

The Deputy Grand Master having reported, the R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

The Minutes of the morning session were read by the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Moved by M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, seconded by R. W. Bro. Robert Birmingham, and

Resolved, -That the Minutes of the morning session as now read, be confirmed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND APPEALS.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions and Appeals was presented and read by W. Bro. J. H. Pritchard.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ontario West :

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report upon the several matters submitted to them, as follows :

1. That the petition of L. O. L. No. 1230, Sarnia, to reinstate John McInnis be granted ; the same having been recommended by the Primary, District and County Lodges.

2. That the petition of L. O. L. No. 297, Brantford, praying for the reinstatement of William Reeves, be granted, said petition having been recommended by the Primary, District and County Lodges.

3. Your Committee recommend that the petition of the District Lodge of Brock, praying that Robert Johnston be reinstated, be granted. Your Committee, however, must place on record their surprise at, and disapproval of the hasty and ill-considered action of the District and County Lodges in this matter.

4. That the petition of L. O. L. 136, Toronto, praying for the reinstatement of John Smith, be granted, the same having been duly recommended by the Primary, District and County Lodges.

5. In the matter of the appeal of Thomas Hopwood against the findings of L. O. L. 537, as confirmed by the District Lodge of Adelaide and the County Lodge of West Middlesex, your Committee hereby reverse the findings of the aforesaid Lodges and order the reinstatement of Bro. Hopwood. Your Committee, however, as a condition precedent to such reinstatement, order that Bro. Hopwood make an apology to Bro. Lenfesty, which shall be satisfactory to the Grand Master.

6. With reference to the appeal of Bro. John Lenfesty, against the findings of the County Lodge of West Middlesex, in the matter of his withholding the annual from Bro. Thomas Hopwood, your Committee recommend that the action of the County Lodge be sustained.

7. Your Committee, in connection with the two cases last dealt with in this Report, recommend that the Grand Master should, in his official capacity, visit L. O. L. No. 537, Strathroy, and endeavor to restore harmony

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