

These appointments and recommendations I respectfully ask Grand Lodge to confirm.

In the past year I have granted two dispensations to confer degrees at shorter intervals than required by the Constitution. In each case the Brethren were about to leave the Province and there appeared to be good and sufficient reasons for granting such dispensations. I also issued a dispensation to instal officers at other than the stated time.

I have not been called upon during the year for any decisions of importance.

I have received a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, asking for recognition, which I have handed to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report thereon.

I received invitations to attend the Centennial Celebrations of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, and also for the Grand Masonic Convention held at Chicago. I much regret not having been able to accept any of these kind and fraternal invitations.

The Grand Lodge having been invited by the City Council to lay the Corner Stone of the new City Building, on the 1st July, being one of the days appointed to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, I caused the Grand Lodge to be adjourned from the 24th June, our regular day for the Annual Communication, to the 30th, so that the members of Grand Lodge and Brethren of the different Subordinate Lodges could combine the business with the Jubilee and laying the Corner Stone.

Trusting that our deliberations at this time may be marked by that feeling of harmony which has always existed, and that the result may be to the continued welfare of our time-honored institution.

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