

Declaration of Principles.

Pythian Knighthood has its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and in act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

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ERRATA.

- Page 6, Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, for John Peedreon, read John Peedrem.
- " 7, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, for P. M. Dave read P. M. Daye.
- " 8, Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, for A. W. Atvinson read A. W. Atkinson.
- " 9, Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, delete Past Chancellor A G Robinson's name, which appears correctly under Marysville, No. 18.
- " 26, Under heading "Receipts," for To cash for Dispensations, read To cash due for Dispensations
- " 27, The report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances ought to have been dated from St. Stephen, not Halifax.
- " 37, In last line of page, for forward \$303 38 read \$393.38
- " 39, On fourth line from top of page the sum of \$22.00 should be \$21.00, and on twelfth line for \$5.50 read \$5.00.
- " 41 ought to appear as page 43 and vice versa
- " 48, In list of Standing Committees, after the names of Thos. B Donohoe and S. Tufts, in each case read New Brunswick instead of Victoria. The name of C H. Holyoke, ninth line from foot page, should read R. E. Holyoke.
- " 52, Three lines from bottom of page, read exceed the gains, instead of grains.
- " 55, Twenty-three lines from top, read 87 lodges for 37.



JOHN BEAMISH,

PAST CHANCELLOR,

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, St. John, N. B.

Bro. Beamish took the first steps to introduce the order into Canada, he was a charter member of the above Lodge, which was instituted in 1870, and has been an active worker to the present. He loves the order, and all love him.

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PROCEEDINGS
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OF
The Maritime Provinces



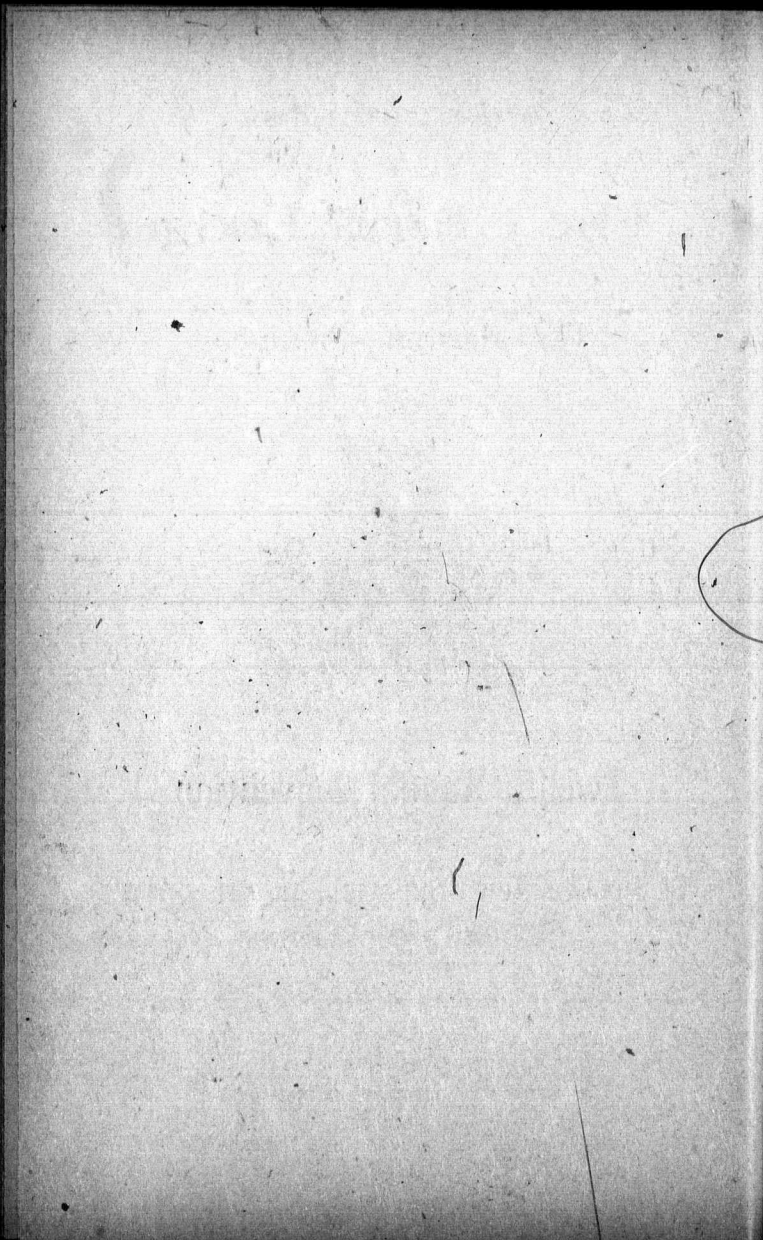
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HELD AT

St. Stephen, New Brunswick, August 3, 1898

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the Maritime Provinces.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 3, 1898.
Pythian Period XXXV.

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual convention this day in Pythian Hall, and was called to order at 9.30 a. m. by Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon.

The following officers were present at roll call :

J. M. DEACON,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Prelate.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. E. SHERARD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.

Owing to absence of Brother Henry through illness, the Grand Chancellor appointed Brother A. H. Robinson, of No. 8, with the assistance of Brother R. H. Cooper, of No. 5, to act as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother R. J. Rosborough, of No. 4, was appointed to fill the office of Grand Inner Guard, until the arrival of Brother Cole; and Brother Porter, Grand Outer Guard, being unable to be present, Brother J. B. Polley, of No. 4, was selected to guard the outer door.

There were also present Supreme Master-at-Arms James Moulson, Past Supreme Representative Murray Fleming, Supreme Representatives W. C. H. Grimmer and James D. Fowler, Grand Trustees R. J. Rosborough and R. H. Cooper, and representatives from nearly all lodges.

On motion the reading of the minutes of last annual convention were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

To fill the vacancies on the Committee on Credentials the Grand Chancellor appointed Brothers Murray Fleming, of No. 3, W. B. Nicholson of No. 7, Geo. J. Clarke, of No. 4 and W. L. Ogle, of No. 12. Brothers J. W. Graham, of No. 8, and F. A. Marr, of No. 12, were appointed to take the place of absent members of the Finance Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms reporting Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge rank, by order of Grand Chancellor, introduced the following on whom were conferred said rank according to prescribed ritual:

C. H. Smyth,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
H. L. Ganter,	do. do.
E. B. Nixon,	Union Lodge, No. 2.
H. Kinnear,	do. do.
Fred Ferguson,	do. do.
W. M. Weldon,	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
Joseph Bedford,	do. do.
C. A. Laubman,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
S. Hunter,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
F. C. Foster,	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
A. B. Falloon,	Border Lodge, No. 8.
Harrison McAllister,	do. do.
S. Sutherland,	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.
A. Mills,	do. do.
W. S. Carson,	Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16.
Du Vernett Jack, M. D.,	do. do.
C. A. Handley,	Marysville Lodge, No. 18.
George Eno,	do. do.
George Hazen,	Damascus Lodge, No. 4, Montreal, P. Q.

[The last named brother had the rank conferred on him by request of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal White.]

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials was read, received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 2, 1898.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:

Your Returns and Credentials Committee, after examination of returns of Subordinate Lodges, find the following Past Grand Chancellors and Officers of this Grand Lodge entitled to admission and to vote in this Grand Lodge:

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

James Moulson,	John R. Armstrong,	George Craig,
Murray Fleming,	W. C. H. Grimmer,	J. Fenwick Fraser,
Jas. D. Fowler,	W. B. Nicholson,	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

J. M. Deacon, M. D.,	F. A. Godsoe,	John C. Henry,
H. J. Logan, M. P.,	J. F. Gilroy,	R. H. Cooper,
R. J. Rosborough,	Rev. D. T. Porter,	W. E. Sherard,
H. L. Cole,	R. E. Armstrong,	

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several subordinate lodges and find that the following brothers and Past Chancellors, in good standing, were duly elected as Representatives or Alternates, and that their certificates are in proper form, and we would recommend that they be recognized as Representatives and Alternates as follows:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

Representatives.

Thos. B. Donahoe,
W. H. Vaughan,
F. S. Merritt,
John Beamish.

Alternates.

Geo. R. Day,
W. H. Scott,
Geo. McKee,
E. P. Leonard.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

W. A. Stewart,
E. B. Nixon,
Al. Dodge,
Fred Ferguson,
LeBaron Wilson.

Robt. S. Sime,
Wm. McAdoo,
John A. Ewing,
W. White,
James Duffell.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

Representatives.

K. A. McLean,
John Bedford,
Alex. P. Tait.

Alternates.

W. M. Weldon,
R. P. Dickson,
Joseph E. Bedford.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

Parker Grimmer,
J. Bert. Polley,
John Ryder.

W. S. A. Douglas,
C. A. Laubman,
W. E. Smith.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

A. L. Somers,
D. M. Mattinson.

Seldon Hunter,
G. R. Cameron.

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

Samuel McKay,
T. A. Wilson.

Rainsford Staples,
Alonzo Staples.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

Geo. E. Balmain,
Thos. A. McLean.

F. C. Foster.
R. E. Holyoke.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

A. H. Robinson,
R. W. Whitlock.

Albertus Faloon,
J. W. Graham.

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

Dr. J. A. Wade,
T. Pendlebury.

P. G. Hanson,
B. F. De Wolfe.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

Percy L. Spicer,
Seymour Sutherlandgreen.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

G. T. Chamberlain,
J. W. Morrison.

C. A. McQueen,
John Peedrean.

Halifax Lodge, No. 12.

F. A. Marr,
W. L. Ogle.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

Albert Mills,
R. W. Mosher.

A. Russell Ross,
Alfred Holmes.

Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16.

Representatives.

W. S. Carson,
C. G. Folkins.

Alternates.

Du ~~Verret~~ Jack,
Peter P. Russel.

Marysville Lodge, No. 18.

Geo. Eng,
C. A. Handley.

4 We have examined the returns of subordinate lodges and find the following Past Chancellors entitled to admission and seats in this Grand Lodge:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

James Moulson,	Samuel Tufts,	E. P. Leonard,
William Quigley,	W. S. Vaughan,	George R. Day,
J. Fen Fraser,	C. R. Machum,	A. P. Barnhill,
J. S. Brown,	W. S. Morrison,	Geo. A. Hetherington,
Thomas Armstrong,	F. S. Merritt,	S. W. Wilkins,
Wm. E. Dummer,	P. M. Dave,	George McKee,
J. Beamish,	J. E. Fraser,	Thos. B. Donohoe.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

John R. Armstrong,	John A. Ewing,	A. S. Pattison,
Andrew J. Armstrong,	A. L. Rawlins,	LeBaron Wilson,
William McAdoo,	George A. Troop,	Frank A. Godsoe,
J. Fred Sullivan,	A. Dodge,	Frank E. Holman,
A. W. Adams,	Eustace Barnes,	W. A. Stewart.
Wm. White,	Frank Pales,	
H. V. Cooper,	R. O'Shaughnessy,	

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

Murray Fleming,	W. T. Sands,	K. A. McLean,
H. B. Flenjng,	J. H. Wran,	Joseph Barton,
G. M. Jarvis,	John Bedford,	H. D. Charters,
Alex. P. Tait,	W. R. Parker,	George Craig,
A. S. Coleman,	W. Crowhurst,	D. I. Welsh,
J. W. Whitehead,	J. P. Weir,	C. W. Bradley,
William Capsor,	W. E. Sherard,	Hugh Wright,
R. P. Dixon,	F. B. Wood,	

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

John Ryder,	William E. Smith,	F. S. Hutchinson,
John C. Henry,	R. J. Rosborough,	Parker Grimmer,
George J. Clarke,	H. M. Webber,	J. B. Polley,
W. S. A. Douglas,	Alex. Murray,	H. M. Grimmer.
W. C. H. Grimmer,		

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

George Dunn,
Frank L. Peers,
R. H. Cooper,
I. G. Phelan,
F. F. Noiles,

David Conn,
E. A. Potter,
H. A. McKnight,
J. F. Gilroy,
G. H. Gass,
George Cameron,
W. C. Black,
H. G. Murray,
Arthur Somers.

Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.

Harry Beckwith,
James D. Fowler,
C. H. Thomas,
G. R. Perkins,

Alonzo Staples,
A. D. Macpherson,
W. S. Fisher,
G. W. Adams,
Samuel Macky,
A. J. Fowlie,
T. A. Wilson.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

W. B. Nicholson,
James H. Wilbur, Jr.
S S. Street,

H. P. Baird,
J. C. Hartley,
T. A. Lindsay,
H. V. Moores,

Border Lodge, No. 8.

A. H. Graham,
R. W. Whitlock,
F. P. Maxwell,
A. H. Robinson,

B. H. Kerr,
J. W. Graham,
H. C. Eye,
W. S. Robinson,
J. M. Deacon, M. D.
W. H. Laughlin, M. D.
J. E. C. McAllister,

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

A. Thompson,
E. A. Cockburn,

R. E. Armstrong,
B. F. De Wolfe.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

Rev. D. T. Porter,
W. E. Blenkhorn,

S^r R. Canning,
H. C. Jenks,
P. L. Spicer,
A. W. Atvinson.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

C. A. McQueen, M. D.
H. J. Logan, M. P.

W. A. Hanright,
J. W. Morrison,
G. F. Chamberlain.

Halifax Lodge, No. 12.

W. T. Whiteway,
W. M. Black,

W. L. Ogle,
J. A. Gass,
Hon. Geo. H. Murray,
Hy. L. Cole.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

E. Woodworth,

Alfred Holmes.

Far East Lodge, No. 14.

J. C. Orner.

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several subordinate lodges and find that the following Past

Chancellors are in good standing, that their certificates are in proper form and that they are entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor in this Grand Lodge.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

William Shaw,	A. W. Smith,	W. N. Scott,
Fred Sandall,	E. C. B. Brown,	C. H. Smyth,
J. A. Watson,	C. R. Scott,	H. L. Ganter.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

Alex. M. Nichol,	W. A. McGinley,	Edwin B. Nixon,
W. R. May,	Jas. A. Ewing,	Fred Ferguson,
Robert S. Sime,	J. Fred Johnston,	Harrison Kinnear.
A. M. Duff,	S. J. Smith,	

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

G. R. Sangster,	J. E. Bedford,	G. J. McLean,
Joseph McClure,	Archie Anderson,	E. O. Steves,
W. M. Weldon,	J. G. Wran,	Melvin Steves.
C. O. Rowe,		

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

H. W. Broad,	R. W. Grimmer,	N. E. Sederquest,
A. A. Laffin,	C. A. Laubman,	A. J. Frazer.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

A. H. McLeod,	John Wylie,	Joseph Moss,
A. C. McKinnon,	Selden Hunter,	Duncan Blue,
Geo. Oulton,	Wm. Reese,	D. M. Mattinson.

Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.

Jas. W. Waterman,	Chas. L. French,	C. W. Whelpley,
H. T. Smith,	Jas. A. Reid,	R. Staples.
A. G. Robinson,		

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

Geo. I. Holyoke,	Thos. McLean,	F. C. Foster,
Geo E. Balmain,	W. P. Jones,	R. E. Holyoke.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

Rev. W. Williams,	A. H. Hiltz,	Jesse Towers.
Harrison McAllister,	Albertus Faloon,	

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

N. Treadwell,	F. H. Grimmer,	T. Pendlebury,
M. N. Cockburn,	T. R. Wren,	Dr. J. A. Wade.
R. Worrell,	P. G. Hanson,	

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

Nathan Duff,
 Jas. A. Knowlton,
 F. H. P. Dewis,

E. W. Fillimore,
 David Loomer,
 Frederic Morris,
 Seymour Sutherland.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

John M. Curry,
 J. M. Currie,
 C. H. Main,

J. M. Lusby,
 Renwick McCloskey,
 John Peedrem,
 Cuthbert Main.

Halifax Lodge, No. 12.

W. H. Huggins,

Alex. McDougall, F. A. Marr.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

Alfred Nichols,
 R. W. Mosher,
 Christopher Proctor,

Jules Choisset,
 Albert Mills,
 A. Russell Ross,
 W. C. Hatfield.

Far East Lodge, No. 14.

E. W. Lyons,
 N. S. Fraser, M. D.

R. L. Smith,
 W. J. Prowse,
 W. B. Searle,
 H. G. Leseman.

Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15.

W. W. Bent,
 C. S. Marshall, M. D.

A. J. McDougald,
 Dugald Stewart, M. D.

Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16.

Delhi McLaughlin,
 Frank Ingersoll,
 P. P. Russell,

DuVernet Jack, M. D.
 Clarence G. Folkins,
 W. S. Carson,
 C. B. Harvey.

Victorian Lodge, No. 17.

A. H. Hatfield,
 Perry Hatfield,

J. W. Cochrane,
 T. K. Bentley,
 L. E. Graham,
 G. A. Bates.

Marysville Lodge, No. 18.

A. G. Robinson,
 James Waterman,
 Chas. L. French,

Geo. Eno,
 E. B. Fisher, M. D.
 C. A. Handley,
 J. J. Libbey.

Respectfully submitted.

MURRAY FLEMING,
 W. L. OGLE,
 W. B. NICHOLSON,
 GEO. J. CLARKE.

Committee.

On motion, Brother George J. Clarke was appointed official reporter for this Grand Lodge Convention.

Supreme Chancellor Philip T. Colgrove was announced as waiting in the ante-room and desiring to make an official visit to Grand Lodge. Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to proceed thither and escort the distinguished brother to the lodge room. Brother Colgrove was accompanied by Supreme Master-at-Arms James Moulson and Supreme Representatives Grimmer and Fowler, and was received with usual honors, and afterwards introduced to the members of Grand Lodge by Grand Chancellor Deacon.

At the conclusion of an eloquent address, which was listened to with profound attention, the Supreme Chancellor, assisted by Brothers Moulson and W. C. H. Grimmer, with the members of Grand Lodge arranged in a circle, exemplified the secret work of the order to the entire satisfaction of all present.

Grand Master of Exchequer Logan moved that a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Supreme Chancellor Colgrove for the able, eloquent and instructive address just made.

The motion was seconded by brothers George J. Clarke and W. C. H. Grimmer, and adopted by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 2.30 p. m., local time.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 3, 1898.
 PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

Grand Lodge met at 2.30 p. m., according to adjournment,
 the following officers being present :

J. M. DEACON,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Prelate.
A. H. ROBINSON,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal (acting.)
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. E. SHERARD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
H. L. COLE,	Grand Inner Guard.
J. B. POLLEY,	Grand Outer Guard (acting.)

On motion the reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to Committee on Distribution.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

MILLTOWN, N. B., AUGUST 2, 1898.

PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias,
of the Maritime Provinces:*

BRETHREN,—The time has arrived for me to give an account of my stewardship. While it will be with no undisguised feelings of relief that I shall resign the reins of office into other and I trust abler hands, the severing of the present relations with those close personal friends who compose the order of the Knights of Pythias in this domain will tinge my joy with sadness. For two years I have been Grand Chancellor and during that time have met, with few exceptions, every member of every lodge, and know whereof I speak when I affirm that it is not only a pleasure and an honor to hold the office, but equally a pleasure and an honor to meet in close friendly relations the individual members of the order in this domain. During these two years dissensions have never arisen and our mutual labors have always been harmonious, and I sincerely hope no official word or act of mine will leave aught but pleasant memories with each brother knight.

NEW LODGES.

New lodges have not increased as rapidly as I could have wished, but one has been instituted, Marysville, No. 18, at Marysville, N. B., with a membership of thirty-nine. I at first discouraged the starting of this lodge unless the request should come through Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, which I feared might be injuriously affected, but those who had the matter in hand acted promptly and energetically and, after corresponding with Fredericton knights, as well as those of Marysville, I felt the circumstances justified a warrant, and I issued that and instituted the lodge. Brothers W. C. H. Grimmer, P. G. C. and S. R.; J. D. Fowler, P. G. C. and S. R.; J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S.; Harrison Kinnear, C. C. of Union Lodge, No. 2, and many Fredericton,

St. John, St. Stephen and Milltown knights rendered me valuable assistance with the conferring of the ranks and other ceremonies, and to each one of them I am personally indebted. This lodge starts out under exceptionally favorable circumstances and I believe for it a bright future.

More than one other lodge I have had, through correspondence, all but ready to be organized, and which I am sure I should have presented to you full fledged and active, could I have had what I asked for last year, an organizer to send to the spot to weld the iron while it was hot. Such a man should be at the disposal of the Grand Chancellor, placed under proper restrictions, but available to place on the ground to aid, instruct, direct, assist and organize in desirable places where those unfamiliar with our order but favorably disposed are moving towards the formation of a lodge.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Deputy Grand Chancellors were appointed by me for the Subordinate Lodges as follows :

- George McKee, St. John, N. B., New Brunswick, No. 1.
- A. S. Pattison, St. John, N. B., Union, No. 2.
- J. W. Whitehead, Moncton, N. B., Westmoreland, No. 3.
- Hill Grimmer, St. Stephen, N. B., Frontier, No. 4.
- W. C. Black, Springhill, N. S., Cumberland, No. 5.
- Jas. A. Reid, Fredericton, N. B., Fredericton, No. 6.
- Thomas A. Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B., Ivanhoe, No. 7.
- W. H. Laughlin, M. D., Milltown, N. B., Border, No. 8.
- T. R. Wren, St. Andrews, N. B., Seaside, No. 9.
- S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S., Myrtle, No. 10.
- John W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S., Chignecto, No. 11.
- H. L. Cole, Halifax, N. S., Halifax, No. 12.
- R. W. Mosher, Parrsboro, N. S., Kenilworth, No. 13.
- E. W. Lyons, St. Johns, N. F., Far East, No. 14.
- C. S. Marshall, M. D., Bridgewater, N. S., Bridgewater, No. 15.
- Delhi McLaughlin, Grand Manan, N. B., Southern Cross, No. 16.
- T. K. Bentley, Port Greville, N. S., Victorian, No. 17.
- Chas. L. French, Marysville, N. B., Marysville, No. 18.

Having been re-elected myself for a second term and feeling that my deputies for last year had pretty thoroughly performed the duties of their office, I felt that it would be an act of courtesy to re-appoint them also for a second term, and would at the same time tend to expedite matters, and get our Grand Lodge journal

ready sooner for the printer's hands than if I should wait to refer the matter to the lodges and seek new nominees. I simply acted on my undoubted prerogative, but in this particular case my action was not received with universal satisfaction, and letters were received asking for a reason. The explanation of my motives, however, quickly set the matter right.

I have asked the Subordinate Lodges that for the convenience of my successor they should nominate the past chancellor whom they desire for their Deputy Grand Chancellor, when they elect their representatives to this Grand Lodge convention, to the end that those names should be submitted to the Grand Chancellor by the delegates, for his consideration and possible appointment, that he may be able to do as the constitution provides where it directs that 'he shall at the annual convention immediately following his installation appoint a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge.'—Article 6, Sect. 3.

COMMITTEES.

The good work done by the committees last year entitled them to a new lease of office, and the minor changes made have been alone for the convenience of the committees themselves or where one of the members has left the province.

DISTRIBUTION.

James Moulson	.....	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
W. C. H. Grimmer	.....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
F. L. Peers	.....	.....	Cumberland, No. 5

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

J. C. Henry	.....	.....	Frontier No. 4
S. Tufts	.....	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
H. J. Logan, M. P.	.....	.....	Chignecto, No. 11
R. W. Whitlock	.....	.....	Border, No. 8
LeBaron Wilson	.....	.....	Union, No. 2

FINANCE.

A. H. Grabam	.....	.....	Border, No. 8
F. Parker Grimmer	.....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
A. Dodge	.....	.....	Union, No. 2

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

W. C. H. Grimmer	.....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
Murray Fleming	.....	.....	Westmoreland, No. 3
James Moulson	.....	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. H. Cooper	.....	.....	Cumberland, No. 5
A. J. Fowlie	.....	.....	Fredericton, No. 6
E. Woodworth	.....	.....	Kenilworth, No. 13
S. R. Canning	.....	.....	Myrtle, No. 10
Wm. Stewart	.....	.....	Union, No. 2

PRINTING.

J. C. Henry	.....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
R. W. Whitlock	.....	.....	Border, No. 8
C. A. McQueen, M.D.	.....	.....	Chignecto, No. 11

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

H. V. Cooper	.....	.....	Union, No. 2
C. S. Marshall, M. D.	.....	.....	Bridgewater, No. 15
J. C. Hartley	.....	.....	Ivaahoe, No. 7

OFFICIAL VISITS.

When I accepted office for this year it was, as you will remember, with the distinct understanding that I should not be called upon to visit all the lodges, provided I did not overlook "Bridgewater," N. S., and "Far East," Newfoundland, and yet I have personally visited a majority of the lodges and arranged that deputies should visit the rest.

In this connection let me remind you (and especially some facetious writers of fraternal correspondence) that ours is a domain of "magnificent distances," and that to visit a certain lodge ("Far East," Newfoundland,) I had to travel more than two thousand miles (1636 miles by rail and over 600 miles by water), and spent most of a fortnight on the road.

My reception on nearly every visit was sufficiently enthusiastic and gratifying as to lead me to hope that it may result in some benefit to the lodge by renewing the interest of the members.

A PAMPHLET.

A pamphlet giving a synopsis of the origin, objects and growth of the order, with other matters of interest adapted to this domain, has been prepared by your committee as authorized at our last convention. I feel that it will prove a power for good if properly utilized and distributed by our members.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Official circulars sent out during the year have reached you;

with their contents you are familiar and I will not reproduce them here.

APPEALS FOR AID.

Appeals for aid have continued to reach my office, but in each case I felt justified in kindly but firmly declining to permit their circulation in this domain, with the one exception of that for the Rathbone Memorial Fund.

MEMBERSHIP.

While from the Supreme Domains and from many Grand Domains there came sad tales of loss, I still had hoped that our reports would show an increase in our membership, but such is not the case. We may suggest hard times, business depression or what you will to be the cause, but the fact remains that there is a growing lack of interest in the order. Our lodges and members must be kept alive to all the good features we have to offer and encouraged to take advantage of every one, or other and more pushing societies will sap our strength and stunt our growth even while we have safer and better endowments and fraternal privileges than their own. A state of lethargy is exhibited in a sufficient number of lodges to make one anxious for their future unless they can be shaken up and new life sent coursing through their veins. Whose duty this shall be is not for you or me to say and then recline at ease, assured that we have done our part. No officer or officers of this Grand Lodge can hope to do it all, but every knight who loves his order must awaken to the threatened danger and loyally act his part.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

If the Endowment Rank was with us a flourishing institution, I feel that it would go far to lessen our loss of numbers. I have found an interest manifested concerning this rank where I have addressed the lodges, as I have on every opportunity, on the matter of life insurance; and I trust that the next Grand Chancellor may succeed in interesting the members even more than I have done, to the end that an active section may be started in every lodge.

Having been questioned by a legal gentleman in one of the lodges as to the status of the Endowment Rank in Canada, I wrote for information along the line of his questions to the Department of Justice at Ottawa, and feel that the matter is of sufficient importance to insert both the letter and the answer here.

Milltown, N. B., January 22nd, 1898.

The Honorable Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

HONORABLE SIR,—The order of "Knights of Pythias" is a secret fraternal society incorporated in the United States. Its membership is over 500,000.

There are many subordinate lodges in Canada, with a Grand Lodge in Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces.

Life insurance (in the "Endowment Rank") is a feature of the order, but it is entirely optional with the members. In this connection I desire to ask a few questions, if I may be permitted.

1. Is it necessary for a secret fraternal society such as this (that offers insurance to the members of the order alone) to make a deposit with the Canadian government?
2. If it is necessary, has such deposit been made?
3. Under existing circumstances, whatever they are, is it legal to urge members in the Canadian lodges to join this branch of the order (take out life insurance policies)?
4. If the order has no deposit in Canada and an insurance claim should be disputed, could the beneficiaries sue in Canada and if successful collect the insurance without resorting to the United States courts?

Very respectfully,

J. M. DEACON.

Department of Justice, Ottawa, January 26th, 1898.

SIR,—By direction I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst., which has been transferred to the Superintendent of Insurance.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

E NEWCOMBE,

D. pu y Minis er of Justice

J. M. Deacon, Esq., Milltown, N. B.

Office of the Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa, January 27th, 1898.

J. M. Deacon, Esq., M. D., Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias, Milltown, New Brunswick.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 22nd instant addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Justice has been transferred to this Department for reply.

In answer thereto, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Insurance Act, with amendments to date, and refer you to section 43 thereof. If your society comes within the true intent and meaning of said section 43, the provisions of the Act requiring a deposit and the issue of a license do not apply to it. The Society has not made a deposit with the Dominion Government and inasmuch as it does an endowment business a license could not be issued to it nor a deposit accepted from it. Your last two questions are purely questions of law which do not come within my province officially and I would not with any degree of propriety express an opinion concerning the same.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

W. FITZGERALD,

Superintendent of Insurance.

43. Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to any society or association of persons for fraternal, benevolent, industrial or religious purposes, among which purposes is the insurance of the lives of the members thereof exclusively; or to any association for the purpose of life insurance formed in connection with such society or organization and exclusively from its members, and which insures the lives of such members exclusively.

UNIFORM RANK.

Of this branch of the order only the most favorable mention can be made. It is composed largely of the working members of those lodges where it now exists and I would gladly see it extended to every other. I believe it would influence the members for good and excite a new interest in our order.

Having written at length on many subjects in my last year's report, such as the matter of suspensions, memorial day, a local history, correspondence, our country's flag, etc., I see no reason for enlarging on them here.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I recommend that a charter be granted to Marysville Lodge, No. 18.

EXPENSES.

Although I visited fifteen lodges last year and but ten this year, my expenses were greater this year than last on account of Newfoundland, and in addition exceptional and unforeseen expenses in connection with the funerals of departed brothers, have swelled the account. Some items should really appear as incidentals, but I have included them as part of my account.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is not without a feeling of personal loss, that it becomes my sad duty to chronicle the recent death, within a few weeks of each other, of my immediate predecessor, Past Grand Chancellor H. V. Cooper, and Past Grand Chancellor F. L. Peers. In each of them the order has lost a staunch champion and every knight a brother. But their "hands were filled with deeds of charity, the golden keys that ope the palace of eternity." We can now but pay tribute to their memory and seek to emulate their virtues.

SWEET UNION.

Our society teaches loyalty to our flag and the constituted

government under which we live, and I am sure there can be found no more loyal citizens on either side of the line than those who compose the order of the Knights of Pythias. This much granted, it can then be readily understood that it is with a proper spirit of thankfulness that the brethren in this domain see that great nation to the south, in which so many of our brethren live, rising above petty jealousies and old time prejudices, and finally discovering that her "traditional enemy" is no enemy at all, but is now, as for many years back, her best and surest friend. May the trend of these two nations continue to be closer toward each other, until the white-winged dove of earthly peace shall spread his pinions over both, binding them in at least friendly federation, so that with misconceptions removed and a mutual understanding, our community of interests, united strength and infinite resources shall compel the peace, civilization and progress of the world; and may the Knights have, as they will richly deserve, a large share of the praise.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

I have to heartily congratulate you that the convention is to be honored by a visit of our Supreme Chancellor, Brother Colgrove. You know of him and how hard, during his official term, he has labored for the uplifting of our noble order. May the fates permit and the brethren labor that his visit here may be as pleasant to himself as it will be profitable to us.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this, my second and last annual report, I wish to thank all officers and members of all Lodges, Subordinate and Grand, who at any time have aided or been particularly kind to me. To the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal especially I am much indebted for his valuable and frequent assistance. To the members of the Grand Lodge I beg leave to return my sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgement for the honor conferred upon me. The uniform courtesy that has been shown me both by the officers and members of the Grand and the various Subordinate Lodges has made my work comparatively easy, and your expressions of esteem and good will have made it pleasant. Memories of these years will stand out like oases by the pathway of life and ever remain with me "until this mortal casket is forever stilled." And when the Supreme Ruler of the universe shall issue that summons to "come

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up higher" into the celestial lodge above, may we with confidence approach the end of our terrestrial existence.

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him,
And lies down to pleasant dreams,"

J. M. W. D. C.

Grand Chancellor.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Sea^l.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 2, 1898.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

BRETHREN,—As usual at this time it is my duty to offer for your consideration the annual statement of the work and business of this office for the year ending August 2nd, instant.

The delay in getting reports from lodges very much interfered with the preparation of my report, hence of necessity I am compelled to be more brief than usual.

The semi-annual returns of the eighteen lodges which form this grand domain—especially for term ended December 31st, 1897,—show a slight loss in membership, the decrease being forty-eight compared with the term ended June 30th of said year. This loss, however, is very nearly made up during the term ended June 30th last, and our membership at that date, compared with June 30th, 1897, indicates a decrease in membership of but nineteen.

While I am sorry to have to record a slight decrease in membership (the first decrease met with during the nine years I have held this office), still I think we may congratulate ourselves that it is no worse. It is needless for me to try and explain causes. All of you are familiar with the business stagnation experienced during the past year on this continent, and where such depression exists, idleness as a consequence follows, and the membership of fraternal bodies like our own suffers. Suspension for non-payment of dues is the principal cause of our loss. During the past year no less than eighty-eight fell by the wayside from this cause, while the grim reaper claimed ten.

The suspensions were divided as follows:—Springhill, N. S., 22; St. John, N. B., 15; St. Johns, N. F., 14; Woodstock, N. B., 12; Moncton and Milltown, N. B., 6 each; Advocate, N. S., 5;

Amherst, N. S., 4; St. Andrews, N. B., and Parrsboro, N. S., 2 each. Lodges in other sections of the domain held their own, some making slight additions.

Referring to the financial condition of subordinate lodges, I am pleased to state that, notwithstanding an unusually large expenditure for sick benefits, the gross assets of the lodges at June 30th last amounted to twenty-two thousand, four hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-four cents, showing an increase for the year of about one thousand dollars.

For relief of brothers, funeral and other benefits there was paid the sum of nineteen hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-four cents.

The fund accumulated for the benefit of widows and orphans at June 30th amounted to five thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars and twenty cents, which shows an increase for the year of five hundred dollars.

The following summary shows:—

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.		
Membership June 30, 1897,	-	1273
Initiated during the year,	82	
Admitted by card,	23	
Reinstated,	5	
Total additions,	110	
Number of members suspended during the year,	88	1383
Do do withdrawn by card,	31	
Do do deceased,	10	
Total deductions,	129	
Membership June 30, 1898,	-	1254

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors,	9	
Past Chancellors,	248	
Knights,	985	
Esquires,	10	
Pages,	2	
	1254	

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Assets June 30th, 1897,	-	\$21,508 75
Cash receipts for year,	-	6,562 25
Increased value of lodge property,	-	958 65
		\$29,029 65
Cash paid for sick benefits,	\$1,033 00	
Do funeral and other benefits,	878 94	
Do current expenses,	4,654 17	
		6,566 11
Assets June 30th, 1898,	-	\$22,463 54
Amount of Widow and Orphan fund, (included above)	-	5,950 20
Net gain for the year,	-	958 65

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Cash on hand August 10, 1897,	-	\$806 37
Receipts for year ended August 1, 1898	-	749 18
Cash due for Dispensations granted by D. G. C's., (Nos. 4, 9, 10, 13)	-	8 00
Two years interest on special deposit,	-	28 00
		\$1,591 55
Paid out as per warrants,	-	761 32
Cash balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	-	\$830 23
Cash value of supplies in Grand Lodge office,	-	53 50
Value of Grand Lodge furniture,	-	160 00
Total assets of Grand Lodge,	-	\$1,043 73

The following table shows the amounts contributed by the several lodges during the year :

Lodge.	Per Capita Tax	Supplies.	Dispensations.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	\$87 50	\$0 60		\$ 88 10
Union, No. 2.....	100 75	3 05		103 80
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	53 50	1 20		54 70
Frontier, No. 4.....	53 75	2 70		56 45
Cumberland, No. 5.....	37 75	3 85		41 60
Fredericton, No. 6.....	35 50	12 50		48 00
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	40 50	50		41 00
Border, No. 8.....	28 50	1 80		30 30
Seaside, No. 9.....	16 50	50		17 00
Myrtle, No. 10.....	33 25	3 75		37 00
Chignecto, No. 11.....	29 75	1 80		31 55
Halifax, No. 12.....	15 50	50		16 00
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	25 75	3 80		29 55
Far Fast, No. 14.....	13 25			13 25
Bridgewater, No. 15.....	11 75			11 75
Southern Cross, No. 16.....	12 50	12 25	2 00	26 75
Victorian, No. 17.....	13 50	1 00	2 00	16 50
Marysville, No. 18.....	9 75	76 13		85 88
Totals.....	\$619 25	\$125 93	\$4 00	\$749 18

The receipts, as above, have been paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer.

The usual tables of statistics which form the bulk of my report have been prepared and may be found in Grand Lodge office.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the officers of Grand Lodge, Keepers of Records and Seal of subordinate lodges and other members of the order for courtesy shown me at all times, and I sincerely trust that this year upon which we have just entered may be one of great prosperity to our beloved order.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

AMHERST, N. S., AUGUST 1, 1898.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge
Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces:

I have the honor to submit the twelfth annual report of receipts
and detailed statement of expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the
year ended July 30, 1898.

Receipts.

1897.	To balance per annual report August 9, 1897.	\$806 37
1897-98.	To cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.	749 18
	To interest on deposit	28 00
		<u>\$1583 55</u>
	To cash for dispensations granted by D. G. C's. (Nos. 4, 9, 10, 13)	8 00
		<u>\$1591 55</u>

Disbursements.

1897.		
Aug. 12.	By chk. 156, J. A. Barnes & Son, printing	\$ 1 25
24.	Do. 157, J. M. Deacon, on account expenses	75 00
Oct. 4.	Do. 158, expenses moving Rank order St. John to Halifax and return	13 45
	Do. 159, Supreme lodge, supplies to Oct. 1	6 20
	Do. 160, J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., on account salary	50 00
Dec. 27.	Do. 161, Postage on Grand Lodge journals and rent of P. O. Box	13 50
1898.	Do. 162, Supreme Lodge tax and supplies	160 00
Mar. 11.	Do. 163, Courier, printing journals, etc.	129 55
	Do. 164, J. C. Henry, on account salary	50 00
	Do. 165, Creelman Bros., typewriter for Grand Lodge office	35 00
June 27.	Do. 166, Supreme Lodge, supplies to June 1	7 81
July 25.	Do. 167, J. C. Henry, balance salary and office rent	75 00
28.	Do. 168, R. Heans, binding pamphlets	4 25
30.	Do. 169, J. M. Deacon, balance expenses for term	113 06
	Do. 170, G. K. R. S., postage, expressage, duties, etc.	27 25
	Balance on hand	830 23
		<u>\$1591 55</u>

Fraternally yours,

H. J. LOGAN,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

The following telegram from Montreal was read by Brother A. H. Robinson :

J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S. Knights of Pythias, St. Stephen, N. B.

Knights of Pythias of Montreal send fraternal greetings and best wishes for prosperity. Hope you will lend us our chief Pythian Grand Chancellor for a day or two. Kindly wire us date of his arrival here.

JAMES R. BAIN, D. S. C.

On motion the same was received, entered on the minutes, and the following reply sent :

James R. Bain, Deputy Supreme Chancellor, Montreal.

The Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces thank you heartily for your kind message, and beg to wish the Knights of Montreal great prosperity.

A. H. ROBINSON, G. K. R. S. (Acting.)

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows : and the report was received, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1898.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have to report that no questions have come before us during the past year.

R. H. COOPER,
W. A. STEWART,
Committee.

Brother Deacon, on behalf of the Committee having in charge the preparation and publication of pamphlet setting forth the aims and objects of Pythianism, reported that the same had been attended to, and that the pamphlets could be had from Brother Henry.

Brother W. A. Stewart, of No. 2, on behalf of St. John Knights, extended an invitation to Grand Lodge to meet in their city next year.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

There being no further reports offered from Committees, Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for the several offices.

He appointed Grand Representatives W. A. Stewart and R. W. Whitlock as tellers.

Nominations were made as follows :

For Grand Chancellor—F. A. Godsoe, of No. 2.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5; W. E. Sherard, of No. 3; Geo. J. Clarke, of No. 4.

For Grand Prelate—F. S. Merritt, of No. 1; W. E. Sherard, of No. 3.

For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. C. Henry, of No. 4.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—H. J. Logan, of No. 11.

For Grand Master-at-Arms—S. Macky, of No. 6; H. L. Cole, of No. 12.

For Grand Inner Guard—S. Hunter, of No. 5; S. Macky, of No. 6.

For Grand Outer Guard—Du Vernet Jack, M. D., of No. 16; S. Hunter, of No. 5.

There being but one nomination for each of the offices of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, the presiding officer instructed Grand Master-at-Arms to deposit a ballot for each of the nominees, which he did.

The complete returns of tellers being announced, Grand Chancellor Deacon declared the following elected officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :

F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Chancellor.
GEO. J. CLARKE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. L. COLE,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
S. MACKY.	Grand Inner Guard.
S. HUNTER,	Grand Outer Guard.

For the office of Grand Lodge Trustee, Brother R. J. Rosborough was re-elected for the term of three years.

On motion Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 8 p. m., local time.

EVENING SESSION.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 3, 1898.
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Grand Lodge re-convened at 8 o'clock, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :

J. M. DEACON,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
A. H. ROBINSON,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, (acting.)
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer,
H. L. COLE,	Grand Inner Guard.
J. B. POLLEY,	Grand Outer Guard. (acting)

Grand Chancellor appointed Brother James Moulson to fill the office of Grand Prelate, and Brother Murray Fleming that of Grand Master-at-Arms.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, prepared by Brother C. S. Marshall, M. D., of No. 15, was submitted. On motion the same was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [Report will be found in Appendix.]

It was moved by Brother Logan, and duly seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to draft a set of resolutions of condolence to the families of Past Grand Chancellors Frank L. Peers and Hedley V. Cooper. Brother Deacon appointed as said committee Brothers H. J. Logan, George J. Clarke and W. B. Nicholson.

Report of Committee on Distribution read, received and on motion ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Distribution.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias,
of the Maritime Provinces :*

Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Grand Chancellor's report and would

recommend that it be received and entered upon the minutes of the convention, and the recommendations therein contained carried out, and that the reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and G. K. R. S. be handed to the Finance Committee, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. H. GRIMMER,
JAMES MOULSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted their report. The same was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 3, 1898.
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To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:

Your Committee on Law and Supervision beg leave to report that we have had no business to transact during the interval, nor questions submitted for our consideration.

W. C. H. GRIMMER,
JAMES MOULSON,
MURRAY FLEMING
Committee.

Report of Committee on Printing was next read, which on motion was received and ordered to be entered on minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 3, 1898.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXV.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:

Your Committee on Printing beg to report that they have had printed during the year the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and officers, including the Journal of Proceedings of last convention. The work has been done at the lowest cost and the bills all paid.

J. C. HENRY,
R. W. WHITLOCK,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was

read by acting Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was adopted and ordered to be entered on minutes.

Report of Committee on Finance.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report.

Having examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer we find them correct and properly vouched for showing,

Balance on hand per last report,	.....	.....	\$806 37
Received for year ending August 2, 1898,	.....	.....	749 18
Cash due for dispensation,	.....	.....	8 00
Interest on deposits	.....	.....	28 03
	Total,	.....	\$1591 55
Paid out per warrants,	.....	.....	761 35
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	.....	.....	\$830 23
Supplies in Grand Lodge Office,	.....	.....	53 50
Grand Lodge furniture,	.....	.....	160 00
Value of assets, -	.....	.....	\$1043 73

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. MARR,
PARKER GRIMMER,
J. W. GRAHAM,
Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms introduced Brother Jesse Towers, of No. 8, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge rank according to prescribed ritual.

On motion resolved that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be same as last year—\$150 with \$25 for office rent.

On motion the sum of \$12.50 was ordered to be drawn on the Grand Master of Exchequer to cover the expenses of the Supreme Chancellor while the guest of Grand Lodge.

At the request of Grand Chancellor Deacon, Supreme Master-at-Arms James Moulson, assisted by Supreme Representative Grimmer as Grand Prelate and Past Supreme Representative Fleming

as Grand Master-at-Arms, installed the following officers for the ensuing year :

F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Chancellor.
GEORGE J. CLARKE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Prelate,
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. L. COLE,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
S. MACKY,	Grand Inner Guard.
S HUNTER,	Grand Outer Guard.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions of condolence on the deaths of Past Grand Chancellors Peers and Cooper reported as follows :

Whereas, Since the last convention of the Grand Lodge it has pleased Divine Providence to call from the scene of his earthly labors a highly esteemed member of the Pythian Order in the domain of the Maritime Provinces in the person of Past Grand Chancellor Frank L. Peers,

And Whereas, The members of the Order throughout the domain in kind association with the deceased brother were led to recognize in him all the qualities which combine to make a true Pythian,

And Whereas, By his regular attendance at the convention of the Grand Lodge, by his wise counsel, by his zeal in advancing the interests of the Order and in contributing towards the spread of the principles on which it is founded ;

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Lodge in annual convention assembled record its appreciation of the high character of the deceased brother, the deep regret with which the news of his death was heard by the membership generally throughout the domain, its confidence that he is now enjoying the eternal reward promised to him who is faithful to the end and its deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and children ;

And Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow of our late brother and be entered on the records of the Grand Lodge and that a Memorial page be inserted in the Journal.

Whereas, Within the circle of the Pythian Period just closed Brother Hedley V. Cooper, a Past Grand Chancellor of this Grand Domain, and a zealous and faithful member of the Order, has been called to answer the dread summons and has entered that mysterious realm from which there is no return,

And Whereas, This Grand Lodge desires to place on perpetual record its high appreciation of the worth of the deceased brother, of his zeal for the order and of the merit which won for him the highest honors which this Grand Lodge can bestow ;

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Lodge in annual conven-

tion assembled testify by entering this resolution to our deceased brother on the records and by dedication of a Memorial page in the Journal of Proceedings, that the deceased brother contributed largely to the success of the Order in the domain by his untiring zeal and devotion and that the news of his premature death was heard with deepest regret by the membership generally.

And Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of our deceased brother.

The report was received and adopted, and the recommendations as conveyed in the resolution ordered to be carried out.

Brother R. H. Cooper, of No. 5, gave a brief account of the life of Brother Peers, and dwelt particularly on the deceased's attachment to the order.

Brothers H. J. Logan and Murray Fleming likewise made eulogistic and kindly remarks as to the character of Brother Peers.

Brother Moulson followed by a few kindly remarks as to the loss sustained by the deaths of Brothers Cooper and Peers.

On behalf of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Brother Gilroy thanked the members of Grand Lodge for their expressions of sorrow in reference to Brother Peers,

Brother Moulson, after feelingly and thoughtfully referring to the enforced absence of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Our devoted brother, John C. Henry, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, is now laid upon a bed of sickness and unable to attend the annual convention of our Grand Lodge,

And Whereas, Brother Henry's heart has been in the Pythian work and his constant aim and ambition has been to advance the best interests of the order;

Therefore Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge extend to Brother Henry their heartfelt sympathy and pray that he may very soon be restored to his usual health and strength.

The motion was seconded by Grand Master of Exchequer Logan and adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to Brother Henry and likewise entered on the minutes.

The newly installed Grand Chancellor made a few appropriate remarks, thanking those present who had elected him to his present station, and called on the other Grand Officers who severally addressed the Grand Lodge in brief.

Supreme Representative Grimmer inquired if there were any special claims that Grand Lodge wanted brought before the Supreme Lodge. No response was made.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Brothers Robinson and

Cooper, who had so ably undertaken and performed the duties of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

A vote of thanks was likewise tendered Frontier Lodge, No. 4. for the use of their hall and hospitalities extended to Grand Lodge.

The vote was gracefully acknowledged on behalf of Frontier Lodge by its Chahcellor Commander, Brother Geo. J. Clarke.

There being no further business presented, Grand Chancellor Godsoe closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the second Tuesday in August, 1899, when its next annual convention will be held in the city of St. John, N. B.

[The foregoing is a correct outline of minutes of convention as recorded by Brothers Robinson and Cooper, to whom I am under lasting obligation for service thus rendered me.]

J. C. Henry

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



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APPENDIX.

Cash Account of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2, 1898.

1897.			
Oct.	20.	By Cash, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	\$ 1 20
	29.	Do. Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	3 50
	Nov. 10.	Do. Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	3 75
1898.			
Jan.	1.	Do. Union Lodge, No. 2,	70
	6.	Do. Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	21 75
	15.	Do. Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	19 00
	18.	Do. Union Lodge, No. 2,	50 75
	21.	Do. Victorian Lodge, No. 17,	6 25
	23.	Do. Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	26 75
		Do. New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	43 00
	27.	Do. Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	15 75
	28.	Do. Halifax Lodge, No. 12,	7 75
	30.	Do. Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	17 75
Feb.	3.	Do. Marysville Lodge, No. 18,	15 00
	6	Do. Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	16 75
		Do. Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15,	5 25
	11.	Do. Marysville Lodge, No. 18,	59 93
	15.	Do. Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	12 50
	23.	Do. Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	8 75
Mar.	3.	Do. Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16,	5 75
	8.	Do. Far East Lodge, No. 14,	7 25
	10.	Do. Border Lodge, No. 8,	14 00
		Do. Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	27 25
Apr.	24.	Do. Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	1 25
	25.	Do. Union Lodge, No. 2,	1 80

Forward, 303 38

1898.		<i>Brought forward,</i>	393 38
May	12.	By Cash Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	2 70
	13.	Do. Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	3 80
June	18.	Do. Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16,	12 75
July	10.	Do. Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	26 75
	13.	Do. Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	13 25
	14.	Do. Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	1 50
	15.	Do. Union Lodge, No. 2,	50 00
	17.	Do. Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	18 75
		Do. Union Lodge, No. 2,	55
	18.	Do. Far East Lodge, No. 14,	6 00
	19.	Do. Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16,	16 75
	20.	Do. Marysville Lodge, No. 18,	9 75
		Do. Border Lodge, No. 8,	16 30
	21.	Do. Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	17 75
		Do. Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	9 00
	22.	Do. Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	8 25
		Do. Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	14 30
	23.	Do. New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	44 50
		Do. Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15,	6 50
	25.	Do. Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	26 50
		Do. Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	19 25
		Do. Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	16 50
		Do. Halifax Lodge, No. 12,	8 25
	28.	Do. Victorian Lodge, No. 17,	8 25
Aug.	1.	Do. New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	60
		Do. Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	2 60
		Do. Marysville Lodge, No. 18,	1 20
		Grand Chancellor Deacon, Cash received by him from his deputies for dispensations as follows :	
		Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16,	2 00
		Victorian Lodge, No. 17,	2 00
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			\$749 68
		Less overpaid by No. 16,	50
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			\$749 18

Grand Lodge Furniture.

1 Grand Lodge Seal	\$12 00
1 Do Chromatic Seal	3 00
2 Electrotypes do	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Lot of Grand Lodge Journals, 1886-1897	.....	.....	.....	22 00
Grand Officers' Books	.....	.....	.....	10 00
1 Trunk	.....	.....	.....	12 00
1 Set Grand Lodge Jewels	.....	.....	.....	40 00
1 Letter Press and attachments	.....	.....	.....	6 90
1 Typewriter	.....	.....	.....	35 00
1 Bookcase for holding proceedings of Grand Lodges	.....	.....	.....	5 25
200 Blanks (Reports of M. of F., M. of E. and Past Chancellors' and Representatives' Credentials)	.....	.....	.....	5 50
750 Semi-Annual Reports	.....	.....	.....	7 75
				<u>\$160 00</u>

Grand Lodge Supplies.

1400 Official Reports	.....	.....	.....	\$ 8 00
500 Orders for S. A. P. W.	.....	.....	.....	3 00
250 Delinquent Notices	.....	.....	.....	1 89
750 Application Cards (A. B. C. and D.)	.....	.....	.....	4 50
13 Withdrawal Cards	.....	.....	.....	6 50
10 Transfer Cards	.....	.....	.....	5 00
10 Travelling Shields	.....	.....	.....	1 00
1 Past Chancellor's Honor Certificate	.....	.....	.....	50
1 Carnahan's Tactics (latest edition)	.....	.....	.....	1 00
2 Service Books	.....	.....	.....	1 50
2 Grand Lodge Charters	.....	.....	.....	4 00
1 Grand Representative's Jewel	.....	.....	.....	1 75
6 Grand Lodge Cards	.....	.....	.....	12 00
286 Second Rank Blanks	.....	.....	.....	2 86
				<u>\$53 50</u>

Abstracts of Semi-Annual Reports for Term Ended December 31, 1897.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Requies.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick.....	1	178	1	1	...	180	...	8	...	8	172	2	29	139	1	1	172
Union.....	2	206	1	...	...	207	1	2	...	4	203	2	32	169	...	...	203
Westmoreland.....	3	112	1	...	...	113	1	2	...	6	107	2	31	74	...	...	107
Frontier.....	4	107	3	...	...	111	1	18	1	2	169	1	18	90	...	...	109
Cumberland.....	5	92	1	...	...	94	1	...	...	18	76	1	18	57	...	...	76
Fredericton.....	6	87	1	...	...	88	17	...	...	17	71	1	14	56	...	...	71
Ivanhoe.....	7	86	1	...	...	87	...	...	...	87	87	1	14	76	...	...	87
Border.....	8	61	0	1	...	62	...	6	...	6	56	1	14	41	...	...	56
Seaside.....	9	35	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	4	35	...	11	24	...	...	35
Myrtle.....	10	70	1	...	...	71	...	4	...	4	67	...	11	56	...	...	67
Chignecto.....	11	63	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	4	63	...	11	51	1	0	63
Halifax.....	12	33	...	...	...	33	1	...	1	2	31	...	7	23	1	...	31
Kenilworth.....	13	49	1	...	...	50	...	7	...	7	50	...	8	42	1	...	50
Far East.....	14	36	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	29	...	5	23	...	...	29
Bridgewater.....	15	19	2	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	21	...	4	17	...	...	21
Southern Cross.....	16	21	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	23	...	4	19	...	...	23
Victorian.....	17	18	7	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	25	...	5	20	...	...	25
Total.....		1273	22	2	2	1299	20	52	2	74	1225	11	231	977	4	2	1225

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term Ended June 30, 1898.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, and Lodge Property.	Receipts of Term.	Total.	Current Expenses.	Cash Invested.	Relief of Brothers.	Burials.	Relief of Widowed Families.	Cash on Hand.	Amount of W. and O. Fund.	Total Assets at End of Term.
New Brunswick	1	\$1647 56	\$68 29	\$1115 85	\$51 86	\$1642 12	\$20 00	\$106 44	\$20 00	\$ 94 44	\$1284 07	\$1647 55
Union	2	598 28	741 60	6237 28	595 51	3191 96	200 00	300 00	120 00	49 61	1966 07	5141 66
Westmoreland	3	2918 88	269 28	3187 96	250 00	1935 66	41 00	57 00	50 00	540 85	430 17	2976 51
Frontier	4	1223 82	146 00	1369 82	100 14	466 45	48 00	.....	50 00	55 23	466 45	1171 68
Cumberland	5	985 19	171 19	1156 38	100 88	556 18	22 00	50 00	18 00	9 32	122 12	965 50
Frederickton	6	1717 93	143 76	1861 69	107 43	468 00	.....	.....	.....	75 03	498 00	1754 26
Ivanhoe	7	1165 66	195 50	1361 16	150 90	432 91	39 00	.....	.....	8 71	312 01	1171 82
Boonville	8	1000 77	186 03	1186 80	45 98	254 65	.....	.....	.....	139 02	393 67	1140 82
Seaside	9	406 31	65 00	471 31	50 49	268 65	.....	.....	.....	12 20	132 19	420 82
Myrtle	10	609 16	107 32	716 48	47 35	192 89	77 00	.....	.....	26 79	176 05	569 68
Chignecto	11	352 62	83 50	436 12	58 95	80 00	44 00	.....	.....	34 07	80 00	334 07
Halifax	12	123 86	70 97	194 83	71 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 94	.....	139 61
Kenilworth	13	525 53	164 54	690 07	93 20	54 20	26 00	.....	.....	23 87	54 50	565 12
Far East	14	611 30	75 00	686 30	97 52	216 30	8 00	.....	.....	12 32	10 30	678 91
Bridgewater	15	82 16	173 00	155 16	76 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 30	.....	100 65
Southern Cross	16	210 23	133 00	343 23	74 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	266 47
Victorian	17	157 51	307 60	465 11	66 50	.....	30 00	.....	.....	1 24	.....	151 24
Marysville	18	.....	.....	307 60	235 65	.....	10 00	.....	.....	71 95	24 00	247 12
Total	22233 97	3492 81	25726 78	2464 81	9730 24	571 00	603 44	208 50	1184 89	5980 20	22463 54	

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[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members Last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Died.	Total Off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Isquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick.....	1	172	7	...	...	179	...	...	1	1	178	2	39	143	2	1	178
Union.....	2	203	4	...	...	207	1	4	2	7	200	1	32	167	...	...	200
Westmoreland.....	3	107	1	...	...	108	...	...	1	1	107	2	31	74	...	...	107
Frontier.....	4	109	...	...	1	110	3	...	1	4	106	1	18	87	...	...	106
Cumberland.....	5	76	2	1	1	80	...	4	1	5	75	0	18	57	...	...	75
Fredrickton.....	6	71	...	1	...	72	1	...	...	1	71	1	15	55	...	...	71
Ivanhoe.....	7	87	1	...	1	89	2	12	...	14	75	1	9	64	1	...	75
Borden.....	8	56	4	...	...	60	2	...	...	2	58	1	14	43	...	...	58
Seaside.....	9	35	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	2	33	0	12	21	...	...	33
Myrtle.....	10	67	...	...	...	67	...	1	...	1	66	0	13	53	...	...	66
Chignecto.....	11	63	...	...	...	63	1	4	2	7	56	...	12	43	1	...	66
Halifax.....	12	31	1	...	...	32	1	...	...	1	31	...	9	21	2	1	31
Kenilworth.....	13	50	5	...	...	55	...	...	...	2	53	...	5	44	...	...	53
Far East.....	14	29	2	...	...	31	...	7	...	7	24	...	5	17	2	...	24
Bridgewater.....	15	21	5	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	26	...	6	22	...	...	26
Southern Cross.....	16	23	4	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	...	6	19	2	0	27
Victorian.....	17	25	3	1	...	29	...	...	...	...	29	...	3	23	...	...	29
Marysville.....	18	...	21	18	...	39	...	...	...	...	39	...	7	32	...	...	39
Total.....		1225	60	21	3	1309	11	36	8	55	1254	9	248	985	10	2	1254

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term Ended December 31, 1897.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.	Receipts of Term.	Total:	Current Expenses.	Cash Invested.	Relief of Brothers.	Burials.	Relief of Widowed Families.	Cash on Hand.	Amount of W. and O. Fund.	Total Assets at End of Term.
New Brunswick.....	1	\$480 70	\$564 80	\$5045 80	\$277 94	\$1500 88	\$120 00	.....	.....	\$235 94	\$267 58	\$1647 56
Union.....	2	5340 00	547 09	5887 13	270 03	3128 96	35 00	.....	.....	406 63	1939 62	5495 68
Westmoreland.....	3	2656 33	247 15	2903 48	200 00	1935 66	62 00	.....	\$32 00	740 07	550 67	2918 68
Frontier.....	4	1124 70	251 50	1376 20	82 38	1466 45	35 00	\$35 00	.....	107 37	466 45	1223 82
Cumberland.....	5	995 46	172 85	1166 31	147 12	556 08	34 00	.....	.....	29 11	140 12	985 19
Fredericton.....	6	1710 94	220 85	1931 79	213 86	476 00	.....	.....	.....	60 70	476 00	1717 93
Ivanhoe.....	7	1181 49	173 50	1354 99	165 33	432 30	24 00	.....	.....	3 11	432 30	1165 60
Border.....	8	1015 77	97 25	1113 02	82 25	233 37	30 00	.....	.....	20 25	233 62	1000 77
Seaside.....	9	420 96	62 12	483 08	76 77	208 62	.....	.....	.....	43 82	198 50	609 16
Myrtle.....	10	582 56	131 90	714 46	106 30	215 34	5 00	.....	.....	118 09	1000 77	1000 77
Wagneto.....	11	353 06	113 50	466 56	88 30	120 00	25 00	.....	.....	43 82	120 00	352 62
Halifax.....	12	190 26	70 00	260 26	145 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 86	.....	123 86
Kenilworth.....	13	525 67	154 13	679 80	105 77	32 26	71 00	.....	.....	77	32 26	525 53
Fair East.....	14	514 42	47 80	562 22	30 01	210 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 30	611 30
Bridgewater.....	15	115 64	50 00	165 64	55 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 16
Southern Cross.....	16	200 00	55 00	255 00	42 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 23
Victorian.....	17	150 00	110 00	260 00	106 87	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	157 51
Total.....	21556 00	3069 44	24625 44	24625 44	2189 36	9522 22	462 00	35 00	32 00	1768 97	6002 51	22233 97

Total.....

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Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Lodge.	Date of Institution.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Record and Seal.
New Brunswick	1 Oct. 28, 1870	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday	Chas. Knodell, St. John, N. B.
Union	2 Mar. —, 1874	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday	F. A. Kinnear, 35 Carleton St., St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland	3 May 19, 1875	Moncton	Tuesday	Alex. P. Tait, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier	4 Sept. 14, 1875	St. Stephen	2nd and 4th Tuesday	C. A. Laubman, Box 80, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland	5 July 16, 1883	Springhill	Thursday	R. H. Cooper, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton	6 May 4, 1888	Fredericton	2nd and 4th Tuesday	A. J. Fowle, Box 399, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe	7 Aug. 27, 1889	Woodstock	1st and 3rd Monday	R. E. Holyoke, Woodstock, N. B.
Border	8 April 9, 1890	Milltown	1st and 3rd Monday	J. W. Graham, Box 67, Milltown, N. B.
Seaside	9 June 19, 1891	St. Andrews	1st and 3rd Monday	Albert Thompson, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle	10 Oct. 6, 1891	Advocate	Monday	P. L. Spicer, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto	11 July 27, 1892	Amherst	Tuesday	C. H. Main, Amherst, N. S.
Halifax	12 Feb. 21, 1893	Halifax	2nd and 4th Thursday	Arthur Boutelle, Barrington St., Halifax.
Kenilworth	13 Aug. 22, 1893	Farrisboro	Tuesday	E. Woodworth, Farrisboro, N. S.
Far East	14 June 26, 1894	St. Johns	Every alternate Wednesday	Esse Whiteway, Water St., St. Johns, Nfld.
Bridgewater	15 Mar. 30, 1896	Bridgewater	1st and 3rd Monday	R. T. Keefer, Bridgewater, N. S.
Southern Cross	16 Dec. 2, 1896	Grand Harbor	2nd and 4th Thursday	D. J. W. McLaughlin, Grand Manan, N. B.
Victorian	17 Jan. 8, 1897	Port Greville	Friday	S. J. Soley, Fox River, N. S.
Marysville	18 Feb. 11, 1898	Marysville	2nd and 4th Friday	A. G. Robinson, Marysville, N. B.

Conventions of Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886,	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Convention,	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 8, 9, 1891,	Fifth Annual Convention,	Springhill, N. S.
September 20, 21, 1892,	Sixth Annual Convention,	Fredericton, N. B.
July 19, 1893,	Special Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 19, 20, 1893,	Seventh Annual Convention,	Woodstock, N. B.
August 21, 22, 1894,	Eighth Annual Convention,	Amherst, N. S.
August 20, 21, 1895,	Ninth Annual Convention,	Milton, N. B.
August 11, 12, 1896,	Tenth Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.
August 10, 11, 1897,	Eleventh Annual Convention,	Halifax, N. S.
August 3, 1898,	Twelfth Annual Convention,	St. Stephen, N. B.

Past Grand Chancellors.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886, service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888-89.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889-90.
- *E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890-91.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891-92.
- †FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892-93.
- JAMES D. FOWLER, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, service as Grand Chancellor, 1893-94.
- WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, service as Grand Chancellor, 1894-95.
- †HEDLEY V. COOPER, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1895-96.
- J. MELVILLE DEACON, of Border Lodge, No. 8, service as Grand Chancellor, 1896-97.

*Now a resident of Montreal, P. Q.

†Deceased.

GRAND LODGE

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Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1898.

	Grand Chancellor.	Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Master-at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886	James Moulson	Murray Fleming	W C H. Grimmer	A J Armstrong	T. Armstrong	George Dunn	George Craig	John Beamish
1887	James Moulson	Murray Fleming	W C H. Grimmer	A. W. Adams	T. Armstrong	George Dunn	John P. Weir	John Beamish
1888	Murray Fleming	W C H. Grimmer	E Allison Powers	A. W. Adams	T. Armstrong	George Dunn	J W Whitehead	R J. Rosborough
1889	W C H. Grimmer	E Allison Powers	George Dunn	John C. Henry	T. Armstrong	A. W. Adams	Jas. H. Wran	Jas. D. Fowler
1890	E Allison Powers	J. F. Fraser	F. L. Peers	John G. Henry	T. Armstrong	J W Whitehead	Jas. D. Fowler	W B Nicholson
1891	J. F. Fraser	F. L. Peers	Jas. D. Fowler	John C. Henry	T. Armstrong	W B Nicholson	W. R. Parker	Frank Fales
1892	F. L. Peers	Jas. D. Fowler	W. B. Nicholson	John C. Henry	T. Armstrong	K. A. McLean	J. M. Deacon	Le Baron Wilson
1893	Jas. D. Fowler	W. B. Nicholson	J. M. Deacon	John C. Henry	T. Armstrong	G. W. Cameron	John Beamish	K. A. McLean
1894	W. B. Nicholson	H. V. Cooper	J. M. Deacon	John C. Henry	H. J. Logan	K. A. McLean	John Beamish	J. F. Gilroy
1895	H. V. Cooper	J. M. Deacon	John Beamish	John C. Henry	H. J. Logan	E. Woodworth	F. B. Wood	F. S. Merritt
1896	J. M. Deacon	F. A. Godsoe	W. T. Whiteway	John C. Henry	H. J. Logan	J. F. Gilroy	J. W. Morrison	W. S. Vaughan
1897	J. M. Deacon	F. A. Godsoe	J. F. Gilroy	John C. Henry	H. J. Logan	W. E. Sherard	H. L. Cole	Rev D. T. Porter
1898	F. A. Godsoe	Geo. J. Clarke	F. S. Merritt	John C. Henry	H. J. Logan	H. L. Cole	S. Macky	S. Hunter

Officers of the Grand Lodge for the Year 1898-99.

F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Chancellor.
GEO. J. CLARKE,	ST. JOHN, N. B. Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. S. MERRITT,	ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	ST. JOHN, N. B. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Box 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. L. COLE,	AMHERST, N. S. Grand Master-at-Arms
S. MACKY,	KENTVILLE, N. S. Grand Inner Guard.
S. HUNTER,	FREDERICTON, N. B. Grand Outer Guard.
	SPRINGHILL, N. S.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAS D. FOWLER,	For Three Years (to Dec. 31, 1901).
	FREDERICTON, N. B.
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	For One Year (to Dec 31, 1899).
	ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For Three Years.
	ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
R. E. ARMSTRONG,	For Two Years.
	ST. ANDREWS, N. B.
R. H. COOPER,	For One Year.
	SPRINGHILL, N. S.

The next Convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of St. John, N. B., on the Second Tuesday in August, 1899.

Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1898-99.

W. E. Dummer, St. John, N. B.	.....	New Brunswick,	No. 1
E. B. Nixon, St. John, N. B.	.....	Union,	No. 2
J. W. Whitehead, Moncton, N. B.	.....	Westmoreland,	No. 3
R. J. Rosborough, St. Stephen, N. B.	.....	Frontier,	No. 4
W. C. Black, Springhill, N. S.	.....	Cumberland,	No. 5
A. J. Fowlie, Fredericton, N. B.	.....	Fredericton,	No. 6
Geo. E. Balmain, Woodstock, N. B.	.....	Ivanhoe,	No. 7
W. H. Laughlin, M. D., Milltown, N. B.	.....	Border,	No. 8
J. A. Wade, M. D., St. Andrews, N. B.	.....	Seaside,	No. 9
Nathan Duff, Advocate, N. S.	.....	Myrtle,	No. 10
J. W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.	.....	Chignecto,	No. 11
F. A. Marr, Halifax, N. S.	.....	Halifax,	No. 12
R. W. Mosher, Parrsboro, N. S.	.....	Kenilworth,	No. 13
J. C. Orner, St. John's, N. F.	.....	Far East,	No. 14
C. S. Marshall, M. D., Bridgewater, N. S.	.....	Bridgewater,	No. 15
W. S. Carson, Grand Manan	.....	Southern Cross,	No. 16
L. E. Graham, Port Greville, N. S.	.....	Victorian,	No. 17
C. L. French, Marysville, N. B.	.....	Marysville,	No. 18

Standing Committees for 1898-99.

DISTRIBUTION.			
James Moulson	.....	New Brunswick,	No. 1
W. C. H. Griffler	.....	Frontier,	No. 4
H. J. Logan, M. P.	.....	Chignecto,	No. 11
RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS			
J. C. Henry	.....	Frontier,	No. 4
A. Dodge	.....	Union,	No. 2
F. A. Marr	.....	Halifax,	No. 12
A. G. Robinson	.....	Marysville,	No. 18
A. H. Hatfield	.....	Victorian,	No. 17
LAW AND SUPERVISION.			
LeBaron Wilson	.....	Union,	No. 2
Wm. A. Stewart	.....	Union,	No. 2
Thos. B. Donohue	.....	Victoria,	No. 1
FINANCE.			
Parker Grimmer	.....	Frontier,	No. 4
A. J. Fowlie	.....	Fredericton,	No. 6
R. W. Whitlock	.....	Border,	No. 8
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.			
R. H. Cooper	.....	Cumberland,	No. 5
E. Woodworth	.....	Kenilworth,	No. 13
T. A. Wilson	.....	Fredericton,	No. 6
R. P. Dixon	.....	Westmoreland,	No. 3
C. H. Holyoke	.....	Ivanhoe,	No. 7
PRINTING.			
S. Tufts	.....	Victoria,	No. 1
J. C. Henry	.....	Frontier,	No. 4
Eustace Barnes	.....	Union,	No. 2
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.			
C. S. Marshall, M. D.	.....	Bridgewater,	No. 15
J. M. Deacon, M. D.	.....	Border,	No. 8
R. E. Armstrong	.....	Seaside,	No. 9

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of the Maritime Provinces:

BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence herewith beg leave to report that the journals of forty-five domains have been reviewed.

It becomes my painful duty to first speak of the death of Bro. H. V. Cooper, Past Grand Chancellor and chairman of this committee. During the time of Bro. Cooper's connection with the order, he worked zealously and lovingly for her advancement and we mourn the loss to Pythianism of so good a man. As Grand Chancellor his work was faithfully performed and the Lodge of Bridgewater has many reasons to cherish his memory. Upon the roll of deceased Knights his name will ever occupy a first position and the noble example left behind will be a glorious incentive to every brother to emulate his life and works. This untimely death left a great vacancy on this committee and the work fell wholly upon your unworthy correspondent. Had it not been for the kindly and invaluable assistance of the Rev. Bro. Shatford of Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15, the task would have been hopeless and I am glad of this opportunity to publicly tender my heartfelt gratitude to the brother for his willingly rendered services.

All the journals were reviewed that came to hand, so that if any domains feel slighted at being unmentioned in this report, they will kindly remember that the fault lies not at the door of the correspondent. Of course the effort being a first one and by a most inexperienced hand, the report will be found full of shortcomings and perhaps brief. For the faults we commend ourselves to the charity of the Grand Lodge and for the brevity we seek a justifi-

cation in the fact that it is no small task for a man to undertake such reviews, when he is already overworked by the irksome duties of his profession.

A general tone of improvement seems apparent in the different domains, though there is still much to be desired. So many of the Grand Chancellors' reports for 1897 seem to be replete with the cry of "hard times" and "financial depression" that we are almost compelled to excuse the tardy progress upon these grounds. Second consideration, however, reveals another and more deplorable reason for the immense and it seems irremediable drawbacks to the order—I mean, suspensions for non-payment of dues. This subject has become so hackneyed as to scarcely admit of another mention; but, brethren, something must be done. But what? Fully five-sixths of the entire initiations became suspensions during the past year. What reasons are given for it? Many are inclined to "hard times," but this can scarcely be so for how then could there be so many initiations? If initiation fees can be paid, surely annual dues might be. I am inclined to the reason suggested by a brother to the south that enforced "sick-benefits" are largely the cause. Lodges undertake to pay too high a benefit for the financial income and the result is assessment. Nothing in the world is so tiresome as being continually assessed. It causes dissension and then disruption. Let us "incorporate in the Endowment Rank certain features looking to the payment of certain sums for disability, temporary and permanent." Or if we could induce every member to go into the Endowment Rank, he would have a most profound reason for remaining in the order. The idea of his personal loss on being suspended would impel him to pay his dues promptly. As a corrective to this awful drain, one Grand Chancellor offered a prize banner to the lodge having the fewest suspensions. In some lodges the master of finance is allowed a certain percentage on all dues collected. These are all good measures and I would earnestly recommend the adoption of one at least (or a better if discovered) and thus free our beloved order from this dreadful pestilence.

Nearly every journal has a favorable mention of the Endowment Rank, showing the wonderful progress of this feature of our order. The Uniform Rank is very quiet. I would suggest the printing in the journal a report from the brigade commander, as the lack of information on this feature of Pythianism is alarming. Another

thing that seems most worthy of remark, is the duty of all officers to memorize the ritual so that work might be done most effectually. In some lodges there is a move to do away with printed rituals and, personally, I am much inclined to such a step. For a candidate or knight to hear our beautiful ceremony perfunctorily read from the rituals, is at least calculated to detract from the value of lodge proceedings.

One domain has appointed a grand lecturer, well versed in the secret work, to visit all subordinate lodges and instruct them in their duties. We would heartily recommend the adoption of such a measure in our own Grand Lodge.

For the benefit of the brethren to the south we have something to say. In reviewing the journals I find that wherever we are mentioned in the reports issued from the neighboring republic, with the possible exception of half-a-dozen, we are scored most mercilessly. For those who gave a kind mention we are deeply grateful, for those who mentioned us not at all we are at least thankful, that they had the good grace to pass us over when they could not favorably criticize, and for those who spared not our feelings, we would ask in the future the same charity for our frailities, that they would wish for themselves. Possibly when they remember how nobly the Empire, of which we are a fraction, stood by them in this Cuban embroglio, they will sink national feelings and not forget that another tie binds us beside that of Pythianism—a common language.

And now, brethren, with the hope that my maiden effort will be appreciated, I pray for the order in general and for this Grand Lodge in particular, an ever increasing prosperity, and trust that the tenets of our profession, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, will stamp themselves indelibly on every Pythian heart.

Fraternally yours,

C. S. MARSHALL,

Chairman Fraternal Correspondence.

Bridgewater, N. S., July 28th, 1898.

ALABAMA.—The journal of this domain comes to us in a bright, tasty cover and gives a glowing history of the order for the past twenty-five years.

The silver anniversary was celebrated at Huntville, May 4-6, 1897. The Grand Keeper of Records of Seal says he had a hard task discovering from past records the progress of the order during the last quarter of a century. The early years of Pythianism in this domain were fraught with conflicting elements, but as time rolled on difficulties were lost sight of and all labored for the prosperity of the order with heart and hand. Whilst we commend much there is much also to be regretted. Out of a total of 13,486 initiations since 1875, no less than 5,907 were suspended for non-payment of dues. This is fearfully degenerate, and we pity the poor creatures who have such a small idea of honesty and good principles. Total membership, 7,555; lodges, 154. Carelessness on the part of the officers and lack of interest generally are both bemoaned by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The Grand Chancellor did splendidly during his term of office. "Our John," as he is happily styled, visited 121 lodges. Members increased 600 and lodges instituted were 14 for the year. A great amount of business was transacted. We regret the absence of Foreign Correspondence as, to us, it appears a most important feature in all journals, giving an idea of Pythianism growth.

Next convention at Montgomery, May, 1898.

CHAS. R. BRICKEN, Grand Chancellor, Luverne.

LOUIS J. ADLER, Grand K. of R. and S., Uniontown.

ARIZONA.—The fourteenth annual session was held at Kingham, May 26-28, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor grandiloquently speaks of their great land with its "rains, cattle, horses and sheep." His report is a bundle of official circulars, deputy reports, etc. He could not visit all the lodges on account of scarcity of funds and pressure of business. The Endowment and Uniform Ranks receive a pithy notice and an appeal is made for contribution to the Rathbone Monument Fund. Lodges, 12; membership, 626; finances on hand, \$413.05. The report of the Supreme Chancellor is commented upon and must have been a thorough one. He objects to balls, concerts, excursions, etc., being held on Sunday in the name of the order. Good for Brother Colgrove.

No correspondence on reviews.

Next session at Tucson, May, 1898.

The fifteenth annual session was held at Tucson, May 11 and 12, 1898.

The report is small and otherwise easily reviewed. Grand Chancellor Pitchard has a most gloomy report, declaring that the losses of the order throughout the United States exceed the gains by 1024. The suspensions for non-payment of dues is the chief drain and seems impossible of remedy. The Rathbone monument fund, Endowment and

Uniform Ranks get the largest notices and seem to be about holding their own.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal simply gives us a tabular statement without comment of any kind. Number of lodges '96, 12; at close of '97, 15. Membership in '96, 626; at end of '97, 741. Cash on hand in '96, \$3,414 10; in December, '97, \$4,671.52. This looks fairly good in spite of the Grand Chancellor's opening remarks about the order in general.

Thirty-four documents were considered by Grand Lodge, many of them of importance. The "Stars and Stripes" ordered to fly above order flag. There is no Fraternal Report. As the journal is small and presents little reading matter to the brethren, correspondence would be doubly appreciated.

Next convention at Jerome, May, 1899.

J. A. KNOBLOCK, Grand Chancellor.

HARRY A. DRACHMAN, Grand K. of R. and S., Tucson.

ARKANSAS.—The seventeenth annual session was held at Hot Springs, May 18-20, 1897.

The year has been somewhat disastrous on account of political campaign, failure of crops and general financial depression. Grand Chancellor labored under difficulties, as the new code of statutes had not been printed. The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal seems to be a miserable affair and this brother, unfit for the work, as many grievous financial errors are noted in his book, strange to say, he was re-elected, probably to see if he would improve on a second trial. The financial deficit was over \$1,000,—rather lamentable. Members, 4,194; lodges, 88.

Fraternal Correspondence is good and our domain treated very kindly. Our Grand Chancellor gets an ironical thrust for his poem but he can bear it. Doctors are generally thick-skinned.

Next session at Eureka Springs, May, 1898.

THOS. W. MILAN, Grand Chancellor.

B. W. BARTLETT, Grand K. of R. and S., Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The seventh annual convention met at Nanaimo, June 2-4, 1896.

Grand Chancellor's report is excellent. No duties were shirked, but every lodge visited. Much good will always result from official visiting of this kind. The report of the Deputy Grand Chancellor shows every lodge to be in a good condition. Membership, 1,274; lodges, 20; a good balance on hand of \$27,189.47—not so bad for British Columbia. It strikes us that these smaller domains have most life. The reason is

obvious. There are not so many lodges as in some domains and none are therefore neglected. Large domains become unwieldy and, for lack of care, suffer extremely. We would suggest that these extensive domains be divided, and thus give a Grand Chancellor opportunity to visit all his lodges, and thus keep them in a live and healthy state. Success to you, brethren on the Pacific.

Next session at New Westminster, May, 1897.

The ninth annual convention was held at Kamloops, B. C., May 10, 11, 1898.

The Grand Chancellor speaks with a clear conscience as his arduous duties have been faithfully performed. Every lodge in the domain has been visited. Only four dispensations were granted and the questions asked called for no construction of the law and so were not deemed decisions. He suggests the revival of Fraternal Report.

Here is the main feature of the G. K. of R. and S. report :

Number of members December 31, 1896.....	1,206
Initiated during the year.....	225
Re-instated.....	12
Admitted by card.....	59
Total.....	1,502

DEDUCTION.

Number suspended.....	152
Withdrawn by card.....	18
Died.....	7
	<u>177</u>

Number of members December 31, 1897..... 1,325

Gain of membership, 119. For sick benefits, \$5,422.90. Funerals, \$723.60. Total finances, \$31,304.66. Assets, \$35,106.01.

The business was quickly despatched.

Next convention at Victoria, May, 1899.

JAS. HADDOW, Grand Chancellor.

EMIL PJERDNER, Grand K. of R. and S., Victoria.

CONNECTICUT.—The twenty-ninth annual convention met at New Haven, October 19 and 20, 1897.

This journal is exceedingly well gotten up and presents a pleasing appearance. The page of photos is an adornment and the Grand Lodge officers commanding men. Grand Chancellor King has quite a long report, in which he declares the subordinate lodges to be fat and flourishing. He made twenty-three visits to lodges.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports briefly, only taking

up a page or two. Membership is 6,089,—a gain of 91. Well done, brethren. Brother Case seems to have done more visiting than the Grand Chancellor. The Correspondence Committee wax quite critical. No, Brother Koch, two of our committee are not "dummies,"—they are most alive to the interests of the order. The Supreme Chancellor visited and gave a good address, as he invariable does.

Next session at Norwich, October, 1898.

F. W. CHESSEON, Grand Chancellor.

H. O. CASE, Grand K. of R. and S., Hartford.

COLORADO.—The twenty-second annual convention was held at Colorado Springs, September 14-16, 1897.

The Supreme Chancellor and Major General, Jas. R. Carnahan, were present and gave addresses, the former exemplifying the secret work.

The journal is full of reports of all kinds, most of which interest only the Colorado knight. Grand Chancellor Dawson believes that "brevity without loss of completeness is always to be desired." We note the "completeness" of his report but fail to see the "brevity," as it extends over thirty pages of the journal. It, however, repays the trouble of perusal, as it shows the most perfect harmony existing in this grand domain. He would not institute weak or shaky lodges as they were of little use to the order. He was happy in not being called upon to decide protests, pass official decisions, or deal with appeals. He visited 51 of the 37 lodges,—very good.

The Grand K. of R. and S. report shows an excellent condition of progress. Membership, 5,718; increase of 136. Resources amount to \$124,000, whilst \$20,084 was expended for relief and burying the dead.

The Foreign Correspondent suggest that one only be appointed for reviewing and he be "paid reasonable compensation for his work." Timely suggestion, brother. Very sorry that we did not come under his notice, but otherwise the work is well done.

Next convention at Glenwood Springs, September, 1898.

JOHN T. BOTTOM, Grand Chancellor, Denver.

W. S. O'BRIEN, G. K. of R. and S., Salida.

CALIFORNIA.—The twenty-ninth annual convention was held at Hanford, May 17-21, 1897.

In reviewing this journal nothing gave so much pleasure as the Grand Chancellor's report. His visitations numbered 141. The whole report evidences the intense interest he has in the order. Would that there were more like him. We heartily indorse his remark respecting "memorizing the ritual." In order to efficient work it should be done. We note with pleasure the effort to establish a Pythian home. Practical

charity and benevolence was exhibited in the provision for an unfortunate brother who was stricken blind. No less than 803 suspensions. This seems to reflect on this otherwise flourishing domain.

The fraternal correspondence is fair. Very harsh and uncalled for criticism is passed upon our Grand Chancellor. A little more charity, brothers, we are still young. The reports of the officers of the California Brigade U. R. K. P. and the grand tribunal occupy quite a number of pages and are in many respects quite interesting.

The journal of this Grand Domain has a most pleasing appearance and is one of the very best that we have so far reviewed.

Next convention held at San Francisco, May, 1898.

W. H. GRANT, Grand Chancellor, Woodland.

HERMAN SCHOFFNER, Grand K. of R. and S., San Francisco.

DELAWARE.—The twenty-ninth annual convention was held at Wilmington, October 27, 1897.

We are informed that the Grand Chancellor left his bed, where he had been ill some time, in order to reside at Grand Lodge. Truly he "deserves a great deal of credit and praise." Grand Chancellor Hanson made an efficient officer and visited all the lodges, some several times. He hopes for very bright things in the future. The Endowment Rank is the most encouraging feature of the order. Number of members, 1,059; loss for the year of 53. This, we are told, is on account of business depression. Sick benefits, \$4,520.48. Funerals, \$1,328.07. Assets of Grand Lodge are \$27,000.33.

There is one thing worthy of notice. The lodge was recommended to procure a banner to be competed for annually by subordinate lodges, that lodge to hold it for one year which "secures the most members in proportion to the number that they have at the annual report of the G. K. of R. and S." This motion was adopted. It was afterwards re-considered and not concurred in. We are sorry for this.

The Fraternal Correspondence is splendid. They acknowledge that they were "greenhorns," but their report smacks somewhat of familiarity with this business. We were treated most kindly. Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

OWEN W. EVERETT, Grand Chancellor.

MARK L. GARRETT, Grand K. of R. and S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The thirty-third annual session was held at Washington, February 21-24, 1898.

The first business was the conferring of Grand Lodge rank upon a number of past chancellors. In the Grand Chancellor's report he refers to the institution of two new lodges whose names call forth quite a brilliant paragraph. Fourteen dispensations were granted, many of them

of great importance. Official visits to lodges number fifteen, covering the whole ground. This shows the advantage, at least in this respect, of small domains.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has a brief report, but a good one. Brevity is always commendable when it is combined with accuracy and rich information. Number of lodges, 17; an increase of three. Membership, 1,253; a decrease of 31. Much time was taken up with the business. Everything was thoroughly thrashed out and we predict a fruitful future for this Grand Lodge.

The Fraternal Correspondence is well written up, reflecting credit upon the committee. We thank them for their kindly mention of us, as the brethren to the South largely feel it their duty to treat us severely. Reason—We perhaps are of a different country.

Next convention at Washington, February, 1899.

JOHN C. YOST, Grand Chancellor.

GEO. W. BAUMANN, Grand K. of R. and S.

GEORGIA.—The twenty-ninth annual convention met at Augusta, May 18 and 19, 1898.

Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice were both absent and a quorum lacking, so no lodge was opened in the morning. Grand K. of R. and S. convened lodge at 12.15, and P. G. C. C. Cohen assumed the chair at request. The Grand Chancellor appeared later and submitted his report. On account of certain charges against the duly elected G. C. Warren, he resigned in March, 1898, and the G. V. C. assumed the duties. He found things in a bad shape and attended chiefly to the accumulated correspondence. On account of his late assumption of official duties his report is very short and of but little interest.

The Grand K. of R. and S. makes up for the deficiency and gives us a stunning report of the domain. Membership, 5970; an increase of 326. Lodges, 92; an increase of six. Total assets for year, \$53,852.75; disbursements, \$39,823.77; balance on hand, \$14,028.98.

Bro. Leopold is a hustler. He is busy now writing up a history of the order in this domain as well as biographical sketches of many past grand chancellors. In this domain three black balls are necessary to reject a candidate upon first ballot, but if two be found then a second ballot is taken, whereupon two black balls are sufficient for rejection. A good change.

The session was a most busy one. Under the caption "reception and entertainment" a description of the parades, short accounts of glowing speeches and a mention of the concert are given.

Next convention at Rome, May, 1899.

C. W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Chancellor.

WM. T. LEOPOLD, Grand K. of R. and S.

IDAHO.—The sixth annual session met at Boise, September 21, 1897.

The order in this domain is young but growing most rapidly. They had a "hustler" for Grand Chancellor, who visited every lodge. We are glad to know that the press of Idaho is favorable to the order. We wish it were so everywhere. Brother Gwinn is modest, however, and attributes the success of Pythianism to the untiring zeal of Brother Jas. Harte. There are 994 members and 20 lodges, all in a good condition. The report of the committee on mileage and per diem swells the figures to \$1,201.92—rather expensive living out there.

No Fraternal Correspondence.

An appeal is made for the Rathbone Sisters and a flattering eulogy passed upon the ladies. This is knightly.

Next session at Wallace, September, 1898.

J. R. HALL, Grand Chancellor, Moscow.

J. H. HARTE, Grand K. of R. and S., Coeur d'Alene.

IOWA.—The twenty-eighth annual convention was held at Clinton, on August 11 and 12, 1897.

This journal is well arranged and affords pleasurable reviewing. It is bulky and full of interest to every Knight of Pythias. The Grand Chancellor's report is long, too long. It must have taxed the liberality of Grand Lodge to insert all its multitudinous phases into their journal. Some of our brethren to the south are veritable "gasometers."

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is good, showing splendid progress. The domain has 416 lodges, and a membership of 24,050. There were 1942 initiations, 386 reinstated and 324 admitted by card. This looks extremely well. The tenets of the order were adhered to nobly with respect to relief, not less than \$22,190.41 having been spent. Brother Walker does his duty nobly. But here comes the state deputy drawing for salary and expenses \$2,748.60, from the treasury. We thank the proper ones that we don't and could not indulge in such a luxury. The session was a busy one. The election of officers seemed to be close and no doubt created fun. The Supreme Chancellor was present and electrified the brethren.

Next session at Council Bluff, August, 1898.

C. C. DOWELL, Grand Chancellor.

H. D. WALKER, Grand K. of R. and S.

KANSAS.—The twenty-seventh annual convention was held at Fort Scott, May 17 and 18, 1898.

A special convention was first held for the purpose of conferring Grand Lodge rank on all qualified past chancellors. Grand Chancellor Bird first discusses the state of the order, showing a yearly decrease in membership for the last four years. His reason for this lamentable state

of affairs is that "a large number of us have drifted from our Pythian moorings and have anchored within the harbors of a large number of other societies, no better and in many instances not so good as the order of Knights of Pythias, and in this way there has been such a lack of interest in our order that some of our old-time ardent admirers and workers have fallen into a lethargic sleep from which, I am glad to say, a large number are awakening." Some thirteen decisions were made, all important. The Endowment Rank is given a heavy notice and seems to be flourishing. Over 50 official visits were made and many other matters of importance dealt with. The Rathbone Sisters come in for a share of praise. Brother Bird even labored for the order on the Sabbath. He was somewhat superfaithful.

Membership 11,448, a decrease of 226 for the year. Initiated during year 1,000, suspended 1,359. Balance on hand 1896, \$32,816.21, on hand 1897, \$29,758.74. This is most deplorable retrogression all round.

A communication from Ontario Grand Lodge, respecting the reduction of supply prices to cover customs duty, was referred to a committee which never reported.

The Fraternal Report is about average.

Next Convention at Topeka, May, 1899.

W. H. SWATZEL, G. C.

Gus. J. NEUBERT, G. K. R. S., Kansas City.

LOUISIANA.—The seventeenth annual convention was held at Mandeville, May 17, 20, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor's report is more than lengthy and covers every detail of the work. We sincerely pity the poor "devil" who had the task of deciphering hieroglyphics but, jokes aside, Brother Browning must have given much time and attention to his work. The Endowment Rank seems to be flourishing. Brethren of our domain ought to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" this fact. There was a fearful drain upon the order through suspensions. Won't some good brother solve the problem for us?

"Do this,
But this, and may the gods themselves
Build up thy fame,
As high as their own heavens."

Total membership, 7,615, lodges 121, a gain of 2.

The Fraternal Correspondence is good as far as it goes, but a number of domains, our own amongst them, is left out. Whose fault is this?

The decisions of the Grand Tribunal are in the appendix and make interesting reading. There is also a commendable report from the Supreme Representatives, Brothers Adolph and Read.

Next session at Donaldsonville, May, 1898.

The eighteenth annual convention was held at Donaldsonville, May 16, 18, 1898.

Drought, financial panic and yellow fever, were the curses of this domain and did much to hamper and cripple their progress. The Grand Chancellor bemoans the financial depletion and diminution of subordinate lodges and rolls, but declares that many lessons of wisdom have been learned. A letter from Supreme Chancellor Colgrove "re" the Rathbone monument, is very patriotic and reminiscent of that good and great man. Few new lodges were instituted, as it was not deemed advisable to establish them unless they promised much for the good of the order. The appointment of a grand lecturer is touched upon and the step eloquently and forcibly commended. A brother's death and another's illness, together with prevalent yellow fever, prevented Brother Bernstein from doing his work to his own satisfaction.

Grand Lecturer Harris did a noble work, visiting all lodges, except in New Orleans and addressing twenty-five public meetings. Much good was apparent. Membership 7,043, decrease of 572. Lodges 121, same as last year. Cash on hand \$41,587.62, decrease \$2,482.57.

The District Deputy's reports are all printed in full. Beautiful memorial pages decorate the journal. A bill was passed in the House of Representatives, authorizing the Knights of Pythias to erect a sanitarium at Hot Springs.

We regret the absence of Fraternal Report.

Next Convention at Crowley, May 1899.

L. E. THOMAS, G. C.

JNO. A. McLEAN, G. K. R. S.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.—The sixth annual session was held at Winnipeg, July 21, 22, 1897.

The elected Grand Chancellor, Bro. Turley, had died shortly after his appointment, so the Grand Vice Chancellor was called to the work. Fitting reference is made to the untimely demise of Brother Turley. Bro. Conybrave having once served as Grand Chancellor, understood the work and therefore did nobly. He succeeded in establishing three new lodges. There was a net gain of 66 members also, showing that the order in this domain, though young and somewhat scattered, is still flourishing.

The journal is small and gives no correspondence report. Quite pardonable here, but certainly not in other domains. We wish our brethren in the far west every success.

Next session at Winnipeg, July, 1898.

WM. MIDDLETON, G. C.

A. E. JOHNSON, G. K. R. S., Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.—The thirtieth annual session was held at Baltimore, February 8, 10, 1898.

The first report is that of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who in one paragraph sums up the condition of the order in this domain. Lodges, 106; an increase of 2. Members, 7,230; increase of 58. Amount on hand, \$208,655.51. Relief, sick benefits, \$22,000.71. The Pythian directory is a good idea and might be imitated by other Grand Lodges. We can thus know readily who are our brethren and what lodge they belong to.

The same old cry is given by the Grand Chancellor—"business and financial depression." This domain caps the climax for suspensions—thirty often for a single lodge. Some sixty odd lodges were visited.

A commendable review of journals is given by the correspondence committee, but in common with other domains of the south they have given us the "go-by." We think it would be a good idea to append a list of domains from which no journal was received. We would then know who to blame when a review was not made—otherwise we can't.

Next convention at Baltimore, February, 1899.

ABRAHAM STRITE, G. C.

JAS. WHITEHOUSE, G. K. R. S., Baltimore.

MICHIGAN.—The twenty-fifth annual session was held at Port Huron, May 11, 12, 1898.

As this is the domain of the Supreme Chancellor, we find his portrait in the frontispiece, and a very pleasing and prepossessing man he appears. A special meeting was held for the purpose of hearing Bro. Colgrove, and a right masterly address was delivered—full of instruction and congratulation. The Grand Chancellor's report reviews the history for the domain for the quarter century. He declares it to be "a remarkable instance of great results from small beginnings." Membership gain has always prevailed and he finds their domain to be most prosperous in this respect. He instituted five new lodges during the year and strengthened many that were weak. Ninety-one lodges were visited and thirty-four were instructed by the Supreme Chancellor at Grand Rapids. The prize banner offered to the lodge for fewest suspensions made, was awarded. Endowment and Uniform Rank are noticed and seem progressing, but the most eloquent and poetical tribute conceivable is paid to the Rathbone Sisters. This is very knightly. The matter of appointing a Grand Lodge instructor was referred to and seems to us a step in the right direction. In conclusion the war and Pythianism are touchingly dwelt upon.

Membership, 11,472; increase of 489. Lodges, 173; increase of 3. Balance on hand, \$5,379.28.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is above par. "Sick-benefits"

is referred to and shown to be the cause of suspensions. Remarks are too lengthy to quote. We commend them to all. Maritime Provinces reviewed and Bro. Cooper "sat upon." We still, however, hold firmly to our view of "Old Glory" business.

Next convention at Grand Rapids, May, 1899.

CHAS. H. FISK, G. C.

MILES D. CURTIS, G. K. R. S.

MISSOURI.—The twenty-seventh annual convention met at Springfield, October 19, 21, 1897. The Grand Lodge was welcomed to the city by the Mayor.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is full of interest. He found more work than he had anticipated, but special deputies have atoned for his failures. Is there much of this working by proxy allowed? If so, anybody might fill the positions. No less than fifty-four decisions were made, some very childish questions having been asked.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is well tabulated, but gives rather a discouraging account of affairs. A decrease in membership of 671 and one lodge lost in six months. It is to be hoped that this gloomy state of affairs will be improved during the next year. A large amount of business seems to have been done, no less than one hundred and one documents having been acted upon. The death roll is long.

We regret the absence of Fraternal Correspondence. Brethren, pull up. This won't do.

Next session held at Kansas City, October, 1898.

J. W. SULLINGAR, G. C.

JNO. H. HOLMES, G. K. R. S., St. Louis.

MINNESOTA.—The silver anniversary of this Grand Lodge was held in St. Paul, September 28, 29, 1897.

There is a preface to their journal setting forth in unmistakably eulogistic terms the commemoration of their twenty-five years of growth. They were honored with most distinguished guests, there being present Governor D. M. Clough and Mr. Horace Bigelow, president of the city assembly, representing Mayor Doran, both of whom gave pleasing addresses and panegyrics upon the order.

The Grand Chancellor is jubilant over the prosperity of the past year and notes two particular forms of success—the depreciation in the number of suspensions and the small death loss.

Their Master of Finance "hustled" and collected all dues. He was a veritable "scribe," having written 2,318 letters, sent 67 telegrams and issued 1,336 circulars. The table showing the progress for twenty-five years, in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is quite

interesting, and shows an increase in membership every year. Here is a statement for the quarter century :

Number initiated since 1870.....	12,064	
Admitted by card.....	1,839	
Reinstated.....	1,187	
	<hr/>	15,090
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	5,682	
Withdrawn and expelled and died.....	2,371	
	<hr/>	8,053
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		7,037

The correspondent's report is very good. We are barely mentioned. Next convention at Minneapolis, September, 1898.

ROBERT STRATTON, G. C.

F. E. WHEATON, G. K. R. S., Minneapolis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The twenty-seventh annual convention was held at Portsmouth, October 20, 1897.

The proceedings of New Hampshire Lodge are unusually interesting. Grand Chancellor Currier has so many good things in his report that it is quite impossible to note even a majority of them. His own sickness and his wife's accident, prevented more visitations than he has made. Some very important questions are asked and answered satisfactorily by the Grand Chancellor. We commend the printing of these decisions in full. The old standing debt of \$650 has been wiped out and a small surplus over. Thirty-eight official visits were made for the year. We would like to quote what Bro. Currier says about memorizing the ritual, but space forbids. He enforces it vigorously and says the weak lodges are the result of reading the ritual night after night in a prefatory manner. He suggests the getting up of a cipher for members, but we are of the opinion that ciphers are not needed. After paying an eloquent tribute to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Grand Chancellor closes his very able report.

Bro. Spofford submits his eighth report and compares it with his first in 1890. Then 29 lodges; now 62. Then 2,328 members; now 5,077. Then paid for year's benefits, \$7,111.93; for past year, \$11,425.46. Then total assets, \$43,000; now \$70,000. This is a very good showing for Bro. Spofford.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is fairly thorough, the Maritime Provinces being reviewed.

Next Convention at Manchester, October, 1898.

SAMUEL H. BELL, G. C.

CHAS. B. SPOFFORD, G. K. R. S., Claremont.

NEW MEXICO.—The fourteenth annual convention convened at Gallup, September 13, 14, 1897.

The journal is tidy and neat. The Grand Chancellor's report meets us first and we commend its feminine tidiness. Seventeen visitations to lodges were made, with an encouraging report of their condition. The Endowment Rank is firmly established with a surplus of half a million dollars. Membership loss for the year was 60—mostly by suspensions. No less than sixteen past Chancellors were suspended. This is really shocking and somewhat reflects upon these men who have been trusted with chancellor honors. The Grand Lodge was enthusiastically received by the mayor of the city and Gallup Lodge.

Fraternal Correspondence did good work and we thank Bro. Adams for his faith in us. Our past committees have endeavored to give satisfactory reviews, and we hope the present will prove just as "breezy" as the former ones. In spite of severe and at times unjustifiable criticism, we pressed on, cheered by such kindly remarks as those of Bro. Adams. We trust that this report will make up for the missing one.

Next session at Soccers, September, 1898.

L. A. SKELLY, G. C.

B. F. ADAMS, G. K. R. S., Albuquerque.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The twenty-seventh annual session was held at Charlotte, June 15, 17, 1897.

We regard the report of the Supreme representative as a most pleasing feature. Brother Meares has ever been a true friend to the order. The Grand Chancellor's report is quite favorable. He touches upon every detail. The matter of suspension is referred to but nothing suggested by way of improvement. Would that some Solomon might arise. Total membership is 3,637—a net gain of 254. Lodges in good standing number 71. The domain is small but progressive and could teach larger domains a few lessons. We rather commend the printing in full Roster of Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges. There is a most encouraging financial sheet from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Balance in hand, \$2,966.23.

The Fraternal Committee reviewed only twenty-five journals, but they received heavy notices. As usual we were given the "cold shoulder." Why is this thus, dear brethren?

Next convention at Wilmington, June, 1898.

R. H. RICKERT, G. C.

W. T. HOLLOWELL, G. K. R. S., Goldsboro.

NEW JERSEY.—The twenty-first annual session was held at Trenton, February 16, 1898.

The Grand Chancellor in his report pays a glowing tribute to the honored dead. This is but right. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*. He visited 100 lodges—a very good year's work. He refers to suspensions and declares that we should "weed out the dead timber." The Pythian paper is eulogized. Why can't we have something of this nature among us? Total membership is 12,965, showing a large decrease for the year. Lodges 141, a loss of 3. Brethren relieved 1,624. This is astonishing and in a measure explains the number suspended for non-payment of dues. The reports of the deputies are in some cases quite readable and reflects creditably upon their work. Reviews of other domains are brief but very good. Thanks much for your reference to "Old Glory" of which we spoke in our journal. Of course we applauded you, though you did roast us in your last. There is a spirit in this country of returning good for evil and observing the golden rule even if such a spirit is found wanting in others.

Next session at Trenton, February 1899.

DEWITT C. COBB, G. C.

GEO. PIERSON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

NEW YORK.—The twenty-ninth annual convention was held at Utica, July 27, 29, 1897.

The past year seemed to be rather depressing. Grand Chancellor's report is good but he very strangely apologizes for having made too many official visits. It is generally the other way, good brother. But an explanation is given and he declares that a Grand Chancellor ought not to "impoverish himself" to break the record of official visits. Hear, hear. We hope the Grand Lodge will come to the relief of poor brother Kanski. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is to be congratulated on his newly furnished office, as well as his well arranged report. His system of tables is unique. Membership 420,19, decrease from last year 588. Lodges 260. Suspensions 2,123. Death reaped a good harvest 214. Supreme Chancellor Colgrove made an excellent speech. The mayor of the city welcomed the lodge in a neat speech.

The Fraternal Correspondent deals rather harshly with Bro. Powers, late of our domain. We would like to say that Bro. Powers, as a correspondent, compares most favorably with any whose work we have met with.

Next Convention at Benhamton, July, 1898.

CHAS. HINSON, G. C.

JNO. J. ACKER, G. K. R. S., Albany.

NEVADA.—The twenty-fifth annual session was held at Elko, June 10, 11, 1897.

Grand Chancellor's report suffers from too great length. Boil them down brethren, and they will not be the worse for the process. All lodges were visited but one and that one would have been, had his finances permitted. It seems hard that a Grand Chancellor must embarrass himself in this manner because of the niggardliness of Grand Lodge. Membership gain for the year was 14, a loss in lodges of one. Was this the one that did not get an official visit?

Supreme Chancellor Colgrove was present and enthusiastically received. He delivered a good address and a "perfect exemplification of the secret work of the order." If only some lodges in this domain could have such visits—they are sadly needed. Very little business of importance was transacted.

No Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Convention at Carson City, June 1898.

W. D. JONES, G. C.

A. B. STODDARD, G. K. R. S., Carson City.

NORTH DAKOTA.—The eighth annual convention met at Grafton, July 20, 21, 1897.

For a young domain, this Grand Lodge has issued a most creditable report. "Hard times" have not tarred the order as the Grand Chancellor assures us of progress. Three new lodges were instituted and an increase in membership of 259. The funds have swelled, leaving a tidy balance of \$4,359 60. Business was seemingly conducted with a despatch that it would be well for other Grand Lodges to imitate.

The Fraternal Correspondent fears severe criticism but we can say for ourselves, his work surpasses much that we have seen from larger and more pretentious domains.

Next convention in "Devil's Lake" (we hope the brethren will not come to grief in this rather untoward place), July 1898.

P. C. CRENSHAW, G. C.

H. L. ALBERT, G. K. R. S., Langdon.

NEBRASKA.—The thirty-third annual session was held at Lincoln, October 12, 13, 1897.

No less than one hundred and seventy past chancellors were reported by the committee on credentials, as eligible for the Grand Lodge Rank.

The Grand Chancellor's report is thorough and reports very favorably upon the order. There is no question that he gave much time to his duties and the work was well performed.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows the lodges to number 155, with a membership of 5,788, a slight loss for the year. The Past Supreme

Representative, Jno. Goss, was presented with a Past Supreme Representative jewel. Business routine was accomplished in short order.

The Correspondence Committee did their work nobly and we thank them for their kindly mention of us. These favorable comments for us are like "angel's visits few and far between," so that we doubly appreciate them when given.

Next Convention at Omaha, October 1898.

HARRY BOYDSTON, G. C.

WILLN H. LOVE, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

OREGON.—The seventeenth annual session convened at Portland, October, 12, 14, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor had noble aspirations when elected to the office, but his good resolutions in a large measure were not carried out. He did not get to all his lodges but did fairly well. We would like to know how much is expected of a Grand Chancellor for the sum voted. The Rathbone Sisters seem to be a strong factor in this domain and he applauds their intentions. One thing is commendable. He offered a Past Chancellor jewel to every master of finance reporting all clear on his books and none dropped for non-payment of dues. There were only three honored, but it was an excellent idea and no-doubt productive of good.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has a good showing. Membership, increase of 146. 327 were suspended—bad but an improvement on many sister domains with greater pretensions.

No Fraternal Correspondence. Has the committee fallen asleep or died? The oration by Past Chancellor Davies printed in full is a masterpiece of literature.

Next Convention at Portland, October 1898.

OTIS PATTERSON, G. C.

L. R. STINSON, G. K. R. S.

ONTARIO.—The twenty-sixth annual convention was held at Berlin, on July 13, 1897.

A nicely embossed cover, representing the shield of the order, impresses us that this is in commemoration of their silver anniversary. In the Grand Chancellor's report he bemoans the fact of their tardy growth and gives reasons for it. 1. The keen competition of fraternal societies. As a remedy for this evil he suggests consolidation. 2. A better system of collecting dues is required. He suggests that the collector should be paid for his work. 3. More visiting, exchanging views, knowing the members, together with social pleasant evenings would be good. 4. The Endowment Rank should be more encouraged.

5. No organizer should be appointed who doesn't like the order or the work. Work done for money is detrimental. All these suggestions are good and we recommend them to all the brethren. Bro. Elliott made very few visits and apologizes most humbly for it.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is quite lengthy, in which he sums up the work not only of the order in Ontario but in America. For his own domain he gives the following results: Membership 1,755, loss of 27. Number of lodges 39. \$3,757.73 expended for relief. Assets \$24,669.20.

The new Grand Chancellor is requested to give more time to visitations, so that next year we look for a marked improvement in the Pythian affairs of Ontario.

There is no Fraternal Report.

Nice "shadows" of the officers appear and they seem to be good looking chaps.

Next convention at Woodstock, July 1898.

ROBT. IRONSIDE, G. C.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, G. K. R. S., Toronto.

OHIO.—The twenty-ninth annual convention met at Dayton, May 24, 1898.

The journal is bulky and better arranged than any we have had the pleasure of reviewing. We congratulate this domain on the very excellent report of their Grand Chancellor. Numerically the growth has not been all that might be desired, but strength doesn't always consist in numbers. "The social, fraternal and charitable features of our institution, are each coming more prominently to the front and in every line of work laid out for our fraternity, we have each Pythian period grown stronger and stronger, and the past year has been no exception." Great notices are given the Ohio Pythian home, which must be a beauty and strong joy to the brethren. The Endowment Rank is more than flourishing. Members 52,551, insurance in force \$98,000,000, assets \$468,000, sections in operation 3,600. The names of some 600 deputies appear who were appointed by the Grand Chancellor as also nearly one hundred county deputies. Notices are given the districts *in extenso* and circulars are inserted in full. The Grand Chancellor's report covers only 60 pages of the journal.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has a shorter report but much information is given. Membership 55,318—net increase 221. Lodges number 665 a loss of one. Initiated 3,765, suspended 3,763, this is making poor sort of progress. Cash on hand \$167,636.27. Tables of figures, etc., cover 75 pages of the journal and would bewilder any one but an Ohio knight.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence gives a very heavy

report. At first glance one would deem the work most onerous but much of their reviews consist of extracts from various reports in the reviewed domains. They very kindly treated us, for which we thank them. The amount of business done was small and occupies but little space.

Next convention at Columbus, May, 1899.

B. S. YOUNG, G. C.

WILLIAM BRATTY, G. K. R. S., Toledo.

OKLAHAMA.—Seventh annual convention met at Enid, on October 12, 13, 1897.

The journal is neatly arranged, the tedious task of perusing routine work, agreeably relieved by the beaming countenances of Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Chancellor declares that they have been the cynosure of all eyes, on account of the great crop of cereals but the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives us another reason for our looking in wonderment to that land. First, devastating fire, then fierce cyclones tearing down lodges and unroofing halls, and even entering the office of the Fraternal Correspondent and sweeping away his work of journal review, which, no doubt, accounts for the peculiar report submitted. Heaven spare us from a country like that with all its "unprecedented" growth of cereals.

Membership gain for the year was 25 and 4 new lodges. This is praiseworthy. We earnestly hope that these cyclones will not have as suspending an effect upon the brethren, as it had upon the lodges. Pluck alone must have buoyed them up.

Next session at Perry, October, 1898.

GEO. H. DODSON, G. C.

J. S. CALLIN, G. K. R. S., Guthrie.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual convention met at Scranton, Lockawana Co., Aug. 17, 20, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor has had a "bully" time of it. So pleasant has been the year that he regrets its close. He reels off the work accomplished until one fairly gets dizzy with its magnitude. Here it is in one breath. Travelled 8,000 miles, 93 special conventions, conferred Grand Lodge Rank on 889 past chancellors and met 18,000 members of the order. Correspondence swelled to 1,500 letters and he approved by-laws of 173 lodges. What a hustler!

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is a conglomerate mass of figures. Lodges 485, Membership 41,943, initiations 2,323, suspensions 3,421. Keep that up, brethren, and you will soon be a minus quantity. The journal is bulky but much matter is inserted that could have been omitted. Numerous tables of all grand domains and comparative statements fairly paralyze the reader. Two or three pages

of photos are thrown in for good measure, as though there wasn't weight enough.

Next session at Lebanon, August, 1898.

CHAS. LINDE, G. C.

GEO. HAWKES, G. K. R. S.

RHODE ISLAND.—The twenty-seventh annual session was held at Providence, February 8, 1898.

Thirty past chancellors received the rank of Grand Lodge, as first business. The Grand Chancellor's report is quite readable. All lodges were reported in good order, twenty-five having been personally visited. A "jolly good time" was enjoyed at Washington Lodge, when wit and wine flowed freely. Number of lodges in domain 34. Membership 3,085 a decrease of 149.

We agree with the brethren that "a fine result was obtained" in the taking of the photograph. The Grand Chancellor of Maine was a distinguished visitor. Reports of Deputy Grand Chancellors are filled with district work and give a fair showing.

Next session at Providence, February, 1899.

FRED PHILLIPS, G. C.

WM. A. WILSON, G. K. R. S., Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—The eighth annual session convened at Sioux Falls, June 2, 3, 1897.

Dr. Jordan offered prayer, after which the mayor welcomed them in a glowing address. One thing we beg especially to note in the Grand Chancellor's report, his reference to team work in conferring degrees, will the brethren in our domain and everywhere take a kindly hint and "go and do likewise?" He also refers to the grand old drama "Damon and Pythias" having been presented by several lodges. No new lodges were instituted and a slight decrease in membership is noted, still the order here is counted fairly prosperous. The finances are quite healthy. Those domains in the United States of America that came under the financial depression of '96, could scarcely be expected to flourish in any degree.

The Fraternal Correspondence did good work for others, but unkindly snubbed us.

Next session at Watertown, June, 1898.

CHAS. N. HERREID, G. C.

C. E. WARNER, G. K. R. S., Milbank.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The twelfth annual convention met at Newbury, May 17, 20, 1898.

The beaming countenance of Grand Chancellor Goldsmith first

greet you, and gives a most favorable impression of the style of knight in this domain. As there was not a quorum present the first two days, no business could be transacted. The Grand Chancellor has a few good suggestions to make which we commend. 1. That \$50 be appropriated for use of Grand Vice Chancellor and the Grand Prelate, for visiting subordinate lodges. 2. That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be required to visit a stated number of lodges, and that a *per diem* together with expenses be allowed him. We agree with the brother that it will be less expensive than district deputies and productive of better results. The "weekly benefits" are touched upon and the Grand Chancellor thinks they should always be paid where a brother is in "good standing." Hear, Hear.

Membership 4 782, showing an increase of 81. Money on hand \$19,470 45, decrease of \$1,510 37. Present number of lodges 85.

A resolution touching the insurance of those enlisted in the war was unanimously adopted. The report of committee on state of order is very racy reading. Noble committee. A solution of the suspension difficulty is offered. 1. The practical business management of the Order, reducing dues and expenses to a minimum. 2. Pushing Endowment Rank to front. 3. Putting into practice the principles of the Order.

Fraternal Correspondence is excellent with a kindly commendation of this domain.

Next convention at Florence, May 16, 1899.

WM. GOLDSMITH, JR., G. C.

D. J. AULDY, G. K. R. S.

TENNESSEE.—The twenty-seventh annual convention met at Nashville, May 9, 11, 1898.

Grand Chancellor Saunders makes no preparatory remarks in his report, but sails right into business. Pressure of personal business made extensive official visitations impossible. The Endowment Rank seems healthy. Total membership 52,551, insurance in force \$98,001,000, assets \$464,000, paid to beneficiaries of deceased members \$12,162,000, sections in operation 3,600.

The following is the state of the Order here: Lodges 140—an increase of 3. Membership 8,586—net loss of 75. Suspensions and expulsions are deplorably bad. We note 15 for these causes, drunkenness, immorality, unknighly conduct, embezzlement and seduction. There was a large number also for non-payment of dues. We are surprised that the former were treated to what seems such light punishment. As some of the negroes in this domain were wearing the button and charm of the order, thus causing undue humiliation to the members, it was resolved to get a new design and thus frustrate the "niggers."

Patriotism was commended and dues of enlisted knights recommended to be paid by their lodges.

The attempt to establish a Pythian University at Gallatin was a failure and all contracts cancelled.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Chattanooga, May 12, 1899.

R. S. McLAREN, G. C.

ALEX ALLISON, G. K. R. S.

UTAH.—The fourteenth annual session was held in Park City, June 15, 17, 1897.

A small journal, but most tastefully decorated by a beautifully embossed cover. A full-page portrait of P. G. C. Wedell is just inside. His report is brief but he tells us the success of the past year has eclipsed the four previous years.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has also a short report, showing a decrease in membership of 20. He hopes the 183 suspended will be reinstated. Let us trust that if they are, they will "pony up" on their dues. The Supreme Chancellor was present and encouraged them in a stirring speech. He also took part in a case before grand tribune.

No committee for Fraternal Correspondence. Why not, pray? Have you no scribes?

Next Convention at Salt Lake City, June, 1898.

N. W. SONNEDERKER, G. C.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

VIRGINIA.—The thirtieth annual session was convened at Petersburg, February 22-24, 1898.

Grand Lodge was opened by G. V. C. Walton, as the Grand Chancellor was kept away by business arrangement until next day. The promised tide of prosperity after presidential election did not materialize, so the country and with it the order continued to suffer from business depression. We would like to say that our experience has ever been that promises made during an election campaign are rarely, if ever, kept. It is likely that the country to the south is not free from such "wire-pulling."

The Grand Chancellor did not visit lodges personally but appointed a certain number to be visited by each Grand Lodge officer. Total membership, 4,416—decrease from last year. Number of lodges, 63—a loss of one. A decrease in finances of over \$2,000. Brethren, you must pull up as this looks badly. We hope this year of warfare will do more for you than did the presidential campaign and election.

A lengthy memorial of Bro. W. N. Payton testifies to his greatness and sterling character.

Next session at Portsmouth, February, 1899.

M. L. WALTON, G. C.

WALTER EDWARDS, G. K. R. S., Norfolk.

VERMONT.—The ninth annual convention was held at Rutland October 6 and 7, 1897.

One of the local lodges had a session first in order to give Supreme Chancellor Colgrove an opportunity to "spout." The Uniform Rank held sway in the afternoon. A ball and concert in the evening with a most substantial lunch. Our Vermont brethren had a good time of it.

The Grand Chancellor's report is encouraging, showing an increase of 89 members over last year. The reviews of journals are short and the committee bemoan the lack of reports sent in. Some of our Grand Keepers of Records and Seal need to be awakened. An historical sketch of the Knights of Pythias, worthy of perusal, is found at the end of the journal. We commend it to the brethren as some knights in the circle of our acquaintance know next to nothing about the order and aim of the order.

Next session at Rutland, October, 1898.

A. C. RANDALL, G. C.

J. M. CADY, G. K. R. S., St. Johnsbury.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The twenty-eighth annual session was held at Charleston, October 26-28, 1897.

Quite a number of past chancellors—no less than 118—received Grand Lodge rank. The Grand Chancellor's report comments favorably upon the order generally, but most especially upon the success of the Endowment Rank. There was a net increase membership of 143, making a total of 6,655. Two new lodges, now making the number of working lodges 114. The finances are in a splendid condition. Bro. Jenkins suffered from lumbago and was compelled to do much in his bed. As his report is excellent it would not be a bad plan for more to be afflicted with this disease and thus work in confinement.

The Supreme Chancellor was present and exemplified the secret work. Full page portraits of Grand Lodge officers are to be found in the journal.

No Fraternal Correspondence. It seems that about every second review we have to chronicle the same sad truth.

Next session at Sistersville, October, 1898.

PAUL FRAGER, G. C.

MAUNER JENKINS, G. K. R. S., Piedmont.

WISCONSIN.—The twenty-seventh annual convention was held at Appleton, May, 1898.

They were welcomed by the mayor, who gave each member a souvenir "key to the city." The report of the Grand Chancellor is bright in the face of much discouragement. He visited sixty lodges. Very little progress seems to have been made, so after two years' service Bro. Schroeder wishes to resign.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in his report shows a loss of one lodge and 33 members for the year. Being his eighth annual report, it is somewhat lengthy. The Uniform Rank takes up considerable place in the journal with its reports. This is fast becoming a mighty factor in the order.

As in so many other journals, no Fraternal Correspondence report is found. Brethren, it is this very review that keeps the members of your Grand Lodge posted as to the progress of the order in other Grand Domains.

Next session at Milwaukee, May, 1899.

D. G. CLASSON, G. C.

FRANK BARRY, G. K. R. S., Milwaukee.

WYOMING.—The fourteenth annual convention met at Laramie, September 7 and 8, 1897.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is well written and full of intense interest. The Endowment Rank is a mighty factor in this domain, having 8 sections, 111 members, and \$253,000 amount of endowment. Lodges have not increased but there is a vast increase in membership. Many applications from other domains for financial aid were received but all rejected save one. The Rathbone monument fund is referred to and seems to be swelling considerably. The question of admitting a Finlander under the clause "a white male" into the order was decided in favor of the Finn.

Fraternal Correspondence is fairly thorough. We are conspicuous only by our absence. Again the question what is the trouble? Are we not worthy an "honorable mention." If the report was not received kindly say so and then we will chastise the guilty party, otherwise the odour must fall upon you. We have kicked about this matter until we are exhausted and will soon try something else.

Next convention at Cheyenne, September, 1898.

C. H. PARMALER, G. C.

P. J. GORDEN, G. K. R. S., Laramie.

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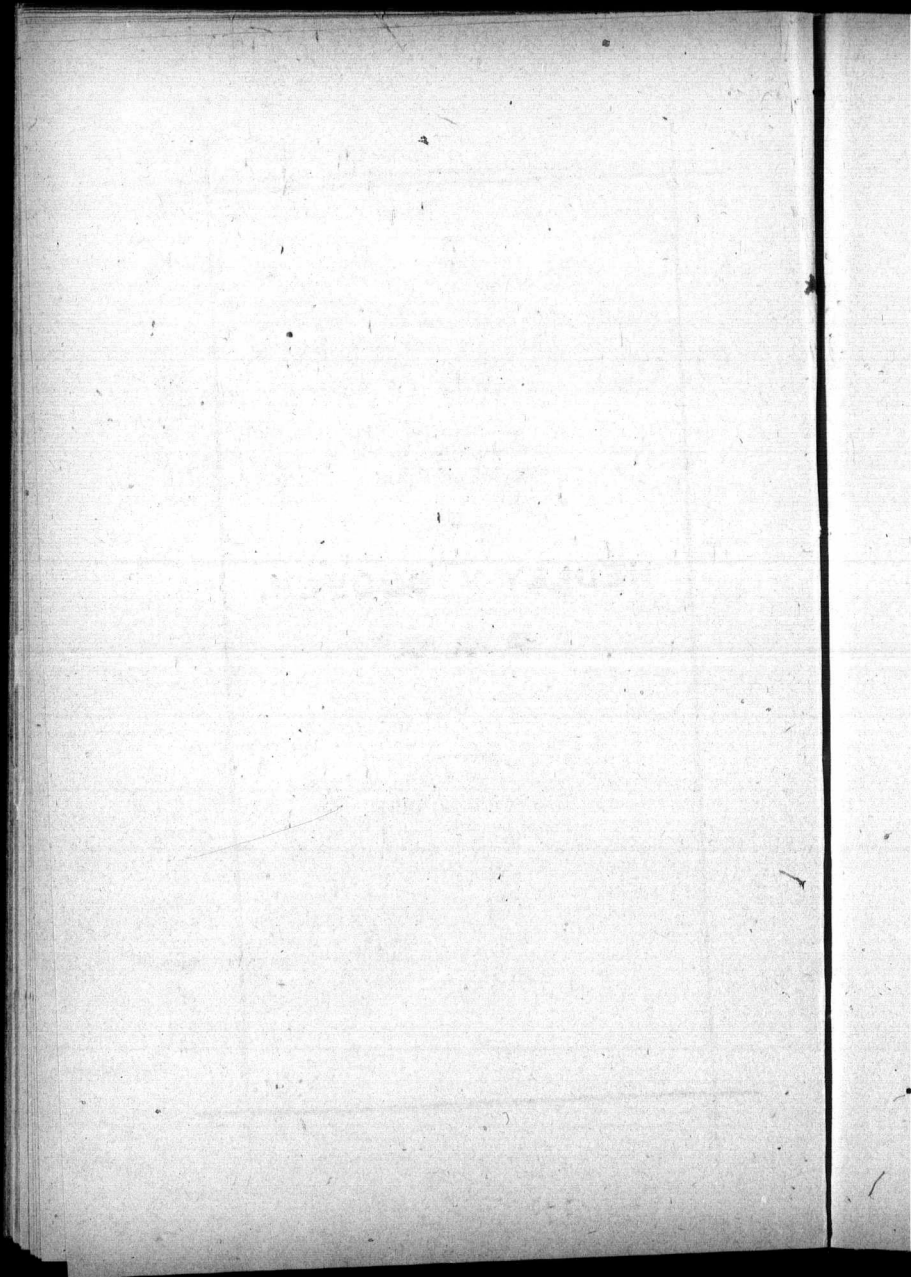
IN MEMORIAM.

HEDLEY V. COOPER,

P. G. C.

UNION LODGE, No. 2.

Died April 12, 1898.



IN MEMORIAM.

FRANK L. PEERS,

P. G. C.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 5.

Died May 18, 1898.

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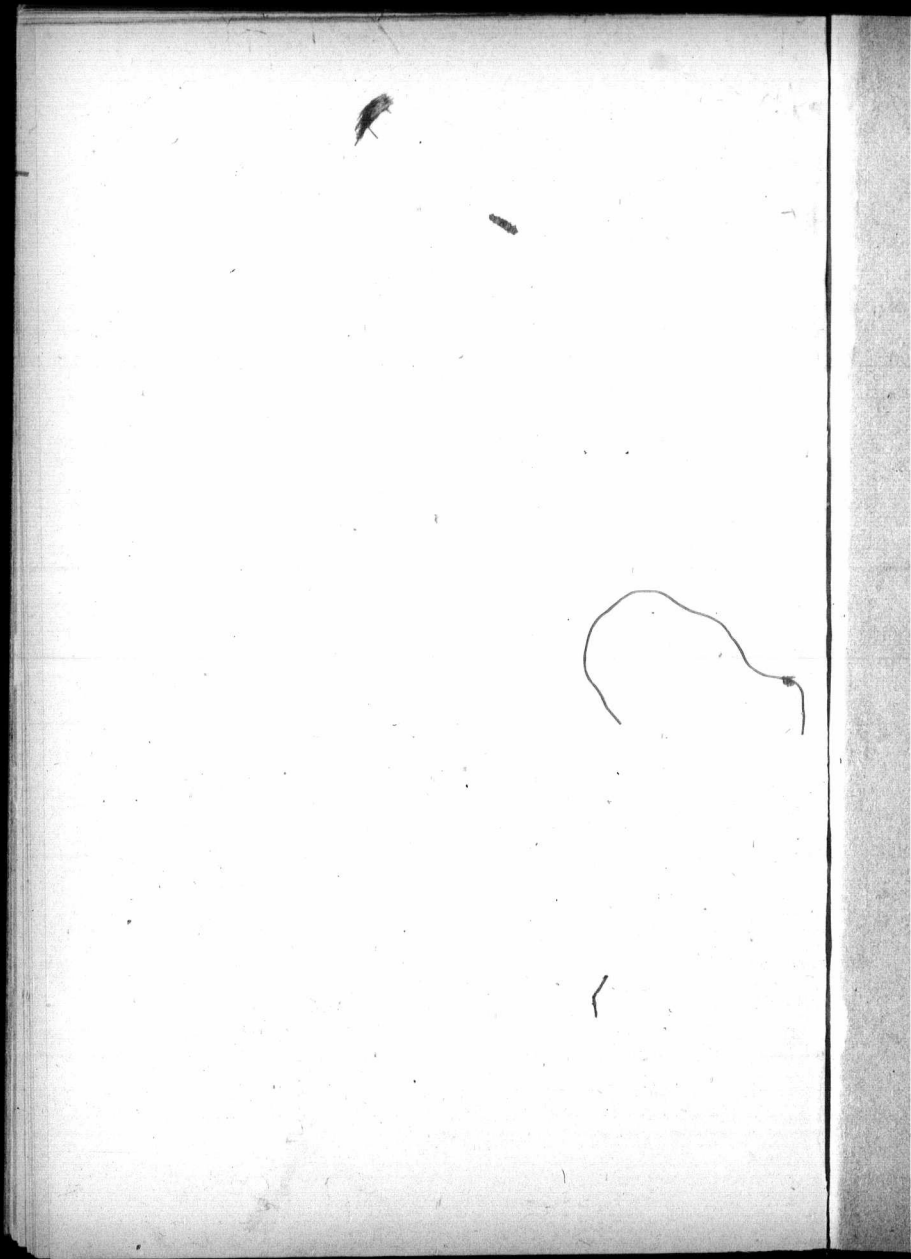
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Price List of Supplies.

The following supplies can be obtained only through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:—

Subordinate Lodge Ritual, per set of five.....	\$20 00
Question Book.....	1 50
Installation Book, per set of four.....	2 50
Service Book, containing funeral, memorial, decoration day and dedicatory services.....	75
Music Book, (odes with notes), each.....	40
Supreme Constitution and Statutes, each.....	55
Ode Cards, each.....	10
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	50
Transfer Cards, each.....	50
Grand Lodge Card for member of defunct Lodge.....	2 00
Travelling Shield.....	20
Past Chancellor's Rank of Honor Credential.....	50
Second Rank Blanks, in pads of 50.....	50
Official Receipts, with name and number of Lodge.....	1 00
Official Receipts, blank.....	60
Order for S. A. P. W., with name and number of Lodge.....	1 00
Order for S. A. P. W., blank.....	60
Application Cards, with name and number of Lodge, per 100.....	1 00
Application Cards, blank.....	60
Master of Exchequer Receipts, printed with name of Lodge, per 100	1 50
Master of Exchequer Receipts, blank.....	1 00
Master of Exchequer Orders, printed with name of Lodge, per 100	1 50
Master of Exchequer Orders, blank.....	1 00
Delinquent Notices, per 100.....	75
Jewels for Subordinate Lodge, per set.....	11.00, 16.00, 21.00, 36 00
Single Jewel for any officer.....	1.25, 1.75, 2.25, 3 75
Knights' or Past Chancellors' Jewels, each.....	1.25, 2.25, 4 25
Grand Representatives' Jewels, each.....	1 75, 2 75
Past Grand Representatives' Jewels, each.....	1 75, 2 75
Jewel Cases, each.....	50c. or 1 00

Orders for supplies must invariably be accompanied by the cash and given under the seal of the Lodge.

To prevent delay in correspondence, notice should be sent immediately to the undersigned of any change in the office of Keeper of Records and Seal.

**Blank Applications and all necessary information preliminary to the institution of Lodges can be had by addressing the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. C. HENRY, Box 282, St. Stephen, N. B.