

No. 3, shows that up to the present writing 9 have been initiated, 2 have been admitted by card and 2 reinstated, with the outlook for the future correspondingly bright. Total membership, 123 Knights. This lodge still maintains its reputation for first-class ritualistic work. For over two months past the rituals have not been opened in the lodge room, while the third rank is always conferred in amplified form.

From Bismarck, No. 31, the report is encouraging. Since you were pleased to grant this lodge a dispensation changing the working language from German to English, the members have taken heart and are now laboring unitedly and vigorously. The field for a purely German lodge in this city is extremely limited, and I am convinced that No. 31 would have remained stationary or have become dormant had this alteration not been made.

The Endowment Rank is also sharing in the general prosperity. Members of our subordinate lodges are now becoming persuaded of its absolute security and the solid and substantial benefits to be derived from participating in its membership. Section No. 774 returns 18 members, aggregating \$32,000 in life policies.

I have to report Alpha Division, No. 1, in a state of suspended animation.

Now, while we are progressing very favorably in this district, is it not about time a systematic and sustained effort was being made to more rapidly increase the membership throughout the Province. Two years ago, at our Grand Lodge session at Chatham, the necessity for an organizer was felt and advocated, but the majority of the representatives were of the opinion that by having such an official we would be necessarily lowering the tone and dignity of the Order, and that the inherent goodness of our institution should be a sufficient guarantee for its rapid growth and prosperity. Does our past history in this jurisdiction prove this? Had we the halo of antiquity and the prestige of numbers then our Order would grow of itself, but when we have for so long a time held relatively such an unimportant numerical position, is it not time to cast aside the old system and enter on a more vigorous crusade?

In conclusion allow me to thank you for the prompt and courteous manner you have answered official communications from this district. I know I express the sentiments of the officers and members of both our lodges when I say that not for some years past has the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Chancellor's station been discharged with greater ability and fidelity than during the twelve months that are now drawing to a close.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors of this district, held on Monday, June 1st, 1891, Bro. J. P. Macleod was unanimously chosen for re-appointment as D.D.G.C. for this district.

I have the honor to be, yours in F. C. and B.,

J. P. MACLEOD,
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