

be made until authorized by the proper Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Chancellor is the instituting officer in all cases, unless he specially deputizes someone to act for him, and no District or Special Deputy, under their ordinary commission, has any right to presume that he will institute a lodge. The Grand Chancellor has the right to issue a commission to any Past Chancellor in good standing to perform this duty for him. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has certain papers to prepare and have signed by the Grand Chancellor, and also the necessary supplies to forward, for which ample time should be given. While fully alive to the necessity of meeting the desire of those interested in forming a new lodge as far as possible, yet your Committee believe the constitutional requirements should be observed, and would so recommend.

4. In the matter of having a suitable room in which to store Grand Lodge property, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be authorized to secure such accomodation as he may deem requisite, having due regard as to the expense to be entailed.

5. We have examined the financial standing of the lodges, as contained in the statements submitted, and are much pleased with the exhibit made. The receipts of lodges for the year show an increase of ten per cent. as compared with the previous year, and the amount on hand and invested is also nearly ten per cent. greater.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BLACKWOOD, of No. 16.

R. A. CARROTHERS, of No. 2.

ROBERT IRWIN, of No. 3.

Also, from the same Committee, the following Report :

REPORT NO. 3 OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred communications from Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, relating to "S. L. Reception Committee," and "Meetings of Grand Lodge," beg leave to report:

In regard to a report from the S. L. Reception Committee, we ask to be relieved from any further consideration of the subject, as it has already been dealt with by the Grand Lodge.

As to the protest against holding sessions of the Grand Lodge in remote sections of the Province, we can only say that we are in hearty accord with it, but it is a matter which must receive consideration at each session, when the place of meeting for the following year is being determined.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BLACKWOOD, of No. 16.

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