

funeral is forbidden, I deemed it my duty to protect the interests of the Craft, and therefore granted this dispensation. My reason for having done so is that the Grand Lodge has no power to deprive, *by resolution*, a Master Mason in good standing with his Lodge of any inherent right.

I have appointed the following Grand Representatives near sister Grand Lodges :

Bro. Archibald Beaton, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Bro. J. S. Tramwell, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Bro. Robert McKnight, near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Alvin C. Emerson, near the Grand Lodge of Utah.

I have recommended for reappointment as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge :

Bro. W. H. Aitken, Past Senior Grand Warden, for the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Bro. Andrew Bowness, Past Senior Grand Warden, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Also for appointment, Bro. Duncan McLean, Past Grand Lecturer, for the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

A number of questions have been asked, many of which are plainly answered in the constitution.

The following I deem of sufficient importance to bring to your notice :

1. Question : Define the territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge ?

Answer : Compute the distance by the nearest public road travelled between Lodges.

2. Question : Can a Brother guarantee the amount of fees that should accompany a Petition ?

Answer : No ! The constitution is plain on this point.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD

The angel of death has reaped a plentiful harvest of noble lives in sister jurisdictions.

"Death is the crown of life ;
Were death deny'd, poor men would live in vain ;
Were death deny'd, to live would not be life :
Were death deny'd, ev'n fools would wish to die."