

Whether that principle shall remain as at the present, but reducing the representation for each Lodge to one delegate, or whether the voting power shall be according to membership is a question which this Supreme Grand Lodge will be called upon to decide in the near future. I hold the opinion that the latter is the more fair, common-sense and practical principle.

A business firm in the United States has gone to the trouble and expense of sending to the secretaries of our Lodges a sample badge of rather showy pattern, and I regret to say some of the Lodges, without first consulting your Executive, ordered a supply for their members' use in the Lodge. I have deprecated this action and have ruled that no badge or other regalia can be considered official for use in our Lodges without first receiving the endorsement of this Supreme Grand Lodge or your Executive. This ruling should be endorsed and emphasized by this Grand Body in order to prevent a repetition of the offence.

The official badge hitherto in use, does not appear to meet the ideas of many of the members as to what our official badge should be. Samples of new badges will therefore be placed before you for your selection.

Application was made to me by a Lodge in British Columbia, for permission to elect their officers for half-yearly terms instead of yearly, as our Constitution provides. I could not constitutionally grant their request, but it might be desirable for this Supreme Grand Body to consider the advisability of empowering the Supreme Grand Lodge Executive to exercise their discretion in cases of the kind referred to.

*In Memoriam.*

Death has visited our ranks very often during the past year, and removed many earnest, true brethren from our midst.

Amongst the prominent names of the dead is that of our late Bro. Peter Millington, one of the first Supreme Grand Presidents of the Order. Those who were his contemporaries in our Supreme Grand Lodge, say he was a zealous and active officer, possessing a large share of sound common-sense and executive ability. Some years ago he removed his residence to the city of Montreal, and there resided until his death, and maintained his connection with the Society until the last. "His end was peace."