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OF THE
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You will find a facsimile of the new patent printed herein.

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WILLIAM B. ROBINSON
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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

Frank A. Luns
GRAND SCRIBE

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ACTING GRAND MASTER COUNCILOR

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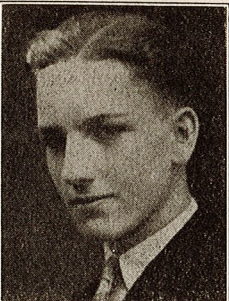
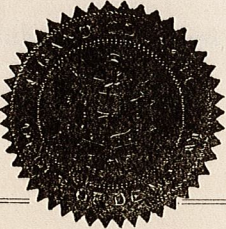
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patent in accordance with Article IX, Section 6, of the Grand Council Statutes. The patent also serves as a means of identification when members are traveling, and should be carried at all times.

The new patent contains space for the member's photograph, size 2 x 1½ inches, which must be pasted in the proper space and part of the chapter seal impressed over a small portion of the lower part of the photograph. This will aid in identification and prevent the use of a patent by some one to whom it does not belong. The member must secure two photographs of the prescribed size, one for his patent and one to be inserted in an album by the Scribe or some one appointed by the Advisory Council. NO PATENT MUST BE ISSUED UNTIL THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHAPTER, AND THE ONE PHOTOGRAPH PASTED ON THE PATENT AND THE SEAL IMPRESSED THEREON.

The Advisor of a chapter should make arrangements with the best local photographer to make pictures of the required size for the members. The photographer will, no doubt, be glad to make these photographs at a very nominal cost. When the photograph is inserted in the chapter album, the name of the member and his chapter number must be placed above his photograph. The chapter number should be the same number as is placed on the member's record card used in the Uniform Method of Accounting for DeMolay chapters, and photographs should be placed in numerical sequence in the album. This will permit the finding of the photograph of a certain member. It would be very hard to index such an album in any other manner, due to the ever changing membership of a DeMolay chapter. Below the photograph of the member should be placed the number of his patent. It is felt the album will be of great interest to the chapter members, and no doubt a great many chapters will want to include the photographs of their first officers, Representative DeMolays, or members of the Legion of Honor as being of historical value to the chapter.

As it would no doubt be difficult for individual chapters to procure a suitable album for this purpose, arrangements have been made to secure a supply for the use of chapters. This album is a bound book and contains forty sheets holding eight photographs on each page. The cover is of imitation leather in blue with the DeMolay emblem and the name "Order of DeMolay" embossed in gold. The album is a convenient size, approximately 7x11 inches, strongly made and attractive in appearance. The sheets for the binder are cut so that the photographs may be easily inserted, thus properly spacing the photographs on the sheets and eliminating pasting. The sheets are printed for the insertion of the member's name, chapter number, and patent number of each member. The sheets contained in the album will accommodate three hundred and twenty photographs. The cost of the album complete is three dollars (\$3.00), postpaid, and should be ordered from the office of the Grand Scribe, Southeast corner Warwick and Armour Boulevards, Kansas City, Missouri. Remittance must accompany order.

The new patents must be signed by the Master Councilor and Scribe in office when the candidate was initiated, by the Chairman and Advisor from the Advisory Council, and the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Sponsoring Body. The signatures should be secured without delay so that the member will receive his patent soon as possible.

Patents are not issued until members have been reported to the office of the Grand Scribe on Form 10 as having received both degrees. If the candidates are to receive the DeMolay degree a short time after receiving the Initiatory degree, the Scribe should wait until the DeMolay degree is conferred and then report candidates as receiving both the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees. However, if considerable time will elapse before the DeMolay degree will be conferred, the Initiatory degree only should be reported and then the DeMolay degree only reported on Form 10 whenever that degree is conferred.

Members having old style patents, who desire the new style patents, may secure same at a cost of fifty cents each by ordering through the Scribe of the chapter.

Patent cases for carrying new patents, made of durable material, 4½ x 6 inches in size, may be obtained from the office of the Grand Scribe at a cost of twenty-five cents each. The new patents fold to fit these patent cases.

With word of regard, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

FRANK S. LAND,
Grand Scribe.

January 3, 1929.

Mr. Frank S. Land, Grand Scribe,
Order of DeMolay,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Brother Land;

Reference is made to Bulletin of December 27, 1928, relative to issue of new design of DeMolay patent.

We have two classes reported on Form 10 for which patents have not been received and we respectfully request that the OLD STYLE patents be issued.

We take serious exception to the proposed new patents.

In the first instance, those of us who happen to be Scottish Rite Masons know the inconvenience of the "billboard" affair we are compelled to carry to prove our identity. To give the boys a certificate of similar size and then put the idea into their heads of hailing every Mason they meet to secure a signature thereon is not looked upon with favor in this locality.

Further, we note the signatures of officers of sponsoring bodies are required. Not all officers of such bodies are sold on the DeMolay proposition and to annoy them by requesting signatures on half a hundred and more patents is only further irritating matters.

Our greatest objection is to the photographs and the formation of a "rogues gallery" in the chapter. Our city police department maintains an efficient system of identification and we see no need to amplify it.

To have a sixteen year old boy place his photograph on the patent he will use for five years is ridiculous, since his features will be so changed long before that time as to render the photograph useless. Further, we know of no photographer in Harrisburg who is in business for his health or for the benefit of DeMolay, and it will therefor cost each candidate an additional dollar or two for the prints.

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In many cases the boys will not bother to get them and under the proposed system they will never receive a patent. A number of our boys travel a distance of fifty or more miles to receive the degrees and they will not make a special trip to a designated photographer in our city but would have to make their own arrangements, with the probability of mistakes arising.

The burden imposed upon the Scribe in handling this work is unfair, and it could not very well be delegated to another. The present system of involved records is sufficient to employ all of the spare time of the Scribe without further addition thereto.

In trying to promote DeMolay in this city several men have borne the entire burden and have made large sacrifices in both time and money. Heretofore this has been cheerfully done because they believe the project to be a worthy one. The supervision of any additional work would fall upon the same persons and it is not welcomed in the least.

If these patents are insisted upon it will be necessary for us to distribute them without the photographs and leave it up to each individual boy whether or not he will have his photo placed thereon. Whether or not we will ask the officers of the sponsoring body to sign them will be determined later.

This decision, we regret, practically amounts to insubordination against the Grand Council but the only suggestion we have to make is that our resignations be accepted and the Grand Council cast about for another set of men in Harrisburg who will be willing to carry the load.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Brother Minchart, Member of the Grand Council for Pennsylvania.

Fraternaly yours,

Wilbur L. Minich,
Advisor.

Gus E. Larson,
Chairman of Advisory Council.

Frank S. Land
Grand Scribe



Southeast Corner Warwick
and Armour Boulevards
Kansas City, Missouri

January 11, 1929

Mr. Wilbur L. Minich,
339 Crescent Street,
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Brother Minich:

I am just in receipt of your letter of January 3rd, and I am sorry that the new DeMolay Patent does not meet with your approval. Most assuredly, if you desire the old form, we will see that these are sent to you instead of the new.

The truth of the matter is, that the Patent you have been receiving, has been used only temporarily for the past three years. We originally, for five or six years, used a much larger Patent than the new one just sent out.

The purpose of this new design is not to agitate or aggravate the men of the Advisory Council, but to satisfy the constant and growing demand of the boys themselves, for a Patent large enough wherein they could have something similar to the first Patent we used.

I quite agree with you that the signing of Scottish Rite Patents by thirty-thirds is a terrifying one, because I am faced with that duty many times a day from visitors. But to the boys who desire to have his Pal or a visiting DeMolay sign his patent is a real thrill. If you could go to the various meetings, and by this I mean State or otherwise, and see the marked up small Patents which have been issued the past three years, you would realize then the demand of the boy himself.

I must admit, that the requirement for a photograph on each Patent is one that entails much work and we thought about it for a long time before placing it on the Patent. The reason for this is such that you can appreciate. Hardly a day passes that some boy is not missing,

Mr. Wilbur L. Minich,

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killed or using his DeMolay membership for the purpose of securing financial assistance when he does not need it. And many times each year we are confronted by boys losing their Patents and other boys finding them, applying to other cities for relief or otherwise. The problem became such a large one, that the Grand Council was being compelled to spend five and six thousand dollars in the past two years to safe guard our rightful membership and handle impostors in the proper manner.

Your criticism is the only one thus far received out of almost fifteen hundred Chapters, and as stated before, if you desire to use the old ones, we are most happy to abide by your decision. I believe, however, that you will eventually desire to use the new ones, due to a demand from the boys themselves.

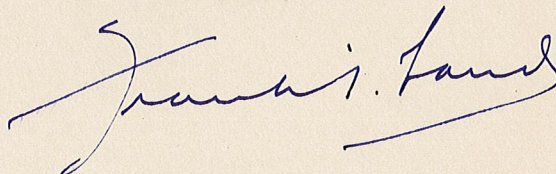
The reason for asking the Advisory Council officers and principal officers of the sponsoring body is manifold. Under all forms of Patents we have required the signature of the Chairman of the Advisory Council and Advisor. On the original Patent, we required the principal officers signatures of the sponsoring body, but eliminated it from the small one. The reason was that we found out of over eight hundred Chapters that the officers of the sponsoring bodies when written to concerning a DeMolay Chapter, professed ignorance that their Masonic Body was even sponsoring the particular Chapter in question, and in many cases seemed not inclined to fill vacancies upon the Advisory Council when necessary. Therefore, the old plan was deemed best in view of this situation.

We have had in our local Chapter here in Kansas City, between eight and ten thousand young men go through this Chapter alone, and several thousands of them were photographed as far back as nine years ago. Very few have changed sufficiently as to not be recognized even at this time, and I cite this merely as a fact that your observation concerning a boy photographed as not tenable.

The purpose of this letter is not to try to be contentious, because we want to please you, and if it is easier for you to use the old Patents, we shall be most happy to abide by your decision, and orders will be given for this in the office here.

Thanking you for your letter, I am, with word of regard and best wishes,

Cordially,



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January 30, 1929.

Mr. Frank S. Land, Grand Scribe,
Order of DeMolay,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Brother Land:

Reference is made to your letter of January 11th.

Today we received patents of the new style for the class initiated October 23, 1928. We presume this means that they will have to be issued to our members.

In the space provided for the photograph will be stamped the words "not required by Pilgrim Chapter", and the seal placed thereon.

We notice that a sticker is attached to each patent informing the boys, among other things, that a space is provided for the signatures of prominent Masons and DeMolays.

We have taken the matter of signatures up with quite a number of Masons of high rank, all 33rd degree members, and some of whom are members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. In each instance these men stated they would not sign a DeMolay patent and they also stated that it was a grave move for DeMolay in Pennsylvania.

We have always conducted our DeMolay activities with due regard to the peculiar Masonic conditions existing in Pennsylvania and have tried to avoid any move which might give the Grand Lodge cause for criticism. We are sure that Brother Minehart feels as we do in this matter and is constantly on guard against some overt act by an individual or chapter.

You are no doubt aware of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania some years ago against members belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star in this state. Nothing could prevent an antagonistic Grand Master from issuing a similar edict against masons visiting or participating in DeMolay.

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The next Grand Master of Pennsylvania is a Harrisburg man and personally known to the writer and I certainly would regret having any of our boys request his signature on a patent for I do not think he is very much interested in DeMolay.

Only recently we were forced to take issue with the Active Member of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. for Pennsylvania, when in an address before a large gathering of masons he condemned the activities of DeMolay in this state and on no occasion does he overlook an opportunity to discredit the organization.

Far be it from us to take exception to the Grand Council merely to appear arbitrary but from personal experience we know that the Masonic Fraternity outside of Pennsylvania has a quite different conception on many subjects and in order to safe guard DeMolay we must take into consideration local sentiment.

We trust you will appreciate our position and while we have cited instances in Harrisburg it applies equally to the entire state of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally yours,

W.L.Minich.

Frank S. Land
Grand Scribe



Southeast Corner Warwick
and Armour Boulevards
Kansas City, Missouri

February 6, 1929

Mr. W. L. Minich,
339 Crescent Street,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Brother Minich:

I am just home and find your letter
of January 30th awaiting me.

It was a mistake of the office here
in sending you the new style Patents and if you will return
same, the old form will be issued immediately.

I am sorry that you do not approve
of the new Patent, and it is our hope naturally, to please
everyone. I have instructed the office here to see that only
the old form Patents are sent to your Chapter.

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