

hope that he enjoyed his northern trip, and that he may be induced to give us a longer visit next time.

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Second annual Communication held at Salt Lake City, November 11th, 1873. M. W. Bro. R. H. Robertson, Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address. He congratulates Grand Lodge on the prevalence of peace and harmony; and says:—

“Notwithstanding the political, religious and financial conflict of ideas that has disturbed and agitated our community, and which, in some particulars, is peculiar to Utah, Masonry has pursued the even tenor of her ways, participating not in strife, but always teaching those great moral principles that lie at the very foundation of our Institution, and which tend, at all times and in all nations, to promote brotherly love and fraternal fellowship; and which teaches man to clothe and shelter the destitute and helpless, feed the hungry and provide for the needy, and always promote ‘peace upon earth and hushes the war-cry of hatred.’

“While we look upon our history with pleasure rather than regret, let us learn wisdom from the past, and apply it for the more faithful discharge of our duties in the future, and as we go forth to perpetuate the work so nobly commenced, never forget the lessons of morality and fraternity so carefully inculcated about our altar.”

He condemns “Gift Concerts,” thus:—

“I have before me a circular entitled “Grand Gift Concert! 10,000 prizes! \$250,000 in currency to be given away!” for the benefit of the Masonic Relief Association of Norfolk, Virginia. It is said that the proceeds of this enterprise will be used for the purpose of procuring funds necessary for the completion of the Masonic Temple at that place. ‘Tis true, pity ‘tis, ‘tis true,’ In the language of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, ‘We view with abhorrence any attempt on the part of Lodges or members of Lodges to give the aid of Masonry, in an organized or unorganized form, to any lottery or gift enterprise whatever.’

“It is a ‘modern innovation’ upon our Order, and subversive of the great principles we seek to inculcate: Let