

And by virtue of authority vested in me as aforesaid, I do hereby direct, order, publish and proclaim as follows, for your guidance and the observance and guidance of all Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons :

1st. The charter of said Silver City lodge having been arrested, annulled and rendered void by the supreme Masonic authority within the territorial limits of New Mexico, the said Silver City lodge, No. 465, A. F. & A. M., ceases to exist as a lodge, this 22nd day of April, A. L. 5880, and its officers cease to have any authority whatever as such.

2nd. Any communication, or pretended communication, held or pretended to be held after this said date, under authority of said charter, is hereby declared unauthorized, illegal and clandestine ; and all Free and Accepted Masons are hereby required not to hold, attend or in anywise participate in any such meetings or communications for any purpose whatever.

3rd. The officers of the late Silver City lodge aforesaid will severally deliver to the undersigned the said charter, jewels, property, moneys and effects in their respective hands pertaining to the said Silver City lodge, as contemplated by foregoing resolutions touching the premises.

4th. The attention of the brethren of the late Silver City lodge aforesaid is called to the resolution before referred to, herein by which it is provided that they may obtain demits from the R. W. Grand Secretary on application by them.

5th. All lodge dues at this time due and owing from the members of the said Silver City lodge will be paid to the R. W. Grand Secretary, David J. Miller, who will receipt and account for same.

6th. The Grand Secretary will furnish, as early as practicable, a copy of the foregoing, duly authenticated, to each of the several lodges within this jurisdiction for their information ; also a like copy to the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri.

W. L. RYNERSON,

*Grand Master.*

SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO, April 22nd.

MISSOURI.—The following special report on correspondence was adopted :

The question of difference between our Grand Lodge and that of New Mexico remain unsettled. All the non-adhering lodges in that jurisdiction having ceased to exist except one, Silver City, it is for this Grand Lodge to determine what course it will pursue in reference thereto. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico has proclaimed that the charter of Silver City lodge, No. 465, is under arrest. That lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, October 17, 1873, before the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was formed.

As the life of Silver City lodge was derived from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, so its allegiance must be rendered to this Grand Lodge. By no act has Silver City lodge forfeited the life given it by Missouri Grand Lodge. Its allegiance to the creating power, Missouri, must continue until transferred to another by its own act, or by the Mother Grand Lodge. Neither has been done, therefore it cannot be in obedience to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and that Grand Lodge has no right to arrest its charter.