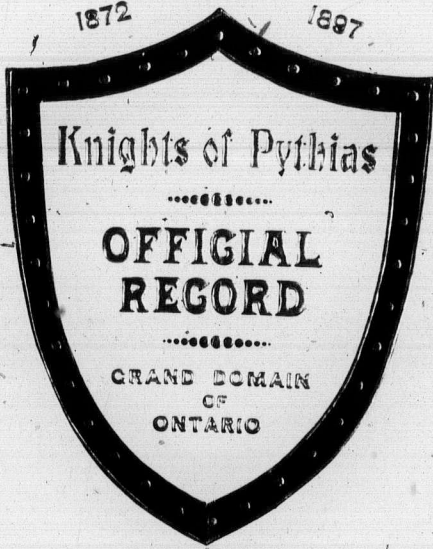


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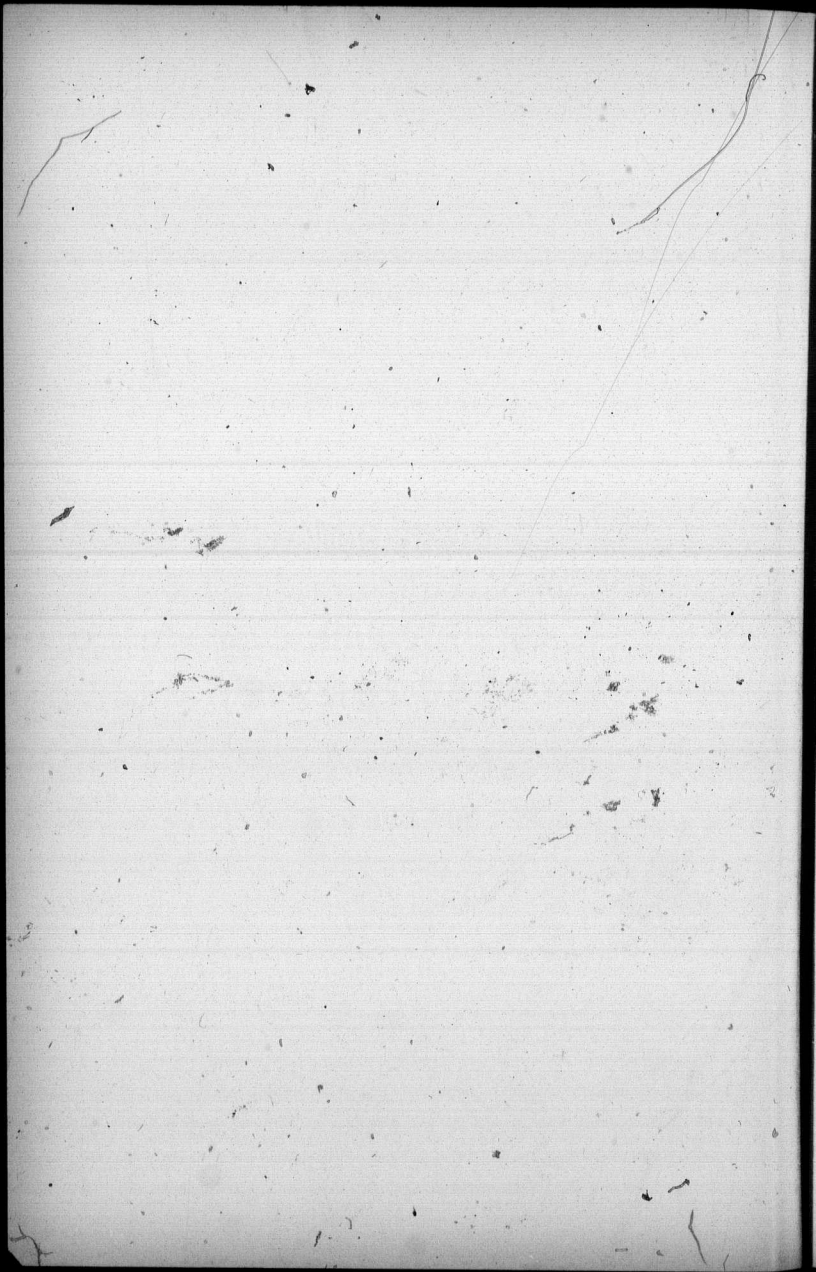
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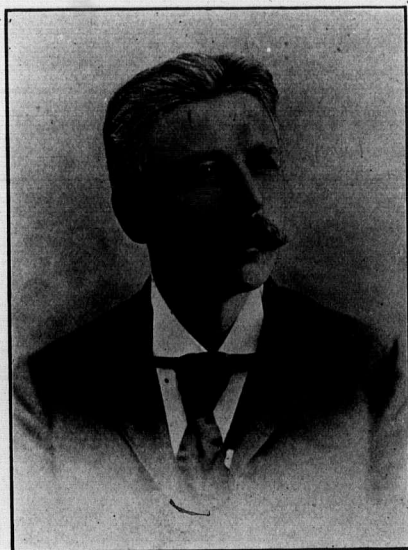
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Held in Berlin, July 13th, 1897

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BERLIN, JULY 13th, 1897.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Ontario, assembled in annual convention in the Castle Hall, of Victoria Lodge, No. 44, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor Elliott at 9 o'clock a.m.

Present, the following Grand Officers:—

THOS. ELLIOTT.....Grand Chancellor.
R. IRONSIDE.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH.....Grand Prelate.
G. H. MITCHELL.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. S. MACKAY.....Grand Inner Guard.

And—

P. D. MCKELLAR.....Supreme Representative.
F. J. FITZGERALD.....“ “ “
R. H. MCCONNELL.....Past Grand Chancellor.
A. G. MCWHINNEY.....“ “ “

The Grand Master-at-Arms being absent, Representative Baker, of No. 12, was appointed *pro tem*, and the Grand Outer Guard being unable to be present on account of the serious illness of his father, Representative Murrell, of No. 20, was appointed to act in his stead.

The roll of lodges being called, the following were represented :
Nos. 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 31, 38, 44 and 45.

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

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the credentials of Representatives and Past Chancellors, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials. Representatives Deverall, of No. 1, and Endress, of No. 17, were appointed *pro tem* to fill vacancies on the Committee.

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

REPORT NO. 1, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials begs 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 :

Ed Horseman.....	of No. 2
E. S. Brown.....	" 12
W. H. Wickett, A. J. McDonald.....	" 14
A. W. Bryan.....	" 18
H. R. Hamilton.....	" 26
H. J. Childs.....	" 22
H. E. Wiley.....	" 30
Robt. Ferguson.....	" 31
W. J. Moffatt.....	" 33
R. A. Broomfield.....	" 36
E. H. Johnston, A. T. Cooper.....	" 37
James G. Foulds.....	" 40
Elijah Hodgins, A. R. Nopper.....	" 42

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
CHARLES ENDRESS, of No. 17.
W. FLEMING, of No. 14.

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

T. A. Parkinson	of No. 2
M. Meston	" 3
W. H. Wickett	" 14
H. J. Childs	" 22
W. J. Moffatt	" 33
E. H. Johnston	" 37
C. Turnbull	" 38

The Grand Chancellor made the following announcements :

Hours for business : morning session, 9 to 12 o'clock ; afternoon session, 2 to 6 o'clock.

Official press reporter, Grand Prelate Murch.

Representative: Deverall, of No. 1, 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 this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1897, and from the certificates submitted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Past Chancellors in the second column are entitled to seats as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1898.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.	Year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.
Mystic Lodge, No. 1	C. H. Wallis	Chas. Deverall.
Myrtle " 2	Fred Harding	T. A. Parkinson.
Red Cross " 3	John Burns	M. Meston.
Ivanhoe " 4	A. J. Ratray	
Crusader " 5	W. P. Cooke	
Rokeby " 9	E. E. Parker	
Prospect " 10	H. A. Plastow	S. A. Webb.
Algoma " 11	John Jenkins	E. Biggings.
Rathbone " 12	M. J. Baker	John Stacey.
Aurora " 13	R. R. Reaveley	John J. Wells.
Olive " 14	W. H. Wickett	
Margion " 15	Hy. Robinson	
Friendship " 16	J. H. Forsch	W. R. Andrews.
Petrolia " 17	John Read	C. Endress.
Queen City " 18	W. J. Cluff	L. M. Jones.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.	Year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.
Meniss Lodge, No. 19	C. C. Tilley	
Amicus " "	20... W. H. Fox, M.D.	W. A. Murrell.
Mizpah " "	22... H. J. Childs	R. Poulton.
Ontario " "	25... E. F. Bowie, M.D.	John S. King, M.D.
Dufferin " "	28... G. C. Fowlie	
Toronto " "	30... J. L. Little	W. G. Haynes.
Bismarck " "	31... A. R. Whyte	Adam Belz.
Londón " "	33... Wm. Smith	W. J. Moffat.
Windsor " "	35... D. W. Mason	
Calanthe " "	36... Thos. Elliott	
Columbian " "	37... J. Simmons	
Galt " "	38... W. D. Card	Chas. Turnbull.
Johnston " "	40... John Easton	A. E. Savage.
Hamlet " "	42... Fred. J. Corrie	E. K. Barnsdale.
Trafalgar " "	43... C. L. Dunbar	
Victoria " "	44... Rev. K. Von Pirch	W. J. Woollard.
Woodstock " "	45... A. Bicknell	Chas. Rapson.
Napanee " "	46... W. H. Perry	
Renwick " "	47... N. Tarr	R. Ellerbeck.
Royal " "	48... W. A. Catés	Rev. F. R. Ghent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
 CHAS. ENDRESS, of No. 17.
 W. FLEMING, of No. 14.

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

Mystic,	No. 1	C. Deverall, C. H. Wallis.
Myrtle,	" 2	F. Harding, J. A. Parkinson.
Red Cross,	" 3	M. Meston.
Crusader,	" 5	W. P. Cooke.
Rathbone,	" 12	M. J. Baker,
Aurora,	" 13	R. R. Reaveley.
Olive,	" 14	W. Fleming.
Marmion,	" 15	Hy. Robinson.
Friendship,	" 16	W. R. Andrews, J. H. Forsch.
Petrolia,	" 17	C. Endress, John Read.
Queen City,	" 18	W. J. Cluff, L. M. Jones.
Amicus,	" 20	W. A. Murrell.
Mizpah,	" 22	H. J. Childs, R. Poulton.

Dufferin, No. 28	.....	G. C. Fowle.
Bismarck, " 31	.....	A. L. Whyte.
Columbian, " 37	.....	J. Simmons, E. H. Johnston.
Galt, " 38	.....	W. D. Card, C. Turnbull.
Hamlet, " 42	.....	E. K. Barnsdale, F. J. Corrie.
Victoria, " 44	.....	W. J. Woollard.
Woodstock, " 45	.....	C. Rapson.
Royal, " 48	.....	W. A. Cates.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the minutes of last convention, when on motion of G. M. of E. Peace, 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.

J. L. Little, of No. 30; *C. Deverall*, of No. 1; *M. Meston*, of No. 3.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

W. D. Card, of No. 38; Hy. Robinson, of No. 15; A. Bicknell, of No. 45.

FINANCE.

C. H. Wallis, of No. 1; A. L. Whyte, of No. 31; Jno. Read, of No. 17.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

M. J. Baker, of No. 12; W. A. Cates, of No. 48; *E. K. Barnsdale*, of No. 42.

GRIEVANCES.

F. Harding, of No. 2; *R. Poulton*, of No. 22; J. Simmons, of No. 37.

REPORTS.

J. H. Forsch, of No. 16; R. R. Reaveley, of No. 13; *W. G. Haynes*, of No. 30

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

C. Rapson, of No. 45; G. C. Fowle, of No. 28; *W. H. Fox*, of No. 20.

CREDENTIALS.

W. Fleming, of No. 14; *F. J. Corrie*, of No. 42; *W. P. Cooke*, of No. 5.

PRINTING.

I. F. Moore, of No. 30; W. J. Cluff, of No. 18; G. H. Mitchell, G.K.R.S.

Also, a Special Committee on Distribution :

R. H. McConnell, P.G.C.; P. D. McKellar, S.R.; E. H. Johnston, of No. 37

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the semi-annual reports of lodges for the year 1896, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

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

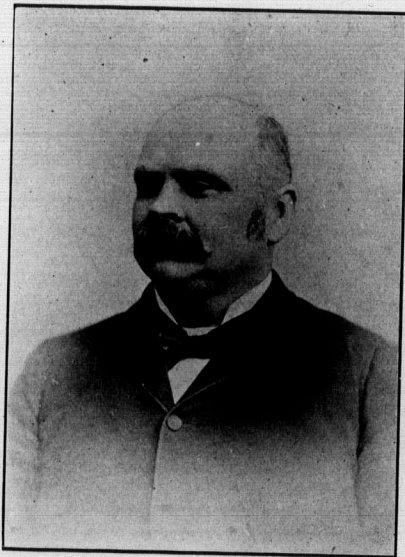
REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

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

BROTHERS,—It affords me pleasure to again meet the members of Grand Lodge in this the twenty-sixth convention of this Grand Domain.

Before submitting my report for the year past permit me to thank the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they conferred upon me in selecting me as Grand Chancellor for the Domain of Ontario. I was chosen unanimously by your consent and I can assure you the choice was not my own seeking but was a great surprise to me. I regret that my time has been very much occupied with many other claims upon it, thus preventing me from giving as much attention to the order as I desired to do. Although I have been neglectful in visiting, owing to the above reason, still I have endeavored to answer all correspondence promptly and have thus got a little in touch with the members of the order. I have made it a study, to some extent, to try and find out the requirements of the order, the wants that require needed attention, in order that more progress may be made by this society. You will agree with me, I think, that our growth is not what it should be. We have a good code of laws, a good basis to start from, but we do not go ahead. If I have discovered some of the causes and you agree with me as to the same, then the remedy must be applied, if we are to succeed.

1. First of all there is the keen competition of fraternal societies all over America. I am afraid that we are getting too many and that the process applied by business men and manufacturers to their lines will have to be applied to some of the many fraternal societies or disasters may follow. I refer to consolidating the orders and decreasing the competition, saving expenses in the way of rents, salaries, travelling expenses, printing, exchange, and many other items that go to make up the expenses of managing and properly running the various societies throughout the country. True it means the curbing and retarding, or checking the ambition of some who are desirous of holding office and cutting off many who draw salaries and pay in other respects from the sources I have referred to. But this must necessarily be done to ensure success to societies and to give security to the members who invest their money



THOS. ELLIOTT
Past Grand Chancellor.

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in them for the purpose of sick benefits or endowments. I recognize the fact that the Knights of Pythias is more of a fraternal and social society than many of those who come under the head of fraternal or benevolent societies, but while I grant that the fact remains, we have to meet the competition of others in the desire for increased membership, and this any order must have to acquire success. If we are to secure an increase of membership it will require a greater amount of enthusiasm to prevail than I have found to exist, and I must admit that I have not had the time to devote towards encouraging the members as I would have liked to do. Pythianism in this domain is managed very economically and I have felt a certain amount of restraint in expending or encouraging an expenditure of funds unless I could look for a direct return. If I had found the treasury full, or could have discovered an opportunity for extending the order and filling the treasury, I would gladly have embraced it, but such a position did not present itself and I therefore adopted the plan of close economy.

2. There should be some better provision for collecting the dues of members, many of whom allow themselves to run behind, with the result that the amount becomes larger than they feel disposed to pay at once, and they thus drop out. Would it not be well to have a paid collector to call personally on the members, and collect monthly or quarterly, as the case requires? This may, in a measure, lessen the loss of membership

3. There should be more visiting among the lodges in districts, the exchanging of views, the knowing of the members in the district, and pleasant evenings with social chat and lively games, accompanied by music and singing, would greatly help to keep the members together. The fact too often meets us that we are actually unacquainted with brothers in our own district. This position of affairs shows a very cold state of feeling in the order and is dangerous to its existence. We must devise means to secure members, and having secured them we must make it pleasant and agreeable in the lodges for them.

4. We should also encourage the Endowment Rank. I am one of those who think that this part of the order is not pushed sufficiently. If members once become possessed of the feeling that they have a financial stake in the order, and that those who live after them are also interested in the same, they will try much harder to attend the lodge meetings, and will then know what is going on and become interested in the work.

5. There should not be an organizer appointed to institute lodges who does not like the order and its work. If an organizer is only out for the money, the result of his work is not beneficial, but detrimental. We have evidences of that all along the line, and fraternal societies everywhere are suffering from it. False representations are made, and inducements held out that are never fulfilled, and the consequences are injurious.

The above are some difficulties that exist in the way of advancing the order and that must be remedied to increase the membership and then retain them.

I think that by having biennial conventions and lessening the representation of lodges, especially those outside of a circle of 50 or 100 miles of the place of meeting of Grand Lodge, sufficient funds might be placed in the treasury to enable the executive to spend more in visiting and to pay the Deputy Grand Chancellors for their work, or give them at least some emblem or token of acknowledgment for their services. Men in these times like a memento of some kind to shew that they have been recognized as occupying a place of position, and rightly so too. If a Deputy Grand Chancellor builds up the order and does his work properly, give him reward, and encourage him in the good work.

My predecessor, Past Grand Chancellor McWhinney, suggested that I should visit Fort William, Port Arthur, Bruce Mines, Sault Ste. Marie and other points west. I did not find the funds on hand would warrant me in so doing, especially as the lodges at points farthest west have sent their full quota of delegates. It occurred to me that one might represent the lodges at Fort William and Port Arthur, and that by this means sufficient money could be saved to enable an official visit to be paid to the lodges which are so far away. I suggested to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that he write the lodges to this effect.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Immediately after the close of the last convention I appointed the following Deputy Grand Chancellors, some of whom have not yet found time to acknowledge the appointment:—

No. 1	District	W. A. Cates, Walkerville.
" 2	"	W. H. Robinson, Chatham.
" 3	"	R. H. McConnell, St. Thomas.
" 7	"	A. Savage, Sarnia.
" 8	"	D. C. Kennedy, London.
" 9	"	Court Curtis, Woodstock.
" 10	"	C. L. Smith, V.S., Brantford.
" 11	"	Thos. Pedlar, Hamilton.
" 13	"	F. J. Corrie, Stratford
" 14-16	"	A. Watson, Berlin.
" 22	"	Dr. E. F. Bowie, Toronto.
" 30	"	S. P. Hinch, Port Perry.
" 35	"	G. C. Fowle, Smith's Falls.
		a E. Biggings, Sault Ste. Marie.
" 45	"	b W. R. Smyth, Bruce Mines.
		c A. Gillie, Chapleau.
" 46	"	W. J. Smith, Port Arthur.

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On October 17th, D.G.C. Watson of the 14th and 16th district resigned and I appointed P.C., W. D. Card of Galt to fill the vacancy.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

Damon Lodge, No. 6 and Toronto Lodge, No. 30 were granted permission to amalgamate on March 29th, and preparations are about complete for the consolidation of Friendship No. 16 and Royal No. 48. In both cases I believe the step is in the right direction, for I think a good strong lodge preferable to two weak ones.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted the following dispensations :

To Calanthe Lodge to meet December 23rd and 30th, instead of 24th and 31st.

To Galt Lodge No. 38, vacation during August.

“ W. Hallsworth, to issue a circular.

“ Olive Lodge, for Concert and Supper.

“ Petrolia Lodge, to hold meeting in Victoria Hall.

“ Victoria Lodge, to change place of meeting.

“ Petrolia Lodge, for Picnic and Excursion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I have, I think, in every instance given immediate attention to all correspondence. The letter books will bear witness that no time was lost in answering communications and that they were numerous. I have had no unpleasant duties to perform and the order has gone along smoothly.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

My desire was to report on a much better condition of affairs than exists. I have tried to secure one or two new lodges at least, in fact I had fully expected to have been able to report the institution of a lodge at Preston. I spent a day there with the Deputy Grand Chancellor and we had 18 names on the list, but I regret to have to say the lodge is not yet completed. Aylmer too was spoken of, and the brothers of St. Thomas are expecting to put in a lodge at that point. Ottawa and Dresden also are points in view and I fully expect a lodge at Ottawa in the near future.

The lodges at Guelph and St. Catharines I think might be looked upon as lost, unless an extra effort is put forth to bring them into line. I visited both places and found matters very unsatisfactory.

SUGGESTIONS.

I have referred previously to some matters and have made comments on the same but I think, however, that under this head I might be pardoned if I make a few suggestions :—

I am of the opinion that our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal should be paid more salary and that he should be able to visit the subordinate lodges more frequently.

I would recommend that Deputy Grand Chancellors be allowed a reasonable and fixed amount for instituting a lodge in their district.

I am of opinion that we should have some kind of an official journal, or a page or two in some one of the several now published in the United States, the material to be furnished from Canada for the space occupied.

I again advocate biennial sessions and less delegates. The order cannot afford to pay for officials visits and the expenses of two delegates to Grand Lodge in addition. The work requires greater attention in many places than it receives and the visits of Grand Lodge officers has a tendency to make the officers of subordinate lodges get the work up better than they otherwise might do.

In view of the fact that the requirements of our order throughout the Dominion is, in many respects, very different to that within the United States I would suggest that an effort should be made to endeavor to secure a closer union between the Canadian Grand Lodges. Under present circumstances we are isolated from each other and have no opportunity of exchanging views or agreeing upon any concerted action on matters of common interest, as for instance the refusal of the Supreme Lodge to allow a rebate on duties for supplies. This could be accomplished by having an annual or biennial meeting of one or more delegates from each Grand Lodge, and I would recommend that action be taken at this convention to open up communication with them in order to ascertain their views on the subject.

VISITS.

On February 1st I visited Petrolia Lodge and was accompanied by several members of the Executive, at which place we met a number of members of other lodges, and many visiting brethren from St. Clair, U.S. We were highly delighted with the work done in the Victoria Hall. The officers were well up in their parts and performed their duties in a very creditable manner. Bro. Read, G. R., as usual was enthusiastic in his attentions and he with all the other brothers made the time pass pleasantly and quickly. The drive through the oil wells was very interesting to all. The banquet given after the lodge meeting was closed in the Cadillac Hotel and catered to by Bro. Johnson was a very sumptuous affair, presided over by P. C. Bro. B. S. Van Tuyl, who ably filled the chair. Toast, speech and song were indulged in until the small hours of the morning when our visiting American brothers took their departure by team and sleigh, having driven across the river on the ice to pay the visit and contributing in no small degree to the success and pleasure of the evening. The Executive officers left by train in the early morning and journeyed to-

gether to London where the party broke up all agreeing that they had enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren at Petrolia very much. It is not saying too much to state that the officers of Petrolia Lodge are alive to their work and that Pythianism is safe in their hands.

I visited London the 17th February, when there was a joint meeting held which was very fully attended by the members of the city lodges, and by some visiting members from Petrolia, including G. R. Read. The members of Rathbone Lodge engaged a special train and came up from St. Thomas in full strength. The work was ably and fully exemplified by the London brothers first, followed by the team from Rathbone Lodge who had brought with them their fine equipment, and they performed the work in a manner it would be hard to excel. This lodge deserves more than a mere mention for their ability and kindness in always being ready to entertain or assist other lodges of the order in promoting the success of this society. They are always willing and ready to advance the cause of Pythianism when called upon to do so. An excellent dinner was served after closing the lodge in the large dining room adjoining and a happy time was spent until an early hour listening to music, speeches and songs. The London brothers know how to have a good time.

I visited Red Cross Lodge, Hamilton, on January 18th, and installed the officers. After installation and some remarks made by myself and addresses from some of the Hamilton brothers, we adjourned to the banqueting hall where we were joined by the Mayor of the city, P. C. Alex. McKay, ex-M. P., and many others. The music rendered by the Glee Club on this occasion was of a very superior order and helped to make the evening a very pleasant one. The brothers of Hamilton are an enthusiastic lot of Knights but this is not to be wondered at when they have such old and tried members as our present Grand Master of Exchequer, Bro. D. J. Peace and P. S. R. Jesse Chapman. The members of Bismarck lodge also joined in making it a pleasant visit.

I visited Guelph on the 28th of February and found Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, in a very bad condition. They have a magnificent lodge room, one of the best I have ever been in. The brethren had gone to a large expense in fitting it up—the electric and gas fittings, together with the fine furniture, desks, chairs and altar, all being made to match—giving evidence of great enthusiasm at one time but this had all passed away and a gloom hung over the lodge. The debt was greater than they could carry, their rent and taxes being over \$200 per year, and the interest on the debt incurred in the first starting was sinking them. The members became discouraged. Deputy Grand Chancellor Card, who accompanied me, and myself tried to encourage them and to devise some means of extricating them out of their difficulties but the members were discouraged and dissatisfied and if their remarks were true, they had been greatly deceived by the party who made such glowing statements at the instituting of the lodge. I hope to learn that the members of Trafalgar

Lodge will yet come out where the great general did who fought and won the battle of the same name as their lodge bears. I trust they will not give up but will "fight it out" and come off winners in the long run. I trust this lodge may receive encouragement.

I visited St. Catharines on February 4th, and met the members of Perseverance Lodge. On this occasion Bro. Mitchell, G. K. R. S., accompanied me. The meeting, an informal one, was held at the residence of Bro. Leubsdorf, eight or nine members being present. The affairs of this lodge are very much mixed up. It was decided, after a lengthened conversation, to have the books forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, at Toronto, in order that he might go over them and balance them up and if possible find out the exact standing of the accounts as they stand between the lodge and the Grand Lodge. This lodge should either be re-organized or else have the charter called in. Bro. Mitchell will, no doubt, deal more fully with this question than I am doing.

I visited Calanthe Lodge, No. 36, on July 30th, 1896. This lodge is in a healthy condition and the work is well done. There are some good active members here who take an interest in the work and a pride in doing it in a creditable manner. If the lodge at Preston had materialized the members of Calanthe kindly offered to aid at the instituting of the same and exemplify the ranks. I hope they may yet have the pleasure of doing so.

I have to regret that I was unable to pay more visits to the lodges, but time and pressure of business has prevented me. No one would more willingly have done so than myself, and the regret is greater on my part than on the part of those who may feel disappointed at my not having been with them. The expense in some cases and time in others are the only excuses I can offer. I trust my successor may have more of each in the incoming year with which to perform the duties of the office.

I desire to thank the members of the Executive as a whole, and especially the G. K. R. S., Bro. Mitchell, as well as the G. M. of E., Bro. Peace, for their kind assistance and advice during the year. I had to refer to Bro. Mitchell frequently and always found him ready and willing with his knowledge of the order to render the necessary advice. I cannot close without again thanking this Grand Lodge for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me unanimously to the head of the order and the members all for their good wishes, and I trust Providence may yet confer many favors on the Grand Domain of Ontario. I am,

Yours sincerely, in F. C. and B.,

THOMAS ELLIOTT,

Grand Chancellor.

Brantford, July 13th, 1897.

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, Esq., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Statutes, I herewith submit my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor for District No. 3.

My report will of necessity be a brief one, as I have but one lodge under my supervision, namely, Rathbone No. 12, but I earnestly hope to be able to report the institution of a lodge at Aylmer before the meeting of Grand Lodge, as we have at the present time a charter list with 12 or 15 names. The officers are taking an active interest in the formation of this lodge and I feel quite satisfied it will become an established fact.

In the early part of January I installed the officers of Rathbone Lodge, and a commendable feature was that immediately after the installation a number of the officers performed their work without the aid of the ritual.

The officers are all enthusiastic and take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge, and they are carefully and cautiously increasing the membership.

The Chancellor Commander elect, Bro. Domville, on assuming office informed all the officers that they would not be allowed under any circumstance to take part in the conferring of any rank unless the work was thoroughly memorized. I believe this course should be adopted by every lodge as it is the means of putting new life and energy into the officers and members.

I have to thank the officers and members for the many courtesies extended to me as your deputy, and in conclusion can say that with the able and efficient officers at the head of affairs, Rathbone Lodge will surely make a record during the present year.

At the meeting of the Past Chancellors, Bro. E. S. Brown was recommended as my successor for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor, which I fully endorse.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

R. H. MCCONNELL,
D.G.C., District No. 3.

St. Thomas, June 9th, 1897.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, Esq., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Herewith I beg to submit answers asked in your circular.

Petrolia Lodge I consider one of our banner lodges.

In Johnston Lodge the books of the Keeper of Records and Seal have not been well kept, but those of the Master of Finance and Master of Exchequer are first class.

Past Chancellor F. A. Smiley, of Petrolia, is recommended for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Fraternally yours,

ALF. E. SAVAGE,

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

Sarnia, June 30th, 1897.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In compliance with the statutes, I have much pleasure in submitting my report as your deputy for District No. 8.

There are in this district five lodges, viz: Myrtle, No. 2; Prospect, No. 10; Mizpah, No. 22; London, No. 33 and Columbian, No. 37.

I have visited them all on several occasions, and have always been received with true Pythian courtesy, for which I desire sincerely to return my thanks.

Myrtle, No. 2, the pioneer of the city, still continues the work of progression, and its ritualistic work is up to the standard.

Prospect, No. 10, has not done as well as I anticipated, but has added to its membership and is in a better condition than it was.

Mizpah, No. 22, is making members of the right kind, and in its conferring of ranks will stand the test of competition.

London, No. 33, is doing fairly well, having added to its membership and is improving in the ritualistic work.

Columbian, No. 37, is keeping the ball rolling, and determined shortly to take the lead.

Generally speaking, I can safely report that the order in London is progressive and the work is going on with a harmonious rivalry that is beneficial to it.

At a meeting of the Past Chancellors of this district, held on June 3rd, 1897, P. C. Thomas Parkinson of Myrtle, No. 2, was the unanimous choice for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district for the ensuing year and I sincerely endorse the recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and B.

D. C. KENNEDY,

D.G.C., District No. 8

London, June 14th, 1897.

THOS. ELLIOTT, Esq., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I beg to enclose herewith answers to questions submitted.

I had expected ere this that the consolidation of Royal, No. 48, with Friendship, No. 16, would have been effected but owing to some delay it has not yet been done. I think it will shortly be accomplished and believe it will be for the best interests of the order in this district.

By an unanimous vote I was again recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district for the ensuing year.

Fraternally,

W. A. CATES,
D.G.C., District No. 1.

Walkerville, July 6th, 1897.

THOS. ELLIOTT, Esq., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Just a line or two to let you know how Woodstock Lodge has been getting along. The last year it has been at a stand still and I can give no good reason for it. Some of the best men in town are in its ranks, the officers commit their parts to memory and render it in fine style. Last winter they put on the long form third and I don't think there is a team in Ontario that could do any better, if as good. But prospects are looking better and at present there is one candidate for the page rank and one application under way.

The Endowment Rank has just been started with six members and is taking well. I expect to see several more join. I think it has a tendency to build up any lodge and I would like to see it in all our lodges in Ontario.

I can assure you, if you could find it convenient to pay Woodstock a visit, you would be well received and you might be the means of putting new life in them.

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

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.,

COURT CURTIS,
D.G.C., District No. 9.

Woodstock, July 12th, 1897.

THOS. ELLIOTT, Esq., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—During the past year, I regret to say, Pythianism in this district has somewhat waned and I think we have too many lodges.

Mystic, No. 1, and Queen City, No. 18, have only been holding their own and Ivanhoe and Ontario are endeavoring to effect a consolidation with some of the other lodges which if done will be a good move.

Amicus and Toronto Lodges are both energetic and pushing and have done good work.

Damor, No. 6, was in a splendid condition but owing to inability to secure good men to take office it decided to consolidate with Toronto, No. 30, and this was done in March.

Syracuse, No. 39, of the Junction, is suffering from being located in a small place with no field for work and will likely consolidate with some one of the city lodges.

Past Chancellor Herbert E. Wiley, of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

E. FRASER BOWIE,

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

Toronto, June 25th, 1897.

THOS. ELLIOTT, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In accordance with law I herewith submit my answers to the questions contained in circular received.

In regard to this district I think it would be a great benefit if we had one of the Grand lodge officers pay us a visit. It would help to work up more interest here, and an endeavor might also be made to resuscitate Maple Lodge at Carlton Place, although there is an effort being made in that direction at the present time by some of the former members. Other societies are doing this, and have made a great success by sending competent men to assist in strengthening old lodges and organizing new ones.

Fraternally submitted,

G. C. FOWLIE,

D.G.C., District No. 35

Smith's Falls, June 17th, 1897.

THOMAS ELLIOTT, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—As the annual convention of Grand Lodge is approaching and a report from this district is expected, I beg to say that on account of our town being satiated with fraternal societies we have not made any headway. There are fourteen of them here, each crushing the other, and this in a population of only 3,500, chiefly labouring men, makes it an uphill fight for life

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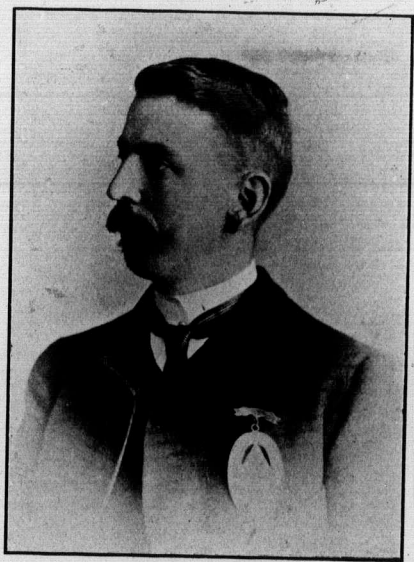
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the result that it has been deemed to be in the best interests of the order that a consolidation should be effected. Rokeby, No. 9, of Wallaceburg; Meniss, No. 19, of Chapleau; Inglewood, No. 29, of Owen Sound; Tra algar, No. 43, of Guelph, and Napanee, No. 46, of Napanee, will require special attention during the immediate future or they may be lost.

In February the Grand Chancellor and myself visited St. Catharines and had an informal meeting with a number of the members of Perseverance Lodge but very little was accomplished and it is a question whether or not the lodge should be closed up. The books were in such a state that it was impossible for the semi-annual reports to be made out and at my suggestion they were forwarded to me to endeavor to unravel the tangle into which they had been allowed to twist themselves. So far I have been unable to make much headway but after the close of this convention I hope to be able to devote more time to the work. Under different circumstances I think a good lodge could be maintained in this city.

During the year just closed considerable initiative work has been in progress which I have no doubt will bear fruit ere long. In Ottawa we have an old member of Grand Lodge living there who has been working to establish a lodge and the prospects are that one will shortly be instituted. Aylmer and Dresden are also in the field and an effort is being made to resuscitate Maple Lodge, No. 8, of Carleton Place, while enquiries have been received from Barrie and Collingwood.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

As I grow older in the work of our order I am more and more convinced that greater attention is required to be given to this important branch and to endeavor to bring it more prominently before our members I accepted the position of General Organizer for Ontario. During the past year I have supplied every lodge in the domain with literature and have corresponded with one or more members in each locality, where no section exists, with a view to having sections established. I am pleased to be able to report that one has been started in Woodstock and I hope others will follow.

In almost every official record of the various Grand Lodges the city has been that the hard times was responsible for the small increase made or the losses incurred, but I feel assured that while this to a certain extent may have had some influence yet it was and is not the whole cause. During the past few years fraternal insurance societies have sprung into existence like mushrooms and it is a well-known fact that our own members, having little or no knowledge of the Endowment Rank, have availed themselves of the opportunity of securing insurance in some one of the many which are kept so prominently before the public and the natural consequence is that being in two or more societies if any financial pressure comes they drop from the one

in which they have the least inducement to remain. I feel thoroughly assured that if each lodge would interest itself in this beneficial feature of the order there would be a much greater interest taken and the losses from suspension for non-payment of dues would be materially decreased. The following is a statement of the status of the Endowment Rank in this domain which I trust may be very largely increased in the near future :

Sec. No.	Location	No. of Members.	Amt. of Endowment.
54.....	Toronto	39.....	\$63,000
570.....	Sandwich.....	12.....	25,000
688.....	Sault Ste Marie	7.....	13,000
774.....	Hamilton.....	22.....	45,000
825.....	London.....	21.....	32,000
2423.....	Bruce Mines.....	7.....	8,000
3642.....	Woodstock	6.....	4,000
	Members at large.....	5.....	10,000
Total—Sections 7.....		119	<u>\$200,000</u>

Total number of members insured, March 31, 1897.....	48,174
Amount of Insurance	\$92,519,500
Total amount of death benefits paid	11,041,442
Cash balance and investments.....	454,797.01

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

The usual procrastination has marked the forwarding of these reports during the past year, and I have to confess to being totally unable to account for the reason of the delay. There has been, however, a marked improvement in the compilation, most of them being correctly and neatly made out. The latter coupled with more promptitude would leave nothing further to be desired.

SUSPENSIONS.

By reference to the numerical statement it will be seen that the number of members dropped for non-payment of dues during 1896 exceeded the number of initiations. How to decrease this annual drain on the membership is a problem which is exercising the thoughts of the best men in every domain and is apparently beyond solution. There are two methods by which, in my opinion, this may to a great extent be accomplished, viz : by means of the Endowment Rank and the payment of a percentage on dues collected.

In regard to the first of these I have elsewhere in this report drawn attention to its advantages, one of which is the greater interest which would naturally be taken by members in their lodge if they have a more substan-

tial tie than the mere pecuniary and social benefits. It is rare indeed that a member of the Endowment Rank permits himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

The second method has been adopted by some of our lodges with great success and is well worthy of a trial by all. It is an inducement for the Master of Finance, or an authorized collector, to call personally on the members especially those who from business or other engagements cannot attend lodge regularly. By this means they would be enabled to pay their dues quarterly instead of allowing them to accumulate, besides which they would be more in touch with the lodge and with a good M. of F. much good could be accomplished. I strongly recommend this to the consideration of the lodges.

GRAND STATUTES.

Shortly after our last convention I issued a circular announcing the completion of the Grand Statutes, but I regret to say that very few of the lodges have as yet availed themselves of the opportunity of placing themselves in possession of our latest general laws. If such had been done a great amount of correspondence would have been saved both to the Grand Chancellor and myself. In several particulars radical changes have been made with which lodges and members should be acquainted. One of the most important is that the Grand Chancellor having been shorn of all judicial functions he is now relieved from the necessity of giving decisions on questions of law, this duty being relegated to the Committee on Judiciary.

REBATE OF DUTIES.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Committee on Finance of our last convention I forwarded to our Supreme Representatives a copy of all correspondence, reports, etc., relating to this matter and which was duly presented to the Supreme Lodge as per pages 7241-7243 S. L. Official Record. This was referred to the Committee on Finance of that body which reported adversely without making any comment or giving any reason therefor. To say the least it was treating the outside domains with but scant courtesy, although I have to admit they adopted a wise course in not attempting to give any reason for making a recommendation which was, on both moral and equitable lines, simply indefensible. I can hardly believe that the committee thoroughly understood the question or it surely would not have refused to place us on an equality with other Grand Domains and restore to us the rights we had enjoyed previous to the adoption of the Supreme Statutes and which Supreme Chancellor Ritchie admitted we were entitled to. Possibly our Supreme Representatives may be able to throw more light on the subject than what appears in the printed records. I would suggest that the matter be not allowed to drop but that steps be taken to secure concerted action by all the Canadian Grand Lodges.

The following is the excess per centage that supplies cost us as compared with sister Grand Lodges on the other side of the line :

Rituals, Installation Books, Music Books, Supreme Statutes and all printed books, 10 per cent.; Jewels, 30 per cent.; Question Books, Official Receipts, Withdrawal and Transfer Cards and all matter partly printed and partly blank and Jewel Cases, 35 per cent.

COST OF SUPPLIES.

At various times many Grand Domains and Pythian papers have complained of the excessive cost and poor quality of the supplies furnished by the Supreme Lodge, but up to the present time nothing has been accomplished. In the report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, August, 1894, the following reference is made to this subject and although rather lengthy I reproduce it in full as many members never see the Supreme Lodge Official Record. The paragraphs I have numbered for the sake of analysis :

1. "The prices charged for the supplies which are sold by this office have excited the animadversion of a number of able editors *et al*, during the past two years; and such forceful epithets as "extortion," "swindling," "high-way robbery," and the like terms of endearment, have obumbrated with mensal monotony the customary claritude of the Pythian empyrean. Exercising for the frailties of these misguided brothers the same charity I would ask for myself, I cheerfully assert the belief that the masses of misinformation with which they have regaled their readers have resulted less from a willingness to misstate facts than from an unthinking and too eager desire for readable "copy." It is the fault, in most of the cases, not of innate malice, but of obliquity of vision, that their dim eyes have seemed to see a stain where none exists.

2. "The inane clamour concerning "extortion" in the supplies, instigated primarily by disappointed self-interest, has been perpetuated by gross ignorance, until many members of the order have come actually to believe that they are being robbed regularly and systematically by the Supreme Lodge. Therefore, a brief statement of fact is here given for the benefit of all concerned.

3. "It is entirely true that the prices of the supplies, the exclusive sale of which the Supreme Lodge reserves to itself, are larger, in many cases, than they would be if the same articles were purchased elsewhere; but it is also emphatically true that the method by which the revenue of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias is raised is far less burdensome to the subordinate lodge and to the individual member than that by which the revenue of the supreme body of any other fraternity is raised. It being granted, as a matter of course, that the Supreme Lodge must raise revenue in some way, it is compelled to make choice between the only two available methods: it must either levy a tax *per capita* on the entire membership of the order, or it must make a substantial profit on the sale of supplies. It is simply the old question of a direct

and obnoxious tax on the individual, or a tariff on commodities whereof "the consumer pays the tax." In the one case, every man is taxed alike and pays alike, whether he be benefitted or not; in the other, he who buys pays, and he who buys nothing pays nothing and is taxed not at all.

4. "Of all the leading secret fraternities on this continent of which I have any knowledge, only one besides ours—the Odd Fellows, whose tax on grand lodges for representation is fifty per cent greater than ours—has chosen the plan of raising the bulk of its revenue from the sale of supplies; and that both have chosen most wisely there can be no question. That this is true, comparison of figures will demonstrate beyond cavil of the most captious. In order that such comparison may be as exhaustive as possible, I have taken, to illustrate our plan, the smallest of our grand jurisdictions in point of membership, the largest, and one whose Pythian population is nearest the average, showing what each of them pays annually as tax to the Supreme Lodge, and in comparison with this, what the same membership would be required to pay as direct tax to the supreme bodies of three other orders which are recognized as among the principal secret fraternities of this country.

5. "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba pays annually to the Supreme Lodge a tax of \$100. The same membership, under the laws of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, would pay to the Supreme Lodge of that body an annual tax of \$26.64; to the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, an annual tax of \$99.90; to the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor, an annual tax of \$266.40.

6. "The average membership of our fifty-four grand jurisdictions is 8,208. A grand jurisdiction with this membership would pay to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, an annual tax of \$100; to the Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, an annual tax of \$656.64; to the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, an annual tax of \$2,462.40; to the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor, an annual tax of \$6,566.40.

7. "The largest of our grand jurisdictions—Ohio—pays annually to the Supreme Lodge a tax of \$200. The same membership would pay to the Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen an annual tax of \$4,003.60; to the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, an annual tax of \$15,013.50; to the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor, an annual tax of \$40,036.

8. "Figures are infallible, and it does not require an expert mathematician to demonstrate the truth of the assertion made above—that, if this Supreme Lodge is to derive revenue from any source for the conduct of its business, the plan now in vogue is the most equitable for all concerned, as well as by far the least burdensome to the masses of the membership. Q. E. D.

9. "There are but two horns to this dilemma: you must either make a large profit on the supplies you sell, or you must levy a direct tax on every

member of the order. Adopt the latter plan, and the people who are now protesting so vigorously against "extortion" of the Supreme Lodge will be the very first to howl."

This was referred to the Committee on State of the Order but must have been too much for it as the record states "the committee made no report."

In 1896 the Grand Lodge of New Jersey submitted a complaint in regard to the cost of supplies, on which the Committee on Finance reported as follows:

"It has always been the financial policy of this order to secure its revenue from sale of supplies as being the most equitable and fairest to the subordinate lodges and membership, and we find that the revenue obtained from the sale of jewels and rituals constitutes the largest part: *a comparison of this order with others of like character indicates that less money is required of the members of the order in this than any other.* We will not extend our remarks on this subject, but refer all interested to the very able and exhaustive presentation of the case contained in the report of the S.K.R.S., published in the proceedings of 1893-4." (Italics mine.)

Is it possible that the committee on finance gave the subject any consideration whatever? and does it mean to say that the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Honor are "orders of like character" with our own?

We will see.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the S.K.R.S. need no comment in this connection further than to remark that considerable charity is evidently required somewhere if a fair criticism cannot be allowed.

Par. 3. If a per capita is an "obnoxious tax" it is taking the various grand lodges a long time to find it out. I am, however, of the opinion that they are pretty nearly correct, and would be practically so if the per capita covered all their expenses, and supplies were furnished to lodges at cost, and the same rule should apply to the Supreme Lodge. Surely every member of the order derives exactly the same benefit from being a member and not one more or less than another. If such is not the case I have yet to find it out and therefore fail to see why every one should not be "taxed alike and pay alike" so far as the actual cost of maintenance is concerned. It must be borne in mind that it is the expense of running the Supreme Lodge which is under discussion therefore the cost per capita of the entire order is to be considered.

Par. 4 to 7 gives a comparison of what certain of our Grand Lodges pay annually to the Supreme Lodge and what the same membership would be required to pay as direct tax to the supreme bodies of the orders named above.

If the S.K.R.S. or the Finance Committee can inform us what bearing this has on the question both of them have certainly failed to do so, but the fact remains that, I do not think, our membership cares one iota what we would have to pay to other supreme bodies. What we do care for is about what we have to pay for our own maintenance, and the others can look after themselves. And by the way the S.K.R.S. only gives what we pay as representation tax, which is just a flea bite, and for all the revenue it produces might as well be abolished altogether and especially so if the principle of the "consumer paying the tax" is to govern.

The Grand Lodges of Manitoba and Ohio, being the smallest and largest, and an average of the Grand Lodges are taken for sake of comparison and these I will use substituting Louisiana as it is almost the average membership and adding Ontario and the combined Grand Lodges, with the following result:

Domain.	Membership.	Rep. Tax.	Supplies Bought.	Rep. Per Cap.	Supplies Per Cap.	Total Per Cap.
Manitoba....	333....	\$ 100....	166.15....	30	50	80
Louisiana....	8123....	100....	1583.15....	14c....	19½	20¼
Ohio.....	50045....	200....	6208.60....	¾c....	12¾	12¼
Ontario.....	1595....	100....	215.00....	6¼c....	13½	19¼
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This represents the proportion which the Grand Lodges named contributed by representation tax to Supreme Lodge and for supplies for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1894, and which the Committee on Finance for 1896 was pleased to term "as being the most equitable and fairest to the subordinate lodges and membership." It may be, but I hardly think that Manitoba and many other Grand Lodges will see it in that light.

The expenses of the Supreme Lodge for 1893-4 amounted to \$80,589.57, equal to an annual per capita of 9c. and for 1895-6, \$79,359.64 being practically the same per capita, so that 10c. or 10½c. ought to be amply sufficient to meet all demands and permit what few supplies the Supreme Lodge should furnish to be sold at cost price. The saving of the profit would go far to make up the per capita and Grand Lodges which required a large quantity of supplies would not be contributing an unjust proportion of revenue to meet the cost of maintenance as they now do under the present system. Another thing in favor of the per capita method would be the curtailing of many extravagances which the profit on supplies permits.

Par. 8. "Figures are infallible," says the S.K.R.S. So they are but they can be made very misleading and we will take his own comparison and see what the result would be. Our combined Grand Lodges had a membership of 443,208, being an average of 8,208 for each Grand Lodge. A Grand Do-

main with this number of members would pay the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, an annual tax of \$100, or 1¼c. per capita, which would bring in a total revenue of \$5,500. The same would pay to the A.O.U.W., \$656.64, being 8c. per capita and would produce \$35,452.64, nearly what we want. To the Royal Arcanum the payment would be \$2,462.40, or 30c. per capita, and we would get \$132,962.40 and have money to burn, but yet he is not satisfied, so we go to the Knights of Honor and pay \$6,566.40, or 80c. per capita, which produces \$356,566.40, and this in all conscience ought to be sufficient. Yes, Q. E. D.

I am thoroughly satisfied that the per capita method is the only just and equitable way of meeting the expenses and the question of supplies should not enter into the calculation at all. We have only to compare the present list of supplies furnished by the Supreme Lodge to see to what an extent it has increased from a few years ago and as the lodges get stocked with the staple goods new ones will require to be added in order to keep up the revenue. The Supreme Lodge should only reserve to itself the issuance of such supplies as are absolutely required to preserve uniformity and they should be of the very best quality consistent with a moderate price. Under the present system the most of the articles are of very poor quality and at a very high price. As a sample take application forms which cost double what they ought to do and will not last a week if carried in the pocket.

While I have treated this subject at length I feel sure you will not object if it serves to attract the attention and consideration from the various Grand Domains which it deserves and if this is done I have no doubt but what a change in the system will be demanded.

BIENNIAL CONVENTIONS.

I beg to suggest for your consideration the advisability of holding biennial conventions of the Grand Lodge. With the improved laws now governing subordinate lodges and the small, and for the most part unimportant, matters claiming the attention of Grand Lodge I do not see the necessity of incurring the great expense involved by holding yearly conventions. By meeting every two years a saving of at least one thousand dollars would be effected, which would permit of a reduction of the per capita tax and allow a good margin for the purpose of extending the order throughout this domain. If this should be favorably received it will necessitate action being taken to endeavor to have the Supreme Constitution amended.

BENEFIT FUND.

I am pleased to state that this fund is being well looked after by the lodges generally and owing to the fact that they in many cases deposited to its credit more than the minimum rate it shows an increase of \$1,600 over last year. As the percentage of benefits paid during the year averaged one-third

or death. We are, however, doing the best we can and better times may, and no doubt will, materially improve our condition.

Answers to the questions asked are herewith submitted, and I also have to report that I am again recommended to be my own successor as your representative in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

E. BIGGINGS,

D.G.C., District No. 45 a.

Sault Ste. Marie, June 26th, 1897

THOS. ELLIOTT, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In accordance with law I beg to report that I have again been nominated for appointment as your deputy for this district and I submit herewith answers to the questions asked in circular.

Hard times have worked against the progress of Olive Lodge so far as obtaining new members is concerned, but I am proud to state that our old members have stuck to the ship and keep themselves in good standing which shows they are made of the right material.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. SMYTH,

D.G.C., District No. 45 b

Bruce Mines, June 23rd, 1897.

THOS. ELLIOTT, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor*, Brantford.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In conformity with the provisions of the Grand Statutes I take pleasure in reporting to you that the lodges in this district are now in a fair condition and their future prospects are bright. Each have several prospective applications in sight and I think the chances are good for a lodge at Morillia very shortly.

I enclose answers as requested in circular and would further state that P.C. Jno. J. Wells, of Aurora Lodge, No. 13, Fort William, has been nominated for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. SMITH,

D.G.C., District No. 46.

Port Arthur, July 7th, 1897.

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS
AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,
GRAND LODGE, K. OF P., OF ONTARIO,

TORONTO, JULY 13th, 1897.

P. P. XXXIV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Brethren,—In compliance with the provisions of the Grand Statutes I beg to submit my official report for the fiscal year ending May 31st, which completes the twenty-fifth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge in this domain and for twenty-four of which I have had the honor and pleasure of acting as your clerical officer.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

In presenting this report on the occasion of the silver anniversary of our institution it is a matter of sincere regret that I have to show, for the first time in several years, a small decrease in our membership. According to reports this is due to the continued depression in business circles, nearly all the lodges complaining of having many prospective members who are deferring their applications on account of financial pressure, while for the same cause a large number have had to allow themselves to drop out. It has been said that "it is a poor rule which won't work both ways" and while we have suffered the loss of a few members and consequent income the lodges have considerably curtailed their expenses with the result that the balance on hand has been increased by over \$1500.

Taking the statistics of the whole order I find that the total number of lodges, December 31st, 1896, was 6,637, with a total membership of 469,291, being a net gain during the calendar year 1896 of 133 lodges and 4,752 members on which the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal remarks, "we may find just cause for congratulation in the fact that we have been able to make an appreciable gain, while many other fraternities have stood still or retrograded."

In regard to individual lodges the majority have held their ground fairly well but a few are practically, if not actually, dead. Ivanhoe, No. 4, one of our oldest lodges, and Ontario, No. 25, both in Toronto, are endeavoring to consolidate with sister lodges, while Damon, No. 6, has already cast in its lot with Toronto, No. 30. In each of these cases the cause is due to the inability of members to devote sufficient time to take an active interest in the work with

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of the dues I would recommend that the same rate be fixed for the ensuing year, viz, $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the dues.

THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

Throughout the year this office has been in receipt of the various papers published in the interests of the order, to the publishers of which I desire to extend my full appreciation of the courtesies extended. Many of these papers I have sent to lodges in the hope that they might become subscribers to some of them.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Balance in hand of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1896	\$ 177 19
Received from all sources during the year	1822 02
Total	\$1999 21
Expenditure for all purposes	1758 01
Balance in hands O. M. of E., 31st, 1897	\$241 20

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of Convention, 1896	\$860 90
Expenses of Grand Chancellor McWhinney	58 30
Salary of G. K. R. S	300 00
Supreme Lodge, Representative Tax and Supplies	128 80
Printing Official Record	128 25
Executive Committee	10 12
Sundry Printing, Stationery and Books	37 80
Rent of Grand Lodge Room	60 00
Supplies	9 50
Express and Duty, Postage, etc	117 44
Expenses Deputy Grand Chancellor	14 90
Renewal of Registry and one Incorporation	26 00
Total	\$1758 01

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, 1897, the profits and loss thereon, and also our assets and liabilities, together with statements of the membership and finances of subordinate lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. H. Hill

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, 1897.*

Folio.	ACCOUNTS.	Face of Ledger.		Balances, May, 31st, 1897.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
		\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
1	Stock		772 99		772 99
4	Cash	1999 21	1758 01	241 20	
18	Supplies	596 00	193 35	402 65	
51	Mdse. Expenses	1692 11	1692 11		
60	Per Capita	1504 50	1504 50		
80	Profit and Loss	1740 91	1740 91		
92	T. G. Soole		159 05		159 05
94	Supreme Lodge	128 80	232 81		104 01
100	Mystic "	82 90	68 37	14 53	
106	Myrtle "	79 50	79 25	25	
112	Red Cross "	150 88	152 13		1 25
118	Ivanhoe "	67 45	16 00	51 45	
122	Crusader "	24 00	7 75	16 25	
126	Rokeby "	41 30		41 30	
130	Prospect "	54 90	51 25	3 65	
134	Algoma "	100 45	104 10		3 65
138	Rathbone "	78 35	77 75	60	
142	Aurora "	124 50	46 50	78 00	
146	Olive "	71 00	69 30	1 70	
150	Marmion "	42 00	41 87	13	
154	Friendship "	77 25	76 25	1 00	
158	Petrolia "	86 00	84 75	1 25	
162	Queen City "	66 29	64 35	1 94	
166	Meniss "	58 35		58 35	
170	Amicus "	65 25	65 75		50
172	Mizpah "	98 50	97 75	75	
176	Perseverance "		26 95		26 95
180	Ontario "	36 00	36 70		70
184	Dufferin "	23 50	23 25	25	
186	Inglewood "	23 53		23 53	
188	Damon "	114 05	114 55		50
192	Toronto "	93 45	92 45	1 00	
196	Bismarck "	49 40	49 40		
200	London "	67 50	26 50	41 00	
204	Windsor "	48 75	50 25		1 50
208	Calanthe "	47 75	45 25	2 50	
210	Columbian "	46 24	44 35	1 89	
212	Galt "	33 50	33 50		
214	Syracuse "	8 95		8 95	
216	Johnston "	29 75	30 05		30
218	Philos "	10	10		
220	Hamlet "	26 00	26 00		
222	Trafalgar "	44 38		44 38	
224	Victoria "	93 65	62 35	31 30	
226	Woodstock "	40 25	26 75	13 50	
228	Napanee "	25	13 65		13 40
230	Renwick "	24 50	23 00	1 50	
232	Royal "	24 50	24 50		
		9906 40	9906 40		1084 80

DR. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT CR.

FOLIO		\$	c	FOLIO		\$	c
51	Mdse. Expenses.....	1692	11	18	Supplies.....	59	64
91	Native Valley Lodge.	48	80	60	G. L. Tax.....	1504	50
				92	Oil Springs Lodge..	65	37
				1	Stock.....	111	40
		1740	91			1740	91

DR. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CR.

FOLIO	ASSETS.	\$	c	FOLIO	LIABILITIES.	\$	c
D. B.				92	T. G. Soole.....	159	05
286	Stock on hand.....	402	65	94	Supreme Lodge..	104	01
L.				112	Red Cross " ..	1	25
4	Cash.....	241	20	134	Algoma " ..	3	65
100	Mystic Lodge..	14	53	170	Amicus " ..	50	00
106	Myrtle " ..	25		176	Persever'ce " ..	26	95
118	Ivanhoe " ..	51	45	180	Ontario " ..	70	00
122	Crusader " ..	16	25	188	Damon " ..	1	50
126	Rokeby " ..	41	30	204	Windsor " ..	13	40
130	Prospect " ..	3	65	216	Johnston " ..	0	00
138	Rathbone " ..	60		228	Napanee " ..	13	40
142	Aurora " ..	78	00	1	By Stoc	772	09
146	Olive " ..	1	70				
150	Marmion " ..	13					
154	Friendship " ..	1	00				
158	Petrolia " ..	1	25				
162	Queen City " ..	1	94				
166	Meniss " ..	58	35				
172	Mizpah " ..	75					
184	Dufferin " ..	23	53				
186	Inglewood " ..	1	00				
192	Toronto " ..	41	00				
200	London " ..	2	50				
208	Calanthe " ..	1	89				
210	Columbian " ..	8	95				
214	Syracuse " ..	44	38				
222	Trafalgar " ..	31	30				
224	Victoria " ..	13	50				
226	Woodstock " ..	1	50				
230	Renwick " ..	1084	80			1084	80

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1896.

No.	Balance Dec. 31st 1895	Receipts.	Expended.	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1896.			Value of Furniture.	Paraphren- alia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
				Benefit Fund.	General Fund.	Total.					
1	\$415 03	\$579 80	\$722 50	\$343 52	- 71 19	\$343 52	\$2051 24	\$2394 76	\$71 19	\$2323 57	
2	227 05	803 39	689 75	278 07	62 62	340 69	400 00	970 69	.....	277 60
3	1869 93	1198 47	1001 15	1610 60	456 65	2067 25	.....	2867 25	.....	2867 25
4	80 37	.....	.....	83 32	6 05	89 37	.....	89 37	.....	80 37
5	585 72	113 00	175 70	355 83	167 19	523 02	455 00	1003 02	.....	1003 02
6	408 62	322 56	239 85	466 26	25 07	491 33	50 25	643 33	.....	643 33
7	278 20	.....	.....	233 54	44 66	278 20	.....	378 20	.....	378 20
8	232 73	1563 53	808 17	301 70	66 97	301 70	1029 00	1405 70	66 97	1338 73	
9	232 73	232 73	275 68	424 89	99 53	524 42	150 00	874 42	.....	874 42
10	501 05	209 05	346 51	843 20	89 09	932 38	26 20	1448 58	.....	1448 58
11	675 84	154 20	113 86	112 77	67 70	180 47	78 00	338 47	.....	338 47
12	149 15	301 32	307 82	366 47	8 73	375 17	100 00	625 17	.....	625 17
13	417 97	321 45	108 92	585 86	66 89	652 75	60 00	802 75	.....	802 75
14	444 26	500 91	404 91	424 26	165 73	590 19	735 50	1542 69	.....	1542 69
15	485 01	720 28	605 48	429 23	72 69	501 92	300 00	1051 92	.....	1051 92
16	387 09	355 78	440 75	502 00	11 36	513 36	45 00	558 36	.....	558 36
17	598 33	.....	.....	186 31	4 72	191 03	.....	491 03	56 60	434 43
18	191 03	.....	.....	28 27	46 68	74 95	.....	274 95	.....	274 95
19	47 93	451 47	444 45	365 85	- 12 99	395 85	305 18	200 00	12 99	908 04	
20	256 80	1022 90	634 04	173 91	51 06	165 87	.....	240 87	.....	240 87
21	165 87	.....	.....	173 91	.....	177 30	.....	177 30	.....	177 30
22	173 20	173 60	169 50	172 30	.....	177 30	.....	177 30	.....	177 30
23	173 20	138 97	149 55	149 55	.....	149 55	.....	149 55	.....	149 55
24	438 60	695 41	555 99	695 41	155 97	428 08	259 05	687 07	.....	687 07
25	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99
26	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99
27	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99
28	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99
29	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99	.....	555 99
30	695 41	401 86	555 99	555 99	555 99	555 99	555 99	
31	300 04	316 07	320 20	273 10	17 41	290 51	125 00	415 51	415 51	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1896.—Continued.

C N	Balance Dec 31st 1895	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1896.		Expended.	Receipts.	Benefit Fund.	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1896.			Value of Furniture.	Para- phren- alia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
		General Fund.	Total.				General Fund.	Total.						
33	168 18	211 80	110 99	110 99	211 80	229 22	39 77	268 99	78 35	.....	347 34	.....	347 34	
35	130 65	280 00	255 08	255 08	280 00	153 52	2 05	155 57	.....	.....	155 57	.....	155 57	
36	221 32	296 34	230 47	230 47	296 34	236 61	44 58	281 19	.....	150 00	431 19	.....	431 19	
37	199 84	265 07	260 59	260 59	265 07	202 28	2 90	205 18	.....	90 00	355 18	.....	295 18	
38	201 99	153 25	137 64	137 64	153 25	230 79	-26 55	230 79	.....	95 10	322 89	.....	299 34	
39	68 13	.....	.....	.....	68 13	63 02	5 11	68 13	5 00	135 00	208 13	26 55	176 33	
40	50 47	210 10	212 35	212 35	210 10	22 77	22 38	45 15	.....	100 90	155 05	.....	155 05	
41	62 35	.....	.....	.....	62 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42	182 74	199 06	331 00	331 00	199 06	.....	47 15	50 80	.....	81 06	131 36	.....	.....	.....
43	87 20	.....	.....	.....	87 20	3 65	.....	87 20	18 60	.....	87 20	100 00	.....	51 36
44	219 81	366 97	307 94	307 94	366 97	87 20	-72 23	87 20	58 54	126 51	87 20	422 23	.....	379 02
45	86 92	129 05	73 73	73 73	129 05	179 41	99 43	278 84	13 00	157 37	440 41	.....	.....	449 41
46	121 13	.....	.....	.....	121 13	88 36	53 88	142 24	.....	80 00	232 44	.....	.....	222 24
47	55 08	125 58	93 00	93 00	125 58	59 13	62 00	121 13	.....	82 72	203 85	.....	.....	203 85
48	31 08	145 24	103 15	103 15	145 24	37 09	50 54	87 63	.....	64 92	152 55	.....	.....	152 55
	11922 10	12384 76	10802 72	10802 72	12384 76	11041 99	2105 24	13147 23	6924 56	5385 74	25457 53	788 33	.....	24669 20

MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of members, January 1st, 1896.....	1782
Initiated during the year	143
Admitted by card	9
Reinstated	16
Total.....	1950

From which deduct :

Withdrawn during the year.....	22
Suspended	160
Died	13
Total.....	195

Total number of members, December 31st, 1896..... 1755

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Past Grand Chancellors	15
Past Chancellors	248
Knights	1453
Esquires	20
Pages.....	19
Total as above.....	1755

Rejected during the year..... 8

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

RECEIPTS :

Balance, December 31st, 1895.....	\$11,315 25
Received from all sources during the year.....	12,384 76
	<u>\$23,700 02</u>

EXPENDITURE :

Expended for relief	\$3,757 73
Expended for other purposes	7,044 99
	<u>\$10,802 72</u>
Balance, December 31st, 1896.....	<u>\$12,897 30</u>

ASSETS :

Benefit Fund	\$11,041 99
General Fund.....	2,105 24
Lodge Property	6,924 56
Paraphernalia	5,385 74
	<u>\$25,457 53</u>
Liabilities.....	788 33

Net Assets, December 31st, 1896..... \$24,669 20

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 societies in your locality?	How often have you officially visited lodge?
1	Partly	Fair	Fair	Yes										
2	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	11	\$1000	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
3					14	Yes	2	\$400	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
4	Lodge	trying	to con	sol	date	Yes	2	None	5	Yes	Yes			
5														
9														
10	No	Fair	Yes	No	10	Yes	9	\$1000	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
11	No	None	Some	Little	7	Yes	6	\$400	5	Yes	Fair	Fair	Fair	2
12	Yes	Good		Yes	20	No	0	\$500	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best	4
13														
14	No	Fair	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	7	\$200	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best	12
15														
16	Partly	Good	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	No	\$700	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	5
17	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	3	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
18	Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	5	\$250	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
19														
20	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	6	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
22	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	16	Yes	4	\$600	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
23														
25	Partly	Fair	Fairly	No	7	Yes	4	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Poor	1
28	No	None	Fair	Yes	8	No	0	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
29														
30	Partly	Good	Yes	Yes	25	Yes	4	\$500	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	2
31														
33	Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	3	\$150	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
35	Partly	Good	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	No	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
36														
37	Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	14	Yes	1	\$100	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
38														
39	Lodge	trying	to con	sol	date	No	0	None	5					
40	No	Fair	No	Yes	10	No	0	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
42														
43														
44														
45	Yes	Good	No	Yes	7	Yes	6	None	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
46														
47														
33	Partly	Good	Yes	Yes	10	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
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Where blanks appear the D. G. C. has not sent the required details.

* Except the K. R. S. (see No. 40, also report of D. G. C.)

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

HAMILTON, July 13th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

In conformity with the law I herewith submit for your consideration the report of this office for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1897.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. PEACE,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Balance.
1896	Balance from last term.....				\$177 19
July 3	—Myrtle.....	2	\$37 00	\$0 75	
" 6	—Columbian.....	37	16 35		
" 6	—London.....	33	12 50		
" 7	—Galt.....	38	16 50		
" 7	—Red Cross.....	3	71 50		
" 8	—Toronto.....	30	41 50		
" 10	—Olive.....	14	25 50		
" 11	—Rathbone.....	12	36 00		
" 13	—Ivanhoe.....	4	16 00		
" 13	—Crusader.....	5	7 75		
" 13	—Bismarck.....	31		5 90	
" 14	—Aurora.....	13	12 50		
" 14	—Petrolia.....	17	34 75		
" 14	—Victoria.....	44	28 35		
" 14	—Johnston.....	40		1 25	
" 14	—Dufferin.....	28		50	
" 14	—Woodstock.....	45	12 50		
" 14	—Napanee.....	46	13 65		
" 14	—Aurora.....	13		21 00	
" 16	—Royal.....	48	12 50		
" 17	—Algoma.....	11	48 60		
" 22	—Mizpah.....	22	39 00		
" 31	—Ontario.....	25		1 00	
	Carried forward.....		\$482 45	\$30 40	177 19

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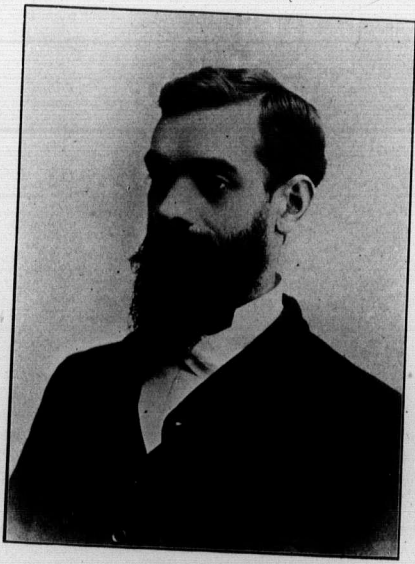
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DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Balance.
	Brought forward		\$482 45	\$30 40	177 19
Aug. 5	Prospect	10		4 50	
" 7	Damon	6	26 00		
" 12	Friendship	16	31 50		
" 17	Bismarck	31	22 00		
" 19	Renwick	47	10 50		
" 19	Woodstock	45		50	
" 19	Calanthe	36	23 00		
" 25	Marmion	15	21 87		
" 26	Columbian	37		1 50	
Sept. 4	Windsor	35	25 50		
" 5	Amicus	20	27 00		
Sept. 16	Algoma	11	28 00		
" 18	Johnston	40	15 00		
" 26	Prospect	10	22 00		
Oct. 6	Myrtle	2		1 00	
" 8	Queen City	18		1 00	
" 10	Ontario	25	17 50	50	
" 19	Algoma	11		3 00	
" 21	Toronto	30		75	
" 29	Mystic	1	32 37		
" 30	Amicus	20		50	
" 30	Damon	6		1 00	
Nov. 3	Hamlet	42	12 00		
" 6	Queen City	18	35 35		
" 20	Petrolia	17		13 50	
" 30	Prospect	10		75	
" 30	Myrtle	2		1 00	
Dec. 9	Prospect	10		1 50	
" 12	Damon	6		75	
" 12	Dufferin	28	12 50		
" 23	Myrtle	2		75	
" 24	Columbian	37	17 50	9 00	
" 24	Toronto	30	42 50		
" 30	London	33	12 00		
" 30	Calanthe	36		1 25	
" 30	London	33		2 00	
" 31	Friendship	16		11 25	
" 31	Red-Cross	3		3 13	
" 31	Myrtle	2	36 00		
	Carried forward		\$ 952 54	\$89 53	177 19

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita. Tax.	Supplies.	Balance.
	Brought forward		\$ 952 54	\$ 89 53	\$177 19
Jan. 2	—Olive	14	25 50		
" 7	—Petrolia	17	33 50		
" 7	—Jas. Halliday			2 00	
" 7	—Petrolia	17		3 00	
" 11	—Bismarck	31	21 00		
" 12	—Mizpah	22	39 50		
" 13	—Red Cross	3	70 00	7 50	
" 15	—Marmion	15	20 00		
" 15	—Rathbone	12	37 00		
" 15	—Damon	6	22 50		
" 16	—Galt	38	16 50		
" 16	—Renwick	47	11 00		
" 20	—Woodstock	45	13 00		
" 20	—Myrtle	2		1 25	
" 20	—Queen City	18	27 50		
" 25	—Calanthe	36	21 00		
" 27	—Amicus	20	25 50		
" 27	—Mizpah	22		2 75	
" 29	—Algoma	11	24 50		
" 29	—Mystic	1	29 50	5 50	
Feb. 3	—Aurora	13	13 00		
" 4	—Queen City	18	50		
" 5	—Hamlet	42	13 00		
" 5	—Friendship	16	33 00		
" 5	—Victoria	44	28 00		
" 10	—Prospect	10	22 50		
Feb. 13	—Ontario	25	16 00	1 00	
" 22	—Damon	6		6 00	
" 22	—Mizpah	22		13 50	
" 23	—Windsor	35	22 00		
" 23	—Royal	48	12 00		
" 25	—Toronto	30		75	
Mar. 3	—Victoria	44		6 00	
" 10	—Friendship	16		1 75	
" 10	—Mystic	1		1 00	
" 11	—Myrtle	2		50	
" 24	—Toronto	30	7 05		
Apr. 8	—Woodstock	45		75	
May 12	—Johnston	40	12 80		
Carried forward			\$1569 89	\$142 78	\$177 19

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GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

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DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita.	Tax.	Supplies.	Balance.
	Brought forward.....		\$1569	89	\$142	78 \$177 19
May 17	—Mizpah	22			3	00
" 29	—Dufferin	28		9	00	
" 29	—Amicus	20			9	75
" 29	—Olive.....	14			18	30
" 31	—Geo. H. Mitchell				11	00
" 31	—Toronto (Damon).....	30			58	30
	Totals		\$1578	89	\$243	13 \$177 19
	Total.....					\$1999 21

D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

EXPENDITURE.

1896.	PAID TO	On Account of	Order No.	Amount.
July 15	—Ontario Government	Renewal of Registry.....	502	\$26 00
" 15	—E. W. Pyke.....	Janitor's Services.....	503	5 00
" 15	—G. L. Officers and Rep's	Expenses G. L. Session.....	504	855 90
Aug. 17	—A. G. McWhinney	Expenses as G. C.....	505	65 07
" 17	—D. J. Peace.....	Postage, etc., as G.M.E.....	506	11 91
" 17	—G. H. Mitchell.....	Postage, etc., as G.K.R.S.....	507	30 59
" 17	—Deputy Grand Chan.....	Expenses.....	508	14 90
" 17	—G. H. Mitchell.....	Salary as G.K.R.S.....	509	75 00
Dec. 26	—W. McBean.....	Rent of G. L. Room.....	510	35 00
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Feb. 22	—G. H. Mitchell.....	Duty and Express.....	513	30 60
" 22	—Executive Committee.....	Attending Meeting	514	19 12
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Mar. 29	—R. L. C. White.....	Supreme Lodge Tax.....	516	100 00
May 10	—Thos. G. Soole.....	Printing Official Record.....	517	128 25
" 10	—Thos. G. Soole.....	Sundry Printing.....	518	44 30
" 31	—G. H. Mitchell.....	Salary as G.K.R.S.....	519	75 00
" 31	—W. McBean.....	Rent of G. L. Room.....	520	25 00
" 31	—G. H. Mitchell.....	Postage, etc.....	521	37 57
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Supreme Representative Fitzgerald presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

The report of the convention of the Supreme Lodge which was held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, commencing on August 25th, and ending September 3rd, 1896, was duly forwarded to the Grand Chancellor shortly after our return home, and as it was printed with the official record of this Grand Lodge last year we now desire to formally present it for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. MCKELLAR,
F. J. FITZGERALD,
Supreme Representatives.

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

From Friendship Lodge, No. 16—amendment to by-laws :

SICK COMMITTEE.

A committee shall be appointed consisting of five Knights in good standing to visit the sick, the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor to be ex-officio members of said committee. In case of the death of a brother during the time intervening between the regular conventions, the sick committee shall have power to make arrangements for funeral and flowers, but shall not by this by law be empowered to exceed the sum of six dollars, and each incoming C. C. shall appoint a majority of said committee, as per section 17, of the constitution and general laws for the government of subordinate lodges, Knights of Pythias.

From Victoria Lodge, No. 44—to amend Grand Statutes :

Geo. H. Mitchell, Esq., G. K. R. S., Toronto :

Dear Sir and Bro.—At the regular convention of Victoria Lodge, No. 44, K. of P., held last evening, July 5th, a motion was carried to the effect, "that Grand Lodge be requested to amend the Statutes so that the election of officers in subordinate lodges may be held half-yearly instead of yearly."

Hoping you will lay the matter before Grand Lodge,

I am,

(SEAL)

Fraternally yours,

A. D. PASSMORE, K. R. S.

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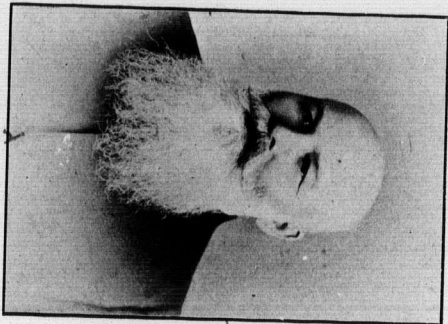
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The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

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

From Woodstock Lodge, No. 45. A code of by-laws.

From Bismarck Lodge, No. 31. Amendments to Sections 16 and 17 of existing by-laws.

From Toronto Lodge, No. 30. Amendments to Articles III. and IV. of existing by-laws.

From Friendship Lodge, No. 16. Amendments to existing by-laws providing for the admission of non-beneficial members.

Your committee have examined the foregoing and find as follows :

Woodstock Lodge, No. 45. The word "meetings" wherever found to be changed to "conventions." The fee for Esquire rank to be \$3.00, and for Knight rank \$2.00. The provision for medical examination to be paid by lodge is rejected as it must be paid by applicant. Sec. 25 has been slightly amended to conform to the Grand Statutes. The Order of Business as provided is rejected as not being in conformity with the Grand Statutes, and the same applies to the provision for amendments. A few other minor changes have been made regarding technical terms.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 31. A provision was made that W. and O. benefits would be subject to a deceased brother's last will and testament which was rejected, as a member has no right or title in such benefits. The intent of such benefits is that they should go to some dependent relative and the lodge should clearly specify to whom they should be paid.

Toronto Lodge, No. 30. The amendment to Article III. provides for the admission of non-beneficial members upon payment of a fee of \$5.00 per annum. Article III. of their by-laws provides for admission fees into the lodge and this amendment properly belongs to Article IV. relating to dues. Non-beneficial applicants must pay at least the minimum fee of \$10.00 for the ranks of knighthood and annual dues of not less than \$5.00. This amendment is referred back to the lodge. The amendment to Article IV. repealing the clause relating to extra hazardous risks is approved.

Friendship Lodge, No. 16. Amendment providing for the admission of non-beneficial members on payment of \$10.00 for the ranks of knighthood without respect to age, the annual dues to be \$5.00 and a funeral benefit of \$20.00 on death of such member is approved.

A code of by-laws has been received from Prospect Lodge, No. 10, but as only one copy was sent action has been deferred until the required number comes to hand, which the lodge has been requested to forward in time for examination at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. FRASER BOWIE, of No. 25.
 JAS. G. WILSON, " 20.
 JACKSON L. LITTLE, " 30.

Past Grand Chancellor McConnell, of No. 12, from the Special Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Your Special Committee on Distribution to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Lodge officers, begs to report and recommend:

1. That so much of the report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to "Competition of Societies," "Collection of Dues," "Fraternal Visits," "Institution of Lodges," "Biennial Conventions," "Recognition of Services," "Visitation and Representation," "Consolidation of Lodges," State of the Order," "Suggestions Nos. 3, 4 and 5," and "Thanks," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
2. That so much as refers to "Endowment Rank" be referred to a special committee.
3. That so much as refers to "Deputy Grand Chancellors" and "Dispensations Granted" be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
4. That suggestions Nos. 1 and 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. That the reports of Deputy Grand Chancellors and the table of lodge inspection be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
6. That so much of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to "State of the Order," "Suspensions," "Biennial Conventions," "Benefit Fund," "Pythian Press," and "Membership and Finances of Subordinate Lodges," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
7. That the portion relating to "Endowment Rank" be referred to a Special Committee.
8. That so much as refers to "Semi-Annual Returns" be referred to Committee on Reports.
9. That so much as refers to "Grand Statutes" be referred to Committee on Judiciary.

10. That so much as refers to "Rebate of Duties," "Cost of Supplies," "Finances of the Grand Lodge," "Statement of all accounts in the Ledger," "Details of Profit and Loss Account" and "Financial Statement," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. McCONNELL, of No. 12.

P. D. McKELLAR, of No. 15.

E. H. JOHNSTON, of No. 37.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Supreme Representative Fitzgerald and Representatives Turnbull, of No. 38, and Jones, of No. 18, as a Special Committee on Endowment Rank.

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

REPORT No. 1, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We find in hand June 1st, 1896.....	\$ 177 19
Received from per Capita Tax.....	1,578 89
Received for Supplies, etc.....	413 13
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From which has been paid by warrants.....	1,758 01
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Balance on hand May 31st, 1897.....	\$ 241 20

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

JNO. READ, of No. 17.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal from the Committee on Printing presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Your Committee on Printing begs to report, that in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Statutes it asked for tenders for the printing of 700

copies of the Grand Lodge Official Record of this convention, including advance reports of officers, and the tender of Mr. Thos. G. Soole being the lowest the contract was awarded to him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOORE, of No. 30
GEO. H. MITCHELL, G.K.R.S.

TORONTO, July 10th, 1897.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Executive Council was called by order of the Grand Chancellor and met in the City of Hamilton, November 24th, 1896.

The members present were ; Thos. Elliott, Grand Chancellor ; R. Ironside, Grand Vice-Chancellor ; W. H. Murch, Grand Prelate ; D. J. Peace, Grand Master of Exchequer ; F. J. Fitzgerald, Supreme Representative.

S. R. McKellar and P. G. C. McWhinney wrote that they were unable to be present, and the G. K. R. S. was detained by business until the afternoon session adjourned.

The Grand Chancellor stated that he had called the meeting to have a general discussion on the affairs of the order in this domain, and to get the opinion of the Council as to the best means to be adopted to further its interests. In regard to the latter he reported that he had received only two acknowledgments from Deputy Grand Chancellors of the receipt of their commissions, and said he considered it a very bad omen for active work by them. He then read the following circulars relative to new legislation enacted at the recent convention of Supreme Lodge, which were ordered to be promulgated by the G. K. R. S.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR,

HASTINGS, MICH., Nov. 10th, 1896.

P.P. XXXIII.

THOS. ELLIOTT, *Grand Chancellor, Grand Domain of Ontario :*

The last convention of the Supreme Lodge adopted a resolution recommending that the incoming Supreme Chancellor be requested to again call the attention of the various grand domains to the law upon the subject of the use of the *red collar*, with a suggestion that the same be strictly enforced. My predecessor, in his official circular "C," quoted the section of the law, being section 117 of the Supreme Statutes, which ought by this time to be familiar to every officer and member of every subordinate lodge within the Supreme jurisdiction. I quote again the law upon the subject :

"During conventions of a subordinate lodge, each Page shall wear a blue collar, each Esquire shall wear a yellow collar, and every other person, not occupying an official station, shall wear the jewel of the highest rank or honor which he has attained, or of some lower rank or honor; except that a Deputy Supreme Chancellor or a Deputy Grand Chancellor, when making an official visit, may wear the jewel pertaining to that position."

Sufficient time has elapsed for every subordinate lodge to have procured jewels for its members of the rank of knight. There is no excuse in any subordinate lodge for the use of the red collar, and every Chancellor Commander who permits a brother knight to sit in a lodge room wearing a red collar violates his obligation; and, if necessary for the enforcement of the law, charges should be preferred. My attention has been called to many subordinate lodges which have refused or neglected to purchase a sufficient number of knights' jewels. It is the duty of each Grand Chancellor to see to it that the law which has been in force for more than two years is strictly complied with in his Grand Domain. I trust that you will immediately communicate to all of the subordinate lodges within your Grand Domain the requirements of the law upon this subject. The attention of the Supreme Lodge was called to this matter because of violations reported, and it is my duty to say to you that, should any subordinate lodge within your Grand Domain be found using the red collar, it is your duty to take immediate action, and its charter should be suspended in accordance with Supreme Statute 320, unless the law is immediately complied with.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this circular and advise me of your action relating thereto.

Fraternally yours,

PHILIP T. COLGROVE,

Supreme Chancellor.

(Seal)

Attest:

R. L. C. WHITE, S. K. R. S.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR,

HASTINGS, MICH., November 12, 1896.

THOS. ELLIOTT, *Grand Chancellor, Grand Domain of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—The eighteenth convention of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, held at the city of Washington, D. C., adopted a resolution providing for a jewel for the Master of the Work. Supreme Statute 114, provided for its design. The committee on written work submitted a resolution, which was adopted by the Supreme Lodge as follows:

"That on and after the first day of January, 1895, no Master of the Work shall be installed in office unless he shall have been provided with a jewel of

his office; and that the proper Grand Lodge officers be officially notified to that effect."

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, in compliance with this resolution, officially notified, by circular from his office, the different grand domains, and they were urged to take immediate steps to carry into effect the order of the Supreme Lodge. The report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, at the last convention of the Supreme Lodge, shows that a large number of the grand domains have not complied with the law, and that more than one thousand subordinate lodges have refused (or at least failed) to obey the positive order of the Supreme Lodge, and that "this large number of subordinate lodges suffered one of their principal officers to be installed into and occupy his official station without any visible emblem of his right to do so." This subject matter was referred to the incoming Supreme Chancellor, and I was asked to take such steps as might be necessary to enforce the law and to obtain the needed results. The regulation requiring the Master of the Work to be in possession of the jewel of his office before his installation is the supreme law of the order, and no subordinate lodge has any authority to install such officer until the jewel has been provided.

I desire that you, as Grand Chancellor of your grand domain, communicate *immediately* with each subordinate lodge, calling its attention to the law, citing the statute and the resolution as adopted by the Supreme Lodge, at its Washington convention, and the resolution afterward adopted at the last convention of the Supreme Lodge at Cleveland, insisting that each subordinate lodge shall immediately procure a jewel for its Master of the Work, and that *in no instance shall a Master of the Work be installed in his office until the jewel has been provided.* I can but feel that this has been very largely a matter of neglect, as I know the subordinate lodges everywhere are loyal to the supreme law; and as soon as they understand they will immediately comply.

I trust you will acknowledge receipt of this circular, and advise me as to what steps you take regarding the matter in your grand domain.

Fraternally yours,

PHILIP T. COLGROVE,

Supreme Chancellor.

(Seal)

Attest:

R. L. C. WHITE, S. K. R. S.

There was also a circular letter from Mrs. Hayes, Grand Chancellor of the Rathbone Sisters, but it was not considered advisable to take any action thereon.

After a general discussion on the best means by which the order could be extended, the unanimous opinion was that owing to the financial condition of the exchequer strict economy was very necessary for this year, and that any

extensive visits by grand officers could not be entertained. At 5.30 o'clock a recess was taken until seven o'clock.

The Council met at 7 o'clock and the G. K. R. S. being present a synopsis of the afternoon session was given him and he stated that in regard to the Deputy Grand Chancellors they were, with a few exceptions, as negligent in their returns to him at they seem to have been to the Grand Chancellor.

Further discussion ensued on the affairs of the order, and it was the opinion of the Council that the business to be brought before Grand Lodge each year was not sufficient to warrant the great expense of holding annual conventions, and that the Grand Lodge should be requested to memorialize the Supreme Lodge to amend the Constitution to permit Grand Lodges to meet biennially if they so desire.

The question of a Pythian publication was considered and it was decided to obtain estimates of the cost of a monthly paper.

The Council then adjourned.

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

Secretary.

The subject of biennial conventions of Grand Lodge having been referred to the Committee on State of the Order the report was ordered to be laid on the table until said committee submitted its report.

The Grand Chancellor announced that with the concurrence of the members of the Executive Council, whom he had either seen personally or communicated with, he had arranged with Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, for an exemplification of the long form work of the rank of Knight. The cost of bringing the team to Berlin would be \$75 and the rent of a suitable hall, as the present one is too small, would be \$6.50. On motion of Supreme Representative Fitzgerald warrants were ordered for the amounts.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following invitation which was ordered to be filed and acknowledged:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 1st, 1897.

Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias:

Gentlemen,—The Chamber of Commerce of Nashville, Tennessee, together with other official bodies of this city, beg very respectfully to tender

herewith a most cordial and pressing invitation for your Association, upon the adjournment of its convention, to visit our Centennial Exposition in a body. Our Exposition opened May 1st and continues for six months.

We can assure you a most hearty and cordial welcome, and will use all possible means to make your stay among us pleasant, and we feel sure that the recollection of your visit to Tennessee will be a matter of pleasure both to yourself and the people of our city.

The many attractions and inducements that our state and city have to offer for the meeting here of the different organizations of the country in this our centennial year, are set forth in part in the accompanying circular. Side trips to any and all points of interest, the many battle fields, hermitage, look-out mountain, celebrated stock farms, etc., can be made in a few hours ride at greatly reduced rates. Many of the principal points can be reached without charge. The lowest possible tariff of rates will be established by the railroads. Full information can be had from your Railroad Agents. This will place it within the province of all to visit our Exposition.

Trusting to have the presence of your Association and its many friends in our city, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

NASHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

A. J. HARRIS, *President.*

A. W. WILLS, *Secretary.*

Accompanying the invitation were endorsements from the Mayor and President of the City Council of Nashville; the Director General of the Exposition; the Governor of the State of Tennessee and three of the daily papers, *The American*, *The Banner*, and the *The Sun*.

There being no further business ready the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at two o'clock and Past Chancellors Haynes, of No. 30, and Bicknell, of No. 45, being in waiting were introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

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On roll call the following answered to their names :

THOS. ELLIOTT.....	Grand Chancellor.
R. IRONSIDE.....	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH.....	Grand Prelate.
G. H. MITCHELL.....	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE.....	Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. E. YOUNG.....	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. S. MACKAY.....	Grand Inner Guard.
P. D. MCKELLAR.....	Supreme Representative.
F. J. FITZGERALD.....	“ “
R. H. MCCONNELL.....	Past Grand Chancellor.
A. G. MCWHINNEY.....	“ “

And Grand Representatives Wallis and Deverall, of No. 1; Harding and Parkinson, of No. 2; Meston, of No. 3; Cook, of No. 5; Baker, of No. 12; Reaveley, of No. 13; Fleming and Wickett, of No. 14; Hy. Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Forsch, of No. 16; Read and Endress, of No. 17; Cluff and Jones, of No. 18; Fox and Murrell, of No. 20; Childs and Poulton, of No. 22; Fowle, of No. 28; Little and Haynes, of No. 30; Whyte, of No. 31; Smith and Moffatt, of No. 33; Simmons and Johnston, of No. 37; Card and Turnbull, of No. 38; Barnsdale and Corrie, of No. 42; Woollard and Von Pirch, of No. 44; Bicknell and Rapson, of No. 45; Cates, of No. 48.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following communication which had been received by him during the noon recess and it was ordered to be entered on the records :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

BERLIN, July 12th, 1897.

MR. A. D. PASSMORE, *K. R. S.*, Berlin.

Dear Sir,—I regret exceedingly to state that a pressing business engagement prevents my being present to-morrow to aid in the reception of the delegates of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

I beg to extend to them, on behalf of the town, a hearty welcome, and trust their stay here will be both enjoyable and beneficial to them.

I expect to be away for the day only and if I can aid in making their stay enjoyable on Wednesday, I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours very truly,

J. C. BREITHAUPT, Mayor.

The Grand Inner Guard announced that the Reception Committee and representatives from the Council were in the ante-room. A recess was ordered by the Grand Chancellor and the delegation ordered to be admitted.

Grand Representative Rev. R. Von Pirch, on behalf of the Reception Committee of Victoria Lodge, extended a hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge and after explaining that the visit was delayed on account of the absence of the Mayor, who was expected to have been back to the town in the morning, he introduced ex-mayors L. J. Breithaupt and¹ Dr. Lackner as representing the Council and Mr. Travers, manager of the Merchants' Bank, on behalf of the Board of Trade. Each of these gentlemen made eloquent addresses which were fully appreciated by all present and the Grand Chancellor responded, and in an able speech expressed the pleasure derived by the Grand Lodge in receiving such a flattering reception. After some minutes of social intercourse the deputation withdrew and business was resumed.

Representative Card, of No. 38, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Chancellor, begs to report as follows :

1. In reference to the introductory remarks of the Grand Chancellor your committee fully appreciate the position in which he was placed owing to the financial condition of Grand Lodge, but we consider it absolutely essential that the incoming Grand Chancellor should devote more time to visiting the different lodges and we would press upon him the necessity of attention to weak lodges in preference to the stronger ones.
2. With reference to clause 1, in which he suggests consolidation of different orders, we would recommend that the matter be not considered as we feel that it would be detrimental to our order rather than a benefit.
3. We heartily concur in the suggestion of the Grand Chancellor with reference to lessening the representation of lodges over 100 miles from place of meeting of the Grand Lodge and would suggest as follows: That said lodges should send one representative only at expense of Grand Lodge who

shall be entitled to two votes unless the lodge desires to send a second representative at their own expense. We think further that Deputy Grand Chancellors, in addition to being paid their actual expenses, should receive from Grand Lodge a jewel as a token of acknowledgement for their services.

4. We note with pleasure that in places where two or more weak lodges are situated steps are being taken for their consolidation, and think that this should be a benefit to the order.

5. With reference to that part of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to "state of the order," your committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge officers should pay more attention to places where there is a prospect of instituting a lodge and not leave it to individual members, and that the Grand Chancellor should take immediate steps to look after the Guelph and St. Catharines lodges.

6. Your committee have read with pleasure the record of official visits and believe that they will be of great benefit to the different lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

HENRY ROBINSON, of No. 15.

ALFRED BICKNELL, of No. 45.

The report was considered *seriatim*.

Sections 1 and 2 were adopted.

Section 3 was referred back to the committee with instructions to report suitable amendments to the Grand Statutes providing that lodges having a membership of 50 or under shall be entitled to one representative and lodges having a membership of over 50 shall be entitled to two representatives.

Sections 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Supreme Representative Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Endowment Rank, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal relating to the Endowment Rank, begs leave to report that it fully concurs with all that has been said by these officers on this subject and cannot impress too strongly

on the membership the advantages to be secured through this important feature of our order and would recommend that representatives be instructed to make special mention of this subject in their reports. There is no doubt in the minds of your committee that through the medium of this branch of our order there can be found, to a very great extent, a solution of the problem which exists as to the means to be adopted to prevent the constant drain caused by suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. FITZGERALD, S. R.

C. TURNBULL, of No. 38.

L. M. JONES, of No. 18.

Representative Whyte, of No. 31, from the Committee on Finance, stated that a portion of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, referring to "rebate of duties," had been referred to his committee and in it there was a paragraph suggesting that the Supreme Representatives might be able to throw more light on the subject than what appears in the printed record. Before dealing with the subject the committee would be pleased to hear from the Supreme Representatives so that an intelligent report might be submitted.

Supreme Representative McKellar, in reply, said that all papers sent by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were duly presented to Supreme Lodge and referred to the Finance Committee. He personally saw the chairman of the committee, Bro. Burns, of Ohio, who promised to let him know when the matter would be considered in order that he might attend and explain the position of outside domains, but, although the promise was again made in a subsequent interview, no intimation of the meeting was given and the first he heard of it was when the report of the committee was submitted. He immediately went to the chairman who offered the excuse that he had mentioned the matter to his colleagues and as they were personally opposed to the petition, and as no other outside domain had presented a similar request, he thought nothing could be gained by his being present at the meeting and therefore no notice was sent him. S. R. McKellar

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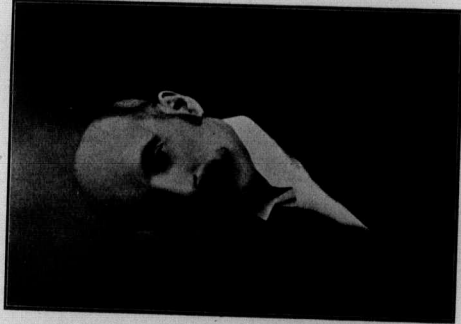
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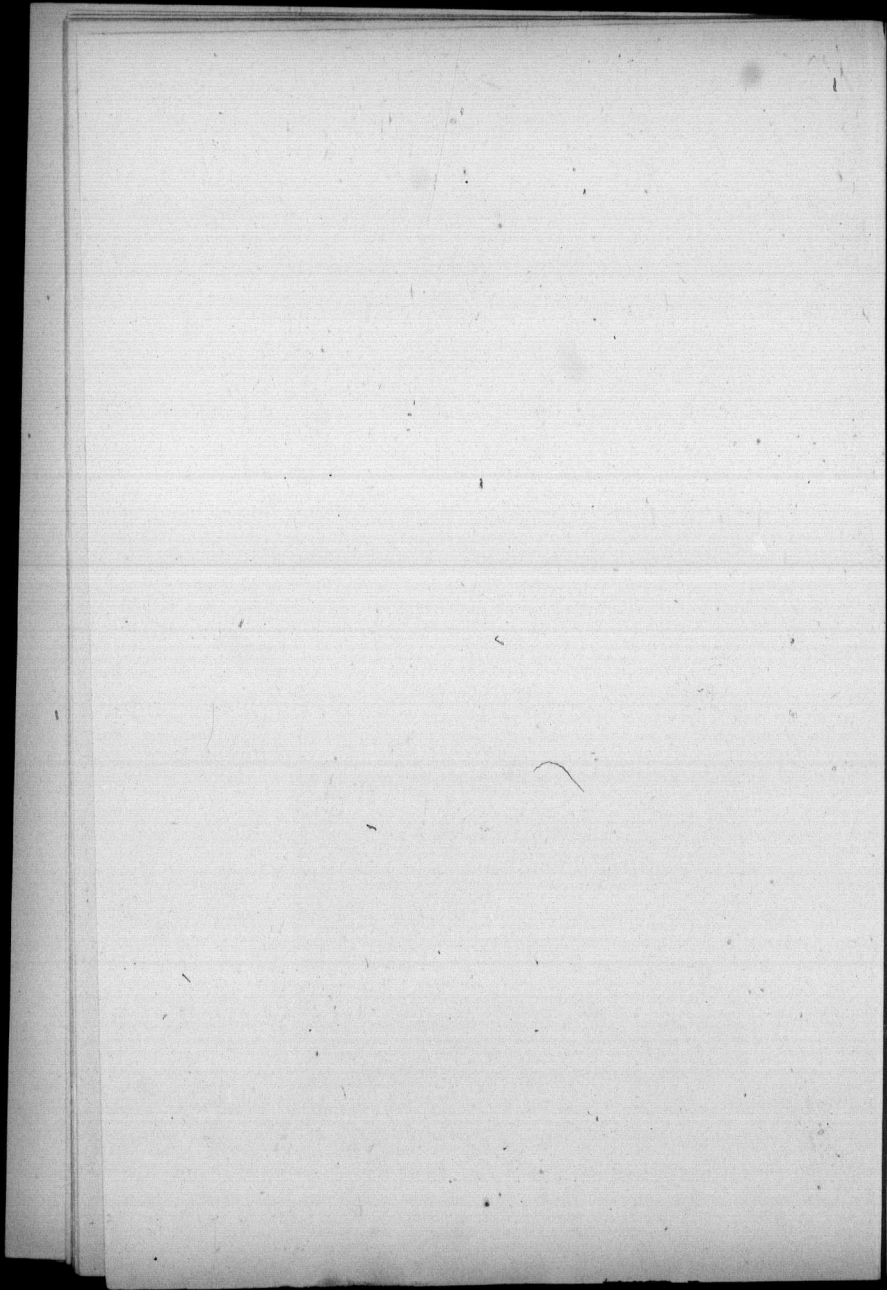
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said he considered that Ontario had received but scant courtesy in the matter and thought the only way by which the object sought could be attained was by joint action on the part of all Canadian Grand Lodges.

Representative Little, of No. 30, from the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 2, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor relating to "Deputy Grand Chancellors" and "Dispensations Granted," begs to report :

In the matter of the appointments of deputies, such being the special prerogative of the Grand Chancellor, no comment on the matter is necessary, but it is a matter of regret that so slight an act of courtesy as the acknowledgment of the receipt of the commission should have been overlooked by even a single deputy.

The dispensations granted being in conformity with the Statutes are approved, but in regard to the first mentioned no dispensation was necessary as such cases are fully covered by section 267 of the Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON L. LITTLE, of No. 30.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
MALCOLM MESTON, of No. 3.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 3, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the request of Victoria Lodge, No. 44, to have the Grand Statutes so amended that the officers of subordinate lodges be elected semi-annually, begs leaves to recommend that the proposal be not entertained.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON L. LITTLE, of No. 30.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
MALCOLM MESTON, of No. 3.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 4, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under the caption, "Grand Statutes," begs leave to express its surprise that lodges have failed to supply themselves with copies of our revised laws and would recommend that representatives impress upon their respective lodges the necessity that exists for being in possession of them. Also, that the Grand Chancellor should in future refuse to make a decision upon any question of law submitted to him, but refer the same to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON L. LITTLE, of No. 30.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
MALCOLM MESTON, of No. 3.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 5, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the amendment to the by-laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 16, begs to report that all after the word "committee" in the seventh line is rejected as there is no such authority as therein referred to. The amendment with this stricken out is approved but the lodge is respectfully referred to the code of by-laws in the Grand Statutes where will be found, your committee think, a more suitably adapted construction of the same subject (page 95, sec. 30-36.)

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON L. LITTLE, of No. 30.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
MALCOLM MESTON, of No. 3.

Representative Card, of No. 38, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred back section 3 of its Report No. 1, begs leave to submit the appended proposition covering amendments to Chap. xi., Title ii. of the Grand Statutes, which it believes

will meet the instructions given by Grand Lodge, and recommends its passage and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

A. BICKNELL, of No. 45.

H. V. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

A PROPOSITION.

To amend Title ii., Chap. xi., relating to Grand Representatives :

Be it enacted, by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario, That Title ii., Chap. xi., Section 217 to 223, of the Grand Statutes, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows :

217. There shall be elected annually by each lodge, at the same time and in the same manner as lodge officers are elected, one Grand Representative, whose term shall be, for one year from the first day of January following such election.

218. Any lodge hereafter organized shall, at the time of its institution, while in convention assembled, elect one Grand Representative and the term of the Grand Representative so elected shall be for one year from the first day of January preceding such election.

219. Whenever the regular semi-annual report from a lodge shall show the total membership of such lodge to exceed fifty members then such lodge shall be entitled to one additional Grand Representative.

220. The right of a lodge to the additional representative provided for in this chapter shall not accrue until after it shall have forwarded the per capita tax and semi-annual report to the proper Grand Lodge officers and received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a blank certificate for such additional representative.

221. Additional representatives shall be elected in the same manner as lodge officers are elected, except as hereinafter provided, and the term shall be for the remainder of the year in which elected.

222. Should a lodge be entitled to an additional representative and but one regular convention of the lodge is to be held prior to the next convention of the Grand Lodge then such additional representative may be elected at that convention; but if a convention of the Grand Lodge is to be held prior to a regular convention of the lodge then such additional representative may be appointed by the Chancellor Commander.

223. If from any cause the position of Grand Representative of a lodge should become vacant on its last convention prior to the convention of the

Grand Lodge, then such vacancy may be filled by an immediate election; but should such vacancy occur when the convention of the Grand Lodge is to be held prior to the regular convention of the lodge then such vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Chancellor Commander.

Also, that the certificate provided for in Sec. 225 be amended to conform to the preceding by striking out the words "two years" in the fourth line and inserting the words "one year" in lieu thereof.

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

REPORT No. 2, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance to whom were referred the first two suggestions of the Grand Chancellor, begs to report that in view of the general depression at present existing it cannot concur in the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

JOHN READ, of No. 17.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT No. 3, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance to whom were referred those portions of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal relating to "Rebate of Duties" and "Cost of Supplies," begs leave to report:

1. In regard to the rebate on duties your committee are of the opinion that the Supreme Lodge is not fully aware of the injustice which is being done to outside jurisdictions by having supplies cost them one-third more than those in the United States and it is the opinion of your committee, after hearing the report of the Supreme Representatives, that by concerted action on the part of the Canadian Grand Lodges this matter could be satisfactorily settled. It is therefore recommended that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal correspond with each Grand Lodge in the Dominion and endeavour to secure its co-operation in having the disability removed.

2. In the matter of the cost of supplies we find a subject which should interest every domain and the interest is increased or decreased by the quantity required by each one. The question to be considered, however, is whether the revenue necessary to run an institution should be acquired by an equal or

an unequal levy on the membership when the benefits and privileges to be derived are equally distributed. There can be but one answer, and that is, everyone should contribute alike. This in our opinion can only be accomplished by the per capita system and is the rule in all Grand Lodges and the same should prevail in the Supreme Lodge. It is therefore recommended that a copy of this portion of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be sent to each Grand Lodge with a request that it be carefully considered and Supreme Representatives instructed to submit the views of their respective domains to the Supreme Lodge at its next convention.

3. It is further recommended that the co-operation of each Grand Lodge in the United States be requested to be extended to our Supreme Representatives in their endeavour to obtain a rebate of the duties on supplies furnished to Canadian Grand Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

JNO. READ, of No. 17.

Also, from the same Committee, the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 4, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to recommend the payment of the following accounts :

Thos. Elliott, expenses as Grand Chancellor	\$59 64
W. D. Card, expenses as Deputy Grand Chancellor....	7 95

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

JNO. READ, of No. 17.

Past Grand Chancellor McWhinney offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to Bros. Woollard and Moffatt of Victoria Lodge, No. 44, for courtesies extended during this convention.

Representative Card, of No. 38, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order have had under consideration the proposition submitted at the convention of last year to amend Title ii., Chap. xviii., relating to general provisions for subordinate lodges, page 604 Official Record, 1896, and do not consider it is a proper subject to be enacted into a statute. It is therefore recommended that the said proposition do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

A. BICKNELL, of No. 45.

HY. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

No further reports of committees being ready the Grand Chancellor stated he would proceed with the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Past Grand Chancellor McWhinnery and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald were appointed scrutineers.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice Chancellor Ironside 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 duly elected.

For the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate Murch being the only nominee the same procedure was adopted and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Prelate, Grand Master-at-Arms Young, Grand Inner Guard Mackay and Representatives Card, of No. 37 ; Little, of No. 30 ; Cates, of No. 48 ; Von Pirch, of No. 44 and Smith of No. 33 was nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	43
Necessary for a choice	22

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Grand Master-at-Arms Young received	7
Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	6
Representative Carl received	4
Representative Little received	6
Representative Cates received	5
Representative Von Pirch received	11
Representative Smith received	4

No choice.

Representatives Card and Smith asked to be permitted to withdraw their names, which was agreed to.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	44
Necessary for a choice	23

Of which—

Grand Master-at-Arms Young received	9
Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	6
Representative Little received	5
Representative Cates received	8
Representative Von Pirch received	13
Spoiled	3

No choice.

The name of Representative Little was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	44
Necessary for a choice	23

Of which—

Grand Master-at-Arms Young received	13
Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	8
Representative Cates received	10
Representative Von Pirch received	13

No choice.

The name of Grand Inner Guard Mackay was withdrawn.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	45
Necessary for a choice	23

Of which—

Grand Master-at-Arms Young received	16
Representative Cates received	13
Representative Von Pirch received	16

No choice.

The name of Representative Cates was withdrawn.

FIFTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	45
Necessary for a choice	23

Of which—

Grand Master-at-Arms Young received	22
Representative Von Pirch received	23

And Representative Rev. R. Von Pirch, of No. 44, having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Grand Prelate.

For the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the present incumbent, G. H. Mitchell, and Representative Haynes, of No. 30, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	46
Necessary for a choice	24

Of which—

G.K.R.S. Mitchell received	31
Representative Haynes received	15

And G.K.R.S. Mitchell having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared re-elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, the present incumbent, D. J. Peace, and Representative Whyte, of No. 31, were nominated.

Representative Whyte declined the nomination and the Grand Master-at-Arms having cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of D. J. Peace he was declared re-elected Grand Master of Exchequer.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, the present incumbent, H. E. Young; G.I.G. Mackay and Representatives Card, of No. 38; Cates, of No. 48, and Smith, of No. 33, were nominated.

G. M. at A. Young declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast	47
Necessary for a choice	24

Of which—

Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	12
Representative Card received	11
Representative Cates received	19
Representative Smith received	5

No choice.

The name of Representative Smith was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	48
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	16
Representative Card received	8
Representative Cates received	24

No choice.

The name of Representative Card was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	47
Necessary for a choice	24

Of which—

Grand Inner Guard Mackay received	22
Representative Cates received.....	25

And Representative Cates, of No. 48, having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

For the office of Grand Inner Guard, the present incumbent, J. S. Mackay, and Representatives Robinson, of No. 15; Cluff, of No. 18; Harding, of No. 2; Little, of No. 30; Card, of No. 38; Barnsdale, of No. 42; Read, of No. 17; Poulton, of No. 22, and Smith, of No. 33, were nominated.

Grand Inner Guard Mackay and Representatives Poulton and Smith declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	47
Necessary for a choice	24

Of which—

Representative Robinson received	2
Representative Cluff received	5
Representative Harding received	12
Representative Little received	9
Representative Card received	8
Representative Barnsdale received.....	8
Representative Read received.....	3

No choice.

The name of Representative Robinson was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	48
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Representative Cluff received	4
Representative Harding received	11
Representative Little received	14
Representative Card received	9
Representative Barnsdale received	10
Representative Read received	0

No choice.

Representative Read, not having received any vote, the Grand Chancellor ruled that the name of Representative Cluff should be withdrawn as he had the lowest number cast.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	49
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Representative Harding received	14
Representative Little received	15
Representative Card received	8
Representative Barnsdale received	11
Spoiled	1

No choice.

The name of Representative Card was withdrawn.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	49
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Representative Harding received	14
Representative Little received	19
Representative Barnsdale received	16

No choice.

The name of Representative Harding was withdrawn.

FIFTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	49
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Representative Little received	26
Representative Barnsdale	23

And Representative Little, of No. 30, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Inner Guard.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, Representatives Fox, of No. 20; Cluff, of No. 18; Barnsdale of No. 42; Read, of No. 17; Murrell, of No. 20 and Andrews, of No. 16, were nominated.

Representatives Fox, Cluff, Read and Murrell declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	48
Necessary for a choice	25

Of which—

Representative Barnsdale received	37
Representative Andrews received	11

And Representative Barnsdale, of No. 42, having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Grand Outer Guard.

For the position of Supreme Representative, Past Grand Chancellors McConnell, of No. 12; McKellar, of No. 15, and McWhinney, of No. 10, were nominated.

Past Grand Chancellors McKellar and McWhinney declined the nomination.

The Grand Master-at-Arms cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of Past Grand Chancellor McConnell and he was declared elected Supreme Representative for four years from the first day of January, 1898.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the scrutineers.

Representative Bicknell, of No. 45, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of Ontario, That the next convention of the Grand Lodge be held in the Town of Woodstock on the second Tuesday in July, 1898.

Past Grand Chancellor McWhinney moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess until to-morrow morning, which was not agreed to.

Representative Forsch, of No. 16, from the Committee, on Reports, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS.

Your Committee on Reports having carefully examined the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and compared them with the semi-annual returns of the various lodges, find as follows:

No returns have been made by Rokeby Lodge, No. 9; Meniss Lodge, No. 19, and Perseverance Lodge, No. 23.

Marmion Lodge, No. 15, has an error of \$1 short in expenditure and Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, also has an error of \$1.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FORSCH, of No. 16.

R. R. KEAVELEY, of No. 13.

WALTER HAYNES, of No. 30.

In reply to the Grand Chancellor the chairman of the committee stated that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal had not been notified of the alleged discrepancy. The report was ordered to be referred to the committee for 1897-8, and to be reported on at next convention.

Representative Card, of No. 38, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred certain portions of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal begs to submit the following:

1. In regard to that portion entitled "State of the Order" your committee exceedingly regret that for the first time in a number of years there has been a slight decrease in our membership, which fact is, no doubt, due to the continued depression in business circles, but against this it is encouraging to know that lodges have evidently been awake to the situation and have materially decreased their expenses, with the result that the balance on hand has been increased by over \$1,500. It is also still more encouraging to learn that the order at large has made a substantial growth, the net gain for the year 1896 being 113 Lodges and nearly 5,000 members.

2. There is no doubt that in some places too many lodges have been instituted and when this is the case consolidation should be effected. Those referred to as trying to do this should receive encouragement from their sister lodges, and it is the opinion of your committee that two weak lodges if consolidated might accomplish more good than by each being absorbed by one or two already strong lodges.

3. It is noted with satisfaction that efforts are being made to institute lodges in Ottawa, Carleton Place, Aylmer, Dresden, Barrie and Collingwood, and it is strongly urged that the Grand Lodge officers give their personal attention to these places and do all in their power to assist those who have the work in hand.

4. It is further recommended that special attention be given to lodges Nos. 9, 19, 23, 29 and 46, and an endeavour made to infuse new life and interest into the membership at each of the places where these lodges are located.

5. In view of the amendments made regarding reduced representation, and a consequent reduction in expenditure, it is recommended that the question of biennial conventions of Grand Lodge be left in abeyance until next convention when, if necessary, it may be taken up. This will give more opportunity for consideration and yet be in time for presentation to Supreme Lodge should it be decided to seek the necessary legislation.

6. The condition of the Benefit Fund is eminently satisfactory and the recommendation to continue the rate of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the dues for the ensuing year is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

A. BICKNELL, of No. 45.

HENRY ROBINSON, of No. 15.

The report of the Executive Council which had been laid on the table pending the report of the Committee on State of the Order on the question of biennial conventions was then taken up and adopted.

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

REPORT No. 4, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The Committee on Judiciary begs to report that it has had under consideration the amendment to Section 251, Grand Statutes, which was submitted at last convention, proposing to make the annual dues to be charged to all beneficial members six dollars per annum, and recommend that the proposition be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
M. MESTON, of No. 3.

Representative Card, of No. 38, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred the reports of the various Deputy Grand Chancellors begs to report that it has read with interest the account of the work being done by the lodges in their respective districts so far as submitted, but regrets that some deputies were negligent and failed to meet the requirements of their office. It to be hoped that their successors in districts 2, 10, 11, 13, 16 and 46 will more fully appreciate their position and responsibilities in this respect, as well as the fact that the lodges under their charge are placed at a disadvantage from having no returns made.

It is noticed with considerable disappointment that only in six lodges, so far as heard from, is the ritualistic work performed from memory. This is a retrograde movement from past years and your committee would recommend that the incoming Grand Chancellor instruct his deputies to insist upon the ritual being memorized. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well and every officer should have enough pride in himself and his office to be able to render the work without having to read it from a book. In the opinion of your committee no officer should be installed until he is able to pass a satisfactory examination in this respect.

The concise summary of the lodge inspection, as compiled by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, is specially commended, and we recommend that it and the reports of the deputies be printed in the Official Record.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.
ALFRED BICKNELL, of No. 45.
HY. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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

The following were reported as having been elected and who were present :

R. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.....Grand Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH, of No. 12.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
GEO. H. MITCHELL, of No. 1.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE, of No. 3.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. A. CATTS, of No. 48.....Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. L. LITTLE, of No. 39.....Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42.....Grand Outer Guard.

They were then duly and regularly installed as the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for the ensuing year.

Rev. R. Von Pirch, of No. 44, Grand Prelate elect, having been excused, and unable to return in time for installation, was installed by the Grand Chancellor after the close of the convention.

The Grand Chancellor announced that the Standing Committees would be published in the Official Record.

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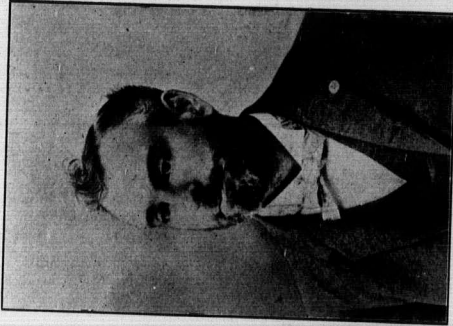
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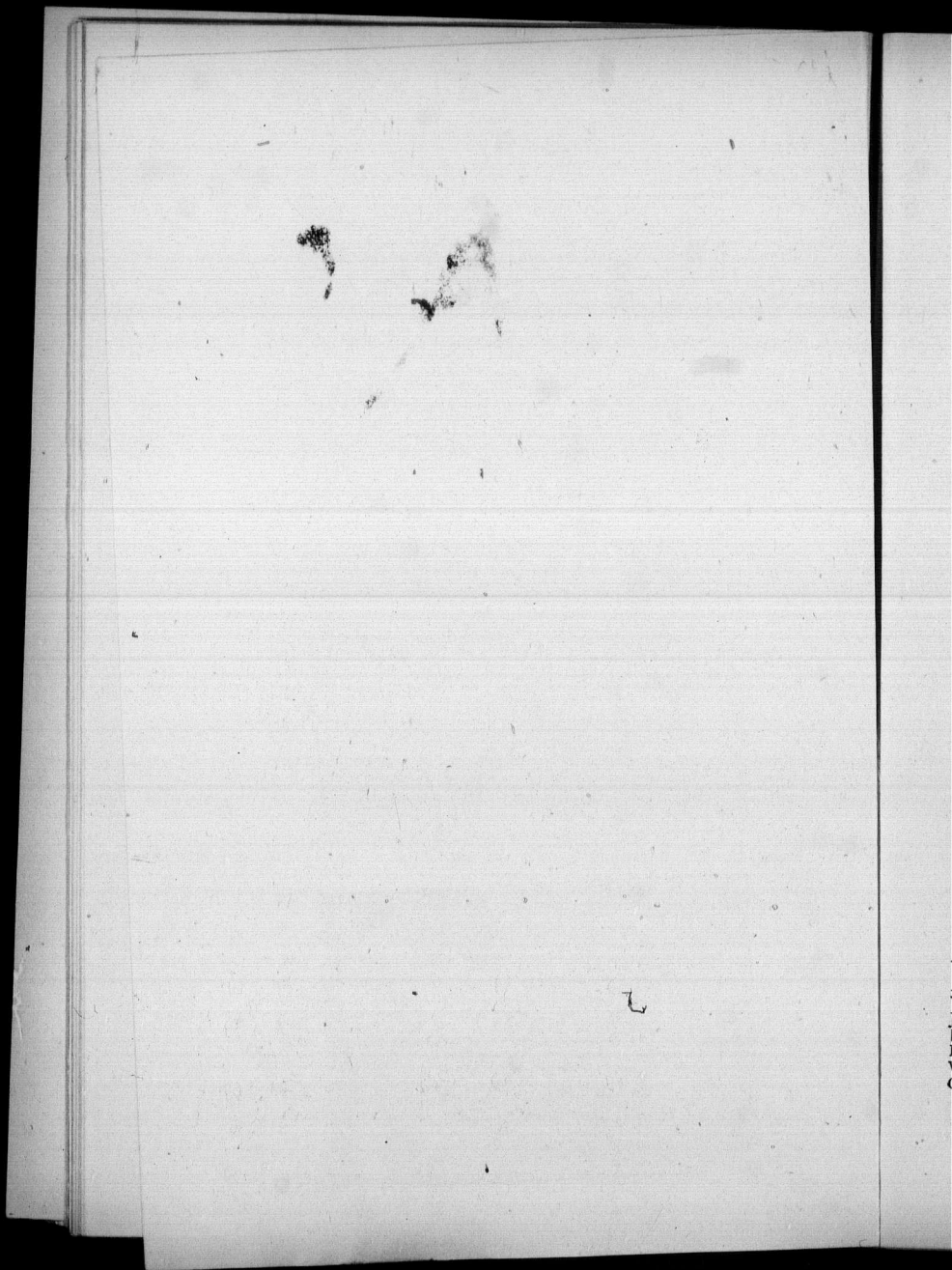
E. K. BARNSDALE,
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JACKSON L. LITTLE,
Grand Inner Guard



W. A. CATES,
Grand Master-at-Arms.



Representative Baker, of No. 12, 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.

NAMES.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	No. OF DAYS.	MILES	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE	TOTAL.
Thos. Elliott	G.C.	1½	30	\$3 00	\$1 80	\$4 80
R. Ironside	G.V.C.	1½	58	3 00	3 50	6 50
W. H. Murch	G.P.	1½	92	3 00	5 50	8 50
G. H. Mitchell	G.K.R.S.	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
D. J. Peace	G.M.E.	1½	45	3 00	2 70	5 70
H. E. Young	G.M.A.	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
J. S. Mackay	G.I.G.	1½	43	3 00	2 60	5 60
P. D. McKellar	S.R.	1	123	2 00	7 40	9 40
F. J. Fitzgerald	S.R.	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
R. H. McConnell	P.G.C.	1½	92	3 00	5 50	8 50
A. G. McWhinney	P.G.C.	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
C. H. Wallis	1	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
C. Deverall	1	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
F. Harding	2	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
T. A. Parkinson	2	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
M. Meston	3	1½	45	3 00	2 70	5 70
W. P. Cooke	5	1	704	2 00	45 80	47 80
M. J. Baker	12	1½	92	3 00	5 50	8 50
R. R. Reaveley	13	1½	704	3 00	45 80	48 80
W. Fleming	14	1½	425	3 00	25 50	28 50
W. H. Wickett	14	1½	425	3 00	25 50	28 50
Hy. Robinson	15	1½	123	3 00	7 40	10 40
J. H. Forsch	16	1½	160	3 00	9 60	12 60
W. R. Andrews	16	1½	160	3 00	9 60	12 60
Jno. Read	17	1½	110	3 00	6 60	9 60
C. Endress	17	1½	110	3 00	6 60	9 60
W. J. Cluff	18	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
L. M. Jones	18	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
W. H. Fox	20	1	65	2 00	3 90	5 90
W. A. Murrell	20	1½	65	3 00	3 90	6 90
H. J. Childs	22	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
R. Poulton	22	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
G. C. Fowlie	28	1	270	2 00	16 20	18 20
J. L. Little	30	1	65	2 00	3 90	5 90
W. Haynes	30	1	65	2 00	3 90	5 90
A. R. Whyte	31	1½	45	3 00	2 70	5 70
William Smith	33	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
John Moffatt	33	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
I. Simmons	37	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
E. H. Johnston	37	1	58	2 00	3 50	5 50
W. D. Card	38	1½	13	3 00	80	3 80
C. Turnbull	38	1½	13	3 00	80	3 80

REPORT OF COM'TEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

NAMES.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	NO. OF DAYS.	MILES	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE	TOTAL.
F. J. Corrie	42	1	26	\$2 00	\$1 60	\$3 60
E. K. Barnsdale	42	1	26	2 00	1 60	3 60
C. Rapson	45	1½	43	3 00	2 60	5 60
A. Bicknell	45	½	43	1 00	2 60	3 60
W. A. Cates	48	1	160	2 00	9 60	11 60
F. R. Ghent	48	0	160	9 60	9 60
.....	59½	5683	119 00	341 30	460 30

SUMMARY.

Per Diem	\$119 00
Mileage	341 30
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Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

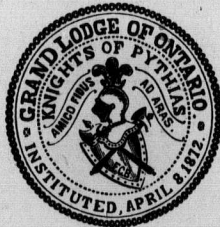
W. A. CATES, of No. 48.

E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in regular form at 7 o'clock p.m., to meet in the Town of Woodstock on the second Tuesday in July, 1898,

Geo. H. Mitchell

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



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AGE	TOTAL.
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60	5 60
60	3 60
60	11 60
60	9 60
30	460 30

APPENDIX.

Roster of the Grand Lodge, 1897-98.

GRAND OFFICERS.

R. Ironside, of No. 22, London	Grand Chancellor.
W. H. Murch of No. 12, St. Thomas	Grand Vice Chancellor.
Rev. R. Von Pirch, of No. 44, Berlin	Grand Prelate.
Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1, Toronto	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. Peace, of No. 3, Hamilton	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. A. Cates, of No. 48, Walkerville	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. L. Little, of No. 30, Toronto	Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. Barnsdale, of No. 42, Stratford	Grand Outer Guard.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

F. J. Fitzgerald of No. 22, London	Term ending December 31st, 1899.
R. H. McConnell, of No. 12, St. Thomas.	Term ending December 31st, 1901.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

IN ORDER OF SENIORITY.

*Rt. Rev. R. B. Ussher, of No. 1.	P. H. Drayton, of No. 25
Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1.	R. H. Jarvis, of No. 25.
John S. King, M.D., of No. 25.	F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22.
A. J. Rattray, of No. 4.	J. B. Davidson, of No. 12.
Jesse Chapman, of No. 3.	W. E. Rispen, of No. 15.
D. J. Peace, of No. 3.	R. H. McConnell, of No. 12.
P. D. McKellar, of No. 15.	A. G. McWhinney, of No. 10.
W. J. Vale, of No. 3.	Thos. Elliott, of No. 36.

*Illinois, 1873.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.

JUDICIARY.

J. S. King, of No. 25; W. G. Haynes, of No. 30; C. Deverall, of No. 1.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

W. D. Card, of No. 38; W. J. Woollard, of No. 44; M. Meston of No. 3.

FINANCE.

C. H. Wallis, of No. 1; A. R. Whyte, of No. 31; John Stacey, of No. 12.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

S. A. Webb, of No. 10; W. R. Andrews, of No. 16; C. Endress, of No. 17.

GRIEVANCES.

T. A. Parkinson, of No. 2; R. Poulton, of No. 22; E. H. Johnston, of No. 37.

REPORTS

L. M. Jones, of No. 18; J. J. Wells, of No. 13; E. Biggings, of No. 11.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

C. E. Rapson, of No. 45; R. Ellerbeck, of No. 47; G. C. Fowlie, of No. 28.

CREDENTIALS.

C. Turnbull, of No. 38; W. J. Moffatt, of No. 33; A. E. Savage, of No. 40.

PRINTING.

W. A. Murrell, of No. 20; W. J. Cluff, of No. 18; G. H. Mitchell, G.K.R.S.

CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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	" 22th, 1877.
Seventh	Hamilton	" 11th, 1878.
Eighth	Windsor	" 10th, 1879.
Ninth	London	" 8th, 1880.
Tenth	Toronto	" 14th, 1881.
Eleventh	St. Catharines	" 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.

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.

Armstrong, Jos.	McConkey, Thos.	Shortiss, Thos.
Caiger, R. H.	Oliver, Robt.	Sparks, A. J.
Deverall, Chas.	<i>Parker, T. Y.</i>	Villiers, R. J.
Leslie, J. E.	Pyke, E. W.	Wallis, C. H.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, London.

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

Bloomgarden, Samuel	Galpin, E. B.	Parkinson, T. A.
Brown, Wm.	Graham, Jos.	Richardson, F. T. C.
<i>Cadwallader, R.</i>	Harding, Fred.	Williams, Jno.
Carrothers, R. A.	<i>Horsman, Ed.</i>	<i>Willis, H. A.</i>
Franks, Louis.	Kidner, Chas.	<i>Wray, Jno. D.</i>

Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, Hamilton.

Instituted Feb. 26th, 1872. Meets every Monday. P.O. Address, 9 Hilton St.

Aitchison, A. W.	Dunnett, Geo.	Meston, M.
Attwood, C. W.	<i>Faulkner, R. J.</i>	Midgley, Geo.
Beasley, Thos. S.	<i>Ford, W. H.</i>	McKay, Alex.
Brown, J. L.	Irwin, R.	<i>McLean, Hugh.</i>
Burns, John.	Johnston, Hy.	Pedlar, Thos.
Childs, W. H.	Lumsden, W. W.	<i>Phibbs, Geo. D.</i>
Curtis, C.	Macleod, J. P.	<i>Schultz, Ernst.</i>

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, Toronto.

Instituted March 20th, 1872. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday. P.O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Bemister, W. L.	Hall, S. E.	Smith, G. B.
Campbell, F. H.	Scholes, J. F.	Thomson, A. S.
<i>Dean, R. W.</i>	<i>Sheridan, S. J.</i>	Thomson, Geo.
<i>Gerald, W. J.</i>	Simpson, J. D.	

Crusader Lodge, No. 5, Port Arthur.

Instituted at Collingwood, April 2nd, 1872. Meets every Tuesday.

Cooke, W. P.	Smith, J. A.	Spofford, R. G.
Hodder, Geo.	Hoover, S. A.	Smith, W. J.

Rokeby Lodge, No. 9, Wallaceburg.

Instituted March 22nd, 1888. Meets every Thursday.

Dobie, D.	McFarland, Geo.	Wooliver, W. S.
McDonald, W. J.	Parker, E. E.	

Prospect Lodge, No. 10, London.

Instituted June 23th, 1889. Meets every Monday.

Belton, J. C.	Sipple, J.	Webb, S. A.
Plastow, H. A.		

Algoma Lodge, No. 11, Sault Ste. Marie.

Instituted August 1st, 1875. Meets every Monday.

Biggings, E.	Jenkins, Jno.	Taylor, Geo. H.
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Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, St. Thomas.

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

Baker, M. J.	Brown, E. S.	Robertson, J. S.
Bell, J. A.	Ingram, G. A.	Stacey, J.
Broderick, T. L.	Murch, W. H.	

Aurora Lodge, No. 13, Fort William.

Instituted at Silver Islet, Feb. 7th, 1876. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Mapledoram, W. C.	Reaveley, R. R.	Wells, J. J.
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Olive Lodge, No. 14, Bruce Mines.

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

Fleming, Wm.	Smyth, W. R.	Wickett, W. H.
Knight, John	Snider, Fred.	Wightman, W.
McDonald, A. G.		

Marmion Lodge, No. 15, Chatham.

Instituted May 23rd, 1876. Meets every Monday.

Douglas, G. B.	Morton, J. A.	Robinson, W. H.
Mercer, H.	Richards, W. G.	Stephenson, S.
Mercer, R.	Robinson, Hy.	

Friendship Lodge, No. 16, Windsor.

Instituted Oct 26th, 1876. Meets every Monday. P.O. Box, 325.

Andrews, W. R.	Forsch, John H.	Neal, Fred.
Ashdown, C. H.	Grosscup, J. A.	Robinson, C. H.
Bangham, R.	McNally, R.	<i>Spiers, John.</i>
Fleming, A. H.	McWhinney, Thos.	

Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia.

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

Endress, C.	Read, John	<i>Smiley, F. A.</i>
Pitkin, G. S.	Sanson, Wm.	Van Tuyl, B. S.

Queen City Lodge, No. 18, Toronto.

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

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

Meniss Lodge, No. 19, Chapeau.

Instituted Dec. 12th, 1891. Meets every Wednesday.

Gillie, A. A.	<i>McTavish, D.</i>	Tilley, C. C.
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Amicus Lodge, No. 20, Toronto.

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

Armstrong, A. B.	<i>Hamilton, H. R.</i>	Robertson, W. J.
Fox, W. H.	Murrell, W. A.	Wilson, J. G.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, London.

Instituted Feb. 19th, 1884. Meets every Friday.

Bates, H. E.	English, W. M.	<i>Jarvis, C. E.</i>
Case, S. B.	Fitzgerald, I.	<i>Mitchell, T. F.</i>
Carroll, W. A.	Hill, Wm.	Poulton, R.
Childs, H. J.	Ironside, R.	Whittaker, F.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 23, St. Catharines.

Instituted Dec. 18th, 1885. Meets every Friday.

Baker, A. K.	<i>Harris, W. H.</i>	Kay, John.
Daft, R.	<i>Juffs, B. J.</i>	Leulsdorf, B. J.

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Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, Woodstock.

Instituted May 14th, 1895.

Meets every Wednesday.

Bicknell, A.
Mackay, J. S.

Rapson, C. E.

*Tisdale, W. M.***Napanee Lodge, No. 46, Napanee.**

Instituted June 12th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

Anderson, J. E.
*Ginders, J.*Morden, G. W.
Hinch, S. P.*Perry, W. H.***Renwick Lodge, No. 47, Renwick.**

Instituted June 25th, 1895.

Meets every Tuesday.

Ellerbeck, R. A.
*Joyce, M.**Tarr, N.**Williams, M. B.***Royal Lodge, No. 48, Walkerville.**

Instituted June 26th, 1895.

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday.

Cates, W. A.

Leavitt, A.

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 1897 INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.	GRAND CHANCELLORS.	VICE-CHANCELLORS.	GRAND PRELATES.
1872	W. D. Kennedy	W. C. Morrison	J. B. How	Geo. W. Cooley.
1873	"	Colin H. Rose	Geo. Midgley	J. P. Dinsmore.
1874	"	"	W. Hawthorne	Geo. Midgley.
1875	Geo. H. Mitchell	John S. King	"	Geo. Midgley.
1876	"	"	P. D. McKellar	Geo. W. Cooley.
1877	"	"	Geo. H. Leslie	Geo. W. Cooley.
1878	"	"	J. H. Lumsden	Geo. W. Cooley.
1879	"	"	A. I. Rattray	Geo. W. Cooley.
1880	"	"	F. Sanagan	Geo. W. Cooley.
1881	"	"	Chapman	Geo. W. Cooley.
1882	"	"	R. Dodds	Geo. W. Cooley.
1883	"	"	D. J. Peace	Geo. W. Cooley.
1884	"	"	W. Townsend	Geo. W. Cooley.
1885	"	"	W. J. Vale	Geo. W. Cooley.
1886	"	"	R. Bangham	Geo. W. Cooley.
1887	"	"	L. E. Tate	Geo. W. Cooley.
1888	"	"	W. H. Hugginbotham	Geo. W. Cooley.
1889	"	"	L. E. Tate	Geo. W. Cooley.
1890	A. J. Rattray	P. H. Thomson	K. H. Jarvis	Geo. W. Cooley.
1891	"	"	R. D. McKellar	Geo. W. Cooley.
1892	"	"	F. J. Fitzgerald	Geo. W. Cooley.
1893	D. J. Peace	John S. King	J. Blackwood	Geo. W. Cooley.
1894	John S. King	Geo. H. Mitchell	W. F. Morphy	Geo. W. Cooley.
1895	"	"	W. E. Rispen	Geo. W. Cooley.
1896	F. J. Fitzgerald	P. D. McKellar	B. S. Van Tuyl	Geo. W. Cooley.
1897	"	"	W. C. Macdonald	Geo. W. Cooley.
			R. Ironside	Geo. W. Cooley.
			W. H. Murch	Geo. W. Cooley.
			Rev. F. R. Ghent.	Geo. W. Cooley.
			W. H. Murch.	Geo. W. Cooley.
			Rev. R. Von Pirch	Geo. W. Cooley.

1865 F. J. Fitzgerald
 1866 Thomas Elliott
 1867 R. Ironside
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 Rev. R. Von Pirch

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF ONTARIO, FROM INSTITUTION, 1872, TO 1897,
 INCLUSIVE.—Continued.

YEAR.	GRAND K. R. S.	GRAND M. OF E.	GRAND M. AT A.	GRAND I. G.	GRAND O. G.
1872..	John Richmond	J. B. How	T. A. Robinson	R. Matthews	J. J. Brown.
1873 ..	Geo. H. Mitchell	"	Jas. Kough	J. G. Brown	J. McPherson.
1874 ..	"	"	J. McPherson	A. J. Ratray	L. Hamberger.
1875 ..	"	"	A. J. Smith	W. H. Rooks	H. Finlay.
1876 ..	"	"	A. J. Ratray	W. H. Rooks	C. Frink.
1877 ..	"	"	W. H. Rooks	W. Chapman	W. Smellie.
1878 ..	"	"	A. P. Thompson	W. Williams	J. P. Secord.
1879 ..	"	"	P. A. Aikman	J. Romlough	E. C. Jackson.
1880 ..	"	Jas. Smith	D. J. Peace	G. W. Plastow	I. H. Harris.
1881 ..	"	"	F. Campbell	Geo. Patey	R. Dodds.
1882 ..	"	"	W. Vale	P. Burroughs	J. McDonald.
1883 ..	"	"	S. E. Hall	F. J. Fitzgerald	F. J. Fitzgerald.
1884 ..	"	"	R. Fitzgibbon	John Kay	John Kay.
1885 ..	"	"	F. J. Fitzgerald	T. S. Beasley	T. S. Beasley.
1886 ..	"	"	T. S. Beasley	J. D. Simpson	J. H. Chaperon.
1887 ..	"	"	B. C. Davis	I. H. Chaperon	Jas. Bradley.
1888 ..	"	"	J. Blackwood	J. Bradley	A. McNaughton.
1889 ..	"	"	H. E. Duck	G. C. Fowle	H. Mercer.
1890 ..	"	"	G. C. Fowle	J. Fitzgerald	R. Irwin.
1891 ..	"	D. J. Peace	W. J. Carkeek	R. Irwin	W. C. Mapledoram.
1892 ..	"	"	W. C. Mapledoram	W. C. Mapledoram	E. W. Pyke.
1893 ..	"	"	A. A. Alexander	Wm. Smith	R. Poulton.
1894 ..	"	"	R. Poulton	R. Poulton	H. E. Young.
1895 ..	"	"	J. Stacey	H. E. Young	J. J. Wells.
1896 ..	"	"	H. E. Young	J. S. Mackay	J. G. Wilson.
1897 ..	"	"	W. A. Cates	J. L. Little	E. K. Barnisdale.

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Ontario Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

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Bowie, E. F. Peel, H. Ziller, W. S.
Huffman, M. P.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 28, Smith's Falls.

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1887. Meets every Thursday.

Bennett, R. A. Fowle, G. C. Spencer, Geo.

Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, Owen Sound.

Instituted March 9th, 1887. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

Ingles, Geo. Strathy, R. L. F. Tate, L. E.
Lepan, Jr., Fred.

Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Toronto.

Instituted Sept. 29th, 1887. Meets 1st and 3rd Friday.
P.O. Address, Cor. Spadina Ave. and Queen Street W.

Alexander, A. A. Gray, J. F. Moore, I. F.
Bedingfield, Geo. Haynes, W. G. Soole, Thos. G.
Clarke, E. F. Little, J. L. Stutchbury, W. H.
Elliott, A. Macdonald, W. C. Wiley, H. E.
Flett, Fred. W.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, Hamilton.

Instituted April 27th, 1887. Meets every Friday.

Belz, Adam. Ferguson, Robt. Whyte, A. R.
Belz, Hy. Lackner, A. E.

London Lodge, No. 33, London.

Instituted March, 2nd, 1892. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Holland, Ed. Paul, John Southcott, S. J.
Noble, Ben. Smith, Wm. Widden, H. J.
Moffatt, W. J.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, Windsor.

Instituted Sept. 13th, 1892. Meets every Wednesday. P.O. Box 327.

Housan, Fred. Van Tuyl, G. E. Young, H. E.
Mason, D. W.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 36, Brantford.

Instituted Dec. 5th, 1892.

Meets every Thursday.

Bloomfield, R. A. *James, W. T.* *Smith, C. L.*
Crawford, W. H.

Columbian Lodge, No. 37, London.

Instituted Dec. 16th, 1892.

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Bonney, R. *Johnston, E. H.* *McRobert, E. J.*
Case, J. *Kennedy, D. C.* *Simmons, J.*
Cooper, A. T.

Galt Lodge, No. 38, Galt.

Instituted Jan. 27th, 1893.

Meets 2nd and 4th Friday.

Card, W. D. *Robb, A. F.* *Turnbull, C.*
Laidlaw, And.

Syracuse Lodge, No. 39, Toronto Junction.

Instituted March 29th, 1893.

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Clemmer, A. H. *Leigh, R. J.* *Pears, Wm.*

Johnston Lodge, No. 40, Sarnia.

Instituted April 13th, 1893.

Meets every Thursday.

Easton, John. *Foulds, Jas. G.* *Savage, A. E.*

Hamlet Lodge, No. 42, Stratford.

Instituted August 16th, 1894.

Meets every Wednesday.

P.O. Box 415.

Barnsdale, E. K. *Hodgins, Elijah.* *Lopper, A. R.*
Corrie, Fred. J. *McWhinney, W.*

Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, Guelph.

Instituted March 4th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

Davidson, J. *Dunbar, C. A.* *Stubbs, W. H.*
Dowler, F. *Pettiford, C.*

Victoria Lodge, No. 44, Berlin.

Instituted March 15th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

Rumpf, O. *Watson, A. H.* *Woollard, W. J.*
Von Firsch, Rev. R.