

RHODE ISLAND.

The annual session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of this State met Wednesday morning, March 1. Grand Scribe John F. Driscoll presented the following returns from the subordinate Encampments for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1875 :

Number of Encampments.....	17
" exalted.....	196
" admitted by card.....	15
" withdrawn by card.....	18
" dropped.....	33
" expelled.....	1
" deceased.....	22
" members.....	1,573

SUMMARY.

Number of members per last report.....	1,436
" exalted during the year.....	196
" admitted by card.....	15
Total.....	1,647
From which deduct,	
Withdrawn by card.....	18
Dropped.....	33
Expelled.....	1
Deceased.....	22
	74
Total.....	1,573
Now in membership.....	1,573

RELIEF.

Number of Patriarchs relieved.....	64
Number of Patriarchs buried.....	22
Amount paid for relief of Patriarchs...\$	943 37
Amount paid for burying the dead....	560 00
Amount of donations.....	47
Total relief.....	\$1,502 84
Receipts of subordinates.....	\$10,485 47
Average age of Patriarchs.....	38
Average sick Patriarchs.....	33
Average age of deceased Patriarchs.....	25½
Number of weeks sickness for which sick benefits were paid.....	221

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:—Grand Patriarch, Miles B. Lawson; Grand High Priest, Ralph Jolley; Grand Senior Warden, Fred. A. Arnold; Grand Scribe, John F. Driscoll; Grand Treas., Daniel Horton; Grand Junior Warden, Thomas Sayles; Grand Rep., Wm. S. Johnson.

After the transaction of other important business the Grand Encampment adjourned.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge there was a large representation, there being between 200 and 300 Past Grands present.

The Grand Secretary presented the return of the Subordinate Lodges for the

term ending Dec. 31, 1875, as follows :

Number of Lodges.....	39
" initiated.....	589
" admitted by card.....	59
" reinstated.....	20
" withdrawn by card.....	52
" dropped for non-payment of dues	231
" expelled.....	10
" deceased.....	53
" rejected.....	95
" of members.....	5,413

SUMMARY.

Number of members last report.....	5,091
" initiated during the year.....	589
" admitted by card.....	59
" reinstated.....	20
Total.....	5,759

From which deduct

Withdrawn by card.....	52
Dropped.....	231
Expelled.....	10
Deceased.....	53

Total..... 346

Now in membership.....5,413

RELIEF.

Number of brothers relieved.....	410
" transient brothers relieved.....	16
" brothers buried.....	53
" widowed families relieved.....	20

AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.

Amount paid for relief of brothers...\$	11,606 54
" " transient	
Brothers..	715 66
" " widowed	
families..	311 00
" " orphans..	10 00
" burying the dead.....	2,482 00
" watching.....	2,216 30
" donations.....	1,260 21

Total relief.....\$18,601 71

Average age of members.....	39
" sick members.....	30
" deceased members..	28 1-2
Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid.....	1,984
Receipts of Subordinate Lodges.....	\$66,839 84

It will be seen by the above report that there has been a large gain in the Order during the past six months.

Grand Treasurer Daniel Horton's report was an interesting document, inasmuch as it placed the Grand Lodge on a good financial basis. The funds of the Grand Lodge are securely invested, and it is clear from indebtedness.

The following are the officers elected: Grand Master, Gilbert F. Robbins; Deputy Grand Master, Lindsay Anderson;