

SUPREME LODGE FINANCES.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In my report to the recent convention of the Supreme Lodge, I recommended, in view of the existing uncertainty as to his duty in that particular, that the incumbent of this office should be required by legislation to have printed and mail to each member of the Supreme Lodge, at the expiration of each quarter, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements, and a proposition (Doc. 54) was introduced to amend the Supreme Statutes to that effect. This proposition met with the

approval of the Judiciary Committee, to which it was referred, (Doc. 148, passed its first and second readings, and would probably have passed on the third had it been reached. I believe it to be proper that I should conform to the wishes of the Supreme Lodge, though technically lacking complete expression. I beg, therefore, to submit the following statement of the receipts and disbursements of this office for the time elapsed since the assembling of the Supreme Lodge. A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the time between the close of the fiscal year and the assembling of the convention will be found in the sixth day's proceedings of that body.

RECEIPTS.

1898.		
August 27—To Balance on Hand.....		\$ 8,437 33
August 31—To R. L. C. White, S. K. R. S.....	Loan from Endowment Rank.....	20,000 00
Sept. 17—To R. L. C. White, S. K. R. C.....	August Receipts.....	2,696 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	For What Purpose.	Amount.
		Total	\$31,133 66
August 17—	D. C. Pierce, Agent.....	Express on Bxs., &c., to Indianapolis..	\$ 46 89
August 25—	John B. Cockrum.....	Services Self & Owen, Rosenthal Case..	200 00
August 27—	M. C. Lilley & Co.....	Jewels—July and August.....	995 00
August 31—	Brandon Ptg Co.....	August Supplies and Official Reports....	1,200 54
	L. S. S. Rathbone.....	Annuity—August.....	30 00
	Sarah D. Rathbone.....	Annuity—August.....	30 00
	J. H. Alexander.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	131 40
	Frank H. Clark.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	183 90
	E. A. Graham.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	115 00
	W. D. Kennedy.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	63 60
	W. D. Kennedy.....	Expenses—Supreme Tribunal.....	53 17
	J. T. Pennyacker.....	Interest on Mortgage—Wilmington, Del., Property.....	240 00
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Salary—Balance Due.....	416 68
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Clerical and Office Expenses—August..	160 00
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Contingent Expenses—August.....	66 39
	R. L. C. White.....	Salary—August.....	375 00
	R. L. C. White.....	Office Expenses—August.....	225 00
	Thos D. Meares.....	Salary—Balance Due.....	91 67
	R. L. C. White.....	Cont. Expenses—July and August.....	29 71
	Pay Roll, '98.....	Mileage and Per Diem.....	22,920 90
	Thos D. Meares.....	Daid for Daily Journal, 1898.....	936 05
	Thos D. Meares.....	Sundry Bills Paid, Convention '98.....	443 15
		Total Disbursements.....	\$28,954 05

I have also on hand the sum of \$1,361.80 Balance on Hand..... \$ 2,179 61
 belonging to the Hines Memorial Fund.
 Fraternally Yours,
 THOS D. MEARES,
 Supreme Master Exchequer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judiciary.

Stanton L. Carter.....	Fresno, California
Tracy R. Bangs.....	Grand Forks, North Dakota
H. O. Kline.....	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
John G. Reeves.....	Lancaster, Ohio
C. E. Shiveley.....	Richmond, Indiana
D. C. Richardson.....	Richmond, Virginia

C. E. Pickett.....	Waterloo, Iowa
	Ways and Means.
A. P. Riddle.....	Minneapolis, Kansas
J. E. Watson.....	Rushville, Indiana
P. L. Downs.....	Temple, Texas
C. L. Davis.....	Denver, Colorado
E. C. Cooper.....	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Alven E. Read.....	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
C. D. Myers.....	Bloomington, Illinois