

W. N. FORD,	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN GIBSON,	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
J. J. RAMSAY,	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING,	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT,	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT,	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
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THOS. REID,	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
A. McPHAIL,	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
M. BLUME,	R. W. GRAND HERALD.

The chair made the following appointments, *pro tem.* :

Rep. J. F. McDONALD,	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
Rep. H. C. BINGHAM,	P.G.M.,.....	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshal examined all present, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem.* addressed the throne of grace, as follows :

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us again to assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favor upon our beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan; and aid all who are in distress as Thou seest they deserve. Be with us at this time; direct and guide us in our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony, and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The Grand Warden, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The chair then announced the following Committee on Credentials :

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—J. B. King, Grand Sec.; Rep. John Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, and Rep. J. Schneider, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

Jas. Smith, P.G.M., announced Dr. A. H. King, P.H.P., and Dr. Gunther, P.G., of the City of Baltimore, in waiting. The chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Smith, Jas. Woodyatt,