

We are aware that many conflicting opinions are entertained on this most important matter, but for our part we are opposed to accepting information as to Masonic standing from a third party, at all events, in the absence of the party vouched for.

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Grand Master.

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THE membership of chartered Lodges in Wisconsin, is 14,498, a net increase in a year of 599.

The Grand Lodge met in 48th Annual Communication, at Milwaukee, on June 14th, 1892.

Grand Master N. M. LITTLEJOHN delivered an interesting address, from which we regret to learn that our Brethren in Wisconsin mourn the loss by death of Bro. Homer S. Goss, Past Grand Senior Warden.

Beautiful lessons are indeed unfolded in the closing portion of our M. W. Brother's address, and we believe our Brethren will thank us for giving them the following extracts therefrom :—

If a man is a Mason only during a regular communication of his Lodge, he is of very little use as such to the world at large. Do not misunderstand me, my Brothers. I am not advocating the idea of making Freemasonry an ism. I would not ally it with any sect or ism extant. But in this age of defalcation and fraud—this age of violated vows and breach of trust, there is a call that the purifying influences of our institution should be made to permeate the corrupted atmosphere of social and business life. How may this best be accomplished? You can accomplish very little if you simply open and close your Lodges and do nothing else at your meetings when no degrees are to be conferred. Has Masonry no mission except to receive new members? As well may a church discontinue its services, except when the rite of baptism is to be celebrated. To meet, and only open and close your Lodge, in an inexcusable waste of time. It dampens Masonic zeal. It discourages the attendance of your members. It is evidence that dry rot is snapping the strength of your edifice. Do you ask, what