

ON Friday, 31st October, Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held by command of the Grand Master at Dundalk, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of organizing, constituting, consecrating and dedicating Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, and also at Beeton, the same day, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of assisting him in dedicating the new Hall of Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.

ORIENT Lodge, No. 339, held its 37th Annual Past Master's Re-union, on October 7th. There was a good attendance of the members present. It is reported that on this occasion the visitors "were cut out," a species of hospitality unprecedented in this city.

The *Freemason and Fex* says :

"The day will come, Lord hasten the time, when evidence of persistent and malicious black-balling will be made a 'Masonic offense,' and the subject disciplined."

WE would direct our readers, attention to the excellent historical article on "The Swallow Lodge and The Harodim," by our English friend, W. Bro. John Yarker, P.M., etc., who has kindly favored the readers of the CRAFTSMAN on different occasions with interesting sketches of his researches into the early history of the Craft.

UNDER the heading of "Handsome Donation," our readers will find an interesting letter from R. W. Bro. Thos. R. Patton, G. T. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, handing over securities to the value of \$42,624.48, which, together with his former donation,

make the par value of securities held by the Trustees of the "Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund," \$100,000. Our Grand Master referred lately to the insufficiency of the annuities granted to our poor brethren, cannot something be done. We have some members of the Craft in Canada, who have done handsomely for general charity, but we would like if they could see their way to follow the example of Bro. Patton, and not forget those who are of "our own household."

WE had the pleasure of receiving an invitation from Albert Pike Lodge, No. 237, G.R.M., to attend the Dedication and Consecration ceremony of the Lodge, at the Temple, West Minneapolis, Minn., on the 24th Oct. We were sorry that we could not attend but we wish the Lodge every prosperity, and under the banner of "Albert Pike," we are certain that it cannot fail.

WE have to congratulate W. Bro. Hon. Dr. Oronhyateka, President and General Manager of the Independent Order of Foresters, on the honor of a vice-presidency conferred upon him in the "Concordia" of Paris, France, a great international and scientific and educational society, his name being enrolled next to that of Tolstoi, the celebrated Russian philosopher and author.

THE beautiful programme used at the Reception to M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, K.C., Grand Master by the Brethren of Zetland Lodge, was greatly admired by all present at the banquet. Bro. W. H. Apter, the printer, did both the Lodge and himself credit