

GRAND LODGE OPENS TO-DAY

A.O.U.W. Executive Discuss Proposed Increase in Rates and French Literature.

REPORTS BEST IN ORDER'S HISTORY

Nearly 6000 Were Initiated in 1901 - Reduction in Average Age of Members.

The A.O.U.W. Executive Committee continued its session yesterday and considered a number of amendments to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, which opens to-day. The question of increasing the rates is to be the first order of business of the Grand Lodge, after 3 o'clock this afternoon. A proposal to translate the lodge into French and to provide suitable literature in that language met with considerable favor in committee.

Grand Recorder's Report

From the annual report of M. D. Carden, Grand Recorder, the following information is gleaned: "The admission of new members in 1901 is the largest in the history of the order, 4848 having been initiated. The average age of the entire membership has been reduced by 1 month and 23 days. The average age of new members is 29 years, 10 months and 14 days. New lodges have been organized in 29 places, making 449 lodges in Ontario in good standing. Total certificates in good standing Dec. 31, 1901, was 42,552. Members died in 1901, 346; 7 days. Amount paid last year for death claims, \$432,000. Only 12 assessments were made. A balance of \$1,000,235 stands to the credit of the Grand Lodge. The receipts in the general fund were \$39,110.25; expenditures, \$38,313.55; leaving a balance of \$796.70. The reserve fund now amounts to \$220,340.49. Total claims amount to \$2,380,000. The death rate has been 8.13 per cent. From the report of Dr. J. M. Ootton, Grand Medical Examiner, it appears that the average duration of membership of deceased members was 12 years, 10 months and 14 days. Applications accepted, 5130; rejected, 360."

The Grand Master's Workman

Cap. W. M. Bennett, Grand Master, in presenting his second annual report, reviews succinctly the operations of the lodge. He says: "I am glad to report that from every section of our jurisdiction the most encouraging reports have been received. The year, indicating a real and steady increase in the number of members, has been a year of activity and progress. Many lodges that have been dormant for years have been revived. The efforts of our officers and members have been rewarded with a new life, and the result has been a better attendance at lodge meetings and a renewed energy among individual members, thus enabling us to secure the grand results which are the object of our officers will lay before you to-day. Since we have become a purely Canadian order, we have secured 100,000 applications, and during the two years that I have had the honor of presiding over the lodge, we have had a large increase in 1900, 6010 applications, and in 1901, 4500 applications, and in the history of the order in this jurisdiction, 1901 has been a year of activity and progress. The following delegates are registered from 430 subordinate lodges of the order in Ontario: St. Thomas; Westland; George; Chatham; F. J. Harris; Seaford; George; Hunter; Stratford; Thomas; George; Hamilton; L. C. McLevy; Aymer; F. Millard; Dutton; John; Mahon; Rodney; R. B. Brett; Fred; G. Inwood; Toronto, Grand Treasurer, presented a full statement of the finances. Thomas A. Hastings, Toronto, chairman of the Finance Committee, and M. M. C. McLeod, Toronto, Medical Examiner, also presented their annual reports, the main facts of which were included in the Grand Recorder's report.

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The Struggle Against Sickness in the Most Trying of All His Duties - With Good Health He Can Conquer All Other Troubles.

No more courageous example of industry and untiring perseverance against many difficulties and uncertainties can be found than the case of the average farmer in the Northwest of Canada. Bred of a stock that refuses to be beaten, these grand men are invincible and absolutely control the most adverse circumstances to their advantage and profit. In this struggle many a man forgets to husband his health, making the greatest demands on their bodily strength, forgetting that on some day there will come a reckoning. Thousands of just such busy men eat and drink what they should not and how they should not. They overload the condition of their digestive organs till at last dyspepsia, indigestion, sour stomach, bloating, biliousness or headache comes to warn them that it is time to stop and consider.

Mr. Forz McGreger of Canard, Assa, was troubled for years with his stomach. His food got no rest, everything he ate gave him pain and distress. Finally he was advised to try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, and from the day he commenced to use them he began to get better. His dyspepsia has disappeared, he enjoys his meals and his general health is much improved. He says: "Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets can be highly recommended for all forms of dyspepsia and stomach trouble. They have done wonders for me. I have been proven beyond doubt in thousands of cases that Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets will promptly relieve and permanently cure every case of stomach trouble."

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YORK COUNTY LOSES APPEAL

Many Interesting Cases Before Courts at Osceola Hall.

At Osceola Hall yesterday in the St. Thomas election proceedings to compel Magistrate Jones to receive evidence in the case against certain electors, charged with voting more than once, the Divisional Court said that if the parties agreed one of the electors of the court will give judgment on the merits of the application. This would have avoided a decision on a technical objection of jurisdiction involved in the case.

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