

ruff's expense account, \$3 50; making a total of \$1,250; and this, outside of other expenses mentioned and itemized for D. B. Woodruff. This may all be legitimate, but explanations are in order, the brightest as well as the dullest mind often finds such essential. The question may be asked you, and for our pains this lodge may be given to understand, "What business is this of the Subordinate Lodges? The accounts have been acted upon by the Financial Committee of the Supreme Lodge and found correct." In reply, we say too true. We accept them as correct, and for such do we protest against extravagance in all places, for any purpose, and by all persons, the Subordinate Lodges being the source from whence all revenue is derived, being the creators and sustenance of all Grand Lodges, by whom and through whom can only a Supreme Lodge exist. Therefore we claim the right to criticise all things appertaining to our interest and welfare, the right to ask that our trust and business be at least economically managed. That we be not compelled to pay extortionate prices for such supplies as the Supreme Lodge and the officers of the same, in their pleasure, see proper to compel the Subordinate Lodges to purchase. Instance the profits on supplies by the Supreme Lodge for the fiscal year ending July, 1879: Profits, \$4,730.42; at the same time the expenses of the Supreme Lodge were \$15,677 47. Now, brothers, wherein lies charity, unless to cover a multitude of sins; and would it not be sinful in us, without the cloak of charity, to believe and feel, when being imposed upon, and would it not be lacking in knightly manliness and courage if we dared not speak and act as true Knights of Pythias?

Therefore, we would recommend and petition that Damon Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, of Louisville, Ky., respectfully ask and solicit the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its next Session, to be held September, 1880, to take such action after due and mature deliberation as in their judgment may be deemed best, at least to have this petition and report spread in the Journal of the Grand Lodge in such manner that those who may have the privilege of perusing said Journal, may have their attention brought to the particulars herein complained of, and that the reports of the officers of the Supreme Lodge may in the future receive the consideration worthy of their importance to the Order.

Submitted in the bonds of F. C. & B.

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J. M. GRESHAM,	
CHARLES SLINGER,	

Louisville, Ky., August 30, 1880.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following communication from Past Chancellor Simpson, which