Hill Lodge #218, Raleigh, NC

Initiated 1/18/66

Passed 2/22/66

Raised 3/30/66 by Chas A Britt

Associated Past Master under dual membership 1979

Masters Lodge #754

Charter and Founding Sr Warden (Chose the name) Nov 1977

Sr Warden when constituted May 19, 1978

Master of the Lodge 1979

Trustee 1979-1984 (Education officer many times)

District Education Chairman
25th Masonic District 1976-77-78
Grand Lodge

Served on several committees over the years

York Rite Bodies of Raleigh

Raleigh Chapter #10, initiated Sept 19, 1969
High Priest 1986
Anointed High Priest Degree April 3, 1986
Grand Representative of Ireland near NC 6/18/80 (Chapter)
Enoch Council #5, initiated Sept 27, 1969
Illustrious Master 1985
T.I.M. Degree 5/5/84
Roanoke Council #1, Ill. Master 1981
Grand Representative of Delaware near NC 9/25/76 (Council)
Raleigh Commandery #4
Knighted 11/21/69
Commander 1980
Knight Crusader of the Cross 5/5/84
York Rite Meritorious Award 11/12/76
Knight Templar Merit Award (Nelson Banks, GC, 3/8/77)
Knight Templar Eye Foundation State Chairman 1976-80
Ambassador Knight Templar Eye Foundation 1980

Raleigh Masonic Temple Board

Representing Chapter of Rose Croix 1977-1984
Chairman of redecorating Temple 1979-81
Chairman of Rebuilding old carriage house into Offices for Scottish Rite 1980

Royal Order of Scotland

Atlantic City, Sept 26, 1974
Several trips, to Scotland for the Grand Council Meeting and US Grand meetings

Scottish Rite Bodies of Raleigh

Consistory (other bodies prior to that day) October 28, 1966
Commander of Council of Kadosh 1982
Chairman of Aphasia Fund, 1978-1985
SGIG Council 1976-1980-81-82
Chairman and Builder of new Scottish Rite Offices 1980
Chairman of the "Black Tie Dinners" 1978 through 1985
K.:C.:C.:H. Raleigh Valley 1979

Albion Masonic Degrees of North America

Initiated into Masters of Tyre #35 Aug 27, 1971
Acting Master 1972, Master 1973 and 1974
Bannockburn Council #125 2/15/78
Founding, Charter member and selector of the name
First Installed Master of Council 1978-79
Order of the Bath, Washington, DC #1263 2/9/72
Order of the Corks, Washington, DC #1048 2/9/72
Red Branch of Erin, Nov 23, 1974

York Rite College of North America

North Carolina College No 69
Founding and Charter member 1/28/79
Governor 1981-82
Associate Regent, Purple Cross, Aug 2, 1983, Mt Laurel, NJ

Knight Masons of the United States

Ex Chief of Raleigh Council 1980

M E. Great Chief of U.S 1986 (Appointed in Line by C Wallace Jackson)

Grand Representative of the

Grand Council Knight Masons (Ireland) near U S A

A.A.O.N.M.S

Sudan Temple, New Bern, NC 12/28/67, demitted Dec 1982

Amran Temple Charter Member card #31, 7/8/76

Societas Rosacruziana in Civitatibus Foederatis, N.C. College

IV° 3/13/75

VII° 2/9/77

VIII° 2/28/78

Celebrant 6/20/80 to 1983

Grand College of Rites, Washington, DC #1246 2/19/72

Meritorious Award of Research Lodge #2 of Iowa 1982

Honorary Member Apex Lodge #584 April 9th, 1984

Research Lodges

Missouri Lodge of Research 1972

Quator Coronati #2076, London, Local Secretary 1982-84

Research Lodge #2 of Iowa, 1973

Phoenix Lodge of Research Paris 1974

Masonic Book Club #1354

United Masters Lodge of N Z. 1974-1980 (resigned)

Research Lodge of Ireland (CC) #200 1975

Philalethes 1971

Illinois Lodge of Research, 1977 (resigned 1985)

American Lodge of Research (NY) 1978

Research Lodge of Southern California 1980

Maine Lodge of Research 1982

Papers Published (partial numbers)

Research Lodge of Iowa #2 (Knight Masons in U S 5 editions)

New Age Magazine, I believe 8 papers

Philalethes, 5 papers

Phoenix Lodge of Research, Paris, 1 paper

Miscellanea 1 or more

A History of the Knight Masons of the United States (Formerly of Ireland)

At the onset of this history, I would like to thank those who have contributed time, memory, letters, articles of writing, proceedings and opinions on the subject. Without them it could not have been done.

First, I would like to thank Sir Knight James McC. Allen, for many years the Grand Scribe for The Irish Councils and now the Deputy Great Chief of Knight Masons in Ireland and, in this year of 1976, the Master of the Research Lodge of Ireland, the "CC" of Dublin. Next, my friend, cousin and Sir Knight J. Edward Allen, PGM, KYCH with four quadrants and a Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Southern Section of the Knight Masons and also one of the original founders of the movement within the United States. The use of his letters, memories and books from his Library, his writings in various magazines on the subject of his visits to Ireland and the original movement here in North Carolina, and his human interest stories of the people involved were a great contribution.

Sir Knight and Cousin Ray Shute, also one of the founders, who advised me that most of his letters, etc., were at the University of North Carolina now and that his memory had faded on many things, but still appreciated my effort to get all of this down on paper.

I am especially grateful for the help given so freely by our new Grand Scribe, Sir Knight Ray Scarborough of Delaware who so gladly helped by sending me copies of letters and records he had found and read in the material turned over to him last year. Sir Knight Landis Randall sent a pamphlet and Harold Voorhis sent a bit from Gould's Encyclopedia. Also to Chief, Sir Knight Eddie P. Stiles for help in many ways. I also used the great 1923 edition of the *"Proceedings of the Lodge of Research in Dublin"*, namely the "CC" Lodge, the Iowa Masonic Library, Coil's and Gould's Encyclopedias and booklets of proceedings or reports from our own provincial and later Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States for the years 1937, 1962 and 1967. The *Short Sketch of the History of the Degrees* by J. H. Hamill was of great help, and I expect the most

exact, for by every standard Bro. Hamill was a great and successful man and Mason of Dublin, Ireland. I also had copies of original Rolls of the first three lodges and a report of the craft from its inception as an independent order in 1923 to 1948 from Ireland.

The result is a paper that is as nearly correct as a person can get at this time. It will be improved as more information flows in, as it continues to do. All material has been substantiated, double checked and used with no guess work. Nevertheless, as Cousin James McC. Allen remarked:

The early Irish did not write much and this is ancient Masonry from the beginning and it cannot be proved by records found to date. These degrees are older than the three degrees of the Blue Lodge and older than the Holy Royal Arch itself. There were two major problems that kept the early records unwritten, short, and some times destroyed in Ireland. The Crown and the Church from time to time took a dim view of any forms of Masonry and no scribes wanted too many names and other information around to be found. Also there were few men other than the Clergy that could write.

It is interesting to note that in "The Genuine Secrets in Freemasonry" dating from before AD 1717, F. de P. Castells puts up a good argument that the Royal Arch indeed is older than the first two degrees of Masonry, certainly older than the third degree.

I will insert here a fact. The little pieces of the older works did not start falling into place until about 1975 on my 5th and 6th visit to The Irish Grand Lodge, 17 Molesworth St., Dublin, Ireland. At that time, Cousin Allen took me into his confidence and accepted my seriousness, saying, "You are the only bloke who has come to see us from the States, in forty years and I think some of this information should be handed over to you."

He then took me to the actual Lodge of Knight Masons, and their small office. Even though I thought I had been all over the Lodge Building I had never seen this part. We spent the entire day going over records and proceedings. At 80 plus years he is a really great person.

To start our History of Knight Masons, we must go back to the formation of the Royal Arch in Ireland for written history. (Bro Allen was firmly of the opinion that Knight Masonry was as old or older than the Royal Arch and perhaps the first of all lodges in Ireland). History says these degrees, "so called higher degrees," belonged to the Masters.

The first mention of the Royal Arch in Ireland was in a report in an old minute book: "Two Masons carried the Royal Arch in a parade in Youghal, Ireland on St. John's Day in 1743."

The lodges at this time were very small and very poor—but deeply rooted in tradition. It is felt by many students of the Craft that the Masonic degrees, especially the speculative or so-called higher degrees, could have spread back into Europe as the "Dark Ages" were ending like most learning did.

At that time, Knight Masonry required two sets of Officers based on the Bible stories of Joshua and Zerubbabel, the Red and Green degrees. We know this from old records, and there exists an old apron of the degrees with green on one side and red on the other. Records go back before 1750 on this. Other documents shed more light on this period. A certificate, in French, (but good evidence proves it was translated from English), testifies that de Cluzeau was a Master Mason from "Loge Bleue de Dublin #26." Twenty years later proceedings of Irish Lodge #535 granted a demit to a member Mason, Isaac Reed, residing in New York. This man was made a Super Excellent Master on August 20, 1773 and on August 23rd was dubbed a Knight of the Red Cross. In 1784, Archibald Wildin received a "GREEN" certificate and by the end of the century the Green Degrees were all over Ireland.

In 1836, The Grand Council of Rites in Ireland (comprised of duly qualified and elected representatives) suggested a Grand Council of Knights of the Sword, but the motion failed. The constitution of that body printed in the Ahimen Rezon of 1839 reads, "The Supreme Encampment of Knights Templar and the Knights of Malta and to the councils of the preceding degrees of the Knights of the Sword or 'Red Cross' Masons...." Between 1790 and 1836, (or perhaps even earlier, for no actual records have been found), the "Green" degrees became separated from the Royal Arch. Most Irish

generally the ones shown later on the original Irish Rolls of the Councils as being the founding members of the Knight Masons in 1937. They formed the Lodge #666 that became the Research Lodge of North Carolina - the first research lodge in the United States. (This is a story all its own and although much of it is in the "Innovators" much is left to tell. With only three members of the first rolls of Knight Masons and only a few of the members of #666 still living, this should be undertaken at once.)

We know from the information found on the organization of the Knight Masons that at first the men in North Carolina were primarily interested in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. We know they received the work of AMD from Scotland and Lord Cassilis who visited here in 1931. I understand, but cannot prove as yet, that he conveyed these degrees of AMD on about 20 Masons in Asheville that summer of 1931, but more research on that is needed and cannot be used in this paper. At any rate in the hurry to incorporate the AMD degrees in North Carolina, in some manner the Scottish Council of Knight Masons of Ireland was left out.

This mistake became known almost at once and work was begun to secure the degrees from their proper home in Ireland, the Mother Council. This took time, money, and patience, for the Irish were not about to let their sovereignty be abridged or go floating around without proper warrants and seriousness. They desired to have no problems with the AMD, Ancient and Accepted Rites in the British Isles and with the Scottish and York Rite (Templars) in the United States. So at this time Brothers Ed Allen, Ray Shute and Fred Bahnson really began to work. Many letters, some of which are included in this paper, went back and forth, many uncertainties had to be worked out. It was decided that the best man to go to Ireland was J. Edward Allen of Warrenton. The story of his trip was written by him for the *Orphan's Friend*, the official publication of North Carolina Grand Lodge in the issue of September 16, 1935. While in Dublin, Ireland, Brother Allen was the guest of two great Knight Masons, the Hamell brothers, bankers. While there, the Green degrees were conferred on Brother Allen, making him the first (if you overlook the AMD receivers at Asheville) in the United States. Brother Allen suggested that they return his trip and be the guests

of the distinguished Masons who comprise the first Knight Masons in North Carolina. Oddly enough, this happened although it had been the custom for those receiving warrants to come to Dublin for the investiture.

Many more letters went back and forth between the U. S. and Ireland. There was no trouble, really, in getting the permission and releases from Scotland and England, although it had to be shown that the "Green Degrees" were not like the degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Knights Templar. But in dealing with our country things did not go so easily. It took the wise counseling of Brother Ed Allen to really get it on the right road. His suggestion was to go ahead with the warrants without a total commitment from the Grand Encampment and others. They just did not want to lay themselves open for problems in the future and therefore even though they had no serious objections, they would not put this in writing.

This was the breakthrough. Ireland invited the leaders to come to Ireland and receive the Warrants. But this being depression time, few could or would raise the money. So, in a compromise, the men in North Carolina invited the men of Dublin to come to North Carolina and Brother Bahnson suggested that we in North Carolina raise what we could to help defray the expenses of the Irish Brothers in their trip. The Irishmen also wanted to visit Canada, but at any rate they did come to America. A letter from Sir Knight James McC. Allen of Ireland dated 3/9/75 gave me all the details he could find in the Irish Mother Lodge minutes. With these and the writings of Edward Allen and Ray Shute we can put together almost exactly what they did. Brother J. McC. Allen's letter concerning the men from Dublin that came to the United States is a part of this manuscript.

I know from Brother Ed Allen that he met them in Washington and carried them straight to Winston-Salem where they were the guest of the Grays (I presume the Bowman Grays of tobacco fame). From there they went to the Great Smoky Mountains as guest of the Grays. From there they returned to the Oxford Orphanage where Creasy Proctor entertained them at an outdoor picnic with the children. Then on to Warrenton and Washington, North Carolina. The visitors were especially interested in the tobacco industry and

our mountains. The Councils were warranted on May 20, 1936 and Constituted on September 14, 1937. Copies of the original Irish rolls are attached.

During this period, many letters were sent back and forth, even asking if the twenty one men applying for the Knight Masons degrees in three councils would be excused from dues, etc. having taken the degrees under the Scottish AMD umbrella before.

It appears to me from conversation with James McC. Allen, of Dublin, that the early Shute letters displayed a great deal more interest in the Ark Mariners Degree than the Knight Masons. One letter at this time advises Shute to have twenty of the men that took the AMD apply for Councils in North Carolina and to certify that these "Green" degrees were in no way a duplication of any degrees in the York or Scottish Rite but were different and distinct, sending proper forms to be filled out and returned.

On October 30, 1934, Brother Shute's cover letter shows that he had heeded all requests and was submitting names for three councils, still keeping their Scottish names: Saint Patrick in America #26 on the Irish rolls, Shamrock Thistle and Rose #27 to be in Raleigh, and Harp. Cross and Eagle #28 to be in Warrenton, North Carolina. It had been decided for a number of reasons that all three councils were to be in North Carolina instead of one being in Virginia. At the same time an application of a Provincial Grand Council was made and the officers were suggested.

In February 1935 the Grand Scribe of Ireland wrote to England AMD and A & C Rites and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar here in the United States. This has partly been explained earlier, but now the Irish were really serious and wanted answers. It was here that J. Edward Allen stepped in and wrote the letters we have mentioned before and got the problems solved so the track could be opened again. But letters still went back and forth, even rituals were exchanged, and finally on May 25, 1936, J. H. Hamell, writing officially from Dublin, authorized the three councils but held up on the Grand Provincial Council until later. At that time he asked that the designated Excellent Chiefs of each Council to come to Dublin to be installed and the councils be constituted. We have already heard how this was bypassed along with taking Alexandria

out of the picture and making all of the Councils in North Carolina and none in Virginia.

From another section of the letter I quote verbatim:

We look on these Degrees as the highest in Irish Masonry and as such guard them very jealously and in wishing the American Councils every possible success, I want to assure you of this: That the Grand Council is confident that they will be equally well guarded by those in whose hand these warrants are being placed.

This explains why it took me so long, nearly six years, to get to see and talk with the right man, now over 80 years old, and why the statement of esteem still holds good in Ireland today. Mr. James Allen spoke very kindly and remembered that he and I had been in contact for about three years. He as Deputy Great Chief and Past Grand Scribe would spend a whole day with me, offering all the papers they had including Hamell's History up to where we came on course. In fact he observed that "You are the only Brother that has been to see us or shown any interest since your Provincial Warrants were returned and you had your own Grand Officers. And I think someone over there should know."

Now we find the officers of the Great Council along with many of the officers of the new councils in Washington, North Carolina. Millard McKeel was host, or at least was making the arrangements, which were: Formal dinner at the Hotel Louise with toasts back and forth, customary in England and Ireland, but not in USA. Then to the Masonic Lodge building in Washington, North Carolina where the degrees were actually conferred on 22 candidates and the Councils constituted. There is a difference of opinion as to who was the actual candidate, but relying on J. Edward Allen's and Charles A. Harris's memory it could have been Ray E. Phillips. Nothing has been found to indicate this in writing, but of course this paper goes only through the founding and subsequent large happenings so it has been verified by all three people living saying that is what happened.

It is interesting to know, and I have not been able to find out where they now are, that at this time each council was presented

and Brother Charles A. Harris who encouraged me many times in this paper's preparation.

There is much left to be said and I have portions of it at hand, but I am still looking for more light as all Masons should and as the transactions go, so shall I.

Before we close this history I would sincerely like to extend my appreciation to Sir Knight C. Ray Scarborough who has been so wonderful in sending me papers from the official files, guiding my thoughts, correcting the spelling from other editions, and handling the printing of this third edition and helping me in so many ways. I cannot say too many nice things about him...Our friendship continues to be a great inspiration to me.

With Brotherly Love and Friendship to all our gentle craft, I remain Fraternally, Otis V. Jones, Jr., M.E.P.G.C., 1986.

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Douglas L. Jordan, Grand Scribe, 1996

ST PATRICK'S IN AMERICA COUNCIL NO. 26
 WARRANTED MAY 20 1946 INSTALLED SEPT 14 1947

N.	MEMBER	STATE	KNIGHTED	DIED
2	LUTHER T. HANSELL JR.	N	SEPT 14 1947	
3	JOHN F. HANSELL JR.	N	SEPT 14 1947	SEPT 14 1947
4	CHARLES H. F. W.	N	SEPT 14 1947	
5	CLAUDE S. STEWART	N	SEPT 14 1947	
6	LEE GRIFFIN	N	SEPT 14 1947	
7	H. GRADY FIBBIN	N	SEPT 14 1947	
8	LOUIE F. HART	N	SEPT 14 1947	
9	HERBERT P. ALLEN	N	SEPT 14 1947	
10	HAROLD K. HARRIS	NJ	FEB 22 1947	SEPT 14 1947
11	WARD H. ST. CLAIR	NY	FEB 22 1947	SEPT 14 1947
12	GEORGE L. LINDLETT	NY	FEB 22 1947	SEPT 14 1947
13	LEON GADSWAN	N	FEB 22 1947	
14	HERMAN L. BROOKS	N	FEB 22 1947	
15	EDWARD G. FALLNER	N	FEB 22 1947	
16	GILBERT H. HENDRIX	N	FEB 22 1947	
17	NEIL G. HUGGINS	N	FEB 22 1947	
18	WAYLAND H. MAUSS	N	FEB 22 1947	
19	JESSE N. PARKER	N	FEB 22 1947	
20	CHARLES E. SELL	N	FEB 22 1947	
21	WILLIAM M. SELLS	N	FEB 22 1947	
22	EDWARD K. WILLIS	N	FEB 22 1947	
23	HARRY F. SUNDERLAND	N	FEB 21 1948	
24	JAMES I. WALKER	TENN	FEB 21 1948	
25	MORRIS E. EWING	N	FEB 21 1948	
26	JOHN F. REINHARDT	CAL	FEB 21 1948	
27	LLOYD E. JOHNSON	NM	FEB 21 1948	

Original Membership List
 St. Patrick's in America No. 26

SHAMROCK, THISTLE & ROSE NO. 27
 WARRANTED MAY 20 1944 NOT TESTED EPT 14 1947

	MEMBER	NO.	INITIALS	DIED
1	FREDERIC F. BAHN	N	JUN 20 1930	MAR 14 1944
10	EDWARD IV. THOMAS JR.	N	SEPT 14 1947	
11	HENRY W. PARKMAN	N	SEPT 14 1947	
12	IRVING I. WALTON	N	SEPT 14 1947	
13	HARRY S. STORR	N	SEPT 14 1947	
14	ROSS E. SHUMAKER	N	SEPT 14 1947	
15	HENRY F. EVANS	N	JULY 1 1941	SEPT 7 1945
16	WILLIAM T. BURNER	N	FEB 22 1947	
17	WALLACE E. CALDWELL	N	FEB 22 1947	
18	ARTHUR V. COLE	N	FEB 22 1947	
19	ALICE L. CRUMFALKER	N	FEB 22 1947	
20	WILLIAM H. ELDER	N	FEB 22 1947	
21	WILSON W. HARRIS	N	FEB 22 1947	
22	EUGENE W. DANIEL	N	FEB 22 1947	MAY 2 1950
23	CHARLES T. MARTIN	IA	FEB 22 1947	
24	JOHN B. PHELPS	FLA	FEB 22 1947	
25	WILLIAM L. RAMSEY	N	FEB 22 1947	
26	THOMAS G. SCHUE	N	FEB 22 1947	
27	CARL F. WOOD	IA	FEB 22 1947	
28	GEOFFREY L. MICHAEL	MD	FEB 21 1948	
29	ALBERT M. COLEMAN	MD	FEB 21 1948	
30	HARRY O. SCHROEDER	MD	FEB 21 1948	
31	GUY H. MOTT	MD	FEB 21 1948	
32	EARL B. DELZELL	IA	FEB 21 1948	
33	HARRY L. WHITE	N	FEB 21 1948	
34	WILLIAM JACKSON	N	FEB 21 1948	
35	JOHN J. JONES	N	FEB 23 1948	
36	JOHN J. PENNIE	N	FEB 23 1948	
37	JOHN F. BROWN	N	FEB 23 1948	
38	BERNARD F. BROWN	N	FEB 23 1948	
39	JOHN J. JONES	N	FEB 23 1948	
40	EDWARD F. CALDWELL	N	FEB 23 1948	

Original Membership List
 Shamrock, Thistle & Rose No. 27

HARP, CROSS & EAGLE COUNCIL, No 28
 INCORPORATED MAY 20 1926 CONSTITUTED SEPT 14 1927

No.	USO	MEMBER	STATE	KNIGHTED	DIED
1	15	WILLIAM F. M. KEEL	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	DEC 12 1950
2	16	J. EDWARD ALLEN	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	DEC 31 1949 RETN
3	17	MICHEL SALIBA	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	6 12 4 1944
4	18	RAY E. PHILLIPS	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	
5	19	ARTHUR S. CHESSON	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	
6	20	CREASY K. PRINCE	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	J. 46 25 1946
7	21	FRANK M. PINNIV	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	MARCH 20 1951
8	22	LEONIDAS B. WYNN	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	
9	23	JOSEPH L. PEACOCK	N.C.	SEPT 14 1927	
10	27	CLARENCE BRAIN	INDIA	FEB 22 1941	MAR 3 1951
11	59	JAMES G. HOUSTON	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
12	60	BENJAMIN R. ADAMS	ARK	FEB 22 1947	
13	61	JAMES E. BLADES	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
14	62	R. BRUCE BRANNON	TEX	FEB 22 1947	
15	63	C. VERNON EDDY	IA	FEB 22 1947	
16	64	JAMES W. GREEN	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
17	65	CHARLES A. HARRIS	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
18	66	EDWARD S. PEARSON	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
19	67	PHILIP J. T. RAWLINS	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
20	68	FRANCIS J. SCULLY	ARK	FEB 22 1947	
21	69	HARVEY W. SMITH	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
22	70	NATHAN P. STRAUSS	N.C.	FEB 22 1947	
23	85	JOHN W. LAINHART	DC	FEB 21 1945	
24	86	HARRY W. WALKER	N.C.	FEB 21 1945	
25	87	JOHN E. ROOKER, JR	N.C.	FEB 21 1945	
26	88	RAY V. DENSLOW	N.C.	FEB 21 1945	
27	89	JOHN A. HORNADAY	N.C.	FEB 21 1945	

Original Membership List
 Harp, Cross & Eagle No. 28

Grand Council of Knight Masons.

Dublin
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Dear Sir Kt Jones

In reply to your letter I have searched the records there is no mention whatever of the ladies who accompanied the Grand Officers to Washington on 10th Sept 1937. This was all before my time but I do know that the Hamell Brothers were Bachelors.

The minute lists

as m & h Chief	As Kt	to H. Hamell
V S Sec	As Kt	to H. Hamell
	to	to H. Hamell
As Sec		to H. Hamell
As Pres		to H. Hamell
As Warden		to H. Hamell
to		to H. Hamell
As Sec		to H. Hamell
As Sec		to H. Hamell

(I cannot trace the As Pres as one of our officers here)

Except for Rations the only reference in the minutes is the reply of the m & h Chief when he made a personal presentation to the G & C for their respective Councils of enlarged replicas of our old towel of K of S which had been found in the box of the regent's burial 35" and which the present regent's General believed to have been there for at least 70 years and to have been used in the confining of their degrees at least 120 years ago.

It is the actual towel which was used by the Grand Master in laying the foundation stone of the old Irish Houses of Parliament.

The handles of these presentation towels instead of being made of ivory were made from oak taken from the platform on which the speaker then stood in the Irish House of Commons.

I hope this is interesting

Yours
James McC. Allen

James McC. Allen Letter

Grand Council of Knight Masons

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Grand Council should be addressed
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Molesworth Street, Dublin 2*

FREEMASONS' HALL
17 MOLESWORTH STREET
DUBLIN, 2

At the June Stated Meeting of the Grand Council of Knight Masons and Council formerly extended recognition to the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and approved the following Concordat:-

That the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America shall possess supreme authority within the territories of the United States of America.

That the Grand Council of Knight Masons in the United States of America will not, nor will its Great Chief grant any Warrant (or Charter) for any Council outside the territories of the United States of America.

That any Council holding a Warrant from the Grand Council of Knight Masons (Ireland) and not having already decided to join the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America shall continue under the Authority of the Grand Council of Knight Masons (Ireland) unimpaired by the recognition of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America.

That the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America shall uphold and preserve the Ritual of Grand Council and shall not make alterations therein without the consent of the Grand Council of Knight Masons (Ireland).

That until the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio (State of Ohio) permits Councils of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America to be Constituted within that State there shall be no objection to the Grand Council of Knight Masons (Ireland) issuing new Warrants (Charters) within that State.

That Grand Council shall invite the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland to grant the same privileges and courtesies to the new Grand Council which would thus be extended to the three Constitutions.

OW IT IS HEREBY WITNESSED that the terms and conditions above expressed and set forth are the terms and conditions settled, concluded and agreed upon between the Grand Council of Knight Masons (Ireland) and the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and are to be kept and observed as binding and obligatory on these bodies in the future. And the respective Great Chiefs of each Grand Council have subscribed these presents as ratifying and confirming the same for themselves and their successors and the Seals of the respective Grand Councils have been affixed thereto.

Signed and sealed, in duplicate,
the one at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin

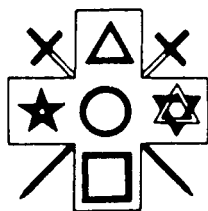
this 15th day of June, 1969

John H. Keero
and the other at

this 15 day of October 1969

Murray C. Alexander

Attest:
J. Landis Randall
J. Landis Randall
V.E. Grand Scribe USA



The Grand College of Rites

at the

United States of America

J. Edward Allen - J. E. A. - Grand Master

KNIGHT MASONS — IRELAND TO U. S. A.

J. Edward Allen visited Europe in 1935, one part of his itinerary being in Dublin, Ireland. In Dublin he was welcomed by the Hamill brothers at their apartment over the Bank at College Green. He received from them by communication the Green Degree (Knight Masons) word as a member. He invited them to come to the United States and particularly North Carolina, as a matter of courtesy.

Next year these two with another officer, and W. U. Ladice, accepted the invitation. J. Edward Allen conferred with interested co-workers, including Fred F. Bahnsen, J. Ray State, L. T. Hartsell and Willard P. McKeel and Cressy K. Proctor, and these agreed to go in with the handling of the visitors.

It is to be understood that excluding Northern Ireland, a British unit, all of Ireland is Roman Catholic — some 85%, perhaps. Masonry there does not emblazon itself in such ways as to cause embarrassment to Masons in a Catholic atmosphere. The Masonic Temple simply calls itself "No. 17" on the street and no emblems are seen. It's just "17 Molesworth Street, Dublin." Conspicuous Masonic occasions are avoided. They have such things in northern Ireland cities. To have a ceremony instituting a new Grand Council in Dublin would be avoided. Their envelopes carry no Masonic name or emblem, through the mails.

The Male Visitors to the United States wanted to see the Great Smoky Mountains — Ireland has no mountain range. Also, they were curious about tobacco. So, when the Masonic visitors — the Henille and Kilpatrick and ladies — came, J. Edward Allen with an assistant took them over in Washington, D. C. and their first evening was in Winston-Salem — thence through the mountains, and out via Charlotte and Raleigh to Oxford where they were given a picnic on the Orphanage grounds — they were anxious to see Duke and the Orphanage. Thence they went through the tobacco cities, Wilson and other, and learned about tobacco from field to factory — and Willard McKeel was the last of the hosts, at Washington, D. C. There was a brief dinner. After this Willard McKeel took the men to the Masonic Temple, attired in dress suits, and then and there the Green Degrees, Knight Masons, were conferred in full form. There and then also the Grand Council of America was formed with full authority, J. Edward Allen being the senior member.

The visitors departed next morning for points north, Washington to Canada &c. All of these were officials of the Grand Council of Ireland, Knight Masons, and fully clothed with authority to perform official acts.

This recital will explain why the Grand Council began at Washington, N. Car. The situation at Washington was admirably suited to suit the use of the members and officials of the Grand Council of Ireland desired to see use of it; and here was the climax of their visit Masonically to North Carolina and the United States.

J. Edward Allen
All other participants
now deceased

J.E. Allen Trip Report

J. EDW. ALLEN
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27589

Mr. Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Box 5366, Raleigh, N. Car.
27607

Dear Brother Jones,

Your letter dated Feb'y. 5, 1941 before me and it is noted that you are asked to give to Marp, Crose and Eagle Council No. 26 of Knight Masons, Raleigh, a story of the early history of the Council before a meeting of the same at an early date. It is noted that you have solicited the aid of other persons in connection with the preparation of said paper. As I begin, there shall be two suggestions, as follows:—

First, whatever facts you get from the others to whom you have written requests for aid, I shall ask you to share with me.

Second, I know nothing about the early history of this organization in Ireland, and should like to have such facts in my records, with your aid. Neither do I have any facts dealing with the history since 1916 and I should like to have these to complete my own records.

Well, then: some of the Masons of this country came to be interested in the Knight Masons of Ireland in the Nineteen Thirties. There was some correspondence.

It so happened that the American Masons were interested also in other groups which interesting to them, being attached to Freemasonry in Western Europe, and authority was given to groups here to organize these in this country. It so happened that something became confused in connection with one of these, and it became necessary for one of us to go to Europe to get the irregularities straightened out. I was chosen to make the trip to Europe for that purpose in the summer of 1935. Word got around of this and Brother Alexander B. Andrews of Raleigh volunteered to help with an itinerary that would be comprehensive. This was done. It was arranged that I should go to Dublin, Ireland, among other places. This I did, and there I by prearrangement met the Brothers Macmill, G. W. and J. M., of their bank at College Green. And I was made a Knight Mason. It is not necessary here to detail other experiences. But as an aftermath and a sequel to this, a delegation of these Knight Masons of Dublin paid a visit to the United States in 1936, and L.T. Martzell, Frederic F. Bahnson and I set out to show them North Carolina; which was done in excellent style, culminating in a session in Washington, N. Car. in which our Knight Masons from Ireland, dressed up in tailcoats and exemplified the work, initiating Willard McKee and others. I had been initiated short form in Dublin, and the job was finished at Washington. Next day the visitors went to New York and other places.

In the course of time I caused membership certificates and other things to be printed, and too, early Councils were formed.

The above paragraph gives a brief account of the activities in which I had a part, in relation to the formation of the two jurisdictions of the Knight Masons in this country.

If the correspondent in Dublin gives you something about how Knight Masons got to Ireland, and what its record there is since 1935, I shall appreciate your sharing such information with me. Also, the history since 1916, ^{an U.S.A.}
What is written above may be interesting to you.

Cordially and fraternally

J. Edward Allen, P. U. M.

Box 216, Warrenton, N. C., 27589

J.E. Allen Letter

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Fredric F. Bahnson (Southern Jurisdiction) ..	1936-1944
J. Edward Allen (Southern Jurisdiction)	1945-1949
J. Raymond Shute (Southern Jurisdiction) ...	1949-1950
Harold V.B. Voorhis (Northern Jurisdiction) .	1949-1950
Harold V.B. Voorhis	1950-1967

GREAT CHIEFS

Harold V.B. Voorhis (4)	1967-1968
Murray C. Alexander (1)	1969
Henry Emmerson (4)	1970
Robert L. Grubb (1)	1971
J. Edward Allen (3)	Honorary 1971
William J.J. Fleming (7)	1972
William G. Peacher (14)	1973
Adrian B. Hommell (10)	1974
Harold D. Elliott 2nd (11)	1975
J. Landis Randall (6)	Honorary 1975
S. Flory Diehl (9)	1976
James M. Alter (13)	1977
Cyril H. York (9)	1978
C. Wallace Jackson (2)	1979
Marvin E. Fowler (9)	1980
Richard M. Stephenson (15)	1981
Walter M. McCracken (0)	1982
Eddie P. Stiles, M.D. (3)	1983
C. Ray Scarborough (18)	Honorary 1983
G. Wilbur Bell (0)	1984
Samuel H.J. Womack (20)	1985
Otis V. Jones, Jr., (3)	1986
Henry G. Law (18)	1987
Edward H. Fowler, Jr. (5)	1988
George D. Stevens (12)	1989
Thomas W. Mann (22)	1990
Howard R. Caldwell (8)	1991
William R. Deutsch (23)	1992
Allen L. Bruner (3)	1993
John Harris Watts (0)	1994
Evan L. Fleming, Jr. (29)	1995
Reese L. Harrison, Jr. (45)	1996

Councils Chartered by the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA

<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>
<i>Councils chartered before the formation of The Grand Council in the USA</i>		
Saint Patrick's In America Council No. 26	Monroe, NC	Sept. 14, 1937
Shamrock, Thistle And Rose Council No. 27	Raleigh, NC	Sept. 14, 1937
Harp, Cross And Eagle Council No. 28	Warrington, NC	Sept. 14, 1937
Paumanok Council No. 32	Garden City, NY	Dec. 30, 1942
The Gateway To The West Council No. 58	Pittsburgh, PA	Jun. 27, 1951
Erin Council No. 63	Harrisburg, PA	Nov. 11, 1957
West Virginia Council No. 64	Clarksburg, WV	Dec. 13, 1958
Kincora Council No. 70	Denver, CO	Jun. 24, 1961
Maryland Council No. 73	Maryland	Jun. 23, 1966
<i>Above councils rechartered as Councils 1 - 9 Feb. 18, 1967</i>		
Great Chief's Council No. 0	as called	Feb. 18, 1967
Northern New Jersey Council No. 10	Northern New Jersey	Feb. 17, 1968
Southern New Jersey Council No. 11	Southern New Jersey	Feb. 17, 1968
Virginia Council No. 12	Arlington, VA	Feb. 17, 1968
Penn Council No. 13	Philadelphia, PA	Feb. 15, 1969
Glencarm Council No. 14	Syracuse, NY	Feb. 15, 1969
Muncie Council No. 15	Muncie, IN	Feb. 21, 1970
Now Indiana Council No. 15	Indianapolis, IN	
Baltimore Council No. 16	Baltimore, MD	Feb. 20, 1971
	Revoked	Feb. 11, 1989
King Darius Council No. 17	Staunton, VA	Feb. 19, 1972
Delaware Council No. 18	Dover, DE	Feb. 17, 1973
Colonial Council No. 19	Framingham, MA	Feb. 15, 1975
South Carolina Council No. 20	Spartanburg, SC	Feb. 15, 1975
Enchantment Council No. 21	Albuquerque, NM	Feb. 19, 1977
Vulcan Council No. 22	Birmingham, AL	Feb. 19, 1977
St. Bridget Council No. 23	Chicago, IL	Feb. 16, 1980
Earl Of Torell Council No. 24	Springfield, IL	Feb. 12, 1983
Celtic Council No. 25	New York, NY	Feb. 11, 1984
Four Corners Emerald Council No. 26	Farmington, NM	Feb. 11, 1984
Glennmann Council No. 27	Lockport, NY	Not Chartered
Mohawk Council No. 28	Connecticut	Feb. 09, 1985
Tara Council No. 29	Jackson, MS	Feb. 10, 1985
Emerald Isle Council No. 30	Portsmouth, VA	Feb. 08, 1986
Pine Cone Council No. 31	New Gloucester, ME	Feb. 21, 1987
Space Coast Council No. 32	Cocoa, FL	Feb. 21, 1987
Kilkenny Council No. 33	Las Vegas, NV	Feb. 21, 1987
Minnesota Council No. 34	Rochester, MN	Feb. 18, 1989
Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35	Fort Myers, FL	Feb. 18, 1989
Trinity Council No. 36	Detroit, MI	Feb. 24, 1990
Scenic Council No. 37	Concord, NH	Feb. 22, 1991
Brian Boru Council No. 38	Los Angeles, CA	Feb. 22, 1991
Connemara Council No. 39	Vacaville, CA	Feb. 22, 1991
Tracy O'Galway Council No. 40	Dixon, IL	Feb. 22, 1991

Council**Location****Charter Date**

Tralee Council No 41	Memphis, TN	Feb 14, 1992
SENClard Council No 42	Wilmington, NC	Feb 14, 1992
Shamrock Council No 43	Belleville, IL	Feb 14, 1992
Crown 'n Cork Council No 44	Madison, WI	Feb 14, 1992
Texas Council No 45	San Antonio, TX	Feb 14, 1992
Nat Pace Council No 46	Baytown, TX	Feb 19, 1993
Anson Jones Council No 47	Houston, TX	Feb 19, 1993
Francis A "Fritz" White Council No 48	Texas City, TX	Feb 19, 1993
Rose Of Sharon Council No 49	Dallas, TX	Feb 18, 1994
Dick Dowling Council No. 50	Groves, TX	Feb. 24, 1995
Gateway Council No 51	Jacksonville, FL	Feb 24, 1995
Wilbury Bethel Sirman Council No 52	Bay City, TX	Feb 24, 1995
Kansas Council No 53	Wichita, KS	Feb 24, 1995
David S Hartman Council No 55	Baton Rouge, LA	Not Chartered
Worth's Shamrock Council No 54	Ft Worth, TX	Feb 16, 1996
Kullamey Council No 56	San Diego, CA	Feb. 16, 1996
Tri-State Council No 57	Huntington, WV	Feb 16, 1996
Clanna Ruid Ruide Council No UD	Los Altos, CA	Under Dispensation
Ventas Council No UD	Tyler, TX	Under Dispensation
Gaelic Council No UD	Chattanooga, TN	Under Dispensation