

shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation, provided,—“That upon a refusal of a Lodge or Encampment to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal, to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction.

*Resolved*,—That visiting and withdrawal cards, heretofore issued by any Southern jurisdiction, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and attested by the seal of the Grand Body issuing the same, shall be taken and deemed to be as effectual as if the same had borne the counter signature, or *fac similitie* thereof, of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Resolved*,—That from and after this date expired withdrawal cards may be received or deposited for applications for charts for Subordinate Lodges and for charts for Subordinate Encampments, where the holders of such cards are contributing members of Subordinate Lodges.

*Resolved*,—That the place designated in the charter is the seat of a State Grand Lodge, until properly changed. It is, however, the legal right of a State Grand Lodge to hold its sessions from time to time at such place within its own jurisdiction as may be determined upon at any preceding meeting.

The consideration of having an Honorary Membership attached to our Order, was referred to this Committee, who reported adversely; which report, notwithstanding a strong opposition, was adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution, as follows, was adopted.

Amend Art. 16, sec. 4 of Constitution, by striking out all after the words “Provided however,” and adding the following,—“That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it, shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

The By-Laws were amended as follows, viz :—

Strike out of Art. 22 of By Laws, in twenty fifth line, Digest page B, the words “and aprons as above described,” and add the words “trimmed with yellow lace, or fringe”; so that, so much of said By-Laws as relates to the regalia of the Past Chief Patriarch, shall read as follows,—“Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.”

The Degree of Rebecca seems to stand in jeopardy, as the special committee appointed on that head, reported unanimously that the same be