

No. 12 is named after our deceased Founder, and was instituted by the Grand Chancellor in person, full particulars of which will no doubt be given in his report.

No. 13 is a reorganization of Aurora Lodge, formerly of Silver Islet. The application contained the names of seven of the old members and twenty-two new applicants, and the work was performed by District Deputy Campbell, of Algoma West District, assisted by Past Chancellor Cooke and members of Crusader Lodge.

No. 14 was instituted by District Deputy Biggings, of Algoma East District, assisted by members of Algoma Lodge, full particulars of which will be found in his report.

I experienced considerable difficulty in dealing with the two latter, and no doubt unavoidable delay, or at least inconvenience was caused thereby, on account of the great distance and lack of information as to when the institution of each was to take place. Arrangements were evidently made by the Deputies but they failed to notify me until the last moment, thus giving no time to have matters carried out in a systematic manner.

No definite time should be fixed by the organizer of a lodge until the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has been notified and the application approved in proper form. In each of the above cases the correspondence was primarily by telegraph.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I regret to have to report that Maple Lodge, No. 8, of Carlton Place, and Almont Lodge No. 32, of Almonte, have surrendered. The effects of these are in charge of District Deputy Fowlie, at Smith's Falls, at least those of No. 32 are, and I understand he also has those of No. 8, although I have had no report in regard to its surrender.

Minerva Lodge, of Orillia, is still in the same dormant condition as reported last year, and I think some steps should be taken either to reorganize it or close it up entirely.

In this connection I desire to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that it has no place in which to store paraphernalia, and it is not right that it should be all over the country. The time has come when some place must be secured where our work can be kept secure and compact. The same applies to the ordinary work of this office. Up to last session it had not been much inconvenience as I was centrally located, but now living much further away, and occupying a different business position, the facilities for properly carrying on the work are not so good. The main object, however, is to have some place where paraphernalia could be conveniently kept and it could also be used as an office if so desired.

OBITUARY.

Under this head, it is my mournful duty to record the death of the Founder of our Order, Justus Henry Rathbone, who died at Lima, Ohio,