

that in estimating the amount of appropriation required for salaries and expenses the committee of this body may have an opportunity to judge and say whether the salaries and expense accounts are too high or too low, and in what particular.

Sixth. Your committee finds from its investigations that there is a feeling among the members of the Order that the Supreme Lodge has not acted in all things relating to the financial management of the affairs of the Order with sound judgment; and a very general desire on the part of the membership to know more of the conduct of affairs. This feeling and this desire for information exists not only as to Supreme Lodge, but as to the different branches of the Order under the control of the Supreme Lodge. We are of opinion that this Order and its different branches should, like any great business concern, be checked up and one year's business compared with another, the system employed in the discharge of the business compared with others, a general examination made that improvement in the conduct of its affairs, if possible, may be had. No business, even with the best of management, can be successful without such checking. We would, therefore, in view of the foregoing, recommend that a special committee of three be appointed by the Supreme Chancellor, with power to investigate generally into all the financial and business affairs of this Supreme Lodge or any branch or rank thereof under its control; that all officers of this Supreme Lodge and others in the employ of this Supreme Lodge or any branch or rank thereof be instructed to exhibit to such committee all books, records, vouchers, receipts and other documents in their possession; that such committee be given power to summon before it any officer or member of the Supreme Lodge or of the Order to testify regarding any of the matters under investigation by this committee. Further, in view of the changed form of government of the Order of Knights of Pythias, such change having taken place in 1894, and in view of the fact that it has been claimed by some that the present form of government is more expensive and cumbersome than the one in vogue prior to 1894, your committee recommends that such special committee, if raised, be instructed to extend its investigations back over a period of six years, and that such committee after such investigation make a full and detailed report of the result of its investigations to the Supreme Chancellor, setting forth therein a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures each year for the past six years; that such reports be printed in the reports of officers of the Supreme Lodge, that the same may be properly submitted to this body at its next session; that such committee be given authority to meet at such time and such places as shall be found necessary to fully and properly carry on such investigation; that there be appropriated of the funds of the Supreme Lodge a sufficient amount to pay the expenses of such committee.

We make this recommendation in the firm belief that the interests of the Order universal demand such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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The report was read and a division of the subject matter was called for, and it was so divided. Action was then taken on Paragraphs 3 and 4, which were adopted on roll call—ayes, 121; noes, none.

Action now recurred on the rest of the report. Representative Manning, of Arkansas, moved to strike out of the report all in reference to the creating of a special committee, and the motion was seconded by Representative Lightcap, of Montana.

The question was discussed by Representative Bangs, of North Dakota; P. S. C. Woodruff and Supreme Prelate Steinhart.

Representative Kline called for the previous question, and the call was sustained. The main question was put, and the proposition of Representative Manning was adopted—81 to 22.

On motion of Representative Barnes, of Illinois, the report as amended was adopted.

The Supreme Lodge assembled at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, August 23rd, in the Chamber of Representatives of the State Capitol building. Governor Mount, of Indiana, gave an address of welcome on behalf of the State. Mayor Taggart followed with a hearty welcome from Indianapolis, and Grand Chancellor Hunt spoke for the Pythian brothers of Indiana. Supreme Chancellor Colgrove responded in his usual able and pleasing manner.

After the Report of the Committee on Credentials, the Supreme Lodge Rank was conferred upon those in waiting. The reports of officers were submitted, and referred to Committee on Distribution. The report of the Supreme Chancellor is lengthy and full of good advice, and worth the consideration of all. As a copy of this report is sent to each subordinate lodge we deem it inadvisable to burden your paper with the contents of same further than to call the attention of your readers to the kindly words of the Supreme Chancellor for the Knights of this Province, and of Canada in general. Speaking of his visit during the convention of the Grand Lodge in New Westminster, he says: The Convention was not only attended with success but great strides were taken towards the reduction of the

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