

Necrology: John W. Graham, H. Hoffmeister, H. C. Holden.

These were referred to a Committee for distribution, on motion by Bro. Randolph, seconded by Bro. Binns.

Bros. Crossan, Muller and Hoffmeister were appointed a Committee of Distribution.

Bro. J. J. Randolph next presented the Grand Chancellor with a very neatly-bound and inscribed copy of the new By-laws of Victoria, No. 17, expressing to him on behalf of his lodge the esteem in which his brother knights held their chief officer.

Bro. Grand Chancellor Mearns made a very feeling reply, saying among other things that he should appreciate this little token doubly, owing to the fact that it showed Victoria, No. 17, understood.

Moved by Bro. A. T. Ackerman, seconded by Bro. J. Irvine, that Bro. Robert Brooke act as Official Correspondent. Carried.

The following communications were read:

From Bro. G. M. E., E. P. Nathan, regretting unavoidable absence. Ordered filed and acknowledged, on motion by J. J. Randolph, seconded by Bro. J. L. Brown.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, re Supreme Lodge memorial for them to stop Vandalistic tendency of certain members. This matter was referred to the Supreme Representative on motion by Bro. Evans, seconded by Bro. Binns.

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri, re Arkansas K. of P. Sanitorium. Moved by Bro. H. J. Anstie, seconded by Bro. J. J. Randolph, that the communication be received and laid on the table for one year. This being deemed the best for the Good of the Order, was carried.

From the "Pythian World," asking the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to subscribe \$5 for one year. Moved by Bro. E. Pferdner, seconded by Bro. H. J. Anstie, that this communication be received and filed. Carried. It seemed to be the impression of most present that the paper referred to was not as accurate a one as might be desired.

From Okanagan, Phoenix and Greenwood Lodges, now acting under warrant, asking that they be granted a charter. Moved by Bro. Brooke, seconded by Bro. Anstie, that these communications be received and filed and that the matters therein mentioned take their proper course. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Creelman, seconded by Bro. N. Binns, that we adjourn. Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened 2:25 p. m.; Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. W. Graham, in the chair.

The reports of Committees on Distribution and Good of the Order were referred back for correction on motion of Bro. Randolph, seconded by Bro. Thomson.

The report of the Finance Committee was next dealt with, and was received and adopted. Mover, Bro. Muller; seconder, Bro. Hoffmeister.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was received and ordered printed, in copy of proceedings. Moved by Bro. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Griffiths.

Bro. Mallery drew attention to the fine imposed on Primrose Lodge, amounting to \$10, for non-compliance with semi-annual returns report, and on his explanation that his lodge was not to blame, the affair being unavoidable through the absence of the responsible parties, and further that the report had really been sent in and had only been returned for correction, the amount was ordered refunded, on motion of Bro. Brooke, seconded by Bro. Evans.

Bro. Evans drew attention to the amount of \$200 due the Grand Chancellor for his term of office and moved that same be paid. Bro. A. T. Ackerman seconded the motion. Carried.

The report of Committee recommending granting of charters to the three new lodges was referred back for completion. Mover, Bro. George T. Mallery; seconder, Bro. Maxwell. Carried.

On being again brought up with the proper addition that the Grand Chancellor be sustained in his suspension of Langley Lodge and that Bro. J. McDonald be granted a Grand Lodge card, Bro. Hoffmeister moved that the report be adopted; Bro. Maxwell seconded the motion. Carried.

Bro. Mallery next moved the setting aside of \$200, on account of expenses of the incoming Grand Chancellor, for his term of office. Bro. Brooke seconded the motion, which was carried after some discussion.

Moved by Bro. Evans, seconded by Bro. Anstie, that a committee of three be appointed for securing of railway rates for the next convention, it to give the Grand K. of R. and S. sixty days' notice of arrangements made. Carried.

The business layed over from last year was then brought up.

First, the matter of securing to the members the use of a cypher key to the ritual so as to facilitate the memorizing of the subordinate lodge work came up. Bro. Ferguson moved and Bro. Maxwell seconded him, that the matter be left in the hands of the Supreme Representatives. The former was of opinion that the brothers acting in that capacity were most competent to judge. This motion was sustained.

The second matter layed over was with reference to the reduction of the salaries of the Supreme Lodge officers. This matter was brought to our attention by a letter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, asking us to instruct our Supreme Representatives to sustain such a reduction. Bro. Brooke, speaking on this matter, said that he did not think that any brothers present were in a position to judge of this matter, except the Supreme Representatives themselves, they being the only ones present who were acquainted with the interior workings of the Supreme Lodge. He therefore moved that this matter be also left in their hands. Bro. Hoffmeister supported his motion. Carried.

In the matter of relief for the knights suffering loss from the Sandon fire it was moved by Bro. Ackerman, seconded by Bro. Brown, that a circular be issued to the subordinate lodges asking for subscriptions. Bro. Anstie seconded by Bro. Hoffmeister moved an amendment, viz., that the matter be layed over until to-morrow, seeing that definite information was expected within a few hours. The amendment carried.