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Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 30th December last, for the purpose of taking action on the suspensions of Bros. E. G. Conklin, W. N. Kennedy and Geo. Black for usurping the authority of the Grand Master, in calling meetings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and without seeking his permission: also, to take action in the matter of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, and the officers thereof, for having permitted a suspended Mason to conduct the business at a regular meeting of the Lodge: also, to act upon the Report of the Board of General Purposes concerning, 1st—The disloyalty, disobedience and contempt of Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, to the Grand Lodge, the M. W. the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes, respectively; 2nd,—The un-masonic conduct of Bros. Dr. Young, G. F. Carruthers, John Villiers, D. M. Walker and Jos. Hursell at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. was invoked upon the proceedings, and Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1.30 p.m.

The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, the Grand Master ordered that those Brethren summoned to appear and show cause concerning their suspension, as set forth in the summons, be admitted. M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, Bro. W. G. Scott, W. M. of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, and Bro. Geo. F. Carruthers applied

during the reading of the Grand Master's address and were admitted.

The following is the address of M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, Grand Master:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28th, 1878.

Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Manitoba:

The circumstances which have necessitated this Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge are peculiar and painful to describe.

You will be called upon to consider and pronounce upon some of the blackest Masonic offences on record, committed by Past Masters and Past Grand Masters, who have violated the fundamental and essential principles and obligations of Freemasonry.

Certain Brethren—whom I will hereafter name—have, by their disloyal conduct, practically seceded from this Grand Lodge.

That you may arbitrate intelligently upon the several offences they have committed, it will be necessary that I detail a portion of the proceedings of our last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; as that Communication, we had visiting Brethren from Dakota Territory, whom we desired to entertain at a social supper. Arrangements having been made, the guests were invited, and the Grand Lodge being in session at the hour appointed, M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy suggested that the election of officers be proceeded with at once, but others suggested that the Grand Lodge be "called off" to meet our guests.

To avoid the exercise of my prerogative, I asked the majority to decide, which they did in favor of "calling off," and ordered the election of officers to be the first business at the following morning session, at 9 a. m.

In accordance with this motion, the Grand Lodge met the following morning, and opened at 9.20 a. m., and at the suggestion of V. W. Bro. T. F. Bradley, proceeded with the election of officers. While the ballots were being prepared for the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin asked