

recommended that it be laid aside as a permanent charity fund, the capital to be sacred, preserved as a monument of the occasion. There is no doubt that this suggestion will be adopted. He also brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge a recent decision of the Commissioner of Patents, on the subject of Masonic symbols as trade-marks. In the course of the session the subject of non-affiliated Masons was introduced, and a resolution proposed by Brother Mackey, declaring it as the sense of the Grand Lodge, that unaffiliated Masons were not entitled to the rights of visitation, relief, or Masonic burial; which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. After some local business, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the annual election, which resulted in the choice of the following officers, the election being conducted in a very harmonious spirit. The re-election of Grand Master Stansbury by an almost unanimous vote was a high but expected tribute to his worth as a man and Mason, and an expression of the unabated confidence of the Craft in his administration. Brother Gibbs, the Deputy Grand Master, was not present, being confined to his bed by the effects of an accidental breaking of his ankle many weeks ago; but the sympathy and kind feeling of his brethren were manifested in his re-election. The re-election of the other officers was a testimony to the efficient discharge of their duties. The Grand Secretary declined being a candidate for re-election:

Charles F. Stansbury, Grand Master; J. R. Gibbs, Deputy Grand Master; J. L. Johnson, Senior Grand Warden; L. D. Wine, Junior Grand Warden; W. M. Yates, Grand Secretary; A. Buelby, Grand Treasurer; Fred. Johnson, Grand Visitor and Lecturer; Rt. Rev. Wm. Pinkney, Grand Chaplain; J. H. Jackson, Grand Marshall; E. H. Davis, Senior Grand Deacon; J. H. Miles, Junior Grand Deacon; G. A. Whitney, Grand Sword Bearer; A. M. Muzzy, Grand Pursuivant; T. B. Cramer and P. H. Craig, Grand Stewards; L. Stoddard, Grand Tyler.

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#### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

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The duties of the District Deputy Grand Masters vary in details in various jurisdictions, but in all there is a similarity which will justify a general article on this subject.

Each year brings into existence many new appointments, from necessities not necessary to mention, although we may say that the changes should be as few as possible. Neglect of duty is of course the prime cause of changes, for it seldom, if ever, that a new man can be picked out who will know more, or as much, even, as one who has thoroughly learned his duty and performed it. It too often occurs that zeal is not equally balanced by knowledge, but even a new D. D. G. M. can soon learn by close attention to the law of usage of his Grand Lodge. This he can and should learn while acting as W. M.—he should conscientiously read the book of the law until he learns it by heart—he should look for recent interpretations of that law through the decisions and proceedings of his Grand Lodge, and no W. M. should ever be able to plead a want of the proceedings if he has properly overlooked the affairs