

Delegates from Court Elizabeth, No. 1, were Bros. Elwood Phares, J. D. Lowden and E. G. W. Ladd.

Court Washington, No. 44, Bros. Geo. W. Hulick and J. M. Moses.

Court Richmond, No. 234, Bros. E. H. Brayne, Wm. Murphy, O. M. VanName, W. Stephens, A. W. Merritt and R. H. Merritt. Bros. Geo. Marriot, of No. 1 and S. W. Ellis, of No. 44, were appointed to fill vacancies.

Visitors present: Bros. Peter Dorland, E. S. Randolph, Eugene Day, C. Schmidt and B. H. Marsh, of No. 1, and Daniel Stewart and John Scott, of No. 44.

Moved by Bro. E. G. W. Ladd, of No. 1, seconded by Bro. G. W. Hulick, of No. 44, that we make an application to the Supreme Court for a charter for the High Court of the State of New Jersey. Carried unanimously.

S.C.R. Oronhyatekha appointed Bros. Heywood, Clark and Ladd, of No. 1, and Hulick and Wardell, of No. 44, a committee to nominate a staff of officers.

Recess of 15 minutes declared.

Court called to order by S.C.R. Oronhyatekha.

Committee on nominations reported the following:

H.C.R., Joseph D. Bennett, No. 1.
H.V.C.R., G. Chauncey Wardell, No. 44.
H.S., J. M. Moses, No. 44.
H.Treas., H. F. Robinson.
H.Coun., Elwood Phares, No. 1.
H.Physician, E. B. Grier, M.D., No. 44.
H.Chap., W. W. Park, No. 1.
H.I.S., B. H. Marsh, No. 1.
H.Sr.W., E. H. Brayne, No. 234.
H.Jr.W., Thos. Hindson, No. 44.
H.Sr.B., E. G. W. Ladd, No. 1.
H.Jr.B., Wm. Murphy, No. 234.
H.Marshall, R. A. Mulford, No. 1.
H.Con., S. W. Ellis, No. 44.
H.Messenger, O. M. VanName, No. 234.

Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha declared the above named brothers elected, and duly installed them into office.

Bros. Clark and Heywood, of No. 1, Hulick and Wardell, of No. 44, and Murphy, of No. 234, were nominated as Representatives to the Supreme Court.

The above named brothers were declared elected by the S.C.R.

Bro. Thos. Heywood, of No. 1, was appointed Jr.P.H.C.R.

Jr.P.H.C.R. Bro. Heywood retired and conferred the High Court Degree on Bros. Alex. Bennett, of No. 1, W. Stephens, A. W. Sherritt and R. H. Merritt, of No. 234.

Moved by Bro. G. W. Hulick, of No. 44, seconded by E. G. W. Ladd, of No. 1, that a commission of fifty dollars (\$50), be paid to H.C. Deputies for instituting Courts in the State. Carried.

S.C.R. Oronhyatekha gave notice to the High Court that he had appointed Bro. T. B. Clark, of No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger for the State.

On motion the Court adjourned.

JOHN M. MOSES,
B. H. MARSH, High Secretary.
High Journal Secretary.

THREE MONTH'S WORK.

On the 1st of March the Supreme Chief Ranger detailed Bro. C. W. Jones to go to the city of Toronto to revive the interests of the Order there, with the command to "go and see and conquer." On receiving the orders the brother said, "I will do all I can, but the field is not very promising. It seems as if every inch is occupied, so many societies there already, besides the army of insurance

agents who keep the door steps hot with their tracks." "Yes, but I believe that all that is necessary to success is to let business men see our plan of insurance and thoroughly understand the complete business system on which the I. O. F. is conducted, and you can do that. Here are a few of the names of friends there, go and present the claims of the Order to them, and I believe you will succeed." The following is Bro. Jones' report after laboring two months in Toronto and one month elsewhere:

London, June 4th, 1887.

Dear Chief:

In obedience to your command I went to the city of Toronto and commenced work amongst the business men on March 7th, and on March 25th I instituted Court Queen City, No. 66, in Shaftesbury Hall, with 37 charter applicants for \$53,000 of Endowment.

On April 11th, Court St. James, No. 240, in Victoria Hall, with 30 charter applicants for \$41,000 of Endowment.

On May 6th, Court Spadina, No. 241, on Cecil and Spadina streets, with 36 charter applicants for \$43,000 of Endowment.

On May 11th, Court Brock, No. 242, on Queen and Spadina streets, with 37 charter applicants for \$43,000.

I then went to Bracebridge and organized Court Bracebridge, No. 243, on May 17th, with 27 charter applicants for \$32,000 of Endowment.

On May 18th, I organized Court Gravenhurst, No. 244, with 23 charter applicants for \$29,000 Endowment.

On June 1st I organized Court Nipissing, No. 245, at North Bay, with 30 charter applicants for \$50,000 of Endowment.

Making a total of 220 members for \$291,000 of Endowment.

During this time I have visited each Court organized twice, and some of them three or four times, to assist the officers in getting thoroughly posted in the work. I have also made missionary visits to Woodstock and St. Mary's, to help the brethren there in their good work. I have been asked to go to other places to assist weak Courts, but I have not had the time yet to do so. I hope the High Standing Committee will not neglect weak Courts which need encouragement and assistance occasionally. A visit from one of the High officers who will go with the intention of working, and will work after he gets there, ought to help any Court. I fear that many weak Courts will need the help for some time before they get it.

I am, yours fraternally,
C. W. JONES.

HIGH COURTS.

We have been asked to give some of the advantages of forming a High Court for a jurisdiction. A good many of our Courts in the unorganized jurisdictions are so well satisfied with the manner they are dealt with by the Supreme Court that they are averse to any change. We cannot in this connection give all the advantages, but the chief one is of course that the brethren, through their own immediate representatives are given a voice in the legislation, the highest privilege of the Order.

Then they secure a board of officers in the High Standing Committee, who are on the spot, who know the needs of their respective jurisdictions, and who can help weak Courts and push on the work of organization and thus supplementing the efforts of the Supreme Court in this direction. We believe High Courts ought to be formed as soon as a Province or State has the required number of

members, because we know that with an efficient High Standing Committee the work of the Order would be greatly enlarged, and the interests of all advanced.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The Courts in Michigan are hereby requested to elect, at their June elections, representatives to the High Court, which will be formed some time during July. Each Court will elect 2 representatives. If it has more than 50 members, 3 representatives; if more than 75 members 4 representatives; if more than 100 members 5 representatives, and so on, one representative for each additional 25 member or fraction thereof.

They are also requested to communicate with the Supreme Chief Ranger their preference for the place of institution of the High Court, whether at Saginaw, where we hope to have two good working Courts by the time of the institution, or at Flint, or elsewhere, which may be central for the Courts.

As soon as the time and the place are determined the Courts will be advised by circular letter.

ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R.
E. S. CUMMER, S.S.

DECISIONS ON POINTS OF LAW.

Drumbo, June 6, 1887.

Dr. Oronhyatekha:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There seems to be a misunderstanding in our Court as regards the promptitude of paying monthly dues. Some of our members are in the habit of delaying their payments until the 4th, 5th, &c., of each month, while others pay at the regular meeting. Now, I would like your advice on the subject. Now, if A. pays his insurance on regular meeting night, and the financial secretary does not send in his report until all have paid (say about 5th of each month) and the said A. should die before the F. Sec. sends his report what would be the result? Could his beneficiary collect his insurance? By answering the above you shall confer a favor on your brother.

D. A. HOGGARTT,
F.S., Court Bleu, 208.

ANSWER.

The brother would be all right so long as the returns and remittances were in the hands of the Supreme Secretary on or before the 10th of the month. If a brother, however, who is in the habit of paying on the 2nd, or 3rd or 5th of the month instead of before the 1st of the month should die, say on the 1st or 2nd, before he has paid, he would not be in good standing and his beneficiary would get nothing.

ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R.

Court Picton, June 7th, 1887.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—Will you please inform this Court if Section 137 of the Constitution prohibits masters of sailing vessels plying on our lakes or inland waters from being on the Endowment Fund? We have two captains of vessels and one captain on a steamer, also one member a steward on a steamer who belong to our Court.

We also have a member at present residing in Kansas, is he south of the 38th parallel? If so we will apply for a special permit. By replying to the above questions you will greatly oblige,

Yours in L., B. and C.,
WILLIAM H. SETH,
Recording Secretary.