

History of Simpson Council No. 23 Cryptic Masons

The following Information was compiled by Eminent Sir Hamilton A. Mattison:

Interest being manifested in Cryptic Masonry, several Companions assembled April 20, 1867, and appointed a Committee consisting of Companions George H. Fish, William E. Hollingsworth, and H. T. Dexter to take the necessary steps to procure a Dispensation, which was granted May 6, 1867, after obtaining an endorsement from Vincennes Council No. 7 by the Grand Prussant, Illustrious Companion, Thomas Newby.

May 8, 1867, marked an eventful date in the history of Simpson Council as the Grand Recorder, William Hacker, brought to Evansville the dispensation and presided as the Most Illustrious Grand Master at three assemblies held at 9:30 A.M., 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. and at each assembly initiatory work was rendered and twelve additions to the Council were recorded.

A Charter was granted under the date of May 21, 1867, upon the application of Companions George H. Fish, William E. Hollingsworth, Albert Hayward, Frank Clarke, George H. Plummer, Samuel K. Dunn and others, appointing George H. Fish

as the First Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion William E. Hollingsworth, First Deputy Illustrious Grand Master and Companion Alexander Sharra, First Principal Conductor of the Work.

