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This journal opens with a semi-annual report from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, showing the standing of the order for the half year, with tabular and other matter, as well as reports from several of the committees.

Supreme Chancellor Richie was present at this convention, and exemplified the work, delivered "an able, instructive and eloquent address on the order," and was tendered "a rising vote of thanks for his visit and address."

Grand Chancellor Rauh says he and his brother officers did all they could to make the year a successful one, but business depression and the loss of three German lodges made the showing less satisfactory than they desired and anticipated.

Brother Whitehouse, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shows the condition of the order to be as follows:—

There were reported last year 102 lodges. Since that period two consolidations occurred, and three withdrew as a result of the agitation of the German question. Three lodges were organized, which makes the present strength 100 lodges. The aggregate membership at last report was 7,621; the present number is 7,350, showing a reduction of 271; 207 being classed in the three seceding lodges.

There were in the exchequer of subordinate lodges, one year ago, \$200,027.85; it now amounts to \$203,496.35, showing an increase of \$3,468.50.

The total receipts were \$79,492.12, and the expenses \$76,023.62. From this latter sum there was expended for relief, \$41,025.55. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury, \$5,958.04.

Brother Whitehouse concluded his twenty-fifth year as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Lodge celebrated the occasion by a special entertainment in his honor, at which he was presented with substantial tokens of esteem and regard—for which he makes suitable acknowledgement in closing his excellent report.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a good report.

Next convention at Baltimore, the second Tuesday in February, 1896.

S. S. QUINN, G. C., Pocomoke City.

JAMES WHITEHOUSE, G. K. R. S., Baltimore.

F. X. MAXWELL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Boston, May 22, 1895.

Grand Chancellor Whipple's term covered fifteen months, and he reports the order in good condition, with nine new lodges added. Great preparations had been made for an elaborate parade on the occasion of the "silver anniversary" of this domain, but—"during the night preceding the day selected, a terrific northeast storm broke upon our coast, and our plans were frustrated." Nevertheless, they filled old Faneuil Hall, and listened to "eloquent" addresses from Supreme and Grand Lodge officers, had a banquet at Music Hall in the afternoon, "the postprandial exercises being exceptionally fine." There, now! And what else would be expected from Boston!

Brother Cross, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says the state of the order is all they could expect, and they have "more lodges and more members than at any time since the order was introduced into the state." They have 13,101