



# SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE

OF THE

*Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,*

For the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, in Annual Session assembled in its Consistorial Chamber in the Masonic Temple, in the City of New York, on the 26th day of the Hebrew month Elul A. M. 5641, answering to the 20th day of September, 1881, E. V.:



Ill. Henry L. Palmer 33. M. P.: Sovereign Grand Commander in a most eloquent and touching address, announced the death of Bro.: JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States of America, whereupon a Special Committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sorrow of this Supreme Council, which were subsequently presented, and unanimously adopted, as follows:

"The Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, now assembled together, join with their fellow citizens in bewailing the untimely death of Brother JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, struck down by an assassin's hand in the beginning of his honorable career as Chief Magistrate of this Republic, to which he had been elevated by the votes of a free people, influenced by their knowledge of the abilities and virtues he had displayed in various walks of public service.

"The impulses of a patriotic heart were seen throughout his public career, and now when, with experience ripened as a statesman, liberalized by varied and profound studies, he promised to yield in the administration of his high trust a generous harvest for the commonweal of these United States, an inscrutable Providence has removed him from this sphere of action to that vast Spiritual realm at whose threshold we all humbly kneel.

"Our grief for the lamented deceased is more personal in this, that we were joined in the relations which spring from the common bond of Freemasonry.

"Our deceased Brother, for many years, had been a member of the Grand Lodge of Perfection, in the jurisdiction of our Sister, the Southern Supreme Council of this Rite, and we bear cheerful witness to the wisdom and assiduity with which he fulfilled the mission of Charity, Friendship and Brotherly Love that his high grade imposed upon him.

"The cause of humanity, to which Masonry is devoted, found in his generous heart a kindly and sympathetic field, and in the various Masonic organizations with which he was connected he won the affection, confidence and esteem of his comrades and brethren.

"In losing him, Masonry has lost a rare and precious jewel, but she will long cherish the memory of his virtues with pure and loving sympathy.

"We tender to the Southern Supreme Council, and the Masonic Bodies in which the deceased was affiliated, the expressions of our appreciation of their great loss.

"The Sovereign Grand Commander is requested to cause a copy of these resolutions to be transmitted to the Mother and to the Wife of the illustrious deceased, with assurances that this Council, in the name of the Brethren of its jurisdiction, shares the grief that has fallen on his family, and condoles with them on their irreparable bereavement.

"Resolved,—That the Banners, Jewels and Altar of this Council be draped in mourning for forty days, and that similar mourning be worn on the Jewels, Banners and Altar of every subordinate Body of this jurisdiction during the same time.

"Resolved,—That Brother GARFIELD having died while within the Masonic jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, that the Sovereign Grand Commander tender to the authorities in charge of his remains the services of this Council and its brethren at the funeral obsequies.

"Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES LEW WOODBURY 33°

ALBERT C. GOODALL 33°

THOMAS A. DOYLE 33°

FRANCIS A. BLADES 33°

ANTHONY E. STOCKER 33°

OFFICIAL.

Washington, D. C., September 23, 1881.

Hon. Henry L. Palmer,  
51 Astor House, New York

Dear Sir,—Your letter and accompanying resolutions of the 20th inst. add a deeply touching proof of the veneration of the High Masonic fraternity for the memory of their lamented Brother, the late President, in this hour of National sorrow.

The arrangements for the funeral are under the directions of the authorities of Ohio.

Very respectfully, yours,

JAMES G. BLAINE,  
Secretary of State.

The foregoing was received in acknowledgment of the resolutions of condolence adopted by the Supreme Council.

The above resolutions and dispatch are true copies from the records of the Supreme Council.

Attest :



Clinton D. Paige



G. Sec. Gen. N. E.