

Very true. To our mind this is a very doubtful quality, for we do not believe that Masonry should be always guided and measured by dollars and cents.

Sir Kt. McGill labored under difficulties in writing his report, his connection with the State Naval Militia and the great activity in recruiting and examination of new material had left him little spare time.

We wonder, under the circumstances, how he managed to concentrate his thoughts.

Membership, 1801; Subordinates, 16; Increase 19.

W. H. Sebring, Plainfield, Grand Commander.
Charles Becktel, Trenton, Grand Reorder.

NEW YORK—1897.

Eighty-fourth Annual. Jamestown. September 14th.

R. Em. Sir Knight John A. Mapes, Grand Commander, whose well executed engraving forms the frontispiece to the proceedings, opened the annual Conclave in ample form. 56 Commanderies were represented out of the 58.

The Grand Commandery was welcomed to the city by the Mayor, in a very interesting speech, which was replied to by the Grand Commander.

The Rev. C. C. Albertson, on behalf of the local Commandery, likewise welcomed the Grand body.

The Grand Commander gave a lengthy report of his acts. Three pages were devoted to the deaths of his own and sister jurisdictions; his dispensations occupying nearly as much space. He draws attention to a regulation which provides that unaffiliation or suspension for N. P. of dues, by Lodge or Chapter, shall deprive a Knight of membership in the Commandery, and says:

In other words *we are inflicting a penalty of our own* for failure to pay dues in other bodies, which penalty is to be enforced without even the semblance of a trial.

And further on states that

It is a cardinal principle in all Masonic law that no Mason can be deprived of his Masonic rights without due trial, and the opportunity to be heard in his own defence. ¶