

PYTHIANS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Reports to Grand Lodge Show Satisfactory Conditions

ATTENDANCE GOOD

Details of Matters of Interest Which Have Transpired Since the Last Session—Annual Meeting of First Regiment, Uniform Rank.

The twentieth annual convention of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces...

Some thirty members of the order arrived from Moncton to the early train Monday morning...

Following the opening ceremonies the reports of the various standing committees were taken up...

The reports of the Grand Chancellor, G. K. of R. S., G. M. of E. and Grand Trustees were, motion, referred to the committee on distribution.

The committee on returns and credentials submitted a report and on motion it was ordered printed on the minutes.

The following past chancellors were then introduced and given the grand lodge rank: W. C. Bowden, C. T. Jones, E. M. Bartlett, St. John, D. A. McBeth, Moncton; E. C. Thomas, St. Stephen; W. B. Wilson, Alex. McKenzie, Amherst; W. A. Porter, Halifax; John H. Trahey, Harrisburg; S. J. Soley, W. W. Hatfield, Port Greenville; J. H. Godkin, Charlottetown; H. Chase, Frank Wilson, Truro; Andrew Roy, J. J. Doolittle, Westville; Wm. D. Chisholm, New Glasgow; J. J. Brooks, C. C. Rogers, Perth.

The Supreme Chancellor was then admitted and introduced to the members of grand lodge. He was accompanied by Supreme Representatives F. A. Godcoe and L. B. Wilson and Past Supreme Representatives James Moulson and W. C. H. Grimmer, and Supreme Representative Powers of Quebec.

The head of the order was received with supreme honors and then addressed the assembled knights. He delivered a very eloquent speech, dealing with the fraternal relations between the members of grand lodge.

After some other addresses the meeting adjourned.

Report of Grand Chancellor. The Grand Chancellor, H. L. Genter, of this city, in making his report, extended greetings to the various lodges...

As nearly as he could tell from information received, all the lodges in the domain are in a prosperous condition...

Reference was made to the celebration of the forty-third anniversary of the founding of the order on February 19th, which was very generally observed throughout the domain.

On April 24th each subordinate lodge was asked to contribute to the relief of the afflicted brethren in the State of California, who had suffered from the earthquake and fire. The sum of \$83.00 was sent to their aid and the lodges in this domain contributed their just share.

A number of lodges were officially visited by the grand chancellor, but he expressed regret that through inability to leave the city he could not visit all.

Dispositions were granted as follows: To Kennebec Lodge, No. 42, of Maine, to confer the rank of Knighthood on a resident of New Brunswick.

To Union Lodge, No. 2, to change night of meeting from May 23 to 22nd.

To Frontier Lodge, No. 4, to confer the rank of Knighthood on a named person.

Feeling reference was made to the loss sustained by the order in the death of Past Supreme Representative James D. Fowler, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6; Past Chancellor Wm. E. Dunmer and Past Chancellor Samuel Blaine of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1.

In concluding he referred again to the fact that he had not been able to attend to the duties of the office as they should be looked after, and expressed his indebtedness to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, James Moulson, for the valuable assistance he had given him.

He expressed thanks for the great honor done him and said he would always stand ready to do all in his power to advance the cause of Pythianism.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, James Moulson, reported that sixteen lodges had made an aggregate gain of 157 members, thirteen lodges made an aggregate loss of 54, thirteen lodges expatriated 106 members for non-payment of dues, fifteen members withdrew, and eleven died. On the 30th of June, 1905, the total membership was 2,163, and on the 30th of June last it was 2,106, a gain of 103.

RECEIPTS. The receipts for initiations were \$2,229.50; for dues \$7,130.48; for reinstatement, \$31.00; funeral assessments, \$42.00; disbursements, \$8.00; Widows and Orphan Fund, \$413.83; other sources, \$1,037.40. The total receipts being \$11,232.07.

DISBURSEMENTS. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four dollars and seven cents was paid for sick benefits; \$275.50 for relief; and \$230.50 for funeral benefits; \$135.57 for paraphernalia, and \$6,019.99 for current expenses, making a total of \$10,533.92.

CASH ON HAND. On the 30th of June last the Widows and Orphan Fund amounted to \$7,335.00, and the General Fund \$3,730.22; total cash, \$11,065.22.

PARAPHERNALIA AND FURNITURE. The paraphernalia and furniture were valued at \$16,486.30, and real estate at \$23,000.00; total, \$39,486.30.

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