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## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., 9th August, 1887.

The Grand Encampment assembled in annual session in the Court House, Peterborough, at 9 o'clock A.M., when Dr. R. W. Bell welcomed them in an appropriate address, which was responded to by the Grand Patriarch, Frank Riddell.

The Grand Encampment was called to order.

### PRESENT :

FRANK RIDDELL.....	Grand Patriarch.
JOHN SINCLAIR.....	Grand High Priest.
ABNER FRASER.....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON.....	Grand Scribe.
EDMUND BELTZ.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN WELSH.....	} Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge.
JOSEPH OLIVER.....	
D. H. MOORE.....	Grand Junior Warden.
JNO. A. MACDONALD.....	Grand Marshal.
F. W. WRIGHT.....	Grand Sentinel.
W. ROBINSON.....	Grand O. Sentinel.

Also, Past Grand Patriarchs James Woodyatt, Wm. H. Cole, John Gibson, Thos. Woodyatt, E. R. Robinson, John Donogh, Adam Purves, Francis Rae and Hector Urquhart.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: M. D. Dawson, B. W. Willson, Wm. Rudd, H. D. Wettlaufer, T. P. Blackwell and E. W. King.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

PETERBOROUGH, Ontario, August 9th, 1887.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the necessary Certificates presented of Representatives elected, submitted the following Report:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that from an examination of the Returns of Subordinates, and of the Certificates of Representatives elect, find the following-named P.C. Patriarchs entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment:

	No.	
Montreal Encampment,	1.	John J Reed
Union " "	1.	Theo. Parnell
Frontier " "	2.	R. S. McDonald
" " "	2.	Geo. E. Chamberlain
Harmony " "	3.	Geo. Mortimore
" " "	3.	Jno. G. Watson
Brant " "	4.	James Woodyatt
Charity " "	5.	John M. Reynett
Beaver " "	6.	John Reid
Burlington " "	7.	Geo. Ross
" " "	7.	P. M. Candlish
" " "	8.	Thos. Colby
Toronto " "	8.	Archibald McGregor
" " "	9.	A. J. Kendall
Brock " "	10.	James Moore
Chatham " "	11.	Francis Rae
Ontario " "	12.	George Baiden
Albert " "	13.	Geo. Alva Carson
Whitby " "	14.	Hector Urquhart
Fidelity " "	15.	W. Saunders
Kingston " "	16.	Wm. Blewett
Mt. Ararat " "	17.	Wm. Fletcher
Hebron " "	19.	F. M. Clarke
Quinte " "	20.	Fred. Doggett
Elgin " "	20.	Peter Brown
" " "	21.	A. C. Size
Unity " "	22.	Peter McSweyn
Guiding Star " "	23.	Isaac McNiven
Niagara Falls " "	24.	W. M. Lowery
Friendship " "	25.	Geo. Reading
Victoria " "	26.	James Skeoch
Alpha " "	28.	John W. Smith
Huron " "	29.	Wm. Williams
Livingstone " "	30.	John R. Hoyle
Wentworth " "	31.	Samuel Law
Wellington " "	32.	W. D. Lawrie
Newmarket " "	33.	Henry Lambrook
Exeter " "	36.	G. E. Wilson
Royal " "	37.	Wm. Rudd
Dresden " "	38.	T. P. Blackwell
Adelphian " "	38.	Geo. Munro Anderson
" " "	39.	B. W. Willson
Excelsior " "	42.	D. H. Price
Aylmer " "	45.	John Chamberlain
Collingwood " "	45.	H. D. Wettlaufer
Saugeen Valley " "	46.	W. J. Young
Minerva " "	47.	A. E. L. Malone
Owen Sound " "	48.	Geo. S. Zeigler
Samaritan " "	49.	Geo. C. Thompson
Rehoboth " "	50.	W. R. Hickey
Bothwell " "	51.	J. B. McMicken
Ridgely " "	52.	N. S. Tarr
Outsouis " "	53.	E. W. King
Mizpah " "	54.	Joseph Quick
Maple Leaf " "	55.	Thos. D. Workman
Mount Hebron " "	56.	John Howard
Phoenix " "	57.	A. D. Campbell
Waba " "	58.	A. Bates
Moira " "	59.	J. P. Stanton
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Central Encampment,	No.	60.....	Frank Balfour
Amicus	"	61.....	J. Holton Robinson
Galt	"	62.....	A. H. Blackeby
Simcoe	"	63.....	D. Hind
Ivy	"	64.....	J. W. Cunningham

Returns have been received from all Encampments up to the 31st December, 1886, except the following: Peel, No. 34, Brampton; Dufferin, No. 41, Point Edward; Banner, No. 43, Harriston; and Wildey, No. 44, Glencoe. Some of those have not made any returns for years.

We also find the following Representatives and P. C. P.'s in waiting, and recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Encampment Degree, viz.:

	Encampment,	No.	
A. D. Downs	} Montreal		1 Montreal
J. McLaughlin			
R. S. McDonald	} Frontier		2 Windsor
G. E. Chamberlain			
H. Bissell	} Harmony		3 London
A. E. Harley			
John Reid	} Beaver		4 Brantford
Geo. Ross			
Geo. Ross	} Burlington		6 St. Marys
W. Brace			
James Moore	} Brock		7 Hamilton
Wm. Saunders			
Wm. Saunders	} Chatham		9 Brockville
Wm. Blewett			
W. Fletcher	} Mt. Ararat		10 Chatham
Geo. R. Brown			
Isaac McNiven	} Hebron		15 Kingston
S. R. Binkley			
W. M. Lowery	} Quinte		16 Napanee
George Reading			
George Reading	} Niagara Falls		17 Parkhill
Jas. S. Keoch			
John W. Smith	} Friendship		19 Belleville
John R. Hoyle			
F. A. Latshaw	} Alpha		23 Niagara Falls
Samuel Law			
Henry Lambrook	} Huron		24 Petrolia
L. W. Crawford			
D. H. Price	} Wentworth		26 Sarnia
W. J. Young			
Geo. S. Zeigler	} Wellington		28 Goderich
Geo. C. Thompson			
E. W. King	} Exeter		30 Dundas
Jos. Quick			
Thos. Workman	} Adelphian		31 Guelph
F. W. Robinson			
A. D. Campbell	} Aylmer		33 Exeter
J. P. Stanton			
Thos. Smith	} Minerva		38 London
J. H. Robinson			
Alfred Dennis	} Samaritan		42 Aylmer
J. W. Cunningham			
	} Rehoboth		47 Wingham
	} Mizpah		49 Berlin
	} Maple Leaf		50 Toronto
	} Mount Hebron		54 Barrie
	} Phoenix		55 Woodstock
	} Waba		56 Peterborough
	} Moira		57 Wallaceburg
	} Central		58 Armprior
	} Amicus		59 Belleville
	} Galt		60 Essex Centre
	} Ivy		61 Norwich
			62 Galt
			64 Cobourg

The following accredited Representatives have resigned since election: John Chamberlain, of Collingwood Encampment, No. 45, Collingwood; John Howard, of Phoenix Encampment, No. 57, Wallaceburg; Frank Balfour, of Central Encampment, No. 60, Essex Centre; J. P. Stanton, of Moira Encampment, No. 59, Belleville; A. H. Blackeby, of Galt Encampment, No. 62, Galt; and N. G. Tarr,

of Outaouais Encampment, No. 53, Ottawa. The following Patriarchs have been elected in their places, and their credentials received, viz.: Henry Robertson, for Collingwood Encampment, No. 45, Collingwood; F. W. Robinson, for Phenix Encampment, No. 57, Wallaceburg; W. G. Happer, for Moira Encampment, No. 59, Belleville; Alfred Dennis, for Galt Encampment, No. 62, Galt; Thos. Beeson, for Outaouais Encampment, No. 53, Ottawa; and Thomas S. Smith, for Central Encampment, No. 60, Essex Centre.

We would respectfully recommend that the above-named Patriarchs be admitted and allowed to take their seats as Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. DAWSON,  
T. P. BLACKWELL,  
WM. RUDD,  
B. W. WILLSON,  
H. D. WETTLAUFER.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was adopted.

The Candidates were then formally introduced by the Grand Junior Warden, and received the Grand Encampment Degree.

The Grand Patriarch then appointed the following

#### COMMITTEES:

ON DISTRIBUTION—Jos. Oliver, John Reid, (St. Marys), Theo. Farnell, Geo. Ross and Wm. Fletcher.

ON FINANCE—Francis Rae, Jas. J. Reid, A. McGregor, A. C. Size and W. D. Lawrie.

ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE—John Gibson, J. Quick, S. Law, J. McNiven and J. S. Keoch.

ON BY-LAWS—Thos. Woodyatt, A. J. Kendall, F. M. Clarke, Thomas Beeson and G. Baiden.

ON RETURNS—W. H. Cole, W. R. Hickey, T. Balfour, W. J. Young and Fred. Doggett.

ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—E. R. Robinson, John M. Reynett, T. Colby, Geo. E. Chamberlain and Geo. Anderson.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES—Jas. Woodyatt, A. Purves, John Donogh, John Welsh and Geo. Mortimore.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER—Hector Urquhart, Jas. Moore, P. McSweyn, Jno. R. Hoyle and Geo. S. Zeigler.

ON JUDICIARY—Henry Robertson, R. S. McDonald, A. Dennis, D. Hind and J. B. McMicken.

The Grand Scribe was instructed to make the following correction of an error which appeared in the Journal of last year. The name of F. W. Unitt, of Toronto, was placed in the Memoriam page, when the Patriarch is yet in the flesh and in the best of health.

On motion, the minutes of last session, as printed with the foregoing correction, were adopted.

#### REPORTS.

The Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows then submitted their Reports in printed form, which were by resolution referred to Committee on Distribution.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F., of Ontario:*

PATRIARCHS,—From the west we have travelled eastward since last we met, and our march has been one of progress. The town of Peterborough, whose hospitality we enjoy to-day, we trust will be benefitted by our labors, and this section of our jurisdiction receive an impulse which will tell in the coming year.

The Good Shepherd has watched over and protected us, and by His permission we are assembled in our fold again to express our gratitude for past mercies and ask wisdom for our future guidance. May our counsels receive His divine sanction, and the prosperity which has followed us thus far, be continued, if not increased, in years to come.

In placing before you, for consideration, my official acts since last session, I may express my appreciation of the honor you then conferred upon me, and assure you, though great has been the responsibility, I have endeavored to do my duty in every instance to the best of my judgment. Any errors or omissions I leave to the kind forbearance of my Brethren.

PATRIARCHS, I extend to you individually the right hand of fellowship and bespeak for you, during our discussions, the best of good nature and regard for each other, that our united efforts may be productive of the greatest possible good in the limited time at our disposal.

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## NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

It is with very great pleasure I have to report that during the past year three new Encampments have been instituted.

On October 1st, in company with Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson and P.C.P. John G. Watson, of London, W. Carter, D.D.G.P., S. J. Law, C.P. and Patriarchs R. McKennie, Wm. Parker, Jas. Philip, W. Borne, Thomas Steele, R. Ewing, A. Pike, Chas. Cottis, H. Boulton, T. J. Fenwick, S. Warbock, and G. J. Brill, of Guelph, and J. K. Master, George Zeigler, M. Zimmer, B. Greybill, of Berlin, I instituted Galt Encampment, No. 62, in the town of Galt. This Encampment starts under very favorable circumstances, six charter members and eighteen initiates, and I have no doubt that before long this will be one of our strongest Encampments. It has never been my pleasure to meet a more enthusiastic company of Odd-Fellows than the Patriarchs of Galt, Guelph and Berlin. I am under deep obligations to the officers and Patriarchs of Wellington Encampment of Guelph, who conferred the work of the degrees in a most creditable manner, to all of whom, as well as to the Patriarchs from Berlin and those who accompanied me, I tender my warmest thanks for their able assistance, and to the Patriarchs of Galt for their generous hospitality.

I recommend that a Charter be granted this Encampment.

October 21—In company with Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, I instituted Simcoe Encampment, No. 63, in the town of Simcoe, on which occasion I was ably assisted by Patriarchs, J. A. Burwash, J. B. McMicken, L. A. Mable, Wm. Chambers, Wm. Haslett, Jas. Wyatt and Jas. Turner, of Jarvis, and Patriarchs J. M. Cole, J. H. Robinson and F. Newall, of Norwich. This Encampment starts off with fourteen charter members, two by card and five by initiation, the night of institution, and is in the hands of good, live Patriarchs, and is likely to become one of our leading Encampments. In the work of initiation, we were ably assisted by the Patriarchs of Jarvis and Norwich, who performed their duties in a very highly satisfactory manner, to whom I tender my hearty thanks for kind assistance, and to the Patriarchs of Simcoe for the magnificent manner in which we were entertained. I recommend a Charter be granted this Encampment.



Ivy Encampment, No. 64, was instituted at the town of Cobourg, on December 22nd, by Grand Junior Warden D. H. Moore, of Peterborough. Finding at the last moment that owing to business I would not be able to get to Cobourg, I telegraphed to G. J. W., D. H. Moore, who kindly consented to officiate for me, and he reports as follows: "In compliance with your request, I went to Cobourg on the 22nd ult., and in company with Grand Scribe Dawson, P.C.P's H. White, Magill, Britton, and C. P. Stevenson, and Patriarchs Hayden, Pethick, Hales, Hawkins, McKee, Brownscombe and Blackburn, all of Victoria Encampment, No. 25, of Port Hope, I instituted Ivy Encampment, No. 64, at the town of Cobourg. It has eight charter members, and after the institution six candidates were duly exalted. Judging from the zeal and enthusiasm manifested, I do not hesitate to say that this Encampment has a prosperous future, it is certainly in good hands. We have to thank the Patriarchs of Victoria Encampment of Port Hope for furnishing a team who performed the degree work without any reference to the Ritual. I recommend that a Charter be granted this Encampment.

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## OFFICIAL VISITS.

Owing to the very favorable reports of my District Deputies, and having all confidence that they have discharged their duties, I have not made many visits.

November 11—In company with Grand Scribe Dawson and Grand Treasurer Beltz, I visited Harmony Encampment. This Encampment is in a prosperous condition.

November 27—In company with P.G.P., E. R. Robinson, Grand Treasurer Beltz, P.C.P's, T. G. Lowe and John Hunter, I visited Adelpheia Encampment. This Encampment is doing well.

Dufferin Encampment, No. 41, Point Edward, being in a dormant condition, owing to the fact of this Encampment being composed almost entirely of railway employees, who are for a great part of the time away from home, and through which cause their meetings are very irregular, and after corresponding with the D. D., I paid a visit to them on July 1st, but found that even on this their night for installation they would be unable to get a quorum; but had a conversation with the D. D. and C.P., who are going to see what can be done in the matter.

I think it would be to the interest of the Order if it were to amalgamate with Alpha Encampment of Sarnia.

July 4—I visited in company with Past Grand High Priest, John Hunter, and Capt. John Browne, Elgin Encampment, No. 20, and installed their officers. I found this Encampment in a very prosperous condition, and had the pleasure of meeting a very large number of the Patriarchs. I cannot too heartily express my thanks for the kind manner in which we were received and entertained.

July 14—In company with Grand Treasurer Beltz, D.D.G.P. George Mortimore and P.C.P., T. P. Blackwell, I visited Harmony Encampment and had the pleasure of installing their officers.

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## RESUSCITATION.

Banner Encampment, No. 43, Harriston, wrote on January 24th, asking for resuscitation, and to name a date when we could come, which we did, but since then have not heard anything from them, and think with the last Grand Patriarch that the field is too small for a successful Encampment.

Owen Sound, No. 48, Owen Sound, has been dormant since last Grand Encampment. Have had considerable correspondence with them, and trust that they will soon get to work again.

Ontario, No. 11, Oshawa, has also been dormant during the year, but have again got to work and elected their officers.



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STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am pleased to be able to report that we have made satisfactory progress during the year, over 300 of a net gain. Some of the District Deputies report a lack of attendance at the regular meetings, but nearly all of them speak hopefully for the future.

W. R. Hickey, D.D.G.P., Bothwell, writes, "There is a great apathy amongst the members here, many complain of the extra expense of keeping up the Encampment as a separate Branch. Something must be done to infuse enthusiasm into this Branch of the Order, otherwise, I am of the opinion it will not flourish in small places."

R. C. Young, D.D.G.P., Ridgetown, writes, "I am now happy to state that our Encampment is in a better condition than it has been during any period of its career. We are instilling new life and energy in the officers, and to add to this spirit we sent an invitation to Frontier Encampment to pay us a visit and exemplify the work, which they very kindly did last Monday night, bringing their wardrobe with them. This visit will ever be a red-letter day in the history of Excelsior Encampment. They came down with a team of 19 experts and in a manner which we think could not be excelled. This will have the effect of selecting a team in our Encampment, to get up the work in a similar manner, after which it will be our intention to return the visit, and show Frontier Encampment that the scholar often supersedes the master. Our Subordinate Lodge is now in a first-class condition, both numerically and financially, we having something to draw from, and I think by the end of this year our Encampment will rank with those in Chap. 1 in Ontario."

Wm. Rudd, D.D.G.P., Dresden, writes, "I am sorry to report to you the very weak condition of Dresden Encampment, owing to the removal from our midst of so many Patriarchs, which, after being separated from the Encampment for a time, seem to lose interest, and allow their membership to cease from non-payment of dues. The only Patriarchs remaining in good standing, with a few exceptions, are those having the Uniform. However, our prospects for the future are good. The Subordinate Lodge have initiated quite a number of young men in the past term, who have expressed themselves as anxious to join the Encampment as soon as they get the degrees. I feel satisfied our next Report will show a large increase."

J. W. Smith, D.D.G.P., Goderich, writes, "I have much pleasure in informing you that Huron Encampment, No. 28, I.O.O.F., has made, and is now, I think, on the way to make substantial progress. We did have a period of depression, but we hope this has passed, and now we look for a good time in making members. Our last report showed fifty-six members, our new one shows sixty, a gain of four. We are looking for a greater increase this term."

John Howard, D.D.G.P., Wallaceburg, writes: "I am pleased to say that we have made fifteen new members during the past term, but I am sorry to say that we have lost one Patriarch in the death of Past Chief Patriarch D. P. McDonald, our last Representative to the Grand Encampment, a Brother we greatly miss in this Encampment, as he took an active part in the work and business of the same. He died on the 25th day of October, of typhoid fever. The funeral was largely attended by the Lodge and Encampment, also by a large number of the members of the Lodge from Marine City, State of Michigan, also a number from Dresden Encampment, in their uniforms."

Levi Fisher, D.D.G.P., Brantford, writes: "The Encampment has not been attended as well lately as usual, the reason I assign is that the attraction seems to be in the Lodges, but we are looking forward to better times, like we had some two or three years ago, when the interest was great in the Encampment. We are going along steadily without any wrangling or jars to mar our happiness.

Our finances are, cash in bank, \$49.58 ; invested, \$2,100 ; furniture and regalia, \$300. So you will see we are in a good financial condition. Our present membership is 93."

S. T. Reeves, D.D.G.P., Windsor, writes : "I have much pleasure in reporting Frontier Encampment as working most harmoniously, and trust doing a good work in Windsor. During the past year, the work of the several Degrees have been done in a splendid manner by the officers of the Encampment, without the use of books. I have to report that on March 28th, our Degree Staff, on invitation, visited Ridgetown and conferred the several degrees on three members, and we trust the outcome of this visit will be the means of putting new life in this Encampment, and good results of this visit will surely follow. On April 12th, on invitation, we assisted in the organization of Enterprise Encampment, Detroit, Mich., and conferred the several degrees on twenty-seven members in the presence of the Grand Patriarch and several Grand Officers of Michigan, and received the highest possible praise for the manner in which the work was done. The members of the Encampment take a great interest in the work, and during the past year our meetings have been of the most pleasant nature."

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

I herewith submit all letters received during my term of office and copies of replies thereto. I received a circular from the Grand Sire, ex Patriarchal Circle, but as a Circle did not exist in Ontario, I have taken no action in the matter.

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## DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

I am pleased to state that all the District Deputies have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner, for which I tender them my sincere thanks.

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## QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

By W. J. Nickle, Walkerton, Ont.

1. Question—Is a Representative compelled to recommend the Patriarch recommended by the Encampment?

Answer—It is clearly the duty of the Representative to represent the expressed wishes of his Encampment.

2. Question—Has the C.P. or D.D.G.P. a right to demand the key from the Scribe at any time the C.P. or D.D.G.P. wishes to look over the books. In case of refusal of the Scribe to give the key, what should be done in such a case?

Answer—The C.P. and D.D.G.P. have the right to inspect the books. The Scribe refusing access to the same is open to charge.

By W. L. Burdick, D.D.G.P., Essex Centre.

3. Question—We have a very peculiar case in this town on which I would like your advice. Brother Charles Roberts was formerly a Patriarch in a Subordinate Encampment in Buffalo, but was away from there and became suspended for non-payment of dues. Shortly after the Encampment surrendered its Charter, and is now, or was at the last account he had, still defunct. He wishes to become a member of our Encampment, and we are willing to accept him, as he is in every respect a worthy Oddfellow (a member of Enterprise, No. 218), but we do not know what to do with the fact of his having been suspended, and not being able to reinstate himself in the prescribed way.

I answered, quoting digest on the subject (228-229), informing him that the Brother would have to make application to the Grand Patriarch of the State of New York for a card, stating the facts of the case, etc.

By Samuel Law, C.P., Wellington Encampment, No. 31.

4. Question—A few meeting nights ago a Patriarch of our Encampment was charged with conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow. A committee was elected to try the charge. At our last regular meeting they sent in a report as follows: "The Patriarch is guilty of the charge. The committee cannot agree as to penalty, and would leave it entirely with the Encampment to deal with the matter," which was received and engrossed on the minutes. I would like to know if a majority vote would adopt that report as it stands, or would it take a two-thirds vote?

Answer—A majority vote.

5. Question—If that report was adopted, would a motion for punishment then be in order?

Answer—Yes.

6. Question—Has the vote to adopt that report to be by ballot or the usual vote?

Answer—Usual vote.

By P. Johnson, D.D., Amicus, No. 61, Norwich.

7. Question—An application for membership is received by the Encampment from a Brother residing out of the town and duly referred to committee before coming to the ballot. Reports are found in circulation detrimental to his character, and on being spoken to on the subject, simply denies the charge, giving no further explanation, treating the matter as very trivial. The Encampment, not feeling satisfied, rejects his application. On being informed of the action of the Encampment, he immediately sets about to clear his character, which he does to the entire satisfaction of all the members, who at the next regular meeting moved a resolution for the reconsideration of the ballot, which was carried unanimously, and the ballot is to be again taken at next meeting.

Is the action of the Encampment sustained by the laws and usages of the Order; or may not their action in the matter be allowed under the circumstances?

Answer—A reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot is inadmissible, except that when all the Brothers, who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership, voluntarily makes a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be by ball ballots, and if all the votes cast shall be in favor of it the reconsideration shall be had, whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected. But if one or more black balls appear on either ballot the applicant shall be rejected and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except on the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls, and never more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed, and provided always that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection.—1885 Digest, page 153, 645.

By R. W. Mead, C.P., Simcoe Encampment, No. 63.

8. Question—D.D.G.P. failed to come at last regular meeting. Called special to-night and cannot get him or any P.C.P. from Jarvis to install officers. What shall I do?

Answer—The necessities of the case may sometimes require the C.P. to install his successor. He is therefore competent to do so in the absence of the G.P., his Deputy and all P.C.P's.—1885 Journal, 936.

By Hugh Stewart, Norwich.

9. Question—I am now elected Senior Warden of Amicus Encampment, No. 61, to fill a vacancy. I am not installed, and the C.P. says I cannot get

installed this term as there are no Past C.P.'s to install me. Now, can the C.P. install me?

Answer—Yes.

10. Question—He also says I am not eligible for any of the higher offices next term.

Answer—You are.

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#### APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The following charge and correspondence herewith I beg to lay before you :

*To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the members of this Encampment that Moira Encampment, No. 59, under the jurisdiction of Ontario, did, on or about the 28th day of September last, receive into membership one Allan McFee, who was expelled from this Encampment on the 8th day of December, 1886, which expulsion was confirmed by the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and said Allan McFee has never been reinstated or restored to membership in our Encampment, neither has he ever applied in person for such reinstatement, and further, we have reason to believe that this action on the part of Moira Encampment was done wilfully and with a full knowledge of the above facts.

Therefore, Quinte Encampment, No. 19, I. O. O. F., acting and working under a valid Charter of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, hereby charges Moira Encampment, No. 59, and the members thereof, with violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order by receiving into their Encampment, on the 28th day of September, 1886, Brother Allan McFee, knowing him to be expelled from this Branch of the Order, and pray that investigation be made and such action taken as will correct the irregularity and violation of law complained of.

As witness the hands of the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the seal of our Encampment, at Belleville, Ont., this 23rd day of March, 1887.

{ SEAL }

(Signed), J. T. OSBORNE, Chief Patriarch.  
J. H. STARLING, Scribe *pro tem*.

London, April 6, 1887.

*To the Chief Patriarch, Officers and Members of Moira Encampment, No. 59, I. O. O. F., Belleville, Ontario :*

PATRIARCHS.—I herewith enclose you a copy of the charge preferred against your Encampment by Quinte Encampment, No 19, and before taking any action in the matter I shall be pleased to receive any explanations which you may have to make. An early reply will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK RIDDELL, Grand Patriarch.

Belleville, April 20, 1887.

FRANK RIDDELL, Esq., G. G. P., I. O. O. F., London.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER. :—

*Re* Quinte Encampment, charge against Moira Encampment, No. 59, I. O. O. F.,  
*Re* admitting Allan McFee. :

On August 22, 1886, Brother Allan McFee tendered his proposition for admission by card to Moira Encampment (the card enclosed herewith), through P. C. P., A. Bates. Committee reported upon the application favorably, September 14, 1886. On a ballot being taken the same was declared favorable.

On September 28, 1886, Brother Allan McFee was admitted by card, signed the Constitution and By-laws, and became a member.

It would appear from the charge made by Quinte Encampment that they expelled Brother Allan McFee, December 8, 1880, some five months after they had granted him his withdrawal card.

How such action could be legally taken is a question Moira Encampment would most respectfully submit for your decision.

Moira Encampment was founded October 16, 1884, by F. G. P., Bro. Jos. Oliver.

Brother Allan McFee was not admitted until September 28, 1886, about two years after, during which time Quinte Encampment failed to advise Moira Encampment of any special action as to Brother McFee's case.

Moira Encampment therefore claims that in admitting Brother McFee by card they had a perfect right to do so in the absence of any entry in Black Book or advice of cancellation of card.

Brother Allan McFee is a Brother in whom the members of Moira Encampment have great confidence, or one of the last men who would do a wrong, and we feel it a privilege to defend him against this attack, which, no doubt, arises from the fact that several other members of Quinte Encampment withdrew from it in 1880 along with Brother McFee, owing, as they claim, to the very unsatisfactory conduct of the Financial Officers at that time.

Quinte Encampment claims in their charge that their action in expelling Brother McFee was confirmed by the Grand Encampment. This is improbable, as neither Brother McFee nor Moira Encampment have any knowledge or record to show that this card was declared void either by the Grand Encampment or Quinte Encampment.

Trusting that these points will be sufficient to show you the ground Moira Encampment takes in the matter, and which will enable you to arrive at a proper solution of a very stale question,

We are, in F. L. & T.,

{ SEAL. }

T. J. NEWTON, C.P.,  
W. P. MAY, Scribe *pro tem.*

London, May 3, 1887.

To the Chief Patriarch, Officers and Members of Moira Encampment, No 59,  
I.O.O.F., Belleville, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—

Quinte Encampment, No. 19, I.O.O.F.,

vs.

Moira Encampment, No. 59, I.O.O.F.

Your reply to the above charge duly received. In reply to your question asking for my decision :—

"It would appear from the charge made by Quinte Encampment that they expelled Bro. Allan McFee, Dec. 8, 1880, some five months after they had granted him his withdrawal card. How such action could be legally taken is a question Moira Encampment would most respectfully submit for your decision."

I reply such action was legal (*vs* 1885 Digest, page 293, sec. 1303).

After considering the charge, I have decided to submit the whole case to the Grand Encampment in session (which meets in Peterborough on Tuesday, August 9, 1887), for their decision, and I herewith notify your Encampment to be prepared to defend the charge on that date.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK RIDDELL,

Grand Patriarch.



London, May 3, 1887.

To the Chief Patriarch, Officers and Members of Quinte Encampment, No. 19,  
I.O.O.F., Belleville, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—

Quinte Encampment, No. 19, I.O.O.F., Charge,

vs.

Moira Encampment, No. 59, I.O.O.F.

I herewith enclose you a copy of the reply made by Moira Encampment to the charge preferred by your Encampment.

After considering the case, I have decided to submit the whole case to the Grand Encampment in session (which meets in Peterborough on Tuesday, August 9, 1887), for their decision, and I herewith notify your Encampment to be prepared to go on with the charge on that date.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK RIDDELL,

Grand Patriarch.

The following letter was received August 1, 1887 :

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:

The following is a copy of letter prepared by a special committee in answer to letter received by Quinte Encampment through you from Moira Encampment :

To the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :

DEAR PATRIARCH,—Yours of the 3rd of May, enclosing what purports to be a reply to the charge of this Encampment vs. Moira Encampment, is received. We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that in this reply the only clause that can in any way be considered as a reply to our charge is that in which they admit having received Brother McFee into membership, as we have charged. In reply to the question of their being in full knowledge of the card being annulled and Brother McFee expelled from this Encampment, we are in possession of indisputable evidence which will be produced at the proper time when the matter is before the Committee of the Grand Encampment, as you have decided that the charge shall be so tried. Their eulogy of Brother McFee's character is entirely uncalled for and has no bearing on the case, as we do not charge Brother McFee with any wrong, or that he is capable of doing wrong. As to the last clause, a full proof of the statement will be found in the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1881, and we have no doubt that all Past Grand Officers since that time have distinct knowledge of the relation borne by Brother McFee to this Branch of the Order. At the time Moira Encampment was instituted, one of their officers in conversation with the Grand Scribe, was informed by him that Brother McFee had been expelled from Quinte Encampment, and that they could not take him into membership in Moira Encampment. All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

(Signed) J. T. OSBORNE,  
W. A. PRINGLE, } Committee.

FRANK RIDDELL,

Grand Patriarch, Grand Encampment of Ontario.

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AUDITORS.

I have re-appointed as Auditors, P.G.M., James Smith and P.G.P., E. R. Robinson, of London.



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## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Granted a Dispensation to Charity Encampment, No. 5, Stratford, to receive into membership Brothers from Mount Forest (Banner Encampment, No. 43, being dormant).

I also granted Dispensations during the year to several Encampments to confer more than one degree the same night.

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## DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I refused to grant a Dispensation to allow Wellington Encampment, No. 31, of Guelph, to confer the degrees in Galt on members of the scarlet degree, to make them eligible as petitioners for a new Encampment.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COURTESIES.

Before closing my report I desire to return my warmest thanks to Grand Scribe Dawson, Grand Treasurer Beltz, and my brother officers for their support and assistance during the year. I desire also to tender my sincere thanks to all members of the Order generally, wherever I have met them, for the kind and courteous manner in which I have been received by them.

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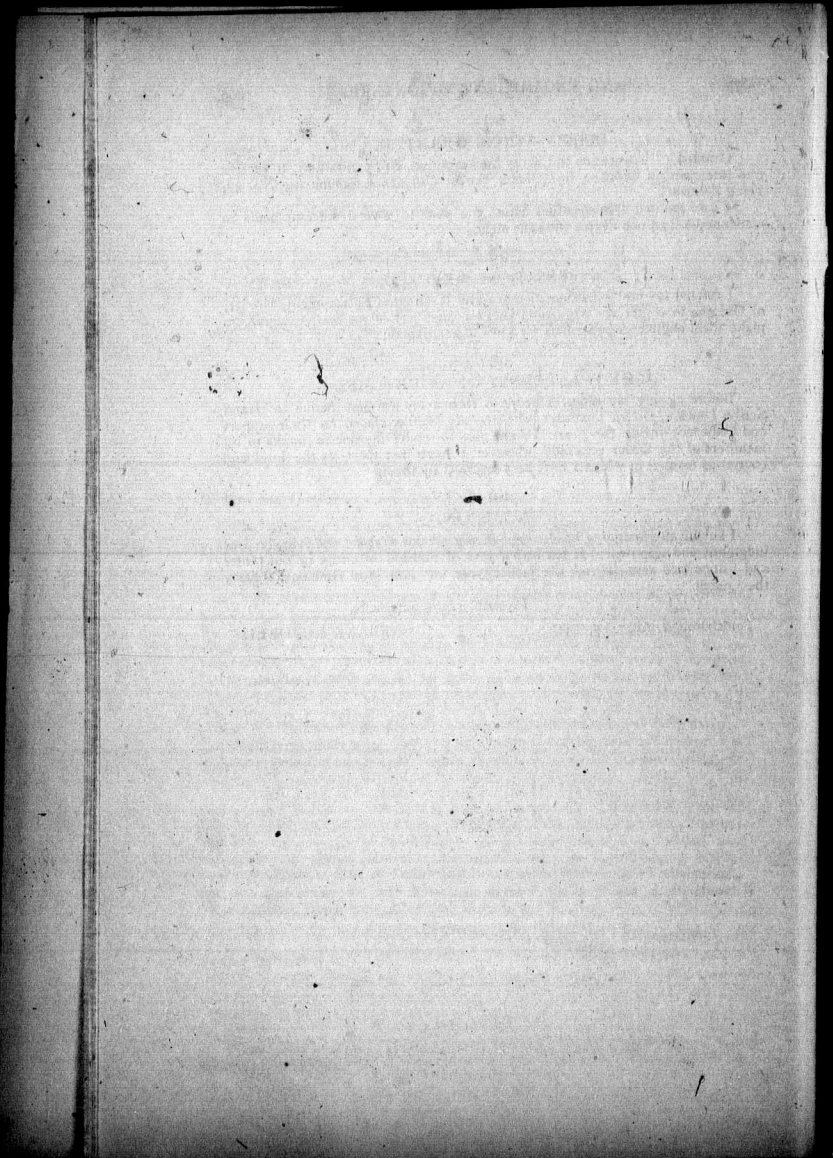
## CONCLUSION.

I submit the foregoing brief resume of my official work for the year for your judgment and approval. It has been a year of unusual prosperity in our Order and unbounded rejoicing as the jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

I remain, yours fraternally,

Peterborough, August 9, 1887.

FRANK RIDDELL.



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

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**PATRIARCHS.**—No more fitting place could have been selected than the ancient but beautiful town of Peterborough for our annual gathering. Long before the Independent Order of Odd Fellows had an existence in Ontario, an Encampment of Patriarchs had a Tent erected here and flourished for many years, but hard times came upon them, and like the red man of the forest, their fire was quenched—they went out of existence. Still the memories of the past were upon them, and when some of the old Patriarchs made an application for the erection of a new Encampment under the Independent Order, they insisted that that old and venerated name, Mount Hebron, should be given them. Their wish was complied with, and about the beginning of November, 1883, a start was made. They promised then that their progress would be "onward," and faithfully they have kept their word, for from that time to the present every single Return has reported an increase in membership and interest. We are glad to assemble and partake of their generous hospitality on the banks of the Otonabee, and take a view of the numerous lakes which are said to abound in the county of Peterborough. We know that the town has an extended fame for its hospitality, and the members of the Order for more than six months past have been moving heaven and earth to give the Representatives a welcome that they will not forget. We accept the welcome in the same generous spirit in which it is given, and trust that its pulsations may be felt throughout the whole Order.

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### STATE OF THE ORDER.

This Branch of the Order is in a prosperous condition. Never more so. Notwithstanding the croaking of chronic growlers, the little interest said to be taken, and the bad attendance in some localities, we are making steady progress, both numerically and financially. There are some weak Tents that for years past have had a very precarious existence, but in nearly every case they are in unwholesome localities or are too near other Encampments. The Charters and effects of the following Encampments should be recalled, as they are practically without an existence, viz: Peel, No. 34, Banner, No. 43, and Wildey, No. 44. Peel has not reported for two years, Banner has not made a report since June, 1884, and Wildey has sent no returns since December, 1883. Last January I received

the following letter from the Scribe of Banner, No. 43, but which was not productive of any results:

M. D. DAWSON, London.

Harriston, January 22, 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. — We intend resuscitating our Encampment again. We have ten brothers who are willing to join us. So that any day that would suit you to come we will be ready. Kindly appoint the day that would be convenient for you, or who may come and let us know.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN STEVENSON, Scribe.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Wednesday of the following week, or any day the week succeeding, and I wrote the brother to that effect. But there the matter ended, for I never heard since.

Brussels Encampment, No. 40, has not reported for a year.

Three fine Encampments have been instituted since our last annual session, all in good towns, and with the brightest prospects for a successful future, viz: Galt, No. 62, at Galt, on October 1, 1886. There were six Charter members, and twenty-three applicants balloted for and accepted. Simcoe, No. 64, Simcoe, was instituted on the evening of the 21st of October, 1886, with fourteen Charter members, and twelve new members were balloted for and accepted. I was present with the Grand Patriarch in both cases, and enjoyed very pleasant and profitable evenings. On the evening of December 22, 1886, I assisted the Grand Jr. Warden, Patriarch D. H. Moore, of Peterborough, to institute Ivy Encampment, No. 64, Cobourg. There were nine Charter members, and eight more were balloted for and received their degrees. All three Encampments have prospered since, and are all to-day represented in this Grand Encampment.

A circular letter was received from a committee of Odd-Fellows, representing twenty-seven lodges in Cincinnati, asking for any copies that could be spared of the Journal of the Grand Encampment and to continue to send from time to time the Journals of this Grand Body for the benefit of their public library. I sent what years I could spare, and without objection will place the "Public Library of Cincinnati" on our list hereafter.

As in past years I had 600 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Encampment printed and distributed in the usual way. That number appears to be ample for the present wants of the Order.

The Standing Committee on By-laws, consisting of Patriarch Cl. T. Campbell, the Grand Scribe, of London, and Patriarch Beam, of St. Marys, have carefully examined all By-laws and amendments to laws that have been submitted to us during the year. No Encampment has had to wait long in having their By-laws approved. The following Encampments have had amendments to their By-laws sanctioned during the year: Outaouais, No. 53, Ottawa; Harmony, No. 3, London, and Toronto, No. 8, Toronto. Saugeen Valley Encampment, No. 46, Walkerton, and Simcoe Encampment, No. 63, Simcoe, have had their By-laws approved.

The following figures will note the progress of the Encampments during the six months ending June 30, 1887:

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### GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO.

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Initiated.....	162
Admitted by card.....	12
Reinstated.....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>179</b>
From which deduct--	
Withdrawn by card.....	8
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	69
Deceased.....	7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Increase for the last six months.....</b>	<b>95</b>

The following is the abstract of the semi-annual returns for the year ending December 31, 1886:

REPRODUCED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO



(3) Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I.O.O.F., for the Term Ending June 30th, 1886.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Cause.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	Members on the Books.	No. of Patriarchs Relieved.	No. of Weeks for which Benefits were Paid.	Amounts Paid for Relief of Patriarchs.	Amount of Relief to Widows and Families.	Amounts Paid for Buying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amounts of Relief.	Dues to Grand Encampment.	Revenue.	Cash on hand and Invested.
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Union	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	65	1	27	27 00	0	0	0	27 00	16 25	85 80	354 56
Frontier	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	65	1	27	27 00	0	0	0	27 00	16 25	85 80	354 56
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(4) Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Encampments of Ontario, I. O. O. F., for the Term ending December 31st, 1886.

Table with columns: NAME OF ENCAMPMENT, No. Initiations, Admitted by Card, Reinstated, Resections, Withdrawn, Expelled, Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, Suspended for Cause, Deaths, Degrees Conferred, Members on the Books, No. of Patriarchs Hallowed, No. of Weeks for which Benefits were Paid, Amount Paid for Relief of Amount Patriarchs, Amount Relief to Widows and Families, Amount Paid for Buying the Dead, Special Relief, Total Amount of Relief, Dues to Grand Encampment, Revenue, Cash on Hand and Invested.

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## STATISTICS.

The following summary from the Returns will give our membership and standing on December 31, 1886. I have left out the membership of Encampments that have not reported:

Number of Members, as per last Report .....	2870
Initiated during the year ending Dec. 31, 1886 .....	342
Admitted by Card .....	63
Reinstated .....	1
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Total .....	3276
From which deduct—	
Withdrawn by Card .....	50
Suspended for non-payment of dues .....	190
Deceased .....	20
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	260
In membership, Dec. 31, 1886 .....	3016
Number of Patriarchs relieved .....	221
Number of weeks sickness for which Benefits were paid .....	1134
Amount paid for burying the dead .....	\$ 290 00
Amount of Special Relief .....	7 75
Amount paid for the Relief of Patriarchs .....	1615 34
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Total amount of Relief paid .....	\$1913 09
Invested Funds of Subordinates .....	\$27058 34
Total amount of Annual Revenue .....	9187 01

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FINANCE.

The finances of the Grand Encampment are in a very flourishing condition. The lesson, that we were taught in Ottawa, and the beneficial legislation and self-denial of the Patriarchs at that and subsequent sessions, have given us a fund to fall back upon in any emergency. All our debts are paid, our stock and supplies are in a healthy state, and after our mileage and per diem of the present session are paid, we will have to our credit a good sum.

## ASSETS.

The following statement is an exhibit of cash due, and stock on hand, 31st of December, 1886:

Amount due by Subordinates.....		758 71
19 Charters.....		
57 Copies Book of Laws, @ 30c.....	\$19 00	
12 Emblematical Charts, @ \$3 00.....	17 10	
5 Registration Books, @ \$2 50.....	36 00	
18 Receipt Books, @ \$1 75.....	12 50	
8 Draft or Order Books, @ \$2 00.....	51 50	
12 Proposition Books, @ \$3 25.....	16 00	
8 Black Books, @ \$2 00.....	39 00	
6 Roll Books, @ \$1 00.....	16 00	
7 Treasurers' Cash Books, @ \$1 00.....	6 00	
1 Return Book, @ \$1 00.....	7 00	
119 Cards @ 25c.....	1 00	
4 Encampment Charge Books, @ \$2 00.....	29 75	
1050 Notices of Arrears) @ \$1 00 per 100.....	8 00	
100 Notices of Meetings, @ \$1 00 per 100.....	10 50	
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Total.....		1,009 06

The cash receipts for the present term foot up to \$1372.91, with an expenditure of \$402.27; leaving a balance to the credit of the Grand Encampment of \$970.64.



# (7) STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED

From 1st January to the 31st December, 1886.

Name and Number of Encampments	Dues	Charters	Supplies	TOTAL
Cash on Hand.....				\$62 67
Union Encampment No. 1.....	\$48 75			43 75
Montreal " No. 1.....	31 50		84 50	39 00
Frontier " No. 2.....	56 25		8 20	64 45
Harmony " No. 3.....	63 75		4 05	67 80
Brant " No. 4.....	60 50		3 85	64 35
Charley " No. 5.....	32 50		1 00	33 50
Beaver " No. 6.....	9 25		3 60	12 85
Burlington " No. 7.....	54 25		1 50	55 75
Toronto " No. 8.....	60 00		5 84	65 84
Brook " No. 9.....	25 50			25 50
Chatham " No. 10.....	25 25		4 45	29 70
Ontario " No. 11.....	13 50			13 50
Albert " No. 12.....	17 25		2 00	19 25
Whitby " No. 13.....	7 25			7 25
Fidelity " No. 14.....	24 00			24 00
Kingston " No. 15.....	36 75		2 25	39 00
Mt. Ararat " No. 16.....	10 00		20 30	30 30
Hebron " No. 17.....	12 50			12 50
Quinte " No. 19.....	28 75			28 75
Elgin " No. 20.....	58 50			58 50
Unity " No. 21.....	25 60		1 50	27 00
Guiding Star " No. 22.....	12 25		1 75	14 00
Niagara Falls " No. 23.....	23 00		3 00	26 00
Friendship " No. 24.....	37 00			37 00
Victoria " No. 25.....	35 00		8 95	43 95
Alpha " No. 26.....	10 50			10 50
Huron " No. 28.....	28 50			28 50
Livingston " No. 29.....	16 75			16 75
Wentworth " No. 30.....	16 25			16 25
Wellington " No. 31.....	23 25			23 25
Newmarket " No. 32.....	23 50		1 00	24 50
Exeter " No. 33.....	9 50			9 50
Royal " No. 36.....	18 00		50	18 50
Dresden " No. 37.....	13 50		1 00	14 50
Adelphi " No. 38.....	51 25		4 05	55 30
Excelsior " No. 39.....	9 25			9 25
Brussels " No. 40.....	10 50		75	11 25
Dufferin " No. 41.....	7 00		3 00	10 00
Aylmer " No. 42.....	15 75			15 75
Wilday " No. 44.....			1 80	1 80
Collingwood " No. 45.....	13 00			13 00
Saugen Valley " No. 46.....	17 00			17 00
Minerva " No. 47.....	17 25		1 50	18 75
Owen Sound " No. 48.....	10 50			10 50
Samaritan " No. 49.....	11 50			11 50
Rehoboth " No. 50.....	26 75		60	27 35
Bothwell " No. 51.....	18 25			18 25
Ridgely " No. 52.....	15 75			15 75
Outsails " No. 53.....	16 25		50	16 75
Mimph " No. 54.....	22 50			22 50
Maple Leaf " No. 55.....	19 75		50	20 25
Mount Hebron " No. 56.....	19 25		3 60	22 85
Phoenix " No. 57.....	9 25			9 25
Waba " No. 58.....	21 50		1 50	23 00
Moira " No. 59.....	41 75		4 10	45 85
Central " No. 60.....	9 00	20 00	50	29 50
Amicus " No. 61.....	30 00	30 00	16 90	46 90
Galt " No. 62.....	30 00			30 00
Simcoe " No. 63.....	30 00		21 15	51 15
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## EXPENDITURE.

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Drafts Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	\$219 25	
Expenses of Drafts, Railroad Certificates, Tele-grams, Duty, Freight, &c.....	9 93	
Cash as per Pay Roll.....	557 90	
Salary Grand Scribe, 1 year to Dec. 31, 1886....	250 00	
James Smith, } Auditors.....	10 00	
E. R. Robinson, }		
R. B. Hungerford, Insurance Premium on Stock.....	3 00	
Postage Account for 1 year.....	27 39	
Reid Bros. & Co., Stationery Account.....	8 50	
James I. Anderson, Stationery Account.....	3 75	
John Mills, Stationery Account.....	75	
Grand Patriarch's Account.....	55 60	
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	18 70	
Alex. Matheson, Printing Account.....	10 00	
Fred Henry, Engrossing Charter.....	50	
Printing Account, Journal and other Supplies....	204 00	
Dec. 31. By Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands.....		\$1379 27
		301 09
Total.....		\$1680 36

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the year has been large. As the membership increases, that of necessity increases. A feeling of amity prevails throughout the jurisdiction. There are no appeals that I am aware of to ruffle the harmony that has existed in the Grand Encampment for many years. A matter of grievance has arisen in Belleville in consequence of Moira Encampment having accepted a Patriarch who had previously been an expelled member of Quinte Encampment of same place, and so reported to this Grand Body, and who has not since been reinstated. The Grand Patriarch will deal with the matter in his Report and submit the correspondence relating thereto.

As in past years, I will make quotations from correspondence received, including the present term, which will be of interest to the Order. It will also exhibit, better than mere words of mine, the substantial progress of the Encampment Branch everywhere.

J. A. Swinton, the D.D.G.P. of Union Encampment, No. 1, St. Catharines, July 12, 1887, writes:

"I am happy to inform you old Union Encampment, No. 1, is in a very healthy condition, financially and otherwise. Every member is paid up to date, with the exception of three, who are only three months in arrears. Not bad."

James Sweeney, the D.D.G.P. of Montreal Encampment, No. 2, Montreal, July 19th, writes:

"You will note that there has only been an actual increase of three members the past term. Not as many as we would have liked, still we are doing as well as we could expect to do in such a mixed community as there is in this city. Our meetings are fairly well attended, and on the whole, we are quite satisfied."

J. G. Sigley, the D.D.G.P. of Newmarket Encampment, No. 32, Newmarket, July 16th, writes:

"Encampment matters here all serene, as you will see by the returns. We

have had three of an addition, and start the new term with three more new names, and others to follow. Peace and good will dwells within our Tent."

P. Johnston, the D.D.G.P. of Maple Leaf Encampment, No. 55, Woodstock, and Amicus Encampment, No. 61, of Norwich, writes 16th of July:

"We are not complimenting ourselves upon the volume of business transacted the past term, but are assured that the term just opened will show a marked improvement on the last. I had the pleasure of a visit to Amicus Encampment, No. 61, Norwich, a day or two since, for the purpose of installing their officers for the term, and find it in a healthy and vigorous condition, with the brightest of prospects."

Thos. Beeson, the D.D.G.P. of Outaouais Encampment, No. 53, Ottawa, July 25th, writes:

"You will observe we have made the greatest progress this term of any since we have been an Encampment. Of course our rapid increase has been through the starting of a Canton, which has so completely taken hold of our young members that I fully believe this term, upon which we have now entered, will excel the last. Our meetings are well attended, and we have all the work we can possibly get through. I am pleased to state also, that our new set of officers are of the same stamp as our last, and, therefore, we will be able for any emergency."

George E. Wilson, the D.D.G.P. of Burlington and Royal Encampments, of Hamilton, in transmitting his report, writes, July 14, 1887:

"In submitting this report, I might state that while the Encampment branch of the Order here is not making any very rapid strides, still we are gaining slow and solid. We have made a net gain of three members this term and prospects good for the future. Canton, No. 4, Hamilton, is going ahead very nicely and everything in the Encampment Branch is working very harmoniously."

Albert Sheldrick, the D.D.G.P. of Chatham Encampment, No. 10, Chatham, writes, July 8, 1887:

"The past term has been the most marked one in prosperity that our Encampment has ever experienced. By a reference to the Report you will notice that we have added twelve new members to our list, conferred twenty-two degrees, and added considerably over \$100 to our cash assets. One of our P.C.P's has been sick continuously through the term. He is residing in Hamilton and is receiving the especial care of the Patriarchs of that city. It might be of interest and use to account for the success of the past. I am persuaded that it arises from the fact that our officers have paid extra care and attention to the preparation of the lectures and charges, and general working of the Encampment. All credit is due to them. I believe I am safe in asserting that the floor work of our Encampment is not surpassed in the jurisdiction."

It is to be regretted that the D.D.G.P's or Scribes from other very prosperous Encampments have not sent in similar reports. From the returns I notice that Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor; Elgin, No. 20, St. Thomas; Friendship, No. 24, Petrolia; Excelsior, No. 39, Ridgetown; Mount Hebron, No. 56, Peterborough; Phoenix, No. 57, Wallaceburg; and Moira, No. 59, Belleville, have made very large accessions to their numbers during the past year. Elgin, No. 20, St. Thomas, has at last gained the summit of her ambition, passing all competitors. It is now the banner Encampment in the jurisdiction, leaving Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, and Toronto Encampment, No. 8, Toronto, struggling for second place.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs and Scribes for their punctuality and promptness. In some few localities I have had great difficulty in getting in returns, and in a few instances entirely failed in getting answers to my communications. The promptness and energy of the

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Grand Patriarch in the exercise of his executive ability has been to me a source of strength. His generous assistance and courtesy during the year was worthy of a large heart. He shirked no duty and has the satisfaction of having had a most successful year. I regret that my Report is not more complete, but its entire preparation has been done in a sick room and in very feeble health. I therefore ask the kind consideration of the Patriarchs.

Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,  
GRAND SCRIBE.

London, Ont., August 9, 1887.



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## REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

*In Acct. with the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F.*

PATRIARCHS,—

Having been elected Grand Treasurer at the last Grand Encampment, held in August, and as the Financial year closes on the 31st of December in each year, I have much pleasure in submitting the Receipts and Expenditures during that period.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
August 24	To Cash from Grand Scribe..... \$200 00	August 24	By Order No. 1..... \$ 3 75
October 8.	" " " "..... 150 00	Sept. 15.	" " 2..... 3 00
Dec. 18.	" " " "..... 261 13	Oct. 23.	" " 3..... 27 25
		Nov. 1.	" " 4..... 2 00
		Nov. 15.	" " 5..... 134 75
		Dec. 19.	" " 6..... 14 29
		Dec. 31.	" " 7..... 125 00
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The following question was submitted by Representative F. M. Clarke, of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, Belleville, and asked to be decided on a point of order:

Question by Representative F. M. Clarke, Quinte Encampment, No. 19—  
"Moira Encampment, No. 59, has five (5) Past Chief Patriarchs qualified to serve as Representatives, viz., A. Bates, L. Pascoe, W. Moorman, J. Newton and J. P. Stanton, and have appointed a member of a Toronto Encampment as one of their Representatives. Is such action legal, and in harmony with Sec. 5 of Constitution, and more especially as their first-elected Representative, who resigned, is now in this room?"

The Grand Patriarch decided the point of order well taken, if Moira Encampment, No. 59, had properly qualified P.C. Patriarch members of their own Encampment.

On motion, the question was referred to the Committee on Credentials to take evidence and report this afternoon.

Henry Robertson, Representative of Collingwood Encampment, No. 45, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the election of officers for this Grand Encampment be the first order of business at 3 o'clock p.m. to-day."

HENRY ROBERTSON,  
F. RAE.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, NO. 1.

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the certificates of P.C.P., W. J. Livingstone, of Kingston Encampment, No. 15, and D. J. Boughner, of Elgin Encampment, No. 20, and find them correct.

T. P. BLACKWELL,  
C. W. KING,  
B. W. WILLSON,  
WM. RUDD,  
H. D. WETTLAUER.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Past Grand Patriarch Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted:

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9, 1887.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment:*

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Representatives, beg leave to report as follows:

#### GRAND PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

Clause 1 to Committee on Petitions; Clauses 2, 3 and 4 to Committee on State of the Order; Clause 5 to Committee on Correspondence; Clause 7 to Committee on Judiciary; that part of page 2, in relation to By-Laws, be referred to Committee on By-Laws; Clause 8 to Committee on Appeals and Grievances; and the remainder of the Report to the Committee on State of the Order.



## GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

Clause 2 to Committee on State of the Order, except that portion on page 672, which refers to new Encampments, which is referred to Committee on Petitions; Clauses 3, 4 and 5 to Committee on State of the Order; Clauses 6, 7 and 8 to the Committee on Finance; Clause 9 to Committee on Correspondence; the whole of the Grand Treasurer's Report to Committee on Finance; the whole of the Grand Representatives' Report to the Committee on State of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be adopted.

JOSEPH OLIVER,  
GEORGE ROSS,  
JOHN REID,  
THEO. PARNELL,  
WILLIAM FLETCHER.

Representative James Woodyatt, of Brant Encampment, No. 4, Brantford, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the Roll of Encampments be now called for the admission of any new business to the Grand Encampment."

JAS. WOODYATT,  
JOHN DONOGH.

The Roll was accordingly called by the Grand Scribe, but no questions or new business was submitted.

Past Grand Patriarch John Donogh presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the consideration of amendments to the Constitution be the first order of business after election of officers this afternoon."

JOHN DONOGH,  
JAS. WOODYATT.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

The Report of the Auditors was submitted as follows and adopted:

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9, 1887.

*To the Grand Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

SIR AND BROTHERS,—By direction of the Grand Patriarch, we, the undersigned, have examined the books and vouchers of both the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and have pleasure to report that we have found them correct in all their particulars. They show a very considerable increase both in membership and finances, as will be observed by the elaborate report of our Worthy Grand Scribe.

With much respect, we remain yours very fraternally, &c.,

JAMES SMITH,  
E. R. ROBINSON, } *Auditors.*

On motion, the Grand Encampment took recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Encampment resumed at 2 o'clock p.m., Grand Patriarch Frank Riddell presiding.

Present :—All the Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in due form.

The Deputy Grand Sire, Jno. C. Underwood, of Kentucky, was reported in waiting to visit this Grand Encampment, and was received with the honors of the Order and welcomed by the Grand Patriarch.

The distinguished brother made a very inspiring address in response.

The following petition was presented to the Grand Encampment, and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 6, 1887.

To the Grand Patriarch and Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Ontario :

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN,—We, the undersigned members of the Third Degree of the I. O. O. F. in good standing in Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, humbly pray that your Grand Body may grant permission to your petitioners to establish and work an Encampment in the Town of Peterborough, to be named \_\_\_\_\_, fully believing that it will be to the best interests of the higher degrees of Odd Fellowship, and of the Order in general in this section. And your petitioners further pray that they may be allowed permission to take these higher Degrees (those whom it may be necessary to have for Charter Members) in Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, Lindsay.

And we, your petitioners, will ever pray, &c.

- THOS. ARMSTRONG.....Otonabee, No. 13
- JNO. NUGENT....." "
- JOHN H. WEBBER....." "
- RICHARD CALVERT....." "
- ROBERT ROWE, Treasurer....." "
- W. H. BUTLER....." "
- H. QUIRK....." "
- W. BUNTON....." "
- G. C. CLARK....." "
- M. MOWRY....." "
- WM. M. MUNRO....." "
- G. LEVINGSTON....." "
- JOHNSON GREER....." "
- G. J. EARLY....." "
- M. WRIGHT....." "
- W. F. GREEN....." "
- H. DUNDAS....." "
- ALEX. RUTHERFORD....." "
- D. CAMERON....." "
- C. G. HUFFMAN....." "
- CARL L. SMART....." "
- THOS. H. REHILL....." "
- ADAM KERNEGHAN....." "
- J. F. PERCHARD....." "
- JAS. A. MCGILL....." "
- WALTER J. PATERSON....." "
- CHAS. H. HUFFMAN....." "

F. C. SPRINGER .....	Otonabee, No. 31
C. T. HOPWOOD .....	" "
JAS. A. ELLIS .....	Reliance, No. 89, Guelph
C. PORTER .....	Peterborough
W. H. BOWMAN .....	Otonabee, No. 13
FRANK TYLER .....	" "
R. MCKAY .....	" "
N. M. GREEN .....	" "
W. C. DOWNER .....	" "
JOSEPH RODMAN .....	" "
H. O. FISK .....	" "
CHAS. RUSSELL .....	" "
W. H. GORDON .....	" "
THOS. C. GRIM .....	" "
G. W. DAWSON .....	" "

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

##### No. 2.

Representative T. P. Blackwell, from Committee on Credentials, presented the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted:

##### *To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the Credentials of P. C. P. Clegg, Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56; P. C. P. A. McFarline, Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 56; P. C. P. J. D. Doig, Montreal Encampment, No. 1; P. C. P. G. A. Carson, Whitby Encampment, No. 13; P. C. P. J. R. Thompson, Frontier Encampment, No. 2; P. C. P. J. P. Webster, Unity Encampment, No. 21; P. C. P. J. W. Macabe, Royal Encampment, No. 36; P. C. P. G. R. Ferguson, Adelphian Encampment, No. 38; P. C. P. Jas. Moorman, Moira Encampment, No. 59, and find them entitled to seats in this Grand Encampment.

(Signed) T. P. BLACKWELL,  
E. W. KING,  
B. W. WILLSON,  
WM. RUDD,  
H. D. WETTLAUER.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Past Grand Patriarch, Thos. Woodyatt, Chairman of Committee on Laws, presented the following report, which was adopted:

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9, 1887.

##### *To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

Your Committee on By-laws having examined the report of the Grand Scribe in reference to the action of the Standing Committee on By-laws, recommend that their report be confirmed by sanctioning the amendments submitted during the recess by the following: Outaouais, No. 53; Harmony, No. 3, and Toronto, No. 8; and that the By-laws of Saugeen Valley, No. 46, and Simcoe, No. 63, be approved.

We have also examined the By-laws submitted at this Session by Central Encampment No. 60, and recommend that the same, with the amendments noted, be approved. This Encampment filed only one copy of their By-laws. They should have sent in two copies duly certified.

THOS. WOODYATT,  
THOS. BEESON,  
GEO. BAIDEN,  
A. Y. KENDALL,  
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Representative Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :* PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9, 1887.

We, your Committee on Judiciary, beg to report as follows :

That we have carefully examined all the questions and decisions of the Grand Patriarch as contained in paragraph 7 of this report, and we recommend that the same be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HY. ROBERTSON,  
R. S. McDONALD,  
ALFRED DENNIS,  
D. T. HIND.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

T. P. Blackwell, Chairman of Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I.O.O.F. :*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following special report :

That we find that Moira Encampment, No. 59, were justified in their action in electing a Representative from another Encampment to act in that capacity ; the P. C. P.'s of their Encampment were unable to fill the position upon evidence of P. C. P. Bates, and confirmed by P. C. P. Pascoe ; P. C. P. Pontin being in New York, U.S. ; P. C. P. Wareham being in Minneapolis, P. C. P. Newton being sick, P. C. P. Stanton being on duty on Midland R. R., elected and resigned ; P. C. P. Pascoe could not act, P. C. P. Moorman could not act, P. C. P. Bates elected and present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. P. BLACKWELL,  
B. W. WILLSON,  
H. D. WETTLAUFER,  
WM. RUDD,  
E. W. KING.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Past Grand Patriarch W. H. Cole, Chairman of Committee on Returns presented the following report, which was adopted :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F. :*

Your Committee on Returns beg to submit the following report :

We have examined the returns of the Subordinate Encampments submitted to us for the terms ending 31st December, 1886, and June 30th, 1887, and find them as follows :

	Dec. 31st, '86.	June 30th, '87.
Montreal, No. 1.....	Correct.....	Correct
Union, No. 1, St. Catharines.....	".....	"
Windsor, No. 2.....	".....	No seal

	Dec. 31st, '86.	June 30th, '87
London, No. 3	"	Correct
Brantford, No. 4	"	"
Charity, No. 5, Stratford	"	"
Beaver, No. 6, St. Marys	"	Should be 14 instead of 13
Burlington, No. 7, Hamilton	"	Correct
Toronto, No. 8	"	"
Brockville, No. 9	"	"
Chatham, No. 10	"	"
Ontario, No. 11, Oshawa	"	"
Albert, No. 12, Bowmanville	"	"
Whitby, No. 13	"	Error in last report in number of membership
Fidelity, No. 14, Strathroy	"	Correct
Kingston, No. 15	"	"
Napanee, No. 16	"	"
Parkhill, No. 17	"	"
Quinte, No. 19, Belleville	No seal	"
Elgin, No. 20, St. Thomas	Correct	"
Ingersoll, No. 21	"	"
Guiding Star, No. 22	"	"
Niagara Falls, No. 23	"	"
Petrolia, No. 24	"	Should be 79 in place of 78
Victoria, No. 25	"	Correct
Alpha, No. 26	"	"
Goderich, No. 28	"	Should be 62 in place of 61
Livingstone, No. 29	"	Correct
Wentworth, No. 30	"	"
Wellington, No. 31	"	"
Newmarket, No. 32	"	"
Exeter, No. 33	"	"
Royal, No. 36	"	"
Dresden, No. 37	"	"
Adelphian, No. 38	"	"
Excelsior, No. 39	Had no seal	"
Brussels, No. 40	No report	No report
Dufferin, No. 41	Not signed by Officers	No report
Aylmer, No. 42	Correct	Correct
Collingwood, No. 45	"	"
Saugeen Valley, No. 46	"	No seal
Minerva, No. 47	"	Correct
Owen Sound, No. 48	No report	Not properly filled out
Samaritan, No. 49	Correct	Correct
Rehoboth, No. 50	"	"
Bothwell, No. 51	Have no seal	Have no seal
Ridgely, No. 52	Correct	Correct
Outaouais, No. 53	"	"
Mizpah, No. 54	"	"
Maple Leaf, No. 55	"	"
Mt. Hebron, No. 56	"	Not properly filled, otherwise correct
Phoenix, No. 57	"	Correct
Waba, No. 58	"	"
Moirs, No. 59	"	"
Central, No. 60	No seal	"
Amicus, No. 61	Correct	"
Galt, No. 62	"	"
Simcoe, No. 63	"	"
Ivy, No. 64	—	No seal yet

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Your Committee regret that so many of the reports are incorrect, and that the Officers whose duty it is to compile them should continue such a careless habit.

We have examined the abstract of returns in the Grand Scribe's report, and find them correct.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. H. COLE,  
FRED. DOGGETT,  
W. R. HICKEY.

Bound copies of the Constitution and By-laws of Galt Encampment, No. 62, Galt, were handed in.

Past Grand Patriarch, Thos. Woodyatt, moved, seconded by Representative Kendall, That the By-laws of Galt Encampment, No. 62, now submitted, be referred to the Standing Committee on Laws for examination and approval.

The motion was adopted.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed for the Special Order of Business, Nomination and Election of Officers having arrived, was proceeded with with the following result :

Past Grand Patriarchs Jno. Donogh, E. R. Robinson and Jno. Welsh were appointed scrutineers.

JOHN SINCLAIR, Petrolia .....	Grand Patriarch.
ABNER FRASER, Hamilton .....	Grand High Priest.
JNO. T. HORNIBROOK, Toronto .....	Grand Senior Warden.
M. D. DAWSON, London .....	Grand Scribe.
EDMUND BELTZ, London .....	Grand Treasurer.
JOS. OLIVER, Toronto .....	Grand Representative to the Sov. Grand Lodge.
JNO. A. MACDONALD, Arnprior .....	Grand Junior Warden.

Representatives A. C. Size, of Unity No. 21, Ingersoll, and J. J. Reed, of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal, asked leave to be absent from any further session of this Grand Encampment after the present session.

On motion leave was granted.

Past Grand Patriarch, Jno. Gibson, presented the following motion, which was adopted :

"That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be presented to the Scrutineers for their faithful services during the Election of Officers."

JNO. GIBSON,  
W. G. HAPPER.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION OF 1886.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Welsh, in accordance with his notice of motion, duly given, presented the following notices of motion for adoption :

To strike out of Clause 7, Constitution of Grand Encampment, all after the word "Encampment" in the fourth line, and after the word "Degree" in the third line add the word "and," so that the Clause shall read :

"Every Past Chief Patriarch in good standing, on presenting a proper certificate from his Encampment, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree, and to attend the session of the Grand Encampment."

Also add to Clause 31,

On "Election Returns."—

Strike out Clauses 11, 12, 13, 26, and substitute the following :

"The Elective Officers of the Grand Encampment shall be nominated in this Grand Encampment at each annual session, and shall be elected by the Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing voting in their several subordinate Encampments, as shall be hereinafter provided by By-laws."

BY-LAW.

1st. The nomination for the elective Officers of this Grand Encampment shall take place on the last day of the annual session, and from among the Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing.

2nd. The Grand Scribe shall transmit to each Past Chief Patriarch nominated a notice of his nomination on or before the 1st day of January following, requesting his acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the 1st day of February. The Grand Scribe shall not later than the first day of March transmit to the several Encampments in the jurisdiction the names of all the nominees who have accepted the nomination, stating the several offices for which they were nominated, provided that no Past Chief Patriarch can accept or be a candidate for more than one office at the same time.

3rd. At the last regular meetings of the subordinates, in March, the Past Chief Patriarchs present in the Encampments who are in good standing, shall in open Encampment proceed to vote by ballot for Grand Officers, on printed ballot papers to be supplied by the Grand Scribe. The Chief Patriarch and Scribe shall immediately count the vote and announce the result to the Encampment. They shall also make a record of the same on a printed slip, together with the names of the Past Chief Patriarchs voting, sign the same and affix the seal of the Encampment, and immediately transmit the same by mail in a sealed envelope to the Grand Scribe, marked "Election Returns for Grand Encampment officers from ——— Encampment, No. ———."

4th. The Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe shall on the first Wednesday in May open the election returns and proceed to count the votes recorded for the Grand Officers, and affix their signatures to the result. The Grand Scribe shall immediately notify the candidates having the highest number of votes of the result of the ballot.

The election returns from the several subordinates, together with the tally sheet of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, shall be delivered to the Grand Encampment at the next session thereafter.

5th. A Committee on Election of Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Patriarch at the same time that the Standing Committees are appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine the ballots, and report to the Grand Encampment if any errors have occurred or any corrections are to be made; and when found satisfactory, the Grand Patriarch shall declare the candidates who have received the highest number of votes duly elected to the several positions for which they were nominated, provided always that this Grand Encampment shall

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have power by a majority vote to correct any error that may have occurred in the ballots.

6th. Should any elective officer fail to be present at the proper time for installation, or should there be a tie vote, the office shall be declared vacant, and shall at once be filled by nomination and election, and only duly qualified Representatives and elective Grand Officers shall be entitled to vote. Should two or more candidates be nominated for the same office, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on proceeding to each succeeding ballot.

7th. Provided always that should an elective officer be absent by reason of sickness or disability he may be excused by a majority of the Representatives present, and shall be installed during the recess by the Grand Patriarch. Should only one candidate be nominated for any office, he shall be declared duly elected by acclamation.

Past Grand Patriarch Welsh moved to strike out Clauses 11, 12, 13 and 26 of the Constitution, so as to test the principle of the change. Representative J. W. Cunningham seconded the resolution.

The vote stood twenty-seven for the change, and thirty against. It was therefore declared lost.

Representative Wettlaufer, from Saugeen Valley Encampment, No. 46, Walkerton, in accordance with his notice of motion of last year, presented the following:

To change or amend Sec. 34 of the Grand Encampment Constitution, by making the sessions of this Grand Encampment biennial instead of annual.

The motion stood four for, and twenty-five against. The Grand Patriarch declared the proposed amendment lost.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Patriarch, John Gibson, Chairman of Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, presented the following report from his Committee, which was adopted:

PETERBOROUGH, August 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario:*

1st. We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, having carefully considered the Petition from forty-two Scarlet members of Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterborough, respectfully report that in our opinion it is not in our power to grant said petition, but would recommend the petitioners, or a sufficient number of them, to attain the Royal Purple degree, and then apply to the Grand Patriarch for Dispensation.

2nd. We have carefully examined the correspondence of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, and find them properly indexed and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON,  
SAML. LAW,  
JOSEPH QUICK,  
ISAAC MCNIVEN.

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

Past Grand Patriarch, E. R. Robinson, Chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, having carefully examined the distance travelled by the Representatives, recommend that Representatives, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers, serving on Committees, be paid at the rate of five cents per mile one way, and three dollars per diem for their attendance at this session of the Grand Encampment, but that those Representatives and Grand Officers who represent subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, be paid per diem only.

E. R. ROBINSON,  
THOMAS COLBY,  
G. E. CHAMBERLAIN,  
J. M. REYNETT,  
GEO. M. ANDERSON.

Grand Representative Oliver presented the following Resolution, which was adopted :

“ That the first order of business at this evening's session be the Exemplification of the secret work.”

JOS. OLIVER,  
A. MCGREGOR.

Representative Reed of the Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal, presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

“ That a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what would be the probable cost for this Grand Encampment to hold its annual session in the City of Montreal, and to report at the next session of this Grand Body.”

J. J. REED,  
JOS. OLIVER.

In accordance with the foregoing the Grand Patriarch appointed the following Committee:—Grand Representative Oliver, Grand Scribe M. D. Dawson, and Representative J. J. Reed.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :* PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

Your Mileage and Per Diem Committee find that the members of the Grand Encampment are entitled to be paid as per following statement.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ROBINSON,  
THOMAS COLBY,  
G. E. CHAMBERLAIN,  
J. M. REYNETT,  
GEO. M. ANDERSON.

Representative Colby, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted :



TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Montreal	1	Montreal	299	\$14 95	\$3 00	\$17 95	John J. Reed
Union	1	St. Catharines	153	7 65	3 00	10 65	Theo. Farnell
Frontier	2	Windsor	308	15 40	3 00	18 40	R. S. McDonald
"	"	"	308	15 40	3 00	18 40	Geo. E. Chamberlain
Harmony	3	London	188	9 40	3 00	12 40	Geo. Mortimore
"	"	"	188	9 40	3 00	12 40	John G. Watson
Brant	4	"	....	....	3 00	3 00	James Woodruff
Charity	5	Brantford	....	....	3 00	3 00	John M. Reynett
Beaver	6	Stratford	181	9 05	3 00	12 05	John Reid
Burlington	7	St. Marys	121	6 05	3 00	9 05	Geo. Ross
"	"	Hamilton	121	6 05	3 00	9 05	P. McCandlish
Toronto	8	"	82	4 10	3 00	7 10	Thomas Colby
"	"	Toronto	82	4 10	3 00	7 10	Archibald McGregor
Brock	9	Brockville	161	8 05	3 00	11 05	A. J. Kendall
Chatham	10	Chatham	263	13 15	3 00	16 15	James Moore
Ontario	11	Oshawa	61	3 05	3 00	6 05	Francis Rae
Albert	12	Bowmanville	51	2 55	3 00	5 55	George Beiden
Whitby	13	Whitby	66	3 30	3 00	6 30	George Alva Carson
Fidelity	14	Strathroy	208	10 40	3 00	13 40	Herb. Urquhart
Kingston	15	"	127	6 35	3 00	9 35	W. Saunders
Mt. Ararat	16	Napanee	88	4 40	3 00	7 40	William Blewett
Hebron	17	Parkhill	211	10 55	3 00	13 55	William Fletcher
Quinte	19	Bellefleur	66	3 30	3 00	6 30	F. M. Clarke
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	194	9 70	3 00	12 70	Fred. Doggett
"	"	"	194	9 70	3 00	12 70	Peter Brown
Unity	21	Ingersoll	179	8 05	3 00	11 05	A. C. Sizé
Guiding Star	22	Lindsay	123	1 15	3 00	4 15	Peter McSweny
Niagara Falls	23	Niagara Falls	164	8 20	3 00	11 20	Issac McIniven
Friendship	24	Petrolia	249	12 45	3 00	15 45	W. M. Lowery

Victoria	25	Port Hope	31	\$1 55	\$3 00	\$ 4 55	Geo. Reading
Alpha	26	Sarnia	250	12 50	3 00	15 50	James Skeoch
Huron	28	Godrich	155	10 80	3 00	13 80	John W. Smith
Livingstone	29	Thorold	177	....	....	....	William Williams
Westworth	30	Dundas	....	....	....	....	William Williams

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Gunning Star	23	Lindsay	24	Port Hope	25	Victoria	31	Geo. Reading	\$ 4 55	3 00	1 15	Peter McSweyn
Niagara Falls	22	Niagara Falls	164	Samia	26	Alpha	250	James Skeoch	15 50	3 00	8 20	Isaac McNiven
Friendship	24	Petrolia	249	Goderich	28	Huron	155	John W. Smith	13 80	3 00	12 45	W. M. Lowery
				Thorold	29	Livingstone		William Williams	...	3 00		
				Dundas	30	Wentworth		John R. Hoyte	10 75	3 00		
				Guelph	31	Wellington	127	Samuel Law	9 50	3 00		
				Newmarket	32	Newmarket	130	W. D. Lawrie	8 85	3 00		
				Exeter	33	Exeter	117	Henry Lambrook	13 55	3 00		
				Hamilton	35	Royal	211	G. E. Wilson	9 05	3 00		
				Dresden	36	Dresden	121	William Rudd	16 75	3 00		
				Adelphian	37	Adelphian	275	T. P. Blackwell	12 40	3 00		
				London	38	London	188	Geo. Munroe Anderson	12 40	3 00		
				Excelsior	"	Excelsior	188	B. W. Willson	15 30	3 00		
				Ridgetown	39	Ridgetown	246	D. H. Price	12 80	3 00		
				Aylmer	42	Aylmer	106	Henry Robertson	11 95	3 00		
				Collingwood	45	Collingwood	179	H. D. Wetlaufer	13 00	3 00		
				Sauguen Valley	46	Sauguen Valley	200	W. J. Young	13 40	3 00		
				Minerva	47	Minerva	208	A. E. L. Malone	10 25	3 00		
				Owen Sound	48	Owen Sound	...	George S. Zeitler	7 10	3 00		
				Samaritan	49	Samaritan	...	George C. Thompson	14 50	3 00		
				Rehoboth	50	Rehoboth	145	W. R. Hickey	14 50	3 00		
				Bothwell	51	Bothwell	82	J. B. McMicken	11 95	3 00		
				Ridgely	52	Ridgely	230	N. S. Tarr	11 95	3 00		
				Outsounis	53	Outsounis	...	E. W. King	11 05	3 00		
				Mirzapah	54	Mirzapah	179	Joseph Quick	11 05	3 00		
				Maple Leaf	54	Maple Leaf	...	Thos. D. Workman	17 00	3 00		
				St. Helron	55	St. Helron	161	F. W. Robinson	17 00	3 00		
				Phenix	56	Phenix	...	A. D. Campbell	11 65	3 00		
				Waba	57	Waba	280	A. Bates	6 30	3 00		
				Motin	58	Motin	173	W. G. Happer	6 30	3 00		
				Belleville	59	Belleville	66	Frank Balfour	17 85	3 00		
				Essex Centre	"	Essex Centre	66	J. Holton Robinson	3 00	3 00		
				Norwich	60	Norwich	297	Alfred Dennis	11 15	3 00		
				Galt	61	Galt	...	D. Hind	4 90	3 00		
				Galt	62	Galt	130	J. W. Cunningham	4 90	3 00		
				Simcoe	63	Simcoe	163			3 00		
				Simcoe	63	Simcoe	163			3 00		
				Ivy	64	Ivy	38			3 00		

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No.	PLACE.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	GRAND OFFICERS.
Adelphian	38	London	188	\$ 9 40	\$3 00	\$12 40	Frank Riddell
Friendship	24	Petrolia	249	12 45	3 00	15 45	John Sinclair
Royal	36	Hamilton	121	6 05	3 00	9 05	Alber Fraser
Hasty	3	London	188	9 40	3 00	12 40	M. D. Dawson
Adelphian	38	"	188	9 40	3 00	12 40	Edmund Bellz
Rehoboth	50	Toronto	171	8 55	3 00	11 55	Jos. Oliver
Charity	5	Stratford	173	8 65	3 00	11 65	John Walsh
Mount Hebron	56	Peterborough	173	8 65	3 00	11 65	D. H. Moore
Waba	58	Armprior	194	9 70	3 00	12 70	John A. Macdonald
Elgin	20	St. Thomas	194	9 70	3 00	12 70	W. Wright
Mimerva	47	Wingham	208	10 40	3 00	13 40	W. Robinson
	4	Brantford	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	PAST GRAND PATRIARCHIS
	9	Brookville	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	Thomas Woodyatt
	6	Stratford	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	W. H. Cole
	38	London	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	J. Gibson
	1	St. Catharines	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	E. K. Robinson
	50	Toronto	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	A. Purvis
		Peterborough	300	3 00	3 00	3 00	J. Donogh
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## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Representative F. Rae, Chairman of Committee on Finance, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

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

Your Committee on Finance would most respectfully submit the following report :

1. We find the Receipts for the financial year from January 1st to December 31st, 1886, to be as follows :

To cash on hand at beginning of the year .....	\$ 62 67
Receipts during the year .....	1,617 79

Total .....

Total Expenditure during the year .....	\$1,680 36
Leaving a balance on hand of .....	1,379 27

Leaving a balance on hand of .....	301 09
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2. Your Committee find the Receipts and Expenditure for a portion of the financial year 1887, up to August 8th, as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from 1886 .....	\$ 301 09
Cash received to date .....	1,372 91

Total .....

Expenditure during 1887 to date .....	\$1,674 00
Leaving a balance on hand of .....	402 27

Leaving a balance on hand of .....	\$1,271 73
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3. Your Committee have had submitted to them the following accounts, and would recommend payment :

Grand Patriarch F. Riddell, for telegrams, postage and other expenses .....	\$ 9 52
A. Talbot & Co., printing, &c. ....	13 50
Peterborough Printing Co., for printing .....	3 50
Total .....	\$26 52

4. In view of the constantly-increasing labors devolving on our Grand Scribe, your Committee would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars per annum be added to his salary, the increase to commence with the present financial year.

5. Your Committee learn with regret from the Grand Scribe that Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 16, of Napanee, have had their Charter destroyed by fire, and your Committee would recommend that a new one be furnished free of cost.

6. Your Committee have much pleasure in being able to congratulate this Grand Encampment on the continued increase in the membership and on the improved financial condition.

FRANCIS RAE,  
W. D. LAWRIE,  
JOHN J. REED,  
A. C. SIZE,  
A. MCGREGOR.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Past Grand Patriarch James Woodyatt, Chairman of Committee on Appeals, presented the following report from his committee, which was adopted :

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the charge of Quinte Encampment, No. 19, against Moira Encampment, No. 59, which read as follows :—

“Quinte Encampment, No. 19, I.O.O.F., acting and working under a valid Charter of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, hereby charges Moira Encampment, No. 59, and the members thereof, with violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order by receiving into their Encampment, on the 28th day of Sept., 1886, Brother Allan McFee, knowing him to be expelled from this Branch of the Order, and pray that investigation be made and such action taken as will correct the irregularity and violation of law complained of,” beg to submit the following report :—

Having heard the statements made by the representatives of the two Encampments, and examined carefully all the documentary evidence offered, we find the record of the case to be as follows :—

On July 14, 1880, Patriarch Allan McFee, a member of the Quinte Encampment, No. 19, was granted a withdrawal card by that Encampment.

On September 8, 1880, a motion, of which due notice had been given, was adopted in Quinte Encampment annulling the withdrawal card granted to Patriarch Allan McFee on July 14, 1880, and at the same meeting a charge of conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow was preferred against Patriarch Allan McFee, and referred to a Committee on Trial.

On November 24, 1880, the Committee on Trial reported in Quinte Encampment that notices of the charge and trial had been properly served on Patriarch McFee, and he having failed to answer the charge, either in person or by counsel, was adjudged guilty of contempt. The report was adopted, and on December 8, 1880, a motion to expel Patriarch McFee was adopted, and he was formally notified of his expulsion.

The expulsion of Patriarch McFee was reported to the Grand Encampment, and appears on record in the Journal of the Session of 1881.

Moira Encampment, No. 59, was instituted in Belleville, October 16, 1884, and on December 22, 1885, a communication was sent to Quinte Encampment by Moira Encampment, asking that the withdrawal card of Patriarch McFee be made good.

And on August 25, 1886, another communication was sent to Quinte Encampment by Moira Encampment, asking that the latter Encampment be permitted to receive Patriarch McFee into membership. To this latter communication Quinte Encampment replied September 11, 1886, that no action could be taken, other than that provided for in Sec. 722, Digest S.G.L.

On September 28, 1886, Patriarch McFee was admitted into Moira Encampment, No. 59.

Upon this action of Moira Encampment the present charge against that Encampment is based.

It is claimed by Moira Encampment that not having received notice of the annulment of Patriarch McFee's card they were justified in admitting that Patriarch to membership.

There can be no doubt of the right of Quinte Encampment to annul the withdrawal card in question, nor of its right to place Patriarch McFee on trial for charges preferred while he was the holder of said card.

Patriarch McFee admits having received notice of his expulsion for contempt, and has now appealed against that action on the part of Quinte Encampment, and his expulsion is on record in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

It is clear, therefore, that Moira Encampment acted illegally in receiving



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Patriarch McFee into membership, and your committee recommend that Moira Encampment be instructed to erase the name of Allan McFee from its roll of membership, and so leave him to his position as an expelled member.

JAMES WOODYATT,  
GEO. MORTIMORE,  
ADAM PURVES,  
JOHN WELSH,  
JOHN DONOGH.

Moved by Grand Representative Oliver, seconded by Past Grand Patriarch Donogh, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to try to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty between Quinte and Moira Encampments in the case of Allan McFee.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following special committee ordered by Resolution of Grand Representative Oliver: W. H. Cole, Brockville; Jno. A. Macdonald, Arthor, and Wm. Saunders, Kingston.

The Grand Encampment took recess at 6 o'clock, to re-assemble at 7.30.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Patriarch, Frank Riddell, presiding.

Present—All the Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Opened in proper form.

## EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE SECRET WORK.

Grand Representatives Oliver and Welsh exemplified the unwritten work of the Order.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Representative Urquhart, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted.

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 9th, 1887.

*To the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :*

Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report :

That we have carefully examined the clauses of the Grand Patriarch's Report which were referred to us, and in referring to Clause 2, Official Visits, we are of the opinion that more frequent visits of the Grand Patriarch to the Subordinate Encampments would largely benefit that Branch of our Order.

We are also pleased to report that the Encampments are in a healthy and satisfactory condition.

We have also perused the report of our Grand Representatives, and consider that they have done their work well and are deserving of the thanks of this Grand Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. URQUHART.

Representative Reid, of Beaver Encampment, No. 6, in accordance with the notice of motion given last year by Representative Beam, moved the following amendments to the Constitution :

That Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be amended by striking out all after the words "shall consist" and inserting the following: "Of the officers duly elected and installed, and of those appointed and installed, and of the Past Chief Patriarchs who have been duly and regularly elected as representatives of Encampments, in conformity with this Constitution, but none but regularly elected Representatives of Encampments shall have the right to vote."

That Section 7 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be amended by inserting the word "and" after the word "Degree," and by striking out the words "and to vote on the election of Grand Officers," and by adding "Past Grand Patriarchs shall be entitled to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment, to propose motions and to speak on motions."

Section 7 as amended will read: "Every P. C. Patriarch in good standing, on presenting a proper certificate from his Encampment, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree, and to attend the sessions of the Grand Encampment; Past Grand Patriarchs shall be entitled to attend the Sessions of the Grand Encampment to propose motions and to speak on motions."

M. J. BEAM.

The Grand Patriarch ruled them out of Order.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Patriarch, Frank Riddell, then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year in the following order, viz.:

JOHN SINCLAIR, Petrolia .....	Grand Patriarch
ABNER FRASER, Hamilton .....	Grand High Priest
J. T. HORNIBROOK, Toronto .....	Grand Senior Warden
M. D. DAWSON, London .....	Grand Scribe
EDMUND BELTZ .....	Grand Treasurer
JOHN A. MACDONALD, Amprior .....	Grand Junior Warden
H. A. JACKSON, Montreal .....	Grand Sentinel
W. D. LAWRIE, Newmarket .....	Grand Outside Sentinel
B. WILLSON, Ridgeway .....	Grand Marshal

Grand Representative Oliver presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

"That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Patriarch, Frank Riddell, for his able and efficient services during his term of office."

JOS. OLIVER,  
F. RAE.

Grand Representative Welsh presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

"That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the Odd-Fellows of Peterborough, and the Patriarchs of Mount Hebron Encampment in particular, for the use of this beautiful Court Room to meet in, with adjoining Committee Rooms, and also for the many courtesies received from the Brotherhood while in Peterborough."

JOHN WELSH,  
F. RAE.

Past Grand Patriarch Gibson presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

"That a Per Diem allowance of \$3.00 be granted from the funds of this Grand Encampment to the janitor, Henderson Nesbitt, for his attendance at this session."

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A Resolution of thanks was presented to the Grand Representatives for their perfect exemplification of the Secret work. It was acknowledged by Past Grand Patriarch Welsh in appropriate terms.

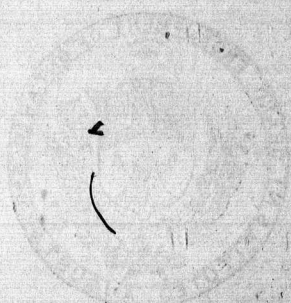
The Grand Encampment closed at 9.50 p.m., with the usual formalities.

ATTEST.

M. D. DAWSON,

GRAND SCRIBE.





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## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

WM. PRINGLE, (73 Beaver Hall)	Montreal Encampment,	No. 1
WALTER CHATFIELD	Union	No. 1
GEO. P. BREEN	Frontier	No. 2
T. P. BLACKWELL	Harmony	No. 3
GEO. SNIDER	Brant	No. 4
JAS. BENNOCH	Charity	No. 5
WM. N. FORD	Beaver	No. 6
J. BURTON	Burlington	No. 7
H. M. ARMSTRONG	Toronto	No. 8
WM. BRACE	Brock	No. 9
J. DONOVAN	Chatham	No. 10
R. B. DICKIE	Ontario	No. 11
N. S. YOUNG	Albert	No. 12
A. C. WILSON	Whitby	No. 13
P. H. JOHNSTON	Fidelity	No. 14
GEO. BECKER	Kingston	No. 15
DANIEL HENWOOD	Mt. Ararat	No. 16
N. A. MCKINNON	Hebron	No. 17
ALF. BATES	Quinte	No. 19
ED. DALLYN	Elgin	No. 20
M. HYSLOP	Unity	No. 21
J. BRITTON	Guiding Star	No. 22
J. R. CAMPBELL	Niagara Falls	No. 23
A. B. HUNT	Friendship	No. 24
A. A. STEVENSON	Victoria	No. 25
JOHN ROSS	Alpha	No. 26
W. H. MURRAY	Huron	No. 28
DAVID RAMSEY	Livingstone	No. 29
WM. LAWSON	Wentworth	No. 30
CHAS. COTTIS	Wellington	No. 31
FRED. SAXTON	Newmarket	No. 32
E. J. SPACKMAN	Exeter	No. 33
J. BURTON	Royal	No. 36
WM. RUDD	Dresden	No. 37
T. P. BLACKWELL	Ardephian	No. 38
D. LEITCH	Excelsior	No. 39
G. F. CLARK, M.D.	Aylmer	No. 42
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN	Wildey	No. 44
W. J. NICKLE	Collingwood	No. 45
WM. ROBERTSON	Saugeen Valley	No. 46
	Minerva	No. 47
	Owen Sound	No. 48
CHAS. COTTIS	Samaritan	No. 49
H. M. ARMSTRONG	Rehoboth	No. 50
W. R. HICKEY	Bothwell	No. 51
J. B. McMICKEN	Ridgely	No. 53



## APPENDIX.

F. J. DANIELS .....	Outaouais Encampment,	No. 53
GEO. VICKERS .....	Mizpah "	No. 54
ANGUS ROSS .....	Maple Leaf "	No. 55
A. MCFARLANE .....	Mount Hebron "	No. 56
JOHN HOWARD .....	Phoenix "	No. 57
JOSEPH McDougall .....	Waba "	No. 58
ALF. BATES .....	Moirs "	No. 59
THOS. S. SMITH .....	Central "	No. 60
J. HOLTON ROBINSON .....	Amicus "	No. 61
CHAS. COTTIS .....	Galt "	No. 62
D. T. HIND (Jarvis) .....	Simcoe "	No. 63
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## SUSPENSIONS.

- UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES:—T. H. Fitzsimmons, A. Leitch, A. Riddell, Jas. Graham, A. Kinsman, A. H. Russ, M. L. Beck, F. B. Russ, J. M. Durham, S. Grabb, J. J. Denton, J. M. Woodall, H. Haskill, J. Spencer, D. M. Jay, J. J. Demarer, for non-payment of dues.
- MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL:—J. M. Taylor, J. H. Field, W. Bowtelle, H. Dean, W. L. Lee, A. Durpee, W. J. Moore, J. Y. O'Neil and P. Gerrais, for non-payment of dues.
- HARMONY ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, LONDON:—Geo. Richardson, William Taylor, John Glen, John Dichnoetha, A. Lepper, Geo. Gould, A. Douglas, and T. G. Holmes, for non-payment of dues.
- BRANT ENCAMPMENT, No. 4, BRANTFORD: J. Dalrymple, R. J. Cain, W. D. Watson, W. Y. White, J. G. Watson, A. Frehauf, F. P. Austin, R. P. Kay, J. Lowe and J. Boughner, for non-payment of dues.
- CHARITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, STRATFORD:—A. M. Campbell and Thos. Peel, for non-payment of dues.
- BEAVER ENCAMPMENT, No. 6, ST. MARY'S:—Geo. Ferguson, William Mayes, James Robinson and H. J. Chapple, for non-payment of dues.
- BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON:—Geo. Hudson, J. C. Palmer, A. A. Wylie, F. H. Drole, J. P. McLeod, W. E. Smith and Jno. McKee, for non-payment of dues.
- TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO: A. F. A. Sterling, Chas. Collett, Rd. Potter, Wm. A. Varey and John Ritchie, Jr., for non-payment of dues.
- BROCK ENCAMPMENT, No. 9, BROCKVILLE:—Wm. Kerr, Wm. Ross, M. M. Brooks and Thos. G. Dowsley, for non-payment of dues.
- CHATHAM ENCAMPMENT, No. 10, CHATHAM:—J. M. Yates, Thos. Harbourne and Wm. Sprentall, for non-payment of dues.
- ALBERT ENCAMPMENT, No. 12, BOWMANVILLE:—R. Young, Marcus Mayer, C. M. Cayrker, W. Jennings, W. McKowen, Rd. Allin, F. Mason and John S. Bond, for non-payment of dues.
- WHITBY ENCAMPMENT, No. 13, WHITBY:—G. S. Southwell, for non-payment of dues.
- FIDELITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 14, STRATHROY: Robt. Sutherland, Jas. H. Hobbs and T. S. Edwards, for non-payment of dues.
- KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 15, KINGSTON:—Fife Fowler, S. Oberndorfer, G. Kemp, W. McCammon, D. J. Garbutt, John Anderson, R. W. Vanderwater, R. Mowatt, J. Callaghan and A. Patterson, for non-payment of dues.
- HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 17, PARKHILL:—Harry Shepherd and Jas. Kirkpatrick, for non-payment of dues.
- QUINTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 19, BELLEVILLE:—J. A. Crawford, S. Vermilyea, R. H. Fenwick, W. R. Greatrix, J. Jenkins, S. Burrows, F. S. Campbell, W. W. Let, J. Quite, C. A. Rutledge, S. E. Lennox, S. W. Bradshaw, R. Backus, S. Symons, G. H. Hope and S. Johnson, for non-payment of dues.
- ELGIN ENCAMPMENT, No. 20, ST. THOMAS:—A. J. Clarke, for non-payment of dues.

GUIDING STAR ENCAMPMENT, No. 22, LINDSAY :—Duncan McLean, for non-payment of dues.

NIAGARA FALLS ENCAMPMENT, No. 23, NIAGARA FALLS : John Murray, R. F. Carter and A. F. Prewster, for non-payment of dues.

VICTORIA ENCAMPMENT, No. 25, PORT HOPE :—William C. Marshall, Wm. Sallsbury, George Archer and James Gillard, for non-payment of dues.

ALPHA ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, SARNIA :—C. Foster, Chas. Foster and George Williams, for non-payment of dues.

LIVINGSTONE ENCAMPMENT, No. 29, THOROLD :—Samuel Cleveland, George Smithers, Alex. Corvie, Wm. Winslow, James Stewart, Thos. H. Brenton, John Olzov, Albert Roy, Walter J. Ross, Alex. Bain, John Crofts, George Birnie, John A. Blomquast, Wm. H. Hough, John Newlander and Thos. J. Kennedy, for non-payment of dues.

WENTWORTH ENCAMPMENT, No. 30, DUNDAS :—Thos. Seaman, Robt. Martin and Edwin Morrish, for non-payment of dues.

WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 31, GUELPH :—A. Bardwell, Joseph Allan, R. Craine, B. Franklin, H. P. Moore, A. E. Necklin, Jas. Hawkins and N. Tovell, for non-payment of dues.

EXETER ENCAMPMENT, No. 33, EXETER : James Oke, Joseph Orr and Robert Pickard, for non-payment of dues.

ROYAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 36, HAMILTON : Raymond Walker, E. W. Bateman, M. Howles, Fred Delacey, J. Kittyle and James Anderson, for non-payment of dues.

DRESDEN ENCAMPMENT, No. 37, DRESDEN :—John Ferguson, A. Hare, Wm. Jamieson, P. Merrill, John Turner, John Chapple, Jos. Plackburn, L. N. Johnston and R. J. Colville, for non-payment of dues.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON :—J. Wordell, W. S. Fletcher, W. C. Bullock, C. H. French and W. G. Proctor, for non-payment of dues.

COLLINGWOOD ENCAMPMENT, No. 45, COLLINGWOOD :—Wm. Gee, H. T. White, James Knox and Alonzo Leonard, for non-payment of dues.

BOTHWELL ENCAMPMENT, No. 51, BOTHWELL :—James Proctor, Isaac Cordue and W. E. Gifford, for non-payment of dues.

MOUNT HEBRON ENCAMPMENT, No. 56, PETERBOROUGH :—Wm. Ross and A. Moffat, for non-payment of dues.

## REINSTATEMENTS.

UNION ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, ST. CATHARINES—Jos. Graham, April 5th, 1887.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, MONTREAL—F. W. Clarke, Dec. 8th, 1886.

FRONTIER ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, WINDSOR—J. A. Hicks, Nov. 12th, 1886 ; and A. H. Butler, April 8th, 1887.

BEAVER ENCAMPMENT, No. 6, ST. MARY'S—Jas. Muir, July 15th, 1887.

BURLINGTON ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, HAMILTON—M. Ten Eyck, July 12th, 1886 ; and J. C. Palmer, Jan. 10th, 1887.

TORONTO ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, TORONTO—Walter H. Blight, 9th June, 1887.

UNITY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, INGERSOLL—John Tinney, April 26th, 1887.

ROYAL ENCAMPMENT, No. 36, HAMILTON—Alex. Stewart, Nov. 15th, 1886.

ADELPHIAN ENCAMPMENT, No. 38, LONDON—Samuel Smith, July 23rd, 1886.

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- No. 1—J. D. WINCHESTER..... St. Catharines, Nov. 5, 1886  
No. 1—J. R. GREENE..... Montreal, July 17, 1886  
No. 3 { JOHN CHAPMAN ..... London, Aug. 30, 1886  
      { THOS. SHELTON ..... London, Oct. 30, 1886  
No. 7 { WM. HASTINGS ..... Hamilton, Aug. 15, 1886  
      { JNO. KENNEDY ..... Hamilton, Aug. 15, 1886  
      { R. DODDS ..... Toronto, Dec. 12, 1886  
No. 8 { T. G. BRODIE ..... Toronto, May 18, 1887  
      { J. G. BOWERY ..... Toronto, June 19, 1887  
No. 21—HOLMER CAMPBELL..... Ingersoll, July 31, 1886  
No. 28—GEORGE A. ELLIOTT. .... Goderich, Feb., 1887  
No. 31—CHARLES MARSLAND..... Guelph, Feb. 18, 1887  
No. 38—THOS. LEE..... London, March 30, 1887  
No. 57—D. P. McDONALD, P. C. P. .... Wallaceburg, Oct. 25, 1886  
No. 59—R. FAIRBAIRN ..... Belleville, January 22, 1887

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS  
—OF THE—  
**GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F.**  
—OF THE—  
Province of Ontario, for 1887 and 1888.

JOHN SINCLAIR.....	GRAND PATRIARCH.....	Petrolia
ABNER FRASER.....	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.....	Hamilton
JNO. T. HORNIBROOK..	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....	Toronto
M. D. DAWSON.....	GRAND SCRIBE.....	London
EDMUND BELTZ.....	GRAND TREASURER.....	London
JOHN WELSH.....	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE S. G. L.....	Stratford
JOS. OLIVER.....	“ “ “ “	Toronto
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H. A. JACKSON.....	GRAND MARSHAL.....	Montreal
W. D. LAWRIE.....	GRAND SENTINEL.....	Newmarket
B. WILLSON.....	GRAND O. SENTINEL.....	Ridgetown

PAST GRAND PATRIARCHS.

JAMES WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1869-1870
S. G. DOLSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1870-1871
HENRY MCAFEE.....	Walkerville.....	1871-1872
ADAM PURVES.....	St. Catharines.....	1872-1873
JOHN HAM PERRY.....	Whitby.....	1873-1874
JOHN GIBSON.....	Stratford.....	1874-1875
HARPER WILSON.....	St. Catharines.....	1875-1876
W. H. COLE.....	Brockville.....	1876-1877
THOS. WOODYATT.....	Brantford.....	1877-1878
E. R. ROBINSON.....	London.....	1878-1879
ROBT. EVANS.....	Hamilton.....	1879-1880
JOHN DONOGH.....	Toronto.....	1880-1881
FRANCIS RAE.....	Oshawa.....	1881-1882
W. D. GORDON.....	Kingston.....	1882-1883
HECTOR URQUHART.....	Strathroy.....	1883-1884
JOS. OLIVER.....	Toronto.....	1884-1885
JOHN WELSH.....	Stratford.....	1885-1886
FRANK RIDDELL.....	London.....	1886-1887

Annual Report of Grand Encampments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge,  
I. O. O. F., December 31, 1886. Names and Addresses of Grand Scribes.

JURISDICTION.	MEMBERS.		GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
	Dec. 31, 1886.			
Alabama .....	194	Lee R. McKee .....	Montgomery. (Lock Box 462.)	
Arkansas .....	81	Peter Brugman .....	Little Rock.	
California .....	4,433	W. B. Lyon .....	Box 2207, San Francisco.	
Colorado .....	891	J. M. Norman .....	Denver.	
Connecticut .....	2,440	Frederick Botsford .....	New Haven. (Drawer 5).	
Dakota .....	370	Ralph B. Briggs .....	Sioux Falls.	
Delaware .....	361	Edwin Hirst .....	802 Orange St., Wilmington.	
District Columbia .....	445	Joseph Burroughs .....	{ 513 Seventh st., S. E. Washington, D. C.	
Florida .....	130	W. M. McIntosh, Jr. ....	Tallahassee	
Georgia .....	386	John G. Dpitz .....	Macon.	
Illinois .....	5,726	J. C. Smith .....	65 Sibley St., Chicago.	
Indiana .....	5,421	B. F. Foster .....	Indianapolis.	
Iowa .....	4,264	William Garrett .....	Burlington.	
Kansas .....	1,763	Samuel F. Burdett .....	Leavenworth.	
Kentucky .....	1,440	William White .....	Louisville.	
Louisiana .....	132	James Furneaux .....	Box 383, New Orleans.	
Maine .....	4,172	E. C. Stone .....	Portland.	
Maryland .....	1,290	John M. Jones .....	Baltimore.	
Massachusetts .....	7,373	Charles D. Cole .....	Boston.	
Michigan .....	2,915	E. H. Whitney .....	Laansing.	
Minnesota .....	1,202	J. F. Williams .....	St. Paul.	
Mississippi .....	376	James T. McCowan .....	Vicksburg.	
Missouri .....	2,164	E. M. Sloan .....	St. Louis, Box 496.	
Montana .....	204	A. J. White .....	Butte City	
Nebraska .....	613	D. A. Cline .....	Lincoln.	
Nevada .....	380	B. F. Wallace .....	Virginia City (Box 293).	
New Hampshire .....	2,572	Joseph Kidder .....	Manchester.	
New Jersey .....	5,685	Lewis Parker .....	Trenton.	
New York .....	5,073	James Terwilliger .....	353 Broadway, New York City.	
North Carolina .....	197	T. W. Blake .....	Raleigh	
Ohio .....	10,831	James Anderton .....	Dayton.	
Ontario .....	3,016	M. D. Dawson .....	London.	
Oregon .....	582	J. M. Bacon .....	Oregon City.	
Pennsylvania .....	12,350	James B. Nicholson .....	144 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia.	
Rhode Island .....	1,469	Marcus W. Morton .....	Providence, Box 906.	
South Carolina .....	49	Robert C. Starr .....	Charleston.	
Tennessee .....	287	J. R. Harwell .....	Nashville.	
Texas .....	710	L. F. De Lesdermier .....	Nacogdoches	
Vermont .....	578	Joseph K. Egerton .....	Northfield.	
Victoria .....		C. Judge .....	{ I. O. O. F. Hall, Russel Street, Melbourne.	
Virginia .....	572	A. T. Burr .....	Danville.	
Washington .....	242	Le F. A. Shaw .....	Walla Walla.	
West Virginia .....	630	H. A. Uthman .....	Wheeling.	
Wisconsin .....	1,950	L. B. Hills .....	Madison.	
Wyoming .....	130	W. H. Amesbury .....	Laramie City. (Box 575).	
	93,426			
<b> Sov. Gr. Lodge.</b>	<b>516,397</b>	<b>Theo. A. Ross,</b>	<b>Columbus, Ohio.</b>	
		<b>Grand Secretary.</b>		

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APPENDIX.

Executive Officers of Subordinate Encampments Elected and Installed, for Term Commencing July 1st., 1897.

NAME OF ENCAMPMENT.	No	LOCATION.	CHIEF PATRIARCH.	SCRIBES.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Montreal.....	1	Montreal.	Wm. Paterson.....	O. K. Willis.....	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Union.....	1	St. Catharines.	E. Poole.....	B. J. Leubsdorf.....	1st and 3d Tuesday.
Frontier.....	2	Windsor.....	Chas. Reid.....	Fred. Cassidy.....	2d and 4th Friday.
Harmony.....	3	London.....	Chas. Elsey.....	A. Davis.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Brant.....	4	Brantford.....	A. Harley.....	F. J. Grenny.....	1st and 4th Friday.
Charly.....	5	Stratford.....	D. R. McPherson.....	Jas. R. Boothby.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Beaver.....	6	St. Mary's.....	W. N. Ford.....	John Reid.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Burlington.....	7	Hamilton.....	Frank Hodd.....	Wm. Burrows.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Toronto.....	8	Toronto.....	P. J. Blatter.....	Wm. Burton.....	3d Thursday.
Brook.....	9	Brookville.....	A. C. J. Kaufman.....	Chas. C. Lyman.....	1st Friday
Chatham.....	10	Chatham.....	John McGortie.....	J. Donovan.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Ontario.....	11	Oshawa.....	J. E. Hawkins.....	James Fellow.....	2d and 4th Friday.
Albert.....	12	Bowmanville.....	John H. Pierce.....	Ino. K. Orr.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Whitby.....	13	Whitby.....	W. Burns.....	J. Taylor.....	1st and 3d Friday.
Fidelity.....	14	Strathroy.....	Isaac Wilkinson.....	C. Greenaway.....	1st and 3d Tuesday.
Kingston.....	15	Kingston.....	R. F. Elliott.....	S. J. Adams.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Mount Ararat.....	16	Napanee.....	E. S. Lapum.....	Daniel Henwood.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Hebron.....	17	Parkhill.....	John Hamilton.....	Wm. Fletcher.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Quinte.....	19	Belleville.....	J. Cornelius.....	J. A. Davis.....	2d and 4th Wednesday.
Eglin.....	20	St. Thomas.....	John Coal.....	L. Ferguson.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Unity.....	21	Ingersoll.....	Geo. Bartlett.....	A. C. Sise.....	1st and 3d Monday.
Guiding Star.....	22	Lindsay.....	Alex. McDonnell.....	John Short.....	1st and 4th Tuesday.
Niagara Falls.....	23	Niagara Falls.....	J. B. Campbell.....	Isaac McNiven.....	1st and 4th Wednesday.
Friendship.....	24	Petrolia.....	Jas. C. Forbes.....	A. B. Hunt.....	2d and 4th Wednesday.
Victoria.....	25	Fort Hope.....	John Hawkins.....	A. A. Stevenson.....	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Alpha.....	26	Sarnia.....	John Mason.....	John Ross.....	2d and 4th Friday.
Huron.....	28	Goderich.....	Philip Holt.....	Wm. Knight.....	1st and 3d Wednesday.
Livingstone.....	29	Thorold.....	Peter Steep.....	Wm. McCleary.....	2d and 4th Monday.
Wentworth.....	30	Dundas.....	R. L. Doidge.....	Wm. H. Knowles.....	1st and 3d Friday.
Wellington.....	31	Guelph.....	James H. Hall.....	R. Mackenzie.....	1st Tuesday
Newmarket.....	32	Newmarket.....	J. P. Hunter.....	R. H. Brimson.....	4th Friday.
Exeter.....	33	Exeter.....	W. C. Howard.....	P. E. Fitzpatrick.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Royal.....	36	Hamilton.....	Alfred Torry.....	John Watson.....	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Dresden.....	37	Dresden.....	O. S. Merrill.....	L. W. Crawford.....	1st and 3d Monday.
Adelphian.....	38	London.....	James L. Spry.....	A. J. Grigg.....	2d and 4th Thursday.
Excelsior.....	39	Ridgetown.....	T. W. Brown.....	M. A. Hitchcock.....	2d and 4th Friday.
Dufferin.....	41	Pt. Edward.....	C. Shaw.....	John E. Richards.....	1st and 3d Monday.
Aylmer.....	42	Aylmer.....	J. W. Hutchinson.....	Samuel Wood.....	1st and 3rd Friday.
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Minerva.....	47	Wingham.....	J. Merrifield.....	John Brown.....	1st and 3d Monday.
Owen Sound.....	48	Owen Sound.....	A. J. L. Malone.....	J. K. Waster.....	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Samaritan.....	49	Berlin.....	G. W. Wright.....	J. Murray.....	1st Thursday
Rehoboth.....	50	Toronto.....	John Morris.....	N. C. Gamble.....	2d and 4th Saturday.
Bothwell.....	51	Bothwell.....	W. A. Scott.....	C. E. Bourne.....	1st Thursday
Ridgely.....	52	Jarvis.....	A. K. Blackadar.....	O. B. Naubert.....	1st and 3d Friday.
Outsiders.....	53	Ottawa.....	John A. McIntosh.....	George Coles.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Maple Leaf.....	54	Barrie.....	John Mitchell.....	Thos. J. McBeath.....	2nd and 4th Friday.
Mount Hebron.....	56	Woodstock.....	R. W. Errett.....	B. J. Kidd.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Phoenix.....	57	Peterborough.....	G. A. McCann.....	T. S. Hodges.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Wabs.....	58	Walkersburg.....	A. D. Campbell.....	John Mann.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Moira.....	59	Belleville.....	J. Ooon.....	W. P. Way.....	2nd Friday
Central.....	60	Essex Centre.....	D. Welsh.....	Thomas Smith.....	2d and 4th Tuesday.
Amicus.....	61	Norwich.....	Wm. Walker.....	G. E. Walker.....	1st and 3d Tuesday.
Galt.....	62	Galt.....	J. Sharpe.....	T. D. Wardlaw.....	1st and 3d Thursday.
Simcoe.....	63	Simcoe.....	E. W. Meade.....	O. M. Jones.....	1st and 3d Friday.
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## Report of the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

### *To the Grand Encampment of Ontario :*

Your Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge have much pleasure in submitting their report of the Sixty-third Annual Session, held in the City of Denver.

The session opened on Monday, Sept. 19th, in the Chamber of Commerce, Grand Sire, John H. White, presiding.

The following Officers were present : John H. White, Grand Sire ; John C. Underwood, Deputy Grand Sire ; Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary ; Isaac A. Sheppard, Grand Treasurer ; Allen Jenckes, Assist. Grand Secretary ; Rev. J. W. Venable, Grand Chaplain ; Walter G. Dye, Grand Guardian ; N. H. Frazier, Grand Messenger ; also the following Past Grand Sires :—James B. Nicholson, Pennsylvania ; James P. Sanders, New York ; John W. Stokes, Pennsylvania ; Eric J. Leach, Iowa ; Henry F. Garey, Maryland, and Representatives from forty-one Grand Lodges and twenty-three Grand Encampments.

The following Grand Bodies were not represented :—The Grand Lodge of Switzerland, the Grand Lodge of Chili, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

The several Grand Officers presented their reports, which shows an increase in membership in both branches of our Order.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

#### *To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

REPRESENTATIVES :—In obedience to the requirements of law, and in accordance with ancient usage, the Grand Sire presents this "Report of his acts and doings during the recess" of this Grand Lodge.

It is a gratifying fact that the year which closed with the 31st day of December, 1886, has been a prosperous one for our Order. The increase in membership has been most marked, and, judging from indications, the present year will be much more prosperous than the preceding one. While it is true that some jurisdictions have exhibited a decline in membership, yet the general increase for 1886 was eleven thousand nine hundred and ten (11,910) greater than that of 1885. The causes of decline in certain of the jurisdictions are apparent to anyone at all conversant with the condition of the particular jurisdictions. It is a marvel to those unacquainted with the organization, the purposes and principles of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that, in spite of all the opposition it encounters, amidst the thousand-and-one secret fraternal organizations which have sprung up in the country within the last few years, all appealing to the interests, the passions and prejudices of the public, our Grand old Order should continue to march right along, steadily increasing in membership, in wealth, in power and in influence ; but to us who know its worth, who have participated in its benefits and shared in its enjoyments, it is no marvel at all. Its principles are rooted deep down in the human heart, its purposes and practices are grateful to the feelings and in accordance with the impulses of every generous nature. Such an institution must continue to increase and prosper so long as the nature of man shall remain unchanged, and misery and misfortune encumber the earth.

#### Condition of the Order.

The present condition of the Order, as appears from the returns in the Grand Secretary's office, is as follows :



		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Grand Lodges .....	54		
Subordinate Lodges .....	8,108	152	
Grand Encampments .....	44		
Subordinate Encampments .....	1,996	49	
Lodge initiations .....	44,906	8,566	
Lodge members .....	530,300	12,990	
Encampment initiations .....	9,637	2,472	
Encampment members .....	97,773	3,397	
Total relief .....	\$2,227,324 50	\$46,422 57	
Total Revenue .....	5,659,772 37	350,083 60	

The following are the grand totals as to membership and relief of the American Order of Odd Fellows compiled from latest returns :

	MEMBERS.	RELIEF.
Sovereign Grand Lodge .....	530,300	\$2,211,033 69
Australasia .....	15,170	58,432 00
Germany .....	1,833	2,839 95
Rebekah (Sisters) .....	33,958	16,290 81
	581,261	\$2,288,596 45

#### Deaths.

Since the close of the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge one more of the Fathers of the Order has gone to his rest. WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, Past Grand Sire, departed this life at his home, in Washington, on the 23rd day of December, 1886, full of years and honors, his age being eighty-four.

Bro. Moore was admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States October 5th, 1840, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and on the next day was elected and installed into the office of Deputy Grand Sire (Journal 343, 344), but served only until the close of that Session. He continued to act as Representative of his Grand Lodge until the end of the Session of 1849, after which he resigned his position as such Representative. On the second day of the Session of 1850, he was elected to the office of Grand Sire, and was installed at the commencement of the succeeding Session of 1851. This is his official record. It was not my good fortune to have an intimate acquaintance with the deceased, and I will leave the recital of his personal history to other and abler hands; suffice it to say that he was always spoken of, by those who knew him best, in terms of the highest respect. He leaves a spotless name, and his memory is revered by all of the Brethren of his jurisdiction.

Other and worthy workers in the field of Odd Fellowship have fallen by the way; though the number of Past Grand Representatives reported is not large, yet among the names we find some of special prominence in the Order in their day. A list is contained in the following proclamation, issued by authority of this Grand Lodge :

#### MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

Pursuant to instructions contained in the resolution of the Sovereign Grand

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APPENDIX.

Lodge, adopted at its annual session held in Boston, September, 1886 (Journal, 10, 517), I, JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under our jurisdiction to assemble at their respective Lodge-rooms on the 20th day of October, 1887, the anniversary of the death of THOMAS WILDEY, Past Grand Sire, and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members; such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Should a different day be more convenient, any Lodge is permitted to hold such services on any day such Lodge may select.

Information has been received of the death of the following Past Officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge since the last annual communication, with date of death, and age respectively:

December 23rd, 1886—WILLIAM WALKER MOORE, Past Grand Sire, District of Columbia, aged 84 years.

October 21st, 1886—WILSON SMALL, Past Grand Representative, New York, aged 72 years.

November 29th, 1886—ROBERT THOMPSON, Past Grand Representative, Tennessee, aged 61 years.

January 6th, 1887—JAMES V. JONES, Past Grand Representative, Wisconsin, aged 59 years.

January 10th, 1887—JOHN G. ROGERS, Past Grand Representative, Illinois, aged 69 years.

January 29th, 1887—IRA DOE, Past Grand Representative, New Hampshire, aged 60 years.

March 3rd, 1887—JOHN W. ORR, Past Grand Representative, New Jersey, aged 72 years.

April 10th, 1887—LEVI EMPIE, Past Grand Representative, Kansas, aged 71 years.

June 7th, 1887—DAVID McDONALD, Past Grand Representative, Wisconsin, aged 84 years.

July 9th, 1887—MARVIN T. TOTTINGHAM, Past Grand Representative, New Hampshire, aged 62 years.

Done at the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, U.S.A., this 15th day of August, 1887, and of our Order the sixty-eighth year.

[SEAL]

JOHN H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

Attest: THEO. A. ROSS, *Grand Secretary.*

**Conclusion.**

Thus, Representatives, I have presented to you a brief statement of the "Acts and Decisions" of the Grand Sire during the recess, and I trust, doubtless, that they will meet with your approval. Mistakes may, and doubtless have, been made, and if we accept the conclusions of a portion of the fraternal press in reference to the question, there is no sort of doubt but that mistakes of the grossest character have been perpetrated, but it is human to make mistakes, and in a nature so positively human as that of the Grand Sire, it seems inevitable that some should occur. I hope this Grand Lodge will make no mistakes, and that if the Grand Sire has made any, it will unhesitatingly correct them. The good of the Order absolutely requires this, and that is of far more importance than either the pride or the feelings of any one man, however exalted a position he may hold. Of one thing you may rest assured, the Grand Sire has endeavored to do his duty and to execute *all the laws of this Grand Lodge*, and to take all the means in his power and within his authority to enforce them, whether they were popular laws with the whole Order, or whether there was a fraction within the Order opposed to the enforcement of them or not. It is not difficult to enforce a popular law, and an officer deserves no special credit for so doing. He who attempts to enforce an unpopular one may not receive credit for wisdom, but he certainly deserves your thanks for the attempt, and your commiseration for the

position in which an honest effort to fulfil his installation obligation may have placed him.

This session is one of more than ordinary importance. Several questions of vital moment to the well-being of our Order are to come up for your deliberation, and I trust that Representatives will see the importance, each one for himself, of giving his close personal attention to the business in hand; that time enough will be taken to deliberate calmly and dispassionately upon the various matters coming before us, so that when the session closes we shall all feel that we have done our whole duty to the Order at large, as well as to the particular constituency which sent us here. Do this, and peace, harmony and prosperity will abound, and only loyalty will abide within our Order.

JNO. H. WHITE, *Grand Sire.*

### DECISIONS.

#### IN REFERENCE TO BENEFITS.

1. A member in good standing in a Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, is sick with a cancerous tumor in his nose and mouth. He is a Judge of the Supreme Court, and when the Court sits *in banc* to hear cases on appeal, his presence is required to complete the full bench, and he has been permitted by his physician to attend at such terms three times, one day in a week, during a period of four months of such sickness. He is not allowed to speak, but communicates in writing. His monthly salary has been paid during his sickness, the same as if he were attending regularly to business. The By-laws of the Lodge provide for benefits, "in case of being rendered incapable by sickness or accident of providing for his own support." The case is not free from doubt. The Brother is, however, able to some extent to follow his usual occupation, and by that means does and is capable of "procuring the means of subsistence for himself." Article III., Section 6, Constitution of Subordinates.

The question of income from investments (Section 73, Digest) has nothing to do with it. Here the income is the fruits of his employment. I therefore hold that the Brother is not entitled to benefits.

2. Our law does not recognize collateral relatives at all, unless they were members of the family of the deceased at the time of his death and dependent on him for support. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased, and not in the Brother. It does not begin to exist until after his death, and if there are no dependent relatives, no benefits are to be paid. The law does not, in such a case, cast the estate anywhere, because there is no estate to be cast.

The law covering the entire case of benefits may be found in the Digest, S. G. L., Sections 86, 87, 88, 89 *et seq.*, and in Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,254, 10,487, 10,511.

3. The By-laws of a Lodge debar its members from benefits, who are more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. The Lodge appointed a collector to present and collect, at the end of each quarter, all dues owing by the members. A brother was thirteen weeks behind in his dues, October 1st. On October 12th he paid the collector the amount due, and on October 13th he had to quit business on account of sickness. The next Lodge meeting, which was October 18th, the money was credited to the Brother's account by the Secretary, who was not the collector. The Lodge has a law, approved by the Grand Lodge, that all moneys paid to the Lodge officers between the adjournment of the Lodge at one meeting and the opening of the Lodge at the next meeting, shall be credited as paid at the meeting after it was paid to the officer. In such a case the Brother is not entitled to benefits. The Lodge-room is the place to pay dues, and if paid in recess to any member or officer, that member or officer is simply the agent of the Brother in the matter, and, as a general rule, the Lodge is only bound by it

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as a payment when it comes to the hands of the proper officer in the Lodge-room to be credited in his account. There is no safety in any other rule. The words "at any time," in Section 373, Digest, should be construed "at any Lodge meeting," and not in recess.

4. It was asked if, under the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in the case of the appeal of Emmons vs. Harmony Lodge, No. 9 (Journal, 10,387), the Lodge was compelled to pay only the amount of the "funeral expenses as claimed under the law" of the Lodge, as appears in the resolution appended to the report of the committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or is the Lodge compelled to pay all that is claimed in the sustained appeal, viz., the funeral expenses under the Constitution, and the assessment of \$1 for each member under the By-Laws?

*Answer.*—The claim presented by the heirs of Bro. John T. Howe is for both amounts, that under the section of the Constitution quoted, and also under the By-Laws; and the resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge sustains the appeal, and directs the Lodge to pay to the heirs of Bro. Howe "the amount of funeral expenses claimed under their law." It is clear that if the heirs are entitled to the former amount, they are to the latter, and the words "their law" in the resolution must mean the law of the Lodge, and the law of the Lodge is contained in both the Constitution and By-Laws.

I therefore decide that the Lodge is bound to pay the amount provided for in the section of the Constitution quoted, and also the assessment of \$1 for each active member under the By-Laws.

#### IN REFERENCE TO DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

5. A Daughter of Rebekah who received her degree in her husband's Subordinate Lodge during his life, is not, after his death and her remarriage to one not a member of the Order, eligible for membership in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah.—*Digest, Section 341; Journal, S. G. L. 9858.*  
The policy of the law seems to be not to deprive her of any privilege which she possesses, but not to grant her any additional ones.—*Digest, Sections 244, 345.*

6. An unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow, after joining a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, married a man not a member of the Order. Her dues are paid, and since her marriage she has been elected to office. In such a case she does not by her marriage forfeit her membership, and it can in no way affect her standing in the Lodge.—*Digest, 344.*

7. The widow of an Odd Fellow, who had received the Degree of Rebekah during the life of her husband, in his Subordinate Lodge, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Degree Lodge upon a card from the Subordinate of which her husband was a member, although her husband at the time of his death was not in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

In 1874 the Grand Lodge (Sections 333; 359, Digest) authorized Withdrawal Cards to be issued by Rebekah Lodges, and provides that they may admit to membership on deposit of card. In view of the usually liberal construction of all the laws relating to the Degree of Rebekah, I am constrained to hold that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when it provided that such Lodges might admit to membership by deposit of card, intended to cover all the cases in which cards were then authorized to be issued by any Lodge, either Rebekah or Subordinate. It will be observed that all the legislation in which good standing is required, has reference to conferring the degree and not to membership. The question whether she could now receive the degree is quite another thing, although it is worthy of note that the legislation of 1868 as amended in 1871 (Digest, Section 323), authorizing the Lodges to confer the degree, says nothing about good standing in cases of certificates presented by Subordinate Lodges.

8. An unmarried stepdaughter of an Odd Fellow of the Degree of Truth, if eighteen years of age, is eligible to membership in a Degree Lodge of the

Daughters of Rebekah. See Journal, S. G. L., 1886, pages 10,520, 10,659.

9. Since the enactment of the law (Digest, Section 351*h*), all officers of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whether Brothers or Sisters, must wear the regalia described in that section.

10. Subordinate Lodges are not entitled or allowed to purchase or use the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, and consequently cannot exchange their old Rituals for the new.

11. Rebekah Degree Lodges working under the new Ritual cannot lawfully give that Work before a Subordinate Lodge open in the Degree of Rebekah. The new Ritual is for the exclusive use of Rebekah Lodges.

12. There being no German translation of the new Rebekah Degree Ritual, I decided that Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah which could not work in English were entitled to retain and use the old German Rituals until such times as translations of the new were furnished them. This may have been a stretch of power, but it seemed a matter of necessity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

13. The following *ex parte* statement was presented for my decision: "One Martin was a member of a Lodge in Iowa, from which he took a Withdrawal Card. This he deposited in a Nevada Lodge and afterwards took a Withdrawal Card from that Lodge, which he deposited in a Lodge in Missouri; then he took a Withdrawal Card from the Missouri Lodge, and removed to and became a permanent resident of Arizona. He remained in Arizona until his card expired, and then applied to and became a member of his home Lodge in Iowa, although he still remained and yet remains a permanent resident of Arizona. Of course he was admitted a member of his Iowa Lodge on the ground of being an Ancient Odd Fellow, and he was so admitted without the consent of the jurisdiction of which he was a resident." If this be a correct statement, he was admitted in direct violation of Section 3, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Now, what is his status? Is he to be treated as an Odd Fellow or not? This is the question propounded. It has been decided that a Brother admitted illegally by card, without fault of his own, and from fault of his Lodge, must be protected in his membership so acquired. (Section 672, Digest 674.) That I conceive to be the extent to which the decisions go. In this case the applicant knew or was bound to know what the law was, and that membership thus acquired would be illegal. The Lodge also knew or was bound to know what the law was. No decision can be found that goes to the extent of holding that membership can be acquired where both parties to the contract knew that it was an illegal transaction, except in the single case of an initiate, the reason being given for this that the initiation being declared void might be construed as releasing him from his obligation. No such reason can exist in this case. I am constrained to believe that if this case shall be held to give the party in question a good and valid membership, the Sovereign Grand Lodge might as well remit the whole matter to Subordinate Lodges. I therefore hold that, on the facts stated, Martin is not a member of the Iowa Lodge, but his status is that of an Ancient Odd Fellow.

14. The question which you ask, viz., "Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate, in whole or in part, its Lodge funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, which association is to erect a building for Lodge purposes, among other things?" is of very great importance and very far-reaching. That there should be some limit to the power of Lodges to appropriate their funds in this direction, must be apparent to every one, but I find nothing that throws much light on the subject. I do not think that a Lodge should invest its funds to such an extent in anything as to disenable it from being in a situation to respond to calls likely to be made upon it for the relief of its distressed members, but it may and should invest its surplus funds in such a way as to produce an income by way of interest, dividends or rentals. It is my opinion that it is not advisable for Lodges to take stock in associations which are or may be controlled

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by others than Odd Fellows, unless it be in some business corporation. Therefore, as at present advised, I think the rule should be, and I decide, that an Odd Fellows' Lodge may, for the purpose of providing a place for its meetings, use a reasonable portion of its funds to purchase stock in an Odd Fellows' Hall Association, although such hall or building, when erected, will be, in part, used for other than Odd Fellow purposes, provided that the stockholders in such association are Odd Fellow organizations, such as Lodges, Encampments, etc.

15. To your question, "Do you understand, by the report of the committee, page 10,521, on Decision 33, and adopted, page 10,659, that a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, or only forbids expending money for a collation and dance?"

*Answer*—I do not understand that, by that report, a Lodge cannot expend any money for observing April 26th, nor do I understand that it "only forbids expending money for a collation and dance."

It seems to me to be almost impossible to lay down any general rule applicable to every conceivable set of circumstances, but I think the principle to be evolved from the decisions is about as follows:

A Subordinate Lodge may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses incident to the celebration of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America, in such a manner as shall tend to promulgate and illustrate its principles, or to elevate it or dignify it in the eyes of the community, such as hiring halls, paying for printing, procuring orators, etc., but not for those things which contribute merely to the pleasure or gratification of the individual member, such as parties, balls, picnics, excursions, banquets and the like, and that, within these limits, the question is one for the Subordinate or its immediate Grand Jurisdiction.

16. To the question, "Can the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under its Constitution, delegate its constitutional legislative powers to its Board of Grand Officers sitting in recess to grant Charters to Subordinate Lodges?" I replied that I had no authority to decide the question, as it was one "arising out of the Constitution" of a State Grand Lodge.—*Constitution, S. G. L., Article IV.*

17. The Grand Sire has not the authority to approve the Constitutions of Subordinate Grand Bodies, or amendments thereto, during recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

## LAW OR USAGE.

18. There is no law or usage by which a Grand Patriarch in his official capacity can prefer charges to a Subordinate Lodge against one of its members, nor of any rule by which a member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge, except as authorized by Section 1310 of the Digest, re-enacted as Article XXXV. of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, with the addition that the Lodge submitting the charges shall have the privilege of counsel, hence it would seem that charges should be preferred as a member of the Lodge to which the accuser belongs, and transmitted by his Lodge to the Lodge of the accused, but I see no objection to the official position of the accuser being set forth in connection with the charges. A Grand Master is not under obligations to forward charges presented to him by a Grand Patriarch against a member of one of his Subordinates, or to become an accuser, but if the Lodge to which charges are transmitted, as provided in Digest, 1310, refuse to entertain them or to try the accused, it is then the duty of the Grand Master, on being notified of the facts by the Grand Patriarch or the accuser, to require the Lodge to do its duty in that regard.

19. Under Section 297, Digest, the Grand Sire may authorize a Royal Purple member to confer the Patriarchal Degrees on Scarlet members, to qualify them as petitioners for an Encampment Charter in a place where no Encampment exists, in territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, but I very much question the power of the D. D. Grand Sire, or even the Grand Sire to appoint any one but a Past Chief Patriarch to install officers,

The principle seems to be that no one should be appointed to administer an obligation who never has received it. Therefore, as at present advised, I must hold that it cannot be done.

20. Section 289, Digest, requiring balloting for degrees to be upon the same evening on which application is made therefor, is doubtless applicable to Encampments as well as to Lodges, though as to the latter, the subject may now be regulated by the local legislation.—*Journal, S. G. L., 1885, page 10,089.*

21. A Brother holding a Withdrawal Card out of date, or a Dismissal Certificate, may join in applying for a Charter for a new Lodge of Odd Fellows, but the application must be signed by five Third Degree members who hold unexpired Withdrawal Cards.—*Digest, Sections 1162a, 1177, 1178.*

The term "Brothers of the Order in good standing," as used in Article I. of the By-Laws, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Digest, Section 1162, must be construed to mean Brothers holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards.

22. The law of New Jersey provides that "A person cannot be initiated in any Lodge than the one nearest or most convenient to his residence, without the consent of said Lodge." A person applied to his nearest Lodge, Clinton, for membership, and was rejected, of which rejection Harrison Lodge was notified. Notwithstanding this, Harrison Lodge elected and initiated such person. On complaint to the Grand Master, the Lodge plead guilty. No fraud was practiced upon Harrison Lodge, as the applicant informed the committee that he had been rejected by Clinton Lodge. On this state of facts, the Grand Master issued his mandate forbidding Harrison Lodge from conferring the Degrees upon the person initiated, and asks what is the remedy, and whether the law, Section 620, Digest, applies.

*Answer*—Harrison Lodge is guilty of a wilful violation of law and is liable to such penalty as the Grand Lodge may deem adequate to the offence. I do not see that the membership of Feindt can be disturbed, but the Lodge can be prohibited from conferring the Degrees upon him; at all events, this is my present opinion, and I would advise you to make the prohibition permanent, unless the consent of Clinton Lodge be first obtained. I hardly think Section 620 applies to the case, although the Grand Lodge may doubtless fine the Lodge, on conviction, to that extent, or even much more.

23. Applications for permission to initiate residents of territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, into Lodges under State Jurisdictions, have been made to me from time to time, and I have decided to grant and have granted those applications only where the jurisdictions were contiguous and the Lodge in which it was proposed to initiate was the nearest one to the residence of the applicant. It is the general rule that persons can be admitted only into Lodges nearest the place of their residence. This was first held in 1848 (Digest, 626), and re-affirmed many times since, the last time in 1884 (Digest, 615, 618, 619, 627.) But this is the rule only in the absence of local legislation. (Digest, 626a, 628.) This general rule has been held to apply to all cases of admissions in a jurisdiction different from that of the applicant (Digest, 615, 616, 618, 619), save the exceptional decision in 1883. (Digest, 622a.) The rule is a salutary one, as the health, character and standing of the applicant are usually well known to the members of the Lodge and the danger of receiving a bad man is comparatively little. The decision of 1883 goes upon the theory that Section 3, Article XVI., of the Constitution of 1854, authorizes admissions in any other jurisdiction, if consent be obtained, which is a mistake. That section simply prohibits admissions without consent, and of course the consent is to be obtained in the cases and under the circumstances authorized by the law as it existed when the section was adopted, there being no such provision in the old Constitution. In 1862 the Legislative Committee reported, and the Grand Lodge adopted, a resolution authorizing Subordinates in contiguous or adjacent jurisdictions to admit to membership persons whose residence "though not actually in said jurisdiction, is nearest the place of location" of such Subordinate (Digest, 617), thus giving a legislative construction

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to the Constitutional provision. This was re-affirmed in 1865. (Digest, 618.) The decision (622a) seems to violate another long-established principle, that of admitting a temporary resident. (Digest, 622, 623, 624.) For these reasons, and believing that the decision of 1884, in effect, overrules that of 1883, I have followed the long-established rule, that the applicant must live in an adjacent jurisdiction, and apply to the Lodge nearest his residence.

24. When the officers at installation retire in charge of the Grand Marshal for examination, they should retire in form—that is, address the Chairs.

25. A Grand Master, when introducing a visiting Brother, enters the Lodge in his official capacity. He announces himself as Grand Master with a visiting Brother, and is entitled to be received with the honors of the Order, and must be so received, *unless he waive that right, which he may do*. The honors are not to be given to the visiting Brother, unless he also be entitled thereto.

26. A Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge has not the right to introduce visitors to a Subordinate Encampment whom he knows are not members of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

27. Subordinate Encampments meet semi-monthly, and twelve consecutive meeting-nights, or six months, constitute a full term. With the consent of the Grand Encampment they may meet monthly; in such case the term of their officers is extended to one year (Digest, 1221), the number of meeting-nights still being twelve. A Chief Patriarch who serves a majority of the nights, and to the end of either the six or twelve-months term, is qualified to sit in the Grand Encampment. No other or different terms are permitted.

28. Appeal of Charles J. Fishel from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sire of the Sandwich Islands.

The facts in this case, as it appears from the concurring statements of the appellant and the D. D. Sire, are as follows:

Harmony Lodge, No. 3, failed to hold one of its regular meetings for the term ending Dec. 31st, 1886, from want of a quorum, occasioned by the celebration of the Fourth of July occurring on the fifth of that month, the fourth being Sunday, the appellant, the then Noble Grand, claiming that he was present at the Lodge room, but that he could not procure the attendance of sufficient members to open the Lodge. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand were both actually present in said Lodge during said term and served more than fourteen meeting-nights of the term, and held their respective offices until their successors were installed, on the first meeting of January last. It appears, also, that on three meeting-nights of the preceding term the Lodge failed to hold a meeting, for want of a quorum. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand of that term also served a majority of nights and held office until its close. After the installation of officers in January last, it was claimed that the appellant was not eligible to the position of Noble Grand when he was elected thereto, by reason of the failure of the Lodge to hold the three meetings above specified, and that he was not entitled to the honors of Past Grand, by reason of the failure to hold the one meeting in the last term, as above mentioned. The D. D. Grand Sire, on the authority of Section 265, Digest, so decided, and from this decision the appeal is taken.

I decided as follows: Perhaps the literal interpretation of Digest, 265, would justify your decision, but on a thorough examination of the question, and the way it came up, I am compelled to think that you have fallen into an error. The history of the matter is as follows: On the first organization of our Order the terms of Subordinate Lodges were thirteen weeks, and there appears to have been no regular time for the terms to end. It would seem that the term commenced at the first regular meeting after the Charter was granted and ended thirteen weeks from that time. They were not quarterly or half-yearly terms, commencing and ending with certain months in the year. Grand Sire Kennedy, in his annual report in 1842, says: "The periods at which terms of Lodges and Encampments commence and end are as greatly diversified as the number of them could possibly permit." (Journal, 445.) To remedy this de-

fect, and so that proper statistics could be collected, it was enacted, (Journal, 491) that annual reports be made from July 1st to June 30th; semi-annual, if any, from July 1st to December 30th, and quarterly reports on the first days of July, October, January and April in each year, and that when the longest part of the term (seven weeks or more) under the present regulation shall have expired, Subordinates were authorized to make one short term, so as to end the quarter as above specified, and the officers would be entitled to the honors; and when less than seven weeks of a quarter shall have expired, they are directed to extend the term, and (Journal, 494) that the officers hold for the remnant of that quarter and to the end of the next quarter. By this law the terms were changed from a given number of consecutive meeting-nights to periods of time, and all had a uniform ending. Now, terms end either in January and July, or April and October, six months, and the term ends when the period arrives, whether twenty-six or six meetings have been held. It may have been from a misapprehension of these things that the latter part of Section 265 was enacted. A dispensation with Lodge-meetings is undoubtedly illegal and improper, but it cannot be that an illegal dispensation of one of twenty-six Lodge-meetings, against the protest, perhaps, of its Noble Grand, would deprive that officer, who had faithfully served for twenty-five nights of a term, of the honors due to his faithful service. There is no justice in it. Besides, it has been decided, over and over again, that an officer who has served a majority of the nights of a term (fourteen), if in office at the end of the term, is entitled to the honors of the office. The enactment (Section 265) cannot be upheld unless it can be construed to mean that the dispensation spoken of prevented the officers from serving a majority of the nights of the term. This can, however, hardly be claimed for it. I have never had occasion before to critically examine the question, but am clear that the foregoing views are correct.

I therefore decide that the retiring officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, are entitled to the honors of the term if they were present in the Lodge-room a majority of the meeting-nights of the term, and held their offices to the close of the term.

I must also overrule your decision as to the preceding term upon substantially the same principle. If the officers served a majority of the nights of the term, they are not debarred from the honors of those offices from the fact that the Lodge failed, for want of a quorum, to hold three meetings out of the twenty-six. If three meetings would do it, one would, and if that were so a large number of the officers would fall of their honors for the same reason.

29. "A Brother paid his fee for the Second Degree, and before he was ready to take it was called away to another jurisdiction. He made no provision for the payment of his dues." In such a case the Lodge cannot apply the money so paid in on his dues, nor can he demand it back unless the Lodge refuses to confer the degree on demand. The demand must be made before suspension for non-payment of dues, otherwise the degree fee is forfeited unless the Brother be re-instated.

30. Under the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, establishing the Degree of the Patriarchs Militant, honorary members cannot be required to wear a cap, belt and sword in order to sit in a Canton.

31. Under that law a Canton cannot be compelled to turn out for parade or drill, except on the 26th of April, when ordered by a superior officer under penalty of court-martial and punishment such as it may see fit to inflict; but a Canton may, when so ordered, determine by vote whether it will or will not turn out, and inform the officer of its decision, without incurring the penalty of a court-martial.

32. Orders issued by superior officers in plain violation of the law creating the degree are of no binding force upon Cantons or Chevalliers and may be disregarded.

33. Unless an association has the sanction of a State Grand Body, as provided in Sections 405, 406, Digest, it is illegal for it to do business as an insurance

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company under the name of the Order, and the "Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association" is such an illegal association, unless authorized as above. (Digest, 402.) The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise," within said Section 402.

Any member of the Order engaged in any such business is liable to charges and expulsion.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Since preparing my regular report I have made the following decisions:

1. *Question.* Can an Encampment receive petitions and ballot on them at a special meeting without permission of the Grand Patriarch?

*Answer.* An Encampment cannot receive propositions or ballot for membership at a special meeting, even with the consent of the Grand Patriarch. While I have great doubt as to the correctness of this decision, especially as to the reception of petitions, I thought it was the safer rule to hold in that manner, as the S. C. L. session is so near that it could lay down the correct rule in a very short time if this was wrong. I understand this to be in accordance with the general practice of lodges, but possibly the question may be one for local regulation.

2. *Question.* Can a Patriarch take a Withdrawal Card from his Encampment, he living several miles from the location of it, and deposit the same in another Encampment in the same jurisdiction, more remote from his residence?

*Answer.* The general rule is that he cannot. Digest, 626, 627, 628. But this is a subject for the regulation of the Subordinate Grand Body.

3. *Question.* Can a team gotten up for the purpose of working the Rebekah Degree be allowed to take the places of the officers and work the Degree?

*Answer.* A Noble Grand and Vice Grand of any Lodge, Subordinate or Rebekah, is not obliged to surrender his chair to a Team in conferring the Degrees, although I think these officers in a Rebekah Lodge should allow it to be done, unless they are capable of doing it in a creditable manner themselves. As a rule the ladies take more pride in the matter than the male members, and the times are such as to require a departure in some cases from the old rules.

Any Association doing business under the name of "The Odd Fellows' National Benevolent Association," unless such Association is sanctioned by a State Grand Body, as provided in Sections 405 and 406, Digest, is an illegal association. The business transacted by that or any similar association is a "private business or enterprise" within Section 402, and any member of the Order engaged in any such business under any such name is liable to charges and expulsion.

Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, from the Committee of the Judiciary, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred certain decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his original and supplementary report, have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*—That the decisions of the Grand Sire, found in his report, and numbered as follows, 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Grand Sire's Supplementary Report, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED ORENDORFF,	CHAS. R. GIBSON,
WILLIAM H. COMLEY,	O. J. SEMMES,
L. D. FREER,	M. D. BRAINARD,
J. B. FRIEDHAM,	W. I. CORNWELL,



Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred decisions of the Grand Sire Nos. 14, 22 and 25, have examined the same, and while approving the substance of the decisions, it is deemed proper that they should be modified so as to prevent their misconstruction, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*—That the Grand Sire's decision, No. 14, be amended by striking out the proviso found at the end of his decision.

That decision No. 22 be amended by striking out all of said decision after the word "disturbed," and inserting the words, "or his rights to advancement interfered with."

That decision No. 25 be amended by striking out the words "unless he waive that right, which he may do."

And that, with these modifications, the above decisions are hereby approved.

Rep. Stebbins, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 28, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and concur with the Grand Sire in the conclusion reached.

Your Committee recommend a careful study of the history of Sec. 286 of the Digest, as given by the Grand Sire, that misunderstandings of its meaning and scope may be avoided. They submit the following :

*Resolved*—That decision No. 28 of the Grand Sire be approved.

Rep. Gibson, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report found on page 18, and in which the question is raised whether the action of the Grand Sire in approving By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, during recess, is final, or is subject to review by this Grand Body, would respectfully report as follows :

Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution for such Subordinates, provides for such approval by the Grand Sire during recess, and by this Grand Body when in session.

This clearly indicates that the general power of approval is in this Grand Body, and is only extended to the Grand Sire during recess, for the convenience of Subordinates. To hold otherwise would be to authorize such approval by two distinct authorities, and each a finality.

The latter clause of Section 1, Article 4, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requires the Grand Sire at each communication to report in writing all his official acts and decisions.

This requirement certainly contemplates a review of the same by this Grand Body.

We therefore hold that in such cases the acts of the Grand Sire should go to the Committee on Constitutions, to be examined and reported on.

Rep. Kiger, of New Jersey, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

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*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, beg leave to report that we have considered the same and find them correct. We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*—That the decisions of the Grand Sire, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. KIGER,	E. H. WHITNEY,
MILTON HIGGINS,	JOHN B. PHISTER,
LEWIS SILBER,	SAM. WATTS,
J. B. KENNER,	C. H. DORSETT,
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#### REMOVAL OF HEADQUARTERS.

Rep. Hedges, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Permanent Location of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:*

The Special Committee charged with the disposition of the property interests at Baltimore, and the carrying out the resolution of this Body with regard to the removal of the Grand Secretary's office to Columbus, Ohio, beg leave to report their proceedings and action:

On March 7, 1887, they held a session in Columbus, Ohio, all present except the Grand Treasurer, who was unable to attend by reason of sickness; said session was continued on the 8th, 9th and 10th.

On a conference with the Trustees of the several Lodges and Encampments owning the Temple, and thorough examination of the premises and title thereof, your Committee entered into an agreement in writing, a copy of which is appended to this report and made a part hereof.

The owners of the Temple assured the Committee that they would proceed at once to construct the changes provided for in said agreement, and have the same completed within ninety days. The Committee instructed the chairman to inspect the same when done, and when completed, if as stipulated and provided in the agreement, to accept the same and take a deed of conveyance therefor.

The chairman, in pursuance of such instruction, on the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of June went to Columbus, but did not find the room intended for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as a Lodge room completed, but the rooms for the use of the Grand Secretary substantially finished and furnished.

The chairman again, on August 30, went to Columbus, Ohio, and found the construction completed in all respects as provided and stipulated, save and except the two chandeliers were not in place in the large room for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and on the distinct agreement that the owners of the Temple would put in place the chandeliers at their own expense, the chairman accepted of the rooms, and, as he was instructed by the Committee, prepared a deed of conveyance, and the same was executed and delivered to him and duly recorded in the records of Franklin County, Ohio.

The Committee now present the deed to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also the agreement entered into, dated March 8, 1887.

The Committee, at their meeting in March, directed the Grand Secretary to cause the effects of the Grand Lodge, in the office at Baltimore, to be removed

to Columbus, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of removal; to notify the Grand Lodge of Maryland that the premises rented from them by the Sovereign Grand Lodge would be vacated on or before the 30th day of June, 1887; to offer to sell to the Grand Lodge of Maryland "the premises fronting on Orange Alley, Baltimore, as described in the lease from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Grand Lodge of the United States, dated April 7, 1876, together with all the improvements made thereon, for the net cost of the said improvements, \$4,766.82, payable: \$766.82 on the first day of January, 1888, and \$1000 on the last day of January thereafter, in the years 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the time of transfer of the property; and if the Grand Lodge of Maryland decline to purchase the improvements, to advertise the property for sale or lease, and dispose of the same by sale, if possible, for the sum named above, or if it cannot be sold, to rent the property for not less than \$300 per annum; if not sold to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to make such change in the entrance to the vault, and close the door at the end of the hall through the building."

The Grand Secretary informed the Committee that their directions had been obeyed. The Grand Lodge of Maryland declining to purchase the property, the vault door was removed so as to make an entrance to the vault from the hall, instead of from the room owned by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the door from the hall into that room was closed.

The Grand Secretary also reports to the Committee that, being unable to find a tenant for the premises previous to his leaving Baltimore, on the 25th of June, he placed the keys in possession of Sargeant & Tinges, real estate agents, Baltimore, authorizing them to sell or rent the property. At last advices the building is still vacant.

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT,

Made this, the eighth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, between the Lodges and Encampment owners of the Odd Fellows' Temple, in the City of Columbus, Ohio, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The parties of the first part hereby agree that they will fit up, furnish and complete the second story of the Odd Fellows' Temple, on High street, in the City of Columbus, in the following manner:

*First*—The office fronting on High street (northwest corner of building), say 18 feet 8 inches by 18 feet 6 inches, is not to be changed, except that if an alteration in the wooden partition is desired by the Grand Secretary, such change shall be made, and necessary painting and papering shall be done.

*Second*—The room on Walnut street, in rear of the above office, say 18 feet 8 inches by 31 feet, shall be altered by placing a wooden partition 12 feet from the present wooden partition, so as to make one room of 12 feet on the west, and one of 14 feet on the east; also, to place a wooden partition three feet north of the south wall of said room, to extend from the partition of the east side of the 12-foot room to the present wooden partition on the east side of the office fronting on High street, with doors as may be required.

*Third*—The partition 25 feet east of the west partition of the room on Walnut street is to be removed, so as to leave a room 33 feet by 20 feet.

*Fourth*—A permanent partition shall be placed 50 feet west of the Pearl court-wall in place of the wooden partition now there, and all partitions within the said space of 50 by 62 feet shall be removed.

*Fifth*—A fire-proof vault, 13 feet by 17 feet 6 inches inside measurement, is to be built where indicated on the accompanying drawing, the floor and ceiling to be constructed of iron girders resting on brick walls at north and south ends, with brick arches between, to be levelled with cement, and a Warren three-inch

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stone floor laid thereon. Inside the present brick walls there shall be placed an inside wall 8 inches thick, with a 4-inch space between, bound to the present wall with every four courses, and where there are no walls at present, such double walls shall be constructed. A transom is to be put in over the present doorway in the hall, similar to the one now opening into the present Lodge-room. There shall be double iron shutters to the transoms, and double iron doors to the vault. The vault shall be plastered, white-washed and shelved inside.

*Sixth*—Suitable shelving, as directed by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, hereinafter in writing, shall be placed in the several rooms.

*Seventh*—An elevator of dimensions necessary shall be placed in such position as may be agreed upon, for the purpose of taking boxes into and out of the second story of the said building.

*Eighth*—A suitable wash-stand and two water-closets of modern design, to be supplied with water at all times, and convenient of access from the rooms of the Grand Secretary and the Sovereign Grand Lodge-room, shall be placed in the second story of the said building.

*Ninth*—Doors shall be placed in such position as the Grand Secretary may hereafter direct in writing, to give access to the several rooms heretofore mentioned.

*Tenth*—In the large room (say 50 by 62 feet), designated for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its meetings, there shall be placed two iron pillars at equal distance from the east and west walls, say  $16\frac{2}{3}$  feet from each other, and from the walls, to support iron truss girders, resting upon them for the support of the ceiling above.

*Eleventh*—Gas-pipes and proper burners are to be placed in the vault and rooms in positions as the Grand Secretary may hereafter direct.

*Twelfth*—All the rooms are to be newly papered and painted in a satisfactory manner, and the ceiling of the large room is to be handsomely frescoed so as to give an appearance of greater height to the ceiling, and a chandelier is to be placed in each of the two spaces into which the ceiling is divided by the truss girder.

*Thirteenth*—The above specified changes and improvements in said second story are to be completed within three months from this date. The upper room is the attic over the Lodge rooms and access thereto is to be allowed for the use of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as a storage room, free of charge, and this shall be specified in the deed of conveyance.

*Fourteenth*—On the completion of the repairs and improvements, as hereinbefore mentioned, and the acceptance of the premises by the Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the owners of the said Odd Fellows' Temple shall execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, with full covenants, of the second story of the Temple, excepting the southwest corner rooms thereof, with right of ingress and egress at all times as now provided, in common with said parties of the first part, with ingress and egress to said parties from the second to the third floor, as now arranged, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, free and clear of all taxes or assessments that have been, or may hereafter be imposed on said premises; and said parties of the first part shall keep the roof of said building in repair; which deed shall provide that the owners of the premises on which said building stands shall, whenever said building shall be destroyed by any cause, rebuild and complete the same within one year from the time of the destruction, the second story to be built and finished in the same manner, as hereinbefore specified, and the title to the said second story is to remain in the Sovereign Grand Lodge; provided that, if the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall remove its office from said building, the title shall revert to the parties of the first part.

All of these covenants shall be covenants real, running with the land.

In consideration of the premises, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, through its committee legally authorized to conclude the arrangements for the removal of the office of the Grand Secretary from Baltimore, agrees to remove the seat of government, with all the property and effects of the said body, from the city of Baltimore, Maryland, to the aforementioned premises in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

It is further agreed, that the owners of the property shall place a suitable rod or moulding near the ceiling around the four sides of the large room on the east end of the building, so that pictures may be hung and removed without breaking the walls with nails; and have the room prepared in good style as a first-class Lodge-room.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have caused this instrument of writing to be signed by the Trustees thereof respectively, attested by the respective seals thereof; and the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has caused the same to be signed by its committee duly authorized for the purpose, this 8th day of March, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. HEDGES,  
J. W. STEBBINS,  
JOSEPH T. HOKE,  
JNO. H. WHITE,  
THEO. A. ROSS,

*Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.*

Central Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F., by John Starlsman, David R. Williams, Trustees.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., by Albert A. Hymrode, Dan N. Upesaber, R. S. McWain, Trustees.

Capitol Lodge, No. 334, I. O. O. F., by Benj. S. Stevenson, Wm. H. Hover, Jr., Peter J. Magly, Trustees.

Capitol Encampment, No. 6, by Chas. Robbins, Louis Link, Trustees.

Columbus Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., by Edward Pryce, John Ostott, C. L. F. Butler, Trustees.

The committee beg leave further to report that on the 25th of June last, the Grand Secretary began moving the property of his office, supplies, etc., and on July 1st the offices of the Grand Body were fully transferred to and located in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

The committee beg further to state that the rooms now occupied are complete, with all the furnishings required; are centrally located in the city, and in every way admirably adapted to the uses intended.

The committee have not taken any steps to secure the incorporation of the Grand Lodge under the laws of the State of Ohio. The committee considered the matter, and beg leave to suggest that inasmuch as Lodges and Encampments of our Order are located in every State and Territory of the United States of America, and also in the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and in foreign countries, it might be of advantage to secure an act of incorporation from the Congress of the United States.

Inasmuch as Columbus, Ohio, is now the home and headquarters of the Order, the resolution passed in 1858 (Journal, 3001), providing that all sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held in Baltimore till further ordered, should be repealed. Therefore, the committee offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed in 1858, on the subject, be rescinded, and that hereafter, when not otherwise ordered, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will hold its sessions in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

### STATE OF THE ORDER.

#### EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS OF SUBORDINATES.

There is no law requiring Grand Bodies to make returns of these important matters, but merely a suggestion, which has been responded to in whole or in part by a large majority of the jurisdictions. Last year complete returns were presented from 26 Grand Lodges and 13 Grand Encampments. This year 29 Grand Lodges and 13 Grand Encampments have reported in full, and we have partial reports from 8 Grand Lodges and 11 Grand Encampments. The following (17) Grand Lodges have not reported expenses or investments: Denmark, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, Quebec, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tennessee, Virginia; also the following (19) Grand Encampments: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming.

The excuse for not furnishing the information is, generally "our laws do not require Subordinates to report amount of expenses and invested funds;" but it is in the power of Grand Bodies to demand such information, and have the items inserted on the blanks for the annual reports.

The accompanying table exhibits all the information received.

*Returns of Grand Bodies of the Expenses of Subordinates, separate from Benefits and Charities, for the year 1886, and amount of Invested Funds, December 31st, 1886;*

## APPENDIX.

RETURNS OF GRAND BODIES OF THE EXPENSES OF SUBORDINATES, SEPARATE FROM BENEFITS AND CHARITIES, FOR THE YEAR 1886, AND AMOUNT OF INVESTED FUNDS, DECEMBER 31st, 1886:

JURISDICTION.	GRAND LODGES.		GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	
	Current Exp's	Invested Funds.	Current Exp's	Invested Funds.
1. Alabama	\$4,443 93	\$21,037 00		
2. Arizona	3,886 84	11,027 90		
3. Arkansas	3,990 10	21,798 50		
4. British Columbia	5,652 86	54,828 64		
5. California	163,135 49	2,049,388 19	\$19,742 90	\$163,899 26
6. Chile	428 40			
7. Colorado		129,576 65	2,166 81	12,198 00
8. Connecticut	33,988 67	278,702 39	4,717 89	22,355 23
9. Dakota	38,323 27	37,072 26	3,440 60	
10. Delaware	12,103 24	130,905 54	741 85	2,879 99
11. Denmark				
12. District of Columbia				
13. Florida	7,745 42	35,458 05	1,218 77	9,702 97
14. Georgia				
15. Idaho				
16. Illinois				
17. Indiana				
18. Iowa	107,925 00	1,557,451 61	8,358 58	64,621 16
19. Kansas	49,600 46	559,234 00	4,615 02	13,215 06
20. Kentucky	71,714 89	387,483 64		
21. Louisiana		248,498 40		21,797 67
22. Lower Provinces				
23. Maine	6,096 34	21,906 60		
24. Manitoba	38,220 04	468,006 13	5,021 29	59,785 77
25. Maryland	4,122 94	22,569 16		
26. Massachusetts				
27. Michigan				
28. Minnesota	134,029 94		3,575 64	
29. Mississippi				
30. Missouri				
31. Montana		534,159 00		11,464 75
32. Nebraska	20,150 06	191,687 33	843 50	5,862 03
33. Nevada	14,932 55	59,736 55	1,780 18	5,470 00
34. New Hampshire		269,412 86		20,466 61
35. New Jersey				
36. New York	168,145 85		12,423 82	
37. North Carolina	5,449 19	31,865 26	204 71	150 00
38. Ohio	236,500 24	1,758,424 29		191,744 73
39. Ontario	53,270 89	548,267 49		27,058 34
40. Oregon	21,247 15	79,525 00		
41. Pennsylvania	224,144 59	3,032,830 44	23,881 61	314,663 95
42. Quebec				
43. Rhode Island				
44. South Carolina	32,676 94	213,873 61	5,154 48	26,169 07
45. Switzerland				
46. Tennessee				
47. Texas				
48. Utah	25,076 72	194,504 15		1,500 00
49. Vermont	5,249 21	22,525 80		
50. Virginia	8,920 26	38,494 25	1,075 00	
51. Washington	23,254 05	53,070 60	1,323 33	600 00
52. West Virginia	17,285 19	102,870 94		
53. Wisconsin	61,190 36	222,407 41	2,279 08	
54. Wyoming		41,093 23		

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MEMBERSHIP.

Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1886.

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	66			
Alberta (1 Lodge)	10			8
Arizona	11			
Arizona (1 Encampment)				1
Arkansas		130	10	
British Columbia	86			
British Columbia (2 Encampments)				47
California	297		208	
Chile		33		
Colorado	110		49	
Connecticut	722		174	
Cuba (6 Lodges)	202			
Dakota	507		228	
Delaware				
Denmark		3		3
Denmark (4 Encampments)	23			
District of Columbia				73
Florida		242	15	
Georgia		2		8
Idaho	80		26	
Idaho (1 Encampment)	112			
Illinois				1
Indiana	454		7	
Indian Territory (5 Lodges, 2 Encamp's)	1,355		537	
Iowa	31		2	
Kansas		256		225
Kentucky	921		358	
Louisiana	41		112	
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	25		3	
Lower Provinces (5 Encampments)	28			
Maine				41
Manitoba	821		116	
Manitoba (3 Encampments)	285			
Maryland			16	
Massachusetts		329		12
Mexico (2 Lodges)	1,541		436	
Michigan	25			
Minnesota	78		39	
Mississippi	434		6	
Missouri		10		31
Montana	152		53	
Nebraska	238		30	
Netherlands (2 Lodges)	450		26	
Nevada	10			
New Hampshire		50		5
New Jersey	288		117	
New Mexico (8 Lodges, 4 Encampments)	1,028		121	
	61		31	

*Increase and Decrease from January 1st to December 31st, 1886—Continued.*

JURISDICTION.	LODGE.		ENCAMPMENT.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
New York .....	1,785		161	
North Carolina .....		39	13	
Ohio .....	722		95	
Ontario .....	350		158	
Oregon .....	118		89	
Pennsylvania .....	656		324	
Peru (3 Lodges, 1 Encampment).....	8		1	
Quebec.....	34			
Rhode Island .....	247		236	
Sandwich Islands (2 Lodges, 1 Encamp.)		3		2
South Carolina .....	30		3	
Switzerland .....	9			
Tennessee .....	73		65	
Texas .....		108	80	
Utah .....	5			
Vermont .....	93		27	
Virginia .....	76			103
Washington .....	199		84	
West Virginia.....		100		23
Wisconsin.....		611		92
Wyoming.....	9		16	
Totals .....	14,906	1,916	4,072	675

Net gain in membership of Lodges, 12,990; Encampments, 3,397.

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## SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, ETC.

In May, 1887, a circular was issued from this office, embodying the resolution (Journal, 10,508,) relating to schools and colleges under the control of the Order, etc., and requesting information, on the blanks transmitted, as early as possible. Blanks were returned by fourteen jurisdictions, with remarks as follows:

ALABAMA.—“I received your blanks in regard to schools, etc., but have not sufficient data to report. There is one Lodge in the State that has four scholarships in a female academy, and another that owns a school-house and grounds, but I have no particulars as to their management.”

ARIZONA.—“Nothing of the kind in this Territory.”

DAKOTA.—“There are none of these in Dakota.”

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—“Schools and colleges under control of Grand Lodge, and children attending the same, none; children kept at other schools not under the control of the Order, 17; amount paid out per term on account of the same, \$121.19.”

IDAHO.—“None exist in Idaho.”

ILLINOIS (Grand Encampment).—“None.”

KENTUCKY.—“None that I have information of. Cannot say as to number of children attending schools, colleges and amount paid out per term.”

MASSACHUSETTS.—“None.”

NEBRASKA.—“None.”

NEVADA.—“None.”

NEW YORK.—“None.”

QUEBEC.—“Nothing of the kind in this jurisdiction.”

VERMONT.—“None.”

VIRGINIA.—“We have none under our supervision. As to children attending other schools, it is impossible for me to form even an approximate. We have the public free school system throughout the entire State, but it is impossible to say how many are the children of Odd Fellows, or what amount is expended in their education.”

WISCONSIN.—“None.”

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Bro. Foster, D. D. Grand Sire, in letter of January 20th (see Foreign Correspondence), stated that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, had the care of fourteen orphans, who are at boarding-schools and are entirely supported by the Lodge.

## ENDOWMENT OR LIFE INSURANCE.

This subject has occupied the attention of many prominent members of the Order, and there are of course many and widely different opinions as to the proper course to pursue. Some advocate the establishment of an association under the exclusive management and control of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, while others favor keeping the present associations in existence, but requiring them to be subject to the supervision of an officer similar to the Insurance Commissioner of a State; to prohibit them from using the name of the Order unless their condition has been examined by such officer, and certified by him as satisfactory. Some are opposed to any interference with the present organizations, and there are a few who would be glad to see all institutions of an insurance character, in connection with the Order, go out of existence.

Bro. C. E. Mack, Representative from Nevada, transmitted to this office a memorial of the Grand Lodge of that State, “asking for the formation of a National Endowment Association for Odd Fellows,” and accompanied the pamphlet with a letter, saying: “We earnestly petition for assistance in securing to thousands of Odd Fellows of to-day and the countless millions to come, the benefits of a strong and lasting *Endowment Association*, believing that such an institution will add immense strength to our Order, financially and numerically, and more closely cement the ties of Friendship, Love and Truth.”



On this subject, Grand Master J. B. Ley, in his report to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, April, 1887, said: "In my visitations to the various Lodges of my jurisdiction I have frequently presented the claims of the Widows and Orphans Relief Association, depicting its advantages, its solvency and perfect management, but seemingly I have failed to arouse any interest; and after mature reflection and interviewing members of the Order I would recommend legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge creating and incorporating an endowment under its direct control and management, thereby dispelling any prejudice or lack of confidence that may now exist. I believe an endowment feature in our Order essential to its prosperity, and urge prompt action in the matter."

ODD FELLOWS' HOMES, ORPHAN ASYLUMS, CEMETERY ASSOCIATIONS, VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS ETC.

The following information was furnished:

ARKANSAS.—"We have nothing of this nature to report from this jurisdiction. An effort was made at the last session of our Grand Lodge to inaugurate an Odd Fellows' Asylum at Hot Springs, but so far without result. PETER BRUGMAN, *Grand Secretary*."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Veteran Odd Fellows' Association, Washington*.—Organized April 21st, 1887. Object: Fraternal association and as a means of collecting the early history of the Order in the District of Columbia and preserving the same. Receipts, \$30; contingent expenses, \$5.40; money on hand, \$24.60. Meetings quarterly, on the third Mondays in April, July, October and January—the April is the annual meeting; annual social session about the time of the anniversary of the Order. Will visit Lodges on invitation, and will attend funerals of veterans. Membership fee, \$5; annual dues, \$1, which (after paying running expenses) is to be used for the annual social session. All Odd Fellows in good standing, initiated twenty-one years prior to making application, are admitted without vote, on furnishing evidence of qualification. W. W. DANENROUER, *President*; C. B. R. COLLEDGE, *Secretary*."

KENTUCKY—*Veteran Association, Louisville*.—Organized December 27th, 1879. Object: To intensify a love for the Order, by social intercourse and fraternal communion, thus cementing the bonds of Brotherhood; to visit, in a body, the Subordinate Lodges, and, "speaking from age and experience," give wholesome advice to those who, in the course of time, are bound to take the places of those who may fall battling in the cause of humanity. Receipts, \$269.50; expenses, \$234.70. For year ending October, 1886, receipts, \$34.50; expenses, \$22.50; money on hand, \$42.10. The association at present numbers 74 members, two of whom have been members of the Order over fifty-four years and are yet in active service. Fourteen have died since the organization. Meetings quarterly; annual meeting in October. HENRY WOLFORD, *Chief Veteran*; CHARLES WOLFORD, *Secretary*."

NEBRASKA—"None that I know of. D. A. CLINE, *Grand Secretary*."

NEVADA—"None. B. F. WALLACE, *Grand Secretary*."

OREGON—*Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home and Educational Fund, Fairview* (see Journal of 1886, p. 10, 323).—"For year ending April 30th, 1887, receipts, \$548.75; paid for improvements, \$378; expenses, \$27; money on hand, \$949; value of property, \$10,440. F. M. BLACK, *President*; A. N. GAMBELL, *Sec*."

PENNSYLVANIA—*The Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia* (see Journal of 1886, p. 10, 695).—"For year ending June 18th, 1887, receipts, \$11,073.18; paid for enlargement of Home, putting in steam heater and improvement of grounds, \$7,738.74; expenses, \$3,345.17; money on hand, \$259.34; value of real estate, etc., \$30,612.91. Liabilities—Mortgage, \$10,000; loans, \$1,300. Worth of Home over all liabilities, \$19,572.25. JOHN WHITE, *President*; C. B. D. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*."

TEXAS—"None to report. L. F. DE LESDERNIER, *Grand Scribe*."

WISCONSIN—"None. L. B. HILLS, *Grand Secretary*."

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'ODD FELLOWS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

JURISDICTION.	NAME.	LOCATION.
*1 British Col., Can.	Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association	Victoria
2 Connecticut	O F Mutual Aid Association of Connecticut	New Haven
3 Dis't. of Columbia	I O O F Mutual Relief Association	Washington
4 Illinois	Covenant Mutual Benefit Association	Galesburg
5 Indiana	O F Mutual Aid Association of Indiana	Indianapolis
16 Kentucky	Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge of Ky.	Louisville
7 Maine	I O O F Benefit Association	Portland
8 " "	O F Graded Mutual Rel of Association of Maine	Norway
9 " "	O F Mutual Relief Association of Portland	Portland
-10 " "	York County O F Mutual Relief Association	Biddeford
11 " "	O F Mutual Relief Association of Maine	Leiston
12 Massachusetts	O F Mutual Benefit Association of Dorchester	Boston
*13 " "	District	Boston
14 " "	O F Beneficial Association of Massachusetts	Boston
15 " "	O F Mutual Benefit Association of Essex, North	Salem
16 " "	O F Mutual Benefit Association, Charlestown	Boston
17 " "	District	Boston
18 " "	O F Mutual Benefit Association	Lowell
19 " "	O F Relief Benefit Association of Worcester	Chelsea
20 " "	O F Mutual Relief Association of Clinton	Worcester
21 " "	O F Mutual Relief Association of Cambridge	Clinton
22 " "	Daughters of Rebekah Mutual Benefit Association	Cambridge
23 " "	Lynn O F Mutual Benefit Association	Ipswich
24 " "	O F Mutual Relief Association of the Connecticut	Lynn
25 " "	River Valley	Springfield
26 " "	New England Provident Association, I O O F	East Cambridge
27 Michigan	O F Assurance Association	Provincetown
28 Minnesota	Minnesota O F Mutual Benefit Society	Bay City
29 Nevada	Endowment Rank, I O O F, of the Pacific Coast	St Paul
30 New Jersey	O F Mutual Life Insurance Association of N J	Virginia City
31 New York	Odd Fellows' Funeral Aid Association	Newark
32 " "	Odd Fellows' Benevolent Association	Trenton
33 " "	O F Mutual Benefit Association of Kings County	Buffalo
34 " "	Odd Fellows' Relief Association	Brooklyn
35 " "	Odd Fellows' Provident Association	Albany
36 Ohio	O F Endowment Association of Central New York	Brooklyn
37 " "	O F Home Benefit Association of Ohio	Syracuse
38 " "	O F Beneficial Association of Columbus	Cincinnati
39 " "	O F Mutual Aid and Accident Association	Columbus
40 " "	O F Beneficial Association of Muskingum Valley	Piqua
41 Pennsylvania	O F National Beneficial Association	Zanesville
42 Rhode Island	O F Endowment Association of Pennsylvania	Dayton
43 Virginia	Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association	Allegheny
44 Wisconsin	O F Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association of Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia	Providence
45 " "	Wisconsin O F Protective Association	Richmond
	Wisconsin O F Mutual Life Insurance Company	Milwaukee
		Jefferson
Totals for one year		
No. 3. Add from organization to December 31st, 1885		
No. 31. Add from organization to June 30th, 1886		
Reported in 1886 (Journal, 10,004)		
Totals from organization		

Fiscal year ends: No. 3, January 17th; No. 23, January 31st; Nos. 23, 40, 45, March 31st; Nos. 23, 42, May 31st; No. 21, June 7th; No. 20, June 14th; Nos. 4, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 39, 41, 43, June 30th; No. 11, August 1st; No. 5, October 31st; Nos. 2, 3, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 27, 44, December 31st.

## MUTUAL AID, OR LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1887.							
Receipts.	Paid to families of deceased members.	Paid for expenses.	Members received.	Memberships received (except by death).	Deaths.	Members in good standing.	Money on hand, invested, or on deposit, June 30th, 1887.
1							
2							
3	\$9,976 55	\$50,500 00	\$3,908 09	60	42	31	2,864
4	2,121 30	1,035 00	237 75	3	62	5	369
5	695,290 95	482,054 01	70,630 19	5,614	1,924	212	26,361
6	108,125 01	102,500 00	11,457 16	319	88	52	4,526
7	65,754 55	57,744 57	7,716 27	1,383	1,245	82	56
8	609 76	315 00	52 90	10	7	2	263
9	1,813 00	1,619 50	177 60	123	10	3	589
10	30,336 99	30,000 00	1,679 76	16	21	20	1,515
11	1,271 00	1,206 00	53 00	8	8	4	300
12	86,169 86	79,500 00	4,621 47	189	136	53	4,683
13	17 00			4			700
14	34,090 75	38,887 00	1,671 58				200
15	5,795 80	4,314 00	278 90	22	13	10	1,424
16	6,736 75	5,600 00	393 65	23	37	7	243
17	50 00			14			254
18	20,537 32	20,000 00	1,555 95	47	20	22	1,321
19	1,594 19	1,268 68	141 07	121	8	2	112
20							
21	316 80	249 50	30 16	18			
22	2,770 50	2,008 00	163 25	9	28	4	161
23	38,763 48	33,378 50	3,000 12	103	81	35	3,834
24	337 30	290 00	47 35	1	3	3	143
25	385 00	371 00	18 47	7		2	188
26							
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The assets of the Sovereign Grand Lodge amount to \$118,130.06, and consist of

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$25,819 06
United States Bonds .....	55,800 00
Steel and Electro-plates .....	1,018 38
Library, cost of binding volumes.....	4,781 32
Grand Lodge Building in Baltimore, cost.....	10,325 35
Supplies at cost .....	1,599 64
Balances due, \$1,700 48, less credit balances, \$100.84.....	8,367 56
Paintings and Furniture.....	

Amount August 20th, 1886 (Journal, p. 10,332)..... \$118,130 06  
 115,286 84

Increase..... \$2,843 22

EXPENSES OF ANNUAL SESSIONS.

The amount placed to the account of "Annual Session" includes the mileage and per diem, Officers' Reports, Daily and Revised Journals, postage, bound volumes to Representatives, expressage and postage on Revised Journals to officers and members, and all special appropriations made at the session. Until 1874 (when the books of account were opened on the double-entry system), the aggregate of the several expense accounts was not exhibited. The balance sheets submitted for the years 1874 to 1887, inclusive, show the expenses of annual sessions as follows:

Session of 1873, \$25,545.21; 1874, \$29,771.69; 1875, \$28,312.06; 1876, \$30,244.35; 1887, \$26,943.00; 1878, \$20,976.98; 1879, \$20,566.87; 1880, \$27,427.89; 1881, \$22,313.77; 1882, \$27,642.47; 1883, \$29,251.59; 1884, \$29,961.73; 1885, \$31,136.50; 1886, \$32,824.41.

GENERAL RETURNS.

The subjoined table exhibits the condition of the Order at the close of the year 1886, with the addition of Subordinate Bodies instituted in 1887, previous to August 20th, contrasted with the returns of the preceding year. The Grand Jurisdictions of Australasia and Germany are not included.

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1885 AND 1886.

	Dec. 31st, 1885.	Dec. 31st, 1886.	Increase.
Grand Lodges.....	54	54	.....
Grand Encampments.....	44	44	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	7,956	8,109	153
Subordinate Encampments....	1,947	1,996	49
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	1,247	1,345	98
Lodge Initiations.....	36,340	44,906	8,566
Encampment Initiations.....	7,165	9,637	2,472
Lodge Members.....	517,310	530,300	12,990
Encampment Members.....	94,376	97,773	3,397
Rebekah D. L. Members.....	58,025	67,291	9,266
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,960,418 00	\$2,002,418 77	\$42,000 77
Relief by Encampments.....	205,620 24	208,614 92	2,994 68
Relief by Rebekah Lodges....	14,863 69	16,290 85	1,427 12
Total Relief .....	2,180,901 93	2,227,324 50	46,422 57
Revenue of Lodges.....	4,764,111 96	5,079,880 00	315,768 04
Revenue of Encampments....	473,652 00	496,268 05	22,616 05
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges..	71,924 81	83,624 32	11,699 51
Total Revenue.....	5,309,688 77	5,659,772 37	350,083 60

The annual reports show that from 1873, when the first reports on the subject were made, to 1886, inclusive, 3 613,448 weeks' benefits have been paid by Lodges, increasing from 115,289 in 1873 to 360,817 in 1886. For several years after 1873 several Grand Bodies failed to furnish this information, but in recent years al., or nearly all, have reported the item.

The following statements embrace the statistics compiled from returns to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and, so far as the information could be obtained, from Bodies reporting to the Grand Lodges of Australasia and Germany:

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges.....	1,460,459
Members relieved.....	1,265,268
Widowed families relieved.....	163,573
Members deceased.....	124,060
Total relief.....	\$ 43,589,061 87
Total receipts.....	115,014,145 25

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire and Australasia).....	2
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	47
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,016
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	65
Subordinate Lodges.....	8,334
Encampment Members.....	100,223
Lodge Members.....	547,856

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, it is, indeed, gratifying to be able to point to such a splendid record of the labors of our Brethren generally during the last year, as the figures presented unmistakably indicate. The results attained must astonish the most sanguine of our membership, as, considering the unsettled condition of business affairs throughout the country, the continued clashing of labor and capital, and the lack of employment occasioned thereby, the most ardent and zealous Odd Fellow had grave fears of the effect of the "labor troubles" on the membership in the year 1886. But, happily, the apprehensions were not realized, and it has been clearly demonstrated that the Brethren have been true to themselves and to the noble Order they connected themselves with, during the serious trials through which they were compelled to pass. The number of members lost by reason of non-payment of dues in 1886 was 30,085, whilst in 1885 it was 32,555, a difference of 2,470. The net increase of 12,990 in membership is greater than in any year since 1882, when a gain of 18,050 was reported, and exceeds by 11,910 the increase in 1885. Whether this unexpected result is to be attributed, as some assert to the Patriarchs Militant organization, is a question upon which members differ. Brethren in positions to know whereof they speak, maintain that in their jurisdictions, the influence of the display element of the Order has been of great benefit to the Encampments, and if the higher Bodies increase in membership, it is evident that the Subordinate Lodges must also feel the effects and be the first to reap the fruits of any new enterprise.

The feeling seems to be growing that the time has arrived when suitable provision should be made for the care of aged and indigent members of the Order, in their declining years, and for widows and orphans left destitute by the removal by death of their dependence for support. In several States organizations of this truly benevolent character are in successful operation, and in other jurisdictions projects for "Homes" have assumed definite shape, promising encouraging results in the near future in this important field of labor. Certainly no worthier

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to the interest of the Brethren generally, and hasten the time when the Order shall encircle the earth with its golden chain and spread its blessings upon millions, instead of thousands, of the people of all nations, climes and tongues.

Fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,

*Grand Secretary.*

Columbus, Ohio, September, 1887.

#### LEGISLATION.

Rep. Carlin, of Illinois, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was not adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Sire, entitled "Regalia in Grand Lodges;" the resolution of Rep. Goodwin, of Georgia, by instruction of the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction, Daily Journal, page 16; the resolution of Rep. Macdiarmid, of Ontario, Daily Journal, page 22; the proposed amendment to Article 22, By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, presented by Reps. Brainard and Petty, of the District of Columbia, Daily Journal, page 54; the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Jersey, Daily Journal, page 57, and the resolution of Rep. Miller, of Illinois, Daily Journal, page 59, all of said propositions relating to the subject of changing or modifying the regalia now prescribed for use in Grand and Subordinate Bodies, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the several propositions, and in view of the large sentiment manifested in favor of authorizing or permitting the use of a badge to be worn in lieu of the expensive and cumbersome regalia now required, your committee offer the following amendment to Article 22 of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and recommend its adoption:

Amend Article 22 of the By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by adding thereto the following:

Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, in lieu of the collar, may wear on the lappel of the coat a badge two inches wide and six inches long, of the same color of the collar prescribed for the several degrees and rank attained, which badge may be trimmed with gold, silver or other metal to conform to that provided for collars.

Rep. Carleton, of Texas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Strouse, of Minnesota, as found on page 17 of the Daily Journal, which relates to changing membership from one Lodge to another without first obtaining a withdrawal card from the Lodge of which the brother is a member, beg leave to report that they have given the matter that careful consideration which the importance of the subject demands, and believing that there should be some change in the law as it now exists, recommend the adoption of the following resolution in lieu of the resolution offered by Rep. Strouse:

*Resolved,* That any member of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of the Order, upon change of residence, shall have the privilege of applying for membership in any Lodge or Encampment without first applying for a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Body in which he holds membership, by first obtaining a visiting card from such Body and depositing the same in the Lodge or Encampment in which he seeks to obtain membership.

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Upon election of such Brother by the Lodge or Encampment to which he shall apply for membership, said Body shall notify the Body of which he is a member of such election, when, being free from all charges and the payment of all dues and fees, upon proper application he shall be entitled to a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate.

Upon deposit of said card or certificate with said Lodge or Encampment in which he had been elected, he shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and be received in full membership from such time, upon the payment of the admission fees required by the By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment.

Rep. Capen, of Maine, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by P. G. Sire Nicholson, have fully considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That the only persons who are the beneficiaries of a funeral benefit are the widow, orphans, or dependent relatives of the deceased or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death ; dependent relatives are relatives who were members of the family of the deceased and were dependent upon the deceased for support at the time of death.

Rep. Graham, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows :*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Makemson, of Texas, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the widows' and orphans' fund of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments is stamped as a trust fund for the use and benefit of the widows and orphans where husbands and fathers at their death were members in good standing in such Lodge or Encampment ; and that it is illegal and a misapplication of such funds to devote or appropriate said funds, or any part thereof, for any purpose whatever, except for the direct and individual support and benefit of the widows and orphans who are, under the law, legitimate charges upon such Lodge or Encampment ; *Provided, however*, Nothing herein shall prevent Subordinates who may have placed their widows and orphans in an asylum or home, from using their widows' and orphans' fund in defraying the legitimate expenses thereby incurred. And the several Grand Bodies are instructed to see to it that this law is observed by their Subordinates ; beg leave to report that, having considered the same, and finding the said resolution to be in strict harmony with an affirmation of fundamental principles of the Order, we do recommend the adoption of the said resolution.

Rep. Atkins, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows :*

Your committee have carefully considered the resolution offered by Reps. Heisler and Tuttle, of Colorado, and referred to us, report :

That a resolution of like import was presented and considered at the session of 1886, and the Committee on Legislation then favorably considered the subject, but the same did not meet the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, after hearing the Representatives of Colorado and other Western jurisdictions, are constrained to recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of every Odd Fellow, when he is away from home and out of his own jurisdiction, to give attention and care to his brethren

in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is within his own jurisdiction; and further

*Resolved*, That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order, on taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge, to report himself to the Lodge nearest his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within thirty days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch with the sick, who like himself are away from home and their own jurisdiction; and any such member so failing to report shall not be entitled to affiliation with the Order, nor to attention from any Lodge. And this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers, or giving attention to any sick or needy brother.

Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall issue a Receipt Card, in form following:

No. ....	No. ....	Signature of member.
\$.....	Received \$..... being the dues to .. 18..	
BRO.....	of Bro..... a member of the	
DUES TO.....	degree in this..... By the By-Laws	
..... 18..	of this..... he will be entitled to \$.....	
	per week, sick benefits; and \$.....	
	funeral benefits until the.....	
	day of..... 18..	
		Sec. (or Scribe.)

RECEIPT CARD, I. O. O. F.

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That the Receipt Card shall have the same effect and value as a Visiting Card, and may be used to the same extent for purposes of visitation: and shall be held to be such a "proper card" as is required by Article XVI., Section 1, Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be instructed to have printed a supply of Receipt Cards for Lodges and Encampments, which shall be sold to subordinate Grand Bodies at an advance of not more than 30 per cent. on cost; and at a price not exceeding 75 cents per book of 250 receipts.

Rep. Carlton, of Texas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, on whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, providing for the issuance of a receipt card by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the same to have the force and effect of the present "Visiting Card," providing for the printing of same, fixing the price and form thereof, and abolishing the present visiting card; and, also, to whom was referred certain resolutions, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, on the same subject as that of Rep. Campbell, beg leave to report that the subject matter of said resolutions having heretofore received, at several sessions of this body, very full consideration, and been disapproved by decisive majorities, and your committee being of the opinion that the proposed legislation is not for the good of the order, but would tend to its material injury, they therefore recommend that the card resolution be not adopted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CARLETON,	WALTER E. CARLIN,
E. D. HOGE,	HENRY C. HEDGES,
T. J. ATKINS,	R. B. CAPEN,
C. C. PEARCE,	L. GRAHAM.

Rep. Carleton, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Campbell, of Ontario, as follows:

*Resolved*—That Grand Bodies which have adopted a representative system for legislative purposes, are hereby authorized to enact such laws as shall confine the voting for their grand officers to representatives.

Beg leave to report that the subject matter of said resolution has received their most careful consideration, and regarding the proposed legislation as being in conflict to well-established, long-tried and fundamental laws of the order and not necessary for its future welfare, do recommend that the same be not adopted.

Rep. Rounds, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your committee have fully considered the resolution offered by Rep. Kiger, of New Jersey, and recommend for adoption the same, with a proviso as follows:

*Resolved*—That State Grand Lodges and Encampments may provide by Constitutional enactment, for the erection and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows; *Provided, however,* said bodies shall not make assessments on their Subordinates for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the same.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Rep. Stebbins, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Alexander Morton, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, respectfully report that, after a careful examination of all the papers submitted to them, they find the following facts :

*First*—Prior to September 22, 1885, Bro. Morton had, for a long time, been upon the sick list of Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of the jurisdiction of Delaware, when, by order of the Encampment, two physicians were employed to examine Bro. Morton, under section 3, of Article 20, of the By-Laws of the Encampment, which reads as follows :

"**SEC. 3.** Should the Committee of Relief believe that any Patriarch applying for weekly benefits is not so sick or disabled as to prevent him from following his usual occupation, the question of his sickness or disability shall be referred to one or more respectable physicians, to be appointed by the Encampment, whose decision shall be final."

*Second*—Drs. Grimshaw and Negendauk, one an Allopathic and the other a Homeopathic physician, made the examination, certified that they found no organic disease, and that he could perform light labor, and one of them stated that, in his opinion, he should be able to attend to any ordinary manual labor. These certificates bear date September 24, 1885.

*Third*—Upon these certificates the Encampment declared him off the sick list on the thirteenth of October, 1885, the date of their presentation to the Lodge, from the twenty-fourth of September, the date of the certificates.

*Fourth*—Copies of these certificates were furnished Bro. Morton, November 24, 1885.

*Fifth*—December 22, 1885. Bro. Morton sent a communication concerning his health to the Encampment, accompanied by certificates of ten physicians, to wit : Drs. Goodman, Deaver, Agnew, Thomas, McFarlan and Mohr, of Philadelphia, and Drs. Bullock, Draper, Isaiah Lukens and J. Paul Lukens, of Wilmington, dates running from November 2 to December 10, 1885, all stating that he had a disease of the spine, six of whom state unqualifiedly that it incapacitates him from physical or manual labor.

*Sixth*—The communication was read to the Encampment, and, by vote of the Encampment, it, with his communication, were returned to him, accompanied by the statement that the Encampment declined to re-open the case.

*Seventh*—January 26, 1886, Bro. Morton sent the following communication to the Encampment :

REYNOLDS ENCAMPMENT, No. 3, I. O. O. F.

"SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I am disabled to such an extent as to prevent me from following any occupation by which I may gain a living. I therefore report myself on the care of the Encampment.

Respectfully,

A. MORTON."

*Eighth*—February 16, 1886, the Relief Committee report finding Patriarch Morton in the same condition as when examined by Drs. Grimshaw and Negendauk, and that according to his own statement it was the same sickness.

*Ninth*—The Relief Committee of the Encampment made no further investigation or inquiry, and had before them, so far as appears, no other evidence of

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Bro. Morton's condition than that of the two physicians, of date September 24th, and the ten who made their examinations between the second of November and tenth of December—between two and three months later.

*Tenth*—Drs. Draper and Bullock state in their certificate of date December 10, that they made an examination of him the fore part of September, 1885, and at that time could not discover anything that would prevent him from engaging in moderate labor, but that at this date they find a slight deformity or protrusion backwards of one of the joints of the spine, not *discoverable* on their former examination, but readily recognizable now, and conclude by saying they do not think he is able to engage in manual labor.

*Eleventh*—Upon this state of facts the Encampment resolve that Patriarch Morton, February 16, 1886, is in the same condition as when examined by the doctors in September, 1885, and refuse to place him on the sick list or allow him benefits.

*Twelfth*—From this action of the Encampment, Patriarch Morton appealed to the Grand Encampment on the 23rd of February, 1886.

*Thirteenth*—The Grand Encampment sustained the action of the Encampment and dismissed the appeal, whereupon Bro. Morton appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

It is manifest that the Encampment proceeded upon the theory that, under section 3 of its By-Laws above quoted, the examination and conclusion reached by the two physicians appointed to examine Patriarch Morton, September 24, 1885, was *final*, not only upon his *then* condition, but also as to his condition the remainder of his life, if he complained of the same indisposition as in September, 1885. That though at that time the incipient stages of a disease, which he could *feel*, were upon him, but had not so far progressed as to be discovered by the examining physicians, and they so certify, yet, should the disease *thereafter* assume such definite and manifest form as to be readily discovered by all who made the slightest examination, and absolutely disqualify him from performing any labor, the *first* examination is a bar to his right to benefits and forecloses him for life from his right thereto.

Upon this theory, and this theory only, of the force of section 3 did, or could, the Encampment have refused to entertain his communication and the certificates of the ten physicians sent to the Encampment, December 22, 1885, and returned to him without making them, or even an allusion to them, any part of the Encampment record.

The Appeals Committee of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Encampment evidently took the same view of the force and effect of section 3, of article 20, in sustaining the lodge and dismissing the appeal.

No such construction of section 3, article 20, can be intelligently maintained. The most that can be claimed under it, is, that the certificates of the physicians are *final* as to the Patriarch's condition up to *the time* of the examination—not afterwards—and when, three months afterwards, Patriarch Morton stated to the Encampment his then condition, and accompanied it with the certificates of ten respectable physicians, some of them of national reputation, it was the plain duty of the Encampment to have received them, placed them on file, and if not satisfied that they told the truth, to institute such an investigation, and obtain such evidence, as would justify their rejection.

As the Encampment did not, they must be held as establishing the fact that Patriarch Morton was entitled to benefits from the time they were presented to the Encampment, December 22, 1886.

Your committee therefore submit the following :

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Encampment of Delaware and of Reynolds Encampment No. 3, be reversed, and the appeal of Alexander Morton be sustained.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of Delaware direct Reynolds Encampment No. 3 to pay to Alexander Morton benefits from the twenty-second day of December, 1885, until such time, as by an investigation, of which he shall have notice, and at which he shall be heard, the Encampment shall determine that he has so far recovered from his difficulty as to be able to resume to his usual business or otherwise earn a livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, J. B. GOODWIN,  
W. S. JOHNSON, JNO. N. VAN DEMAN,  
WM. W. MORRIS, W. L. KUYKENDALL,  
J. P. HEISLER.

Rep. Stebbins, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Committee of Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Chevalier P. H. Stearns from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, Patriarchs Militant, I.O.O.F., in dishonorably discharging him from membership in said Canton, respectfully report the following facts, and their conclusions therefrom, to wit :

October 21, 1886, at a regular Cantonment of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, P. M., a motion was made and carried that Chevalier P. H. Stearns be dishonorably discharged from Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, for disobedience of orders issued from army headquarters.

This action, it appears, was taken by the Canton in the absence of Chevalier Stearns, without any notice to him, or previous official information that any action affecting him was to be had.

October 22, Chevalier Stearns was notified by the clerk of the Canton, under its seal, of the action taken.

November 5, Chevalier Stearns addressed a note to the Commandant of said Canton, enquiring why such action was taken ; also whether any charges had been preferred against him, saying that if there had been, he was not informed of them.

To this communication the Commandant replied, under date of November 12, 1886, in which reply he states that he was discharged for disobedience of orders issued from army headquarters ; that those orders were promulgated by the Grand Patriarch of Massachusetts, and read in Mount Vernon Encampment, and doubtless the Scribe had them on file.

From this action of the Canton Chevalier Stearns appealed, December 16, 1886, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, on the ground that he had been expelled from the Canton without trial or hearing.

From the facts above set forth, and there is no dispute regarding them, it appears that he was dishonorably discharged from the Canton, without trial or hearing.

Chevalier Stearns has complied fully with the law requiring his appeal to be sent up "through proper military channels." It comes to your committee, having been forwarded.

*First.*—By the Clerk of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, to the headquarters of the Second Regiment, Second Brigade of the department of Massachusetts.

*Second.*—By the Colonel of the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, to the headquarters of the Second Brigade of that department, with an endorsement of his disapproval of the subject matter of the appeal, giving his reasons therefor.

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of the Major General of the Department of the East, commending to this Grand Body to duly consider the statements and reasons submitted by the Colonel, and rather approving the course of procedure adopted by the Canton.

*Fourth.*—By the General commanding the Department of the East, without expression of opinion, to the army headquarters.

*Fifth.*—By the Lieutenant General, to the Grand Sire, as Commander-in-Chief, with an endorsement of his disapproval of the action of the Canton, in resorting to a "Drum Head" court martial in times of peace.

By the Grand Sire as Commander-in-Chief, to your committee :

As this is the first appeal that has reached this Grand Body, arising out of any grievance under the law creating the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, your committee deem it proper and due to all parties concerned, and to this Grand Body, that the reasons for the course pursued by Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, should be as fully presented as the record, which is the proceedings of the Canton, as certified by the clerk, and the statements endorsed thereon by officers of the different departments through which it has passed in reaching this Grand Body, may disclose them.

The only reason furnished by the record for the course pursued is found in the last sentence of the letter of the Commandant of the Canton, in reply to the request of Chevalier Stearns, to know why he had been summarily expelled, in which he says : " It seems that you have forgotten the obligation that you took when you were mustered in."

The Colonel gives six reasons for approving the action of the Canton—as follows :

" *First*—The said P. H. Stearns did voluntarily and solemnly assume all the obligations and pledges contained in the Ritual for mustering a Canton, one of the fundamental principles of which is, that all orders issued by superior officers shall be respected and obeyed.

" *Second*—That all orders pertaining to Canton Worcester or its members were properly promulgated ; that General Order No. 12, paragraphs 16 and 17, was so promulgated, and that said Stearns was cognizant of the existence of the same ; that his defiance of said order, and his assertion of his purpose to disregard and disobey it, made at various times to different individuals, is proof positive of the fact, his statement to the contrary notwithstanding.

" *Third*—The said Stearns has never taken any interest in, or (to my knowledge) ever attended any meetings of the Canton since he was mustered, and has used his influence against the success of this branch of the Order, by frequently and publicly declaring that the rules and regulations established for the discipline of the army could not be maintained ; that he should act his own pleasure in such matters, and especially as to General Order No. 12, he should disregard it entirely.

" *Fourth*—On the twenty-second day of September, 1886, the said Stearns, in violation of General Order No. 12, paragraphs 16 and 17, Headquarters of the Army, and also contrary to obligations voluntarily taken upon himself when mustered, did absent himself from Canton Worcester No. 3, and did parade in the ranks of another organization upon the same day and upon the same occasion.

" *Fifth*—The whole subject in connection with the conduct of the said Stearns having become a matter of general interest and speculation among Chevaliers and Patriarchs as to whether any kind of discipline and authority could be maintained by the Patriarchs Militant officers, it was deemed that the exigencies of the case demanded prompt and decisive action on the part of the Canton. There being no formulated code of by-laws or rules or regulations for the trial and discharge of members promulgated, and fearing that long delays for action in procuring formulated rules would vitiate all beneficial results which might be gained by prompt action, the Canton took such course as the exigencies of the case seemed to demand.

"Sixth—That while there are some truthful statements in the appeal of the said Stearns, as to his past standing in the Order, there are others, the truth of which a full knowledge of all the facts bearing upon the same will scarcely substantiate."

These are the only reasons presented, and presumably all that are entitled to any consideration, why a Chevalier should be expelled from his Canton and disgraced, without notice, trial or hearing, and they, by the General commanding the Brigade, are commended to your careful consideration. They are all *ex parte*. The Chevalier accused has had no opportunity to answer any of them.

Taken in their full force they form, in the opinion of your committee, no justification for the course pursued. That Canton was at the time under By-laws, as were all others, section 1 of article XIII. of which says: "A Chevalier shall not be expelled from membership in the Canton without cause, nor until charges have been preferred against him in writing, and notice thereof given or mailed to him, together with summons to appear at a stated regular Cantonment, and answer in person or by counsel, nor until conviction after a fair and impartial trial."

Under that section, with the forms of procedure, in every jurisdiction, as well as those of the Grand Body, for the government of its subordinates, no Canton could be in any reasonable doubt as to the course to be pursued, and how to pursue it, and therefore there was no necessity for Worcester Canton No. 3 to introduce a procedure unknown to the laws of Odd Fellowship, and repugnant to the principles of the Degree under which it was organized.

Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

*Resolved*—That the appeal of P. H. Stearns, from the action of Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, be sustained, on the ground that he has had *no trial* for any offence, and *no* action without such trial is *null and void*, and does not prejudice the right of the Canton to proceed in legal form.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS, WM. W. MORRIS,  
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R. E. WRIGHT, W. L. KUVKENDALL,  
JOHN P. HEISLER.

Rep. Johnson, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, *vs.* Grand Lodge of Indiana, would submit the following report, to wit:

St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge at a regular meeting, after two weeks' notice of the proposed action, by a vote of forty in the affirmative, and none in the negative, made a donation of \$600 to Canton Wabash, No. 19, P.M., "for the purpose of buying regalia for said Canton." This action was set aside by the D.D. Grand Master, and the Lodge appealed from the action of the District Deputy to the Grand Lodge. The appeal was duly considered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and on recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of that Grand Body the appeal was dismissed. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge now appeals from that action to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee, after careful consideration of the facts as disclosed, see no grounds for reversing the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

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the same, which was promptly rejected. We regard the security proposed to be given and accepted as no security in reality, at least, not such as should be accepted by Odd Fellows for Odd Fellows' money; nor should such security be offered by Odd Fellows to Odd Fellows. Further, that on Wednesday evening, February 2, the regular meeting of said Lodge, after the motion to loan Canton Wabash, No. 19, six hundred dollars, as before stated, was carried, a brother Canton moved to reconsider the vote, when another brother Canton immediately moved to indefinitely postpone the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

"Then on the second regular meeting thereafter of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, I.O.O.F., which was Wednesday evening, February 16, 1887, a remonstrance, signed by fifty-three members, was presented and read (not by the Secretary), asking that the action in regard to the loan be rescinded, after the reading of which a brother moved to reconsider the motion of indefinite postponement, which the Noble Grand (himself a Canton) declared out of order, and refused to entertain it, which ruling was contrary to the laws and usages of the Order. (See page 62, No. 20, General Laws of 1886.) After this we gave verbal notice (not having time to prepare a written appeal) that we would take an appeal, from the action of the Lodge in regard to the loan, to the Grand Lodge. Further, we would state our belief that the laws and regulations of our Order contemplate that each branch thereof shall be self-sustaining.

"In addition to the statements contained in the above appeal, two of those whose names appear therein, and two others, present a sworn statement to this effect: That they were present in the Lodge when the loan was voted, and they aver that a large majority of the members present were members of Canton Wabash and voted on the proposition to make said loan; and that said Canton members had a personal interest in the proposition to so loan said money and were disqualified from voting on said proposition; and they further aver that to count only the votes of members of said Lodge present, who were not members of said Canton, the said proposition would have been almost unanimously defeated. To this appeal the Lodge made answer, of which the following is a part:

"We believe that said Lodge did *not* err in making said loan to Canton Wabash, No. 19, P.M., believing at the time that it was for the best interest of said Lodge and our Order. Having the necessary funds on hand, and being desirous of helping said Canton in the purchase of its necessary regalia, feeling that it would be burdensome to the individual members thereof, who but a short time before had purchased, partially at their own expense, the necessary regalia for the Uniform Degree of the Encampment, which said last named regalia or uniform was, by decree of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, declared out of order, and members of Cantons prohibited from wearing the same.

"That this Lodge has heretofore made donations to persons who were not members thereof, which did not and does not disturb its peace and harmony, and that since said loan had been made, said Lodge had continued in her prosperous career, had initiated a number of young members, had good attendance at the regular meetings thereof, and is to-day in as good condition financially and morally as it has been since it was instituted.

"We further believe that said Canton will repay every dollar due said Lodge long before the maturity of its obligation.

"This loan was made from the 'special funds' of this Lodge, which fund has been acquired by the rents from first and second stories of our Lodge building, and not from the ordinary receipts of the Lodge; and here it is fair to state that said Lodge building was mainly erected by private subscriptions of members at a cost of over \$7,000, and while struggling under this load of debt it was then that Bro: P. G. Wm. H. Wilson, the principal one of the appellants

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"This Lodge has now loaned on mortgage security about \$2,000; has over \$400 cash on hand, and owes nothing.

"All talk in appellant's statement about said loan affecting the revenue of this Lodge, is idle and untrue. The history and records of this Lodge show that since an effort has been made to put a uniformed branch in our Order that there has been renewed interest in Subordinate Lodges, and an increased membership and active interest therein. There are not to exceed six active members of the Subordinate who attend the meetings regularly, or take any part in the business of the Order, who are not in favor of not only loaning money to said Canton, but of donating it outright.

"An alleged remonstrance is stated to have been produced and read, but in truth, and in fact, such remonstrance was in part signed by persons not members of our Order, and not six of whom are in the habit of attending Lodge, and their signatures were obtained by misrepresenting the facts and giving the person or brother so signing to understand and believe that \$600 taken from the Lodge would bankrupt same, and cause surrender of charter thereof. Also, that the majority of the members signing said appeal are very seldom in attendance."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals in the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to whom was referred the appeal, submitted a report, which, after reciting the facts as hereinbefore given, says:

"In the consideration of this question, both the appellants and the Lodge have been represented before your committee by able counsel, and exhaustive arguments have been made upon the questions involved in this appeal, and it may serve a useful purpose to give the following summary of facts admitted to be true by counsel in argument before us, concerning the status of affairs in this Lodge.

"What is now Canton Wabash, was a Uniform Degree Camp, prior to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge requiring such organization to disband; they had then expended of their own means twelve or fifteen hundred dollars in procuring their outfits, when, by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge creating the Degree of Patriarchs Militant, they were required to procure the prescribed regalia, so as to conform to the new degree.

"It is further conceded that the Lodge hall and business rooms thereunder of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, costing about seven thousand dollars, was largely built from the private cash subscriptions of members of said Lodge, the rents from which were carried into a special fund, the amount of which, at the time of the transaction in question, amounted to more than the sum of money in controversy, although, some time before that, all the general and special funds of the Lodge had been consolidated. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge owes no debts, is in a flourishing condition; the members of Canton Wabash very largely constitute the active, working membership of said St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge; and since the organization of the Canton the said Lodge has largely increased in membership through their efforts.

"Accordingly, as shown by the record before us, the Canton applied to the Lodge for the loan of \$600, which, as we have seen from the record, was granted by an unanimous vote, upon the terms and security offered.

"That this transaction was a loan, and not a donation, seems to your committee to be beyond question; the good faith of the transaction has not been

assailed in any way whatever, and no pretense is made that there is no intention to repay. It is, therefore, clear to your committee that this case is not controlled by the general law forbidding donations, and that the same does not fall within the letter, much less the spirit, of our laws upon the subject. If the transaction was a loan, made in good faith, as it seems to us it must be, conceded to be, then it matters not whether it was made to Canton Wabash or to some party for any business purpose.

"It is urged, however, that the security taken by the Lodge was insufficient, but the record shows that a chattel mortgage on the regalia of the Canton was accepted by the Lodge, but what the extent of the property was, or its value, is nowhere shown. From all that appears, the value of the property held as security may exceed many times the amount of the loan, and the Lodge, by its unanimous vote, having approved the security, the presumption must be indulged that the security is ample.

"It is true that the loan was made without interest, but of this it may be said that if we should indulge the presumption that this loan was intended to be made from the special fund, accumulated as above shown, this Grand Body would not review such action of the Lodge, having no real interest in such fund. And again, St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge may have determined, and from the evidence and admissions before us, we think it did determine, that it would receive more benefit in the way of accessions to the Lodge through the fresh impetus given by the Canton, and the efforts of its members, than the customary interest would have amounted to.

"Furthermore, your committee is of opinion that it is impolitic for this Grand Body to open the door to investigations by it into mere questions of the sufficiency of the security and rate of interest which may have been accepted by the Lodges throughout the State, and that upon such questions the Lodges themselves should be held to be the best judges.

"There is an *ex parte* affidavit, filed originally with us, which attempts to contradict the record upon some points, but the transcript cannot be thus assailed where it is in direct conflict with the statements in the affidavit. The transcript must be held to state the truth.

"As to the alleged error, overruling P. G. Farr's motion to reconsider: In the first place this motion came too late, being made two weeks after the money had been expended. Besides, there is nothing to show that Brother Farr voted in the affirmative on the original proposition. If he did not, he could not move to reconsider, and, the record being silent, the presumption must be in favor of the ruling of the Noble Grand.

"As to the alleged error that the members of the Canton, having an interest in the question, could not lawfully vote thereon, the record shows that the vote was unanimous; and, therefore, even conceding that the Canton members did thus vote (which is nowhere shown by the record), still it would be a harmless error, because the result of the ballot could not have been affected by such vote.

"From a consideration of the whole case, your committee is of opinion that the action of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, should be affirmed, and recommend that this appeal be not sustained."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana adopted the foregoing report, and it is from this action of the Grand Lodge that the appeal now under consideration is taken.

Your committee, after a full consideration of all the points in this case and the principles involved therein, have arrived at the conclusion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in this particular case should be sustained. In this decision, however, they are not to be understood as sanctioning in general the loaning of Lodge funds on what might be considered as insufficient and doubtful

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Then, again, the money loaned was not taken from the regular Lodge fund, but from a fund derived from the letting of a building which, though the property of the Lodge, was erected principally by subscriptions from the individual members thereof; and, as it would seem from the transcript, from those who were active in securing to the Canton the loan in question. Your committee do not ignore the fact that the income from real estate investments by a Lodge is, in a general way, no wise different from other funds, and should be held just as sacred; but they do consider that the way this building was erected takes it out of the usual order, and makes it an exceptional case.

Another consideration which has influenced your committee in their conclusion is this: The Grand Lodge of Indiana, which is fully conversant with all the bearings of this case, and in every way competent to pass upon the same, has, after a thorough examination, decided that the action of the Lodge was legal and proper. Your committee deem this a fitting opportunity to say that, in regard to the purely financial transactions of Subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge to which said subordinates belong is the proper body to pass upon the same. It is hardly a wise policy for this Grand Lodge to interfere in such matters, unless it is clearly shown that the action of the Subordinate Grand Lodge is such as would materially affect the rights of its subordinates, or of the members thereof. In this case the almost unanimous action of the active members of the Lodge has been sustained, and there appears to be good reason for believing that the Lodge will eventually be the gainer rather than the loser by the loan. If so, no member of the Lodge has just ground for complaint. Then the finances of the Lodge, as shown, were in a healthy condition, it having in addition to its real estate, costing over \$7,000.00, loans secured by mortgages, amounting to about \$2,000.00, and over \$400.00 cash on hand. The Lodge was, therefore, in a condition where it could take a small risk like the one under consideration.

The point made in the sworn statement before mentioned, that the members of the Lodge voting for the loan aforesaid, being members of Canton Wabash, were interested parties and thus debarred from voting thereon, though not in the original appeal, it has been thought best to notice. In reply thereto your committee have to say that, prior to the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1885, the objection would have been a strong one, but at that session an important modification of the law relative thereto was made. See page 10,094, Rev. Journal. By this change in the law it must be shown that the persons so voting must have a *personal* interest in the matter to deprive them of the right to vote. In this case it is not thus shown. The money was loaned to the Canton. It was not a loan to the members individually, and thus not a personal loan. The objection, therefore, does not apply here.



Your committee, although sustaining the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, feel called upon to express their entire disapproval of that portion of the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals which relates to the Grand Lodge investigating the "question of the sufficiency of the security and rate of interest which may have been accepted by the Lodges throughout the State." So far from being impolitic, as they further say, for the Grand Lodge to make such investigations, your committee believe it is the bounden duty of said Grand Body, if it has any good reason for supposing that its subordinates are not taking proper care of their funds, to look into the matter and compel them to take every precaution to prevent unnecessary loss. Subordinates are under the care of the Grand Bodies, and they are responsible to a certain extent for the acts of their subordinates. The position taken by said committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, that the Lodges themselves should be held to be the best judges as to securities and interest is entirely wrong, and must not be allowed to pass unquestioned. With this exception, the report of said committee is believed to be correct, and is therefore approved.

In view of the peculiar circumstances of the transaction out of which this appeal originated, your committee recommend the adaption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of A. J. Smith and sixteen others *vs.* Grand Lodge of Indiana be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in sustaining the action of St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, under the circumstances, be, and is hereby, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON, JOHN W. STEBBINS,  
JOHN B. GOODWIN, WM. W. MORRIS,  
JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, W. L. KUYKENDALL.

Rep. Heisler, of Colorado, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

The undersigned, a member of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. J. Smith and sixteen others *vs.* St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, of Indiana, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, not being able to concur with the other members of the committee, makes this, a minority report thereon as follows:

From the record presented it appears that at a regular meeting of said St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge on February 9th, 1887, on motion of P. G. Hutton, the Lodge voted to loan to Canton Wabash six hundred dollars for the period of ten years, without interest, and to take as security a chattel mortgage on the realty of said Canton, and the loan was consummated in due course of time accordingly.

A. J. Smith and sixteen others, members of the Lodge, appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and stated as their grounds of appeal among other things, that the voting of the funds as aforesaid was instigated and carried principally by members that belonged to said Canton; that the transaction did not meet with the approval of a majority of the Lodge; and that they believed the said transaction to be impolitic, unjust and at variance with the principles of Odd Fellowship, and contrary to her laws and usages; and also believe that such a proceeding is calculated to do violence to her best interest, to disturb her peace and harmony, and probably disrupt the Lodge; and we firmly believe that to establish such a precedent would work ruin to the vital principles of Odd Fellowship, and open a door through which invasions upon her treasury may become easy and frequent, even to her complete depletion. And further they say: We regard the security proposed to be given and accepted as no security in reality, at least not such as should be accepted by Odd Fellows for Odd Fellows' money; nor should such security be offered by Odd Fellows to Odd Fellows.

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The Grand Lodge of Indiana refused to sustain their said appeal, and they appealed to this Grand Lodge.

As to whether the members of said Lodge who belonged to Canton Wabash were entitled to vote on the question of making such loan, the law on the subject, prior to 1885, was as follows:

"That no member or members of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend to become interested, by reason of his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge or Encampment of this Order then existing or about to exist, or with any other organization." Journal of 1873, pages 5776-5785.

Under this law there can be no doubt but that the members of Canton Wabash would not have the right of voting on the subject of making the said loan.

In 1885 Journal, page 10,094, the above law was amended so as to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That no member of a Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question relating to the fiscal affairs of his Lodge or Encampment, in the result of which he has a direct *personal* interest; but may vote upon all questions concerning the leasing or renting of the hall, or other property of his Lodge or Encampment, to any Lodge, Encampment, Canton, Rebekah Degree Lodge or Uniformed Degree Camp of this Order; and that all law in conflict herewith be and the same is hereby repealed.

In enacting the above law, I think this Grand Lodge had in contemplation the renting of a hall or the use of other Lodge fixtures and paraphernalia, and that it did not contemplate the loaning of the funds of the Lodge, and that therefore the law on the loaning of the funds of a Lodge stands just as it did before the enactment of the resolution above quoted, found on page 10,094 of the Journal.

Again, the General Laws of Subordinate Lodges in Indiana provide, chap. 3, sec. 3, that the duties of the Trustees of each Lodge shall be to safely invest or loan such Lodge funds as may be entrusted to them for that purpose, in conformity to, and not in violation of, the laws of the State, and as prescribed in these General Laws, the loan and security being first approved by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge. And we do not find anywhere in said laws any other mode of loaning the funds of a Lodge, or that it can be done by any other medium than through the Trustees.

Said General Laws further provide, chap. 12, secs. 1 and 2.

#### LODGE FUNDS.

**SECTION 1.** The funds, properties, etc., of the Subordinate Lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses of the Order, are not subject to be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another—except to those who may withdraw therefrom for the purpose of organizing a new Lodge—but shall remain, for its legitimate purpose, the property of the Lodge, subject to the liabilities of the Grand Lodge so long as its charter is unreclaimed and five brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

**SEC. 2.** A Lodge has not the right to vote out funds for a festival, excursion, or other occasion as it may elect, even though it has the proper permission from the Grand Officers to hold such festival, etc., in the name of the Order. The money in the treasury of a Lodge is stamped as *trust* funds, only to be used for the *legitimate* objects of the Order. These *legitimate* objects are summed up

in the Tract on Odd Fellowship, as follows: "The peculiar office of a Subordinate Lodge is to provide the means to meet the claims of its sick and distressed members, to care for them properly during their illness, to bury their dead, to succor the widow, and to educate the orphan." The Sovereign Grand Lodge has extended the construction of the phrase, "legitimate purposes of the Lodge," to include an appropriation to celebrate the introduction of the Order in America. Funds paid into the treasury for these purposes, or to answer the legitimate expenses of a Lodge, cannot be diverted from the treasury to be expended in pleasure excursions, picnics, or the like, for these are not the legitimate purposes of the Lodge, and any such expenditure is a misappropriation of the funds, and not to be countenanced.

It is very probable that if a Lodge is going to loan its money without interest or security, it could not be loaned to any institution or person from which it would be so likely to reap a benefit as a Canton composed of its own members; but if a Lodge has a right to make such a loan to a Canton, it may make it to any individual, association or corporation, whether they are able to repay or are absolutely worth nothing, and have neither ability or inclination to repay. A chattel mortgage upon realty of a Canton that is ten years old, and has seen ten years' service when the debt becomes due, is certainly little or no better than no security at all, and I think it unwise for the Grand Lodge to encourage Lodges to loan their funds in that way, or to allow the same to be done. The funds should be safely kept for the purposes for which they were paid in by the members, under the rules and laws of the Lodge, so that they may be called for at any time, to be applied to their legitimate use, or should be loaned on *first-class* security only, and at a rate of interest that will reasonably compensate for the use of the money, and thus add to the coffers of the Lodge, which it holds and uses for charitable purposes. It may be that Canton Wabash needed the funds, and that the Lodge may reap some benefit from the loan, but if the door is once opened for the withdrawing of large sums from the funds of Lodges, to be put to other purposes than their legitimate uses for which they were paid in by the members, without interest and without security, when and how can we get it closed? All our financial existence is based on the treasury of the Subordinate Lodges. Is it not our duty to see that the same is properly cared for?

The following is therefore offered:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of A. J. Smith, and sixteen others, vs. St. Anastasia Mesnil Lodge, No. 46, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana be directed to require Canton Wabash to either give said Lodge good and first-class security for the repayment of said sum, when due, and pay the legal rate of interest annually therefor, to said Lodge or repay said sum so borrowed within a reasonable time, as said Lodge may choose.

And that it be the sense of this Grand Body that no Lodge should divert its funds from the uses for which they were paid in, nor loan the same at any time without ample security being given, and a reasonable interest being paid.

I may say further, this report is made at the special request of three of the G. Reps. from the State of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HEISLER.

J. A. GIBSON.

The next report, page 33, from the same committee, dismissing the appeal of A. J. Smith and sixteen others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, postponed on page 65 until to-day, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. Kenner, of Indiana, moved to substitute the minority report, page 73, on the same subject.

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Rep. Carleton, of Texas, moved the previous question, which was ordered: and put as follows:

"Will the Lodge substitute the minority for the majority report?" which was agreed to, and the question being on the original motion as amended, it was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared the minority report adopted.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The amendments submitted at last session, and published in our report last year, were all either lost in division or indefinitely postponed.

The following notices of amendment to the Constitution were laid on the table to be acted upon at the next session:

Rep. Freer, of California, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian, and provided further, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

L. D. FREER, of California,

M. D. BRAINARD, of Dist. of Col.,

J. THOS. PETTY, of Dist. of Col.,

D. A. SMITH, of Missouri,

GEORGE W. DILKS, of New York,

Wm. W. MORRIS, of Kentucky.

HERMAN BLOCK, of Iowa,

OLIVER DUFOUR, of Dist. of Col.,

A. A. WHEELER, of Missouri,

JAMES B. BLANKS, of Virginia,

E. D. HOGE, of Utah,

Rep. Reinecke, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 4, Article I, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

WM. REINECKE, Kentucky,

JNO. N. VAN DEMAN, Ohio,

WM. S. JOHNSON, Rhode Island,

OLIVER DUFOUR, Dist. Columbia,

FRED. CARLETON, Texas,

FRANCIS M. REA, Pennsylvania,

JOHN B. GOODWIN, Georgia,

ALFRED ORENDORFF, Illinois,

CL. T. CAMPBELL, Ontario,

JOHN G. CLARK, Wisconsin,

HERMAN BLOCK, Iowa,

CHAS. H. RANDALL, California,

R. E. WRIGHT, Penn.,

JAS. B. BLANKS, Virginia,

W. E. PEARCE, Virginia,

J. T. PETTY, Dist. Col.

Rep. Cushing, of the Lower Provinces, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution :

Amend Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, by inserting after the word "age" in the eighth line thereof, the words "and color," so that the article shall read as follows :

ARTICLE XVI. SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe ; *provided, however,* that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age and color shall be left to local legislation.

ANDRE CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces,  
 JAMES KINGS, of Quebec,  
 J. W. STEBBINS, of New York,  
 RUFUS B. GIFFORD, of Massachusetts,  
 HENRY C. HEDGES, of Ohio,  
 HIRAM HILL, of New Hampshire.

Rep. Van Deman, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution.

*Resolved,* That Article IX. of the Constitution of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the whole of Section 2, and inserting the following :

SECTION 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz. : To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative ; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred and not more than twenty-five thousand members in good standing, two Grand Representatives ; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over twenty-five thousand members in good standing, three Grand Representatives ; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than three Grand Representatives.

JNO. M. VAN DEMEN, of Ohio.  
 E. L. PILSBURY, of Massachusetts.  
 J. B. KENNER, of Indiana.  
 J. B. SHERIDAN, of Ohio.  
 E. K. WILCOX, of Ohio.  
 J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.  
 GEORGE W. DILKS, of New York.  
 JAMES R. MILLER, of Illinois.  
 ALFRED SLACK, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Hill, of Rhode Island, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge :

*Resolved,* That Article IX., Section 2, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the fourth line, after the word "Representative," the words (fifth line) "State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (sixth line), having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good (seventh line) standing, two Grand Representatives ; and no State, District or (eighth line) Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have over (ninth line) two Grand Representatives," so that the Article will read as follows :

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Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. HILL, of Rhode Island.  
A. CUSHING, of the Lower Provinces.  
F. DEMARS, of South Carolina.

The following amendment to Subordinate Encampment Constitution was adopted.

Amend Article VIII., Section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments, by adding after "vacancy," in the fourth line, except for the two terms after an Encampment had been instituted, or revived.

#### PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Rep. Orendorff, of Illinois, from the High Commission, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your High Commission respectfully report that the attached proposed legislation was determined on by the Military Council and proffered to this commission for consideration, and after due examination and such alteration as was deemed proper, your commission find nothing in said proposed legislation contrary to the laws of the order, and therefore report the same to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for its action.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. WHITE,  
*Grand Secy.*  
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD, D. G. S.  
ALFRED ORENDORFF,  
*Chairman Com. on Judiciary.*

#### ACTION OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL.

##### RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMANDER, ADOPTED BY THE MILITARY COUNCIL.

I. The P. M. Degree membership, having become so extensive, has entailed upon the Commander an enormous amount of unnecessary correspondence, which has, with difficulty, been answered by using a stenographic amanuensis both day and night. This, however, can not be done in the future because of the expense, when it is considered that the revenue will be reduced nearly or quite *one-half* by the election and commissioning of officers, other than for Cantons, for periods of two, three, and four years, etc. Therefore, the remedy is to divide the labor, and as to the means the Commander proposes: To organize the Army into Corps, comprising two or more Divisions each, limiting the number to four in the United States and Canada.

II. That Officers to be placed in command of Army Corps shall be selected by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant from the Generals in command of Troops, and be commissioned as Corps Commanders with the rank of Major-Generals, and that the general correspondence from Officers and Chevaliers within the territory comprising the Army Corps shall be answered first by the Corps Commanders, and not be forwarded to the Commander of

Patriarchs Militant unless of great importance and necessary that he should personally answer it.

III. That the relative grade of the General Officers in the Army shall be: 1, Lieutenant-General, Commander of Patriarchs Militant; 2, Captain-General; 3, Major-General Commanding an Army Corps; 4, Major-General of a Division; 5, Brigadier.

IV. That the heads of the Department Staff Corps of the Army shall be promoted one grade and remain hereafter as follows: An Adjutant-General, with rank of Major-General; an Inspector-General, with the rank of Major-General; a Quartermaster-General, with rank of Major-General; a Commissary-General, with rank of Major-General; a Chief of Equipment, with rank of Major-General; a Surgeon-General, with rank of Major-General; a Judge Advocate-General, with rank of Major-General.

V. That the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant shall appoint and commission an Assistant Adjutant-General with the rank of Brigadier, who shall be a salaried officer on duty at Army Headquarters, and who shall receive as compensation for his entire services, a sum of not less than twelve hundred or more than fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. The said amount to be paid out of the General Fund of Patriarchs Militant.

VI. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall appoint upon his staff, six Brigadiers, to be attached to the General Staff Corps, and a Banneret with rank of Colonel.

VII. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, when he can obtain effective service thereby, may attach general officers, whose terms of service have expired, to the staff of the Army.

VIII. That the Major-Generals in command of Army Corps shall appoint staffs with rank as follows: A Chief of Staff, with rank of Brigadier; an Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Inspector-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Quartermaster-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Commissary-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Chief of Equipment, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Surgeon-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Judge Advocate-General, with rank of Colonel; an Assistant Chaplain-General, with rank of Colonel; a Banneret, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; and four Aides-de-Camp, with rank (each) of Lieutenant-Colonel.

IX. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant may cause to be organized a mounted command of retired officers, and design for such a body a distinctive mark in uniform and arms, appropriate for a mounted command.

X. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall, where there are two or more officers, of the same grade in command of troops within a department, assign one to the command of the department.

XI. That officers of all grades above the rank of Lieutenant shall, upon having passed the officers for which they were commissioned, by active service rendered, be entitled to obtain retired commissions, which shall hold for life, or good behavior, and be issued upon application therefor, and the payment of the fee of two dollars (\$2).

XII. That the Commander of Patriarchs Militant shall issue to Chevaliers of defunct Cantons certificates of honorable discharge upon application therefor, and the payment of the fee of one dollar (\$1), which, together with certified evidence of good standing in a Subordinate Encampment, may be deposited with other Cantons; and by means thereof membership therein obtained.

XIII. That in the elections of Field and General Officers, the officers in command of troops only shall vote; that votes shall be of two classes, viz: Oral, upon a call of the Roster at an "Assembly" of officers for any election, or by

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XIV. That General and Staff Officers shall not influence elections.

XV. That Officers holding elections at "Assemblies" shall detail two Officers of the Assembly, who are entitled to vote, as tellers to distribute and collect ballots and count the votes.

XVI. That all supplies shall be sold directly from Army Headquarters, at such reasonable prices as may be determined upon by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, and that previous legislation in regard thereto in conflict with the above, is hereby repealed.

XVII. That instead of the present fees charged for the Commissions and N. C. Warrants of Canton Officers, an annual "Canton tax" shall be collected, of twelve dollars from each Canton operating under Warrant, and an amount from each Grand Canton, operating under Warrant, of ten dollars for each component; and that Commissions and N. C. Warrants shall be issued to Officers of Cantons which have paid the Canton tax, without cost.

XVIII. That the above law, substituting the "Canton tax" in place of the charge of specified fees for Commissions and N. C. Warrants for Canton Officers, shall go into effect on and after the next anniversary muster, April 26, 1888.

XIX. That ten per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Departments, for commissions and supplies, shall be paid over by the Lieut. General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the department treasuries, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XX. That five per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Grand Departments and Divisions for Commissions and Supplies, after deducting the ten per cent. Department funds, shall be paid over by the Lieutenant-General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the respective treasuries, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XXI. That two per cent. of all moneys received from organizations and Chevaliers in Army Corps for Commissions and Supplies, after deducting the amounts paid to Department, Grand Department; or Division Commanders, shall be paid over by the Lieutenant-General to the Commanders thereof, and be by them covered into the treasuries of the Army Corps, respectively, and be applied in payment of the general expenses.

XXII. That the above laws, requiring the distributing of certain percentages of the Patriarchs Militant revenue to Commanders of Departments, Grand Departments, Divisions and Army Corps, shall go into effect on April 26, 1888.

XXIII. That the Commanders of Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Army Corps, shall hold active membership in a Canton forming part of the command, except where for good and satisfactory reasons the Commander P.M. shall deem proper to grant and issue a dispensation to the contrary.

XXIV. That the Commander P.M. shall redesign suitable insignia to denote the rank of the General Officers from Major-General of a Corps to Commander-in-Chief, inclusive, and also determine upon appropriate jewels for General Officers, and sashes for Corps and Army commanders.

XXV. That the Commander P.M. shall design suitable uniforms for P.M. Bands and Drum Corps, and codify all uniforms for the information and direction of the Army.

XXVI. That it is to the best interest of the Patriarchs Militant that the Military Council shall be convened during the summer months, and that the annual parade of the Army shall occur at the time and place selected by the Commander P.M. for holding the "Council."

XXVII. That as a general rule to be followed in determining the points at which to convene the Military Council, the Commander P.M. should consider the accessibility of the location, its fitness for a parade and display occasions, and the possibility of making cheap excursion rates for the round trip thereto from the greatest number of points where P.M. troops are located.

XXVIII. That it is advisable to procure a camp outfit for the Army, and with that view the Commander of Patriarchs Militant is hereby authorized to raise moneys by *donation*, from Cantons, Officers, Chevaliers, other Odd Fellows, and the people generally, and when a sufficient amount shall have been obtained, to purchase tents and other equipments for the army.

XXIX. That hereafter, in estimating the strength of Cantons in the roster of Battalions and Regiments, the active Chevaliers, only, shall be reported as bearing swords, and that the mention of honorary members shall be made as such.

XXX. That a Board of thirteen Officers shall be appointed by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant to draft rules for the government of the Military Council when in session, and present such general suggestions as they may deem important and to the interest of the Degree and Army, and make report thereof at the next annual session of the Military Council.

XXXI. That all existing law in conflict with the foregoing be, and is hereby modified and changed to conform with the said requirements, or repealed.

#### PERTINENT ACTION OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL.

On motion that the recommendation of the Lieutenant-General be adopted, a division of the question was asked for by Major-General E. B. Palmer, and the question being put on the adoption of all except that providing for the appointment of Corps Commanders, it was unanimously carried. The question then being taken on the recommendation in regard to Corps Commanders, resulted in its adoption, all voting in favor except Major-General Palmer.

Attest: WM. S. FROST, *Colonel and A.A.G.*

Brigadier Charles B. Foster, commanding the Department of Connecticut, moved that the acts of Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood, in all respects, be approved by this Military Council, and the motion was unanimously carried by a rising vote.

Attest: WM. S. FROST, *Colonel and A.A.G.*

The following correspondence is the basis upon which I prepared the ceremony, etc.:

#### THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

Appreciating the desire entertained by Officers and Chevaliers generally for an authorized decoration—one which could be worn upon all occasions of parade or display, and feeling that such a wish might be pushed into a movement for much additional good, I mapped out a ceremony and was digesting it, when I received a letter from Past Grand Sire Nicholson, urging that I give the matter the fullest consideration, and aid in elevating and protecting women in their honor and rights.

I consequently wrote the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee as follows, and upon the reception of the authorities expressed by official communications below, I designed the jewels and prepared the ceremony for conferring the Decoration of Chivalry, and I herewith submit it as having been unanimously adopted by the Military Council:

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## HEADQUARTERS OF PATRIARCHS MILITANT, I.O.O.F.

COVINGTON, KY., May 16, 1887.

*Hon. John H. Albin, Chairman Supervisory Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been thinking for some time of the advisability of preparing a decoration to be given to Chevalliers, Patriarchs Militant, and Daughters of Rebekah, who shall be selected because of general worth and service, and looking towards the protection of mothers, wives, and daughters of Odd Fellows in their rights. Such thoughts of my own have been fully endorsed by a letter received from Past Grand Sire Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, asking that I give my attention to something of that nature. I therefore propose to design a suitable decoration to be worn upon the left breast by Chevalliers, and at the throat of the Daughters of Rebekah, and prepare a suitable ceremony for the conferring of the same; but before I do so, I desire to receive your sanction as the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee. The ceremony will consist of military movements of Cantons, short obligation, and a few appropriate charges. The idea of the whole is to make a beautiful display, and through the intrinsic excellence of the teachings of the charges, etc., in the conference of said decoration, to wield the interests of the Daughters of Rebekah with the Patriarchs Militant.

Answer at your earliest convenience.

*Dictated.*

Truly and chivalrously,

JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,

*Lieutenant-General.*

CONCORD, N.H., May 16, 1887.

*Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood, of the Patriarchs Militant:*

SIR,—In regard to your letter in relation to preparing a suitable decoration to be conferred as therein suggested, we have to say that, understanding that there is to be no expense attending said decoration, and that it is to be conferred only for worth, we deem it advisable, and hereby request you to prepare the same with appropriate ceremony.

J. H. ALBIN,  
ED. A. STEVENS,  
WM. S. JOHNSON,CHAS. N. ALEXANDER,  
HENRY P. COX.*Lieutenant-General John C. Underwood:*

GENERAL,—You are hereby authorized to use any moneys that you may succeed in collecting, by way of donations, on account of your travelling expenses, in the purchase of jewels (not extravagant) to be used in conferring the Decoration of the Cross of Chivalry, etc.

JOHN H. ALBIN,

*Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, for the Committee.*

## ORGANIZATION.

The Decoration of Chivalry shall consist of three degrees.

*First.* The Grand Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon the Chevalliers, whom he shall select for intrinsic worth, military ability and prowess, and honorable attributes of character.

*Second.* The Decoration of Chivalry, to be conferred by the Commanders of Departments upon Chevalliers whom they may select, and upon Chevalliers recommended by Cantons to receive such Decoration. All of whom shall be chosen because of excellence of character, military ability, and other honorable qualities.

*Third.* The Decoration of Chivalry, for a Lady, to be conferred by the Commander of Patriarchs Militant upon Daughters of Rebekah selected by himself, and by Commanders of Departments upon such Daughters of Rebekah and other Ladies, who are wives of Chevalliers, as may be recommended by Lodges



of the Degree of Rebekah to receive the Decoration. All of which shall be done in consequence of the pure, womanly traits, general loveliness and beauty of character of the lady selected to receive the Decoration.

#### CEREMONY OF CONFERRING THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY.

##### Characters.

The Commander of Patriarchs Militant or his Representative and Staff; three Cantons, with three Officers (Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign), and twenty-four file, each; a Sentinel; a Guard; two Standard-Bearers; a Color-Sergeant; a Banneret; four maidens and a little girl; Trumpeters, Drummers, and Band. All, however, subject to modifications as the conditions and exigencies of each ceremony may require.

##### Properties.

The Commander's tent pitched in centre of the end of the hall farthest from entrance door; two other tents in the back ground, one to the right and one to the left of the Commander's; a font of pure water to the left front of the Commander's tent, and a table near the entrance to hall.

##### Positions of Dramatis Personae.

A Sentinel at entrance door to hall; the Commander and Staff within tent, with curtains closed; the maiden and the little girl within the tent to the right of the Commander's; Trumpeters, Drummers, and Band in and about the tent to the left of the Commander's; a Guard marching upon "beat" in front of the Commander's tent; the Floor Canton, three Officers and twenty-four file drawn up in line at a *carry*, right resting near entrance to hall, and line extending toward Commander's tent, the second and third Cantons, three Officers and twenty-four file each, formed in double ranks, at *in place, rest*, on the right and left of the Commander's tent, respectively, with right of both Cantons farthest from the tent, and the Chevalliers facing to the front. All, however, subject to modification, conditioned upon the number of characters participating.

##### The Conferring of the Decoration.

The Chevallier-Candidate | [Enters door in full uniform.]

Sentinel—HALT! Who comes there?

Chevallier (Candidate for the Decoration)—A friend; a Chevallier selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry.

Sentinel (calling the Captain in command of Floor Corps or Canton, says): —Sir, this Chevallier reports that he has been selected to receive the Decoration.

Captain—Sir, is it true that you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry?

Candidate—It is.

Captain—Sir, you will let me examine your papers—patent authorizing the conferring of the Decoration. [The candidate exhibits the official papers appointing him to receive the Decoration, which the Captain examines and returns, and then says]: Sir, before you can receive the Decoration you must pass through a primary ceremony, which will be fully understood as you proceed. Are you willing to advance?

Candidate—I am.

Captain—Lieutenant, assume command of the Canton.

Lieutenant—(left in command of the Floor Canton)—*Rear open order*. MARCH; FRONT, front rank, *about*, FACE; rear rank, *cover*. FILES.

Captain (addressing Candidate)—Then disarm and uncover, in signification of trust and respect. [The Candidate surrenders sword and chapeau to the

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Captain, who places them upon the table.] Thus prepared, I will accompany and conduct you through the ceremony. Lieutenant, form the arch.

Lieutenant—*Cross, SWORDS.*

Captain—ADVANCE, friend, and pass beneath the arch of humiliation. Sir, you will march forward, accompanied by me, and pass with humility beneath this arch of steel. [Candidate advances with head bowed, followed by the Conductor, uncovered, and with head also bowed. Having passed the left of the line, the Lieutenant (left in command of the Canton) brings the Chevaliers to a carry, and the Conductor conducts the candidate to the font of pure water and says:]

Conductor (addressing candidate)—Sir, in your professed humility, it is fitting that you should wash your hands in pure water, thereby signifying your desire to cleanse the body of the sins born in the flesh, as far as it may be possible for a human being so to do. [The candidate washes his hands and wipes them on a perfectly white towel, which, having been done, the Lieutenant in command of the floor Canton commands:]

Lieutenant—Front rank, about, FACE; close order, left oblique, MARCH; right forward, three right, MARCH; column left, MARCH; left front into line, double time, MARCH; Canton, HALT; right, DRESS; FRONT; parade, REST. [The Conductor advances with candidate from water font to a position in front of the Commander's tent, and addresses the Guard there on duty:]

Conductor—Guard [both saluting], inform an Aide that a Chevalier, professing humility, and outwardly cleansed, prays an interview with the Commander. [The Guard (saluting) advances to the Commander's tent, and, with sword, draws back the curtain, displaying the Commander and Staff seated around a table. An Aide rises, and, advancing to the opening of the tent, is addressed by the Guard as follows:]

Guard (saluting)—Sir, an Officer having in charge a Chevalier, outwardly cleansed, who professes humility, is without, and prays an interview with the Commander.

Aide—I will communicate your information to the Commander. [The Guard, saluting with sword, returns to position. The Aide, saluting with hand, faces about, advances and communicates the information received to the Commander, who sends him to the Officer to ascertain what he specially desires. The Aide, again facing to the front, and advancing to the opening of the tent, thus addresses the Conductor:] Sir, what would you with the General?

Conductor—Sir, this Chevalier in humiliation of heart, and having cleansed the flesh to the uttermost extent of purification, allowing for the frailties of human nature, and having been properly selected, presents himself, determined to take the necessary obligation to obtain the Decoration of Chivalry.

Aide (addressing candidate)—Remain here, sir, until I shall acquaint the Commander with these facts. [The Aide faces about, returns to the Commander and informs him of the purpose of the Chevalier. Upon being informed of such detailed fact, the Commander arises and goes to the front of his tent. The Staff accompany and take position as follows: Adjutant-General, Judge Advocate-General, and Chaplain-General, forming three paces from and on the Commander's left, in the order named, and one pace to the rear; the remainder of the Staff forming three paces to the rear of the Commander, and equidistant on his left and right; three Guards at Arms forming three paces to the right of the Commander, and on a line with the Adjutant-General and Chaplain-General.]

Commander (addressing candidate)—Sir, if I am rightly informed, you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry; but before you can receive the coveted Decoration, you must take the obligation thereunto belonging. Are you willing to take such an oath?

Candidate—I am.

Commander—Sir, you will let me examine your papers—patent, authorizing the conferring of the Decoration upon you. [Candidate exhibits papers, which the Commander examines and returns, and then commands]: Guards, Officers, Banners, Flags, Assistants, POSY. [Whereupon the Captain-Conductor returns to, and assumes command of the floor Canton. The Captains in command of the Canton to the right and left of the Commander's tent, command; ATTENTION: carry, SWORDS; Captain of the right Canton, *left half-wheel*, MARCH; Captain of the left Canton, *right half-wheel*, MARCH. The movements having been made simultaneously, and the Cantons having marched to the proper position, both Captains will command HALT, and dress their Commands.]

[The first Standard-Bearer will march to, and take position on the right of the second Canton, on the line of the front rank three paces from the right file; and the second Standard-Bearer will march to, and take position on the left of the third Canton, on the line of the front rank three paces from the left file; and both display banners to the front facing the first or floor Canton.]

[The Color Sergeant will march to, and take position, one pace to the right of the Adjutant-General, and on line with the three Staff Officers, and display the P. M. Colors, and three kettle drummers will march to, and take position three paces to the left of, and on the line of the Staff in rear centre.]

[The Banneret will march to, and take position, one pace to the left of, and on line with the Trumpeters; and three Guards at Arms will form three paces to the right of, and on line of the Staff in rear centre.]

[The little girl will take position immediately in front of the] Judge Advocate-General, and the four maidens (called Lady Assistants) will take position, two to the right front and two to the left front, five paces from the Commander, and on lines parallel with the fronts of the second and third Cantons, respectively. The band will take position in rear centre, five paces behind Staff, flanked with the U. S. colors on the right, the Canadian colors on the left, and the colors of other countries containing Patriarchs Militant appropriately displayed.

(Commander addressing candidate)—Sir, will you kneel upon your right knee, place your left hand upon the Bible (which has been laid open on a drum before him) uplift your right hand, give your name and title, and repeat the following obligation:

Captain (in charge of first or floor Canton)—ATTENTION; carry, SWORDS.

First, second and third Captains (Officers in command of the three Cantons)—Order, SWORDS; UN-COVER.

#### OBLIGATION.

I, ———, with my approved free will and accord before these living, noble witnesses, do thus voluntarily promise and obligate myself: To defend maidens, wives, widows and orphans in their rights; to relieve the distressed; to permit no extortion, so far as I may be able to prevent it; to support those who are weak and powerless to maintain their rights; and to administer justice to the advancement of honor and the suppression of vice. All of which I, in this presence, do avow it my purpose and intention to perform, to the uttermost bounds of human ability, under penalty which shall be no less than degradation caused by the loss of my personal and military honor.

Commander—Officers and Chevaliers, ATTEST!

Officers (in command of the three Cantons)—RE-COVER; carry, SWORDS.

Captain (of first Canton)—Advance, SWORDS.

Lieutenants (of second and third Cantons)—Front rank, *thrust*, SWORDS. } Given

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*Long roll of kettle drums.*

Officers (in command of three Cantons)—*Carry, SWORDS.*

[The four ladies should, if possible, be Daughters of Rebekah, and dressed appropriately in white, with black velvet, gold-embroidered shoulder cape faced with scarlet silk, and bearing the Chivalry Decoration.]

First Lady (nearest the left of the Commander, stepping forward and addressing the kneeling Candidate)—Sir, I, as a weak woman, do commend your fortitude and noble purposes, and do beseech you to go on in the chivalrous work you have delineated; and further, do thus, with feeble hands press a golden spur upon the heel of your right foot [she presses a spring spur on his right heel], thereby giving the instrument of coercion to the strongest member of the human frame, indicating that neither time nor opportunity should be lost in the carrying out of your avowed purposes for good.

Commander—Arise. [The Chevalier arises, and the first lady resumes her position.]

Second Lady—(on the right of and nearest to the Commander, advances with the Chevalier's sword, and says:)—Receive, sir, this your sword, the arms of your Chivalrous Degree; unsheath it only in the right, and use it in defence and maintenance of the principles you have upon this occasion voluntarily espoused, never forgetting to grant honorable quarter to those whom you find are no longer able to defend themselves. [The second lady retires to her station.]

Third Lady (on the left of, and farthest from, the Commander, advancing and addressing the Candidate:)—Receive, sir, this steel gauntlet, as a type of firmness, which most highly becomes a Chevalier of your soldierly bearing. Be ever firm and true as steel to the obligation you have voluntarily taken; and, under your iron rule, forget not, in the administration of justice, to exercise mercy, as you in turn shall expect to receive it. [The third lady returns to her position.]

Fourth Lady (on the right of, and farthest from, the Commander, advancing and addressing Candidate:)—Receive, sir, this silken glove of white, symbolizing that, howsoever bold and firm may be your military life, you should never forget first to endeavor to administer justice by kindness and gentleness, and resort to arms only when compelled to enforce a right which cannot otherwise be obtained. You also do know that "such duty as the subject owes the Prince, even such a woman oweth her husband," and, in turn for the homage, it is but proper and right that such prowess as you shall exercise in defence of your good name should in courtesy and honor be used in protecting the rights of weak women, even as you would for your mother, sister, wife and daughter. [Elevating her right arm.] Remember! Remember!! Remember!!! [The fourth lady retakes position.]

Commander—Sir, be bold, be just and fear not; and know now and forever, that so long as you are true to the principles you have so openly affirmed, and to the obligation you have voluntarily assumed, you will receive the honorable regard of your fellow-men, and, far more desirable, the conscious respect of your own self; failing to comply with your obligations, your coercive spurs will be stricken from your heels in disgrace, and you will be regarded as a dishonored Chevalier and an apostate man. Entertaining a belief that you will practice the lessons taught by these charges as based upon the oath you have taken [Officers in command of Cantons—*Present, SWORDS*], I now, as for the representative of] the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, do proclaim and pronounce you a proper Chevalier to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. [Triple flourish of trumpets.]

Officers (in command of Cantons)—*Carry, SWORDS.*

Commander—Sir, as an outward emblem of your noble Degree, of the high moral character you have publicly assumed, and the duties under voluntary obligation espoused, I would now bestow upon you a fitting decoration. [Turning to and addressing Adjutant-General, both saluting.] Sir, have you prepared a

proper jewel to be bestowed upon this good Chevalier, as a décoration and appropriate testimonial of his chivalrous worth?

Adjutant-General (addressing Commander and saluting)—General, I have prepared this jewel [exhibing it], an emblematic décoration suspended from a brilliant representation of light, typical of the age of civilized chivalry, embodying enlightenment and justice, being a white cross of ancient design, having mounted upon the face a scarlet heart, and bearing a golden crown, and inscribed upon the back the motto of action, "Be just, merciful, honorable, and brave." The interpretation of all of which is: The enameled whiteness representing the purity upon which, as a basis, all justice is built; the scarlet heart, representing the heart of man, from which flows the fountain of mercy; the golden crown being indicative of the crowning virtue, *honor*, when practiced with the moral courage and bravery to defend helpless women, and not oppress the weak.

Commander—Judge Advocate-General [both saluting], Sir, it is fitting that such a décoration should be placed upon the bosom containing a noble heart, by pure hands.

Judge Advocate-General (saluting Commander)—General, anticipating your purpose, I sought of her mother this little girl, who, in her purity and infancy, is a type of loveliness and innocence, and I present her as one unsullied and maidenly pure, and ask that she, as the Maid of Honor, shall place the décoration.

Commander (addressing Candidate)—Sir, you will kneel. [And leading the child to the kneeling Chevalier, gives her the jewel, and, assisting her to pin it on the left breast of the candidate, says]:

Commander—I now, by the hands of innocence and purity of this maid, thus invest you with the badge décoration you are entitled to wear. Be brave, be chivalrous, be just, be merciful, be true, be happy. [Addressing Chaplain-General, both saluting.] Sir, at this point, it is fitting that you invoke Divine blessing. [The Captain-General steps forward, and the Commandants of Cantons command: *Order, SWORDS; UNCOVER; BOW.*]

*Prayer.*

Chaplain-General—Great Commander of all men, Sovereign of the universe, extend Thy helping hand to this suppliant Chevalier; aid and assist him in the chivalrous and righteous work he has undertaken; and give him, O God, the strength and power to keep the obligations he has voluntarily assumed. Possess him with the courage to advance the right with a strong arm and conscientious heart, and so let him live as to enjoy the blessings of Thy creation, and obtain the glories of the unfathomable hereafter. Amen.

All—Amen.

The Commandants of Cantons command: *RECOVER; carry, SWORDS; present, SWORDS.*

[The decorated Chevalier kisses the little girl who has pinned the décoration upon his breast:]

Commander—Sir, being thus decorated on the field of honor, made so by the exalted purpose espoused, I now, in this goodly presence, recognize your excellence, and do thus publicly dub you Knight of the Décoration of Chivalry [gently striking the Chevalier between the shoulders with flattened sword. [Arise, Sir Knight, and receive the plaudits of friends and comrades. [The Knight arises to his feet and receives the congratulations of the Commander and Staff. The banners and flags wave amid a continued flourish of trumpets and roll of kettle-drums, and, after such suitable demonstrations, the band strikes up a martial air, and the Cantons are marched through the hall and dismissed.]

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## THE CONFERRING OF THE DECORATION OF CHIVALRY UPON A LADY.

[The lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, the candidate for the *decorations*, should be accompanied by a Chevalier as escort, and will be received at the entrance to the hall as follows:]

Sentinel—HALT! Who comes there?

Chevalier-Escort—A friend, with a lady, a Daughter of Rebekah.

Sentinel—Advance, friend, and explain her purpose.

Chevalier-Escort (advancing)—She has been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry.

Sentinel (turning toward, saluting and addressing the Commandant of the first on floor Canton, says:)—Captain, this lady, by word of her Chevalier-Escort, has been selected to receive the *decoration*.

Captain (advancing, saluting with hand and uncovering, says:)—Sister, is it true that you have been selected to receive the Decoration of Chivalry?

Lady-Candidate—It is, and here are the papers-patent setting forth the fact.

Captain (receiving and examining the documents, returns them and says:)—Sister, you will uncover and accompany me. Lieutenant, receive command of the Canton and prepare to extend honors to a Daughter of Rebekah, who has been designated to receive the Decoration of Chivalry. [The lady removes her bonnet and it is placed upon the table, and while it is being done the Lieutenant commands:]

Lieutenant—Rear open order [the guides step six paces to the rear], MARCH; FRONT; front rank, *about*, FACE; rear rank, *cover*, FILES.

Captain (addressing Lady-Candidate, says:)—Sister, I will now relieve your escort, and will myself protect and conduct you through the ceremony.

Lieutenant—Present SWORDS; carry SWORDS; order SWORDS; remain kneeling, ground SWORDS [at ground, each Chevalier will, with right hand, turn the sword flat to the front; and at *swords*, will step with left foot one pace to the front and kneel upon the right knee; lay the sword upon the ground with right hand, point resting where it was placed at *order swords*, the blade being perpendicular to the line of the rank of which he is a file; and drop the hand to the side]; UNCOVER.

CAPTAIN—Advance, sister; I follow. [They pass between the ranks of kneeling Chevaliers, and, passing the left of the line, march to the font of pure water, whereupon the lieutenant commands:]

Lieutenant—RE-COVER, take SWORDS [At *take*, each Chevalier will reach forward the right arm and with right hand grasp the hilt of the sword; at *swords*, he will arise, bring left foot into line, heel touching the heel of the right foot, with sword at an *order*]; carry SWORDS; front rank, *about* FACE; rear rank, *close order*, left oblique, MARCH; right forward, *threes right*, MARCH; column left MARCH; left front into line, double time, MARCH; Canton, HALT; right, DRESS; FRONT; parade, REST.

Conductor (addressing Lady Candidate, says:)—Sister, you have received the military honors in the *present*, SWORDS; and you have witnessed the chivalrous devotion of Patriarchs Militant to your sex in the grounding of their arms and kneeling uncovered as you passed between the ranks, thereby indicating through such acts your privilege to command protection in all your rights; and now, in turn, it is fitting that you should wash your hands in pure water, thereby signifying your desire to cleanse the body of the sins born in the flesh, and of the pure purpose to which you shall devote your future life. [The Lady Candidate washes her hands and wipes them on a perfectly white towel, which, having been done, the Conductor advances with her from the water font to a position in front of the Commander's tent, and addresses the Guard there on duty:

Conductor—Guard [both saluting], inform an Aide that a lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, professing purity of purpose and outwardly cleansed, prays an interview with the commander. [Guard, saluting, advances to the Commander's tent, and with sword draws back the curtain, displaying the Commander and Staff seated around a table, an Aide arises, and, advancing to the opening of the tent, is addressed by the Guard as follows:]

Guard (saluting)—Sir, an officer escorting a lady, outwardly cleansed and professing purity of purpose, is without and prays an interview with the Commander. [Guard, saluting with sword, returns to position. The Aide, saluting with hand, faces about, advances and communicates the information received to the Commander, who, learning that a lady with an officer attendant, is in waiting, goes in person to ascertain the object of her visit, and upon arriving in front of his tent, followed by the Staff, which takes position as in the conferring of the *decoration* upon a Chevalier says:]

Commander—Captain, to what good fortune am I indebted for this lovely visitation?

Captain-General, this lady, a Daughter of Rebekah, has been designated to receive the Decoration of Chivalry, and here are her papers-patent. [Receiving the documents from the Lady-Candidate and handing them to the Commander, who examines and returns them, says:]

Commander—Sister, your documents sustain your statements, but before I can confer upon you the *decoration*, you must take the obligation thereto belonging for a Daughter of Rebekah. Are you willing to take such an oath?

Lady-Candidate—I am.

Commander—Guards, Officers, Banners, Flags, Assistants, POST. [Whereupon the Captain-Conductor returns to, and assumes command of, the floor Canton. The Captains in Command of the Cantons to the right and left of the Commander's tent, command: ATTENTION; carry SWORDS; Captain of the right Canton, *left half-wheel*, MARCH; Captain of left Canton, *right half-wheel*, MARCH. The movements having been made simultaneously, and the Cantons having marched to their proper positions, both Captains will command HALT, and dress their Commands.]

[The first Standard Bearer will march to, and take position on the right of the second Canton, on the line of the front rank three paces from the right file; and the second Standard Bearer will march to, and take a position on the left of the third Canton, on the line of the front rank, three paces from the left file, and both display banners to the front, facing the first or floor Canton.]

[The Color Sergeant will march to, and take position, one pace to the right of the Adjutant General, and on line with the three Staff Officers, and display the P. M. Colors, and three kettle drummers will march to, and take position, three paces to the left of and on the line of the Staff in rear centre.]

[The Banneret will march to, and take position, one pace to the left of and on line with the Trumpeters; and three Guards at Arms will form three paces to the right of and on line of the Staff in rear centre.]

[The little girl will take position immediately in front of the Judge Advocate General, and the four maidens (called Lady Assistants) will take position, two to the right front and two to the left front, five paces from the Commander, and on line parallel with the fronts of the second and third Cantons, respectively. The Band will take position in the rear centre, five paces behind the Staff, flanked with the U. S. colors on the right, the Canadian colors on the left, and the colors of the other countries containing Patriarch Militant appropriately displayed.]

Commander (addressing candidate)—Sister, will you kneel upon your right knee, place your left hand upon the Bible, [which has been laid open on a drum before her,] uplift your right hand, say I, [pronounce your name,] and repeat the following obligation:

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Captain (in Command of first or floor Canton)—ATTENTION ; *carry* SWORDS.  
 First, second and third Captains (Officers in command of the three Cantons)  
 —Order, SWORDS ; UNCOVER.

## OBLIGATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, with my approved free will and accord, before these living noble witnesses, do thus voluntarily promise and obligate myself : To visit the sick ; alleviate the distressed ; to sympathize with the bereaved ; to uphold the good name of maidens, wives and women generally ; to counsel orphans, and encourage widows ; to teach children to love and obey their parents and superiors ; to respect the rights of all ; to rescue the fallen ; to knowingly do no injustice ; to advance honor and suppress vice. All within the bounds of possibility, in the sphere appropriate for a lady of gentle degree, and under penalty which shall not be less than public and conscious shame for disregarding this obligation.

Commander—Officers and Chevaliers, ATTEST !

Officers (in command of three Cantons)—RE-COVER ; *carry*, SWORDS.

Captain (of first Canton)—*Advance*, SWORDS.

Lieutenants (of second and third Cantons)—Front rank, *thrust*, SWORDS.

Ensigns (of second and third Cantons)—Rear rank *advance*, SWORDS.

} Given simultaneously.

All (Officers and Chevaliers)—The oath ! The oath ! Remember the oath !  
 Long Roll of Kettle Drums—in command of three Cantons)—*Carry*  
 SWORDS !

## CHARGES BY LADY ASSISTANTS.

[The four ladies should, if possible, be Daughters of Rebekah, and dressed appropriately in white, with black velvet, gold embroidered shoulder cape, faced with scarlet silk, and bearing the Chivalry Decoration.]

First Lady (nearest the left of the Commander, stepping forward and addressing the Lady candidate)—Lady Novice, I, as a sister, with unalloyed pleasure, greet you at this shrine of honor, where the flashings of talent have full sway in the development of virtues. It is not that which we have that demands, and should receive, the most attention, but that which we have not should be studied to a perfection in excellence that the mind and heart may be brought to an equilibrium for good. Friendship and love are reciprocal virtues ; equalled only by truth, the very foundation of character. The two cardinal points of woman's life are thought and expression. Be ever thoughtful that you err not, and after determining the course to be pursued, select the gentlest and most pleasing manner of expression by act and word. Remember to consider others as well as yourself. [First Lady resumes her position.]

Second Lady (on the right and nearest to the Commander advances and says) :—Gentle Lady, I, too, welcome you as a sister, and desire to say that it is far easier to *preach* than to *follow* ; and knowing what is good to be done, and to shine inconstantly as the fire-fly glowing brilliantly for a moment, to be then lost in the tangled web of night, but rather let your acts stand forth as constant as a fixed star, ever shining with undimmed lustre and true to its position in the firmament. Mark high your course through life with good purposes, and then carry out your elevated intentions. May the womb of time bear fruit of your honorable teachings and kind and just deeds to such an extent as to herald your eminence in a wealth of virtues equal to the chivalrous prowess of the noblest Knight of the Order. [The Second Lady retires to her station.]

Third Lady (on the left of and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing Lady candidate, says) :—Sweet Lady, I trust that this occasion will be ever remembered as the *oasis* of your life, where *Honor* was taught to be your

vital breath, and all corrupting lessons as acts of *apostasy* to principle "which blur the grace of modesty, call virtue hypocrite," and blister the very soul with evil thoughts. In the solution of the problem of life, know that a still tongue, observing eye, and listening ear form a trio of excellence certain to be appreciated as wisdom advances. Just action should be your *watchword*. [Third Lady returns to her position.]

Fourth Lady (on the right and farthest from the Commander, advancing and addressing Lady candidate, says):—Dear Lady, woman as you are, designed as the beautiful counterpart of man, and the one who contributes so eminently to his happiness, *you can*, by the gentle influences of love and virtue, exercise through your various ministrations an intuitive work for good. Through the potency of your power, properly directed, you may accomplish much toward the building of honor and virtue; even the shadows of adversity can be made to vanish by your approving smile, and become transformed into a very birthday of hope, to culminate in the fulfilment of a heart's dream. Remember, then, O Lady, the obligation you have taken. Remember! Remember!! [Fourth Lady retakes position.]

Commander—Sister, in your genuine modesty you are but a fitting type of your sex, for know that woman in her kindly deeds, induced by the promptings of a pure heart, does a righteous act for its excellence alone, and when discovered in her purpose will shrink from the approving gaze of the multitude like the delicate flower from the burning rays of the meridian sun. God, in creating the universe, has met the desires of the human heart with the innumerable and exquisite glories of the earth, but all its material evidences of omnipotent power pale before the masterpiece of His divine handiwork, the jewel in the crown, a pearl of beauty, a dewdrop in purity; for women such art thou and will continue to be until time is no more. Entertaining a belief that you will practice the lessons taught by these charges as based upon the obligation you have taken. [Officers (in command of Cantons) *present*, SWORDS!] I, now, as [or the representative of] the Commander of Patriarchs Militant, do proclaim and pronounce you a proper Lady to receive the Decoration of Chivalry.

[Triple flourish of trumpets.]

Officers (in command of Cantons)—*Carry*, SWORDS.

Sister, as an outward emblem of our noble degree, of the high moral character you have publicly assumed, and the duties under voluntary obligation espoused, I would now bestow upon you a fitting Decoration, as a tribute to your modesty, virtue and general loveliness of character, you will kneel and allow this little girl to outwardly decorate your person with the Decoration of Chivalry.

[The Lady candidate kneels, and the Commander, leading the child to the kneeling sister, gives her the jewel, and, assisting her to pin it on the left breast of the Lady candidate, says]:

Commander—I now, by the hands of innocence and purity of this maid, thus invest you with the badge Decoration you are entitled to wear. Be just, be merciful, be true, be happy. [Addressing Chaplain-General, both saluting.] Sir, at this point, it is fitting that you invoke Divine blessing. [The Chaplain-General steps forward, and Commandants of Cantons command: *Order*, SWORDS; UNCOVER; BOW.]

#### PRAYER.

Captain-General—Great Commander of all men, Sovereign of the Universe, extend Thy helping hand to this suppliant Lady; aid and assist her in the righteous work she has undertaken, and give her, O God, the strength and power to keep the obligations she has voluntarily assumed. Possess her with the courage to advance the right with a strong arm and conscientious heart, and so let her live as to enjoy the blessings of Thy creation, and obtain the glories of the unfathomable hereafter. Amen.

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All—Amen.

The Commandants of Cantons command; RE-COVER; carry, SWORDS; present, SWORDS.

[The decorated Lady kisses the little girl who has pinned the Decoration upon her breast.]

Commander—Sister, being thus decorated on the field of honor, made so by the exalted purposes espoused, I now, in this goodly presence, recognize your excellence, and do thus publicly acknowledge you a Lady of the Decoration of Chivalry. Arise, my Lady and receive the plaudits of friends. [The Lady arises to her feet, and receives the congratulations of the Commander and Staff. The banners and flags wave amid a continued flourish of trumpets and roll of kettle drums, and, after such suitable demonstration, the band strikes up a martial air, and the Cantons are marched through the hall and dismissed.]

Rep. Stevens, of Minnesota, from the Supervisory Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Representatives and Brethren:*

The Supervisory Committee on the Degree of Patriarchs Militant have the honor to report the continued growth and prosperity of the Militant Branch of our Order, which, we believe, has done eminent service throughout the entire country, in the way of permanently strengthening the Order at large and materially increasing the numerical and financial standing of our Lodges and Encampments.

From information obtained from time to time, from the Lieutenant-General, it appears that the roster of Chevalliers comprising the army, taken from reported returns of the annual muster and inspection on the 26th of April, 1887, was in round numbers, sixteen thousand men, an increase of about four thousand over the number reported as the total membership on April 26th, 1886, an increase of fully thirty-three and one-third per cent. upon the original and unprecedented growth of the first year of its existence. The Lieutenant-General expresses to us the belief that the above figures would be found to be too small if full returns could have been received from all Cantons in season, so that the same could have been compiled in his official report to your Grand Body. But it will do as it is, and your committee take great pleasure in being able to report such unparalleled success in the growth of the Military Branch of the Order.

We desire to call your attention to the further fact that the Patriarchs Militant has completely filled a long-felt need for a display element in Odd Fellowship. It sprang from almost nothing; has met all of the expenses of organization; paid for Rituals, Tactics and other books, forms, blanks, jewels, office furniture, etc.; and besides all of this, has put into the treasury of the Sovereign Grand Lodge the snug little balance of \$1,307 87, as appears by the report of Grand Secretary THEO. A. ROSS. That the Patriarchs Militant has become fully self-sustaining, abundantly appears from an inspection of the financial statement of the Lieutenant-General. This state of things the most sanguine friend of the movement did not dare predict at the time of the adoption of the creed.

Your committee authorized the commander to accept a prize fund of three thousand dollars, and to hold a competitive drill at Denver, and, upon certain conditions to distribute certain jewels, the property of the Patriarchs Militant, as prizes, to officers of the winning Cantons, in the competitive contest for merit and excellency.

The chairman of your committee authorized the Lieutenant-General to contract for the publishing of his report, and thereby he has been able to make a contract, by virtue of which the fully and magnificently illustrated revised Report will be obtained without cost to the Patriarchs Militant fund. In like manner permission has been given him to use any money he might be able to



obtain, by way of expense donations, toward the purchase of jewels, to be used in the conferring of the decoration of Chivalry, a decoration ceremony authorized by your committee and unanimously endorsed and approved by the Military Council at its recent session.

Your committee feel now, that the successful establishing of nearly five hundred Cantons has been accomplished; the organization of the army upon an elective basis, including the election of a Captain General, who will ultimately attain to the position of Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, has been effected, and the first meeting of the Military Council having been held, that its labors are practically ended, and no good reason now occurs to us, calling for a continuance of its existence. But, before closing its report, the committee desire to say, that, in their opinion, the success and unprecedented growth and prosperity of the Patriarchs Militant is due to the indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance of Lieutenant General JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, with whom the committee, in the discharge of their duties, and otherwise, have, at all times, been upon the most cordial terms, and, who has ever shown to its members, individually and as a body, the most courteous and fraternal treatment. In return therefor, it desires to express, in addition to the above, its great appreciation of his meritorious services and devotion to the Order, of which he has become so distinguished a member.

In surrendering the important trust confided to our keeping, your committee must express its heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in it, which it does with grateful remembrance of the honor conferred by the Grand Sire and the Sovereign Grand Lodge in appointing and confirming it.

See typographical errors in the second of these resolutions.

In fifth line of second resolution, strike out "general," and for "Brigadier" read "brigade," so it shall read: "The Assistant-Adjutant-General of a Division, for the Brigadiers commanding brigades therein."

Rep. STEVENS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Commander of the Patriarchs Militant shall have power to relieve officers who fail to discharge the duties of their office, and may assign temporarily the officer next in rank to the command, and make report thereof to the Military Council at the first session thereafter.

*Resolved*, That officers holding the following positions shall, when necessary, and when specially authorized so to do, hold elections as follows: The Assistant-Adjutant-General of a Brigade, for the Field Officers thereof; the Assistant-Adjutant-General of a Division, for the Brigadiers commanding brigades therein; the Assistant-Adjutant-General of a Corps, for the Generals of Divisions therein; the Deputy-Adjutant-General, for Corps Commanders, etc.

The following action in reference to Uniform Degree Camps was taken:

Inasmuch as the question of the disbanding of Uniformed Patriarchs was laid over at the last annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge we do not deem it best to make any recommendation pending action thereon.

Which was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

#### PLACE OF MEETING.

The following invitation was received and accepted:

Reps. RANDALL, FREER, LYMAN and MINTA, of California, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That the next regular session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be held at the City of Los Angeles, State of California.

#### COURTESIES.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, from the Special Committee to report resolutions of thanks, made the following report:

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*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :*

Your Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions of thanks for courtesies extended to this Sovereign Grand Lodge during its present session, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following :

WHEREAS, It is eminently proper that this Sovereign Grand Lodge should make fitting acknowledgment of its sincere appreciation of the manifold courtesies and open-handed hospitality of which its officers and members have been the recipients while sojourning in the midst of the Odd Fellows of Colorado, and while *en route* to Denver ; and should also acknowledge the many other courtesies and kindnesses incidental to the session ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the cordial and heartfelt thanks of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered, to the Odd Fellows and citizens of the City of Denver, and the State of Colorado, for their constant and zealous hospitality, extended to the officers and members of this Grand Body and the ladies accompanying them ; and especially to C. D. Cobb, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements ; and to J. M. Norman, Chairman of the Committee on the Entertainment of the Ladies ; A. E. Gipson, Chairman of the Committee on Hotels ; W. J. Fay, Chairman of the Committee on Reception, and to the individual members of said committee, one and all, for their assiduous attention and kindness, illustrating so plainly the well-known hospitality of their city and State, and aiding in making the session of 1887 a memorable one in the history of the Order.

To the Odd Fellows of Kansas and Missouri for the many kindnesses and profuse hospitality extended by them while we were passing through their respective jurisdictions, and particularly to the Lodges at St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Hutchinson and Garden City, and to the committees who had in charge the entertainment of this Grand Body.

To the brethren of Los Angeles, California, for their handsome donation of fruit, and to Pike's Peak Lodge, Colorado Springs, for the entertainment provided by them for the ladies.

To His Excellency, Hon. Alvah Adams, Governor of Colorado ; His Honor, Wm. Scott Lee, Mayor of Denver ; Hon. E. M. Ashley, President of the Board of Trade ; to David Ringle, Grand Master, and J. M. Norman, Grand Secretary of Colorado, for their words of hearty welcome ; and your committee recommend that their addresses, together with the response of the Grand Sire, be printed in the Revised Journal.

To the Board of Trade of the city of Denver, for the use of their hall, in which the session of this Grand Body has been held.

To the Knights Templar of the city of Denver, our allies and co-workers in the cause of humanity, for their fraternal welcome and courteous hospitality

To the press of the city of Denver for the interest manifested in our session, and for their enterprise in giving full reports of all matters connected therewith, and the grand parade on the twenty-second inst.

To Lieutenant-General and Deputy Grand Sire John C. Underwood, and to Grand Representative J. Ward Ellis, Chairman of the Special Committee, for their labor and attention in the matter of securing rates of transportation for the members of the Grand Body ; and to the various Railroads throughout the country for their reduction of fare.

To the Cantons and Chevalliers of Patriarchs Militant, for their attendance and drill, which added so greatly to the enjoyment of the session, and to the Subordinate Lodges participating in the parade of Thursday.

To the Degree Team of Topeka, whose excellent rendering of the work is to be especially commended.

## APPENDIX.

*Resolved, further,* That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit complete sets of the Revised Journal, suitably bound, to the State Library of Colorado, the City Library of Denver, and the Board of Trade of the City of Denver.

*Resolved, further,* That copies of these resolutions be furnished by the Grand Secretary to the several parties above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BUSBEE, JOHN B. GOODWIN,  
OSCAR A. JAMES, N. OSTRANDER,  
JOHN WELSH.

In conclusion, your Representatives desire to express their appreciation of the many acts of kindness and hospitality extended them by the Bros. of Kansas and Colorado; also to the Grand Encampment of Ontario, for the honor conferred on them in selecting them as your Representatives, and trust our labors have been such as to merit your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELSH,  
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October 7th, 1887.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCRIBES.

The certificate of Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives to Grand Encampment should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the installation of officers.

Past Chief Patriarchs and Representatives shall be furnished with a duplicate Certificate by the Scribe, in order to avoid any possible inconvenience arising out of the miscarriage of the original. Especially should this be the case when the Past Chief Patriarchs present themselves for admission to the Grand Encampment some time after they have passed the chairs.

The per Capita Tax is twenty-five cents for each member upon the Roll at the last stated meeting in the term.

Charge Books cannot be delivered except upon the special order of an Encampment, signed by the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the Seal, and the old Charge Books must in all cases be returned to the Grand Scribe.

When old Charge Books cannot be returned by the hands of a Patriarch, they should be sealed up and sent by express.

The money must accompany all orders for supplies of all kinds, and all orders must be signed by the Scribe and attested by the seal of the Encampment.

Post Office Money Orders are recommended as a safe mode of transmitting money.

Supplies are furnished to Encampments in this Jurisdiction at the following rates, viz.:

Charge Books.....	\$2 50
Books of Laws, each.....	40
Digest.....	3 00
Emblematic Chart.....	3 00
Visiting Cards, each.....	30
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	30
Register Books, each.....	3 50
Proposition Books, each.....	3 25
Black Books, each.....	2 00
Draft Books, each.....	2 00
Treasurers' Books, each.....	1 00
Receipt Books, each.....	1 75
Return Books, each.....	1 00
Roll Books, each.....	1 00
Notices of Meetings, per 100.....	1 00
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