

Report of Grand Master.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces B. N. A.:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS.—Constitutional requirements and ancient custom furnish the reasons for our present meeting in Annual Session.

In accordance with the requirements of our Laws, I herewith submit to you the report of my official acts, with the various duties devolving upon me, during the term now expired, together with such suggestions, as in my opinion, call for your deliberation at the present Session.

Charters.—A Charter has been duly signed and delivered to Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, St. John, New Brunswick.

Dispensations.—Dispensation was granted to Brother P. G. Barnes to instal the officers of Pioneer Lodge; the most of the officers of that Lodge being absent when I was there in July.

Also, granted Dispensation to Pioneer Lodge, to instal and confer Degrees on members, at a distance, with a view to form a new Lodge in Fredericton, N. B.

Installations.—At the meeting appointed for installation, I visited Fuller Lodge, No. 5, officially, and on being admitted with the other Grand Officers proceeded to instal the officers for the present term, which being done in ample form I declared the officers installed. I also visited Norton Lodge, No. 6, officially, accompanied by the other Grand Officers, and thereupon the officers of that Lodge where installed in ample form. I also visited Eastern Star Lodge, No. 2, officially, and being admitted, accompanied by other Grand Officers, proceeded to instal the officers, for the present term; on the Vice Grand being presented for installation, objections where made to the effect that not having a majority of votes cast, his election was illegal. On enquiring, I found this objection to be correct, whereupon I ordered a new nomination and election for members eligible to fill the office of V. G. Nominations having been made I ordered a ballot to be taken, the result of which was the election of V. G.; after which the installation was proceeded with, and the installation of officers declared in ample form.

I then proceeded to St. John, N. B., and visited Pioneer Lodge, No. 9, officially, and having all things in readiness, I installed the officers in ample form.

I also visited St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and installed the officers in ample form.

Questions.—From the N. G. of Eastern Star Lodge the question has been asked,—“How is a Lodge to take evidence on an appeal from the decision of a Committee?”

Requisition.—A requisition from three members of the Grand Lodge asking for a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge to be called.

Suggestion.—I find from questions asked on points of Law and usage, that in many instances, the Grand Master is applied to before the Law itself is consulted or examined. I do therefore respectfully suggest, that the Lodge provide the latest edition of the Digest as well as the Journal of Proceedings of the G. L. U. S., and that a copy of each be kept on the desk of the N. G. or P. G., during the meetings of the Lodges, for reference to Law and usage, and thus much unnecessary delay is avoided, the time of the Lodge saved and a great deal of correspondence with the Grand Lodge saved.