

Coming Week Most Notable in

Auspicious Event Will Bring to Fort Wayne Great Gathering of Masons of High Degree—The Program and the Handsome \$275,000 Structure—Some Active Spirits in Movement.

America's Largest and Most Beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral, Just Completed Here, Will Will be Dedicated With Imposing Ceremonies—Building is Pride of Indiana Masons.

Masonic Annals of Fort Wayne

Marking as it does the consecration and dedication of America's largest and most beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral, just completed in Fort Wayne, the coming week will be the most notable in the Masonic annals of this city. The event extends over a period of three days—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—and it will bring to Fort Wayne a distinguished assemblage of Masons of high rank, from Indiana and from other states as well.

The Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Cathedral, furnished completely, represents an expenditure of \$275,000, and the great structure is the pride of the Indiana members of the fraternity. There are in the world other Masonic structures of greater size and magnificence, but all of them are devoted in part to other purposes—many of them containing mercantile rooms and offices from which revenue is derived. The Fort Wayne cathedral stands unique as the very finest and most elaborate cathedral in the United States, and perhaps in the entire world, devoted exclusively to the uses of the Scottish Rite bodies. Its completion is the realization of a dream which had its inception in the minds of Scottish Rite Masons in Fort Wayne several years ago, and they are justifiably proud of the handsome temple which is now their fraternity home.

Ceremonies of the Week.
The ceremonies of the week are in direct charge of Barton Smith, 33d degree, of Toledo, pulsant guard lieutenant commander of the supreme council of sovereign grand inspectors-general of the thirty-third and last degree for the northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America. He comes to Fort Wayne as the personal representative of Samuel Crocker Lawrence, of Boston, most pulsant sovereign grand commander, and will have the assistance of a notable assemblage of Masonic brethren of high rank.

The Fort Wayne Lodge of Perfection will begin its forty-fourth semi-annual reunion Tuesday afternoon, followed on Wednesday by Darlus council, Princess of Jerusalem and

the prominent Scottish Rite Masons of the city. Among these donors are John H. Bass, George W. Pixley, C. A. Wilding and W. E. Mossman; William Geake, who has placed the emblem of the active thirty-third degree Mason in the beautiful transom over the vestibule; Fred Eckart, Frank E. Stouder and Fred W. Fress, Judges W. J. Vesey, Elmer E. McGray, of Kendallville, and Tom Snook. There is also a memorial window to the late George Retter, who left a bequest for the cathedral.

William Geake, 33d deg., is in general charge of preparations for the dedication and the attendant ceremonies, and under him has been working a large and earnest corps of committees. Workmen are hurrying forward the completion of the cathedral in order to have the great building in readiness for the ceremonies of the week.

The Fort Wayne Lodge of Perfection, the oldest of the Scottish Rite bodies in the city, was chartered September 19, 1888. Two years later Darlus council, Princes of Jerusalem, was organized, and then came Emanuel chapter of the Rose Croix on September 20, 1906, and the Fort Wayne Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S., chartered September 23, 1908.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

High Masonic Bodies Participating in Ceremonies of the Week.

At the head of the Masonic bodies participating in the notable occasion is the supreme council of sovereign grand inspectors-general of the thirty-third and last degree for the northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America:

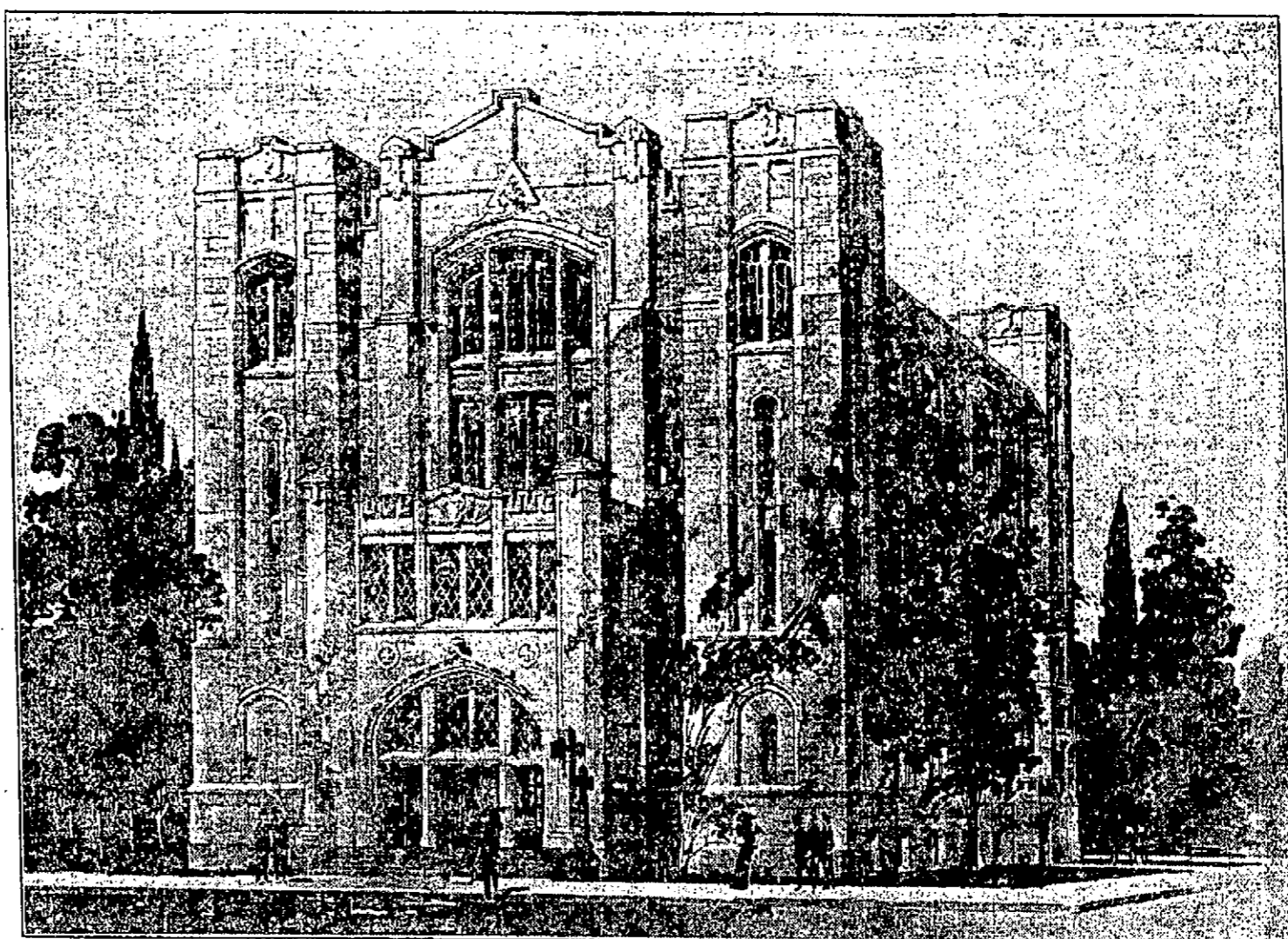
Most Pulsant Sovereign Grand Commander—Samuel Crocker Lawrence.

Pulsant Grand Lieutenant Commander—Barton Smith.

Illustrious Grand Minister of State—John Carson Smith.

Illustrious Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire—Newton D. Arnold.

Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Cathedral



First Lieutenant Commander—C. B. Fitch.

Second Lieutenant Commander—B. Paul Mossman.

Orator—R. S. Viberg.

Chancellor—J. L. Graber.

Master of Ceremonies—Ronald Dawson.

Eng. Seneschal—A. E. Carroll.

Standard Bearer—E. F. Lieberman.

Treasurer—Geo. W. Pixley.

Secretary—C. E. Read.

Guard—Henry Cohen.

Sentinel—W. S. Sponhauer.

10 O'clock A. M.—19th deg., grand pontiff; 20th deg., master ad vitam;

21st deg., patriarch noachite or Prussian knight; 22d deg., prince of Lebanon; 23d deg., chief of the tabernacle; 24th deg., prince of the brazen serpent; 25th deg., prince of mercy;

27th deg., knight commander of the temple; 28th deg., knight of the sun;

29th deg., knight of St. Andrew; 30th deg., knight kadosh; 31st deg., grand inspector inquisitor commander.

7:30 O'clock P. M.—32d degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Music for Dedication.

Music for the dedication of the Cathedral will be of a very fine character. Mr. John B. Archer, 32, will be organist and choirmaster. The cathedral choir is composed of Messrs. Ronald Dawson, 32; D. Burns Douglas, 18; E. M. Hulse, 18; H. G. Keegan, 18; G. M. Leslie, 32; J. L. Scott, 32; F. E. Stouder, 32; Dr. B. Van Swearingen, 32; E. F. Yarnelle, 18; E. Ralph Yarnelle, 18. The cathedral quartet, composed of Messrs. E. F. Yarnelle, Scott, Keegan and Stouder, will also render selections.

The following musical program is announced for the ceremony:

Organ—"Bannhauser Fantasia"

..... Richard Wagner

"Festival Te Deum"

..... William H. Gerrish

Quartet—"Remember Now Thy Creator"

..... J. B. Rhodes

Chorus—"Consider and Hear Me"

..... Carl Pfueger

Quartet—"Lead, Kindly Light"

..... Dudley Buck

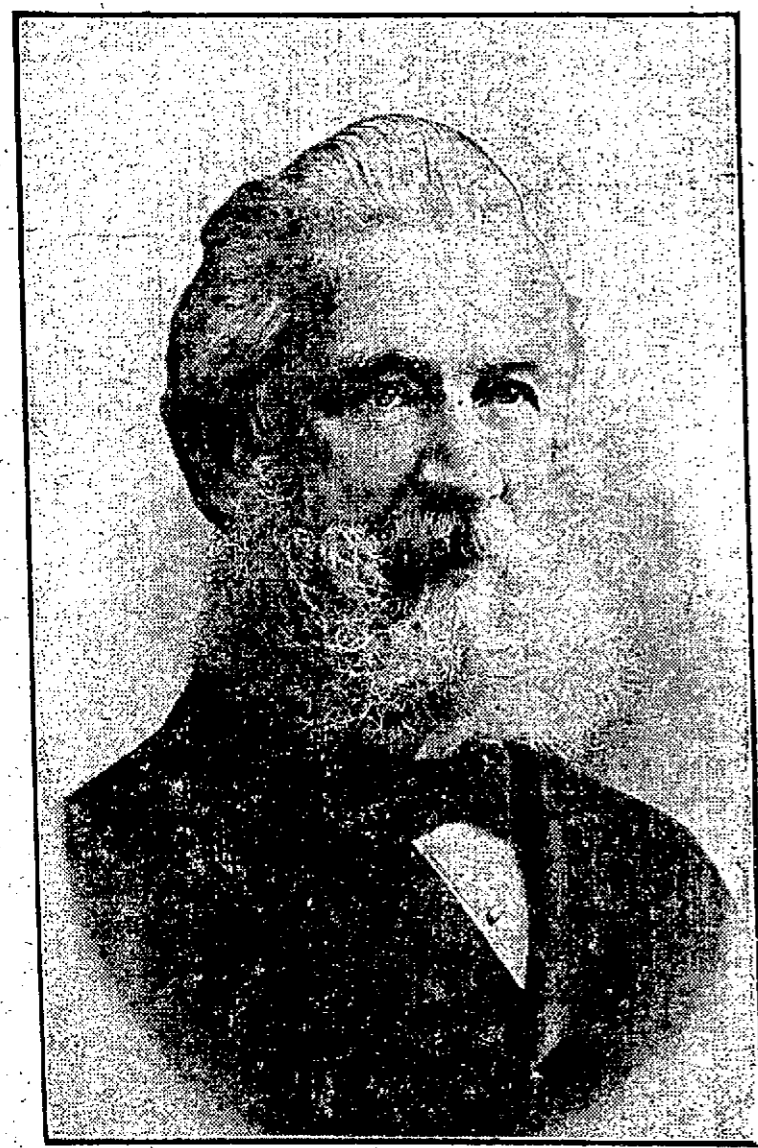
Organ—"Triumphal March"

..... Arthur Sullivan.

HIGHEST RANK MASON IN UNITED STATES.

IN CHARGE OF FORT WAYNE CEREMONIES

HOLDS HIGH PLACE IN SCOTTISH RITE



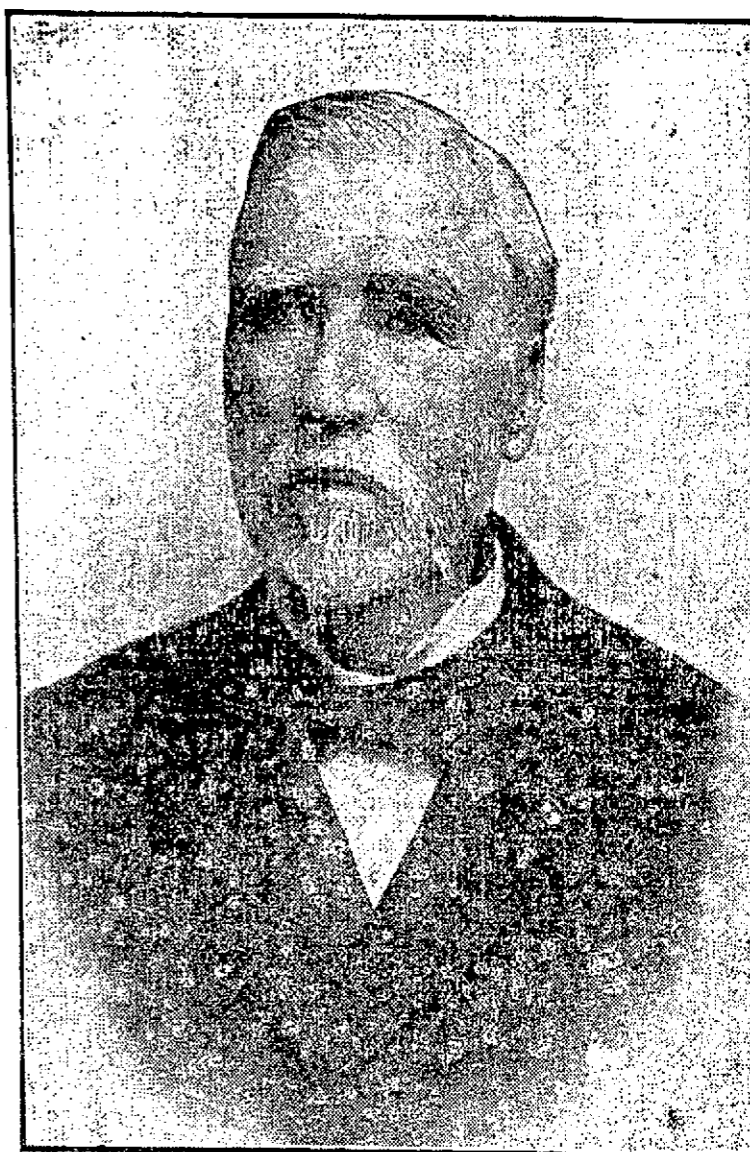
SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, 33°

Most Pulsant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Boston.



BARTON SMITH, 33°

Pulsant Grand Lieutenant Commander of the Supreme Council, Toledo.



JOHN CORSON SMITH, 33°

Grand Minister of State, Supreme Council, Chicago.

Emanuel chapter of Rose Croix. The dedication and consecration ceremonies will occur on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, followed by the dedication banquet at 8 o'clock, served in the magnificent banquet hall of the Cathedral, which will seat 1,200 guests. Pulsant Grand Lieutenant Commander Smith will probably preside at this function. On Thursday will occur the session of the Fort Wayne sovereign consistory, conferring the degrees and concluding the evening with the thirty-second. It is expected that the class in the Lodge of Perfection will be composed of 200 candidates, the Rose Croix degree will be conferred upon 250 members, while about 400 candidates will receive the consistory degrees.

Highest Indiana Mason.

Conspicuous in the work of the week will be William Geake, of this city, whom Fort Wayne Masons delight to honor, and who enjoys the distinction of being the highest ranking Mason in Indiana. Mr. Geake has long been active in Masonic affairs in Fort Wayne and in Indiana generally. He is the illustrious grand standard bearer of the supreme council of the Scottish Rite, and is the deputy for Indiana.

Judge Allen Zollars, member of important committees in connection with the dedicatory ceremonies, delivered the address at the laying of the cornerstone of the Scottish Rite cathedral, as he performed a similar service for the Masonic Temple more than twenty-five years ago.

7:30 O'clock P. M.—Sublime and mysterious degree of perfection. Wednesday, November 17.

5 O'clock A. M.—Conferring the fifteenth and sixteenth degrees. Officers: Sovereign Master—James B. Harper, 32d deg.

High Priest—A. H. Perfect, 32d deg. Senior Warden—W. L. McMillen, 32d deg.

Junior Warden—W. N. Ballou, 18th deg.

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ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE DISTRICT OF INDIANA.

7:30 O'clock P. M.—Sublime and mysterious degree of perfection. Wednesday, November 17.



WILLIAM GEAKE, 33°

State Deputy for Indiana.



SAM B. SWEET, 33°



HENRY C. ADAMS, 33°

SOMETHING ABOUT GREAT CATHEDRAL

Beautifully located at Washington and Clinton streets, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Cathedral is designed in a modification of the sixteenth century Gothic architecture, united with that Medieval spirit closely associated with Masonic guilds. The building covers an area of 80 feet in width by 170 feet in depth, with the exception of the front, which has a width of 88 feet, and a vestibule projection of 13 feet, with the steps starting directly from the sidewalk, making the full depth of the building occupy the full depth of lot, 150 feet.

The building is thoroughly fire-proof in its construction, has an exterior of Indiana Oolitic limestone, with a combination of smooth and rock face. The roof is constructed of steel and concrete and covered with red tile. The height of the building above the sidewalk is about 85 feet. The four corners are emphasized with low towers or pavilions, which provides space for stairways and elevators, and are entirely separated from the other parts of the building.

Approach to Cathedral.

The approach to the building is up a broad flight of five steps into a vestibule, 30x11 feet, continuing five additional steps to the first floor, which has an elevation of 6 feet above the sidewalk. The entrance is through a high Milton Gothic arched opening.

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