

Grand Lodge of the U. S., to be held by the Grand Treasurer in special trust as the Wildey Monument Fund.

Resolved, further, That a Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of receiving drawings or designs for a suitable monument, and estimates of its cost to be reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That this action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is not to be construed in any way to commit this body to the erection of a monument to Thomas Wildey, or to incur any responsibilities therein, other than to apply the funds voluntarily contributed to the object contemplated.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby pledges its faith to the fraternity, that no debt shall be contracted in the erection of said monument, beyond what the voluntary contributions of the Order may amount to, and that only such a monument or tablet shall be erected, as the funds thus collected shall pay for, and that under no circumstances shall any contract be made, or plan adopted exceeding the amount of the sum thus contributed and provided for the purpose.

From the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the Order appears to be in a healthy condition, the utmost harmony continuing to prevail, although in some jurisdictions there has been a falling off in membership, in consequence of so many of our members going into the army.

There was some prospect of a deficit in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, but the Representatives present magnanimously voted a sufficient reduction of their mileage to meet the emergency. The consequence of which was that the Grand Treasurer, in his Report, was enabled to say that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge was now much more favorable than it had been for a series of years.

This Session being the time according to the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers, the following members of Grand Lodge were duly elected and installed with the usual ceremonies:

P. G. M., JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, M. W. G. Sire.
 P. G. M., WM. H. YOUNG, of Maryland, R. W. D. G. Sire.
 P. G. M., JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, R. W. G. C. & R. Sec.
 P. G. M., JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, R. W. G. Treasurer.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:

P. G. M., J. D. WILLIAMSON, of Ohio, R. W. G. Chaplain.
 P. G. M., B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, R. W. G. Marshall.
 P. G., AUGUSTUS PFAFF, of Pennsylvania, R. W. G. Guardian.
 P. G., JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, R. W. G. Messenger.

The Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Secret Work of our Order, only partially reported, and the matter was again laid over until the next Session.

The Committee on Grand Bodies, not represented, reported the following States not to be present, namely, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, and Vermont, which was ascertained to be from causes entirely beyond their control.

A communication was received while in Session, and read by Grand Secretary, from the Grand Master of the State of Virginia, which for a moment created considerable clapping of hands by the Grand Representatives. It was as follows:

Office of the M. W. G. Master, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.
 Norfolk, Sept. 7th, 1862.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Permit me to remind you that our mail facilities are open between you and I, and notwithstanding the difficulties of this causeless war,