

ed, and as now in force, and fraternally to request that the law be complied with,

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

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BY-LAW GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE X.—Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names of Grand Officers, number of Lodges, and the aggregate number of members in good standing in all Subordinate Lodges, and the aggregate number of Initiations, of reinstatements, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, amount paid for burying the dead, and the whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held. *And in default of such returns being made and the dues thereon paid within ten days prior to the annual meeting of this body, the Representatives from such delinquent Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments shall not be admitted to a seat in such annual meeting.*

The Committee on Mileage and per Diem then made a Report, which, on motion of Rep. Box, seconded by Rep. Bingham, was referred back to await the Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of United States for 1859 and 1860, was then submitted, and on motion of Rep. Sewell, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, those parts referring to proposed amendments in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Wigmore, Grand Master Dolson, Grand Secretary Read and Grand Rep. Partridge, were appointed a Committee to abridge the Report of Grand Rep. Partridge, for printing in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, and seconded by Rep. Box, that in consequence of the disorganized condition of Political, Religious, Benevolent and Social Institutions of the United States, it becomes this Grand Lodge to act with more than ordinary caution in the payment of its regular per centage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the same be not forwarded until perfectly assured that the executive officers, and those having control of the funds, and other effects of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have no sympathy with the proposed dismemberment of that Grand Body, and unless such assurance can be obtained sooner, that the per centage be placed in the hands of Grand Rep. to be paid over by him at the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when fully assured that our confidence will not be abused, nor our funds misappropriated.