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THE M.: P.: SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

To all Freemasons of the M.: A.: Scottish Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction
of the United States.

BRETHREN:

Death has again invaded the ranks of our Supreme Council and taken from us a dearly-remembered Brother.


On the tenth of the current month, Ill.: THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council, died at his home in Trenton, New Jersey, in the fifty second year of his age.

Afflicted for several years past with a disease that was slowly but surely bringing him to the grave, he looked Death in the face with cheerful resignation. When he met with us in Supreme Council last year, he fully appreciated that it was for the last time: his parting words were—
“Now home—then to my bed—then to my grave.”

He became a Mason in 1854, and for the twenty-five years of his masonic life his love for the Institution and his zeal to promote its interests continually increased. His brethren appreciated his ability and devotion, and called him to fill the posts of Junior and Senior Grand Warden in his Grand Lodge, and placed him at the head of his Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. But it was as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in the three Grand Bodies last named, that he gained a national reputation, second to none in the country. His Reports were everywhere looked for with the greatest interest: his knowledge of masonic law, his genuine wit, his keen appreciation of the humorous, his true conception of the fundamental principles of Masonry, all added to a wonderful command of language and illustration, made his reports able, instructive, and, in the highest degree, enjoyable.

Those who knew him personally, loved him for his genial nature and generous heart, which attracted all who came within the circle of their influence.

As a token of our affection for him, let these Letters be read in each Body of the Rite at the next meeting after their reception, and the altars and working tools be draped with the usual badge of mourning for sixty days.

 *Joseph H. Dummer* 
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