

At the next convention of the Supreme Lodge an entirely new Constitution was adopted, and at the same time the Jewels of the Order were provided, and many other plans formulated so as to provide a revenue for the Supreme Lodge and lift it out of the condition of bankruptcy which confronted it. At the same convention, Brother Joseph Dowdall, of Ohio, was elected Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

At this convention Brother Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua, New Hampshire, succeeded to the office of Supreme Chancellor, with Brother David B. Woodruff, of Macon, Georgia, as second in command. In 1876, at the convention of the Supreme Lodge held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Brother Davis was re-elected for a further term of three years, and Brother Woodruff continued as Supreme Vice Chancellor.

The convention of 1877, held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, was in many respects an eventful one, marking as it did the period from which dated the initial proceedings looking toward the organization of the Insurance Branch and of the Military Branch. At that convention a provision was made for the organization of the Endowment Rank, and gave vitality to what is now the Insurance Branch of the Order. At the same meeting Captain James R. Carnahan, who had always been very enthusiastic in regard to the uniform drill of the membership, appeared on one of the avenues of Cleveland, Ohio, at the head of the famous Lafayette Drill Corps, and, in the old uniform of the Order as adopted in 1872, gave an exhibition drill which surprised some of the old timers in the Supreme Lodge; the result of this demonstration was the raising of a special committee in connection with this matter who were to report at the same convention, in Indianapolis, in 1878.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge met at the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1878, at which meeting Brother David B. Woodruff, of Georgia, was elected Supreme Chancellor. The question of the Uniform Rank was presented at this session, by a report of the special committee—the subject was at first unceremoniously laid upon the table, but through the efforts of the friends of the military feature the matter was again taken up later in the session and referred to the special committee, who were to meet at Baltimore in the following September,

and who were given full power to provide a Ritual, laws and regulations for a military branch, and without further reference to the Supreme Lodge, promulgate the same. This the committee did, and on November 1st, 1878, Supreme Chancellor Woodruff issued the circular formally promulgating the Uniform Rank and declaring it established.

By virtue of the amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1878, the conventions of the Supreme Lodge were made biennial—hence the next meeting did not convene until 1880.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was held in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1880. At this convention Brother W. Lindsay, of Baltimore, Maryland, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

Detroit, Michigan, was the next place at which was held the convention of the Supreme Lodge—this took place in 1882, at which time Brother John P. Linton, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention of the Supreme Lodge of 1884, was held in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and was one, in many respects, that marked a turning point in some Pythian affairs, from which might reasonably be dated the beginning of greater successes than the Order ever had before. It was at this convention that the entire system of the Uniform Rank was changed from independent state organizations to the plan of the United States army, and a Major-General placed at its head. It was also at this convention that a change was made in the management and system of the Endowment Rank. It was here that Bro. John Van Valkenburg, of Fort Madison, Iowa, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

For the first time in the history of the Supreme Lodge it went outside of the limits of the United States to hold its next convention, which took place in the city of Toronto, Ontario, in 1886, at which meeting Brother Howard Douglass of Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

Toward the end of 1897, Supreme Chancellor Howard Douglas, finding that the Constitutions of the various Grand Lodges were by no means in accord with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, required from each Grand Lodge a strict compliance with the laws made and provided by

JONES—"What do you think of my new suit?"

BROWN—"It looks all right. How much did you pay for it?"

JONES—"Twenty dollars."

BROWN—*Examining closely.*—"Oh, yes; you have been buying one of those cheap suits. See here, Jones; here is a suit I bought eight months ago. I have worn it to business every day since, and it looks better than your new suit now. Take my advice, pay more for your clothes and you will be money ahead, if you patronize

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