

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, OFFICE OF THE RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

Boston, July 2nd, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES, ESQ.,  
Editor of the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.—In reply to your circular of June 29th ult., respecting the position of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, perhaps the most satisfactory answer I can give is to cite the concluding sentence of the Report of the Committee to whom the subject was referred in 1876, and of whom M. W. Bro. Welch, our present Grand Master, was Chairman, viz.: "Your committee are necessarily brought to the conclusion that the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario is a spurious body, with whom it would be improper and un-Masonic to enter upon fraternal relationship, as requested." This view was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and comprises all the action it has ever taken upon the subject. Consequently you will see that no persons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Ontario can be received into the Lodges of this jurisdiction.

Fraternally Yours,  
TRACY P. CHEEVER,  
Rec. Grand Sec.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, T. S. PARVIN,  
GRAND SECRETARY, IOWA CITY, IOWA.  
J. N. McCLANAHAN, CHARITON, M. W.  
GRAND MASTER.

IOWA CITY, July 7, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES, Port Hope, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours of 29th ult. at hand. You ask "what is the position of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in regard to the *illegitimate* Grand Lodge of Ontario." It is that of "hands off." This Grand Lodge holds no official communication with any illegitimate Grand or Sub. Lodge.

Truly and Fraternaly,  
T. S. PARVIN.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER WISCONSIN.—OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

MILWAUKEE, July 2, 1880.

J. B. TRAYES.

DEAR BROTHER,—No Lodge in this Jurisdiction has, or will admit, as visitor, any person or so-called Brother engaged in the illicit conduct attributed to those engaged in the formation and maintenance of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

It would be well if our Lodges could be furnished with a list of such persons, and if placed in my hands, I shall be pleased to transmit copies to our Lodges.

Fraternally Yours,  
JOHN W. WOODHULL,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

New York, July 6, 1880.

R. W. J. B. TRAYES,  
Port Hope, Canada.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—In reply to your circular letter of 29th ult., I would say, that such a body as the "Grand Lodge of Ontario" is unknown to the Grand Lodge of New York. We are in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and while recognizing that as the legitimate body, we can recognize no other in that Province.

Truly and Fraternaly Yours,  
JAMES M. AUSTIN,  
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. MICHIGAN. OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Marquette, Sept. 6, 1876.

Being officially advised of the formation of a spurious Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario, and of the expulsion by the Grand Lodge of Canada of a large number of Brethren because of their participation in the proceedings of such clandestine body:

It is ordered that, (until the Grand Lodge of Michigan shall otherwise order) no Lodge or Brother of this State Masonically recognize or communicate with any Lodge or person hailing from a Lodge in the Province of Ontario, unless complete documentary evidence be first furnished, showing that such Lodge acknowledges the Jurisdiction of, and is acknowledged by, the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MATTHEW H. MAYNARD,  
Grand Master.

ELLERY I. GARFIELD,  
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREEMASONS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Charleston, 6th July, 1880.

BRO. J. B. TRAYES,  
Editor CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN,  
Port Hope, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Your circular of 29th June, 1880, with reference to the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," has reached me. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina has not recognized the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Grand Master in his address in 1876, and I in my report on F. C. same year, reported on the matter, stated the irregularities in the organization of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and recommended that no recognition could be accorded. The Grand Lodge concurred, and Ontario is not on our list of exchanges.

Very Fraternaly,  
CHARLES INGLESBY,  
Grand Secretary.