

Order credit. This lodge was organized on January 30th, but did not complete the institution till March 4th, 1895. This was due to the members being desirous of having the lodge instituted in their own castle hall. At their request, I deferred the institution till the latter date. These enterprising members secured the finest hall in the city, elegantly furnished it throughout, and had everything in readiness for March 4th. At the organization of this lodge some thirty-six Knights accompanied me from Toronto; among whom were Bros. Dr. John S. King, G.V.C. W. C. Macdonald, and G.K.R.S. Geo. H. Mitchell. There were also present many Knights from Stratford, Hamilton and Toronto Junction. At the close of the meeting, a banquet was tendered the visiting brothers. The Toronto team exemplified the ritualistic work in their usual fine style. This lodge's charter list of applicants numbered forty-seven.

On March 15th, 1895, I instituted Victoria Lodge, No. 44, at Berlin, with a charter list of sixty-two. This lodge comprises a very interesting membership and since their institution they rarely miss a meeting, every week having some ranks to confer upon candidates. For a young lodge they excel in the exemplification of the ritual and if the same enthusiasm now existing among these members continues to prevail Victoria Lodge, No. 44, will, in the near future, be the banner lodge in this domain. G.K.R.S. Mitchell, G.V.C. Macdonald, P.C. Peel and Bro. Fralick accompanied me from Toronto, and assisted in the institution, after which the visitors were entertained in a right royal manner.

On May 14th, 1895, I instituted Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, with a charter list of forty-two. Woodstock is a society city and when I introduced the Order it was generally supposed that room for another order was entirely out of the question. After several visits I made the acquaintance of a number of the leading professional and business men and was successful in inducing a number of them to join our ranks and to-day Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, comprises a membership that we may well be proud of.

On June 12th, 1895, I instituted Napanee Lodge, No. 46, with a charter list of thirty-two. A very fine and enterprising class of material comprises the membership of this lodge and in the near future I look for the lodge to have a large increase.

On June 25th, 1895, I instituted Renwick Lodge, No. 47, at Renwick, with a charter list of twenty. It was with considerable hesitancy that I instituted this lodge, as Renwick being a very small place I could not see much to warrant the growth of a lodge there. However, Bro. M. B. Williams assured me that in the near future a lodge there would increase to a membership of thirty, and the fact of there being a number of enterprising young farmers in the immediate vicinity, I thought perhaps it would be well to accede to Bro. Williams request and give them a lodge. Personally I am opposed to the