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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

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MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.



—HELD AT—

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA,

July 20th and 21st, 1897.

P.P. XXXIV.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE.**

The seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, Knights of Pythias, will be held during July 1897, P.P. xxxv, date and hour appointed by the Grand Chancellor.

All changes in officers of Subordinate Lodges must be immediately communicated to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Keepers of Records and Seal are requested to forward Past Chancellors' Certificates for preceding term immediately after installation of succeeding Chancellor Commander.

Representatives' Certificates must be forwarded immediately after election on last meeting in June.

Any information relative to the organization of Lodges, Pythian history and literature, etc. will be cheerfully furnished by any of the Grand Officers.

ALBERT E. JOHNSON,  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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WINNIPEG, JULY 21st, 1897.  
P.P. XXXIV.

The sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories was called to order in the Sons of England Hall at 3.30 p.m., July 21st, 1897, Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare presiding.

Roll call of officers found the following present :

Grand Chancellor C.F.P. Conybeare.  
Grand Vice-Chancellor E. E. Lightcap.  
Grand Prelate Wm. Middleton.  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal A. E. Johnson.  
Grand Master-at-Arms J. R. Foster.  
Grand Inner-Guard W. R. Taylor.  
Grand Trustee Jos. Harrison.  
Past Grand Chancellors N. S. Shaw, J. T. Huggard.

On motion of Representative Jos. Harrison the minutes of last session were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

On motion of Grand Master-at-Arms J. Foster, the roll call of lodges was deferred until after the introduction of Past Chancellors.

**Document No. 1.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

*To the Grand Lodge Manitoba and Northwest Territories :*

BRETHREN,—Your committee on Credentials and Returns beg to report as follows :



We find the following Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank for reasons stated. We, therefore, recommend that the rank be conferred upon them and that they be given seats in this Grand Body.

- Winnipeg Lodge No. 1—S. J. Rothwell and Fred Knight.  
 Assiniboine Lodge No. 4—L. A. Ferte and G. A. Neelands.  
 Damon Lodge No. 5—G. E. Dixon and W. A. B. Hutton.  
 Prairie Lodge No. 8—Wm. Hay.  
 Wheat City Lodge No. 9—Geo. Andrew.  
 Boissevain Lodge No. 11—F. N. Bell.  
 Crescent Lodge No. 12—R. I. Crisp, E. J. Crawford, J. McKelvie,  
 J. A. Taylor and W. A. Foster.  
 Wawanesa Lodge No. 13—F. D. Barclay.  
 Birtle Lodge No. 14—A. R. Tingley, G. V. Rowcroft, C. A. Flower,  
 D. H. Kirk and W. A. Pierson.  
 Myrtle Lodge No. 15—H. A. Gallan, Jas. Brydon, T. S. C. Orton  
 and Chas. Brown.  
 Alberta Lodge No. 1—A. C. Burdick.  
 Regina Lodge No. 3—G. Main.

We find the following Past Chancellors entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives :

- Winnipeg Lodge No. 1—T. Lee, R. A. Graham and B. Nicholson  
 (alternate).  
 Assiniboine Lodge No. 4—Jos. Harrison and L. A. Ferte.  
 Damon Lodge No. 5—W. G. Bell and E. T. Howard.  
 Prairie Lodge No. 8—R. L. Green and W. C. Kaake.  
 Wheat City Lodge No. 9—W. P. Middleton and J. E. Riley.  
 Boissevain Lodge No. 11—F. L. Schaffner.  
 Crescent Lodge No. 12, R. I. Crisp.  
 Wawanesa Lodge No. 13—F. D. Barclay.  
 Birtle Lodge No. 14—C. A. Flower and A. R. Tingley.  
 Myrtle Lodge No. 15—Chas. Brown and T. S. C. Orton.  
 Regina Lodge No. 3—G. Main.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. HUGGARD.

N. S. SHAW.

W. C. KAAKE.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard the report of Committee on Credentials and Returns was adopted.

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GRAND LODGE RANK.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following Past Chancellors and they were duly invested with the Grand Lodge Rank.

Past Chancellors Benj. Nicholson, G. A. Neelands, L. A. Ferte, W. A. B. Hutton, Wm. Hay, W. P. Middleton, R. I. Crisp, C. A. Flower, Chas. Brown and G. Main.

ROLL CALL OF LODGES.

Roll call of lodges found the following represented.—Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15 and 3.

Document No. 2.

REPORT OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories :*

I have the honor of presenting to you the sixth annual report of the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the North West Territories as follows :—

When at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, held at Portage la Prairie, Bro. C. A. Turley was elected to the chair, we looked forward with bright hopes to the results that we expected would crown his labours. He then appeared to us to be in full enjoyment of vigorous manhood, and we fully expected that we should have him amongst us after his term as Grand Chancellor had expired to assist in the work of developing this Grand Domain. But it pleased Providence to order otherwise. Within a few weeks of his installation in his responsible office he was stricken down by an illness which terminated fatally on the 19th October. His death gave an opportunity for the display of the principles of our order and I was pleased with the way in which members of this Grand Lodge responded to the call. The funeral ceremonies of our Grand Chancellor were, thanks to these knightly members, conducted in a befitting manner, and proper honor accorded to the remains of one who died whilst actually wielding the grand truncheon.

On the 20th October, I was informed by telegram from the G. K. of R. & S., of the death of the Grand Chancellor Turley. This necessitated my assumption of the duties of his position and I immediately issued a proclamation requiring the observance of a period of mourning throughout the Grand Domain.

My accession to the position of Grand Chancellor left that of Vice Chancellor vacant. It devolved upon me to make an appointment, and in view of the lesson we had received in the sudden and unexpected death of Bro. Turley, I thought it right that the vacancy should be

filled as soon as possible to guard against the contingency of a second vacancy occurring in the Grand Chair before this Grand Lodge should be again in session. But at the same time I felt very strongly the responsibility which was attendant upon making the appointment. No person should I think be placed in the Vice Chair who is not worthy and capable of going up higher, and he then has a claim to succeed to the chair unless whilst acting as Vice he has by some act of omission or commission impaired that right. This principle appears to be almost universally recognized in the Grand Lodges of our order, and it therefore seemed to me that in advancing any member to this position, I would be practically appointing my successor, an appointment which this Grand Lodge out of courtesy to myself might feel bound to ratify. After consulting with the Past Grand Chancellors, who have throughout my term given me valuable assistance and counsel, I decided not to advance anyone, but to request one of the members who had already attained Past Grand Honors to step down and fill the gap. This Past Grand Chancellor E. E. Lightcap kindly consented to do, and by appointing him Grand Vice Chancellor I was able to guard against contingencies and at the same time leave this session of the Grand Lodge free and unfettered to select its own officers.

#### PROGRESS.

At the time when the Grand Lodge adjourned last year we anticipated brilliant results from the campaign of 1896-'97. These expectations have not been realized as fully as we had hoped, although three new lodges have been established. The first of these to be established was Birtle Lodge, which owes its existence, I believe, to the good work done by our late Grand Chancellor, the institution of this lodge being one of his last official acts. The second in order was Regina. I had always regarded it as of great importance that a lodge of the order should be established there in order to create a centre for work in Assiniboia, and as a connection in the chain of lodges which I hope one day to see established along the line of our national highway. In this connection I may say that I have devoted considerable time to endeavor to establish lodges at three other points in Assiniboia on the line of railway, but without success, but I hope my successor in office may have better fortune in this respect. The third is Myrtle Lodge located at Hilton. For this our thanks are due to Past Chancellor J. E. Riley, who has been a most energetic and able Deputy. He has also made considerable progress towards establishing another lodge at Morris, and I had expected to have seen it instituted before now, but Bro. Riley has recently had other claims on his time which have prevented him as yet from completing this work.

Why our expectations in regard to development in Manitoba have not been as fully realized as we expected, I am not able to say. Possibly

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we may have been over sanguine, but it has not I think been due to want of zeal and energy on the part of members of this Grand Lodge. I believe that never in the history of this Domain has any Grand Chancellor had at his back as many enthusiastic workers as I have had, and it is possible that although their efforts have not yet borne fruit, that they may yet do so. A good deal of our energy has, I regret to say, been expended in maintaining lodges already in existence. Neepawa Lodge was, I think, practically defunct when Bro. Turley was elected Grand Chancellor, and in spite of all efforts since made, we have not succeeded in resuscitating it. But I believe that the prospects of getting it on its feet again are now better than they have been for some time past. Prairie Lodge, of Portage, also found itself in difficulties and for some time it was feared that it would also go temporarily under. Indeed matters went to such a length that they proposed surrendering their charter. I specially commissioned the Vice Grand Chancellor, Bro. Lightcap, to visit this lodge and endeavor to get them on their feet again, and, failing this, to arrange for taking over their charter and paraphernalia. With the assistance of my Deputy, Past Chancellor Taylor, he was able to get the lodge again started and it will now, I trust, continue to flourish and prosper.

In the Territories the state of affairs has been by no means encouraging. This is I think mainly due to the boom in the mining districts of British Columbia. In fact there are I believe to-day more members of the two Alberta Lodges to be found in Rossland and Nelson than there are in Calgary and Lethbridge. This in both cases has caused difficulty in holding meetings, as it has often been impossible to secure quorums. Alberta No. 1, was almost defunct in the spring of this year but with the assistance of a few energetic members there, and especially of its K. of R. and S. Bro. Macdonald, its collapse was averted. At this time I gave it a dispensation for holding meetings only once a month. In Lethbridge a similar state of affairs has existed and it has only been by hard and continuous work that that lodge has been kept running.

Still in spite of the difficulties and disappointments we have gone ahead. As will be seen by the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the returns of Subordinate Lodges show a net increase of sixty-one members, to this must be added the membership of Regina and Myrtle lodges, which were instituted too late to have their members included.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Shortly after I assumed the duties of Grand Chancellor, I divided the Grand Domain into districts, appointing a Deputy over each. This, I believe, is a system that should work well, and I trust to see it continued. Especially in a Domain covering such an enormous area as ours does, it is impossible for the Grand Chancellor to give constant personal

supervision to all portions of it. He must, therefore, depend to a great extent on his Deputies. These should not be multiplied more than is actually necessary. They should be carefully selected and when appointed, warmly supported in fact they should in their own districts exercise under the direction of the Grand Chancellor, the duties of Grand Chancellor, so far as that district is concerned. I fully believe in increasing and letting them feel their responsibility and thus interesting them in building up the order in the districts they have in charge, and future Grand Chancellors who have filled the office of Deputy Grand Chancellor over a district will certainly be benefitted in ruling the whole Domain from experience gained in governing a portion of it. I have, I think, been on the whole very fortunate in having under me as Deputies so good a staff. Past Chancellors Harrison, Riley, Foster, McKay and Crookshank have done good work and materially assisted me. Past Chancellor Taylor had probably the most difficult position of any of them. With one of the lodges in his district defunct, and the other, Prairie Lodge, for the greater portion of the time in an unsatisfactory condition, he was severely handicapped, but I am satisfied that but for him Prairie Lodge could not have survived. Past Chancellor Smith in the west has been in a very similar position, and he has had discouraging work, vainly struggling to keep the lodge of which he is a member from going under. Past Chancellor Crookshank was a new appointment made by myself as the district was formerly looked after by Bro. Turley. He has shown himself to be an able and energetic officer and I have every reason for thanking the members of this Grand Lodge and of the lodges in this district who recommended the appointment.

#### ENDOWMENT RANK.

Although this branch of the order is not yet as firmly established in this Jurisdiction as we would wish to see it, still the past year has seen great progress made. Early in 1897 Past Grand Chancellor Lightcap was appointed by the Board of Control as General Organizer for this Domain. I issued a circular to the Subordinate Lodges notifying them of his appointment and requesting their co-operation with him in his work. At the time of his appointment, the insurance carried in this Domain only amounted to about \$28,000.00 and the membership of the branch was about 14. As a result of Bro. Lightcap's work a new and strong section has been established and the branch now has about sixty-five members in our Jurisdiction carrying about \$100,000.00 of insurance. I consider it of vital interest to all Subordinate Lodges to have the Endowment Rank interwoven with their work. It is very seldom that a member of a Subordinate Lodge who is also a member of the Endowment Rank will allow himself to be suspended and thus imperil his insurance. Thus the Endowment feature, as it becomes more general, will give increased stability to our lodges.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

\* It has always appeared to me that in view of the position in which our Grand Jurisdiction is placed, more use should be made of our Standing Committees and more assistance asked from them. Your Grand Chancellor with the assistance of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal who receives a very small salary for the large amount of work which he has to do, has to exercise authority over a Jurisdiction immense in its distances. Our lodges are far apart and many of them have but a small membership. Consequently our revenue is utterly inadequate to the work which we have to perform. It is impossible on this account for Grand Lodge officers to make the visitations and exercise the personal supervision over Subordinate Lodges which ought to be made. The institution of a new lodge is a source of expense to the Grand Lodge, as owing to the distances and heavy railway fare it is in the majority of cases practically impossible for a lodge just starting to do more than contribute to the expenses. In most cases also the Grand Lodge has to purchase from the Supreme Lodge the necessary supplies and carry the amount as indebtedness due from the new lodge for a longer or shorter period, the membership of outside lodges being generally too small to enable them to contribute to expenses of institution and pay for their paraphernalia and supplies as well. The expense which the Grand Lodge thus incurs must of course be regarded as an investment from which we anticipate benefit by the increase in our revenue to be derived from the per capita tax from, and profit on supplies to, these lodges. This is a case of serious difficulty at the present time and it would be still more serious, but for the generous way in which members who assist in instituting lodges and other work of this kind consent to personally defray part of their own expenses. Calls of other kinds, sometimes of a more painful nature, such as were the expenses in connection with the funeral of our late Grand Chancellor are at times made upon our funds, and the Grand Chancellor is called upon to decide to what extent aid from our Grand Lodge funds should be granted for these purposes. In regard to these matters, the question of finance being at the present time the most serious one we have to grapple with, I think we should have the advice and assistance throughout the year of the finance Committee. Their duties should be larger than merely examining the books at the close of the financial year, and I would suggest to my successor the expediency of having quarterly financial statements sent to them so that they may be aware throughout the year of our financial position and be able to advise thereon.

The Committee on Law necessarily has to perform functions throughout the year in examining By-laws of Subordinate Lodges and reporting on them. But in this Jurisdiction this is not sufficient. For reasons of economy we have dispensed with the Tribunal system



that exists in all other Jurisdictions. This confers on the Grand Chancellor the responsibility of deciding all legal controversies and questions. All members of the Grand Lodge are expected to be more or less posted on Pythian law, but our Committee on Law is, or should be, composed of the members who are most proficient in the study of it. A Grand Chancellor is elected usually owing to the possession of other qualifications than these, and until we have a Tribunal I think all questions of a legal nature should be submitted by him to the Committee on Law. I have followed out this plan during my term of office with satisfactory results.

It is also I think worth considering whether the assistance of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations could not with advantage be utilized throughout the year. Questions in regard to the advisability of granting permission to establish new lodges, such as the number and class of applications and the likelihood of securing further membership after the lodge is instituted might well be considered.

In this connection I would point out the necessity that exists for carefully scrutinizing the names, and enquiring as to petitioners for a charter, so that no one who is not under Supreme Law, eligible to membership may be admitted. Deputy Grand Chancellors should also be urged to look closely into these matters in the lodges over which they have supervision. A case was recently reported to me by one of my deputies in which application for membership was received from a person stating himself to be a farmer, which possibly was his proper business, but at the time he was engaged in handling liquor. This case led to my ruling on the advice of the Committee on Law, that a person managing a hotel on a salary for the benefit of other parties and not being himself the licensee is not a *bona fide* hotel keeper, and consequently if engaged in handling liquor is not eligible for admission to the Order.

#### UNIFORM RANK.

This branch of the order is one that should receive more support in our jurisdiction than it now does. In other domains it is found that the existence of strong Uniform divisions maintain interest in the order and assist in increasing the membership of Subordinate Lodges. Under Past Supreme Representative Bunnel as their Colonel our division has been placed on a healthy basis and has increased slightly in numbers during the past year. When it has appeared in public it has made a creditable showing, but it is as yet too small to enable it to be of as much value to us as it should be.

#### PRESS.

At our last session the necessity of having an official organ for this jurisdiction was taken up and a committee consisting of Past Grand

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Chancellors Bunnell, Lightcap and Huggard were appointed to select a Journal. At that time there was no Pythian paper published in our Jurisdiction. There appeared to be a consensus of opinion on the part of the Grand Lodge that we must have an organ of our own, but feared that we were not as yet strong enough to support one. A few months ago some enterprising Knights commenced the publication in Winnipeg of "The Canadian Pythian". Whilst I feared that their attempt was more plucky than judicious, I felt strongly in sympathy with the venture, as if successful it would be advantageous for us. But I felt, in view of the official position which I held, that it would be better that I should not in any way endorse the enterprise or take any action in regard to it pending the session of this lodge, as it seemed probable that the publication would be able to stand alone until then. Some of the members of the Grand Lodge, however, privately took an interest in its affairs and the special committee have been considering the question. It is I fear impossible, that a publication of this kind can continue to exist in this jurisdiction unless endorsed by the Grand Lodge and heartily supported by the order. Official support I consider necessarily implies financial support and it is probable that at this session the special Committee may present some scheme, by which the Canadian Pythian can be used as our official organ, receiving some measure of financial assistance. Should it be decided to officially adopt the publication, I would urge on all those present at this session the necessity for giving it a warm and hearty support in order that it may be successful.

#### ORGANIZATION OF NEW LODGES.

How best to expand our membership and so build up our Domain is a question of great importance. At present the only machinery we have for the purpose is the work of the Grand Chancellor and his deputies. It has been suggested that their hands might be strengthened by the assistance of other members of the Grand Lodge, who have had experience in organizing, and would be willing to take part in the work if given a status for doing so. The proposition is I think worthy of consideration. An organization Committee might be formed for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Pythianism in places where no lodge exists. Their power would have, however, to be so defined that they would not clash with those of the Deputy Grand Chancellor.

#### NECROLOGY.

Another well known and honored Knight has been taken from us during the past year in the person of Past Supreme Representative Dobson who was our first Grand Chancellor. For the second time during my term of office I had to order the observance of a period of mourning. Bro. Dobson was one of the old members who assisted in



the establishment of the order in Manitoba and his death removed another of our Pythian land marks.

MEMORIAL TO G. C. TURLEY.

I have received several communications in regard to the erection of a monument to our deceased Grand Chancellor. In view of our financial position it has so far been impossible for the Grand Lodge to take any action on the suggestion. It would be a fitting and proper thing for us to erect a Pythian monument to our illustrious dead. That which has not been within the range of possibility during my term may possibly be more readily effected during that of my successor.

In conclusion I would wish to thank those members of the order who have so kindly and energetically assisted me in my labours. Few I think outside of those who have held the office, and that of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal can fully recognize the amount of work attendant on the position. During the portion of the year for which I have filled the chair, nearly four hundred letters, circulars, etc., have been sent from my office and the correspondence, especially that relating to Lodge By-laws or other vexed questions, require the expenditure of a good deal of time in dealing with them. There is much left unaccomplished, that I desired to do, owing to pressure on my time, and that I have been able to do as much as I have done, is due to the assistance that I have received. To mention personally all those who have assisted me would be too long a roll call. The Past Grand Chancellors have all heartily co-operated with me, especially, Past Grand Chancellor Lightcap who has several times left home and travelled long distances to assist me, and Past Grand Chancellor Huggard who as chairman of the Committee on Law, and in many other ways has been one of my main stays. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has been to me as to my predecessors a loyal, faithful and painstaking officer. After working with him for nine months I now more fully appreciate how onerous are his duties. He even to a greater extent than the Grand Chancellor must freely burn the midnight oil in order to attend to his official duties, whilst engaged in the ordinary vocations of life. Grand Prelate Middleton I am also indebted to for valuable advice. The assistance given to me by my deputies I have referred to above. Past Chancellors Howard, Rathwell and Wessell I desire also to specially mention. Especially in my case was this assistance invaluable. Not anticipating that I would be called upon during this term to fulfil these duties, on my return home from the last session of this lodge I consented to my partner taking an extended business trip, which left me alone to handle my professional business. The death of Bro. Turley consequently placed me in a rather embarrassing position as I had to assume the duties of Grand Chancellor whilst being tied down

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to my office more than I ever anticipated being when filling that chair. This has interfered with my making as many official visitations as I should have wished, but what I have been able to do, I have done cheerfully and ungrudgingly to the best of my ability and now when on the eve of laying aside the truncheon of office I submit this report to you, I do so fearlessly, believing that the same chivalrous courtesy which I have received during my term of office will mark its close.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

C. F. CONYBEARE,

*Past Grand Chancellor.*

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

*To Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare :*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—As Deputy for Boissevain Lodge No. 11, I beg to report that this lodge is making steady progress both numerically and financially. All our members are in good standing. I expect before this report reaches you that we will have our indebtedness to the Grand Lodge paid, as well as per capita tax which will leave some \$100.00 still in the treasury.

During the year three dispensations have been granted for good and sufficient reasons. I expect before another year passes lodges will be instituted at Killarney, and other points, through the efforts of some of our members who are now located at different towns on this line.

I think it best to have one good working lodge in a district before trying to branch out too much.

The officers of this lodge who have had charge during the different terms, deserve a great deal of praise for the way in which they got up their work, all being new members at the institution of the lodge. We have good harmony at all our meetings, only one matter came up that was likely to disturb the harmony and that was a petition which has already been explained to you and immediately on receipt of your decision the Brothers who presented it immediately withdrew the petition and good harmony still reigns.

In conclusion I wish to thank both yourself and our Grand Keeper of Records and Seals for your kind advice from time to time.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. MCKAY,

*D. G. C.*

*To Grand Chancellor F. C. P. Conybeare :*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I beg leave to submit my yearly report. Since my appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor one year ago, I have

not been able to do as much for Pythainism as I would have liked to. I have had the work at heart but owing to press of other work I was unable to give that attention to our noble order which it deserves. I may say, however, that in my district the membership is increasing and a steady advancement is very noticeable. We fully expect that by another year we will have double the number in this district. I made an official visit to Crescent Lodge No. 12 on Sept. 23, 1896, and found they were not doing as well as I expected. I gave them a word of encouragement and tried to impress on them the necessity of holding regular conventions even if there was no Rank work to do. I again visited them on Dec. 9, 1896, and had with me Bros. Middleton, McKelvin and Munroe. We had a grand meeting. We made two Pages, two Esquires and two Knights. I again visited Crescent Lodge No. 12 on March 22, 1897, and installed the officers, made two Esquires and one Knight. I again visited No. 12 on May 25, 1897, and found them in good working order.

I made an official visit to Souris again on July 14, and installed the officers, and left them in good working order.

During my term of office I granted eight dispensations for conferring ranks, as a number of the brothers wanted to leave Manitoba and wished to be made Bro. Knights before leaving. I have visited Wheat City No. 9 frequently and will venture to say mine is in as good a shape as any lodge in the Domain. Douglas, Alexander, Oak Lake and Melita, are all promising little towns without any lodge of our order, and I have been talking up all these towns with a view of opening lodges, but times being hard they are afraid to venture just yet. In conclusion I would say we all regret very much, and feel the loss of our late Grand Chancellor Bro. C. A. Turley, he was a noble fellow and a good worker. We also lost Bro. Jas. White from No. 9, during the year, yet with all these drawbacks we are in better shape than we ever were, and Pythainism will flourish in this district during the next year, all being well.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. R. FOSTER,  
Deputy Grand Chancellor.

To Grand Chancellor F. C. P. Conybeare :

SIR KNIGHT AND BRO.—Once more I have the honor to submit my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor of Winnipeg District No. 1.

My duty during the past year has been exceedingly light consisting as a matter of fact of attending the several lodges and installing the newly elected officers in their respective positions. From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal you will see that the membership in this district, owing to the large number suspended for

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non-payment of dues, has somewhat decreased, but I am of the opinion that the membership though reduced is a more healthy one than that of a year ago, and I believe the weeding out will really result in a benefit to the order, and I am pleased to say that never since my connection with the order was the true Pythian spirit more in evidence than at present.

The finances also as well as the membership of the three Lodges in this District has been reduced, not through lack of payment of dues, the receipts being probably in excess of last year, but due to the extra demands for sick and funeral benefits, each Lodge having had exceptionally heavy calls on its exchequer. I am pleased to report that the officers of the various Lodges have been indefatigable in their attention to their duties and the fact that the membership has not increased is no fault of theirs. Those whose duty it was to exemplify the Ritual have been most painstaking in their efforts to render it correctly and impressively and those having charge of the finances have administered them in a manner worthy of all commendation. The membership too seem more keenly alive to their duty and are trying to assist in disseminating the principles of our noble order to those who are outside of our ranks and I think the next year their efforts will be rewarded to a great extent.

I have only been asked to issue one dispensation during the past year and that was to Assiniboine No. 4, to enable them to confer the Ranks of Esquire and Knights on two candidates at the same Convention on July 16 which I granted.

I trust that the Grand Lodge at its present session will see fit to adopt a constitution more readable than the one at present in use inasmuch as all three Lodges in this District are revising their By-Laws and desire to have same printed and bound with the Grand Lodge Constitution for distribution so that each member may have an intelligent knowledge of the laws governing them.

With sorrow I report the death of our worthy Brother Knight Supreme Representative J. H. Dobson who after a long and painful illness was summoned to the Grand Lodge above during the past term.

Bro. Dobson was a true Knight, and had done good service to the order. His absence from our midst will be greatly regretted and his death deplored by those whose privilege it was to have met him.

The Endowment Rank of our order has been somewhat neglected in this Jurisdiction in the past, but owing to the efforts of Past Grand Chancellor Bro. Lightcap who has been appointed official organizer of that Rank in this Jurisdiction by the Board of Control a new section, No 3562, was started here in April with 30 members representing

\$25,000.00 insurance with a prospect of considerable additions in the near future. Great credit is due Bro. Lightcap for his efforts in this direction and I trust the Brethren will give him every assistance throughout the Jurisdiction.

One other matter I must deal with before closing my report which is this, on Dec. 21, 1896, I was informed that a member of the order had died in the General Hospital. On enquiry I found he was a member of Hamiota Lodge, named Wm. Torrance. I at once telegraphed the K of R. S., Bro. Brown, as to standing, after some delay I received a reply as follows: "Torrance was an Honorary member, no benefits." I at once consulted with several members of the Grand Lodge and we decided to assume funeral expenses to the extent of twenty dollars—the minimum funeral benefit allowed on death of a member according to Supreme Statutes. In the meantime the deceased's Brother arrived and finding that he was by his own statement unable to bury our Brother in a decent manner I arranged with him to contribute half of the expense and also arranged with the undertaker, Mr. Thompson, for the funeral and pledged the order to pay the sum of twenty dollars the balance to be paid by the Brother.

Immediately after I wrote Bro. Dr. Cruikshank of Rapid City, the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the District in which Hamiota Lodge is situated, stating the facts and asking him to submit the matter to the Lodge with a request to have the amount paid to this. I received no reply from Bro. Dr. Cruikshank but a copy of By-Laws of Hamiota Lodge reached me by mail and later came the letter dated Jan. 14, which I submit for consideration. To this I replied fully pointing out the undoubted liability of their Lodge and asking to be informed what their intentions were in the matter, to this I have received no reply although I again wrote on June 8th urging the necessity of action and asking for some reply.

If this Grand Lodge holds that Hamiota Lodge is not liable I must respectfully ask that the amount be paid from the Grand Lodge funds inasmuch as acting as your representative on the advice of leading members of the Grand Lodge the amount was incurred with the complete understanding that in case Hamiota Lodge repudiated payment and was held not liable the Grand Lodge would pay.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the various officers of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges for their kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office, and trusting you will have a profitable and harmonious session.

I have the honor to remain in F. C. & B.

Fraternally Yours,

JOSEPH HARRISON.

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*To the Grand Chancellor, C. F. P. Conybeare:*

BROTHER,—During the past year our Lodge has had a varied experience, but we think we have some pardonable satisfaction in presenting this report. During the early part of the expiring Grand Lodge term we seemed to have considerable difficulty in keeping life in our Lodge, owing to the various causes, mainly, on account of our small membership and an apparent lack of interest caused no doubt by the existence of so many fraternal societies of which a good many of our Brothers are members. However, we have now overcome that difficulty and congratulate ourselves on being in a flourishing condition at the present time.

Although there are a few of our members who have never lost interest, they do not claim all the credit as we owe a great debt of gratitude to some of the officers of the Grand Lodge and would particularly mention Brothers Lightcap and Johnston who have never released their efforts in our behalf, and owing to encouragement and advice from these Brothers our members seemed to take fresh courage with the result that we have had initiation work at every meeting of the last quarter, and our members are developing a keen interest in the meetings and habitually talk Pythianism, and, contrary to former reports, we are not only square on the books but have a handsome fund to our credit.

In conclusion we might add that we have just installed what we consider a very efficient staff of officers, and in whose hands the interest of the Lodge will not suffer.

When called upon to send in our next report we trust and believe it will be as much in advance of this as this is of our last.

W. R. TAYLOR,

*D. G. C.*

*To Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER KNIGHT,—As your Deputy for Hamiota, District No. 5, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

Owing to the demise of our late G. C. Bro. C. A. Turley, the Grand Domain was divided into Districts, and that of Hamiota No. 5 was formed, including the Lodges of Hamiota and Birtle. It was with very great reluctance as well as a very lively sense of the difficulties to be encountered that I accepted the most kind proposals of my Brother Knight and assumed the duties as Deputy for this District. The footsteps of our late Deputy I could not possibly follow residing as I do at the extreme S. E. portion of the District, but I heartily bear witness to the untiring zeal and ceaseless energy in the cause of Pythianism as

*D. G. C.*



well as the strong personal magnetism exercised by him while not only fulfilling the duties of the office of Deputy but during the whole period of his residence in this District.

I visited and installed the offices of Hamiota Lodge and very sincerely regret my utter inability, owing to professional work, to make the acquaintance of the brethren in Birtle. In this country travelling any distance with a team in the winter is very hazardous and when one is limited to time exceedingly uncertain, as one is liable to encounter bad roads and blizzards without timely warning. My thanks are tendered to those brethren who so kindly acted as deputies for us during the past term.

I am sorry to report that the old error of ambition in numbers and not looking sufficiently to quality of members has been detrimental to our progress. But as the members become better acquainted with the ballot and instructed how to use it rightly and with due discrimination so will our lodge exhibit healthy growth and rebound to the good of the order. I have issued but one dispensation for Ranks during the present term. I had hoped to have been able to report the establishment of both Uniform and Endowment Ranks in this District. However, the ground is all prepared and only needs the time and skilful manipulation of our energetic organizer to bear a rich harvest. Personally I agree most thoroughly with Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard that we should have a section of the Endowment Rank in each District, for where there are two or more healthy Lodges such a section could be easily supported and would emphasize the *entente cordiale* existing between the Lodges of the District. I shall be most happy at any time to assist our organizer whenever he can come among us and do some strong lively and active work to this end.

I cannot conclude without acknowledging with sincere pleasure and gratitude the most kind, unwearying and ever prompt assistance of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. A. E. Johnson, and if he has exhibited toward each Deputy the same patience, forbearance and Knightly courtesy he has towards the Deputy for District No. 5, then the Grand Lodge is to be sincerely congratulated on possessing such an officer.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Very Fraternaly Yours,

R. PERCY CROOKSHANKS, M.D.,  
D. G. C.

District, No. 5.

RAPID CITY, MAN., 17TH JULY, 1897.

**Document No. 3.**

*To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Manitoba and Northwest Territories:*

BRETHREN,—Herewith, I beg to submit statistical tables showing in detail the general condition of subordinate lodges in this domain, also the financial standing of the Grand Lodge.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Lodge suffered a financial loss during the year, however, I trust that an increased per capita tax in the succeeding year will place the balance on the right side when next report is submitted.

I desire to tender herein my sincere thanks to Grand Chancellor Conybeare for kindness and consideration shown me during his term of office.

I trust you will find the accounts and statistical reports correct and satisfactory, wishing the Grand Lodge a pleasant and profitable session and a prosperous new year.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally,

A. E. JOHNSON,

*Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*



FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUBORDINATE LODGES.

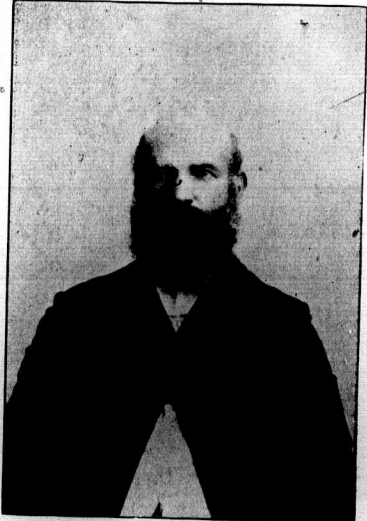
TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1896.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Rank Fees.	Card Fees.	Dues.	Sundries.	Aggregate Receipts.	Cash on Hand at Last Report.	T. bal.	Sick Benefits.	Funeral Benefits.	Other Receipts.	Current Expenses.	Paraphernalia and Supplies.	Cash on Hand.	Total.
Winnipeg	1	\$85 00	\$1 00	\$176 30	\$222 43	417 72	288 33	176 60	\$49 00	\$36 47	510 00	\$111 60	\$1 25	\$160 20	\$726 90
Assiniboine	2	114 00	1 00	103 60	2 00	190 40	283 61	176 60	57 80	87 00	510 00	111 60	6 45	285 80	474 60
Damon	3	15 00	1 00	21 00	2 00	26 50	53 61	244 01	87 30	87 00	510 00	56 53	36 28	44 20	244 01
Winnipeg	4	15 00	2 00	21 00	6 00	36 50	60 80	87 30	95 00	87 00	510 00	15 80	58 50	58 50	57 38
Winnipeg	5	165 00	13 00	124 75	61 62	368 87	102 31	531 18	95 00	87 00	510 00	266 00	118 05	262 30	639 40
Hamilton	6	231 00	2 00	114 65	13 00	360 65	38 72	149 40	100 00	87 00	510 00	40 80	66 10	59 50	175 40
Boisevain	7	130 00	1 00	95 00	10 00	160 00	100 00	160 00	100 00	87 00	510 00	22 25	91 60	46 15	160 00
Crescent	8	100 00	1 00	78 00	2 00	103 00	40 17	159 17	100 00	87 00	510 00	103 00	35 00	72 00	160 00
Winnipeg	9	100 00	1 00	103 00	33 00	143 00	215 05	358 05	72 00	87 00	510 00	176 60	35 00	100 43	338 03
Alberta	10	5 00	2 00	103 00	33 00	143 00	40 17	159 17	100 00	87 00	510 00	176 60	35 00	100 43	338 03
Lethbridge	11	820 50	27 00	971 95	363 97	2189 42	1476 72	3666 17	481 57	101 72	10 00	1261 12	366 05	1445 77	3666 17

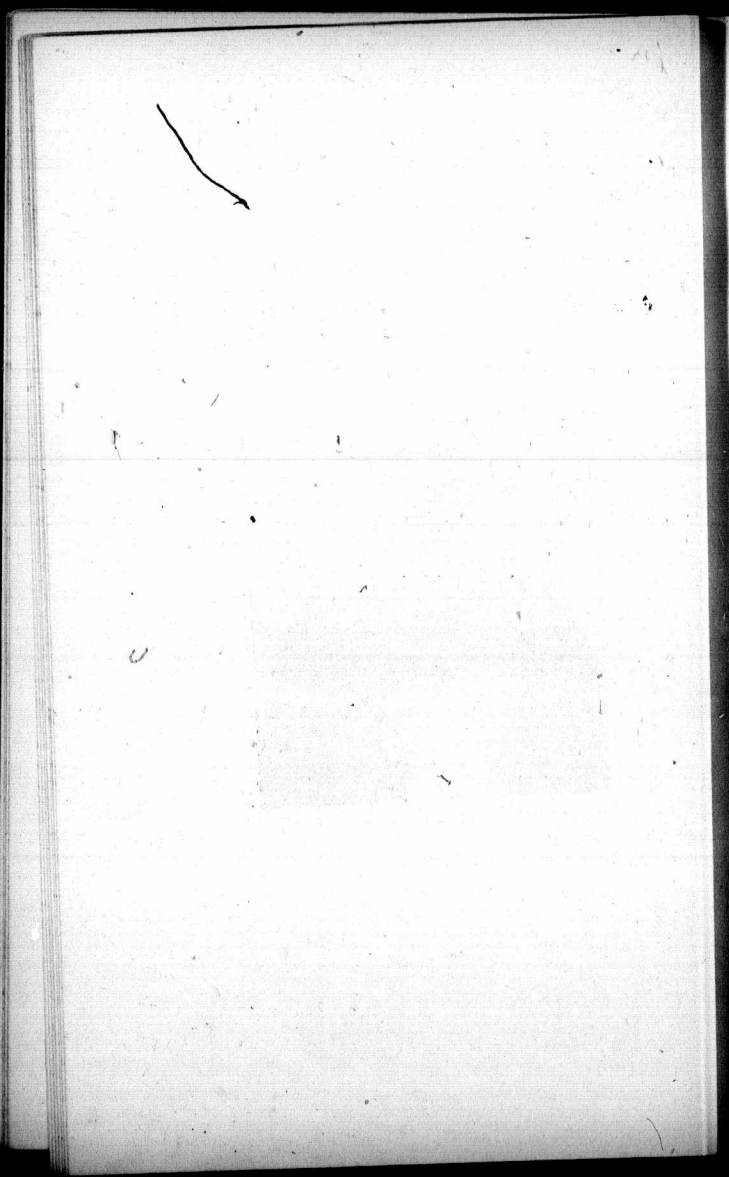
TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Rank Fees.	Card Fees.	Dues.	Sundries.	Aggregate Receipts.	Cash on Hand at Last Report.	T. bal.	Sick Benefits.	Funeral Benefits.	Other Receipts.	Current Expenses.	Paraphernalia and Supplies.	Cash on Hand.	Total.
Winnipeg	1	21 00	1 00	245 75	17 35	284 10	166 20	430 30	33 20	87 00	510 00	69 85	32 00	327 41	460 30
Assiniboine	2	45 00	1 00	183 65	47 90	276 55	285 80	562 35	33 20	87 00	510 00	129 05	32 00	303 07	562 35
Damon	3	10 00	1 00	143 55	44 20	197 75	44 20	197 75	5 00	87 00	510 00	49 75	53 66	70 40	187 75
Winnipeg	4	3 00	1 00	39 00	0 60	39 60	38 50	38 50	26 00	87 00	510 00	34 30	53 66	70 40	105 00
Winnipeg	5	106 00	16 00	133 00	11 00	255 00	262 50	490 53	26 00	87 00	510 00	55 16	306 08	490 53	
Winnipeg	6	40 00	1 00	82 00	1 00	123 00	59 50	182 50	10 45	87 00	510 00	141 05	306 08	490 53	
Hamilton	7	36 00	1 00	18 00	3 00	59 50	70 00	149 50	1 00	87 00	510 00	13 20	103 66	113 86	
Crescent	8	219 00	18 00	62 70	150 00	449 70	70 00	237 20	10 00	87 00	510 00	19 50	91 10	126 60	237 20
Winnipeg	9	20 00	1 00	36 00	4 00	60 00	35 11	95 11	10 00	87 00	510 00	55 35	306 85	37 50	449 11
Winnipeg	10	15 00	1 00	85 00	40 00	110 00	109 45	217 45	10 00	87 00	510 00	177 31	50 12	237 43	
Alberta	11	730 50	34 00	142 20	272 85	2172 55	1445 77	3608 32	85 65	102 87	81 00	891 44	643 20	1814 16	3608 32
Lethbridge	12	730 50	34 00	142 20	272 85	2172 55	1445 77	3608 32	85 65	102 87	81 00	891 44	643 20	1814 16	3608 32

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Manitoba	62 70	150 00	449 70	495 11	10 00					
Birdie	20 00	61 00	35 11	495 11						
Alberta	15 00	40 00	109 43	227 43						
Lethbridge	730 50	34 00	272 85	2172 55	1445 77	3618 32				



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28	9	29	461
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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT, OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,  
TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1896.**

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. Members Last Report.	Initiated.	Reinstated.	Admitted by Charter.	Total.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Withdrawn by Card.	Deceased.	Total.	Present Membership.	Summary of Membership.					
													P.G. Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
Winnipeg	1	62	6	.....	.....	68	6	.....	1	1	8	60	2	9	49	.....	.....	60
Asiniboine	1	50	4	.....	.....	54	1	.....	.....	.....	5	43	.....	10	33	.....	.....	43
Damon	1	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	13	3	6	10	.....	.....	13
Parrie	20	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	18
West City	9	58	18	.....	1	77	12	.....	10	.....	25	52	.....	5	47	.....	.....	52
Hannota	10	47	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	6	54	.....	.....	75
Emerson	11	18	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	4	16	.....	.....	20
Conservator	11	18	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	4	16	.....	.....	20
Wawanesa	11	11	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	5	8	.....	.....	13
Alberta	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Lehrbridge	1	33	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	5	29	.....	.....	37
	2	36	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
		395	88	.....	13	466	32	.....	12	.....	48	448	5	69	351	4	19	443

**TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.**

Winnipeg	1	60	6	.....	.....	62	2	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Asiniboine	1	43	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Damon	1	75	.....	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
Parrie	20	23	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
West City	9	52	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
Hannota	10	18	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
Emerson	11	18	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
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Wawanesa	11	13	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Alberta	1	13	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Lehrbridge	1	33	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
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		448	71	.....	.....	530	45	.....	.....	.....	69	461	6	76	385	15	9	461

## SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Members December 31st, 1895 . . . . .	305	
Initiated during the year . . . . .	159	
Reinstated . . . . .	2	
Admitted by Card . . . . .	22	
		578

## DEDUCTIONS.

Number suspended . . . . .	77	
Withdrawn by Card . . . . .	34	
Died . . . . .	3	
Expelled . . . . .	3	
		117

Membership December 31st, 1896 . . . . .	461
Net gain during the year . . . . .	66

## SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors . . . . .	6	
Past Chancellors . . . . .	76	
Knights . . . . .	355	
Esquires . . . . .	15	
Pages . . . . .	9	
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ABSTRACT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand December 31st, 1895 . . . . .	\$1476 75	
Receipts during the year . . . . .	4361 97	
		<u>5838 72</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For sick benefits . . . . .	\$567 15	
For funeral benefits . . . . .	204 62	
Other relief . . . . .	91 00	
Aggregate for relief . . . . .	\$862 77	
Current expenses . . . . .	2152 56	
Paraphernalia and supplies . . . . .	1009 23	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 96 . . . . .	1814 16	
		<u>5838 72</u>

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Dec. 31st, 1896.

Lodge.	No.	Cash on hand.	Paraphernalia and supplies.	Total.
Winnipeg . . . . .	1	\$327 41	\$100 00	\$427 41
Assiniboine . . . . .	4	393 97	60 80	454 77
Damon . . . . .	5	79 40	1000 00	1079 40
Prairie . . . . .	8	70 70	200 00	270 70
Wheat City . . . . .	9	306 50	265 5	572 00
Hamiota . . . . .	10	252 80	242 00	494 80
Boissevain . . . . .	11	103 15	150 00	253 15
Crescent . . . . .	12		115 00	115 00
Wawanesa . . . . .	13	126 60	100 00	226 60
Birtle . . . . .	14	87 50	306 85	394 35
Alberta . . . . .	1	16 01	300 00	316 01
Lethbridge . . . . .	2	50 12	413 55	463 67
		<u>1814 16</u>	<u>3253 70</u>	<u>5067 86</u>

## GRAND LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 4 .....	\$8 35
Damon Lodge No. 5 .....	20 40
Neepawa Lodge No. 7 .....	4 88
Prairie Lodge No. 8 .....	5 95
Wheat City Lodge No. 9 .....	3 25
Boissevain Lodge No. 11 .....	30 65
Crescent Lodge No. 12 .....	65
Wawanesa Lodge No. 13 .....	55 15
Birtle Lodge No. 14 .....	8 25
Myrtle Lodge No. 15 .....	28 85
Alberta Lodge No. 12 <sup>1</sup> .....	3 00
Lethbridge Lodge No. 2 .....	10 35
Regina Lodge No. 3 .....	52 86
Petty Accounts .....	4 50
	\$237 04

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Supreme Lodge .....	\$313 91
Unity Lodge No. 6 .....	38 80
Hamiota Lodge No. 10 .....	49 60
W. C. Heaney .....	6 00
S. J. Youhill .....	1 80
Capt. Knight .....	1 35
F. Mattock .....	18 00
R. Horsley .....	6 00
D. B. McLeod .....	1 50
T. Montgomery .....	23 94
W. Currie .....	3 00
I. Bennetto .....	10 46
N. S. Shaw .....	16 44
C. A. Turley .....	13 56
J. T. Huggard .....	18 98
C. F. P. Conybeare .....	23 20
Jos. Harrison .....	8 26
E. D. English .....	5 64
E. E. Lightcap .....	25 44
W. Middleton .....	9 08
Bell Hardy .....	7 48
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" Postage .....	23 50	" Warrants .....	45 00
" Stationery & Printing	140 74	" Balance .....	176 46
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Document No. 4.

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Manitoba and Northwest Territories :

SIR AND BROTHERS,—It is with great pleasure that I again hand in a report to the Grand Lodge for term ending June 30th, 1897.

By balance on hand June 30th, 1896 . . . . .	\$47 11	
By cash from A. E. Johnson, G. K. R. S . . . . .	908 53	
		<u>955 64</u>
To warrants paid out Nos. 131-155 . . . . .	\$797 33	
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Balance on hand . . . . .	158 31	

Yours fraternally,

THOS. MONTGOMERY.

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**Document No. 5.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:

That in awarding the contract for printing the Report of Proceedings of the last session of Grand Lodge at a cost of Seventy-five Dollars to Bro. S. J. Youhill. That we also authorized the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to have necessary supplies printed at a further cost of Sixty-five Dollars making the total expense for printing for the year \$140.00 which is \$40.00 in excess of the appropriation asked for last session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH HARRISON.

A. E. JOHNSON.

On motion of Representative Joseph Harrison the report of Committee on Printing was adopted.

**Document No. 6.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL REUNION.

In the report of Committee on Special Reunion, was included a recommendation for the appropriation of Fifteen Dollars towards the expense of entertaining Grand Lodge members, also a request for auditors to examine accounts.

The report, in full, will be published in the Canadian Pythian.

On motion of Representative W. G. Bell the report of Committee on Special Reunion was adopted.

**Document No. 7.**

## APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS.

The following lodges through their Representatives made application for charters:

- Crescent No. 12.
- Wawanesa No. 13.
- Birtle No. 14.
- Hilton No. 15.
- Regina No. 3.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard applications for charters were referred to Committee on Charter and Dispensations.

COURTESIES EXCHANGED.

Grafton, N. D., July 20, 1897

Grand Chancellor,  
Knights of Pythias,  
Winnipeg.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota sends its congratulations to Manitoba and best wishes for the future.

E. T. THOMPSON,  
*Grand Chancellor.*

On motion of W. G. Bell a special committee consisting of Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare, Grand Vice Chancellor E. E. Lightcap, and Representative E. T. Howard was appointed to acknowledge greeting from North Dakota.

The special committee announced reply as follows:

E. T. Thompson,  
Grand Chancellor, K. of P.  
Grafton, North Dakota.

Manitoba thanks North Dakota for fraternal courtesies and wishes her prosperity.

C. F. P. CONYBEARE,  
*Grand Chancellor.*

**Document No. 8.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Law to whom was referred the hereinafter named, numbered and mentioned documents, would beg leave to report on the subject matter therein and thereon contained, as follows, to wit:

During the past year your committee examined and reported on proposed by-laws of Birtle and Lethbridge Lodges.

Shortly after the last Grand Lodge session a question of considerable interest was raised by the application of a Past Chancellor of Alberta No. 5, now included in this Domain as Lethbridge No. 2, for a rank credential.

It appeared that application had been made by him to the Supreme Lodge, and he had been referred by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to us. It appeared from the papers that the applicant became a Past Chancellor whilst the lodge to which he belonged was under Supreme Jurisdiction. His credentials consequently would be on file

in the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. He withdrew from his lodge prior to its being included in this Grand Domain and therefore was not one of the Past Chancellors of Lethbridge No. 2 who were taken over and included in this grand body, and our Grand Lodge had no record of his being even a member of the order. The Grand Chancellor referred the question to us and declined to give a regular rank credential. But to avoid a long and tedious controversy it was decided to give a special certificate, a copy of which is hereto appended marked exhibit A.

Another important question was referred to us by the Grand Chancellor in regard to the definition of hotel-keeper as used in Supreme Statutes. The question asked was, whether the salaried manager of a hotel, not being himself the licensee, but employed by and working for other parties was a bona fide hotel-keeper. After consulting the authorities we advised the Grand Chancellor that in our opinion such a person was not a bona fide hotel-keeper and consequently if engaged in handling intoxicants was not eligible to membership in this order.

That as to that portion of the Grand Chancellors report as to Deputies for districts cordially express their approval, and deem the scheme an excellent one.

That as to the Torrance case there seems to be little doubt but that Hamiota lodge must pay same under Sec. 303 Supreme Statutes, yet think that Hamiota lodge should have an opportunity of presenting its case before the incoming Committee on Law and to show cause why they should not pay the same, before judgment is given.

J. T. HUGGARD,  
*Chairman.*

E. E. LIGHTCAP.

On motion of Representative W. G. Bell the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 9 A. M. Wednesday the 21st inst.

#### SECOND DAY

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 10 A. M. Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare presiding.

The roll of officers was called and responses noted.

On motion of Representative Chas. Brown the roll call of lodges was deferred.

#### GRAND LODGE RANK.

The Grand Master at Arms introduced the following Past Chancellors, and they were duly invested with the Grand Lodge Rank: J. S. McKay, F. Bell and F. D. Barclay.

Roll of lodges (by representative) was called and responses noted.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Chancellor made appointments to fill vacancies on committees as follows:

Wm. Middleton, Charter and Dispensations; E. E. Lightcap, J. R. Foster, Distribution; S. T. Handscomb, Mileage and Per Diem; Wm. Middleton, E. T. Howard and W. C. Kaake, Necrology.

**Document No. 9.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The report of Committee on Distribution referred all matter to standing committees.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard the report of Committee on Distribution, as filed, was adopted.

**Document No. 10**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Charter and Dispensations beg to report as follows:

Your Committee upon examining the report of the Grand Lodge officers which had been referred to us, found that during the past year warrants have been issued to the following lodges to organize as regularly constituted Subordinate Lodges of the Knights of Pythias.

Birtle No. 14 instituted August 27, 1896.

Myrtle No. 15 instituted December 11, 1896.

Regina No. 3 instituted November 30, 1896.

These lodges with Crescent No. 12 and Wawanesa No. 13, which were reported at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, having been duly instituted and registered. Your committee would recommend that charters be issued in accordance with the Constitution, they having made application for the same.

Your Committee note that fifteen dispensations have been issued by the District Grand Chancellors for good and sufficient reasons.

Your committee approve of the special dispensation to Alberta Lodge No. 1, to hold monthly instead of weekly meetings. Your committee having taken into consideration the fact that a large proportion of the members of Alberta Lodge No. 1 have removed from Calgary thus making a quorum impossible and the lodge inoperative,

would recommend that this lodge be suspended and steps be taken to secure the lodge property, and we wish to express the hope that matters will improve so that the lodge may be reinstated at no distant date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. BELL,  
WM. MIDDLETON,  
JOS. HARRISON.

On motion of Representative W. G. Bell the report of Committee on Charter and Dispensations was adopted.

#### Document No. 11.

#### REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN,—Your special Committee on Constitution beg to report as follows:

The chairman obtained copies of the constitutions of over fifty Grand Domains, and after careful persual of same had a constitution drafted. We found that even to have same type written would cost forty dollars, and printed One Hundred Dollars at least. In view of the expense caused by deaths your committee reluctantly believe that in view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the expensive printing of the constitution must be deferred until the next session, and we will therefore recommend that the draft constitution be referred back for further consideration.

If, however, the Grand Chancellor deems it advisable during the ensuing term, we recommend that he have power to declare same in force, and binding in the order in this domain.

At the same time your committee do call attention to the fact that in view of the defective and contradictory legislature at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, that there will be considerable amendments of the present laws, and would also recommend on this ground, delay in putting constitution into force.

J. T. HUGGARD  
*Chairman.*

W. G. BELL.  
E. T. HOWARD.

On motion of Representative E. T. Howard the reports of Committee on Law, and Committee on Constitution were adopted.

**Document No. 12.**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted a very complete and comprehensive report, which will be printed in full in the next issue of the Canadian Pythian.

On motion of Representative Jos. Harrison the Report of Committee on State of the order was adopted.

**Document No. 13.**

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

That we have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Master of Exchequer, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and found same correct.

That in the opinion of your committee the financial award of \$100 paid to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by the annual vote of this body is wholly inadequate as a recompense to him.

That while we recommend the said amount to be voted the condition of the finances do not justify us in making a recommendation for an increase which we would like to do.

That the report of profit and loss should show estimated amount due and payable on 30th of June, 1897, for per capita tax, and this would if shown, show that the Grand Lodge is in a solvent condition.

That the utmost economy ought to be observed during the current year.

That an appropriation of \$80.00 be made for rent of Grand Lodge office for the current year.

That the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor on quarterly financial report is a good one, and would recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal prepare same and forward to the members of this committee at the end of every quarter.

W. M. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

C. F. BUNNEL.

A motion by Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard to adopt report substituting thirty dollars in place of sixty dollars for Grand Lodge office, was amended, by Representative W. G. Bell, authorizing the original amount to be available if required, the amendment prevailed and the report of Finance Committee was adopted.

**Document No. 14.****REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL PRINTED IN THE  
CANADIAN PYTHIAN.**

On motion of Grand Vice-Chancellor E. E. Lightcap, the report of Committee on Journal was adopted.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal submitted an account from I. Bennetto for expenses incurred installing officers of Wheat City Lodge No. 9.

On motion of Grand Master at Arms J. R. Foster the account of I. Bennetto was referred to Wheat City Lodge No. 9.

**Document No. 15.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.**

Printed in the Canadian Pythian.

On motion of Representative E. T. Howard the report of Committee on Necrology was adopted.

On Motion of Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard an organization committee, with full power, was appointed consisting of C. F. Conybeare, E. E. Lightcap, Wm. Middleton, E. T. Howard, S. T. Handscomb, J. H. Riley, J. R. Foster, J. T. Huggard, Deputy Grand Chancellors and others, if called by the committee.

On motion of Representative E. T. Howard the election of officers was called.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The Grand Chancellor appointed Representatives Thos. Lee and R. L. Green as tellers.

As a result of the ballot the following were declared elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year:

Supreme Representative, four years, J. T. Huggard.  
 Supreme Representative to fill vacancy, E. E. Lightcap.  
 Grand Chancellor, Wm. Middleton.  
 Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. R. Foster.  
 Grand Prelate, Jos. Harrison.  
 Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. E. Johnson.  
 Grand Master of Exchequer, W. G. Bell.  
 Grand Master at Arms, W. R. Taylor.  
 Grand Inner Guard, C. A. Flower.

Grand Outer Guard, E. T. Howard.

Grand Trustee, J. S. McKay.

Moved by Representative W. G. Bell that in future the mode of procedure in electing Grand Officers be as follows:

Nomination to be open, no discussion. If more than two names are in nomination and no ballot declared, the name receiving the lowest number of votes to be dropped and so on until a ballot has been declared. The foregoing motion carried.

On motion of Representative W. G. Bell the next convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Winnipeg during the month of July, 1898, day and date to be appointed by the Grand Chancellor.

The following motions were submitted and carried:

By Representative E. T. Howard, instructing the Supreme Representatives to urge the Supreme Lodge to shorten term of Supreme Representatives.

By Representative E. T. Howard, instructing Supreme Representatives to request the Supreme Lodge to eliminate certain words from the unwritten work of the Knights Rank.

By Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring Grand Chancellor and Officers for services during the past year.

By Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard, that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal procure a Past Grand Chancellor Jewel in miniature for Past Grand Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare.

By Representative W. G. Bell that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal procure a Past Grand Chancellor Jewel in miniature for Past Grand Chancellor E. E. Lightcap.

**Document No. 16.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.**

*To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Mileage and per diem beg leave to report that we find the following amounts due the officers of this Grand Lodge, for attendance at the sixth annual session.



	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM	TOTAL.
N. S. Shaw . . . . .		\$6 00	\$6 00
E. E. Lightcap . . . . .		6 00	6 00
J. T. Huggard . . . . .		6 00	6 00
C. F. F. Conybeare . . . . .	\$12 00	6 00	18 00
Wm. Middleton . . . . .	10 50	6 00	16 50
A. E. Johnson . . . . .		6 00	6 00
T. Montgomery . . . . .		3 00	3 00
J. R. Foster . . . . .	10 50	6 00	16 50
W. R. Taylor . . . . .	4 48	6 00	10 48
Jas. Steele . . . . .	12 00	3 00	15 00
	<u>\$49 60</u>	<u>\$54 00</u>	<u>\$103 60</u>

We also find Representatives of Subordinate Lodges entitled to mileage and per diem as follows:

	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Thos Lee No. 1 . . . . .		\$6 00	\$6 00
Benjamin Nicholson No. 1 . . . . .		6 00	6 00
James Harrison No. 4 . . . . .		6 00	6 00
L. A. Ferte No. 4 . . . . .		6 00	6 00
W. G. Bell No. 5 . . . . .		6 00	6 00
E. T. Howard No. 5 . . . . .		6 00	6 00
W. C. Kaake No. 8 . . . . .	4 48	6 00	10 48
R. L. Green No. 8 . . . . .	4 48	6 00	10 48
W. P. Middleton No. 9 . . . . .	10 50	6 00	16 50
F. L. Schaffner No. 11 . . . . .	12 00	3 00	15 00
R. I. Crisp No. 12 . . . . .	12 00	6 00	18 00
F. D. Barclay No. 13 . . . . .	12 00	3 00	15 00
C. A. Flower No. 14 . . . . .	10 96	6 00	16 96
Chas. Brown No. 15 . . . . .	12 00	6 00	18 00
G. Main No. 3 . . . . .	12 00	6 00	18 00
	<u>\$90 48</u>	<u>\$84 00</u>	<u>\$174 48</u>

Fraternally submitted,

NEIL S. SHAW,

J. T. HUGGARD,

S. T. HANDSCOMB,

*Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor J. T. Huggard the report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was adopted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Grand Chancellor N. S. Shaw installed the following officers elect:

- Past Grand Chancellor, C. F. P. Conybeare.
- Grand Chancellor, Wm. Middleton.
- Grand Vice, J. R. Foster.
- Grand Prelate, Jos. Harrison.
- Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. E. Johnson.
- Grand Master of Exchequer, W. G. Bell.
- Grand Master-at-Arms, W. R. Taylor.
- Grand Inner Guard, C. A. Flower.
- Grand Outer Guard, E. T. Howard

The Grand Chancellor appointed the following committees:

- LAW . . . . . J. T. Huggard, Chairman.  
C. F. P. Conybeare.  
E. E. Lightcap.
- APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES---Thos. Lee, Chairman.  
J. R. Foster,  
R. I. Crisp,
- CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS--W. G. Bell, Chairman.  
J. S. McKay.  
C. A. Flower.
- STATE OF THE ORDER--E. E. Lightcap, Chairman.  
Chas. Brown.  
F. D. Barclay.
- CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS--L. A. Ferte, Chairman.\*  
N. S. Shaw.  
F. Bell.
- DISTRIBUTION . . . . E. T. Howard, Chairman.  
F. L. Schaffner.  
W. R. Taylor.
- FINANCE . . . . . E. E. Lightcap, Chairman.  
J. Harrison.  
W. P. Middleton.
- PRINTING . . . . . W. M. Bentley, Chairman.  
W. C. Kaake.  
S. T. Handscomb.
- MILEAGE AND PER DIEM--N. S. Shaw, Chairman.  
W. M. Bentley.  
R. L. Green.

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STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK IN THE GRAND  
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JULY 1st, 1897.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name of Secretary.	No. of Members.	Amount of Endow'm't
667	Winnipeg . . .	C. Knight . . . . .	14	\$30,000
3562	Winnipeg . . .	Joseph Harrison . . . . .	21	27,000
3633	Bossevain . . .	T. N. Morrison . . . . .	8	6,000
3663	Birtle . . . . .	A. R. Tingley . . . . .	6	6,000

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections . . . . .	4
Number of members . . . . .	49
Amount of Endowment . . . . .	\$69,000 00

INCREASE DURING YEAR.

Number of members . . . . .	35
Amount of Insurance . . . . .	\$30,000 00

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK.

Total Membership . . . . .	49,664
Insurance in force . . . . .	\$94,464,500 00
Paid to beneficiaries of deceased members . . . . .	11,311,000 00
Assets . . . . .	50,000 00

CONCLUSION.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories duly closed its sixth annual session to meet again in the City of Winnipeg during the month of July, 1898, day and time appointed by the Grand Chancellor.

*Albert C. Johnson*

G. K. R. S.

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# In Memoriam.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR AND PAST SUPREME  
REPRESENTATIVE

## James Haynes Dobson,

DAMON LODGE NO. 5,

WINNIPEG.

Born September 6th, 1850; Died March 23rd, 1897.

In Memoriam.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR

Cæsar Augustus Turley,

Wheat City Lodge No. 9,

Grandson.

Born July 26th, 1853; Died October 19th, 1896.

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