

this case and a memorial page be inserted in the Proceedings of this session to record the brother's decease.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, 1886.

Following the example of my two immediate predecessors, I beg to present you with a brief digest of the most important proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, session of 1886.

The sixty-second annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held in the historic and highly cultured city of Boston, Massachusetts on September 20th to 25th, 1886.

All the jurisdictions, subordinate to the Grand Lodge, were represented with the exception of the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Chile, Denmark, Switzerland, our own and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

The hospitality of the inhabitants of the city seems to have been unbounded, and the Grand Representatives appear to have had a very favorable time. The great event of the week was the grand parade of the order, which took place on Wednesday, the 22d September, 1886, in which some 15,000 Odd Fellows and over one hundred bands of music were in line, forming a procession from six to eight miles in length, that required over two and one-quarter hours to pass a given point. A conspicuous feature in the procession was the muster of the Patriarch Militant, numbering between five and six thousand swords.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we gather the following statistics respecting the position of the order on the 31st December, 1885.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia) ..	
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	19
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Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	81
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Encampment members.....	94,5
Lodge members.....	5312
Increase in lodge members.....	10

Relief paid by Lodges.....	\$1,960,418
Relief paid by Encampments.....	205,620
Relief paid by Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	14,863

Total Relief.....\$2,180,901

Revenue of Lodges.....	\$4,764,111 96
Revenue of Encampments.....	473,652 00
Revenue of Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	71,924 81
Total Revenue.....	\$5,309,688

Increase of Revenue.....\$ 35,80