

REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Chancellor, beg leave to report:

1. With pleasure we note the addition of three new lodges to our roll, and trust that the good work done by the Deputies will be continued during the ensuing term.

2. The surrender of the charters of Maple and Almont Lodges, under the circumstances as explained by Grand Inner Guard Fowlie, is not to be wondered at, and may possibly be a blessing in disguise. It is to be hoped that he will before long be enabled to reorganize them so that the good material which was in them may not be lost to the Order.

3. Your committee are in accord with the views of the Grand Chancellor respecting the advisability of having an "Organizer," but not with the mode which is proposed to raise the funds by which to remunerate him for his services, as we believe it is an universal desire that the *per capita* tax should be reduced at the earliest practicable opportunity. Should the appointment of an organizer meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge, we would suggest that the charter fee be made one hundred dollars, of which amount sixty dollars be paid to the organizer as his fee.

4. We are in full accord with the views of the Grand Chancellor regarding the "Amplified Rank," being convinced that where it is worked in a proper manner much more interest is taken by the members, and a larger attendance at the meetings is secured. We would strongly advocate the adoption of this work by the lodges, more especially where two or more are located in one place, as there is a greater opportunity of securing a better and more effective working team.

5. Your committee are pleased to learn that the anniversary of our Order was so generally observed throughout the jurisdiction and would recommend a celebration by all lodges on each recurring period.

6. We heartily coincide with the remarks of the Grand Chancellor in reference to the aid and assistance rendered by his Deputies; and have examined with much interest the reports submitted. Especially are we pleased with the Report of the Grand Vice-Chancellor, as it is a new departure, and evidences the fact that he was not an officer in name only. We trust that his successors will emulate the good example set. We regret to see that so few of the Deputies have complied with the law concerning Reports. It is important that the chief executive officer should be fully informed of the condition of affairs in each locality where a lodge is working, and this can only be done through the active co-operation of the Deputy. We would recommend that a blank form be prepared to be sent at stated periods, in order that the reports may be of a uniform character.

7. Your committee regret that their duty requires them to take cognizance of a serious matter referred to in the Report of the Deputy for No. 1