

for the information of this Grand Lodge in respect of his constituents, made the following reports:—

Most Worshipful Master & Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

As Grand representative of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have the honor to tender the following report of the proceedings of the youngest Grand Lodge on the Continent.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was only organized, August 6th, 1877, at Sante Fe, N. M., by a convention of the representatives of the several lodges within the territory, "each of which lodges had previously voted to join in the organization and establishment of said Grand Lodge." Only three, viz. Aztec, Chapman and Montgomery Lodges out of the seven (7) were represented, although Union Lodge had elected delegates to attend, thus a majority of the lodges in the territory signified their desire for the formation of a Sovereign Grand Body for the same.

This convention unanimously formed itself into a Grand Lodge, and elected W. Bro. Wm. M. Griffin, Grand Master, and Bro. David S. Miller, Grand Secretary, which office he has efficiently held up to the present time.

The first annual communication was held at Sante Fe, January 6th, 1879, and continued five days. M. W. Bro. Griffin, in the Great East. Four lodges were represented including Union Lodge.

The Grand Master's address was an able and logical document. Eighteen sister Grand Lodges had extended recognition, including Missouri, although she claimed jurisdiction over the remaining three lodges in the territory. This conditional recognition was foolishly accepted. This the Grand Master protested against and pertinently asked, "Can this Grand Lodge accept this qualified independence?" which he follows up by an erudite argument on exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, in which he frequently alludes to the Scottish-Quebec embroglio. He decided that the absence of a charter from the lodge room, so long as it is under the control of the Master, does not vitiate the proceedings. Grand Master Griffin and Grand Secretary Miller were re-elected to their respective offices.

An interesting report on foreign correspondence, consisting of 42 pages from the pen of R. W. Bro. S. D. Miller, is appended to the proceedings, also tables of statistics, etc. Proceedings of Quebec were not received in time for the review. The membership was 169.

From an examination of the constitution we learn that Past Masters and Past Wardens, are members of Grand Lodge, but the W. M.'s and Wardens alone with P. Grand Masters and P. Grand Wardens can appoint proxies and vote for the election of Grand Officers.

Every non-affiliate is declared as being "under the supervision and authority of the lodge nearest his residence, and shall pay the same dues as are paid by its members, unless he has made application for membership and been rejected within twelve months" of the same.

The second annual communication was held at Sante Fe, January 5th, 1880, and continued in session four days. Grand Master Griffin in the Grand East. The four lodges were represented and eighteen Past Masters and twenty-seven Past Wardens were also present. The Grand Master's address was terse, able, and logical. He reported the condition of Masonry "unexceptionably good," with the exception of the fact that Silver City Lodge, still declined to enrol herself under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and he maintained the "Grand Lodge of New Mexico must uphold her Supreme Masonic authority, as said Lodge has had more than two years to consider its condition and must now abide the consequences." This view the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted and on last August 22d, in accordance with a resolution to that effect, the Grand Master issued his edict, which is hereto annexed, declaring the charter of Silver City Lodge arrested. The Grand Master in his address adds: "It is a most serious and remarkable fact that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, at her last annual communication, formally and solemnly upheld Silver City Lodge in

he
Lo
tio
Lo
Lo
Gr
tio
Gr
to
clu
Lo
rig
on
un
wit
exe
Lo
lod
mer
Bo
pale
I
ence
pro
favo
with
fully
Ryn
I
posi
sive
ferec
Lod
A
As
Gran
Th
of th
Lodg
withi
Th
hund
It is
untiri
Murr
many
and f
de of ou
It
W.