

The fact that New Mexico accepted the recognition offered by Missouri with lodges in its territory belonging to this jurisdiction, and owing allegiance thereto, determine the question as to its rights to, and authority over the non-adhering lodges. This Grand Lodge must define the method by which its subordinates shall terminate their existence. Therefore the Grand Lodge of Missouri cannot admit the right of any power on earth to arrest the charters and destroy the existence of lodges chartered by it. With these premises before us, the claim of the Grand Lodge of Mexico to moneys and properties of defunct lodges in that jurisdiction, whose existence was terminated by this Grand Lodge cannot be conceded. Said lodges having been chartered by this Grand Lodge, and ceased to exist by its will, their effects, of right, belonged to this Grand Lodge as the sole legal heir."

To shew the distinction which Missouri makes between lodges that were previously chartered and those chartered after the formation of a Grand Lodge, it is only necessary to read the following from their special report on correspondence :

This Grand Lodge one year ago adopted resolutions concerning the issues between Scotland and Quebec. They were as follows :—

1. *Resolved*,—That the Grand Lodge of Missouri hereby proclaims her firm and unyielding adhesion to the doctrine so long maintained by her, of the exclusive masonic jurisdiction of every Grand Lodge within the territory to which the authority of said Grand Lodge extends.

2. *Resolved*,—That the Grand Lodge of Missouri will sustain the Grand Lodge of Quebec in maintaining its exclusive jurisdiction throughout the territory of said province.

3. *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge condemns in unqualified terms the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in establishing new lodges within the rightful territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the authorization of a Provincial Grand Lodge therein, and the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master to preside over the same.

4. *Resolved*,—That unless the Grand Lodge of Scotland recede from her present position, whereby she has invaded the rights of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and withdraw the charters of those lodges erected within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as well as dissolve the Provincial Grand Lodge established therein, this Grand Lodge will sever all fraternal relations now existing between the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Scotland.

5. *Resolved*,—That further action upon this subject be deferred until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

From the above it will be seen—

1. That further action on the subject was deferred till the present communication.

2. That any action at this communication must be influenced and governed by the course Scotland has pursued towards Quebec in the interim.

It is only necessary to announce that no change has taken place in the relations between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec. The Grand Lodge of Scotland still strongly maintains her former attitude towards the Grand Lodge of