

Has a Subordinate Encampment the right to appropriate its funds, to defray the necessary expenses of celebrating, with appropriate ceremonies, the 26th day of April, the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-fellowship in America.

The above was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order whose report (page 3959) was adopted. (Journal page, 4007. "That the question of the right of any Subordinate to appropriate their funds to pay the expenses of celebrating the anniversary of the introduction of our Order in America, rests exclusively with the Members of said Subordinates. This Grand Body has eschewed all right to determine such questions, and has decided; that Subordinates have power to regulate and control their own financial affairs, a delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative with which the Grand Lodge of the United States will not unwisely interfere. (See Journal of 1855, page 2496, and 1857, page 2831.

On Journal page 3962, Rep. Foss of Illinois, moved the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved.—"That there be granted to the jurisdictions of Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Newbraska, Florida, Texas, Canada West, Minnesota, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire; the right to admit to membership within their several jurisdictions, upon such terms as may be right and just, as proposed by Section 4, act 16 of the Constitution; all suspended Members of other jurisdictions residing within the several jurisdictions named above, who may have been suspended for non payment of dues only, and such members of defunct Lodges of other jurisdictions as may not be able to procure proper cards or others vouchers.

The Legislative Committee relative to resolution of Rep. Ellis of Maryland; and the amendment of Rep. Barry offered thereto (page 3853; Journal) reported, submitting the following resolutions (see page 3967) which were adopted: (Page 4007, Journal.)

Resolved.—That in all cases of application for membership in Subordinate Lodges or Encampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, three black balls shall be necessary to reject the candidate, but if the application shall be by card, a majority only of the Members present on ballot, shall be necessary to elect.

Resolved.—That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge a copy of the foregoing resolution to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Through the Special Committee on that subject two forms of Funeral Service; were submitted, one by Rep. Mayes of Miss. and the other by Grand Chaplain I. D. Williamson, (page 3997) and upon resolution the consideration of the same was postponed till next session. (See page 4013 Journal.)

A Resolution submitted by Rep. Dennis of Michigan, in approval of the American Odd Fellow as the organ of the Grand Lodge, United States, was adopted; thus again placing upon record their estimation of Bro. Orr's efforts in the publication of an Odd Fellows' Journal.

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