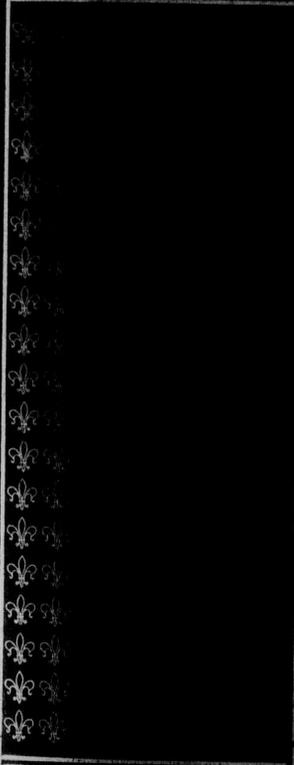


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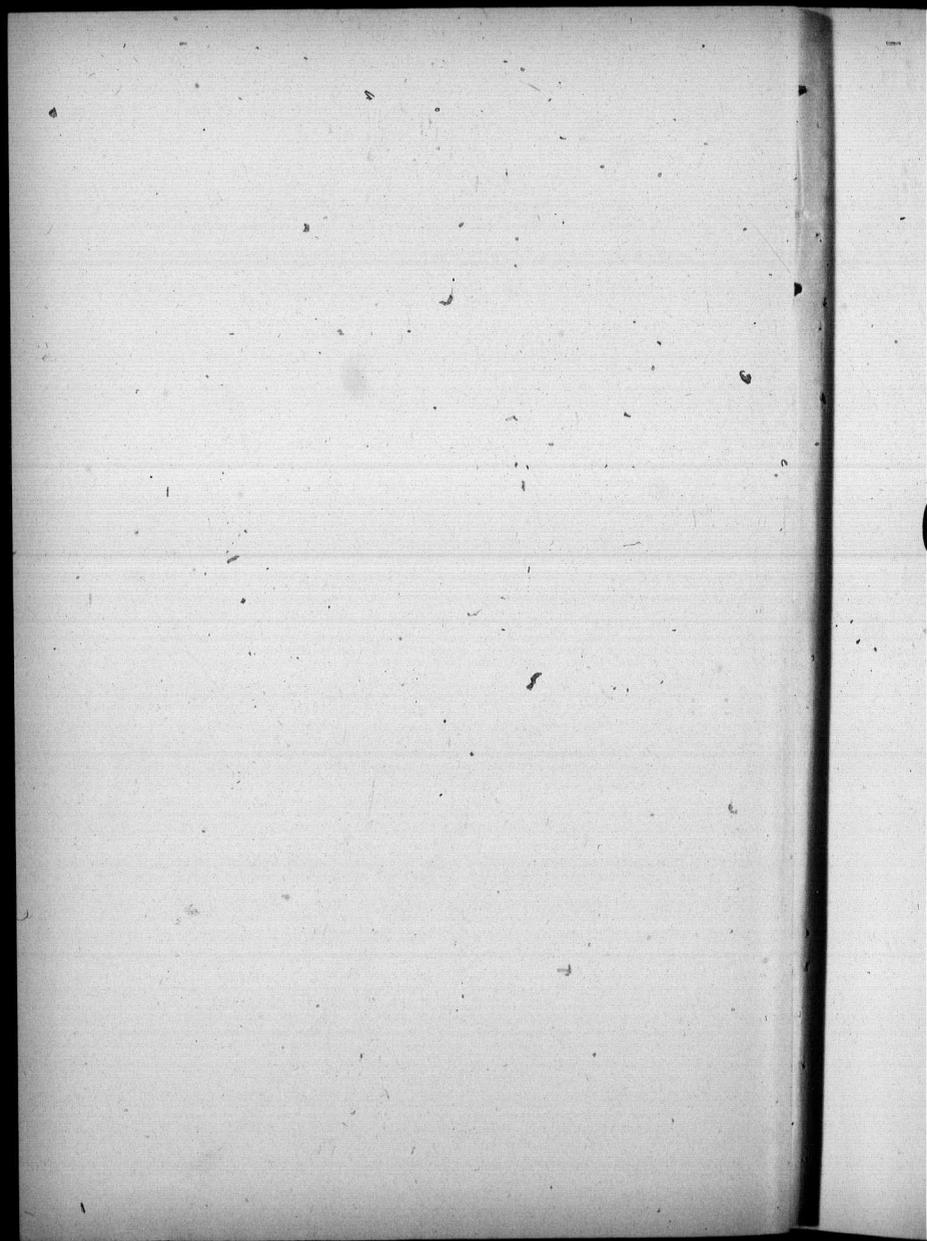
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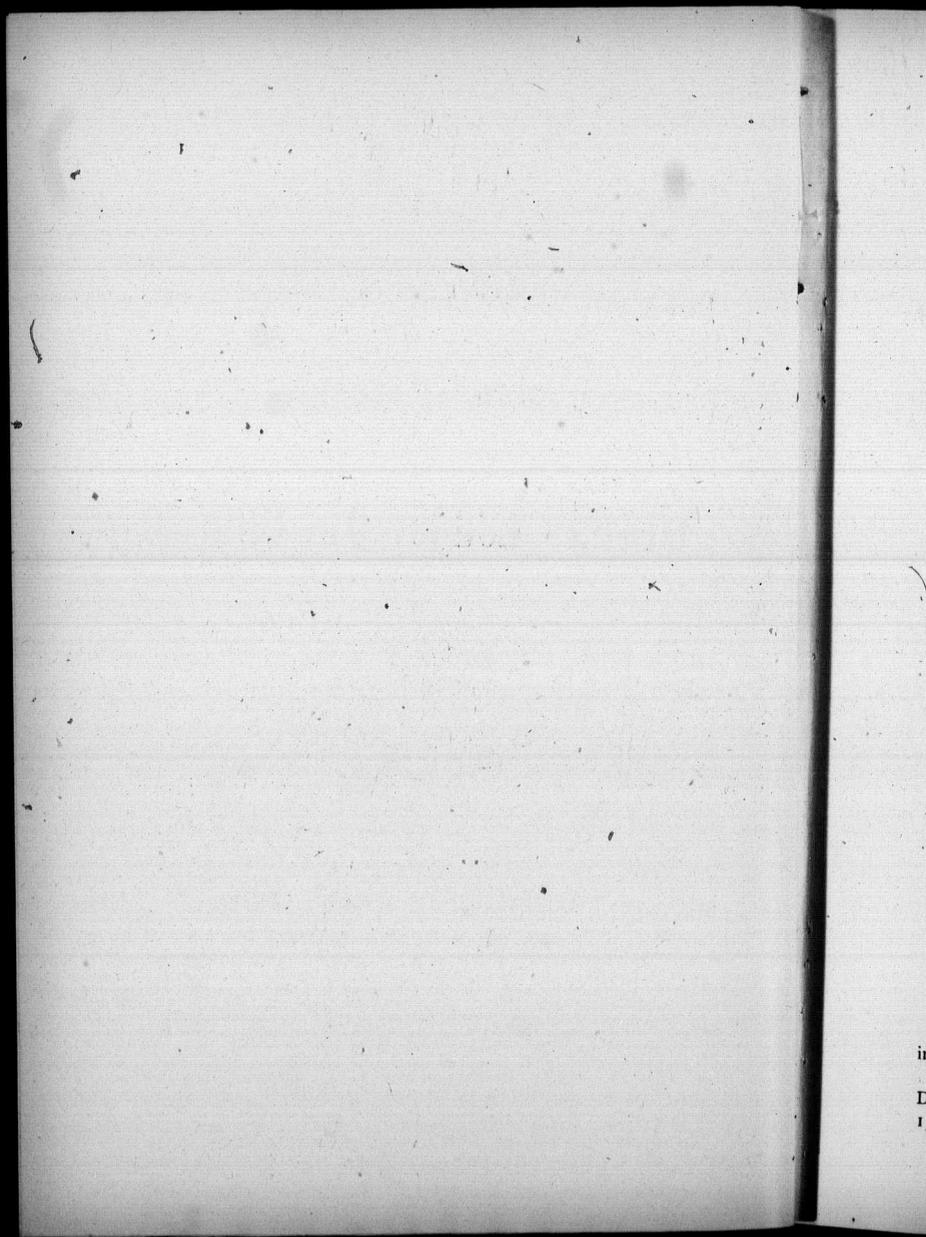
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LONDON, July 11th, 1899.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Ontario, assembled in Annual Convention in the Castle Hall of Prospect Lodge No. 10, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor Murch at nine thirty o'clock a. m.

Present, the following Grand Officers:—

W. H. MURCH..... Grand Chancellor.
J. S. MACKAY..... Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. A. CATES..... Grand Prelate.
W. G. HAYNES..... Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
J. P. MACLEOD..... Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. L. LITTLE..... Grand Master-at-Arms.
T. A. PARKINSON..... Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALE..... Grand Outer Guard.

And—

F. J. FITZGERALD..... Supreme Representative.
R. H. MCCONNELL..... " "
A. G. McWHINNEY..... Past Grand Chancellor.
D. J. PEACE..... " "
G. H. MITCHELL..... " "

The roll of lodges being called the following were represented:
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 30, 31 and 45.

A quorum of lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in regular form.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Grand Representatives A. E. Domville of No. 12, Harry Morris of No. 31, and H. Robinson of No. 15 to fill vacancies on Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the creden-

tials of representatives and Past Chancellors, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Representative A. E. Domville of No. 12, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 1, COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has examined the credentials of the following Past Chancellors and find that they are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank

| Name | Lodge. | No. |
|------------------|------------|-----|
| F. Edmand | Mystic | 1 |
| G. Park | Myrtle | 2 |
| F. B. Bennett | Red Cross | 3 |
| Geo. Burdick | Prospect | 10 |
| W. R. Cunningham | Algoma | 11 |
| G. W. Davey | Rathbone | 12 |
| Geo. Massey | Marmion | 15 |
| W. J. Tomlinson | Friendship | 16 |
| E. Burt | Petrolia | 17 |
| Alex. Coulter | Queen City | 18 |
| W. J. Simpson | Amicus | 20 |
| Jas. Maker | Mizpah | 22 |
| R. A. E. Burns | Toronto | 30 |
| A. Ramsperger | Bismarck | 31 |
| D. Cranston | Columbia | 37 |
| A. H. King | Hamlet | 42 |
| A. M. Kennedy | Woodstock | 45 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12,

HARRY MORRIS, of No. 31.

HENRY ROBINSON, of No. 15.

Committee.

The Grand Master-at-Arms retired and introduced the following Past Chancellors, on whom the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred.

| Name | of No. |
|-----------------|--------|
| F. Edmand | 1 |
| R. Cadwallader | 2 |
| R. H. Reid | 2 |
| D. A. Bedwell | 3 |
| E. E. Parker | 9 |
| G. A. Burdick | 10 |
| H. DuBois | 11 |
| A. G. Macdonald | 14 |
| G. Massey | 15 |
| G. H. Elliott | 16 |
| B. Dunlop | 17 |
| H. E. Wiley | 30 |

Representative A. E. Domville of No. 12, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT NO. 2, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that from the Official Record of last Convention, or from certificates in proper form presented at this Convention, it finds the Past Chancellors in the first column are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives for the year ending December 31st, 1899, and from the certificates submitted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the past Chancellors in the second column are also entitled to seats as Grand Representatives, their respective lodges being entitled to additional representatives under the provisions of section 219, Grand Statutes.

| Name and No. of Lodge. | Year ending Dec. 31st, 1899. | -Additional. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mystic, No. 1 | C. A. Deverall | F. Edmand. |
| Myrtle, " 2 | R. Cadwallader | R. A. Carruthers. |
| Red Cross, No. 3 | D. A. Bedwell | J. Burns. |
| Rockaby " 9 | E. E. Parker | |
| Prospect " 10 | Geo. A. Burdick | H. A. Plastow. |
| Algoma " 11 | H. DuBois | |
| Rathbone " 12 | E. S. Brown | A. E. Domville |
| Olive " 14 | A. G. MacDonald | |
| Marmion " 15 | H. Robinson | |
| Friendship " 16 | G. Elliott | M. Linz. |
| Petrolia " 17 | C. Endress | B. Dunlop. |
| Queen City " 18 | L. M. Jones | |
| Amicus " 20 | J. G. Wilson | H. Hamilton. |
| Toronto " 30 | H. E. Wiley | T. G. Soole. |
| Bismarck " 31 | A. R. Whyte | H. Morris. |
| Columbian " 37 | A. T. Cooper | |
| Hamlet " 42 | E. Hodgins | |
| Woodstock " 45 | A. Dicknell | |

Respectfully presented,

A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12,

HARRY MORRIS, of No. 31,

HENRY ROBINSON, of No. 15,

Committee.

The Grand Chancellor made the following announcements:

Hours of business: Morning Session, 9 to 12 o'clock. Afternoon session, 2 to 6 o'clock. Official Press Reporter, Grand Representative J. G. Wilson of No. 20.

On roll being called the following Grand Representatives were found to be present:

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Mystic, No. 1 | C. E. Deverall | F. Edmand. |
| Myrtle " 2 | R. A. Carruthers | R. Cadwallader. |
| Red Cross, No. 3 | D. A. Bedwell | J. Burns. |
| Rokeby " 9 | E. E. Parker | |
| Prospect " 10 | G. A. Burdick | H. A. Plastow. |
| Algoma " 11 | H. DuBois | |
| Rathbone " 12 | A. E. Domville | |
| Olive " 14 | A. G. MacDonald | |

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| Marmion No. 15 | ..... | H. Robinson | ..... |
| Friendship " | 16 | ..... | G. Elliott |
| Petrolia " | 17 | ..... | B. Dunlop |
| Queen City " | 18 | ..... | L. M. Jones |
| Amicus " | 20 | ..... | J. G. Wilson |
| Toronto " | 30 | ..... | H. E. Wiley |
| Bismarck " | 31 | ..... | A. R. Whyte |
| Woodstock " | 45 | ..... | A. Bicknell |

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the minutes of last session, when on motion of Supreme Representative McConnell, seconded by Grand Representative Robinson of No. 15, the further reading of the same was dispensed with, and the official record as printed was approved.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following Standing Committees, the names appearing in italics being appointed to fill vacancies:

JUDICIARY.

C. Deverall of No. 1, H. R. Hamilton of No. 20, *F. Edmand of No. 1.*

STATE OF THE ORDER.

A. E. Domville of No. 12, A. Bicknell of No. 45, J. Burns of No. 3.

FINANCE.

A. R. Whyte of No. 3, T. G. Soole of No. 30, D. Smealow of No. 10.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

A. G. MacDonald of No. 14, D. A. Bedwell of No. 3, B. Dunlop of No. 17.

GRIEVANCES.

T. A. Parkinson of No. 2, *L. M. Jones of No. 18, H. DuBois of No. 14.*

REPORTS.

E. E. Parker of No. 9, G. Elliott of No. 16, R. A. Carruthers of No. 2.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

J. Burns of No. 3, *H. E. Wiley of No. 30, M. Linz of No. 16.*

CREDENTIALS.

A. E. Domville of No. 12, H. Robinson of No. 15, H. Morris of No. 31.

PRINTING.

J. G. Wilson of No. 20, L. M. Jones of No. 18, W. Haynes, G. K. R. S.
Also a Special Committee on Distributions:

A. Bicknell of No. 45, M. Linz of No. 16, C. Deverall of No. 1.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the semi-annual reports of lodges for the year 1898, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

The Reports of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Master of Exchequer were presented in printed form, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

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PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXVI

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Domain of Ontario:

BROTHERS,—The Grand Lodge session of 1898, in Woodstock, will be a memorable one to all who were privileged to attend. The change from old to new was so marked that I must be pardoned for mentioning it; practically every officer was new, and I remember with what fear and trembling I assumed the office of Grand Chancellor.

My predecessors were able to feel quite comfortable when taking office for what they didn't know Bro. Geo. Mitchell did, and that was a lot. Over twenty years he filled the office of G. K. of R. and S.; was ripe with experience, and a perfect encyclopedia of information. The same might be said of Bro. D. J. Peace in a lesser degree for he had filled the office of G. M. of Ex. nearly as long and could put his thumb on every dollar of expenditure, therefore we all felt the Order had suffered a loss. Say what we will there settled upon us a heavy cloud that totally ob-eured every ray of light and promise, but thanks to new and young blood, these dark clouds have been dispersed, and as they rolled away we discovered they had a silver lining. With the brighter light and a clearer sky, we saw Pythianism as a tree growing in the best of soil but sadly handicapped with a lot of deadwood. We decided to use radical measures,—the pruning knife was applied and the result is we come before you with smaller membership but, we trust, a healthier one. The utter uselessness of carrying Lodges that make no returns is obvious and, it is with sincere regret the following list is cut off:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Meniss No. 19..... | Chapleau. |
| Perseverance No. 23..... | St. Catharines. |
| Dufferin No. 28..... | Smiths Falls. |
| Inglewood No. 29..... | Owen Sound. |
| Syracuse No. 39..... | Toronto Junction. |
| Johnston No. 40..... | Sarnia. |
| Victoria No. 44..... | Berlin. |
| Napanee No. 46..... | Napanee. |
| Renwick Mo. 47..... | Renwick. |
| Rainbow No. 49..... | Niagara Falls. |

No doubt many of these will reorganize, and already I have opened up correspondence producing excellent prospects with St. Catharines, Berlin and Niagara Falls.

Before entering upon any details, allow me to congratulate the Order generally, and Grand Lodge in particular, in having such an excellent, painstaking officer as Bro. Walter Haynes, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. His was no easy task, and I should fail in my duty as a Pythian if I did not pay him this deserved compliment. He has thoroughly mastered the details of his office, is prompt in answering all correspondence, and always courteous and obliging.

At the very beginning of my official term, letters were forwarded me stating Rokeby Lodge, No. 9, was practically dead and needed decent burial. Here I thought I, as a chance for work so on July 28, I started for Wallaceburg and found no one, but with determination I started next day and succeeded in finding twenty good and true knights, who agreed to stand by the Charter provided I could make the way clear. To do this the Charter was surrendered and debts cancelled, and in October when the weather was cooler I wended my way again to Wallaceburg, restored the Charter, and re-opened the Lodge. The boys were true to their promise, and Rokeby No. 9, is in a flourishing condition. I must thank Brothers Dunlop, Parker, and Hardiman for the valuable assistance rendered me.

The following D. G. C's were appointed and accepted their commissions.

| | | |
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| District No. 1 | | Morris Linz, Windsor |
| " 2 | | P.D. McKellar, Chatham. |
| " 3 | | G. A. Ingram, St. Thomas. |
| " 6 | ..... | L. T. Delcomyn, Niagara Falls. |
| " 7 | ..... | C. Endress, Petrolia. |
| " 8 | ..... | F. J. Fitzgerald, London. |
| " 9 | ..... | Court Curtis, Woodstock. |
| " 10 | ..... | Fred Ryerson, Brantford. |
| " 11 | ..... | Harry Morris, Hamilton. |
| " 13 | ..... | A. R. Nopper, Stratford. |
| " 22 | ..... | J. G. Wilson, Toronto. |
| " 45 | ..... | E. Biggings, Sault Ste. Marie. |

It affords me pleasure to mention honorably the names of Morris Linz, F. J. Fitzgerald, Court Curtis and James G. Wilson as deputies; these Brothers have shown an activity very commendable and the Order is the better for their work and interest. An explanation is perhaps necessary *re* district No. 7. Bro. F. Smiley was appointed but he failed to qualify and I took the liberty of re-appointing Bro. Endress.

As soon as I had business well in hand I wrote Bro. Macleod G. M. of E. that our laws required a guarantee bond. Our good Brother lost no time, and after the usual questions had been answered I was furnished with a satisfactory bond for (\$500.00) five hundred dollars. I mention this as I find no record of its being done before.

During the first part of August I was placed in communication with Renwick Lodge, No. 47. Finding there was absolutely no prospect of re-opening this, all supplies, paraphernalia and cash on hand was handed over and honorably closed up.

On the 21st of August I gave free vent to my Pythian enthusiasm and started for Indianapolis in company with S. Rep. R. H. McConnell. I spent a delightful week and was deeply impressed with the Uniform Rank Encampment. It was indeed a sight worth going so far to see, and more than repaid me for time and money expended. It gave me something to talk about when visiting subordinate Lodges; it enabled me to renew acquaintance with Sup. Chancellors Ritchie and Colgrove, whom I had been privileged to meet. Much more I could say but our representatives gave us their report which will suffice. I must add, however, that we should make every effort to give Ontario a good showing at the next Sup. Convention in Detroit in 1900, reference to which I shall make later on.

During the year I have granted the following dispensations:

- No. 1. Woodstock Lodge, to meet in Foresters' Hall.
- " 2. Bismarck Lodge, to meet Wednesdays.
- " 3. Rokeby No. 9, to meet every Wednesday.
- " 4. Marmion Lodge, to meet weekly.
- " 5. Algoma No. 11, to confer two ranks same night.
- " 6. Mystic No. 1, for open installation, Jan. 10, 99.
- " 7. Friendship No. 16, for open installation, Jan. 30, 99.
- " 8. Mystic No. 1, to initiate member over 50.
- " 9. Queen City No. 18, to initiate crippled candidate.
- " 10. Petrolia No. 17, to change night of meeting Mar. 17.
- " 11. Bismarck No. 31, to give 3 ranks in one night.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It has amazed me completely, the large amount of letter writing a Grand Chancellor is called upon to do. I have done my best and nothing necessary for the good of the Order has been delayed, but for a business man to undertake this in addition to his own, I can assure you it keeps him busy. Many questions asked could be answered by reference to Grand Lodge Statutes.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

I thought it advisable to issue two Official Circulars during the year, both referring to recent legislation passed at the Supreme Lodge Convention at Indianapolis, and which became effective in August, and October, 1898. To secure the benefit of this it was necessary to take action at once, and I therefore issued my circulars giving all the information possible, allowing each subordinate lodge to act in its own interests. I trust in the matter of re-instatement there has been something accomplished.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

CALANTHE NO. 36.

My first visit made on the 8th of December, '98, was enough to discourage the most enthusiastic Pythian. It was to Calanthe Lodge No. 36, Brantford. My worthy deputy, Fred Ryerson, did all in his power to make it a success, but when we reached the Castle Hall there were nine brethren in their places. Two of these left before we got fairly started, which left us the perfect number, 7. Naturally our meeting was of the informal kind, and at best was only conversational. To be candid I found Pythianism at zero. I did my very best to warm it up, and hope Calanthe Lodge will yet make a record for itself. We adjourned from the Castle Hall and enjoyed a supper which was certainly as jolly as seven could make it. I missed our genial P. G. C. Elliot, and was sorry to hear that illness prevented him joining us.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 16.

On January 30, '99, I visited Friendship Lodge No. 16, Windsor, and had a delightful time. The weather was extremely cold—way below zero—but Pythianism was hot and we had a warm time. I was met at the station by Grand Prelate W. A. Cates and District Deputy Morris Linz. Together we installed the officers and made a few remarks on the order generally. I don't know that I ever met a more enthusiastic lot of Pythians—fully alive to the needs of the order, determined to go ahead, and in view of the Supreme Lodge session in Detroit in 1900 they realize that all eyes will be upon them. It was with pleasure I heard of their work and expectations.

After lodge work we sat down to a splendid banquet, some 60 being present. Among the invited guests were Grand Chancellor Fisk of Mich. and Lt.-Col. Hart, the Uniform Brigade. These gentlemen gave us valuable information concerning 1900 conclave. Speech, story and song made time pass all too quickly, and I must frankly admit that our Windsor brethren know how to have a good time. Among other things I learned was that Grand Lodge will be invited to hold its 1900 session in the Border City and will be asked to change its date to coincide with Supreme Session in August. With such men as Wm. J. Tomlinson, W. A. Cates, Morris Ling and the newly installed officers I feel quite satisfied the order will give a good account of itself.

RATHBONE NO. 12.

February 14th was the date of my official visit to my own Lodge. Rathbone No. 12, and if I put on paper what is on my heart it would seem rank flattery.

I love to talk about Rathbone Lodge because I know the character of its membership, and I have held them up as a model Pythian brotherhood. An old proverb says: "Prophets are without honor in their own country," but here is an exception, for no one could be honored more than I in my own Lodge. On this occasion the evening was devoted to pleasure, but later on (March 14) I was favored with an exemplification of degree work by a team composed of all Past Chancellors, and taken as a whole is the best I have seen anywhere. The new officers of '99 are a clever set of boys and will give a good record for their year of office.

WOODSTOCK NO. 45.

February 22nd I visited Woodstock Lodge No. 45; was met at the station by G. V. C. Bro. J. S. McKay and Bros. Becknell and C. C. Forbes. It was a real pleasure to again visit Woodstock, to renew friendships formed during Grand Lodge Session, and find the Lodge in such a healthy condition. Quite a number of invited guests took part in the banquet which was a credit to the Order.

I again visited the Lodge, May 10th, for the sole purpose of seeing their Rank work. Two Ranks, 1st and 3rd, were promised, but, unfortunately, at the last moment the Knights Rank was given up on account of the absence of candidate. However, the 1st Rank was well done, showing marked ability and dignified interpretation of the Ritual.

ROKEBY NO. 9.

March 1st was the date of my 3rd and last visit to Rokeby No. 9, of Wallaceburg. On the occasion I duly installed the officers, exemplified the secret work, and put the final touch to a work I was deeply concerned in. Three visits enabled me to form a thorough estimate of the boys, and I cannot speak too highly of

them. They began with a membership of 18 in October and had increased to 29. This was commendable and I take this opportunity of placing on record my congratulations and compliments.

HAMLET NO. 42.

March 8th I visited Hamlet No. 42 at Stratford; was met at station by Bro. Barnsdale. I found the Lodge in excellent condition, best of harmony prevailing and a great desire to increase in membership. We took up the Ritual work and got much benefit; we had a good family talk, and got at the true inwardness of Pythianism and felt my visit had been a success. After Lodge work was over we threw ourselves on the tender mercies of Bro. Fred J. Currie of the Queen's Hotel, and had an excellent luncheon, followed by songs, recitations and a good time generally.

TORONTO LODGES

On Friday, March 24th, I turned my steps to the Mecca of Pythianism "Toronto" and found the lodges of the city, Mystic No. 1, Queen City No. 18, Amicus No. 29, and Toronto No. 30, had combined their forces and prepared a grand banquet—certainly the best of the year. It lacked nothing and was a treat. I was accompanied by Sup. Rep. Bro. Fitzgerald of London and G. V. C. Bro. McKay of Woodstock, and when the party sat down it included all the distinguished Knights of the Queen City of the West and the resident G. L. officers. The style and dignity of the entertainment impressed me very favorably; the whole tenor of the speeches was a sort of jubilate which seemed to me a reflection of the enthusiasm of the committee of management especially the chairman, P. C. James G. Wilson, who is the right man in the right place.

I must compliment the Brethren on their musical programme. It was an agreeable surprise and leads me to the thought we must try and improve the music in our lodge rooms—but more of this later. The only regret I felt was that I had no opportunity of seeing any Rank Work.

MARMION NO. 15.

I reached home on Saturday, rested on Sunday, and started off on Monday the 27th to visit Marmion Lodge No. 15, Chatham. Imagine my surprise when I arrived in the city at 4.30 to find the Lodge in session waiting for me to instal the officers. With the aid of our distinguished P. G. C's, Bros. P. D. McKellar and W. E. Rispen, we did this admirably and so made it possible to devote the whole evening to pleasure. As I passed through Chatham on my way to Wallaceburg my visits enabled me to know my Marmion Brothers pretty well, and I therefore felt quite at home. The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by the visit of a dozen or more of the Wallaceburg boys and a number of prominent citizens. The program was of the free-and-easy sort and therefore very enjoyable. The chair was taken by the newly-installed C. C. Bro. O. L. Lewis, who proved a host in himself. I must also mention Bro. Massey, the retiring C. C. It pleased me to see the respect shown him by all members of his Lodge. He appears to have been the mainstay during his year of office, and I am glad to add my tribute of praise. He accompanied me on one of my visits to Rokeby, and I found him a gentleman in every sense of the word. We exemplified the Secret Work and told the story of Damon and Pythias, with lantern slides, which pleased everybody. Marmion has a good staff for '99, and I hope to hear of renewed prosperity.

LONDON LODGES.

My next visit was to London on April 13, '99, when Myrtle No. 2, Prospect No. 10, and Columbian No. 37, combined in giving me a grand reception. Being so near home I may say the fraternal feelings between London and St. Thomas is of the very best, therefore we were on good terms at once.

The first rank was exemplified in first-class style, and I must not forget the use of the lantern and its brilliant light of acetylene gas. The whole outfit showed a degree of enterprise quite worthy the Forest City.

It is always a pleasure to renew acquaintance with such brothers as P. G. C's Fitzgerald and Ironside. The former is my Deputy and right hand man. Whatever Bro. Fitzgerald undertakes is done well. He presided at the supper and kept things moving in fine style. The hilarity was modified somewhat by the death of a Brother Knight.

HAMILTON.

April 24th I visited the Ambitious City—Hamilton—accompanied by G. V. C. McKay, G. K. R. & S. Haynes, G. M. E. Macleod, P. C. Domville, of St. Thomas, and C. C. Forbes, of Woodstock. Like Toronto and London the Lodges combined and made an imposing gathering—Red Cross No. 3 and Bismarck No. 31. These have both large memberships, and the busy hum of enthusiastic Knights was sweet music to our ears as we entered the Castle Hall. In view of all I saw and heard I consider it the most important Lodge rally in the domain. Bismarck brethren exemplified the First Rank, and if we excuse the little flurry of excitement caused, no doubt, by the presence of so many Grand^oLodge officers, the work was well done. Red Cross No 3 undertook to show us how the Third Rank should be done, and it was a good object lesson for all. I have always heard No. 3 spoken of as the banner Lodge in Third Rank work and I took more than ordinary interest in it. Certainly I have never seen or heard a better senate, but outside of this Red Cross must look to its laurels, for St. Thomas and London press them very close on the general round-up. I was pleased to see the lantern slides used in both Ranks, which added attractions for the eye as well as ear. Refreshments were served and the usual good time indulged in, as must always be the case when such Pythians as Jno Burns, D. J. Peace, A. R. Whyte, J. Chapman, H. Carscallen, M. P. P., R. C. Pettigrew, Burkholder, Ramsberger, Harry Morris and M. Meston are present. A pleasant feature during the evening was the presentation of a P. C's jewel to Bro. F. B. Bennett, the youngest Past Chancellor in Ontario.

A second visit to Woodstock on May 10th brought my visiting list to a close, except one to Niagara Falls, which I have refrained from mentioning until the last.

NIAGARA FALLS.

The story of Rainbow Lodge No. 49 is sad and deplorable and is the one blot upon our shield during the year. To make it clear I must begin at the beginning.

On October 19th, I received a telegram from Bro. Meston of Hamilton, who was then at the Falls. "Serious difficulty in Lodge here, come first train, am waiting answer." As I had arranged to be in Wallaceburg next day, it was impossible so answered accordingly. On my return from the West we talked over the phone and arranged a time for my visit; but a telegram from D. D. Delcomyn asked me to postpone it a week as a meeting could not be arranged. In the meantime I did my best to find out the trouble and its cause. The following extract from a letter dated October 25, '98, signed by F. W. Griffiths, Barrister, will give an idea of the state of affairs.

" NIAGARA FALLS DIFFICULTY.

* * * "Mr. Delcomyn, the local organizer, has made use of lodge funds to the amount of \$160. A few other members are short a few dollars, but this is the result of negligence in bookkeeping, not dishonesty. The total shortage is about \$220. Members are back in their dues \$123. Every cent of this will be willingly paid in if the members see any chance of the lodge surviving the Delcomyn raid. With all moneys collected in, the lodge would be on an excellent financial footing. Mr. Meston and I have agreed with Delcomyn to accept \$150 and release him. A note properly endorsed will be accepted and I think in a few days Delcomyn will succeed in doing this.

"Your presence in Niagara Falls will be of vast benefit at this particular time. A little encouragement and advice would put the members in real touch with the order and be of benefit to the new officers. The lodge affairs have not been carried on in a business like manner," etc., etc. * * * * *

After some further correspondence I started for Niagara Falls and found arrangements made for a meeting in Griffiths' office. We waited an hour and three members showed up and it was evident to me that there was no interest taken. However, we had an informal meeting, when it developed that Lawyer Griffiths was appointed by the Lodge to bring about a settlement by law or otherwise. He did not hesitate to tell Delcomyn what he thought of him, even threatened arrest for embezzlement. Finding we could do nothing with so small a meeting we started out to call on some of the members, which seemed rather to increase the difficulties. However, before leaving the office Delcomyn admitted owing the order \$19.75, but since everybody thought differently he offered to give his note for the amount claimed, which we agreed to accept if satisfactorily endorsed. With this understanding we separated.

I spent the night talking with Delcomyn, went through all his memorandums and tried in every possible way to see some solution. Next morning I visited the Lodge-room in company with Clark K. of R. and S. and Delcomyn. There I was shown the extravagances in furnishing. I examined the books and made every enquiry concerning the finances, and my conclusions were as follows:

The M. of F. held some money but he did not know how much. The M. of E. never kept a book but put his vouchers in his pocket book. He had recently been burnt out and many of his papers were lost and he could not say how he stood.

Delcomyn owed \$19.75 which he was willing to pay, but a majority of the members said the amount was \$160. He never kept any books and knew nothing of business; was depending on remittances from his people in England and Denmark for his living.

After looking over the whole matter, I could not put my finger on a single solitary transaction that was regular or in order. To make a long story as short as possible: Delcomyn could not get his note endorsed and I left feeling doubtful as to results. Finally, after lapse of some weeks and much correspondence, Delcomyn was arrested, Lodge effects seized, Grand Lodge threatened with law suits, to all of which I had to give some attention. The end came when I asked Bros. J. P. Macleod, G. M. of E. and Bro. Walter Haynes, G. K. of R. & S. to attend a sale, which they did and bought in our paraphernalia. Thus endeth one of the unpleasant episodes in our history.

CONSOLIDATION.

January 3, '99. I signed papers for the amalgamation of Prospect No. 10 and Mizpah No. 22, to be known as Prospect No. 10.

Following the custom of my predecessors I did not visit the distant Lodges in Algoma, and the far north, because of the great expense.

SUGGESTIONS.

Every Grand Chancellor has had some suggestions to offer, but I must say frankly I am without any that I consider of value.

CHARTER ON VIEW.

Along the line of present improvement I would advise every subordinate Lodge to have its Charter nicely framed and hung in the Lodge-room, for strange as it may appear, I have on more than one occasion, had to draw attention to absence of Charter or warrant; without them Lodge meetings are illegal.

MUSIC.

I would also plead for better music at our meetings, especially the singing of chant in Page Rank. It is impressive when well done, and if four would agree to stand by the organ or piano they could accomplish much. There should be an effort made in all our Lodges to have better and more music.

LANTERN AND SLIDES.

I strongly advise the use of lantern and slides in Rank work, and I hope all will get them. This can be made a strong attraction in the Lodge-room, for in these days of kodaks and cameras, one or two active members can make slides that afford amusement and pleasure besides developing a taste for art and benefiting the Order. My motto would be, "Make meetings interesting and profitable."

I have advocated the Endowment Rank on every occasion, at all gatherings, and hope the record will show a large increase in the membership of this important branch of our Order.

Attention is drawn to the unveiling and dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Justus H. Rathbone, founder of the Order. This will take place at Utica, N. Y., Wednesday, July 25, '97, upon the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York. The monument has cost \$11,500; the cemetery authorities have donated a lot one hundred feet square overlooking the beautiful Genesee Valley, and there the memorial stands. Arrangements for reduced railroad fares will be made, and a suitable programme has been arranged.

ORGANIZER.

In December last I negotiated with a gentleman named Hawthorne to enter the field as organizer, on the following terms:—He to have the authority of the G. L. for his work, without salary, his remuneration to come from each subordinate lodge for whom he worked. For example: Suppose he came to Rathbone No. 12. Our initiation fee for three Ranks is \$15. For every candidate he brought in we would pay him \$5, and where the fee was less, his share to be in proportion, or whatever amount was mutually agreed upon. I further stipulated that each Lodge should furnish him with a list of names that were considered desirable for membership, or that he should submit names to a committee appointed for the purpose. This would safeguard the Order and prevent misunderstandings. To this he agreed, and I was to consult my executive brothers as opportunity offered. After doing so, early in January, I wrote him that I was prepared to carry out our proposition, but up to the present he has not answered my letter. However, this may serve as a basis of introduction, and lend a practical aspect to this question, "Shall we have an organizer?"

THE ALTERNATIVE.

That the sum of \$20 (twenty dollars) be paid to any member or ex-member of our Order who may institute a Lodge in any place in Ontario, the charter list to contain at least twenty names; this amount to be paid out of the charter fee of sixty-five dollars, leaving the balance of forty-five dollars for the supplies and charter.

This is only a suggestion but perhaps worthy of your attention. As you are aware, we are badly handicapped as regards other fraternal societies in the matter of organization. There are several towns and cities in Ontario where Pythianism should exist, but for want of some Brother, who, perhaps very properly, cannot devote his time to starting a Lodge unless some remuneration is forthcoming we cannot plant our tri-colored banner.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion let me draw your thoughts and inventive powers to the SUPREME LODGE SESSION IN DETROIT IN AUGUST 1900.

I have mentioned to the subordinate Lodges that this would come before Grand Lodge for consideration. How shall we turn this opportunity to our advantage? I have thought of advocating a grand rally for Ontario in the city of Windsor, and in a body join our American brethren in the Uniform Rank parade. Then comes the question of uniform. We were much pleased in Indianapolis to see a white linen or duck suit generally adopted, with such variations as hats, canes and umbrellas would allow. If we could devise something inexpensive, yet similar, with our National flag to the front, it would serve as a mark of distinction. For instance, suppose we say white coat and pants and a vest made out of a Union Jack? But here is where I ask for your inventive genius to come in. Think it over.

Of course every effort must be made to get low rates or excursions on the railways, and if we can induce our brethren to see this Supreme Conclave and Encampment I have no fear for our future growth. Enthusiasm is catching and our Grand Domain will glow with new life and vigor if we can only turn this opportunity to our account.

This new departure of having our Grand Lodge Reports distributed before the session will I hope be appreciated, and I trust the Supreme Ruler of the universe will permit us all to meet in our 29th session with Friendship for all, with Charity for the weak and erring, doing honor to our Order.

I must again refer to the kindness and courtesy of my Grand Lodge Brethren and to the royal receptions given me by the subordinate Lodges.

I am deeply grateful for the high honor conferred on me and in return can say I have done my best.

Yours in F. C. B.,

W. H. MURCH,

Grand Chancellor.



REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS
AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

TORONTO, JUNE 1st., 1899.

P. P. XXXVI.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ontario:

Brethren,—I herewith present the twenty-seventh annual report of the affairs of this Grand Lodge, and the first submitted to you, as incumbent of this office, which you so graciously bestowed upon me at our last Convention, and take this opportunity of thanking the members of this august body for the honor bestowed and the trust reposed in me.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

What I state in this report, regarding the present membership, will not astonish very many of our brethren, as I confidently believe the majority already are aware of the dormant condition of the Order as it existed prior to my installation of office. The reports of the last three or four years suggest prosperity, but no increase had been really accomplished. Lodges, that had paid no Capitation Tax into Grand Lodge for some years, were still included in our numerical strength, and so long as Grand Lodge had only to pay an amount to the Supreme Lodge according to Supreme Representation, we could well afford to carry these delinquent Lodges, but recent changes in the Supreme Constitution imposed immediate action.

At the Supreme Convention in 1898 it was enacted, that the revenue of the Supreme Lodge should not as formerly be principally derived from the sale of supplies, but that a Capitation Tax be levied upon all Grand Domains, amounting to 8c. per capita, per annum, for each member in good standing on the 31st day of December next preceding. This being the case, it was necessary to take such steps as would bring these Lodges again in good standing, or call in their Charters. Every inducement was offered to them, but there being no possible chance of resuscitation, they were closed up, and paraphernalia, books, etc., ordered to be sent in to this office. Some of the Lodges have already done so, and as soon as portions of the paraphernalia can be disposed of, to make room for the balance, the rest will be attended to.

It will, however, be our great effort to start these Lodges again, and from present appearances the chances are encouraging, but it will have to be with new members.

The following Lodges have paid no Capitation Taxes to Grand Lodge since the time specified:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Ivanhoe Lodge No. 4, Toronto..... | December, 1895 |
| Crusader Lodge No. 5, Port Arthur..... | " 1896 |
| Aurora Lodge No. 13, Fort William..... | " 1896 |
| Meniss Lodge No. 19, Chapleau..... | " 1895 |
| Perseverance Lodge No. 23, St. Catharines..... | " 1895 |
| Dufferin Lodge No. 28, Smith's Falls.. | " 1896 |
| Inglewood Lodge No. 29, Owen Sound..... | " 1895 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Syracuse Lodge, No. 39, W. Toronto Junction..... | June, 1895 |
| Johnston Lodge No. 40, Sarnia..... | December, 1896 |
| Trafalgar Lodge No. 43, Guelph..... | June, 1895 |
| Victoria Lodge No. 44, Berlin..... | December, 1897 |
| Napanee Lodge No. 46, Napanee..... | " 1895 |

CONSOLIDATION.

Mizpah No. 22, London, and Prospect No. 10, London, have consolidated under the name of Prospect Lodge No. 10.

RAINBOW LODGE NO. 49.

The Charter of Rainbow Lodge No. 49, Niagara Falls, was surrendered this year, on account of their funds being misappropriated, and paraphernalia, etc., being seized by the landlord for unpaid rent.

GRAND LODGE SESSION.

The Grand Lodge Executive have accordingly deemed it necessary to select another place to hold the Grand Lodge Session, and have chosen the city of London, not so much for the invitation extended to us by the combined Lodges in that city, but more especially on account of it being the most central. The Grand Executive, however, fully appreciates the kindness of the London Lodges for the courteous manner in which they have asked us to visit them.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS.

It has been my effort to have the Executive Reports in the hands of the subordinate Lodges, prior to meeting of Grand Lodge, so that the representatives may know something of the suggestions or questions embraced therein, and thus be in a position to fully discuss and act upon same, when the proper time arrives.

This has been accomplished, thanks to the help of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Master of Exchequer, and I hope this small effort will be appreciated.

FINANCES.

It is also a matter for congratulation that the amount of funds on hand, in Grand Lodge at the present time, is larger than it has been for some years. The effort to increase the sale of supplies, etc., and the closing of the debit accounts of subordinate Lodges have been chiefly the measure of success.

NEW PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

A new price list of supplies has been recently issued, and the attention of some of the subordinate Lodges is drawn to the Grand Lodge Statutes, Chap. 4, Section 30, which prohibits the purchase of such supplies, embodied in the price list, from any source other than the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Please do not forget this.

THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

Thanks are extended to the editors of the different Pythian publications for kindly forwarding same to this office. After being carefully perused, they have been distributed around, and trust that from the seed sown some harvest may have been garnered.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Endowment Rank, in the hands of Past Chancellor Robertson, has made remarkable progress since our last Convention. Several Sections have been formed and the benefit of same brought more fully to the notice of our Lodges. It has now got "a-going," and so long as Bro. Robertson interests himself in this, the premier branch of our Order, it is bound to go ahead.

Brother Robertson, who is now the accredited agent for the Endowment Rank in Ontario, has been asked to address a few words to the members, in our reports, and I have great pleasure in inserting them, knowing it to be for the good and welfare of the order.

FINALE.

Every Lodge now on our Roster is a good and lively one. The membership is increasing, more interest is being taken in the beautiful ritualistic work, and I have sufficient faith in our grand Order (now that the dead limbs have been cut away, no longer hampering the trunk) that new life will be infused into this prolific tree, that bears the golden fruit of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

FINANCES OF GRAND LODGE.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on hand May 31, 1898..... | \$ 114 44 |
| Received from all sources during the fiscal year | 1,409 60 |
| ..... | 1524 04 |
| Total Disbursements..... | <u>978 30</u> |
| Balance on hand May 31, 1899..... | <u>\$545 74</u> |

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Renewal of Registry with Ontario Government..... | \$ 25 00 |
| Rent of G. L. Room from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1898..... | 60 00 |
| Expenses of Grand Chancellor Ironside..... | 7 25 |
| Postage, etc., G. M. Ex., D. J. Peace..... | 6 82 |
| Expenses of G. L. Convention, 1898..... | 300 50 |
| Caretaker of Woodstock Court House..... | 5 00 |
| Express, Duty, Postage, Insurance..... | 86 11 |
| Supplies from Supreme Lodge..... | 89 60 |
| Salary G. K. R. S., G. H. Mitchell..... | 37 50 |
| Printing Official Record | 109 30 |
| Sundry Printing..... | 15 50 |
| Salary G. K. R. S., W. Haynes..... | 150 00 |
| Guarantee Bond, G. M. Ex | 5 00 |
| Supplies | 34 20 |
| Supreme Lodge Capitation Tax..... | <u>46 52</u> |
| | \$978 30 |

My vouchers for these will show the transactions.

Accompanying this report are statements showing the totals of the debit and credit sides of all accounts in the ledger and the balances May 31st, 1899, the profit and loss, and our assets and liabilities, also statement of the membership and finances of the subordinate Lodges for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.

Faternally submitted,

Walter G. Haynes

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

STATEMENT

Showing the totals of the Debit and Credit sides of all accounts in the Ledger,
and the balances, May 31st, 1899.

| Folio | ACCOUNTS | Face of Ledger. | | Balances May 31st, 1899. | |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. |
| 1 | Stock | | | | |
| 4 | Cash | | \$1017 23 | | \$1017 23 |
| 19 | Supplies | \$1524 04 | 978 30 | \$ 545 74 | |
| 51 | Mdse. Expenses | 598 99 | 161 15 | 437 84 | |
| 61 | Per Capita Tax | 888 70 | 888 70 | | |
| 80 | Profit and Loss | 1154 50 | 1154 50 | | |
| 92 | R. Ironside | 1456 80 | 1456 80 | | |
| 94 | Supreme Lodge | 1 25 | | 1 25 | |
| 101 | Mystic Lodge | 136 12 | 136 12 | | |
| 107 | Myrtle " | 69 28 | 57 28 | 12 00 | |
| 112 | Red Cross " | 80 00 | 80 00 | | |
| 126 | Rokeby " | 141 75 | 141 75 | | |
| 130 | Prospect " | 58 05 | 58 05 | | |
| 134 | Algoma " | 101 15 | 101 15 | | |
| 138 | Rathbone " | 67 00 | 67 00 | | |
| 146 | Olive " | 82 35 | 82 35 | | |
| 150 | Marmion " | 55 65 | 54 25 | 1 40 | |
| 155 | Friendship " | 36 30 | 35 80 | 50 | |
| 158 | Petrolia " | 109 30 | 108 30 | 1 00 | |
| 162 | Queen City " | 72 75 | 71 50 | 1 25 | |
| 171 | Amicus " | 61 44 | 61 44 | | |
| 172 | Mizpah " | 82 68 | 69 93 | 12 75 | |
| 193 | Toronto " | 77 25 | 77 25 | | |
| 196 | Bismarck " | 135 25 | 133 25 | 2 00. | |
| 208 | Calanthe " | 48 50 | 49 50 | | 1 00 |
| 210 | Columbia " | 35 00 | 32 50 | 2 50 | |
| 220 | Hamlet " | 39 79 | 39 79 | | |
| 226 | Woodstock " | 34 00 | 34 00 | | |
| | | 56 00 | 56 00 | | |
| | | \$7203 89 | \$7203 89 | \$1018 23 | \$1018 23 |

| DR. | | PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT | | | | CR. | |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|----|-------|--------------------------|------|----|
| FOLIO | | | | FOLIO | | | |
| 51 | Mdse Expenses..... | 888 | c. | | Supplies | \$ | c. |
| 1 | Stock..... | 162 | 70 | 19 | G. L. Tax | 215 | 44 |
| 118 | Ivanhoe Lodge..... | 51 | 45 | 61 | Perseverance Lodge | 1154 | 50 |
| 122 | Crusader "..... | 7 | 75 | 176 | Dufferin Lodge..... | 26 | 95 |
| 126 | Rokeby "..... | 41 | 30 | 184 | Johnston Lodge..... | 44 | 00 |
| 142 | Aurora "..... | 78 | 00 | 216 | Napanee Lodge..... | 13 | 30 |
| 166 | Meniss "..... | 58 | 35 | 228 | Renwick Lodge..... | 2 | 21 |
| 186 | Inglewood "..... | 23 | 53 | 230 | | | |
| 212 | Galt "..... | | 15 | | | | |
| 214 | Syracuse "..... | 8 | 95 | | | | |
| 222 | Trafalgar "..... | 44 | 38 | | | | |
| 224 | Victoria "..... | 31 | 30 | | | | |
| 226 | Woodstock "..... | 13 | 50 | | | | |
| 234 | Rainbow "..... | 46 | 75 | | | | |
| | | 1456 | 80 | | | 1456 | 80 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

| FOLIO | ASSETS | | | FOLIO | LIABILITIES | | |
|-------|-----------------------|------|----|-------|---------------------|------|----|
| D.B. | | \$ | c. | | | \$ | c. |
| 289 | Stock on hand..... | 438 | 84 | 196 | Bismarck Lodge..... | 1 | 00 |
| Lgr. | | | | 1 | By Stock | 1017 | 23 |
| 4 | Cash on hand..... | 545 | 74 | | | | |
| 92 | R. Ironside..... | 1 | 25 | | | | |
| 101 | Mystic Lodge..... | 12 | 00 | | | | |
| 146 | Olive Lodge..... | 1 | 40 | | | | |
| 150 | Marmion Lodge..... | 1 | 50 | | | | |
| 155 | Friendship Lodge..... | 1 | 00 | | | | |
| 159 | Petroha Lodge..... | 1 | 25 | | | | |
| 171 | Amicus Lodge..... | 12 | 75 | | | | |
| 193 | Toronto Lodge..... | 2 | 00 | | | | |
| 208 | Calanthe Lodge..... | 2 | 50 | | | | |
| | | 1018 | 23 | | | 1018 | 23 |

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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO

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MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|------|
| Number of members, Jan. 1st, 1898 | 1699 |
| Initiated during the year | 65 |
| Admitted by card | 9 |
| Reinstated | 46 |
| Total | 1819 |

From which deduct:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Withdrawn during the year | 15 |
| Suspended | 202 |
| " through surrender of charters | 437 |
| Died | 10 664 |
| Total number of members Dec. 31, '98. | 1155 |

RANK

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Past Grand Chancellors | 14 |
| Past Chancellors | 175 |
| Knights | 953 |
| Esquires | 9 |
| Pages | 4 |
| Total as above | 1155 |
| Rejected during the year | 3 |

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

RECEIPTS:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance, Dec. 31, 1897 | \$13478 83 | |
| Received from all sources during the year | 8910 58 | \$22389 41 |

EXPENDITURE

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Expended for relief | \$3137 33 | |
| " other purposes | 4166 47 | 7303 80 |
| Balance, Dec. 31, 1898 | | \$15085 61 |

ASSETS

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Benefit Fund | \$11002 42 |
| General Fund | 1672 60 |
| Lodge property | 5164 00 |
| Paraphernalia | 4104 77 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 21943 79 |
| | 136 85 |
| Net Assets, Dec. 31, 1898 | \$21806 94 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1898.

| LODGE | No. | BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1898 | | | | | | Disbursements | Receipts | Balance Dec. 31, 97 | Total | Lodge Furniture | Paraphernalia | Total | Liabilities | Net Assets |
|------------|-----|---------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| | | Benefit Fund | General Fund | Total | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mystic | 1 | 181 94 | 84 72 | 29 24 | 114 14 | 1901 25 | 333 63 | 277 28 | 181 94 | 2165 39 | 150 00 | 150 00 | 2165 39 | | 2165 39 | |
| Myrtle | 2 | 410 97 | 298 67 | 117 95 | 416 62 | 400 00 | 744 08 | 749 73 | 410 97 | 1036 62 | 220 00 | 220 00 | 1036 62 | | 1036 62 | |
| Red Cross | 3 | 2295 76 | 2351 24 | 524 04 | 2875 28 | 400 00 | 632 29 | 1211 79 | 2295 76 | 3475 28 | 600 00 | 600 00 | 3475 28 | | 3475 28 | |
| Rokeby | 9 | 101 25 | 24 00 | 54 45 | 77 25 | 875 00 | 24 00 | 101 25 | 101 25 | 177 25 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 177 25 | | 177 25 | |
| St. Andrew | 10 | 352 52 | 468 87 | 50 15 | 459 32 | 175 00 | 436 01 | 212 49 | 352 52 | 1473 32 | 140 00 | 140 00 | 1473 32 | | 1473 32 | |
| Algonia | 11 | 1144 73 | 1274 54 | 111 41 | 1380 91 | 20 00 | 436 01 | 212 49 | 1144 73 | 2722 97 | 125 00 | 125 00 | 2722 97 | 6 06 | 1467 26 | |
| Rathbone | 12 | 1144 73 | 1274 54 | 111 41 | 1380 91 | 20 00 | 436 01 | 212 49 | 1144 73 | 1906 15 | 168 55 | 168 55 | 1906 15 | | 1906 15 | |
| Olive | 14 | 4900 97 | 253 05 | 150 10 | 666 02 | 100 00 | 78 00 | 253 05 | 4900 97 | 654 57 | 90 00 | 90 00 | 654 57 | | 654 57 | |
| Marmion | 15 | 652 75 | 522 81 | 17 02 | 540 73 | 60 00 | 143 25 | 162 45 | 652 75 | 1848 81 | 250 00 | 250 00 | 1848 81 | | 1848 81 | |
| Friendship | 16 | 762 41 | 732 07 | 103 64 | 896 31 | 752 50 | 420 42 | 563 32 | 762 41 | 1146 85 | 300 00 | 300 00 | 1146 85 | | 1146 85 | |
| Petrolia | 17 | 625 84 | 502 65 | 30 81 | 546 85 | 350 00 | 581 64 | 502 65 | 625 84 | 683 39 | 300 00 | 300 00 | 683 39 | 30 00 | 653 39 | |
| Queen City | 18 | 591 50 | 424 73 | 52 54 | 645 39 | 38 00 | 370 84 | 424 73 | 591 50 | 539 67 | 258 85 | 258 85 | 539 67 | | 539 67 | |
| Amicus | 20 | 121 38 | 487 55 | 204 54 | 239 67 | 38 00 | 369 26 | 487 55 | 121 38 | 940 91 | 480 00 | 480 00 | 940 91 | | 940 91 | |
| Mirpath | 22 | 413 63 | 694 86 | 44 58 | 348 11 | 333 95 | 694 86 | 694 86 | 413 63 | 2025 77 | 480 00 | 480 00 | 2025 77 | | 2025 77 | |
| Toronto | 30 | 1358 53 | 739 10 | 100 42 | 1545 77 | 551 86 | 739 10 | 739 10 | 1358 53 | 510 08 | 510 08 | 510 08 | 510 08 | | 510 08 | |
| Berkshire | 31 | 493 46 | 428 74 | 48 78 | 385 58 | 338 00 | 428 74 | 493 46 | 493 46 | 535 98 | 216 85 | 216 85 | 535 98 | | 535 98 | |
| Columbiana | 34 | 393 46 | 137 79 | 66 43 | 362 03 | 338 00 | 137 79 | 393 46 | 393 46 | 432 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 432 00 | | 432 00 | |
| Columbian | 37 | 315 41 | 237 73 | 211 11 | 186 62 | 186 62 | 237 73 | 315 41 | 315 41 | 316 74 | 316 74 | 316 74 | 316 74 | | 316 74 | |
| Hamlet | 42 | 76 57 | 227 78 | 115 80 | 70 93 | 38 97 | 117 73 | 227 78 | 76 57 | 326 31 | 108 09 | 108 09 | 326 31 | 17 00 | 295 74 | |
| Woodstock | 45 | 174 06 | 161 62 | 122 30 | 218 31 | 179 34 | 161 62 | 174 06 | 174 06 | 218 31 | 108 09 | 108 09 | 218 31 | | 218 31 | |
| | | 11195 21 | 8910 58 | 1672 60 | 12675 02 | 5164 00 | 7142 15 | 8910 58 | 11195 21 | 21943 79 | 4104 77 | 4104 77 | 21943 79 | 136 85 | 21806 94 | |

ROSTER OF LODGES 1899

| Lodge | No. | Location | Nights of Meeting | CASTLE HALL. | Chanc'l Commander | P. O. Address. | K. of R. and S. | P. O. Address |
|------------|-----|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Mystic | 1 | Toronto | 2 and 4 Tuesday | Pythian Hall | Frank Edmand | 915 King St. W. | Chas. Beverall | 39 Denison Ave. |
| Martie | 2 | London | Every Tuesday | Albion Block | J. C. Park | Dundas St. E. | M. E. Brown | 249 Oxford St. |
| Red Cross | 3 | Hamilton | Every Monday | 28 John St. N. | C. E. Burkholder | Box 199 | Thos. Pedler | 219 Main St. E. |
| Rocky | 9 | Wallaceburg | Wednesday | Cor. James & Nelson Sts. | E. E. Parker | London | D. W. Stonehouse | Wallaceburg |
| Prospect | 10 | London | Monday | Dundas & Clarence Sts. | John Sholdice | | | |
| Alzoma | 11 | Sault Ste. Marie | | Dawson Block | C. V. Campbell | | | |
| Sabbathone | 12 | St. Thomas | Tuesday | Talbot St. West | Hy. Roe | Sault Ste. Marie | Wm. G. Hunter | 200 Hamilton Road |
| Divine | 14 | Bruce Mines | 2 and 4 Wednesday | Crawford St. | O. L. Lewis | Bruce Mines | St. Thomas | P. O. Box 264 |
| Harmon | 15 | Chatham | Every Monday | King & Scott Sts. | Harry Cullis | Chatham | W. H. Wickett | St. Thomas |
| Trendship | 16 | Windsor | 1 and 3 Monday | McMillan Block | Adam J. Wagmen | Windsor P. O. | P. S. Coate | Bruce Mines |
| Petrolia | 17 | Petrolia | Wednesday | Pythian Hall | A. E. Fitzgerald | Petrolia | W. J. Tomlinson | Chatham |
| Amicus | 20 | Toronto | Tuesday | No. 5 Sandwich St. | W. Stevens | Toronto P. O. | Bruce Dunlop | P. O. Box 203 |
| Queen City | 29 | Toronto | Thursday | St. George's Hall, Elm St. | W. J. Stewart | 55 Front St. W. | W. J. Egan | 265 Yonge St. |
| Toronto | 30 | Toronto | Every Friday | Temple Building | B. D. Humphrey | 321 Yonge St. | W. G. Harries | 250 Major St. |
| Bismarck | 31 | Hamilton | 2 and 4 Thursday | No. 44 Market St. | C. Schunbacher | 8 Florence St. | H. Albert Tippel | P. O. Box 583 |
| Bismarck | 35 | Hamilton | 2 and 3 | 799 1/2 Dundas St. | W. M. Goshoot | Brantford | Col. Sergt. D. Cranston | 224 King St. E. |
| Calantha | 37 | London | Every Wednesday | Market Square | Geo. Forbes | 639 Queen's Ave | Chas. B. Heath | 125 Colborne St. |
| Columbian | 37 | London | 2 and 4 | A. O. F. Hall | Jas. Forbes | Woodstock | C. A. Abraham | Wolsley Barracks |
| Hamlet | 42 | Strafford | | | | | | P. O. Box 415 |
| Woodstock | 45 | Woodstock | | | | | | Woodstock |

ENDOWMENT RANK.

HAS YOUR LODGE A SECTION?

Brethren—How to extend the Order in Ontario has been discussed year after year by our Grand Lodge representatives, and, with the exception of bringing in nicely worded reports, nothing is done, and the Order remains at a standstill. Other Orders are planting Lodges in nearly every little hamlet in Ontario, and the Knights of Pythias, with the finest ritualistic ceremonies in the world, and the best fraternal insurance in existence, is almost forced to take a back seat among other fraternal organizations in this Province, in the way of membership.

My object in writing this special article is to show to the members of the Order, through our Grand Lodge representatives, how we can build up the Order in our Domain—both in the way of new Lodges, which means new members and increased interest all around, and at the same time retaining our present members,—by a more active policy in regard to the Endowment Rank, both on the part of our Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge Officers. Unless we make known the fact that we insure our members at actual cost of insurance,—divided for convenience into fixed monthly payments, determined by the applicant's age at time of obtaining membership—we can never hope to place the Order in the position it should occupy in this Province. The Lodges without sections are practically cutting their own throats and are neglecting the means of providing an extra inducement to many a desirable candidate, who wants to provide for his family and those dependent upon him, and is forced to forfeit the social advantages of the Knights of Pythias and join a purely insurance order, because the Lodges throughout the Order are not doing their duty.

Fraternal insurance has come to stay, notwithstanding what is being said by interested parties to the contrary, and any Order that is paying nearly \$300,000 quarterly in death claims, and has paid in the past the vast sum of \$13,320,776, as the Knights of Pythias have done, need not be ashamed of its record.

Lodges without sections should take the matter up at once and I will be pleased to supply any brother at any time with full information as to rates, &c., our strong financial positions, or any other particulars that may be desired.

PAST CHANCELLOR, W. J. ROBERTSON,

201 Bleecker St., Toronto.

General Organizer for Ontario.

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

I herewith submit for your consideration the report of this office for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1899.

Yours in F. C. and B.

J. P. MACLEOD, G. M. E.

RECEIPTS.

| DATE. | NAME OF LODGE. | No. | Cap. Tax. | Supplies. |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 1898 | Balance from last term..... | | | 114 44 |
| June 29 | Toronto..... | 30 | \$57 50 | |
| July 6 | Prospect..... | 10 | 27 50 | |
| " 8 | Marmion..... | 15 | | \$ 30 |
| " 8 | Queen City..... | 18 | 28 00 | |
| " 8 | Olive..... | 14 | 19 75 | |
| " 8 | Columbian..... | 37 | 19 00 | |
| " 9 | Myrtle..... | 2 | 35 50 | |
| " 9 | Bismarck..... | 31 | 25 00 | |
| " 11 | Red Cross..... | 3 | 63 50 | |
| " 11 | Woodstock..... | 45 | 15 00 | |
| " 12 | Amicus..... | 20 | 33 50 | |
| " 12 | Prospect..... | 10 | | 41 00 |
| " 18 | Rathbone..... | 12 | | 1 50 |
| " 18 | Petrolea..... | 17 | 35 50 | |
| " 18 | Algoma..... | 11 | | 1 50 |
| " 22 | Mizpah..... | 22 | 16 50 | |
| " 27 | Hamlet..... | 42 | 37 00 | |
| " 27 | Hamlet..... | 42 | 16 00 | |
| Aug. 3 | Friendship..... | 16 | | 1 00 |
| " 4 | Algoma..... | 11 | 54 00 | |
| " 17 | Bro. S. E. Hall, Grand Lodge Card | | | 1 25 |
| " 31 | Myrtle..... | 2 | | 2 00 |
| Sept 19 | Queen City..... | 18 | 50 | 2 50 |
| " 19 | Bro. W. G. Gerald, Grand Lodge Card | | | 6 00 |
| " 29 | Mystic..... | 1 | | 2 00 |
| " 31 | Myrtle..... | 2 | 21 00 | |
| Oct. 3 | Prospect..... | 10 | | 1 75 |
| " 3 | Toronto..... | 30 | | 50 |
| " 4 | Petrolea..... | 17 | | 50 |
| " 11 | Renwick..... | 47 | 35 00 | |
| " 11 | Toronto..... | 30 | | 3 71 |
| " 11 | Bro. W. A. Elliott, Grand Lodge Card | | | 75 |
| " 27 | Calanthe..... | 36 | | 2 00 |
| Nov. 2 | Marmion..... | 15 | 18 50 | |
| " 15 | Columbian..... | 37 | 17 50 | |
| " 15 | Mystic..... | 1 | | 1 50 |
| " 15 | Rathbone..... | 12 | | 11 03 |
| " 18 | Red Cross..... | 3 | | 1 50 |
| " 19 | Prospect..... | 10 | | 5 75 |
| " 19 | Mizpah..... | 22 | | 3 65 |
| " 28 | Friendship..... | 16 | | 1 50 |
| Dec. 10 | Queen City..... | 18 | | 1 00 |
| " 12 | Friendship..... | 16 | | 2 44 |
| " 14 | Myrtle..... | 2 | | 80 |
| " 14 | Mystic..... | 1 | | 1 00 |
| " 15 | Rathbone..... | 12 | | 1 00 |
| | | | | 6 85 |

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|--------|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1899 | | | |
| Jan. | 3—Algoma | 11 | 17 00 |
| " | 3—Toronto | 30 | 53 50 |
| " | 3—Mystic | 1 | 22 00 |
| " | 3—Mizpah | 22 | 50 |
| " | 3—Myrtle | 2 | 36 50 |
| " | 6—Prospect | 10 | 27 00 |
| " | 6—Mizpah | 22 | 35 50 |
| " | 7—Red Cross | 3 | 68 00 |
| " | 7—Queen City | 18 | 25 00 |
| " | 9—Rokeby | 9 | 14 50 |
| " | 9—Bismarck | 31 | 23 00 |
| " | 14—Amicus | 20 | 30 50 |
| " | 19—Olive | 14 | 20 00 |
| " | 20—Woodstock | 45 | 15 50 |
| " | 23—Rathbone | 12 | 36 50 |
| " | 25—Toronto | 30 | 75 |
| " | 25—Columbian | 27 | 17 50 |
| " | 25—Rokeby | 9 | 1 79 |
| " | 25—Mystic | 1 | 1 75 |
| " | 26—Friendship | 16 | 50 |
| " | 27—Hamlet | 42 | 17 00 |
| " | 31—Olive | 14 | 3 35 |
| " | 31—Algoma | 11 | 4 35 |
| Feb. | 11—Petrolia | 17 | 35 00 |
| " | 22—Red Cross | 3 | 4 50 |
| Mar. | 3—Marmion | 15 | 18 00 |
| " | 3—Toronto | 30 | 50 |
| " | 11—Dufferin | 28 | 8 50 |
| " | 11—Rathbone | 12 | 1 50 |
| " | 23—Woodstock | 45 | 12 00 |
| " | 24—Myrtle | 2 | 2 25 |
| " | 28—Dufferin | 28 | 35 75 |
| April | 8—Bro H. Caton, Grand Lodge Card | | 2 00 |
| " | 12—Algoma | 11 | 50 |
| " | 15—Amicus | 20 | 5 75 |
| " | 24—Olive | 14 | 11 15 |
| " | 27—Algoma | 11 | 25 00 |
| May | 11—Rathbone | 12 | 50 |
| " | 19—Calanthe | 36 | 14 00 |
| " | 26—Toronto | 30 | 19 25 |
| " | 26—Mystic | 1 | 1 25 |
| " | 26—Algoma | 11 | 1 75 |
| Totals | | | \$1154 25 \$255 35 \$114 44 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| 1898 | PAID TO | ON ACCOUNT OF | Order No. | Amount |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| July 1 | Ontario Government | Annual Registration | 545 | \$25 00 |
| " 1 | W. McBean | Rent of Grand Lodge room | 546 | 30 00 |
| " 13 | R. Ironside | Expenses of G. C. | 547 | 7 25 |
| " 13 | D. J. Pence | Postage, etc. | 548 | 6 82 |
| " 13 | G. L. Officers and Reprs | G. L. Convention | 549 | 300 50 |
| " 26 | W. Haynes | Letter box and postage | 550 | 5 00 |
| Aug 3 | Supreme Lodge | Supplies | 551 | 10 00 |
| Sept 30 | G. H. Mitchell | Postage, express, duty, etc. | 552 | 38 37 |
| " 30 | G. H. Mitchell | Salary as G. K. R. and S. | 553 | 24 67 |
| Oct " | T. G. Soote | Printing Official Record | 554 | 37 50 |
| " 14 | T. G. Soote | Sundry printing | 555 | 109 30 |
| " 14 | W. Haynes | Express, duty, postage, etc. | 555 | 12 00 |
| Nov 4 | Supreme Lodge | Supplies | 556 | 18 14 |
| " 4 | W. Haynes | Salary as G. K. R. and S. | 557 | 5 86 |
| " 11 | J. P. Macleod | Guarantee bond of G. M. E. | 558 | 75 00 |
| 1899 | | | 559 | 5 00 |
| Jan. 3 | W. McBean | Rent of G. L. room | 560 | 30 00 |
| " 20 | W. Haynes | Salary as K. R. and S. | 561 | 75 00 |
| Feb. 6 | Supreme Lodge | Supplies | 562 | 10 62 |
| " 6 | J. P. Macleod | Paraphernalia, etc. | 563 | 34 20 |
| Mar. 23 | J. P. Macleod | Sundry printing | 564 | 3 50 |
| " 23 | Supreme Lodge | Capitation tax | 565 | 46 52 |
| " 27 | W. Haynes | Postage, duty, etc. | 566 | 33 30 |
| May 5 | Supreme Lodge | Supplies | 567 | 34 75 |
| " 31 | Balance on Hand | | | 545 74 |
| | | | | 1524 04 |

ENDOWMENT RANK.

I enclose herewith a statement showing the status of the insurance department of the Order in your Domain on June 1st, 1899. Please embrace same in your report to the Grand Lodge.

I trust that the coming Convention will be a harmonious one, and result in great benefit to the Order in your Grand Domain. The Endowment Rank has met with good success in Ontario during the past year and the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

With best wishes, believe me,

Truly and fraternally yours,

H. B. STOLTE,

Sec'y Board of Control.

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
IN THE GRAND DOMAIN OF ONTARIO.

June 1st, 1899.

| Sec. No. | Location. | Name and Address of Secretary. | No. of members | Amount of Endowment. |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 54 | Toronto | S. E. Hall, 30, Adelaide St. E. | 32 | \$54,000 |
| 570 | Sandwich | C. H. Ashdown | 15 | 28,000 |
| 688 | Sault Ste Marie | Edw. Biggins | 8 | 14,000 |
| 774 | Hamilton | C. T. Plastow | 24 | 47,000 |
| 825 | London | S. A. Webb, 73 Beecher St. | 20 | 30,000 |
| 975 | Chatham | Henry Robinson, Box 57 | 3 | 6,000 |
| 1405 | Petrolia | Edward Burt | 2 | 4,000 |
| 2423 | Thessalon | T. J. McCort | 7 | 8,000 |
| 3642 | Woodstock | J. S. Mackay | 5 | 35,000 |
| 4159 | Toronto | Jas. G. Wilson, 19 Elm St. | 16 | 15,000 |
| 4173 | Toronto | W. F. Daniels | 13 | 14,000 |
| 4323 | London | E. B. Galpin, 486 English St. | 6 | 5,000 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Number of Sections | 12 |
| Number of Members | 151 |
| Amount of Endowment | \$228,500 |

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Membership | 55,489 |
| Insurance in force | \$101,546,000 |
| Assets | 480,538 |
| Paid to beneficiaries of deceased members | 13,320,777 |

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 1.

Morris L'inz, D. G. C., District No. 1.

Can report Friendship Lodge No. 16 in prosperous condition, especially financially. A good deal of credit is due M. of F. Bro. E. A. Wills.

Attendance has been very good, though we have not much increased in membership. Our members are very much enthused in Pythianism, and would like to see K. of P. paper printed for all lodges in Canada.

Our suspensions will be few, which is very gratifying to report.

On Motion of Lodge, Grand Lodge is to be invited to Windsor in 1900, when Supreme Lodge meets in Detroit.

Called meeting of P.C.C. June 12th, and was again nominated for position of D. G. C.

Windsor, June 14th 1899.

To Bro. Maurice L'inz, District Deputy K. of P.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—

As secretary of section 570 of the Endowment Rank of the K. of P., I beg to report as follows:

At the beginning of your term of office there were 12 members in good standing in the section, carrying \$25,000 insurance, Monthly dues, \$29.15.

During your term of office to date four new members have been added, representing \$4,000 of insurance. Monthly dues, \$5.10.

This makes the present standing of the section as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Number of members | 16 |
| Amount of insurance | \$ 29,000 00 |
| Monthly dues | 34 25 |

I am sure you will be pleased to know that of the above number of members 25 per cent. have been added since your appointment.

Yours fraternally,

C. H. ASHDOWN,

Secretary.

May 15th, 1899.

G. A. Ingram, D. G. C., District No. 3.

I am pleased to report substantial progress for Rathbone No. 12. I visited this lodge in my official capacity Jan. 31st, and installed the officers-elect for the current term. An excellent staff of officers were elected for this term, judging them by the splendid manner in which they perform the ritualistic work from time to time. Until recently they have conferred a rank almost every meeting night. The financial affairs of this Lodge are in a very prosperous condition, having about \$1,100.00 invested in Atlas Loan Co. bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 and 4½ per cent. per annum. This is very gratifying, and the amount is steadily increasing.

The paraphernalia is kept in a large separate room, fitted up specially for that purpose. A man is paid to look after it and keep it in good order. This is something that some Lodges throughout the Grand Domain could, with much benefit, adopt. The paraphernalia is kept clean and free from dust, and after three or four years use looks almost as good as new.

Rathbone now has a membership of 75 in good standing. Considering the total membership, some of whom have left the city, an average attendance of 18 shows that the Lodge is very much alive, and that the members are taking an active interest in the work.

On Feb. 14th, a "Hard Times" Smoking Concert was held in the Lodge Room, with a light lunch, after, cards. It proved to be a great success. A large crowd turned out and a most enjoyable time was spent. A good programme of songs, recitations and stump speeches passed the time very pleasantly. Our G. C., G. L. R. Domville, and C. C. Roe (Hi Henry) formed a combination of fun-makers that are hard to beat.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors, called by myself for the purpose, P. C. G. W. Davey was recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

St. Thomas, June 26, 1899.

Chas. Endress, D. G. C., District No. 7.

In compliance with your request and laws of the Order I hereby beg to report progress of the order in this district. There has been a lull in Petrolia No. 17, but appears to be again coming to the front. Johnston Lodge, Sarnia, is a hopeless case, as the few remaining members do not seem to urge matters, and take no interest in trying to build the lodge up again, but I still trust that something can be done there. In regard to my successor, Bro. Dunlop has been recommended, who, I think, will attend to this important office better than it has been in the past.

Petroia, July 7, 1899.

F. J. Fitzgerald, D. G. C., District No. 8.

I hereby make my report as D. D. G. C. for District No. 8.

Myrtle Lodge No. 2 is making good progress. They are adding to their membership, and have an efficient staff of officers. In the work of the several Ranks the Ritual is memorized.

Prospect Lodge No. 10 and Mizpah No. 22 amalgamated during the year, making a large lodge. It was hoped the union would infuse new life in the lodge but they are not doing the work they should. The officers have their work memorized, but have very little opportunity of showing it.

Columbian Lodge No. 37 is moving along very slowly. They have some faithful members who keep the lodge going. Some of the best workers left for the Klondike last year and weakened this lodge very much. Columbian is in a fairly good condition.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors on June 7th P. C. Cranston of Columbian Lodge No. 37 was recommended as D. G. C. for the ensuing year.

London, June 10th, 1899.

Court Curtis, D. G. C., District No. 9.

Woodstock Lodge No. 45, the only Lodge in my district is in a prosperous condition. They are steadily increasing their membership.

The officers take great interest in the rank work, and do it in a manner that adds greatly to the interest in the work here, Bros. J. S. Mackay, A. Bicknell and

Jas. Forbes taking great care that Woodstock Lodge shall compare favorably with any lodge in Ontario.

I have again been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing term.

Woodstock, May 15, 1899.

H. Morris, D. G. C., District No. 11.

I have officially visited both lodges in this district, Red Cross No. 3 and Bismark No. 31, installing their officers and communicating S. A. P. W., and note this year especially, a most marked interest in the work displayed by the members of both lodges, and think same is due, perhaps more than anything else, to a revival of team work, and the result is an increase in membership. This undoubtedly will lead to a revival of uniform rank, so long dormant here.

The Endowment Rank in this district is in a flourishing condition and the outlook is a large increase in membership.

On account of lack of attendance, Bismark No. 31 reverted to weekly meetings, and result is most gratifying, this year being a record-breaker in increase of membership.

On the occasion of the visit of G. C., D. G. C. and G. K. of R. and S. there was a joint meeting of Bismark No. 31 and Red Cross No. 3, the former exemplifying the Page Rank while the latter gave an amplification of the Knight Rank in amplified form, after which a most enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Before closing I must make mention of the very effective work of G. M. of E., Bro. J. P. Macleod. To him Pythianism in this district is under great obligations for untiring interest devoted by him to its advancement.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors held July 3rd P. C. D. A. Bedwell, Red Cross No. 3, was unanimously recommended for appointment as D. G. C., which recommendation has my fullest approval.

Hamilton, July 5th, 1899.

Jas. G. Wilson, D. G. C., District No. 22.

There were in this district five lodges, Mystic No. 1, Queen City No. 18, Amicus No. 20, Toronto No. 30 and Syracuse No. 39, and with the exception of the latter, which has been dead for 3 or 4 years, the present term has been a most successful one, not so much perhaps in the matter of new members as in the increased interest taken in the conventions generally, and the very marked increase in the amount of lodge visiting done by the members. This branch of lodge work is one which we have striven to have the members make more use of during the year, and the result is easily apparent at any of the lodge conventions, and it is also noticeable that the lodges whose members do the most visiting are in return most visited.

Probably the most important advance made in this district during the year was the institution of several sections of the Endowment Rank as a result of the speech of Supreme Chancellor Colgrove at Woodstock last year. One in Amicus lodge (No. 4159) and one in Toronto lodge (No. 4173) as well as the strengthening of the existing section, No. 54. For this work the thanks are due to Bro. W. J. Robertson, the able organizer of the rank for Ontario, who has been untiring in his efforts to explain and introduce the insurance advantages of our order, and also to Bro. W. F. Daniel of Toronto Lodge, who rendered valuable assistance in organizing section No. 4173.

Early in the fall of '98 a meeting of the Past Chancellors of the city was called and it was decided to form a Past Chancellors' Association, which was done forthwith, and Bro. Frank Edmand of Mystic Lodge was elected Secretary. Through his efforts nearly every P. C. in the city is now a member, and while more interest might have been taken in the meetings, yet there were many valuable suggestions brought up and discussed, especially in regard to the rank work, and the work of the lodges much improved thereby. The formation of a permanent amplified team is mooted, and it is expected that it will take definite shape in the near future.

The reception of the Grand Chancellor on March 24th was a very pleasant event, and did much to enthuse the members. About 150 of the members sat down to a banquet, and this was followed by toasts and speeches interspersed with songs and selections. The speech of P. G. C. King in replying to "Sister Societies" was an able effort, and he was heartily applauded at its conclusion. Grand Chancellor Murch, Grand Vice-Chancellor MacKay of Woodstock, Sup. Rep. Fitzgerald, and G. K. of R. & S. Haynes also replied to various toasts, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

On June 12th, about fifty members of the city lodges paid a visit to Red Cross and Bismark Lodges, Hamilton, and had a most enjoyable time. The Hamilton brethren exemplified the amplified third rank in a very able manner, afterwards entertaining us with refreshments and a concert. Grand Chan. Murch and P. G. C. Elliott of Brantford and G. K. of R. and S. Haynes were present and made addresses. The Hamilton brethren have promised to return the visit early in the fall, and these visits will no doubt boom Pythianism in both districts.

We believe that what the order in Ontario needs more than anything else, unless it be an organizer, is a semi-monthly or monthly paper to keep the members in touch with each other. All the other orders find it advantageous to have them, and we can think of nothing from which we would get such good results.

MYSTIC LODGE NO. 1

Is not only No. 1 in name, but it has also been No. 1 in the amount of progress it has made during the term. The thanks for this state of affairs is largely due to the indefatigable efforts of C. C. Frank Edmand, who has done splendid work during the term, not only in his own lodge, but in the other lodges as well. He has made it a point to impress upon the members the necessity of bringing in new members, and has wisely set the example by bringing in propositions himself, with the result that since the first of January they have had a proposition at nearly every convention, and the rank work has been performed without the use of the ritual and in a manner that does credit to their staff of officers.

They wisely selected Bro. Edmand for a second term as Chancellor Commander, and one of his first acts was to get up an open installation which was held on Jan. 10th, and an entertainment was given in the lodge room that included almost everything from a phonograph to a brass band. This was followed by an oyster supper in the supper room, and it is needless to say that those present did full justice to the good things provided. Several propositions were received as a result of the evening, and the C. C. felt well repaid for his work. Sec. 54 of the Endowment Rank is largely composed of members of this lodge, and several new members have been added during the term.

This lodge has had a great deal of sickness and several deaths, notably that of Bro. Robt. Caiger who was one of the "old standbys," but its finances are now in good condition.

P. G. C. Mitchell is a member of this lodge, and an active one too, as he is now M. of F., and his example in this respect might well be followed by other P. G. C's.

I visited this lodge nine times during the term.

QUEEN CITY No. 18

Has also done fairly well during the term, and a number of candidates have been put through the different ranks, C. C. Bro. Stevens doing the work in a very creditable manner, and of course the Prelate, Bro. Jones, is unequalled in the province. The members of this lodge are always foremost in anything Pythian, and can always be counted on.

Strong efforts were put forth to get Syracuse lodge to amalgamate with them, but things were in such a bad-shape that nothing ever came of it.

Financially the lodge is in good condition, thanks to having an energetic M. of F. and an able K. of R. and S.

I have visited this lodge ten times during my term.

AMICUS No. 20

Is now the baby lodge of the district, and is composed almost entirely of young members, though several of the older ones are on its roster, including Dr. J. S. King, P. G. C. This lodge has been very lively during the year so far as interesting conventions have been concerned, the married brothers taking turns in providing refreshments for each evening, the lodge being closed early so that an hour or so could be devoted to entertainment. This was found to work well, and as a result the gatherings were very enthusiastic. Pedro enthusiasm, however, does not make new members, and propositions have been very scarce.

Thanks to the formation of a section of the Endowment Rank, which has now sixteen members, the interest has been strengthened and better things are promised for the coming term.

One of their most enjoyable evenings was when the new officers entertained the members to an "Oyster Spread" by Caterer Queen, and a very pleasant evening was spent in songs and musical entertainment.

The lodge amplified team had only one opportunity of displaying their ability and they performed their duty well, and think they can hold their own with any average team.

I attended twenty-two conventions of this lodge during my term.

TORONTO No. 30

Has been one of the liveliest lodges in the district, and have several times had nearly fifty of their own members present besides visitors. They have an energetic and capable staff of officers, and the ritualistic work is generally well performed by the Past Chancellors of the lodge, though not by the elected officers as it should be. However, what the C.C. falls short in the rank work he makes up in his conducting of the business of the lodge, everything being done up with neatness and despatch, including brothers who have been derelict in their duty, though he finds it up-Hill work, and his heart Burns when they are brought like *Daniel* to judgment.

The principal event of the year was a complimentary concert tendered by three members of the lodge, Bros "Bert" Harvey, "Charley" Musgrave and "Jack" Turton, and a very pleasant evening was spent. After the concert an impromptu dance was held and refreshments were served in the supper room, and the large gathering present thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge.

The lodge have taken advantage of the new law and have been very active in reinstating old members as well as in bringing in new ones, and the future success of the lodge is assured.

Through the efforts of the Provincial Organizer, Bro. W. J. Robertson, they were enabled to start a section of the Endowment Rank, which has now thirteen members carrying \$14,000 of insurance, and in the able hands of Secretary Daniel this will no doubt be largely added to in the future.

I have visited this lodge eighteen times during my term.

A meeting of the Past Chancellors was held on Tuesday, June 20th, at which I was again recommended for D. G. C. for the ensuing year.

Toronto, June 30, '99.

E. Biggings, D. G. C., District No. 45 A.

I cannot speak too highly of the continued efforts put forth by officers from Chancellor Commander down to Outer Guard to promote the success of Algoma lodge and spread the beneficial influence of our noble order.

I regret being compelled to succeed myself because the Past Chancellors refuse to accept my proffered resignation.

Sault Ste. Marie, June 20th, 1899.

LODGE INSPECTION BY DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

| Lodge No. | Do officers commit work to memory? | How is the work rendered? | Are the officers regular in attendance? | Do members exhibit interest in lodge? | What is the average attendance? | Are any members in Endowment Rank? | Can you state how many? | What amount of fire insurance? | State number of rituals by actual count. | Are rituals and secret work properly secured? | Is paraphernalia in good order? | Are the books of officers well kept? | How does lodge stand as compared with other lodges in your locality? | How often have you officially visited lodge? |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 20 | Yes | 11 | \$ 1000 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 9 |
| 2 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 20 | Yes | 6 | 400 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Good | 3 |
| 3 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 20 | Yes | 25 | 800 | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Best | 2 |
| 9 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 16 | Yes | 17 | 1000 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 3 |
| 10 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 12 | Yes | 8 | 400 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 3 |
| 11 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 18 | No | .. | 500 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Best | 3 |
| 12 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 18 | No | .. | 500 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Best | 1 |
| 14 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 20 | Yes | 7 | None | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Ahead | 2 |
| 15 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 15 | Yes | 16 | 650 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Good | often |
| 16 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 14 | Yes | 2 | 500 | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Good | 1 |
| 17 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 15 | No | .. | 250 | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 10 |
| 18 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 15 | No | .. | 250 | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 10 |
| 20 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 20 | Yes | 24 | 300 | 5 | No | Yes | Yes | Fair | 22 |
| 30 | Yes | Fair | Yes | Yes | 30 | Yes | 13 | 250 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 18 |
| 31 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 10 | No | .. | .. | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Good | 2 |
| 36 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 10 | No | .. | 400 | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | ..... | often |
| 37 | No | Fair | Yes | Yes | 9 | Yes | 3 | 100 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 3 |
| 42 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 14 | Yes | 1 | 1000 | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair | 3 |
| 45 | Yes | Good | Yes | Yes | 9 | Yes | 6 | None | 4 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Good | 1 |

Where blanks appear the D. G. C. has not sent the required details.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the report of our Supreme Representatives as printed in last year's journal, when on motion of Representatives Wilson of No 29 and Domville of No. 12 it was taken as read.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

To the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Ontario:

Dear Sir,—As Representative of Mystic No. 1, I have been instructed by my Lodge to ask Grand Lodge to procure as soon as possible printing matter that will advertise and bring the Order more prominently before the public.

F. EDMAND,
Mystic Lodge No. 1.

This Lodge instructed us to see if some steps could not be taken to have a Pythian paper, the same if possible to be under control of Grand Lodge and be sent free to every member, believing that it will have a tendency to keep our members in touch with each other.

JAS. G. WILSON,
H. R. HAMILTON,
Amicus Lodge No. 20.

Suggested by Bro. DuBois that for the good of the order an organizer would do well in Ontario.

That a visit from Grand Officers to Algoma Lodges, would be welcomed by all lodges in that locality.

DOMAIN OF OHIO, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

ADA, OHIO, February 1, 1899.

My Dear Sir and Brother,—I address you at this time concerning a matter to which I have given much thought and would be pleased to have your opinion concerning the project.

I believe, primarily, that one cause for non-payment of dues is the absolute ignorance on the part of a great majority of our membership, of the beauties of our ritual. This, coupled with the excessive dues, is in my mind, the direct cause of our enormous loss of membership each year. I believe if we would have enthusiasm extant in our order we should have intelligence. We should have men thoroughly versed in the lessons we seek to teach. I believe, further, that there is not more than ten per cent. of the members who have been initiated into our order who can intelligently repeat a single page of the ritual, and so long as the membership are compelled to hunt up some officer to get a key to the lodge room or the combination to the safe wherein the rituals are kept, and to do their studying in a cheerless lodge room before they can become thoroughly instructed, the present condition will remain to confront us. I would overcome this in the following manner:

I would have the Supreme Lodge, at its next session, take such action as would create a committee whose duty it would be to promulgate a pocket key or cipher ritual, so arranged that none but members who had received the lessons and who had given the ritual some study in the lodge room, could interpret.

These ciphers could be sold to the membership who would be willing to pay almost any price for them. It would permit them to do their studying at home and in their offices, and would create, as I believe, a new interest and an enthusiasm such as our order has never known.

The promulgation of these rituals by the Supreme Lodge, and being handled as a Supreme or Grand Lodge supply, could be made a source of revenue, and direct taxation upon the membership could be done away with, for a time at least.

I have carefully gone into the cost of publication of a book such as would be required, and find that after the plates are made they could be published at less than 25c. per copy. They could be sold at a price almost equivalent to the price charged for the ritual we are now using in the lodge rooms, and would be hailed with delight by the working members of the order.

I address you concerning this question only after the most mature thought and deliberation. At the various district meetings which I have attended during my administration as Grand Chancellor, the applause with which this suggestion has been received has been such as to convince me that the interest of Pythianism demands some such action on the part of the Supreme Lodge.

I place the matter before you and would be glad to hear from you. If you know of any objection to such a project I would be glad to be enlightened; if you favor the proposition I would be glad to know that it met with your approval, as I would value your opinion in the matter most highly. With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
BRIG. S. YOUNG,
Grand Chancellor.

OFFICE OF G. K. OF R. OF S., DOMAIN OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, D. C. 1899.

To all Grand Lodges, Greeting:

At the last Convention of this Grand Lodge the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS By a special Act of Congress the U. S. Government has given to the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias a 99 year lease on nearly five acres of ground on the government Reservation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, immediately adjoining the U. S. Army and Navy Hospital, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a National Pythian Sanitarium and

WHEREAS The Supreme Lodge at its recent convention held in the city of Indianapolis by an almost unanimous vote, accepted this donation from the Government for such purpose and referred all matters pertaining thereto to the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Arkansas with full power to act,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of the District of Columbia That for the purpose of assisting in building and maintaining said National Pythian Sanitarium, a per capita tax of one dollar (\$1.00) be, and is hereby levied on each member of the order in this Grand Domain, who is in good standing, in his subordinate lodge. Said per capita tax shall be paid at the rate of 20 cents per year, 10 cents with each semi-annual report for a period of five years, provided, however, that the payment of said per capita tax, shall not begin until the Grand Lodges of the Domains representing two hundred and fifty thousand members, shall have adopted the resolution levying a per capita tax of one dollar for said purpose.

It is hereby made the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to transmit to all of the Grand Lodges of the Supreme Domain a copy of this resolution and he shall upon receiving notice through the Journal of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges or by other means that the Grand Lodges of the Domains representing two hundred and fifty thousand members have passed similar resolutions notify the subordinate lodges of this Grand Domain that the levy has gone into force and effect and require each lodge to remit with its next succeeding semi-annual report the amount of said levy.

Upon receipt of said per capita tax, he shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Master of Exchequer as other taxes and dues are transmitted, and said G. M. of Ex. shall keep said funds in a separate account. Said funds may, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge Trustees be loaned or invested in such manner as they shall deem best.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal upon the adjournment of this convention to transmit to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, a copy of this resolution,

Upon the passage of such legislation, by the Supreme Lodge as may be necessary to establish a Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the Grand Lodge Trustees shall pay to the officer or officers of the Supreme Lodge designated to receive the same, all funds that may have accumulated by reason of the adoption of this resolution, together with the increment thereof to be used and appropriated under the direction and control of the Supreme Lodge for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the said Pythian Sanitarium.

Provided, however, that the interest accruing from the amount derived from this levy, may in the discretion of the Grand Lodge Trustees be appropriated for the payment of preliminary expenses incurred in establishing said Pythian Sanitarium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Supreme Representatives of this Grand Domain be instructed to vote for such legislation as may be necessary to establish the Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is with great pleasure that I transmit the above resolutions to you and ask you to give them the attention that their merits deserve and when you look at the great benefit to our sick brothers the establishment of the Sanitarium would be I feel confident that you will pass this or similar resolutions.

I would be pleased to be notified of the action taken by you on this matter.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY J. GASSON.

G. K. of R. and S.

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, GRAND DOMAIN OF MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24th, 1899.

To all Grand Lodges, Greeting:

At the last convention of this Grand Lodge, the Committee on State of the Order recommended the adoption of the recommendations of Supreme Representatives as follows:

"We recommend that a memorial be prepared and sent to all the Grand Lodges requesting them to instruct their Representatives to co-operate at the next session of the Supreme Lodge, in passing legislation reducing: 1st, The amount paid to Supreme representatives in Mileage and per Diem, or, at least, in securing a reduction in the amount of mileage paid, to the end that the Supreme Represent-

tatives shall be compensated only for their actual and necessary expenses in attending the sessions of the Supreme Lodge. 2nd, Believing that the office of Supreme Chancellor should be an office of honor, and not of profit, we recommend that legislation be enacted reducing his salary to two thousand dollars per year. 3rd, Believing that the duties of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal are not more onerous or arduous than those of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this and other large Domains, we recommend that legislation be enacted reducing his salary to the amount of two thousand dollars per year. 4th, Believing that there are many men engaged in the management of financial institutions and in caring for trust funds, who would gladly handle the moneys of the Supreme Lodge as Master of Exchequer, giving good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of duty, without any salary attached to the office, we recommend that the salary of the Supreme Master of Exchequer be reduced to one hundred dollars per year. 5th, We recommend that special attention be called to the proposed amendment to the Constitution, repealing the amending clause of the present Constitution and enacting a reasonable method as to amendments."

The report was adopted, and you are fraternally requested to unite with the Grand Domain in passing such legislation as is above proposed.

We would be pleased to be notified of the action taken on this matter.

ATTEST:

JNO. H. HOLMES,
G. K. of R. and S.

W. E. WEBB,
Grand Chancellor.

The following was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Moved by Representative Jones of No. 18, and seconded by Representative Robinson of No. 15, that the Chairman of the following Committees—to wit.— Finance, Judiciary, and Printing, be hereafter accredited Representatives to Grand Lodge and that they receive mileage and per diem.

Representative Bicknell of No. 45, from the Special Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Lodge officers, recommend as follows:

1. That so much of the Report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to "List of Lodges cut off," "Appointment of Deputy Grand Chancellors," "Correspondence," "Niagara Falls Difficulty," "Consolidation," "Charter on View," "Music," "Lantern and Slides," "Organizer and Alternative Official Visits," and his "Conclusion," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
2. That so much of said report as refers to "Dispensations Granted" and "Official Circulars," be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
3. That so much of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to "State of the Order," "Consolidation," "New Price List of Supplies," "Pythian Press," "Membership and Finances of Subordinate Lodges," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
4. That so much of said report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to Executive Report, Finance Statement, Profit and Loss account, Financial Statement, Subordinate Lodges, be referred to Committee on Finance,

5. That so much of said report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to the "Endowment Rank," be referred to a Special Committee.

6. That the report of Past Chancellor W. J. Robertson, General Organizer for Ontario, be referred to the Special Committee on Endowment.

7. That the report of H. B. Stotte, Secretary of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank of the "General Status of the Endowment," of the Order be referred to said Special Committee on Endowment.

8. That the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BICKNELL of No. 45.
CHAS. DEVERALL of No. 1.
MORRIS LINZ of No. 16.

The Grand Inner Guard, having announced the presence of two Past Chancellors in the ante-room desirous of receiving the Grand Lodge Rank, the Grand Master-at-arms retired and introduced the following Past Chancellors on whom the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred:

E. E. Parker of No. 9,
B. Dunlop of No. 17.

Representative Deverall, of No. 1, from the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 1—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Grand Domain of Ontario:

Your Committee on Judiciary begs to submit that it has had referred to it during the recess of Grand Lodge the following matters:

From Bismark Lodge No. 31—An amendment to sections 16 and 17 of their by-laws.

From Amicus Lodge No. 20—Amendments to sections 4, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 18, and the striking out of section 16 of their by-laws.

From Mystic Lodge No. 1—A code of by-laws.

From Algoma Lodge No. 11—A code of by-laws.

From Marmon Lodge No. 15—A code of by-laws.

From Toronto Lodge No. 30—An amendment to section 2 of article 3 of their by-laws.

Your Committee examined foregoing and acted on them as follows.

Bismark Lodge No. 31—The amendment was approved as suggested.

Amicus Lodge No. 20—Amendments were approved of as submitted.

Mystic Lodge No. 1—By-laws approved as submitted.

Algoma Lodge No. 11—These by-laws were approved as submitted, with one exception, viz.: Your Committee struck out a clause which provided for the reinstatement of suspended members of the lodge on payment of \$3.00. The Committee took this action as the clause was contra to section 293, Supreme Statutes, and section 306 of the Grand Statutes, said sections setting forth that suspended members can only be reinstated on payment of a sum which shall be not less than the amount of one year's dues.

Maryion Lodge No. 15—Your Committee found it necessary to strike out a clause in these by-laws which provided for the reinstatement of suspended members on payment of \$2.00. This we did on the same grounds as stated above.

We also amended a clause which read as follows—(8) Any member who 3 months or more in arrears for dues shall, *ipso facto*, forfeit all claims to any sick or funeral benefits.

Your Committee struck out from this clause the word funeral, as Supreme Statutes, section 303, provides for the payment of not less than twenty dollars upon the death of a member in good standing.

Section 265, Supreme Statutes says that a page, esquire or knight shall be considered in good standing so long as he is not under suspension from membership for any cause.

Toronto Lodge No. 30—Amendment approved as submitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Grand body.

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.

H. R. HAMILTON, of No. 20.

A. W. BRYAN, of No. 18.

Past Grand Chancellor McWhinney and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald then addressed a few words to the Grand Lodge, welcoming us to London and mapping out a series of entertainments to be held in our behalf.

Grand Chancellor Murch replied on behalf of Grand Lodge, thanking our London brothers for the chivalric welcome given to us and the hospitality so generously extended.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following as members of Special Committee on Endowment:

Representative Wilson, of No. 20.

Past Grand Chancellor R. Ironside.

Representative Burdick, of No. 10.

Representative Whyte of No. 31, from the Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT No. 1—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that it has examined the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer, and have compared them with the accounts and vouchers and find them correct, viz.:

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| We find on hand June 1st, 1898..... | \$ 114 44 |
| Received from per capita tax..... | 1154 25 |
| Received from supplies..... | 255 35 |
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| | \$ 1524 04 |
| From which has been paid by warrants..... | 978 30 |
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| Balance on hand May 31, 1899..... | 545 74 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No 31.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented an account from Alexander Gardner for the sum of twenty dollars, for services said to have been rendered some time ago (date not given) as Special Deputy.

The Representatives not being conversant with same, it was moved and seconded that it be not entertained. Carried.

It being the hour of noon, the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until two o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at two o'clock, and on roll call the following answered their names:

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| W. H. MURCH..... | Grand Chancellor. |
| J. S. MACKAY..... | Grand Vice-Chancellor. |
| W. A. CATES..... | Prelate. |
| W. G. HAYNES..... | Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. |
| J. P. MACLEOD..... | Grand Master of Exchequer. |
| J. L. LITTLE..... | Grand Master-at-Arms |
| T. A. Parkinson..... | Grand Inner Guard. |
| E. K. BARNSDALE..... | Grand Outer Guard. |
| And— | |
| F. J. FITZGERALD..... | Supreme Representative |
| R. H. MCCONNELL..... | " " |
| R. IRONSIDE..... | Past Grand Chancellor. |
| A. G. McWHINNEY..... | " " |
| D. J. PEACE..... | " " |
| G. H. MITCHELL..... | " " |

And Grand Representatives Deverall and Edmand, of No. 1; Carruthers and Cadwallader, of No. 2; Bedwell and Burns, of No. 3; Parker, of No. 9; Burdick and Plastow, of No. 10; DuBois, of No. 11; Donville, of No. 12; Macdonald, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Elliott and Linz, of No. 16; Endress and Dunlop, of No. 17; Jones, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Wiley and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte and Morris, of No. 31; and Bicknell of No. 45.

The following amendment was presented by Supreme Representative McConnell, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

To amend Section 306, Grand Lodge Constitution, as follows:

The fee to be paid for re-instatement of members suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be \$2, or such sum as the bylaws of each subordinate lodge may prescribe for re-instatement, said amount not to be less than \$2.00 or more than \$6.00.

Brother H. H. Curtis, editor of the "Michigan Knighthood," being announced in the ante-room, and desirous of addressing the Grand Lodge in the interest of this Pythian publication, the Grand Chancellor declared Grand Lodge at ease, and Bro. Curtis addressed the Representatives as to the feasibility of the Grand Domain of Ontario, and the benefits to be derived from becoming financially and socially

interested in said publication, as Ontario has no official paper of its own. Bro. Curtis then retired, and the Grand Lodge was called to order.

Representative Burns of No. 3, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was taken up clause by clause and adopted:

REPORT No. 1—COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order begs to submit:

1. Your Committee take great pleasure in congratulating the Grand Lodge on having such an efficient staff of officers as those elected at the last Grand Lodge session. Their work has been well done, considering the fact that they were all practically strange to the duties of their several offices, notwithstanding that they approached their tasks with fear and trembling.

2. With reference to the appointment of D. G. C.'s we consider, that, to a large extent, the measure of success attained by lodges depends on the standing and worth of the D. G. C.'s appointed, as well as on the officers of lodges, and would impress on the P. C.'s of the different districts, the importance of nominating only such members to fill this office. We think also that the D. G. C.'s and officers of lodges should compel a strict compliance with the Supreme and Grand Statutes as it has been brought to the knowledge of your Committee that some members have been admitted as clerks who, in reality, were engaged at that time in the occupation of bar-tender.

3. We note that the G. C. during the past year had to conduct a considerable amount of unnecessary correspondence, and we are sure this might have been avoided by a better knowledge on the part of the lodges, of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes.

4. Your Committee cannot pass the report of the G. C.'s official visits without regretfully commenting on the position of Calanthe Lodge No. 36, and trust that some steps may be taken to insure better life for Pythianism in such a thriving city as Brantford.

5. We commend the G. C. on the success of his efforts in resuscitating Rokeby Lodge No. 9, Wallaceburg.

6. As to the G. C.'s reference to charters not being on view during conventions, we would respectfully refer to Chapter II, Section 120, of the Grand Statutes, which states that "No convention of a lodge shall be legal unless its charter be displayed in the lodge room whenever in session."

GRAND LODGE SESSION.

7. Your Committee recommend that the next session of this Grand Lodge be held at the City of Windsor during the session of the Supreme Lodge to be held at Detroit in August, 1900.

8. As to the question of joining our American brethren in the uniform rank parade we suggest that the Grand Lodge appoint a special committee to devise a scheme in connection therewith.

9. Your Committee are much pleased that the reports of the G. L. officers have been distributed before this session, as it has given the representatives an opportunity never before offered, of considering fully their contents before meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, No. 3.
ALFRED BICKNELL, No. 45.
A. E. DOMVILLE, No. 12.

Clause 7.—The date was fixed for the fourth Monday in August, 1900.

Clause 8.—Referred to a special committee composed of Supreme Representatives McConnell and Fitzgerald, and Past Grand Chancellors Peace, McWhinney and Ironside, and Representatives Linz and Elliott, of No. 16.

Representative Deverall, of No. 1, from the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report which was considered clause by clause and adopted :

REPORT No. 2—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

1. Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred those portions of the Grand Chancellor's report relating to dispensation granted and to official circular, beg to report as follows :

1. In the matter of Dispensation we approve of those granted with the exception of No. 57 and No. 11, which were illegal according to section 73, Grand Statutes.

In regard to the official circular we are unable to pass an opinion, not having copies of the circular.

2. Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the following amendment to section No. 305 of the Grand Statute, amending the fee to be charges for reinstatement of members, recommend the following :

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, K. of P., of the Domain of Ontario: That Title 3, Chap. 3, Section 305 of the Grand Statutes, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

The fee to be paid for reinstatement of members suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be \$2.00 or such sum as the by-laws of each subordinate lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, said amount shall not be less than \$2.00 or more than \$6.00.

3. With regard to the proposition submitted by Representatives Jones and Robinson re chairman of standing committees, we would recommend as follows :

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge K. of P. that a new section be added to Title No. 1, Chapter 2, to be known as section 20, which shall read as follows :

The chairmen of the following committees—Judiciary, Finance and Printing, be present at Grand Lodge to report the action of their committee during recess, and that they receive the same remuneration as Grand Representatives.

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.

H. R. HAMILTON, of No. 20.

F. EDMAND, of No. 1.

Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Burns, of No. 3, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which, on motion, was considered clause by clause and, as ammended, adopted.

REPORT No. 2—COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the G. C.'s report, beg leave to report as follows :

ORGANIZER.

1. Your Committee would like to recommend the appointment of an organizer for the Domain of Ontario, as it considers that if a suitable man was appointed the membership of our order could be largely increased, but owing to the state of

the finances of the Grand Lodge such a recommendation is out of the question at the present time.

2. We would suggest as an expedient for the present that anyone organizing a new lodge of at least 20 members be paid \$25.00, the amount to be paid out of the charter fees under the direction of G. C.

3. As a means whereby the finances of the Grand Lodge may be increased we would suggest that the Supreme Representatives be instructed to bring before the Supreme Lodge, at the session of 1900, a proposition to amend the Supreme Statutes, permitting the Grand Lodge of Ontario to hold biennial instead of annual sessions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, No. 3.
ALFRED BICKNELL, No. 45.
A. E. DOMVILLE, No. 12.

Representative Wilson, of No. 20, from the Committee on Printing, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee *re* printing beg leave to report that tenders where asked for from all master printers as per resolution of Grand Lodge, and five tenders were received as follows:

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| C. A. Abrahams, Woodstock, 500 copies G. L. Journal.... | \$49 00 | |
| 100 copies advance report.... | 14 40 | \$63 40 |
| Thos. G. Soole, Toronto, 500 copies G. L. Journal, including 100 copies advance reports at \$1.25 per page..... | | 97 50 |
| J. P. Macleod, Hamilton, 500 copies G. L. Journal at 92c. per page..... | 71 76 | |
| J. P. Macleod, Hamilton, 100 copies advance reports at \$1.20 per page..... | 24 00 | 95 76 |
| Record Printing Co., Windsor, 500 G. L. Journals at 95c. per page..... | 74 10 | |
| Record Printing Co., Windsor, 100 advance reports at 30c. per page..... | 6 00 | 80 10 |
| Algoma Pioneer, 500 copies G. L. Journals at \$1.35 per page..... | 105 30 | |
| E. Biggings, 100 advance reports at \$1.60 per page..... | 32 00 | 137 30 |

The tender of Bro. Abrahams of Woodstock, being the lowest the contract was awarded to him.

Respectfully submitted.
JAS. G. WILSON, of No. 20., *Chairman*.
L. M. JONES, of No. 18.

Representative Wilson of 20, from the Special Committee on Endowment, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Domain of Ontario:

According to the Annual Report, your Committee find that only 12 sections of the Endowment Rank, consisting of 121 members, exist in this Grand Domain with an Insurance of \$228,500. This, your Committee thinks is a very small percentage, and we would urge that more concerted action on the part of the subordinate lodges be taken to increase the membership of said Rank. While

recognizing the Knights of Pythias as a purely fraternal organization, we feel that it is the duty of every member to provide insurance for those dependent on them. This Rank has been proved to be one of the strongest organizations in existence and is run on the most economical basis. Too much cannot be said in favor of our insurance rank, and while it is not compulsory for members of the Order to join it, yet common sense and justice to those who are dependent upon us for a living, calls for us to insure our lives in our own insurance branch.

Your Committee would certainly desire to impress upon the delegates present the necessity for personal interest being taken therein. Year after year these reports are asked for and referred to by delegates who have not sufficient interest in the matter to take up a policy themselves, and while this is the case we cannot expect the lodges to take the interest in it they should.

The Endowment Rank was organized in 1877 and since that step was taken the Board of Control has paid out to the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren some twelve millions of dollars, and is paying annually over one million.

With the close of the quarter, March 31, 1899, the Endowment Rank completes its twenty-second fiscal year.

Eighty-seven sections were organized since Jan. 1, 1899.

During the quarter, twenty-five hundred and fourteen applicants were accepted and admitted to membership, the certificates issued amounting to three million six hundred and sixty-one thousand five hundred dollars, a gain in members over the preceding quarter of four hundred and forty-nine and in the amount of endowment seven hundred and sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars.

Nearly three hundred thousand dollars was disbursed for death benefits, involving the adjustment of one hundred and forty-eight deaths.

On April 1st, 1899, there were in active operation thirty-six hundred and eighty-five sections, with a membership aggregating fifty-five thousand five hundred. The total endowment in force was one hundred and one million five hundred and forty-six thousand dollars and the cash on hand and investments was four hundred and eighty thousand five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents.

The great strength of the Endowment Rank, in marked contradistinction to organizations where to be a member is to be insured, is, that the Insurance Branch of the Order of Knights of Pythias has a pick from an already selected class—it has a membership (or class) of 450,000 from which to draw, the large proportion of which have already passed through the hands of an examining lodge physician, before reaching the Endowment Rank—thus passing through two sieves. That mere fact alone gives greatly added strength to the Rank over any outside organizations. Then again, its rates are right—they are based on accurate calculations they are neither haphazard or guessed at—they are scientifically right, founded on those experience tables that are known and have stood the test—any lower rates, sooner or later, mean either ruin or re-rating—hence the Board of Control, wise in its day and generation, long ago established the existing scale of rates, and stands alone among kindred organizations in that, while all of them have had to levy from two to ten special assessments, and advance their rates 60, and in some instances 100 per cent the Endowment Rank has had to do neither—on the contrary it has gone ahead, paying all claims and adding to its surplus. On its own merit, irrespective of the paramount claim which it has upon our membership, the Endowment Rank can come to every Pythian and say: "This is the best, the safest, the surest fraternal insurance in existence." Of this surely we should all be proud.

We would urge upon the existing sections the necessity of having secretaries who are thoroughly alive to their work. Cases are within the knowledge of this committee where they have personally introduced would-be members to secretaries of sections, and they have absolutely neglected to even get them applications, which could have been had for the asking, and good members were lost to the Order thereby. Applications must come through the secretaries, and if they are not alive to their duty the delegates present, on their return to their respective lodges, should see that some one is appointed who is thoroughly competent to attend to the work.

The Committee has in possession cards of rates and also quarterly statements, which they will be pleased to have the Representatives present read, learn, and act upon.

An ounce of example is worth a pound of precept; and we would strongly urge those present to avail themselves of the opportunity to take up membership in the rank, and thus give strength to their alleged enthusiasm in favor of it.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. G. WILSON, of No. 20.
R. IRNSIDE, P. G. C.
G. S. BURDICK, of No. 10.

Past Grand Chancellor Peace, from the Special Committee on Parade at Detroit in 1900 presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Domain of Ontario :

Your Grand Lodge having decided that its honorable body will be represented in the parade of the Supreme Lodge at Detroit in 1900.

Your Committee appointed for that purpose recommend the Knights of Pythias of Ontario attending that convention to wear a uniform composed of white duck trousers, coats and caps. The estimated cost of same to be \$2.00.

Your Committee also recommends that a member of each subordinate lodge be appointed to ascertain the number of suits required, obtain the measurements of suits and sizes of caps, and collect moneys for same and forward them to the secretary, R. Ironside, London, at the earliest date possible.

Your Committee further recommends that all appearing in said uniform for the purpose of taking part in said parade assemble at the Castle Hall of Friendship Lodge No. 16, Windsor, Ont., on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1900.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. PEACE, P. G. C., Chairman.
R. H. MCCONNELL, S. R.
F. J. FITZGERALD, S. R.
A. G. McWHINNEY, P. G. C.
MORRIS LINZ, P. C., of No. 16.
GEO. ELLIOTT, P. C., of No. 16.
R. IRNSIDE, P. G. C., Secretary.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following letter from Windsor. Action already having been taken on same, motion was received and filed.

WINDSOR, July 10th, 1899.

Morris Linz, Esq.,
London, Ont.

Dear Sir,—The City Council this evening passed the following resolution which I am requested to forward to you for presentation at the proper time to the Grand Lodge:

“Moved by Mr. Thorn, seconded by Mr. Dixon, that this council hereby extends to the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Ontario a hearty invitation “to hold its annual Convention in this city in the year 1900.” Carried unanimously.

Yours truly,

STEPHEN LUSTED, Clerk.

Representative Bicknell, of No. 45, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report which was considered clause by clause and adopted :

REPORT No. 3—COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred certain parts of the report of the G. K. of R. and S., beg to report as follows:

1. Your Committee are surprised to note that no less than 12 lodges had been included in our numerical strength in previous years although several of them had not paid capitation tax since 1895, and we think the proper course was pursued in closing them up.
 2. We cannot understand why the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is not provided with the necessary accommodation for storing all the paraphernalia of these defunct lodges, as we consider it very important that this be in the actual possession of the Grand Lodge.
 3. Your Committee are of opinion that it would not be advisable for this Grand Lodge to enter into any agreement for representation on the pages of Michigan Knighthood or any other Pythian paper published outside of the Dominion of Canada.
 4. We appreciate the kindly feeling expressed by Bro. H. H. Curtis, of Charlotte, Michigan, U. S. A., and thank him for his courteous address in the interests of Pythian Knighthood.
 5. (a) We would urge upon all subordinate lodges the election of the best possible man as M. of F., and that he be paid a certain per centage of dues collected as his remuneration.
 - (b) A careful selection of members. Better no increase than poor material.
 - (c) More attention should be paid to the ritualistic work, and lodge meetings thereby made more attractive.
 - (d) Every member should be induced to take insurance in the Endowment Rank, even though ever so small.
 - (e) Fraternal visits from the stronger lodges to the weaker ones.
 - (f) Visits from Grand Lodge officers, especially the Grand Chancellor.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, No. 3.
ALFRED BICKNELL, No. 45.
A. E. DOMVILLE, No. 12.

Representative Deverall of No. 1 offered the following resolution:

Moved by C. Deverall, and seconded by F. Edmand, that our Supreme Representatives take such action as is necessary to amend section 258, chapter IV. to read "That the dues of a member shall not begin to accrue until after such time as he shall have attained the rank of Knight."

Moved and seconded that action on above be left over till the morning. Carried.

It being 6.35 p. m. the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 9 a. m. the following morning.

SECOND DAY—JULY 12.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m., and on roll call the following answered to their names:

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| W. H. MURCH..... | Grand Chancellor. |
| J. S. MACKEY..... | Grand Vice Chancellor. |
| W. A. CATES..... | Grand Prelate. |
| W. G. HAYNES..... | Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. |
| J. P. MACLEOD..... | Grand Master of Exchequer. |
| J. L. LITTLE..... | Grand Master-at-Arms. |
| T. A. PARKINSON..... | Grand Inner Guard. |
| E. K. BARNSDALE..... | Grand Outer Guard. |

And—

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| F. J. FITZGERALD..... | Supreme Representative. |
| R. H. MCCONNELL..... | " " |
| R. IRONSIDE..... | Past Grand Chancellor. |
| A. G. MCWHINNEY..... | " " " |
| D. J. PEACE..... | " " " |
| G. H. MITCHELL..... | " " " |
| T. ELLIOTT..... | " " " |

And Grand Representatives Deverall and Edmand, of No. 1; Carruthers and Cadwallader, of No. 2; Bedwell and Burns, of No. 3; Parker, of No. 9; Burdick and Plastow, of No. 10; DuBois, of No. 11; Brown and Domville, of No. 12; MacDonald, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Elliott and Linz, of No. 16; Endress and Dunlop, of No. 17; Jones, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Wiley and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte and Morris, of No. 31; and Bicknell, of No. 45.

At the request of the mover, Representative Deverall, of No. 1, the amendment to the Supreme Statutes offered just before adjournment last evening was withdrawn, as our Supreme Representatives stated that the Supreme Lodge would not entertain it.

Representative Parker, of No. 9, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS.

Your Committee on Reports have carefully examined the books of the G. K. of R. and S. and compared them with the semi-annual returns of the various subordinate lodges,

We have examined the dates of receiving many of the reports and find lodges have been too long in sending them in. To remedy this we would suggest that a fine of sufficient amount be placed on lodges who neglect to report before the 1st of March and the 1st of September in each year.

We might add that from a careful examination of the books and reports we find they agree in every respect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. ESTELL PARKER, of No. 9.
GEORGE H. ELLIOTT, of No. 16.

Moved by Representative Whyte, of No. 31, seconded by Representative Jones, of No. 18 :

"That the sum of 25c. per day be imposed on each lodge whose returns have not been sent in by March 1st and September 1st, for every day that shall elapse until the same shall be sent in."

Moved and seconded by Representative Edmand, of No. 1, and Past Grand Chancellor Ironside, "That the sum be \$1.00 per day."

Moved and seconded in amendment by Past Grand Chancellor Elliott and Representative Brown, "That delinquent lodges be charged pro rata."

The last amendment was put to a vote and lost.

The amendment naming the sum of \$1.00 per day was then put to a vote and carried, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was requested to notify the lodges.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the reports of the Deputy Grand Chancellors when Grand Master-at-Arms Little and Representative Wiley, of No. 30, moved and seconded that they be received as read and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. Carried.

Representative Deverall, of No. 1, mentioned the fact that the books of the Grand Lodge showed a debit account with Mystic Lodge No. 1 for the sum of \$12, which sum represented one dozen Knight's Diplomas supplied to this lodge, but which had not been ordered by warrant in the usual way, but by verbal order of the C. C. and K.R.S.

Representative Bicknell, of No. 45, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was considered clause by clause :

REPORT No. 4 OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee to whom was referred communication from Mystic No. 1, with reference to advertising matter for the Order, from Amicus No. 20, to establish a Pythian paper, and circular letters, from Grand Lodges of Ohio, Missouri, and Columbia, beg to report and recommend as follows:

1. That the Grand Executive to have printed a number of pamphlets setting forth concisely the objects of the Order and the benefits to be derived therefrom. That the same be forwarded to the different lodges of this Grand Domain for distribution.

2. That we do not consider it advisable, under the present condition of our finances, to recommend the establishment of a Pythian paper in this Grand Domain.

3. That our Supreme Representatives be instructed to support the proposed resolution which it is expected to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Supreme Lodge by B. S. Young, G. C. of Ohio, to establish a cipher key to the ritual so as to enable members of the Order to give the necessary study to their ritualistic work outside of the lodge room.

4. That we would recommend that the communications from Missouri and District of Columbia be handed to our Supreme Representatives to take such action therein as they see fit.

5. That we deem it advisable that the incoming G. C. visit the lodges in Algoma, as suggested by Bro. Dubois, as soon as he can make it convenient.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, of No. 3.
ALFRED BICKNELL, of No. 45.
A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12.

Clause No. 1 to read, "That it be left to discretion of Grand Executive, etc."

Clause No. 2—Adopted subject to above Executive.

Clause No. 3—Adopted.

Clause No. 4—Adopted.

Clause No. 5—Adopted.

Moved and seconded by Representatives Domville, of No. 12, and Burns, of No. 3, that the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Representative Burns, of No. 3, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which on motion was considered clause by clause and adopted as a whole :

REPORT No. 5—COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee, to whom was referred back report No. 1 of this Committee, beg to report as follows:

1. That your Committee has struck out of report No. 1 clause 6, recommending the amendment of chapter VIII., section 194. Grand Lodge Statutes, with reference to the giving of bonds by the M. of E. of subordinate lodges.

2. That as said clause has been struck out we recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. obtain returns from subordinate lodges to the following questions:

(a) In what bank or banking institution are your lodge funds deposited?

(b) To whose credit are said funds deposited?

(c) Are the deposits divided into General Fund and Benefit Fund?

(d) What signatures are required by the bank or banking institution for the withdrawal of your deposits?

3. With reference to the Deputy Grand Chancellor's reports referred to your Committee, we find them as a whole satisfactory.

4. We would recommend that the D. G. C's. be each supplied with a copy of the Supreme Statutes where not already supplied, said copy to be delivered by each D. G. C. to his successor in office as appointed.

5. We regret to note the absence of reports from the Deputy Grand Chancellors in the following districts:—No. 2, P. D. McKellar, Chatham; No. 10, Fred Ryerson, Brantford; No. 13, A. R. Nopper, Stratford; No. 45, L. Biggings,

Sault Ste. Marie. We think the G. C. should insist on receiving reports from each of his deputies before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BURNS, of No. 3.
ALFRED BICKNELL, of No. 45.
A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12.

There being no other committees ready to report, the Grand Chancellor stated he would proceed with the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Supreme Representatives Fitzgerald and McConnell were appointed tellers.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, the present incumbent and Grand Vice Chancellor MacKay were nominated. Grand Chancellor Murch declined the nomination, and Grand Vice Chancellor MacKay being the only nominee, a ballot was cast by the Grand Master-at-Arms on behalf of the Grand Representatives, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, Representatives Jones, of No. 18; Wilson, of No. 20; Endress, of No. 17; Bicknell, of No. 45; Burns, of No. 3; Domville, of No. 12; DuBois, of No. 11; G. M. of Ex. J. P. Macleod, Grand Prelate W. A. Cates, G. M. at A. J. L. Little and G. O. G. E. K. Barnsdale.

Grand Prelate Cates, G. M. of Ex. Macleod, G. M. at A. Little, G. O. G. Barnsdale and Representatives Endress, Bicknell, Burns, Domville and DuBois declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Representative Jones, of No. 18, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Prelate, Representatives Domville, of No. 12; Plastow, of No. 10; Wilson, of No. 20; Robinson, of No. 15, and Grand Outer Guard Barnsdale were nominated.

Representatives Wilson and Robinson and G. O. G. Barnsdale declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Representative Domville, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the present incumbent, Walter Haynes, was nominated, and being the only nominee a ballot was cast by the Grand Master-at-Arms on behalf of the Grand Representatives, and the Grand Chancellor declared him re-elected.

For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, the present incumbent, J. P. Macleod, was nominated, and being the only nominee a ballot was cast by the Grand Master-at-Arms on behalf of the Grand Representatives, and the Grand Chancellor declared him re-elected.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, Representatives Bicknell, of No. 45; Wilson, of No. 20; MacDonald, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Endress, of No. 17; DuBois, of No. 11; Morris, of No. 31; Grand Inner Guard Parkinson, and the present incumbent, J. L. Little, were nominated.

Representatives MacDonald, Endress, DuBois and G. M. A. Little declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Grand Inner Guard Parkinson, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Representatives MacDonald, of No. 14; Wilson, of No. 20; DuBois, of No. 10; Linz, of No. 16; Plastow, of No. 10; Edmand, of No. 1, and Grand Outer Guard Barnsdale were nominated.

Representative Wilson declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Grand Outer Guard Barnsdale, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, Representatives MacDonald, of No. 14; Linz, of No. 16; Soole, of No. 30; Wiley, of No. 30; Edmand, of No. 1; Hamilton, of No. 20; Plastow, of No. 10; Carruthers, of No. 2; and Parker, of No. 9, were nominated.

Representatives Soole, Wiley, Edmand, Carruthers and Parker declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Representative MacDonald, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Supreme Representative for four years, Past Grand Chancellors Peace, Ironside, Elliott, Mitchell and the present incumbent, Fitzgerald, were nominated.

Past Grand Chancellor Mitchell declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of P. G. C. Peace, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

Moved and seconded by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Haynes and Representative Robinson, of No. 15, "That a vote of thanks be extended to the tellers." Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded by Past Grand Chancellor McWhinney and Representative DuBois, of No. 11:

"That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to procure a Past Grand Chancellor's Jewel, have same suitably engraved, and presented to Brother Murch as a token of the appreciation by this Grand Body of his work during his term of office." Carried unanimously.

It being 12.30 p. m. the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock, and on roll call the following answered to their names :

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| W. H. MURCH..... | Grand Chancellor. |
| J. S. MACKAY..... | Grand Vice-Chancellor. |
| W. A. CATES..... | Grand Prelate. |
| W. G. HAYNES..... | Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. |
| J. P. MACLEOD..... | Grand Master of Exchequer. |
| J. L. LITTLE..... | Grand Master-at-Arms |
| T. A. Parkinson..... | Grand Inner Guard. |
| E. K. BARNSDALE..... | Grand Outer Guard. |
| And— | |
| F. J. FITZGERALD..... | Supreme Representative |
| R. H. MCCONNELL..... | " " |
| R. IRONSIDE..... | Past Grand Chancellor. |
| A. G. MCWHINNEY..... | " " |
| D. J. PEACE..... | " " |
| G. H. MITCHELL..... | " " |
| T. ELLIOTT..... | " " |

And Grand Representatives Deverall and Edmand, of No. 1 ; Carruthers and Cadwallader, of No. 2; Bedwell and Burns, of No. 3; Parker, of No. 9; Burdick and Plastow, of No. 10; DuBois, of No. 11; Brown and Domville, of No. 12; MacDonald, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Elliott and Linz, of No. 16; Endress and Dunlop, of No. 17; Jones, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Wiley and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte and Morris, of No. 31; and Bicknell, of No. 45.

Moved and seconded by representatives Morris and Deverall that :

"A vote of thanks be and is hereby tendered to the Lodges of the City of London for their courteous treatment of this Grand Body, and also to the officers and members of Prospect Lodge No. 10 for the gratuitous use of their lodge room during this Convention." Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded by Representatives Burns and Bicknell :

"That the sum of \$5.00 be donated to the caretaker of Hall." Carried.

Moved and seconded by Grand Master of Exchequer Macleod and Past Grand Chancellor Ironside :

"That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Representative Wilson, of No. 20, for performing so ably the duty of press reporter, and other services during this Convention." Carried.

Moved and seconded by Supreme Representative McConnell and Past Grand Chancellor Ironside :

"That the sum of \$4.00 be paid to Representative Wilson for expenses incurred by him as Grand Lodge Reporter." Carried.

Grand Chancellor Murch was then called upon for his valedictory address, and the words he uttered will ever be kept in kind remembrance of a Grand Chancellor "who did his duty and did it well."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Lodge being ready for the installation of its officers, Past Grand Chancellor Fitzgerald, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor Ironside (Grand Prelate) and Supreme Representative McConnell (Grand Master-at-Arms) proceeded to perform that duty.

The following were reported by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as having been elected, and who were present :

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| J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45..... | Grand Chancellor. |
| L. M. JONES, of No. 18..... | Grand Vice-Chancellor. |
| A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12..... | Grand Prelate. |
| W. G. HAYNES, of No. 30..... | Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. |
| J. P. MACLEOD, of No. 3..... | Grand Master of Exchequer. |
| T. A. PARKINSON, of No. 2..... | Grand Master-at-Arms. |
| E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42..... | Grand Inner Guard. |
| A. G. MACDONALD, of No. 14..... | Grand Outer Guard. |

They were then duly and regularly installed as the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, of Ontario, for the ensuing year, and were each called upon for a few words.

The Grand Chancellor then announced that he would appoint the Standing Committees, and furnish the names to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for publication in the Official Record.

Representative Bedwell, of No. 3, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report which was adopted and warrant ordered in favor of the Grand Master of Exchequer for the amount :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

| NAME. | Office or Lodge. | No. of Days. | Miles. | Per Diem. | Mileage. | Total. |
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| W. H. Murch..... | G. C. | 2½ | 15 | \$ 5 00 | \$ 90 | \$ 5 90 |
| J. S. MacKay..... | G. V. C. | 2½ | 29 | 5 00 | 1 74 | 6 74 |
| W. A. Cates..... | G. P. | 2½ | 111 | 5 00 | 6 66 | 11 66 |
| W. G. Haynes..... | G.K.R.& S. | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| J. P. Macleod..... | G. M. E. | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| J. L. Little..... | G. M. A. | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| E. K. Barnsdale..... | G. O. G. | 2½ | 32 | 5 00 | 1 92 | 6 92 |
| R. H. McConnell..... | S. R. | 2½ | 15 | 5 00 | 90 | 5 90 |
| D. J. Peace..... | P. G. C. | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| T. Elliott..... | P. G. C. | 1 | 55 | 2 00 | 3 30 | 5 30 |
| G. H. Mitchell..... | P. G. C. | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| C. E. Deverall..... | I | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| F. Edmand..... | I | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| D. A. Bedwell..... | 3 | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| J. Burns..... | 3 | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| E. E. Parker..... | 9 | 2½ | 88 | 5 00 | 5 28 | 10 28 |
| H. DuBois..... | 11 | 2½ | 441 | 5 00 | 26 46 | 31 46 |
| E. S. Brown..... | 12 | 1 | 15 | 2 00 | 90 | 2 90 |
| A. E. Domville..... | 12 | 2½ | 15 | 5 00 | 90 | 5 90 |
| A. G. MacDonald..... | 14 | 2½ | 405 | 5 00 | 22 70 | 27 70 |
| H. Robinson..... | 15 | 2½ | 65 | 5 00 | 3 90 | 8 90 |
| G. Elliott..... | 16 | 2½ | 111 | 5 00 | 6 66 | 11 66 |
| M. Linz..... | 16 | 2½ | 111 | 5 00 | 6 66 | 11 66 |
| C. Endress..... | 17 | 2½ | 111 | 5 00 | 6 66 | 11 66 |
| B. Dunlop..... | 17 | 2½ | 51 | 5 00 | 3 06 | 8 06 |
| L. M. Jones..... | 18 | 2½ | 51 | 5 00 | 3 06 | 8 06 |
| J. G. Wilson..... | 20 | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| H. Hamilton..... | 20 | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| H. E. Wiley..... | 30 | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| T. G. Soole..... | 30 | 2½ | 115 | 5 00 | 6 90 | 11 90 |
| A. R. Whyte..... | 31 | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| H. Morris..... | 31 | 2½ | 76 | 5 00 | 4 56 | 9 56 |
| A. Bicknell..... | 45 | 2½ | 29 | 5 00 | 1 74 | 6 74 |
| | | 79½ | 3245 | \$159 00 | \$ 193 10 | \$ 352 10 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. MACDONALD, of No. 14.
 B. DUNLOP, of No. 17.
 D. A. BEDWELL, of No. 3.

Representative DuBois, of No. 11, requested that his actual expenses only be paid to him, amounting to \$25.00, which sum was forwarded to him as he was not present in London at the time the expenses were paid to the representatives.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in regular form at 4 o'clock p. m. to meet in the City of Windsor on the fourth Monday in August, 1900.

Walter G. Hayes

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



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APPENDIX

Roster of the Grand Lodge, 1899-1900

GRAND OFFICERS

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| J. S. MacKay | Grand Chancellor. |
| L. M. Jones | Grand Vice-Chancellor. |
| A. E. Domville | Grand Prelate. |
| W. G. Haynes | Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. |
| J. P. Macleod | Grand Master of Exchequer. |
| T. A. Parkinson | Grand Master-at-Arms. |
| E. K. Barnsdale | Grand Inner Guard. |
| A. G. MacDonald | Grand Outer Guard. |

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| R. H. McConnell, of No. 12, St. Thomas | Term ending December 31st, 1901. |
| D. J. Peace, of No. 3, Hamilton | Term ending December 31st, 1903. |

Past Grand Chancellors.

In Order of Seniority.

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| * Rt. Rev. B. B. Ussher, of No. 1. | J. B. Davidson, of No. 12. |
| G. H. Mitchell, of No. 1. | W. E. Rispen, of No. 15. |
| J. S. King, M. D., of No. 20. | R. H. McConnell, of No. 12. |
| J. Chapman, of No. 3. | A. G. McWhinney, of No. 10. |
| D. J. Peace, of No. 3. | T. Elliott, of No. 36. |
| P. D. McKellar, of No. 15. | R. Ironside, of No. 22. |
| F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22. | W. H. Murch, of No. 12. |

* Illinois 1873.

Deputy Grand Chancellors

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| No. 1, District. County of Essex | Morris Linz, Windsor. Comprising Lodge No. 16. |
| No. 2, " County of Kent | G. Massey, Chatham. Comprising Lodge No. 15. |
| No. 3, " County of Elgin | G. W. Davey, St. Thomas. Comprising Lodge No. 12. |
| No. 7, " County of Lambton | B. Dunlop, Petrolia. Comprising Lodge No. 17. |
| No. 8, " County of Middlesex | D. Cranston, London. Comprising Lodges Nos. 2, 10, 37. |
| No. 9, " County of Oxford | Court Curtis, Woodstock. Comprising Lodge No. 45. |
| No. 10, " County of Brant | W. T. James, Brantford. Comprising Lodge No. 36. |

- No. 11, District County of Wentworth..... D. A. Bedwell, Hamilton.
Comprising Lodges Nos. 3, 31.
- No. 13, " County of Perth..... A. H. King, Stratford.
Comprising Lodge No. 42.
- No. 22, " County of York..... J. G. Wilson, Toronto.
Comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 18, 20, 30.
- No. 45, Algoma District..... $\left. \begin{array}{l} (a) \text{ E. Biggings, Sault Ste. Marie.} \\ (b) \text{ W. R. Smyth, Bruce Mines.} \end{array} \right\}$
Comprising (a) Lodge No. 11, (b) Lodge No. 14.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.

JUDICIARY.

G. H. Mitchell, of No. 1; C. E. Deverall, of No. 1; F. Edmand, of No. 1.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

A. Bicknell, of No. 45; E. S. Brown, of No. 12; G. Elliott, of No. 16.

FINANCE.

A. R. Whyte, of No. 31; W. J. Robertson, of No. 20; E. E. Parker, of No. 9.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

A. R. Whyte, of No. 31; B. Dunlop, of No. 17; G. A. Burdick, of No. 10.

GRIEVANCES.

H. Morris, of No. 31; H. DuBois, of No. 11; C. Entress, of No. 17.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

J. Simmons, of No. 37; R. Cadwallader, of No. 10; E. Hodgins, of No. 42.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

J. Burns, of No. 3; H. A. Plastow, of No. 10; H. Hamilton, of No. 20;

CREDENTIALS.

T. G. Soole, of No. 30; R. A. Carruthers, of No. 2; M. Linz, of No. 16.

PRINTING.

J. G. Wilson, of No. 20; H. E. Wiley, of No. 30; W. Haynes, G. K. R. S.

OFFICIAL PRESS REPORTER.

J. G. Wilson, of No. 20.

CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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|------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Institution..... | Toronto..... | April 9th, | 1872. |
| Special..... | Toronto..... | May 30th, | 1872. |
| Second..... | Hamilton..... | June 25th, | 1873. |
| Third..... | Chatham..... | " 3rd, | 1874. |
| Fourth..... | Toronto..... | " 2nd, | 1875. |
| Fifth..... | London..... | " 7th, | 1876. |
| Sixth..... | Sarnia..... | " 12th, | 1877. |
| Seventh..... | Hamilton..... | " 11th, | 1878. |
| Eighth..... | Windsor..... | " 10th, | 1879. |
| Ninth..... | London..... | " 8th, | 1880. |
| Tenth..... | Toronto..... | " 14th, | 1881. |

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| Eleventh | St. Catharines | June 13th, 1882. |
| Twelfth | Hamilton | " 12th, 1883. |
| Thirteenth | Windsor | " 10th, 1884. |
| Fourteenth | London | " 9th, 1885. |
| Fifteenth | Toronto | July 12th, 1886. |
| Sixteenth | Hamilton | June 14th, 1887. |
| Seventeenth | Owen Sound | " 5th, 1888. |
| Eighteenth | Chatham | July 2nd, 1889. |
| Nineteenth | Smith's Falls | June 10th, 1890. |
| Twentieth | London | " 9th, 1891. |
| Twenty-first | St. Thomas | " 14th, 1892. |
| Twenty-second | Petrolia | " 13th, 1893. |
| Twenty-third | Windsor | Aug. 21st, 1894. |
| Twenty-fourth | Hamilton | July 9th, 1895. |
| Twenty-fifth | Toronto | " 14th, 1896. |
| Twenty-sixth | Berlin | " 13th, 1897. |
| Twenty-seventh | Woodstock | " 12th, 1898. |
| Twenty-eighth | London | " 11th, 1899. |

ROLL OF LODGES AND PAST CHANCELLORS.

Those in *Italics* have not received the Grand Lodge Rank.

Mystic Lodge No. 1, Toronto.

Instituted Feb. 22nd, 1872. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday. P. O. Address, Pythian Hall.

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Armstrong, Jos. | McConkey, Thos. | Sparks, A. J. |
| Deverall, Chas. | Oliver, Robt. | Villiers, R. J. |
| <i>Davis, Thos.</i> | Hall, S. E. | Edmand, F. |
| Leslie, J. E. | <i>Parker, T. Y.</i> | |

Myrtle Lodge No. 2, London.

Instituted Feb. 23rd, 1872. Meets every Tuesday.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bloomgarden, Samuel | Harding, Fred. | Williams, Jno. |
| Cadwallader, R. | Parkinson, T. A. | <i>Willis, H. A.</i> |
| Carruthers, R. A. | <i>Park, G.</i> | <i>Wray, Jno. D.</i> |
| Galpin, E. B. | <i>Reid, R. H.</i> | |

Red Cross Lodge No. 3, Hamilton.

Instituted Feb. 26th, 1872. Meets every Monday. P. O. Address, 219 Main St. E.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Aitchison, A. W. | Dunnett, Geo. | Meston, M. |
| Beasley, Thos. S. | <i>Faulkner, R. J.</i> | Midgley, Geo. |
| Bedwell, D. A., Jr. | <i>Ford, W. H.</i> | <i>McLean, Hugh</i> |
| Brown, J. L. | Irwin, R. | Pedler, Thos. |
| Burns, John | Johnson, Hy | <i>Phibbs, Geo. D.</i> |
| Childs, W. H. | Lumsden, W. W. | <i>Schultz, D.</i> |
| Curtis C. | Macleod, J. P. | Leishman, F. J. |
| <i>Bonnett, F. B.</i> | | |

Rokey Lodge No. 9, Wallaceburg.

Instituted March 22nd, 1888. Meets every Wednesday.
E. E. Parker. E. Stevens.

Prospect Lodge No. 10, London.

Instituted June 23rd, 1889. Meets every Monday.

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Belton, J. C. | Plastow, H. A. | Southcott, L. J. |
| Holland, E. | Shaw, J. N. | Webb, S. A. |
| Moffatt, W. J. | Stipple, J. | Widden, H. J. |
| Graydon, N. P. | Maker, J. | Burdick, G. A. |
| Noble, B. | Smith, W. | |

Algoma Lodge No. 11, Sault Ste. Maria.

Instituted August 2nd, 1875. Meets every Monday.

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Biggins, E. | DuBois, H. | Jenkins, Jno. |
| Brown, W. | Hall, J. | Taylor, Geo. H. |
| Cunningham, W. R. | | |

Rathbone Lodge No. 12, St. Thomas.

Instituted Feb. 10th, 1890. Meets every Tuesday. Address, P.O. Box 801.

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Baker, M. J. | Davey, G. W. | Ingram, G. A. |
| Bell, J. A. | Brown, E. S. | Robertson, J. S. |
| Broderick, T. L. | Domville, A. E. | Stacey, J. |

Olive Lodge No. 14, Bruce Mines.

Instituted May 20th, 1890. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Fleming, Wm. | Smyth, W. R. | Wickett, W. H. |
| Knight, Jno. | Snyder, Fred. | Wightman, W. |
| McDonald, A. G. | Taylor, A. D. | |

Marmion Lodge No. 15, Chatham.

Instituted May 23rd, 1876. Meets every Monday.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Douglas, G. B. | Richards, W. G. | Robinson, W. H. |
| Mercer, R. | Robinson, Hy. | Massey, G. |
| Morton, J. A. | | |

Friendship Lodge No. 16, Windsor.

Instituted Oct. 26th, 1876. Meets every Monday. P.O. Box 203.

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|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Andrews, W. R. | Tomlinson, W. J. | McWhinney, Thos. |
| Ashdown, C. H. | Forsch, John H. | Neal, Fred. |
| Bangham, R. | Grosscup, J. A. | Robinson, C. H. |
| Cates, W. A. | Howard, F. | Young, H. E. |
| Elliott, A. H. | Lintz, M. | Spiers, John |
| Fleming, A. H. | Leavitt, A. | Inverarity, J. W. |

Petrolia Lodge No. 17, Petrolia.

Instituted Jan. 17th, 1891. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

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|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Dunlop, B. | Read, John | Smiley, F. A. |
| Endress, C. | Sanson, Wm. | Van Tuyl, B. S. |
| Pitkin, G. S. | Burt, E. | |

Queen's City Lodge No. 18, Toronto.

Instituted July 31st, 1891. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday. P. O. Address
Pythian Hall.

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|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Bryan, A. W. | Cluff, W. J. | <i>Rosenthal, L.</i> |
| Carkeek, W. J. | Jones, L. M. | Shannessey, W. M. |
| <i>Coulter, A.</i> | | |

Amicus Lodge No. 20, Toronto.

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1893. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday. P. O. Address,
St. George's Hall.

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Armstrong, A. B. | Huffman, M. P. | <i>Van Winckell, H. G.</i> |
| Bowie, E. F. | <i>Madill, J.</i> | Wilson, J. G. |
| Fox, W. H. | Murrell, W. A. | <i>Simpson, W. J.</i> |
| Hamilton, H. R. | Robertson, W. J. | |

Toronto Lodge No. 30, Toronto

Instituted Sept. 29th, 1887. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday. P. O. Address, Box 583

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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Alexander, A. A. | Grey, J. F. | <i>Peaker, J. W.</i> |
| Bedingfield, Geo. | Haynes, W. G. | Soole, Thomas G. |
| Clarke, E. F. | Little, J. L. | Stutchbury, W. H. |
| Elliott, A. | Macdonald, W. C. | Wiley, H. E. |
| Flett, Fred. W. | <i>Taylor, J. M.</i> | <i>Burns, R. A. E.</i> |

Bismarck Lodge No. 31, Hamilton.

Instituted April 21st, 1887. Meets every Friday.

| | | |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Belz, Adam | <i>Ferguson, Robt.</i> | Morris H. |
| Belz, Hy. | Lackner, A. E. | Whyte, A. R. |
| | <i>Ramsperger, A.</i> | |

Calanthe Lodge No. 36, Brantford.

Instituted Dec. 5th, 1892. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday.

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| Bloomfield, R. A. | <i>James, W. T.</i> | <i>Ryerson, F. W.</i> |
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Columbian Lodge No. 37, London.

Instituted Dec. 16th, 1892. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday.

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| <i>Bonney, R.</i> | Johnston, E. H. | <i>Roughley, G. R.</i> |
| Case, J. | McRobert, E. J. | Simmons, J. |
| <i>Cooper, A. T.</i> | <i>Cranston, D.</i> | |

Hamlet Lodge No. 42, Stratford.

Instituted August 16th, 1894. Meets every Wednesday. P. O. Box 475.

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| Barnsdale, E. K. | <i>Hodgins, Elijah</i> | <i>King, A. H.</i> |
| Corrie, Fred. J. | <i>Nopper, A. R.</i> | |

Woodstock Lodge No. 45, Woodstock.

Instituted May 14th, 1895. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

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| Bicknell, A. | Rapson, C. E. | <i>Tisdale, W. M.</i> |
| <i>Kennedy, D. M.</i> | | |

Lodges are requested to examine the foregoing list and notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of any errors. The omission of any Past Chancellor who should be included will be due to the fact that he has not been reported by his lodge, and until a duly authenticated certificate has been filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, no one can be recognized as being entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME LODGE, AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF ONTARIO,
FROM INSTITUTION, 1872, TO 1899 INCLUSIVE.

| YEAR. | SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES. | GRAND CHANCELLORS. | VICE-CHANCELLORS. | GRAND PRELATES. |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1872.. | W. D. Kennedy | W. C. Morrison | J. B. How | Geo. W. Cooley |
| 1873.. | " | " | Geo. Mitgey | J. P. Dinsmore |
| 1874.. | " | Colin H. Rose | W. Hinthorne | Geo. Mitgey |
| 1875.. | Geo. H. Mitchell | " | " | Geo. Mitgey |
| 1876.. | " | John S. King | P. D. McKellar | Geo. Mitgey |
| 1877.. | " | " | Geo. H. Leslie | E. H. Johnston |
| 1878.. | John S. King | " | J. H. Lumsden | H. Bryant |
| 1879.. | " | W. F. Taylor | A. J. Rattray | F. Sanagan |
| 1880.. | " | J. H. Lumsden | F. Sanagan | P. A. Aikman |
| 1881.. | " | A. J. Rattray | J. Chapman | P. D. J. Peace |
| 1882.. | " | Jesse Chapman | R. Dadds | W. W. Dougan |
| 1883.. | " | Geo. H. Leslie | D. J. Peace | W. J. Vale |
| 1884.. | " | P. J. King | W. Townsend | " |
| 1885.. | " | P. J. King | W. Vale | R. Bingham |
| 1886.. | Jesse Chapman | W. J. Vale | R. Bingham | F. Fitzgerald |
| 1887.. | " | J. S. King | R. W. Higginbotham | F. Fitzgerald |
| 1888.. | " | P. H. Drayton | L. E. Tate | W. F. Soley |
| 1889.. | " | P. D. McKellar | R. H. Jarvis | L. P. Macleod |
| 1890.. | John S. King | R. H. Jarvis | J. Blackwood | W. F. Morphy |
| 1891.. | " | F. J. Fitzgerald | W. F. Morphy | L. B. Davidson |
| 1892.. | D. J. Peace | J. B. Davidson | W. E. Rispen | W. M. English |
| 1893.. | John S. King | W. E. Rispen | B. S. Van Tuyl | W. C. Macdonald |
| 1894.. | " | R. H. McConnell | W. C. Macdonald | W. Hill |
| 1895.. | " | A. G. McWhinney | " | Rev. F. R. Ghent |
| 1896.. | F. J. Fitzgerald | Thomas Elliott | R. Ironside | W. H. Murch |
| 1897.. | " | W. H. Murch | W. H. Murch | Rev. R. Von Pirch |
| 1898.. | R. H. McConnell | W. H. Murch | J. S. Mackay | W. A. Cates |
| 1899.. | D. J. Peace | J. S. Mackay | L. M. Jones | E. A. Douvri le |

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