

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

OF

THE MARITIME PROVINCES



FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held at Saint John, N. B., September 11th and 12th, 1890

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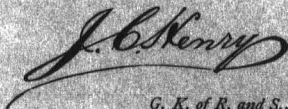
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ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual session this day in Pythian Hall, Germain Street, and was called to order at 2.30, p. m., by Grand Chancellor W. C. Hazen Grimmer.

The following named Officers were present at roll call :—

MURRAY FLEMING,
W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,
E. ALLISON POWERS,
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,
JOHN C. HENRY,
ARTHUR W. ADAMS,
JOSEPH H. WRAN,
JAMES D. FOWLER,

Past Grand Chancellor.
Grand Chancellor.
Grand Vice Chancellor.
Grand Master of Exchequer.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Grand Master-at-Arms.
Grand Inner Guard.
Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Supreme Representative James Moulson to fill the office of Grand Prelate, Past Chancellor Dunf being absent.

The reading of the Records of the last session was omitted, and upon motion of Grand Master-at-Arms Adams, they were accepted and adopted as printed.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors Whitehead, of No. 3, Rosborough, of No. 4, and Fraser, of No. 1, on Returns and Credentials Committee, in place of Past Chancellors Nevins, of No. 1, Seeley, of No. 2, and Estey, of No. 3, absent. In place of Past Chancellors Robinson and Smith, of No. 4, of the Printing Committee, Past Chancellors Powers, of No. 2, and Peers, of No. 5, were appointed; and in the absence of Past Chancellors Clarke, of No. 4, and Hutchinson, of No. 1, Past Chancellors Cooper, of No. 2, and Whitehead of No. 3, were appointed to act on the Finance Committee.

The report of the Returns and Credentials Committee (No. 1) was read, and on motion, was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials, No. 1.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

Your Credentials and Returns Committee, after examination of Credentials, find the following entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

NEW BRUNSWICK, LODGE NO. 1.

Frederick Hutchinson,
W. Robb,
Thomas Armstrong,
J. S. Brown,
S. Tufts,
James Moulson,

G. H. Hetherington,
Charles Nevins,
J. F. Fraser,
John Beamish,
George V. McCarthy,
S. W. Wilkins.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

William McAdoo,
J. R. Armstrong,
P. A. Melville,
H. V. Cooper,
James D. Seeley,
E. A. Powers,

A. J. Armstrong,
A. W. Adams,
A. L. Rawlins,
John A. Ewing,
A. M. Duff,
Robert O'Shaughnessy.

WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.

James W. Whitehead,
G. R. Sangster,
J. P. Weir,
W. G. Speer,
J. H. Rand,
W. S. Sands,
D. I. Welch,
P. Cleaveland,
George Craig,

A. P. Tate,
J. McClure,
A. Anderson,
W. R. Parker,
E. M. Estey,
A. S. Coleman,
G. M. Jarvis,
W. E. Day,
Murray Fleming.

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.

John C. Henry,
John Ryder,
W. E. Smith,

W. C. H. Grimmer,
R. J. Rosborough,
John B. Sharpe,

L. M. Robinson.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

George Dunn,

F. L. Peers.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.

James D. Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. FOWLER, *Ch.*

J. F. FRASER,

F. L. PEERS,

J. W. WHITEHEAD,

Committee.

The report of Returns and Credentials Committee (No. 2) was next read. On motion, the same was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials, No. 2.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1899.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

Your Credentials and Returns Committee, after examination of Credentials, find the following Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, viz. :—

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.

E. P. Leonard,

W. S. Vaughan,

E. R. Machum.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

Jas. A. Ewing,

Alex. McNichol,

J. W. Gilmore,

G. W. Fairweather,

A. S. Pattison,

J. F. Sullivan.

J. Bedford,	WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.	H. B. Fleming,
	C. O. Rowe.	
Parker Grimmer,	FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.	W. S. A. Douglass.
A. Dick,	CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.	J. W. Wiley.
C. H. Thomas,	FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.	Harry Beckwith,
	Geo. A. Hughes.	
	IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.	
	W. B. Nicholson.	
	BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.	
	Abner H. Graham.	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. FOWLER, *Ch.*,

J. F. FRASER,

F. L. PEERS,

J. W. WHITEHEAD,

Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms Adams, reporting the Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, by order of the Grand Chancellor, he introduced the following, who were duly obligated in said Rank, according to prescribed Ritual, viz. :—

Past Chancellor	E. P. Leonard,	New Brunswick, No. 1.
Do do	E. R. Machum,	New Brunswick, No. 1.
Do do	A. S. Pattison,	Union, No. 2.
Do do	James A. Ewing,	Union, No. 2.
Do do	John Bedford,	Westmorland, No. 3.
Do do	A. Dick,	Cumberland, No. 5.
Do do	W. B. Nicholson,	Ivanhoe, No. 7.
Do do	Abner H. Graham,	Border, No. 8.

Grand Chancellor Grimmer read his report. On motion the same was referred to a committee of three to be named by the chair. The following were accordingly appointed:—Past Grand Chancellors Moulson, Craig and Fleming.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890,
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

BRETHREN:—To-day our Grand Lodge meets in annual session in the pleasant city of St. John, where, but four short years ago, with many misgivings and much dread of heart in our undertaking, mixed with a determination to succeed, some of us assembled, and, by virtue of the authority duly granted, organized this Grand Lodge, which has since done so much to increase the growth of our beloved Order in these parts, and disseminate so widely the principles upon which it stands, and the great virtue of its cardinal tenets. One year has passed since we last met, during which we have experienced the kindness of an all wise Providence, and have seen a marked increase in the membership of the Order, and the sowing of seed that gives promise of a rich and abundant harvest in the near future.

If in the next succeeding six months we reap such fruit as has been gathered into all our Castle Halls in the past six, then, indeed, may we lift up our thankful voices, well assured and satisfied that our labors have not been in vain, but are bringing forth and producing a hundred fold.

The office of Grand Chancellor, to which you last year unanimously elected me, while one that is always approached with more or less dread of the responsibility attached thereto, has during my term of office been more honorary than laborious, for, this Grand Lodge being in its infancy, my honorable brothers who preceded me had performed the labors, borne the burden and heat of the day, and had done their work so well that little or nothing seemed left for me to do but quietly to watch the progress of the Order and guard its welfare.

The great harmony that has prevailed among us is matter for hearty congratulation, and no one is able to appreciate it more than the Grand Chancellor, as it has rendered his duties a mere sinecure, relieved him of a weight of care, and made his a very pleasant office to fill. The sessions of our Grand Lodge have always been most pleasant, the business thereof well and quickly done; and I sincerely trust that this present one may bear the same features, obtain of the same virtues, and be marked with the same spirit of unity, wisdom and fraternal love.

My first official duty was to appoint the Deputy Grand Chancellors

for the several districts, who, in the month of October, were named and commissioned as follows :—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	Past Chancellor Charles Nevins.
Union Lodge, No. 2,	do do John A. Ewing.
Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	do do John Bedford.
Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	do do W. E. Smith.
Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	do do F. L. Peers.
Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	do do Jas. D. Fowler.
Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	do do W. B. Nicholson.

BY-LAWS.

During my term of office, I examined and approved of the By-Laws of all of the above named Lodges.

DISPENSATIONS.

I also granted the following dispensations during my year :—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

- To confer the ranks of Esquire and Knight at the same meeting.
- To change the night of meeting from January 1st to 3rd, 1890.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

- To confer the ranks of Esquire and Knight at the same meeting.
- To change night of meeting from December 25th to December 27th, 1889.
- To confer the ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight at the same meeting.
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Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.

- To confer the ranks of Esquire and Knight at one and the same stated meeting.
- To change night of meeting from July 1st to 2nd, 1890.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

- To participate in a public parade and observe June 15th as Memorial day.
- To participate in a public parade on an excursion for the good of the Order.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

- To confer the ranks of Esquire and Knight at the same meeting.

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

- To confer the ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight at the same meeting.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

- To confer the rank of Page on two applicants.

APPEAL.

Only one matter of appeal was before me for decision ; that being an appeal of a member of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, against the decision

of the Lodge ordering an assessment upon the members, and its refusal to abate the assessment in respect to him. My decision being adverse to the appellant, he has further appealed to this Grand Lodge, and the matter is now in the hands of the Committee on Appeals, and, as it will in due course come before the Grand Lodge, I have abstained from further entering into discussion of the matter here.

NEW LODGE.

It was my most pleasant duty to institute Border Lodge, No. 8, at Milltown, on the 9th day of April last past, and instal the officers elect. This Lodge means soon to take rank among the strong Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Starting with a charter membership of thirty-one on April 9th last, it has increased its membership until now it has fifty within its fold, all good Knights and true, with much good material on the way, and the work is crowded through as fast as it can be attended to.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Nothing can be more satisfactory than the steady and healthy growth of our Order in this Jurisdiction, and the progress it has made during the past year. The Subordinate Lodges have all worked earnestly and harmoniously, some more successfully than others, with the result that our membership has increased one quarter and is composed of the very best men in the different localities.

The disposition of all has evidently been to obtain the best men, whose characters and qualities are such as should be received within our portals, and whose position socially cannot fail to raise our Order in the opinion of the world, and make the Lodges powerful moral forces in the communities where they exist.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

My professional duties during my term of office have prevented my visiting the Lodges as I should have wished, yet I visited each Lodge officially at least once, and have much enjoyed my visits. I have experienced great kindness and courtesy at the hands of the brethren in each Lodge, and fully appreciate what they have done for me. I can commend the work in most of the Lodges, and speak in praise of the attendance in all, as to the most of them the time of my visit was unannounced, and I found them when they were not made up for the reception of a Grand Officer.

In some of the Lodges the Ritualistic work was not well executed, seemingly from an acquired looseness in performing the same, which is more easily adopted than dropped. This, of course, should not prevail, as each officer in a Lodge should feel that to him was committed a sacred trust, and that it was his duty faithfully to perform

all that was required of him. With such feelings there can be no looseness in performing the work.

FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

As you are all aware, brethren, the founder of our Order, Justus H. Rathbone, was in the divine wisdom of the Almighty Ruler of the universe, summoned from this vale of tears to his Castle Hall on high, there to reap the reward of his labors here on earth.

You are familiar with much that has been said and written of the life and character of this noble man—one of earth's noblemen—and it is unnecessary for me to repeat it here; but while we deplore the death of Justus H. Rathbone, as one of the most severe shocks of late days to our Order, yet we rejoice to know that he has entered into those realms of light, where he will remember his earthly sufferings and trials no more, and where he will wait with calm content the blessings of eternal peace.

UNIFORM RANK.

There has been a large increase in the membership of the Uniform Rank during the past year, and the prejudices of members of the Order seem fast wearing away as against this Rank. I am happy to inform you that two Divisions have been instituted by our veteran member, Brother James Moulson, during my term of office, and it now only needs one more Division to entitle us to the organization of a Regiment of this Rank in this Jurisdiction.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This day was generally observed throughout this Jurisdiction, and I verily believe that the observance of this day has come to stay among us, and that it will ever be recognized as one of the institutions of the Order. There can be no question about its usefulness as a means of making the order known, for in localities where we observed the day this year, no such gathering of people has taken place as on the day the graves of our departed brethren were remembered. The services on this day give the public a very favorable impression of our Order, and make them think there must be something very binding in its mysteries if we are so particular to bear in our kindly remembrances those who have been taken away from our ranks. Let us keep this day and its object fresh in our minds, that each succeeding year while we have the chance we may be the more ready to do, to those who have preceded us into the unknown mysterious darkness, what we shall like to have done to us by those whom we leave behind.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I beg to submit for your consideration the following recommendations, viz. :—That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be

amended so that the Rank fees in any Lodge shall in no case be less than the sum of five dollars per Rank. I am led to making this recommendation for the reason of having seen the beneficial working thereof in the lodges I have visited, and more particularly from the result of the adoption of the above rate in Frontier Lodge, to which I belong. It had long been said by our rivals that the Order could not amount to much when we only charged \$10.00 Rank fees, and the other orders were charging \$20.00, and after mature consideration it was concluded to advance the fees to \$5.00 per Rank. This was done and the result has been wonderful, the Lodge has since been constantly at work, and a better class of members has been obtained. The same result followed a like adoption in Ivahhoe Lodge, which was working along under great difficulties, striving to keep their heads above water, and I was informed, on the occasion of my official visit to that Lodge, that it was the increase of the Rank fees that saved its life, else the Lodge would have gone down. I trust you will give this matter your careful consideration.

I have had occasion since the last meeting to change my views on the question of sending some one out to introduce our Order in places where it is yet unknown, and I now believe the suggestion of Past Grand Chancellor Fleming to be a good one and well worthy the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge, and I would like to see some provision made to such an end. We must increase the Order in this Jurisdiction, and no secret order is likely to spring spontaneously into existence. We find that little work will start Lodges, but the trouble is, each one of us has his especial duties to attend to, and cannot well afford the time necessary to do the work of procuring applicants. If some good man could be found, who would be a credit to the Order, and sent out to work for its benefit, in a short time, in my opinion, you would see many new Lodges spring into existence.

I would suggest that this Grand Lodge express and place on record its opinion of the advisability of having a gathering of Knights from the several Lodges while the Grand Lodge is in session. While there can be no doubt that every public parade tends to bring the Order before the favorable notice of the public, yet when there is a large number of Knights in one place, there is always so much going on outside the Lodge room, that many Past Chancellors who would otherwise attend are drawn away from the business before the Grand Lodge, and the entire responsibility of the management and control of the Jurisdiction is thrown upon a few.

This should not be, as every Past Chancellor who can attend should be in his place and take his part in the transaction of all business for which the Grand Lodge is called together.

Then, too, many of the young Lodges desire to have the session of the Grand Lodge in their town, but the expense attending a due entertainment of the visiting brethren is so much that they are

prevented from extending an invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold its session within their limits. This matter is worthy of careful consideration.

I would further suggest that this Grand Lodge at this session take such steps (if possible) as will enable Knights of the Order in good standing, who may desire, to be present as spectators during the session of the Grand Lodge. This, I take it, would do much to cement the bonds of friendship between us and awaken a much greater interest in the annual session of the Grand Lodge, as otherwise very many worthy members of the Order would never enjoy the privilege of being present in a Grand Lodge during its hours of business, for all cannot be Past Chancellors.

I would recommend that a charter be granted to Border Lodge, No. 8, of Milltown, N. B.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus laid before you the record of my year of Pythian work which has now about drawn to a close. As you have seen the duties of my office have not been heavy, nor has there been much difficulty experienced in delivering them. I might have done much more than has been done, and have done it much better, but over my shortcomings I trust you will draw the veil of Pythian charity, placing my deficiency to inability to give time to the work, and not to wilfulness in neglecting it. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren in all the different localities, who were so uniformly courteous and kind to me on my visits to them, and to all others who have so readily assisted me when any matter occurred which needed special attention.

To our Order I say God speed it; to the Knights, tried and true, be attentive to the obligations upon you, put forth your best efforts, repeat the call to arms, and give our Order in the coming year such a boom as has never been known in the history of any secret organization in Canada. We have the Order, we have the material; then why not make the public fully alive to the fact of the great benefits derived from becoming a Pythian Knight.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,

Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read his report for the year 1889-90. On motion the same was received and handed to the Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, it is my duty to present this the Fourth Annual Report of this office, for the year 1889-90, Pythian Period, XXVI-VII.

The results obtained during the past year are quite satisfactory, and show that the Order has been making good progress in our Jurisdiction.

In regard to Grand Lodge Finances, the members of this Grand Lodge must feel pleased at the increased fund in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

At the end of last year the condition of Grand Lodge affairs was as follows:—

Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, September 4, 1889, (after deducting outstanding indebtedness),	.....	.....	\$225 68
Accounted for as follows:			
Stock in office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	.....	\$116 06	
Balance due by Subordinate Lodges, ..	.....	101 65	
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer	.....	7 97	\$225 68

The amount received by me for the past year, from all sources, has been \$528.15, all of which has been paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer, whose receipt I hold for same.

Amount received by me as above stated,	.....	.....	\$528 15
Stock in my office on September 10, 1890,	.....	.....	98 95
Total,	.....	.....	\$662 90

It will be seen by reference to the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer, that he had at the close of the present year a balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge of \$270.19. The only outstanding account is a balance of \$7.30 for supplies from Supreme Lodge. So much for Grand Lodge affairs.

I shall now offer for your consideration the following statements

showing the membership and financial standing of Subordinate Lodges.

Number of members June 30, 1889,	467
Initiated during the year,	140
Admitted by card,	6
Reinstated,	4
Total additions for year,	150
	617
<i>Deductions.</i>	
Withdrawn,	9
Suspended,	27
Deceased,	3
Total deductions,	39
Membership, June 30, 1890,	578

This gives a net gain for the year of 111 members, or an increase of almost twenty-five per cent.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Total assets at end of term, per last report,	\$8692 69
Paid current expenses,	2926 76
" relief of Brothers,	1053 00
" burying dead,	139 12
" widowed families,	45 00
Amount of widow and orphan fund at June 30, 1890,	2388 66
Total assets at June 30, 1890,	9510 69

This increase of \$818.00 over the assets at June 30, 1889, is particularly gratifying, when it is borne in mind that the sum of \$1237.12 was paid out during the year for the relief of Brothers, being \$341.02 more than was paid out the previous year. The amount to the credit of the Widow and Orphan Fund shows an increase of \$393.05 for the year.

Detailed statements as to membership and financial condition of Lodges, are annexed to this report. [Tables will be found in the Appendix.]

A movement begun about the month of February last, in the Castle Hall of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, with a view of increasing our membership, and subsequently taken up by Grand Chancellor Grimmer, resulted in adding to the roster of our Grand Lodge, on the 9th day of April, 1890, Border Lodge, No. 8, of Milltown, N. B., with a charter list of thirty-one members. This Lodge, started under the most favorable circumstances, is composed of the best class of people in that thriving manufacturing town. They number at present about fifty, have some on the way, and lots more to follow during the autumn. Past Chancellor A. H. Graham, Chancellor

Commander Dr. J. M. Deacon, Vice Chancellor W. H. Laughlin and Prelate Kerr, (who, by the way, were able at their second meeting to confer the Ranks of the Order without the use of ritual), are all earnest, honest workers, and are entitled to great praise for placing this Lodge in the front rank. It afforded me much gratification to have this Lodge, one month from its organization, fully equipped with supplies, which have all been settled for promptly. To-day the Lodge is clear of debt, has funds on hand, and I trust a bright future before it.

I may here state that Frontier-Lodge, No. 4, has at present over one hundred members, and bids fair to become the second largest Lodge in membership in our Jurisdiction. When this is coupled with the fact that the two Lodges in the valley of the St. Croix charge \$15 for the three Ranks, it might be well for the Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of making that sum the minimum throughout the jurisdiction. If a lesser sum is desirable, it appears strange that our three oldest Lodges, located in large centres, should not make greater progress with their \$10 rate of initiation. I am convinced that no decrease in the number of applicants would follow the adoption of a \$15 minimum fee.

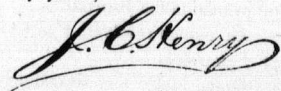
I am pleased to be able to report to Grand Lodge that By-laws have been adopted by every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, and a plentiful supply is now in each Castle Hall. The delay in getting these printed had much to do in keeping Pythianism almost at a standstill up to and including the first half of the present year.

During the year I have received several Pythian papers, for which the publishers have my thanks.

The correspondence of this office is on the increase, requiring much time to do justice to all concerned. How far I have accomplished my work is not for me to say; but I desire to put on record my appreciation of the great help I have received from my predecessor in office, Brother Arthur W. Adams, who thoroughly understood the duties of the office, and was ever ready to give advice and assistance.

In conclusion, I desire to offer thanks for the many courtesies shown me, officially and otherwise, during the past year. My relations with officers of other Grand Lodges, as well as those of our own Grand and Subordinate Lodges, for the period just closed, have been highly gratifying. Never since I became a member of the Order have I striven more zealously to help the cause than during the past year. I trust that my actions may meet with your approval.

Fraternally yours,



G. K. of R. and S.

Grand Master of Exchequer's report read. The same was received and on motion handed to the Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890,
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

I herewith submit to you my annual report as Grand Master of Exchequer for the term ended September 11th, 1890 :-

1889.		<i>Receipts.</i>		
Sept. 1.	Balance on hand per last year's report,			\$ 80 45
1890.	Cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S.,			528 15
				<u>\$608 60</u>
1889.		<i>Expenditures.</i>		
Oct. 4.	Cash, check 36, J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S., ...	\$ 2 00		
	do do 37, A. W. Adams	1 33		
	do do 38, do	8 00		
	do do 39, Murray Fleming,	8 00		
	do do 40, J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S., ...	2 75		
Nov. 23.	do do 41, S. K. of R. and S.,	55 50		
1890.				
Jan. 20.	do do 42, J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S., ...	5 00		
Mar. 6.	do do 43, St. Croix Courier,	84 02		
	do do 44, Supreme Lodge,	100 00		
June 11.	do do 45, do	30 50		
Sept. 1.	do do 46, J. C. Henry, G. K. of R. and S., ...	3 25		
	do do 47, do do	8 06		
	8. do do 48, W. C. H. Grimmer, G. C.,	30 00		
		338 41		
	Balance on hand,	270 19		<u>\$608 60</u>

Respectfully submitted in F. C. B.

T. ARMSTRONG,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

The report of Supreme Representatives, handed to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, was on motion received and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

On motion resolved that Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at 7.30 o'clock.

Grand Lodge was accordingly closed in due form.

EVENING SESSION.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11th 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

Grand Lodge reconvened at 7.30, according to adjournment, the following Officers being present :—

MURRAY FLEMING,
W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,
E. ALLISON POWERS,
GEORGE DUNN,
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,
JOHN C. HENRY,
ARTHUR W. ADAMS,
JOSEPH H. WRAN,
JAMES D. FOWLER,

Past Grand Chancellor.
Grand Chancellor.
Grand Vice Chancellor.
Grand Prelate.
Grand Master of Exchequer.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Grand Master-at-Arms.
Grand Inner Guard.
Grand Outer Guard.

After reading of minutes, Grand Master-at-Arms Adams introduced Past Chancellor W. S. Vaughan, of New Brunswick Lodge, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge Rank in due form.

The Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for officers for the coming year. The following were accordingly nominated :—

For Grand Chancellor—E. Allison Powers, of No. 2.
For Grand Vice Chancellor—Geo. Dunn, of No. 5 ; J. F. Fraser, of No. 1 ; Joseph H. Wran, of No. 3.
For Grand Prelate—A. L. Rawlins, of No. 2 ; F. L. Peers, of No. 5 ; Joseph H. Wran, of No. 3.
For Grand Master of Exchequer—Thomas Armstrong, of No. 1.

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

For Grand Master-at-Arms—Jas. D. Fowler, of No. 6; James W. Whitehead, of No. 3; R. O'Shaughnessy, of No. 2.

On motion resolved that nominations for these offices close.

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

Past Chancellors James D. Fowler, of No. 6, and Thomas Armstrong, of No. 1, were appointed scrutineers.

At the close of a third ballot, Past Chancellor J. F. Fraser had a majority of the votes for the office of Grand Vice Chancellor.

A ballot for the office of Grand Prelate gave Past Chancellor Peers a majority of votes.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, upon a ballot being taken, Past Chancellor Whitehead had a majority of votes cast.

On a motion to that effect, the offices of Grand Inner and Outer Guards were filled by nomination and election.

The following nominations were thereupon made:—

For Grand Inner Guard—James D. Fowler, of No. 6.

For Grand Outer Guard—W. B. Nicholson, of No. 7.

Nominations for these offices being closed, and only one nominee being named for each office, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to deposit a ballot accordingly, which he did.

The returns of scrutineers being handed in, Grand Chancellor Grimmer declared the following elected Officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:—

E. ALLISON POWERS, No. 2,	Grand Chancellor.
J. F. FRASER, No. 1,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS, No. 5,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG, No. 1,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY, No. 4.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
JAS. W. WHITEHEAD, No. 3,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JAMES D. FOWLER, No. 6,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. B. NICHOLSON, No. 7,	Grand Outer Guard.

Past Grand Chancellor Murray, Fleming was unanimously elected Trustee for three years.

The report of the Finance Committee on the reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was read, and the same was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Finance Committee.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—

We, your Committee, appointed at a moment's notice to take the place of delinquent members of Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and find the accounts and books correct, and that the reports of these Officers agree with their accounts.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. COOPER, *Ch.*,

J. W. WHITEHEAD,

JOHN RYDER,

Committee.

The Printing Committee's report was read, and on motion received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—

Your Printing Committee beg to report that they have had printed during the past year, the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and Officers, including the printing of the Journal; that all work has been done at lowest cost, and the bills all paid.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. POWERS, *Ch.*,

F. L. PEERS,

R. J. ROSBOROUGH,

Committee.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances next made their report.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XXVII.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg to report that they have had handed to them for adjudication, the appeal of Brother Winkley, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, against an assessment made by that Lodge in 1889.

It appears that this assessment was made for the purpose of entertaining the visiting Knights during the session of the Grand Lodge at St. Stephen, in September of that year. Brother Winkley bases his appeal on the grounds, that, living at a considerable distance from St. Stephen, he should not be made, by vote of the Lodge, to contribute for the purpose of entertainment, and particularly as he did not participate. He also takes the ground that the assessment was illegal, as the conditions under which special assessments should be made had not been complied with.

And lastly, and what appears to your Committee to be the most important point, he claims that assessments for the purposes of entertainment, such as feasting, &c., cannot be made with the assumption that they are for the "good of the Order."

Your Committee have given Brother Winkley's appeal and the correspondence connected therewith, particularly the reply of the Grand Chancellor to Brother Winkley, most careful consideration. We cannot see how Brother Winkley could be relieved of an assessment, if properly ordered, and all conditions under which it has been made fully complied with. The fact of his living at a distance from the meeting place of the Lodge is not sufficient reason—and we quite agree with the statement of the Grand Chancellor "that so long as he keeps himself in good standing, he is as much liable for "all requirements of the Lodge, properly ordered, as if personally "present."

We have every reason to believe that all forms and requirements necessary for passing the resolution authorizing assessment in question were fully complied with.

The point on which we agree with Brother Winkley is that an assessment made for the purposes of entertainment as referred to by him, cannot be made with the assumption that they are for the "good of the Order."

The words "good of the Order" may or may not be a term of wide comprehension, as put by the Grand Chancellor in his reply to Brother Winkley. In the opinion of your Committee they should be given a very narrow construction, and should be interpreted as

meaning, *only what is absolutely necessary in the interests of the Order and that Lodge in particular.* We believe that special assessments should only be made when the direct interests of the Lodges should require them, and the general funds are inadequate.

For instance, should the ordinary running expenses exceed the revenue and not sufficient in general fund to meet them, then a special assessment should be made for an amount sufficient, in the opinion of the Lodge, to cover the liability, and, if necessary, to continue the working of the Lodge.

There may be other purposes for which a special assessment may be made, but they should be few. In our opinion, all Lodges should, in the interest of economy and good membership, be careful to make their assessments only when absolutely necessary.

Expenses incurred in entertainment should be defrayed by voluntary subscription, and not by assessment. We regret that the words "good of the Order" have not been clearly defined in the Digest or the Lodge Constitution.

While we fully sympathize with Brother Winkley, and believe within ourselves that on principle he is justified in making the appeal, yet in view of the fact that the assessment was made according to the prescribed conditions, and there being no precedent for our guidance, so far as we could ascertain, we cannot recommend his appeal being allowed.

But we ask that this Grand Lodge carefully consider the term "good of the Order," and if possible so define it as to prevent its misinterpretation by the Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

In answer to the questions submitted by Brother Winkley, we would say:—

1st. That absence by actual residence does not relieve from liability, if member is in good standing.

2nd. We cannot agree with the Grand Chancellor that "there can be no substantial objection by one or more members because they are personally dissatisfied." To the best of our knowledge we would say that members have the right of appeal from the decisions of the Subordinate Lodges, Grand Chancellor, or Grand Lodge. This right should be exercised with the greatest degree of caution.

3rd. As above—see paragraphs 7-10 of this report.

We submit herewith the copies of correspondence, etc., relating to Brother Winkley's appeal.

Yours fraternally,

J. F. FRASER, *Ch.*,

ALEX. P. TAIT,

H. V. COOPER,

Committee.

**Appeal of Brother H. W. Winkley, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, from
Decision of Grand Chancellor.**

SACO, MAINE, June 12th, 1890.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

The undersigned respectfully appeals from the decision of the Grand Chancellor to the Grand Lodge, and encloses herewith the correspondence and questions of appeal; documents enclosed being numbered from I. to VII. inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

(REV.) HENRY W. WINKLEY.

NO. I.

Copy of Receipt of Last Payment.

Official Receipt for Dues.	No. II.	FRONTIER LODGE, No. 4, K. P. St. Stephen, Sept. 23, 1889, P. P., XXVI.	
		Received of Brother H. W. Winkley.	
		Dues from Jan. 1st, 1889, to Sept. 10th, 1889,	\$2.50
		Assessments,	2.00
		Widows' and Orphans' Fund, from Jan. 1st to July 1st, 1889,	50
			\$5.00
		[Signed] L. M. ROBINSON, Master of Finance.	
		<i>The reverse bears order for S. A. P. W.</i>	
		[P. S.—I have just discovered in making a copy of this, that the Lodge seal was omitted—an oversight which escaped the attention of the M. of F., C. C., K. R. S., myself, and the Deputy Grand Chancellor who gave me the pass word.]	

NO. II.

Copy of Bill Received in March, 1890.

	Mr. H. W. Winkley.	St. Stephen, N. B., Mar. 5th, 1890.	
		To FRONTIER LODGE, No. 4, K. of P., Dr.	
	To Dues from Sept. 10th to Dec. 31st, months,		\$1.10
	To Widows' and Orphans' Fund,		50
	To Assessments,		4.20
		Total,	\$5.80

(See Article X. of the Constitution, &c., &c., &c.)

[Signed] L. M. ROBINSON,
M. of F.

NO. III.

Copy of Appeal to the Grand Chancellor.

SACO, MAINE, March 12th, 1890.

To *W. C. H. Grimmer, Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias for the Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces* :—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following appeal from the vote of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, of St. Stephen, N. B.

Having paid all dues to the above Lodge (including assessments for \$2.00) to Sept. 10th, 1889, I was surprised to receive a bill dated Oct. 14th, 1889, said bill being itemized as follows :—

Dues,	\$1.10 (to Jan. 1st. 1890)
W. and O. Fund,	50
Assessments,	4.20

Having, as above stated, just paid assessments to the amount of \$2.00, I took pains to ascertain the cause of an additional \$4.20, which makes a total of \$6.20 assessed in one year. I learn that the so-called "good of the Order," or "entertaining of the Grand Lodge," assessment included a band for parade, a dance and a supper, and, as the Officer of the Lodge stated, the expense was expected to be not \$4.20, but eight or ten dollars.

In my own case I was aware of the fact that the Grand Lodge was to meet in St. Stephen, beyond this I knew little, for, as you are aware, I had removed from the town more than a year previous to this meeting of the Grand Lodge, and was, as I am now, several hundred miles away. I reported to the M. of F. my dissatisfaction at being called upon to pay for such festivities, and he replied that no change could be made in the bill, quoting as authority the by-law of the Lodge. The facts are well known to you as you are a Past Chancellor of that Lodge, and the Grand Chancellor (as I suppose) elected at that time. I therefore appeal to you in your official capacity to decide whether or not it is lawful for a Lodge to assess a member who is absent by residence, to defray such expenses as you know to have been incurred at that time. And in support of my appeal, I refer you to all the decisions of Grand Chancellors heretofore made, all of which, so far as I can learn, have been based upon the principle that no assessments can be levied except for necessary expenses of the Lodge.

Furthermore, I desire to appeal from the action because I hold it to have been a direct violation of their own by-law, which states (as I am informed) that the Lodge has power to assess for the good of the Order, "provided that a resolution for such assessment shall have been submitted at least a fortnight prior to the vote on the same being taken, and that due notice thereof shall have been given to each member."

I received no notice of any such vote until the assessment had been made, though I received a receipted bill at the time when the notice should have arrived. I therefore am satisfied that no notice was sent, as it should have been received with the other communication.

I have advised with prominent men of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and all advise an appeal to Grand or Supreme Chancellors for an official decision.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience, as I desire to have the matter settled as soon as possible.

Very truly yours, in F. C. B.,

HENRY W. WINKLEY,

Rector of Trinity Church,

Saco, Maine.

NO. IV.

Copy of Postal Card Acknowledging Receipt of Appeal.

ST. STEPHEN, April 5, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—Your communication was duly received some time since, and I hope to be able to give you a reply in a few days which I trust will be satisfactory to you.

Yours fraternally,

[Signed] W. C. H. GRIMMER.

NO. V.

Copy of Letter to the Grand Chancellor.

SACO, MAINE, May 21st, 1890.

DEAR MR. GRIMMER:—I have as yet received no answer to my appeal of March 12th. I received a bill from the Lodge to-day with the amount upon it. I am patiently awaiting your decision. Meanwhile, as the matter is in the form of an appeal, is not the Lodge in error in trying to collect it before your decision is rendered?

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. WINKLEY.

NO. VI.

Copy of Answer Received from Grand Chancellor.



Office of
GRAND CHANCELLOR.

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,
Jurisdiction of the
MARITIME PROVINCES.

ST. STEPHEN, May 27, 1890,
P. P. XXVII.

Rev. H. W. Winkley, Saco, Me.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In reply to your communication of the 12th March last, I make the following decision, first giving my authority:—

Article X. of the By-Laws of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, K. of P., in Section 2, is as follows:—“Special Assessments”—Each member shall pay to the M. of F. such special assessments for the good of the Order as may be ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that a resolution for such an assessment shall have been submitted at least a fortnight prior to the vote on the same being taken, and that due notice thereof shall have been given to each member.”

From the evidence before me I must consider that all the requirements of this

section were complied with, and if so the result easily follows that all members of the Lodge in good standing are liable to pay the assessment. I find nothing to relieve a member by reason of his being absent at a distance of several hundred miles or more, for so long as he keeps himself in good standing he is as much liable for all requirements of the Lodge, properly ordered, as if personally present. What may be considered for the "good of the Order," I take it, is a matter to be determined by the Lodge, and a term of wide comprehension, and when once an assessment is properly ordered as provided by By-Law for that purpose, there can be no substantial objection by one or more members, because they are personally dissatisfied.

If the full requirements of the By-Law were not complied with, then this matter might be different, but as above stated, from the evidence at present before me, I must consider that all things necessary were done to make the assessment legal.

Yours fraternally,

[Signed] W. C. H. GRIMMER,
G. C.

NO. VII.

Questions.

1. Is it lawful for a Lodge to assess a member, who is absent from town by actual residence, to pay for band music, feasting and dancing?

2. Is the Grand Chancellor right in saying "there can be no substantial objection by one or more members, because they are personally dissatisfied?" or have members the right of appeal according to the previous customs of the Order, (*vide* decisions of the Grand Chancellors in Pythian digest).

3. Is the Grand Chancellor correct in ruling that the Lodge is above error and that no appeal can be made from its decision when he states, "What may be considered for the 'good of the Order,' I take it, is a matter to be determined by the Lodge, and a term of wide comprehension, and when once an assessment is properly ordered as provided by by-law for that purpose, there can be no substantial objection by one or more members, because they are personally dissatisfied?" Has it not been universally recognized that appeals to Grand Chancellors may be decided in such a manner as to reverse the action of a Lodge?

Respectfully submitted to your consideration.

I remain, in F. C. and B.

Very truly yours,

(REV.) HENRY W. WINKLEY.

After a very full and general expression of opinion in regard to the subject matter of the above, it was unanimously resolved that the report be received, adopted and entered on the minutes; and that a committee of five be appointed to define the meaning of the words "good of the Order," as printed in Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Past Chancellors Tufts, Machum, Fraser, Powers and Moulson were appointed said committee.

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

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

Your Committee on Law and Supervision beg leave to report that during our term of office the only duty which we were called upon to discharge was that of examining the By-Laws of the various Lodges in this Jurisdiction, all of which were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MOULSON, P. G. C., *Ch.*,

MURRAY FLEMING, P. G. C.,

A. W. ADAMS, G. M.-AT-A.,

Committee.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, which, as chairman of that Committee, he had prepared. On motion the report was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [The report will be found in the appendix.]

Grand Master-at-Arms Adams stated that he was prepared to offer the following amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution, notice of which had been given at last meeting of Grand Lodge:—

(1.) That in the list of Committees appointed by the Grand Chancellor be included a Committee of three on Foreign Correspondence.

(2.) That in place of Section 6, Article VIII, there be inserted: The Committee of Foreign Correspondence shall consist of three members of this Grand Lodge in good standing, (who shall be appointed by the Grand Chancellor), who shall examine the Journals of Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, collate such facts in relation to the progress and laws thereof as may be deemed of interest or advantage to this Grand Lodge and report the same at each annual session.

(3.) That the following be substituted in place of Sub-Section 4 of Article XII: To propose, ballot for and initiate, also prove and

charge a candidate, at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be \$3.00.

The several amendments were put by the Grand Chancellor and agreed to.

Past Chancellor Rosborough asked for information as to whether the candidate or the Lodge was entitled to pay the dispensation fee named in Section 1 of Article XII of Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

The Grand Chancellor gave his opinion in regard to the matter; and after several members of Grand Lodge had stated their views, the following addition, offered, by Past Chancellor Fraser, was agreed to:—That the words "to be paid by the applicant" be inserted after the amount of the fee for dispensation, named in the first five Sub-Sections of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Supreme Representative Armstrong submitted the following notice of motion to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution:—

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, a motion will be made to amend the Constitution of Grand Lodge, by inserting after the words "Grand Chancellor," in the 3rd line of 3rd Section of Article VII of the Constitution, the following words: "Candidates for which office must have served one term as an "Officer of this Grand Lodge."

J. R. ARMSTONG, P. G. C.
J. C. HENRY, G. K. R. S.
J. BEAMISH.

The report of Special Committee on report of Grand Chancellor was read. On motion resolved that the report be taken up section by section.

Report of Committee on Grand Chancellor's Report.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—

Your Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the

report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to his recommendations, beg leave to submit the following report :—

INCREASE OF FEE FOR RANKS.

We do not approve of this Grand Lodge increasing the minimum charge for Ranks to \$5.00 each, but we would suggest that the Subordinate Lodges consider the advisability of so doing.

AGENT OR CANVASSER.

We do not approve of sending out an agent or canvasser to introduce and arrange for the organization of Lodges where they do not exist ; but where the Grand Chancellor has taken the initiative, and he believes that Lodges can be instituted, but for want of time cannot carry his efforts to a successful termination, in such cases we approve of the Grand Chancellor having authority to secure the services of a suitable Brother to further his efforts, this Grand Lodge to pay for the services and reasonable expenses of such Brother. The Grand Chancellor to keep such expenditure within the amount justified by the funds of the Grand Lodge.

ASSEMBLING OF KNIGHTS ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

We approve of his suggestion that in future it is inadvisable to have any assembling of Lodges or the Uniform Rank on the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and we suggest that the Lodges and Uniform Rank be so notified.

ADMITTING KNIGHTS AS VISITORS TO GRAND LODGE.

The law of the Order is such that none but Past or Past Grand Chancellors can be admitted to the Grand Lodge, consequently we cannot approve of the recommendation.

ISSUING CHARTERS.

We approve of issuing a Charter to Border Lodge, No. 8, Milltown.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and B.

JAMES MOULSON, *Ch.*,
 GEORGE CRAIG,
 MURRAY FLEMING,
Committee.

Section 1 of the Committee's report was read and discussed—representatives from nearly all Lodges in the Jurisdiction taking part. It was ultimately resolved to accept this clause of the report.

Section 2 of the Committee's report was read. A full discussion

took place as to the powers given the Grand Chancellor in this matter. An amendment was proposed that the selection of a canvasser be left in the hands of the Finance Committee and the Grand Chancellor. The amendment was lost and the recommendation of Committee agreed to.

Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Committee's report were agreed to without discussion.

On motion of Grand Master-at-Arms Adams the report was adopted as a whole.

Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer installed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

E. ALLISON POWERS, No. 2,	Grand Chancellor.
J. F. FRASER, No. 1,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS, No. 5,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG, No. 1,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY, No. 4.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
JAMES D. FOWLER, No. 6,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. B. NICHOLSON, No. 7,	Grand Outer Guard.

On motion it was resolved to adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 9.30.

Grand Lodge accordingly closed in due form.

SECOND DAY.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 12, 1890,
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

Grand Lodge reconvened at 9.30, a. m., according to adjournment, the following being present :—

W. C. H. GRIMMER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
E. ALLISON POWERS,	Grand Chancellor.
J. F. FRASER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

After reading of minutes, Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer installed Past Chancellor Whitehead as Grand Master-at-Arms.

Upon the invitation of representatives of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, it was unanimously resolved that the next meeting of Grand Lodge be held in Springhill, N. S., on the second Tuesday in September, 1891.

Supreme Representative Moulson spoke of the highly satisfactory manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge had been performed during the past year by the several officers, dwelling particularly on the vast amount of work, which he said could not be excelled, performed by Brother Henry as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A vote of thanks was conveyed by the Grand Chancellor to the Grand Lodge Officers of the past year, as expressed by Brother Moulson, to which replies were made by retiring officers.

Supreme Representative Moulson dwelt for a few minutes on the loss that this Jurisdiction had sustained in the removal by death of Past Chancellor Thomas S. Adams, of Union Lodge, No. 2. He moved that a memorial page be placed in our Journal for Brother Adams, and also one for the Founder of the Order, Justus H. Rathbone.

The motion was seconded by Past Chancellor Melville and agreed to.

Upon a request made, Supreme Representative Moulson gave an exemplification of the unwritten work of the three ranks, to the entire satisfaction of those who witnessed the same.

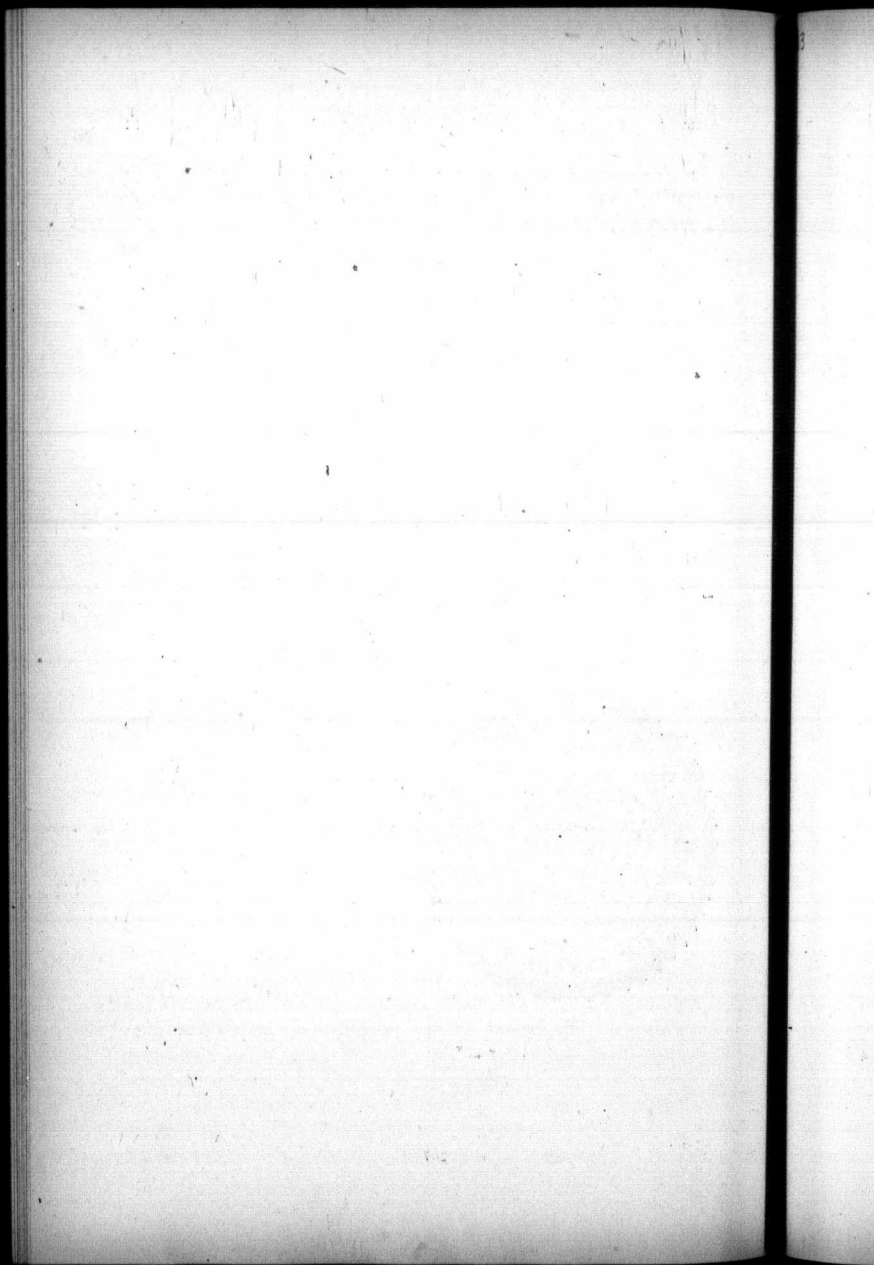
There being no further business presented, Grand Chancellor Powers closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the second Tuesday in September, 1891, Pythian Period XXVIII, when its fifth annual session will be held in Springhill, N. S.

Respectfully submitted,

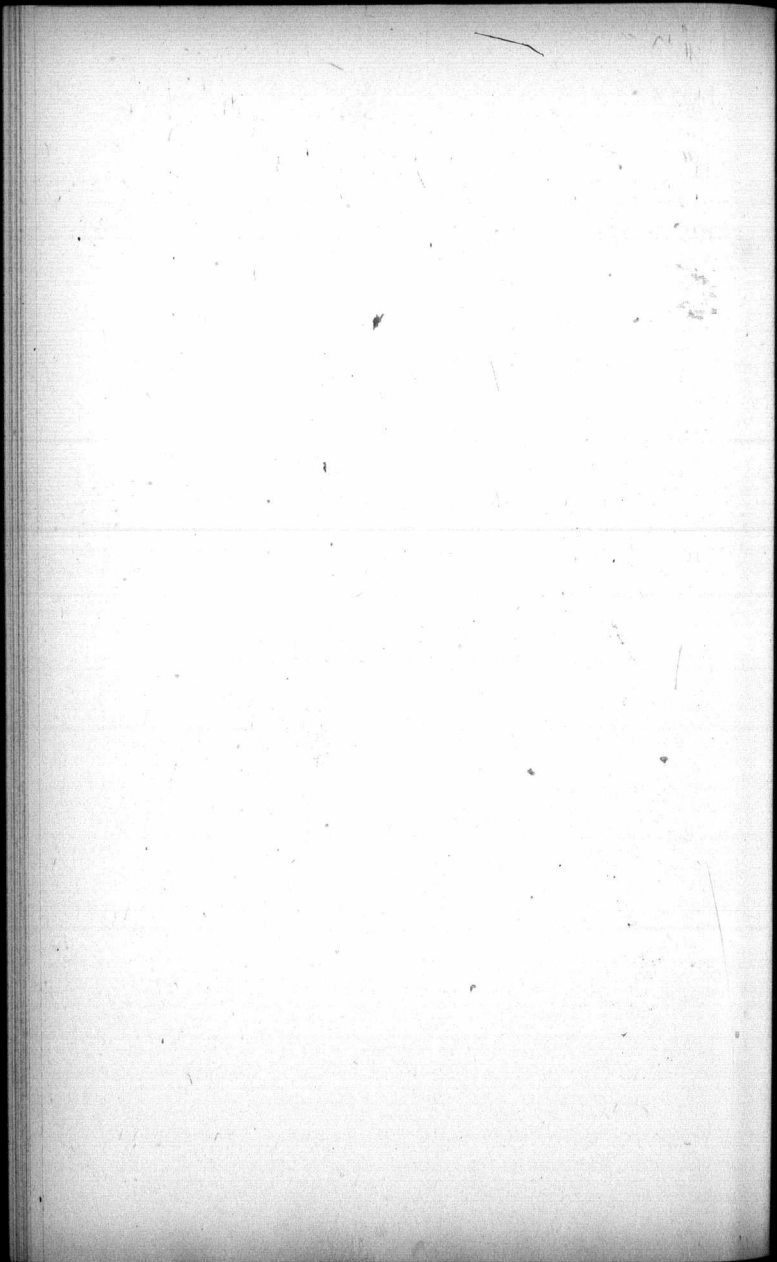


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APPENDIX



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Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886,	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Session,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Session.	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.

Past Grand Chancellors,

AND HOW RANK ATTAINED.

JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.

JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor, at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.

GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.

MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888.

W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4; service as Grand Chancellor, 1889.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1890.

Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Master-Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master-at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886 James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	T. Armstrong.	A. J. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	George Craig.	John Beamish.
1887 James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	John P. Weir.	John Beamish.
1888 Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	J. W. Whitehead.	R. J. Rosborough.
1889 W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	George Dunn.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	A. W. Adams.	Jos. H. Wrان.	Jas. D. Fowler.
1890 E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1890-91.

W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
E. ALLISON POWERS,	Grand Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
J. F. FRASER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
F. L. PEERS,	Grand Prélate.
SPRING HILL, N. S.	
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Box 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
J. W. WHITEHEAD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
MONCTON, N. B.	
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Inner Guard.
FREDERICTON, N. B.	
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Outer Guard.
WOODSTOCK, N. B.	

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON,	For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1893).
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
JOHN R. ARMSTRONG,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1891).
ST. JOHN, N. B.	

TRUSTEES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	For Three Years.
MONCTON, N. B.	
JOHN RYDER,	For Two Years.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
P. A. MELVILLE,	For One Year.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in Spring Hill, N. S., on the second Tuesday in September, 1891.

Standing Committees for 1890-91.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

JOHN C. HENRY,	....	No. 4, St. Stephen, N. B.
ALEX. W. DICK,	....	“ 5, Springhill, N. S.
JOS. H. WRAN,	....	“ 3, Moncton, N. B.
A. L. RAWLINS,	....	“ 2, St. John, N. B.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	....	“ 7, Woodstock, N. B.

FINANCE.

ABNER H. GRAHAM,	....	No. 8, Milltown, N. B.
F. S. HUTCHINSON,	....	“ 1, St. John, N. B.
JOHN RYDER,	....	“ 4, St. Stephen, N. B.

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

JAMES MOULSON,	....	No. 1, St. John, N. B.
MURRAY FLEMING,	....	“ 3, Moncton, N. B.
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	....	“ 4, St. Stephen, N. B.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

GEORGE CRAIG,	....	No. 3, Moncton, N. B.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	....	“ 6, Fredericton, N. B.
GEORGE DUNN,	....	“ 5, Springhill, N. S.
JOHN A. EWING,	....	“ 2, St. John, N. B.
JOHN BEAMISH,	....	“ 1, St. John, N. B.

PRINTING.

R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	....	No. 4, St. Stephen, N. B.
ABNER H. GRAHAM,	....	“ 8, Milltown, N. B.
L. M. ROBINSON,	....	“ 4, St. Stephen, N. B.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHN C. HENRY,	....	No. 4, St. Stephen, N. B.
E. A. POWERS,	....	“ 2, St. John, N. B.
F. L. PEERS,	....	“ 5, Springhill, N. S.

Deputy Grand Chancellors for Year 1890-91.

CHARLES NEVINS, St. John, N. B.,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1
PARK A. MELVILLE, St. John, N. B.,	Union Lodge, No. 2
W. R. PARKER, Moncton, N. B.,	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3
PARKER GRIMMER, St. Stephen, N. B.,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4
R. H. COOPER, Springhill, N. S.,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5
JAMES D. FOWLER, Fredericton, N. B.,	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6
W. B. NICHOLSON, Woodstock, N. B.,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7
ABNER H. GRAHAM, Milltown, N. B.,	Border Lodge, No. 8

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick.....	1	St. John.....	Every alternate Wednesday.....	A. P. Barnhill, St. John, N. B.
Union.....	2	St. John.....	Every alternate Wednesday.....	E. A. Powers, Box 405, St. John, N. B.
Westmorland.....	3	Moncton.....	Tuesday.....	W. E. Sherard, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier.....	4	St. Stephen.....	2nd and 4th Monday.....	H. W. Broad, Box 311, Saint Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland.....	5	Springhill.....	Thursday.....	H. N. Howard, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton.....	6	Fredericton.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....	A. J. Fowlie, Box 340, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe.....	7	Woodstock.....	1st and 3rd Monday.....	W. H. Morse, Woodstock, N. B.
Border.....	8	Milltown.....	1st and 3rd Monday.....	Geo. Frost, Milltown, N. B.

Membership Report of Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Membership per last Report.	Initiated.	Reinstated.	Card.	Total.	Suspended.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Total off.	Total, end of Term.	P. G. Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick Union.....	1	84	4	..	1	89	2	1	..	3	86	1	20	65	..	..	86
Westmorland.....	2	106	8	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	114	1	20	93	..	..	114
Frontier.....	3	121	..	..	..	121	..	..	..	..	121	2	24	95	..	..	121
Cumberland.....	4	72	6	4	..	82	4	3	..	7	75	..	11	61	3	..	75
Frederickton.....	5	53	4	..	1	58	..	..	..	..	58	..	12	46	..	..	58
Ivanhoe.....	6	31	2	..	..	33	..	1	..	1	32	..	2	28	1	..	32
Ivanhoe.....	7	..	19	..	2	21	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	19	..	..	21
Total Dec. 31, 1889.....		467	43	4	4	518	6	5	..	11	507	4	90	407	4	..	507
New Brunswick Union.....	1	86	6	..	1	92	4	..	..	4	88	1	20	67	..	..	88
Westmorland.....	2	114	2	..	1	117	12	1	1	14	103	1	19	83	..	..	103
Frontier.....	3	121	6	..	..	127	..	1	1	1	126	2	23	103	..	..	126
Cumberland.....	4	75	13	..	..	88	1	1	1	3	85	..	11	64	1	..	85
Frederickton.....	5	58	12	..	..	70	4	..	..	4	66	..	13	51	1	..	66
Ivanhoe.....	6	32	7	..	1	40	..	1	..	1	39	..	3	35	..	..	39
Border.....	8	21	13	..	..	34	..	1	..	1	33	..	2	30	..	..	33
Border.....	7	..	38	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	38	..	1	30	1	..	38
Total June 30, 1890.....		507	97	..	2	606	21	4	3	28	578	4	92	461	3	..	578

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Balance per last Report.		Receipts of Term.		Total.		Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Brothers Relieved.		Cost of Burials.		Widowed Families Relieved.		Cash on hand.		Total Assets at end of Term.		Amount of Widows and Orphan Fund.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
New Brunswick.....	1	1763.06		192.10		1955.16		171.09		828.93		131.76		1746.07		654.96		131.76		1746.07		654.96	
Union.....	2	2517.86		320.10		2837.96		194.79		1774.87		59.30		2534.17		925.63		143.48		2534.17		925.63	
Westmorland.....	3	2539.41		376.43		2915.84		107.12		1901.24		143.48		2544.72		148.17		25.00		2544.72		148.17	
Frontier.....	4	1093.50		458.54		1552.04		486.52		321.86		35.66		1027.52		351.28		79.63		1027.52		351.28	
Cumberland.....	5	355.35		167.08		522.43		109.80		200.00		8.00		479.63		81.40		46.92		479.63		81.40	
Fredericton.....	6	423.51		133.23		556.74		101.82		200.00		8.00		446.92		39.69		53.97		446.92		39.69	
Ivanhoe.....	7			200.75		200.75		146.78						138.97		3.15				138.97		3.15	
Total Dec. 31, 1889		8692.69		1848.23		10540.92		1317.92		5226.90		432.00		25.00		570.72		8918.00		2204.28		2204.28	
New Brunswick.....	1	1746.07		224.55		1970.62		119.07		828.93		189.24		1803.55		691.46				1803.55		691.46	
Union.....	2	2534.17		369.18		2903.35		237.44		1521.43		335.00		2286.91		961.58				2286.91		961.58	
Westmorland.....	3	2544.72		406.87		2951.59		240.85		1927.08		66.00		2587.24		176.94				2587.24		176.94	
Frontier.....	4	1027.52		361.78		1389.30		212.67		321.86		116.00		1009.01		359.01				1009.01		359.01	
Cumberland.....	5	479.63		*259.91		739.54		138.08		200.00		56.00		605.46		101.38				605.46		101.38	
Fredericton.....	6	446.92		122.44		569.36		94.05		214.69				538.31		48.98				538.31		48.98	
Ivanhoe.....	7	138.97		256.54		395.51		269.42						297.06		22.06				297.06		22.06	
Border.....	8			386.25		386.25		295.26						386.25		7.25				386.25		7.25	
Total June 30, 1890		8918.00		2390.52		11308.52		1606.84		5013.99		621.00		131.12		787.19		9510.69		2388.66		2388.66	

*Includes \$60.00 increased value of Lodge Property.

Cash Account of G. K. of R. and S.

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 10, 1890.

[Supplementary to Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.]

1890.		<i>Dr.</i>		
Jan. 18.	To Cash to Grand Master of Exchequer,			\$90.75
Feb. 21.	Do do do			82.90
Mar. 5.	Do do do			9.00
	Do do do			3.50
June 7.	Do do do			96.85
Aug. 20.	Do do do			130.00
Sept. 10.	Do do do			79.35
Sept. 11.	Do do do			35.80
				\$528.15
1889.		<i>Cr.</i>		
Dec. 11.	By Cash from Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,			\$1.50
1890.				
Jan. 9.	Do do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,			50.00
14.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,			18.75
	Do do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,			5.25
18.	Do do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,			15.25
21.	Do do Union Lodge, No. 2,			28.50
Feb. 7.	Do do Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,			30.25
15.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,			1.40
18.	Do do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,			21.50
	Do do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,			1.25
Mar. 2.	Do do Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,			1.00
3.	Do do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,			8.00
April 10.	Do do Border Lodge, No. 8,			15.00
May 6.	Do do Union Lodge, No. 2,			2.25
	Do do Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,			19.60
7.	Do do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,			15.00
12.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,			1.75
Forward,				\$236.25

1890.		Forward,	\$236.25
May	24.	By Cash from Border Lodge, No. 8,	46.75
July	7.	Do do Border Lodge, No. 8,	4.75
	10.	Do do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	22.00
	11.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	21.25
		Do do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	16.50
	20.	Do do Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	31.50
	25.	Do do Union Lodge, No. 2,	25.00
Aug.	1.	Do do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	9.75
		Do do Union Lodge, No. 2,	75
	5.	Do do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	8.25
	14.	Do do P. G. C., Murray Fleming,	19.00
	18.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	2.25
	26.	Do do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	11.10
	27.	Do do Border Lodge, No. 8,	2.25
Sept.	4.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	4.50
	5.	Do do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	8.00
	8.	Do do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1.50
		Do do Grand Chancellor Grimmer,	21.00
	10.	Do do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	35.80
			<hr/> \$528.15

Grand Lodge Stock.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 10, 1890.

[Supplementary to Report of G. K. of R. and S.]

300 Official Receipts, ..	.....	.....	.....	\$2.25
1 Subordinate Lodge Charter, .....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
6 Withdrawal Cards, 50c., .....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Lot Letter Paper, (G. C. and G. K. R. S.) ..	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Lot Envelopes, (G. K. R. S) .....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
1 Grand Lodge Chromatic Seal, ..	.....	.....	.....	3.00
1 do do Official do .....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
2 do do Electrotypes of Seal, .....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
2 Books of Odes, with music, .....	.....	.....	.....	.80
Lot Journals, 1886-7, 1888, 1889, ..	.....	.....	.....	10.00
1 Supreme Lodge Digest, .....	.....	.....	.....	1.25
220 Semi-annual Reports, .....	.....	.....	.....	8.25
950 Past Chancellor's Certificates, .....	.....	.....	.....	6.50
Grand Officers' Books, .....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
1 Trunk, .....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
160 Grand Lodge Constitutions, ..	.....	.....	.....	20.80
6 Travelling Shields, .....	.....	.....	.....	.60
				<hr/> \$98.95

IN MEMORIAM

Justus G. Rathbone

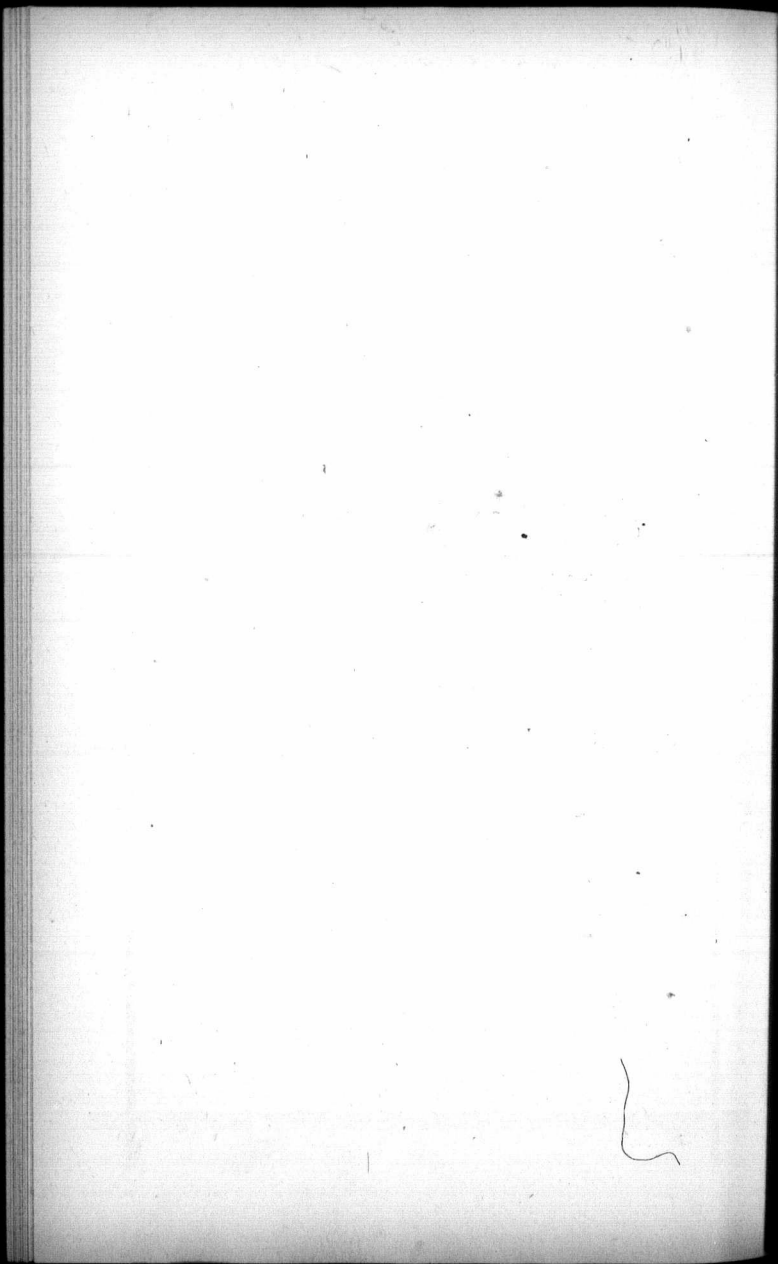
FOUNDER

AND

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR

BORN: OCTOBER 29, 1839

DIED: DECEMBER 9, 1889



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IN MEMORIAM

Thomas S. Adams

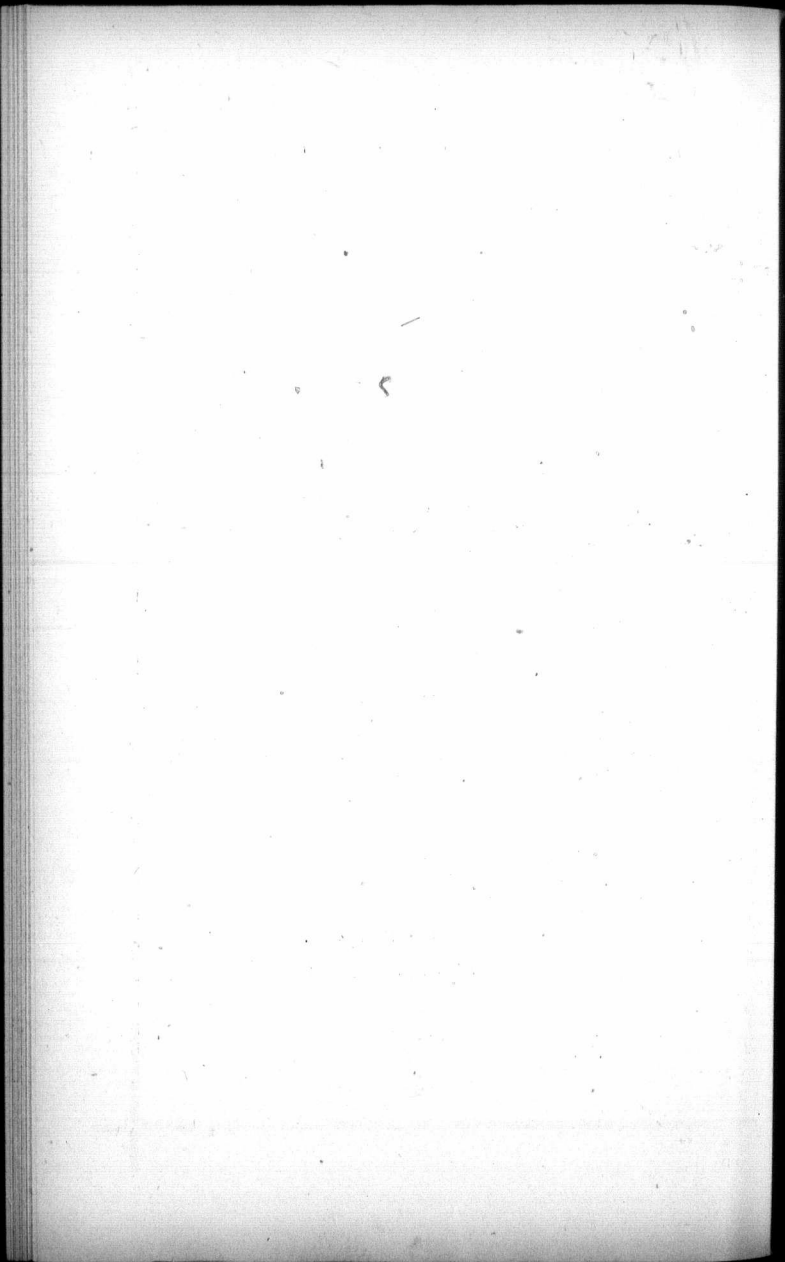
PAST CHANCELLOR

OF

UNION LODGE, NO. 2, ST. JOHN, N. B.

BORN: JULY 16, 1849

DIED: JANUARY 22, 1890



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ALABAMA.—Eighteenth annual session held at Birmingham, April 15, 1890.

"On all sides increasing strength and prosperity have been our lot and we close a gilded volume in our history whose pages are emblazoned with a record of achievements that marks the realization of our sanguine hopes." Such is the language of the Grand Chancellor of Alabama. And he further states, "We have the pleasure of welcoming an accession to our roster of twelve new Lodges and one reorganized Lodge." In regard to the Foreign Correspondence Committee of this Grand Lodge, which failed to report, the Grand Chancellor has this to say: "The only dead and withered branch of the Order in Alabama is its committee on Foreign Correspondence, and through our inability to resuscitate the dry bones with life and vigor, we suffer the loss of a highly successful service. To see ourselves as others see us is a wholesome means of grace." Correct.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the increase in membership to be 816 for the year. Number of Lodges 52. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer at close of year, \$5203.65.

Next meeting of this Grand Lodge convenes at Montgomery, in April, 1891.

BEN. J. SCHUSTER, G. C., Selma.

LOUIS J. ADLER, G. K. R. S., Uniontown.

ARIZONA.—Seventh annual session held at Tucson, May 7, 1890.

The report of the Grand Chancellor looks short, because it is signed in the wrong place. About one and one-third pages precede the signature, while nine pages follow it. Every Lodge (seven) in the Jurisdiction was visited. It seems to have been considered an impossible task hitherto for the Grand Chancellor to visit *all* the Lodges, and Brother Gibbons hesitated before undertaking it. He lived through it, however, and the Order was benefited. One new Lodge was instituted.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says the membership has been increased by eleven. "Every Lodge has, during the year, stricken from its membership every delinquent Knight," the total suspended being 52. Now, if these brethren will only look sharply after collecting dues, and prevent any member from getting behind, they will have adopted the surest method of growing and increasing in influence.

Next session at the city of Benson on the first Wednesday in May, 1891.

WEBSTER STREET, G. C.

E. W. FRENCH, G. K. R. S.

ARKANSAS.—Tenth annual session was held at Little Rock on May, 20-22, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Aaron Meyers had a busy year. Ten new Lodges were added, giving 63, with a membership of about 2900, a gain of 800. Two Divisions of the Uniform Rank were instituted, and the membership of this branch increased by 100.

Attached to the Grand Chancellor's report is one from Special Deputy Grand Chancellor Renton Tunnah, which is considerable of a curiosity. He evidently had a good time visiting the Lodges, though he only mentions having taken two meals during his travels.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals received, our own among the number.

Next session at the city of Helena on the third Tuesday in May, 1891.

W. H. HALLIBURTON, G. C., Little Rock.

CHAS. F. FOWLER, G. K. R. S., Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The first session of this Grand Lodge was held at Victoria, on the 22nd and 23rd April, 1890.

It is with feelings of pride that we take up this Journal. This is the third Grand Lodge organized in this Canada of ours. We welcome this addition to the great Pythian Brotherhood, situated as it is at one end of our vast continent while we of the Maritime Provinces occupy the other. Welcome, therefore, British Columbia; and may this British link in the Pythian chain, formed in Victoria, prove to the world that the Order is indeed far-reaching and universal. This brings us, at least, one step nearer the day when

"Man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brethren be, and a' that."

The report shows the number of Lodges, at the date of instituting Grand Lodge, 5; membership, 468. A per capita tax of \$2 was fixed at the session to meet the expenses of Grand Lodge. The whole work of the Grand Lodge was gone through in a business like way, and all the legislation undertaken proves that the brethren of British Columbia are live men, and that the Order in this Jurisdiction has come to stay. They voted \$100 as salary to their Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Grand Lodge paid the travelling expenses of representatives and \$2 per day while in attendance at its sessions. This is right, as a faithful officer or representative should be paid for time and energy put forth on behalf of the Order. There are three divisions of the Uniform Rank in British Columbia, and of this branch of the Order Deputy Supreme Chancellor H. F. W. Behnson contends: "It will bring the Knights more to our conventions." He also suggests that by the appointment of "energetic Deputy Grand Chancellors," there may be added easily three or four new Lodges before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. We notice that among the committees appointed by the Grand Chancellor is one on Foreign Correspondence. We shall be pleased to hear from them at the next session which meets at Vancouver on the third Tuesday in May, 1891.

C. L. BEHNSON, G. C., Vancouver.

JAMES CROSSAN, G. K. R. S., Nanaimo.

CALIFORNIA.—The twenty-second annual session convened in the city of San Francisco, April 14-18, 1890.

The Grand Chancellor reports the year past as being "marked by a steady betterment in the condition of our Order," and "that perfect harmony and good feeling prevail throughout the Jurisdiction."

The membership at January, 1890, was 10,280—a gain of 110 for the year. Balance on hand and invested at the close of 1889, \$178,664.54. Paid out for sick benefits \$47,745.36. The Grand Lodge pays its Grand Keeper of Records and Seal \$1950 a year as salary, and has a contingent fund of \$1200 for its Grand

Price List of Supplies.

Rituals,—Set of Five,	\$20 00
Dispensation,	15 00
Charter,	2 50
Installation Books.—Set of Four,	2 50
Question Book,	1 50
Official Receipts (printed, per 100),	1 25
Do. (blank, per 100).....	75
Digest,	1 20
Withdrawal Cards,	50
Memorial Service,	50
Book of Odes, with Music,	40
Ode Cards, each,	10
Travelling Shield,	10

Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 1st, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

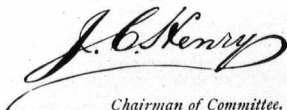
To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :—

The subscriber to this review has taken considerable pains, and expended no small amount of time, in preparing this report so as to be able to submit the same for the consideration of the members of the Grand Lodge at its fourth annual session. Forty-six Journals have been received, all of which have been examined. The returns from all quarters speak with no uncertain sound of the vast amount of good that Pythianism is performing on the Continent of America. The wonderful additions being made to the membership, the help afforded to the sick and afflicted, the many homes made glad, and how many a kindly grasp a Brother Knight may receive when far from home—these can best be understood by a careful perusal of these Grand Lodge Journals.

Without, therefore, further trespassing on the time of this Grand Lodge, and trusting that the synoptic report, herewith submitted, may be accepted in place of a better.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,



Chairman of Committee.

DELAWARE.—The twenty-first annual session was held at Wilmington, on 23d October, 1889.

The reports submitted to this meeting of Grand Lodge show the Order to have made some gain in Delaware during the year. This is a Jurisdiction which goes in for cheap rates, and, as a consequence, the addition to membership for the year is only 50. The number of new Lodges instituted was two. The number of suspensions for the term was 71. Balance to credit of 17 Lodges, \$23,264.63. It seems a remarkable fact that just as soon as a Grand Lodge grants dispensation to confer the three ranks of the Order for \$6, there seems to be a corresponding number of members who allow themselves to be suspended. Doubtless they expect some day to re-enter by having a bonus given them. It is about time that the Supreme Chancellor shut down on the six dollar arrangement.

This Grand Lodge has a Committee on Foreign Correspondence; but they do not seem to take sufficient interest in the Order to make a report. We hope the committee for 1890 will do their duty in this respect at the next session, which convenes at Wilmington on the fourth Wednesday in October, 1890.

THOMAS MULLAN, JR., G. C., Wilmington.

MARK L. GARRETT, G. K. R. S., Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The twenty-fifth annual session of this Grand Lodge convened at Washington, February 19-22, 1890.

The Grand Chancellor reports the Order in the "Mother Jurisdiction" as in a "prosperous and flourishing condition." Increase in Lodges, 2; in membership, 193. Balance in hands of several Lodges, \$12,086.02, showing an increase of over \$2000 for the year. The balance in the treasury of the Grand Lodge is \$574.86, an increase for the year of \$118.03.

Among other appointments made by the Grand Chancellor we notice a Committee on "Fraternal Correspondence." This sounds well; but on looking over the proceedings of the "Mother Jurisdiction"—which contains 68 pages, and required *four days* to transact the Grand Lodge business—we fail to find any report by this committee, neither is there an index to the Journal.

Next meeting will be held on February 19, 1891.

E. C. GILL, G. C.

A. F. MEDFORD, G. K. R. S., Washington.

FLORIDA.—Fifth annual session held at Sanford, May 14, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Belisario says that a "genuine interest in the growth and prosperity of the Order is evident from the exertion the different Lodges are making to perfect their work and in securing first-class material to increase their membership." Two new Lodges were added to this Jurisdiction for 1889, according to the report of the Grand Chancellor; while the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports *three* and gives the number of Lodges as 15; membership in December, 1889, 617, being an increase of 52 for the year.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Next meeting will be held in Jacksonville, March, 1891.

C. B. PARKHILL, G. C. Pensacola.

W. H. LATIMER, G. K. R. S., Tavares.

GEORGIA.—Twenty-first regular session held at Rome, May 20, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Doscher reports the loss through death of Supreme Representative Adolph Brandt, evidently a much respected Brother. Supreme Chancellor Ward says, in a telegram to the Grand Chancellor:—"By the death of Adolph Brandt society loses an honored member, the bar a brilliant light, the Order a Knight tried and true."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports three new Lodges, a total of 29. There has been an increase in membership of 311, making a total of 2152.

J. M. Hunnicutt was elected Supreme Representative for the unexpired term, in place of Supreme Representative Brandt, deceased.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee present a readable report. Our Journal receives no mention though duplicate copies were sent.

Next session to be held at Brunswick in May, 1891.

T. J. CARLING, G. C., Macon.

JAMES NAYLOR, JR., G. K. R. S., Savannah.

ILLINOIS.—Twentieth annual session held at Chicago, October 15, 1889.

What can be more gratifying than this from an exhaustive and able report made by the Grand Chancellor: "We have raised the standard of Pythian Knighthood in nine new districts. During the year 34 new Lodges have been instituted and 4 that were defunct have been resuscitated."

The number of Lodges at the close of the term was 192, with a total membership of 11,956, showing a gain of 1995 for the year. The amount on hand and invested in this Jurisdiction at the end of the year was \$144,631.02. The balance to credit of Grand Lodge was \$6655.18.

The Committee on "Fraternal Correspondence" submit a report in which they leave out the Maritime Provinces. They state that they have reviewed all Journals received. Our report was sent to Illinois in duplicate with other Jurisdictions, and we regret that the Committee did not have the same handed to them.

The next session at Bloomington on the third Tuesday in October, 1890.

JOSEPH H. KELLOGG, G. C., Chicago.

HENRY P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., Chicago.

INDIANA.—Twenty-second annual session held at Indianapolis on June 3, 1890.

The report of Grand Chancellor Suit reveals an earnest Pythian, whose labor has not been in vain. He attributes the fine showing of his term (among other reasons) to the fact that "at no time during the year has it been necessary to inquire 'Why stand ye here idle?' of a single member of his staff," but—as in Ohio—all hands pulled on the ropes and pulled together. Of the Uniform Rank he has this remark: "I cannot find language anywhere sufficiently expressive to convey to your minds the estimate in which I hold this branch of Pythianism and its superb Commander, the typical Pythian, Major-General James R. Carnahan.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows 42 new Lodges and one resuscitated, the present number being 247, with a membership of 17,897, a net gain of 3240. They lost 827 through suspension.

Chancellor. Nevertheless, at the close of the year it could boast of having a net balance of \$4618.18.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present an exhaustive report covering 55 pages of the Journal. Our own Jurisdiction comes in for a notice. This is how they go for us: "We take up this Journal with much interest, it being really the only 'Foreign Correspondent' we have. . . . We desire to pat G. C. Fleming on the back for the admirable improvement he has made on last year's showing." They maintain that this Jurisdiction was at a standstill according to the Journal of 1888, and needed a "Grand Chancellor who would put his shoulder to the wheel." And that "such a one was evidently found." This is a little hard and certainly not borne out by facts in regard to the officers of this Grand Lodge in 1888. At that time, Brother Jolly, we were only in our infancy, and had to proceed slowly, but our progress was sure. We are getting stronger now, and expect the incoming Grand Chancellor not to be content with *one* lodge a year as being all that should be added to our Grand Lodge. Speaking of our Widow and Orphan fund the committee says, it "has \$1995.61 to its credit, a showing that many much older Jurisdictions might point to with pride." Thanks.

Next session in Sacramento in April, 1891.

J. G. SWINNERTON, G. C., Stockton.

HERMAN SCHAFFNER, G. K. R. S., San Francisco.

COLORADO.—Denver was the meeting place where the fourteenth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held on September 17-19, 1889.

"This year has been a successful one, both as regards finances and growth of our Order," says the Grand Chancellor, and adds: "Never has there been a greater increase in a year than in the one just closed." Eleven new Lodges were added, while one charter was surrendered. The number of Lodges at the close of the year was 44; membership, 2620—gain 775. Net resources of subordinate Lodges at end of term, \$51,432.23, showing a gain in this respect of \$12,842.23. The balance to credit of Grand Lodge, September, 1889, was \$2814.69.

The report made by Past Chancellor Bleibel, as chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is well prepared, and we heartily agree with him in reference to the work of this committee, when one, instead of two or three appointed, has to assume the responsibility of reviewing the Journals of sister Jurisdictions. A "certain sameness," he says, "appears to the readers throughout the report, which becomes tiresome and detracts from the merits of the objects to be attained."

Next meeting at Salida, first Tuesday in September, 1890.

CAR E. WHITE, G. C., Trinidad.

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

CONNECTICUT.—Twenty-second annual session of Grand Lodge, held at Torrington, February 18, 1890.

The Grand Chancellor gives a lengthy account of his stewardship for the past year, which appears to have been no sinecure. He states that, although the growth numerically may not be up to their ardent expectations, "the seed sown is even now bearing fruit." Three new Lodges were instituted the past year.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report gives the following: Three new Divisions of Uniform Rank organized the past year; amount of balance in Grand Lodge treasury, \$1221.85; present number of Lodges, 42. The membership at January, 1890, was 3560, showing an increase of 292 for the year. Cash in subordinate Lodges has increased \$2588.80 for the past year.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee's report is interesting and well prepared and reflects credit on the Grand Chancellor who made such judicious appointment. The committee thus refers to our Grand Lodge, in not taking some action at its last session in regard to introducing the Order in places where it is unknown: "If there is any place where our beloved Order is not known, it is the duty of every true Knight, and surely every Grand Lodge, to make it known. Brother Fleming, you were right. When your Jurisdiction has a chance to grow the Grand Lodge should not in any way sit on such a recommendation."

Next meeting of Grand Lodge convenes at Wallingford, February 17, 1891.

GIDEON H. WELCH, G. C., Torrington.

H. O. CASE, G. K. R. S., Hartford.

DAKOTA.—Fifth annual session held at Sioux Falls, July 16-18, 1889.

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we learn that the Order has not flourished in this Jurisdiction as in other sections. He considers the destruction of crops as the cause. Two new Lodges have been added to the roster, making 26 in all. Membership in June, 1889, 763—a decrease of 18 for the year.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is quite full; but it seems their report was the cause of Dakota's Journal being several months behind in being printed. This fact is not forgotten by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal who "goes for" the committee and gives them this bit of advice to think over: "I would recommend that such committee (after a proper one is secured) be continued a regular standing committee, and that they shall have their reports written and completed prior to the holding of the annual session, in order that they may be ready for printing in the Journal without hindering its early publication." Right you are, Brother Phillips. He evidently places a high value on the work of such a committee, as witness the following paragraph: "One can learn more concerning the Order, its condition and prospects, in every portion of the country, from these reports than in any other way, with ten times less research and enquiry. They arouse a friendly rivalry between the Grand Lodges; they point out each others defects and errors, and suggest reforms; and, best of all, they mutually applaud that which is worthy. Of course, it takes time and ability to prepare these reports; but there are those who possess both and who have the love of the Order sufficiently at heart to undertake the task." Yes, brother, sometimes you will run across one of this kind. But if the Grand Lodge of Dakota pays for the "labor of love," as they do in Kansas, you can depend on securing your ideal in this respect very much easier. The committee criticise Brother Moulson's report severely, which is quite uncalled for and, to say the least, unknighly.

Next session at Mitchell, June 17, 1890.

J. F. EDMONDS, G. C., Deadwood.

ARTHUR C. PHILLIPS, G. K. R. S., Sioux Falls.

This Journal contains portraits of six of its Officers, Supreme Representatives, Supreme Chancellor, and our beloved Founder.

They have no Foreign Correspondence report.

Next session at Indianapolis, first Tuesday in June, 1891.

A. C. HAWKINS, G. C.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The first convention of this Grand Lodge was held at McAlester, May 15, 1890.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supreme Chancellor A. Bolander, who presented his authority to organize said Grand Lodge. Representatives were present from the five Lodges located in the Jurisdiction. The election of Officers took place and the Committee on Constitution and Law recommended the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, with certain changes, as in their opinion the best adapted to the needs of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory. The recommendation of the Committee was agreed to. The Finance Committee submitted a report as to the necessary and probable expenses of the Grand Lodge for the coming year, which was adopted. The amount required will be about \$300, and the membership (250) will be assessed a per capita of \$1.00 to meet the same.

The several standing committees were appointed by the Grand Chancellor—which, we regret, did not include one on Foreign Correspondence—and the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in May, 1891, in Muscogee.

H. J. ELLARD, G. C., Coalgate.

BEN REESE, G. K. R. S., Coalgate.

IOWA.—Twentieth annual session held at Oskaloosa, August 14, 15, 1889. Grand Chancellor Moss reports that "harmony and prosperity have prevailed and not a cloud darkens the horizon of the future" of this Jurisdiction.

From the Journal we notice that the membership at the close of the year was 10,265, showing a gain of 1740. The number of new Lodges instituted for the year was 29. The finances of subordinate Lodges shows receipts, \$64,234.61; for relief, \$6441.32; cash and investments in exchequer, \$35,887.39. The balance to credit of Grand Lodge at close of year was \$7068.40, increase for the year \$1441.52.

Next meeting at Des Moines, August 13, 1890.

W. A. GREER, G. C., Oskaloosa.

H. D. WALKER, G. K. R. S., Mount Pleasant.

KANSAS.—This Grand Lodge convened for the nineteenth time, May 20-22, 1890, in the Town of Topeka.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report shows the number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction in December, 1889, to be 178, an increase of 14 for the term. Number of members at end of said term, 8898—an increase of 1274. Total assets of Lodges, \$130,238.45; balance on hand to credit of Grand Lodge, \$6888.08.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a report of 34 pages and at the outset state, "We shall not confine ourselves to giving statistics merely, but shall commend or criticise as our judgment shall dictate. . . . It will help to make us 'see ourselves as others see us;' and adds, "Now to our task of labor and love." Brother G.W. Holmes is chairman of this committee, and receives \$100 for his "labor and love" in writing up his report. It pays in Kansas to be chairman of Foreign Correspondence; while the Grand Lodge pays \$1200 a year to its Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and \$500 to its Grand Chancellor.

Next meeting at the City of Wichita, May, 1891.

N. L. HOLLSWELL, G. C., Kingman,

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

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-first annual session held at Owensboro, September 18, 19, 1889.

The Grand Chancellor reports the formation of 12 new Lodges for the year making, at the close of the term, a total of 53. The addition to the membership for the year was 850. Speaking of the efforts put forth by Grand Chancellor Carter, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says: "No period in Kentucky Pythianism has witnessed such a revival of zeal and enthusiasm. * * * His plans have been signally successful. * * * The opportunity is before us; at no period in our history have the times been more propitious than now. Pythianism is the desire of the youth and intelligence of our land! Let there be no halt!" The report made to the Grand Lodge by Brother Carter is partly incorporated in that of Rhode Island's Grand Chancellor five months later, without, however, as much as an inverted comma to show it. Such things do happen once in a while. But then the printer's devil may have been the cause of it. If it was so, we beg Brother Davis' pardon.

Thirty-seven Journals were reviewed by the Foreign Correspondence Committee, ours being one of them.

Next session at Bowling Green, on the third Tuesday in September, 1890.

W. C. QUIMBY, G. C., Dayton.

WADE SHELTMAN, G. K. R. S., Louisville.

LOUISIANA.—Tenth annual session held at New Orleans, May 19, 1890.

Five new Lodges instituted with a charter membership aggregating 170 members, at this time fully doubled; 75 Lodges in good standing and all in good condition; the sum of \$4097.39 in cash in the treasury of the Grand Lodge on the 31st of March, 1890, an increase of well nigh \$1400; assets of the subordinate Lodges at the end of the term ended December 31, 1889, amounting to \$58,262.59, an increase of nearly \$5,000 over the previous year; and an increase in membership of about 900, is the report made by the Grand Chancellor of Louisiana. The total membership at the close of the term was 5046.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee report was undertaken by two of the three members appointed for that purpose. In some of the Journals reviewed they give lengthy extracts. Others, including our own, are done up in about six lines each. Dakota is taken charge of by one of the reviewers, and a whole page given;

while the other member gives about as much space to "Dacota." The committee have evidently got things mixed up a little, as both Dakota and Dacota met in the same place and on the same date. They complain of their own Journal having been seldom reviewed by sister Lodges, and attribute the cause to the fact that they seldom have a report from their own Foreign Correspondence Committee, and are therefore not considered a member of the family of Foreign Correspondence. Well, brothers, this may be so; but if we understand the duties of this committee, it is for the purpose of collating such facts in relation to the progress and laws of sister Jurisdictions as may be deemed of interest to the Grand Lodge.

Next meeting at Shreveport, on the third Monday in May, 1891.

ALVAN E. READ, G. C., Baton Rouge.

JNO. A. MCLEAN, G. K. R. S., New Orleans.

MAINE.—Eighteenth annual session held at Portland, May 21, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Twitchell has not been idle, and among other commendable acts he has joined the Uniform Rank. He firmly believes the Uniform Rank will be "a great factor in strengthening weak Lodges" and "greatly add to our success and influence as an Order."

Five new Lodges were organized and two surrendered charters, leaving net total of 64 Lodges. The membership January 1, 1890, was 7483, an increase of 451. The financial showing is excellent.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wesley G. Smith has a good report—his first—and he is very modest in referring to his record. That he has the true interests of Pythianism at heart is plainly discerned on reading his presentment of the work of our nearest neighbor. He has closely observed the requirements of the Jurisdiction, and has spared no effort to bring about necessary changes. His salary has been increased from \$750 to \$900, and we sincerely hope that he may increase the number of Lodges to 100 during the present term. Brother Smith, your otherwise excellent report has no index.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals of sister Jurisdictions with both sleeves rolled up, ready for any emergency. If fight is needed they believe in fighting to a finish, while they are equally ready to commend whatever they consider deserving. Of our Jurisdiction they say: "No mistake was made in conferring a Grand Lodge charter upon our maritime Brothers. . . . The steady growth of the Jurisdiction, the intelligent enthusiasm of its leaders, and the care with which the dignity and honor of the fraternity are guarded, give ample proof of the wisdom of that action." The chairman, Past Grand Chancellor M. L. Stevens, in closing this, his fifteenth report, says that the committee "seek no other reward than that they may help to perfect our organization and incite its membership to highest Pythian attainment." They publish a comparative statement of the Grand Jurisdictions which we copy for the benefit of our members.

Next session will be held at Portland on the third Wednesday in May, 1891.

LUTHER B. ROBERTS, G. C., Portland.

WESLEY G. SMITH, G. K. R. S., Old Orchard.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

SHOWING THE CONDITION, PROGRESS AND OPERATIONS OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, BY GRAND JURISDICTIONS,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED, JANUARY 1, 1889.

GRAND LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of Members.	Gain or Loss in Membership.	Per cent. of Gain or Loss.	Average Membership per Lodge.	Knights per 1000 of Population.	Knights per 1000 white males 21 years.	Net Suspensions per 100 Members.	Net Suspensions per 100 Initiates.	Total Expenditures.	Expended for Relief.	Relief per Capita.	Per cent. of Relief to total Expend.	Total Cash Assets.	Cash Assets per Capita.	Average Rank among Grand Lodges.	Semi-Annual G. L. Tax.
Alabama.....	37	2,111	473	28	57	1.6	14.9	5.8	16.6	\$ 5,260	\$ 2,188	\$1.03	41	\$ 27,479	\$13.03	28	.75
Arizona.....	7	373	53	16	53	9.4	20.7	8.4	19.4	4,936	583	1.56	11	6,895	18.48	42	.75
Arkansas.....	39	1,997	218	12	48	2.3	14.0	3.1	14.2	16,464	3,049	1.59	18	12,645	6.63	39	.50
California.....	145	10,170	167	1	70	11.8	38.8	7.1	64.2	144,187	59,383	5.74	41	187,229	18.40	7	.38
Colorado.....	34	1,872	392	26	55	7.7	20.3	3.4	17.7	25,200	7,247	3.81	28	38,590	20.50	12	.50
Connecticut.....	40	3,278	331	11	81	5.2	81.0	4.4	21.0	24,585	8,649	2.63	35	31,654	9.60	14	.40
Dakota.....	24	781	143	22	32	5.7	15.6	4.7	16.9	9,304	621	.79	6	11,836	15.15	41	.7
Delaware.....	16	1,040	14	1	65	7.1	33.5	5.3	72.3	17,322	7,264	6.98	41	21,388	20.56	23	.30
District of Columbia.....	13	952	16	1	73	5.2	30.7	3.7	49.3	8,377	4,539	4.76	54	10,006	10.51	31	.50
Florida.....	13	559	31	5	43	2.0	16.4	6.1	39.5	3,197	765	1.30	23	5,119	9.15	46	.50
Georgia.....	13	1,759	267	17	76	1.1	9.9	5.5	21.4	14,249	2,945	1.67	20	21,860	12.39	37	*.50
Illinois.....	158	10,664	1,526	14	67	3.4	13.6	6.7	26.3	88,044	23,305	2.18	26	144,631	13.56	11	.25
Indiana.....	187	14,657	2,453	20	78	7.4	30.0	4.1	15.7	111,578	36,935	2.11	27	234,745	16.01	1	.20
Iowa.....	206	10,265	1,740	25	49	5.8	24.8	4.1	15.7	64,800	7,790	.75	12	35,887	3.48	5	.20†
Kansas.....	164	7,624	49	0	46	7.6	30.0	10.3	82.6	67,776	24,391	3.19	35	121,426	15.78	18	.35
Kentucky.....	42	2,652	351	15	63	1.6	8.3	4.6	21.4	21,182	5,362	2.02	25	29,852	11.25	27	§
Louisiana.....	71	4,172	253	6	59	4.4	39.0	4.5	59.6	38,384	11,931	2.78	30	53,341	12.78	19	.50
Maine.....	62	7,032	451	6	113	11.0	37.8	3.8	29.2	38,255	17,405	2.47	45	84,969	12.68	6	.20
Maritime Provinces.....	6	446	52	13	74	5.1	26.4	5.5	34.1	1,754	347	1.22	31	8,125	18.21	45	.25
Maryland.....	89	6,672	—	61	0	74	7.1	26.4	89.8	59,997	37,458	5.61	62	176,846	26.69	10	.40
Massachusetts.....	77	7,174	770	12	106	3.7	14.4	0.4	3.2	73,075	22,308	3.10	30	126,684	17.65	4	.20*
Michigan.....	89	4,851	593	13	54	2.6	10.5	18.6	36.4	39,196	5,798	1.17	14	49,867	10.27	30	.20

Minnesota.....	2,521	601	31	66	2.2	11.8	6.3	17.0	20,441	2,709	1,07	13	29,900	11.86	28
Mississippi.....	38	1,900	315	50	1.6	17.5	1.7	7.6	9,951	1,629	.85	10	20,167	10.61	35
Missouri.....	95	6,339	554	66	2.9	12.4	13.6	56.6	54,121	12,369	1.95	22	101,314	15.98	20
Montana.....	20	9	17	1	47.24	4	5	52.8	16,686	3,841	3.03	22	18,024	18.91	38
Nebraska.....	104	4,980	714	16	47.11	38.9	10.8	38.4	43,389	4,776	.95	11	51,752	10.03	21
Nevada.....	12	813	67	13	11.0	32.5	4.5	28.0	8,858	3,597	4.42	40	38,854	35.48	24
New Hampshire.....	29	2,225	182	8	76	6.4	21.3	20.1	15,821	5,898	2.05	37	39,972	17.96	15
New Jersey.....	112	9,424	20	0	84	8.3	32.3	5.2	86,157	41,510	4.40	48	163,173	17.31	8
New Mexico.....	14	615	141	28	44	5.1	20.5	2.0	9,416	2,226	3.61	23	7,210	11.72	32
New York.....	199	13,378	563	4	67	2.0	9.6	6.0	96,098	36,515	2.72	37	400,953	29.97	9
North Carolina.....	13	733	104	16	56	0.5	3.3	10.4	6,216	2,637	3.59	42	8,812	10.65	43
Ohio.....	206	22,844	3,391	16	77	7.1	28.4	4.0	162,036	43,058	1.88	21	212,386	9.25	3
Ontario.....	22	973	52	5	44	0.5	.....	12.7	7,126	1,999	2.95	27	6,587	6.76	47
Oregon.....	27	1,375	91	7	51	7.9	26.9	5.5	17,001	6,285	4.57	36	25,082	18.88	22
Pennsylvania.....	404	39,293	1,057	2	97	9.1	36.7	6.8	315,706	62,855	5.03	62	718,462	18.03	2
Rhode Island.....	20	1,935	444	29	66	6.3	25.8	5.7	17,796	7,197	3.66	40	16,561	8.55	16
South Carolina.....	10	886	250	39	88	0.8	10.3	2.6	5,836	2,186	2.46	37	5,729	6.82	34
Texas.....	38	2,904	392	15	76	1.8	17.6	5.1	19,339	4,397	1.51	22	38,132	13.13	56
Tennessee.....	77	3,997	859	27	51	2.4	13.1	5.6	30,598	6,659	1.97	21	61,121	15.48	17
Utah.....	8	381	25	7	47	2.6	11.9	14.6	7,228	2,087	5.47	28	7,384	19.38	44
Virginia.....	47	3,952	68	2	64	2.0	14.7	5.3	25,506	15,266	5.00	59	23,745	7.45	45
Washington.....	37	2,015	538	36	54	26.8	83.9	6.2	24,369	5,855	2.90	24	20,193	10.02	13
West Virginia.....	33	1,692	303	21	51	2.5	12.7	8.2	13,749	7,194	4.44	51	14,095	8.33	33
Wisconsin.....	49	3,069	304	10	62	1.9	9.0	4.4	20,686	3,827	1.24	19	32,526	10.59	36
Wyoming.....	7	443	5	1	63	22.1	49.2	5.2	5,765	1,199	2.70	20	11,981	27.04	40
Totals and Averages.....	3281	229,701	21,254	10	70	4.3	20.2	6.1	34,319	8,535	7.26	36	12,791,596	\$12.20	20

* Plus a Tax of \$1.00 for each Page initiated, except in Georgia where the tax is 50 cents. † Plus a Rank Tax of 50 cents in Nebraska and 25 cents in Tennessee for each Rank conferred. ‡ Plus 5 per cent. of the gross receipts. § Eight per cent. of the gross receipts.

NOTE 1. To the above add 13 Lodges with 624 members, under the direct supervision of the Supreme Lodge and we have the total strength of the Order, January 1, 1889, as 3,294 Lodges and 230,325 members.

NOTE 2. Total initiations, 37,525; total net suspensions, 12,881.

MARYLAND.—Baltimore was the place chosen to hold the twenty-second annual convention of this Jurisdiction, February 11-13, 1890.

During the past year this Jurisdiction has added four new Lodges to her roster, making 93 in all; membership in December, 1889, 6697. The balance to the credit of Lodges was \$178,147.86. Paid out during the year for relief, \$39,474.37. The condition of Grand Lodge affairs is very satisfactory, both from a financial and business standpoint.

A full and interesting report is furnished by the Foreign Correspondence Committee of this Jurisdiction. They review the Journals of 35 Grand Lodges.

Next session at Baltimore, on the second Tuesday in February, 1891.

WM. MEISSEL, G. C., Baltimore.

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

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-first session held in Boston, Feb. 19, 1890.

The reports of the officers of this Grand Jurisdiction are extremely gratifying and show what wonderful progress is being made in the Order universal. New Lodges instituted, 8; total, 79. Membership, December, 1889, 8003; net gain for year, 1036. The financial condition of Lodges is also good, which shows balance at close of 1889 to be \$134,142.40, being an increase for the year of \$7458.11. Paid out for benefits and relief, \$24,356.59. The balance to credit of Grand Lodge at the end of term was \$2746.55.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed 42 Journals, and has a favorable report of the Maritime Provinces.

CHAS. B. NEWTON, G. C., Boston.

CHAS. A. CROSS, G. K. R. S., Lowell.

MICHIGAN.—The Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction convened in seventeenth annual session, March 11, 12, 1890, at East Saginaw.

The Grand Chancellor reports 15 new Lodges added during the past year, and adds: "While working zealously for the building of new altars, I have endeavored to keep in view the fact that the interests of the Jurisdiction demanded only the institution of Lodges composed of the best men in the community." This is the proper foundation upon which to build, and with it success is sure to follow.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hopkins' report gives the number of Lodges, 106; membership, December, 1889, 5828—gain 977 for the year. The amount of funds in hand and invested by the Lodges of this Jurisdiction in December, 1889, was \$59,958.65.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review briefly the work of 45 sister Jurisdictions, our own being among the number.

Next session convenes at Grand Rapids, March 18, 1891.

MILES S. CURTIS, G. C., Battle Creek.

J. W. HOPKINS, G. K. R. S., Lansing.

MINNESOTA.—Seventeenth annual session held at St. Paul, September 10, 11, 1889.

This Grand Jurisdiction reports the addition of 12 new Lodges, with an

increase in membership of 876. The assets of subordinate Lodges at the close of the term was \$30,429.52. Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, \$894.09.

The Supreme Representatives of this Grand Lodge were, by unanimous vote of said Lodge, instructed to vote for amending Supreme Lodge Constitution to read: "That wholesale, retail and bartenders of intoxicating drinks be and are hereby debarred from becoming members of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and would ask that such laws be made forever debarring such applicants from admission to the Order." This action is commendable and should be endorsed by all Grand Lodges.

The first report of a Foreign Correspondence Committee is given in this Journal. They review the proceedings of forty sister Jurisdictions, and state that "the duty, though arduous, has been exceedingly pleasant and beneficial."

Next session convenes at Nankato, September, 1890.

B. F. STAHL, G. C., St. Paul.

GRIER M. ORR, G. K. R. S., St. Paul.

MISSOURI.—Nineteenth annual session held in St. Louis, October 15, 1889.

It is with pleasure and profit that one peruses the reports of grand officers of this Jurisdiction for the past year. This is how Grand Chancellor Holmes speaks in his report: "We are able to report at the present session * * * the highly gratifying fact that fifteen new Lodges have been instituted, two old ones reorganized and an increase in our numerical strength of over 1000 during the past year."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows by his report the finances of the subordinate Lodges to be in a healthy condition. The total amount to their credit from all sources was nearly \$112,000, while the net resources of the Grand Lodge at close of term was \$6497.08.

We regret that our Journal was not reviewed by the Foreign Correspondence Committee, who make a good report so far as it goes.

Next session will be held at St. Louis, on the 21st October, 1890.

H. HAWTHORNE, G. C., Kansas City.

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

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-second annual session held at Omaha, Oct. 8, 1889.

The reports submitted to this Grand Lodge by its officers show steady growth. Number of Lodges at end of term, 122—increase for the year, 22; present membership, 5664, net increase, 919. The finances of Lodges also show up well, while the Grand Lodge at the close of the year had a balance in its exchequer of \$3882.38, being \$479.33 greater than that in hand one year ago.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals of 35 sister Jurisdictions. They for the most part content themselves in giving figures, simply showing the growth of the Order.

Next meeting at Omaha, on the second Tuesday in October, 1890.

J. M. MACFARLAND, G. C., Omaha.

H. M. BUSHNELL, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

NEVADA.—Eighteenth annual session held at Carson City, June 12, 13, 1890.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is a well-written document and shows considerable work. His year was one of "general depression in all the mining towns of the state;" still he organized one new Lodge, though the net increase in membership to June 5, 1890, is only eight.

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we learn that the work of the suspension fiend reduced the membership 44, while 30 were initiated, 6 admitted by card and 7 reinstated. Finances healthy.

No Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Reno on the second Thursday of June, 1891.

BENJAMIN CARTER, G. C., Reno.

A. B. STODDARD, G. K. R. S., Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Nineteenth annual session held at Farmington, June 12, 1889.

The state of the Order universal in this Jurisdiction is much improved during the past year. Two new Lodges were instituted, making 29 in all. Membership at close of year, 2227—gain, 183. The total assets of Lodges was \$38,383.99, and the balance to credit of Grand Lodge, \$170.49.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence failed to report. Try again.

Twentieth annual session held in Laconia on the 11th June, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Kimball states that he has been enabled to visit every Lodge in the Jurisdiction once and some of them twice; that he found the Lodges generally in a flourishing condition, nearly all of them increasing their membership, and some of them making very large gains. He also reports the institution of five new Lodges, the reinstatement of an old Lodge which had been defunct for almost four years, and also the awakening of one that had virtually been asleep for a year and a half.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the membership at June, 1890, 2858, a gain of 530 for the year. Present number of Lodges, 35. Total assets of Lodges, \$42,868.35. We agree with Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Spofford that it is "no light task to carefully review forty-seven Journals as they must be, to comprehensively pass judgment, comment, or criticism, without being piratical." He contends "there should be a competent committee appointed, if the work is continued, and some reasonable compensation made for the expense and labor of preparing the report." The report referred to is a credit to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and among the Journals reviewed that of our own Jurisdiction comes in for a favorable notice.

Next meeting at Great Falls on the first Wednesday in September, 1891.

JOHN YOUNG, G. C., Rochester.

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

NEW JERSEY.—Trenton was the town selected to hold the twenty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge, on February 19th, 1890.

At the session of 1889 this Grand Lodge passed a resolution asking power from the Supreme Chancellor to confer the three ranks of the Order for \$6.00. We are sorry to say that the dispensation was granted. It is also recorded in the Journal under review that over sixty Lodges in New Jersey took advantage of this cheap rate of increasing their membership. The result is given in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Three new Lodges instituted—making 115 at the close of the year. For the same period there was an addition to the membership of 357; while the number suspended was 461, withdrawn 69, deceased 93. It is quite probable that the granting of this dispensation had much to do with those who allowed themselves to be suspended; while those who withdrew, in some cases, at any rate, must have become dissatisfied with this cheap system of Knighthood. And who can tell what part it played in terminating the earthly pilgrimage of those 93 brave Knights who passed over to the silent majority! This is a lamentable state of affairs; rendered more so by renewed action of this Jurisdiction in placing upon record the following which was adopted: "That the incoming Grand Chancellor be directed to apply to the present and incoming Supreme Chancellor for a dispensation to confer the three ranks of our Order for the sum of six dollars." We earnestly hope that this power will not be continued to our New Jersey brethren by Supreme Chancellor Shaw. A picture of Grand Chancellor Bolton forms a frontispiece to this Journal. By the way Brother Bolton somewhat resembles, in likeness, Jay Gould. But that \$6 rate dispels the idea.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals of 22 Grand Jurisdictions, ours being one of them.

Next meeting in Trenton, on the third Wednesday in February, 1891.

DEWITT C. BOLTON, G. C., Paterson.

EUGENE V. LORTON, G. K. R. S., Plainfield.

NEW MEXICO.—Sixth annual session held at Socorro, June 11, 12, 1889.

The reports show the number of Lodges 14, membership 627, gain for the year 69. The cash on hand and invested at the close of the year was \$19,184.15. Grand Lodge balance, \$149.70.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit a report which must have given entire satisfaction to our New Mexican brethren. They have a good word to say of us, whom they class as "our salt water neighbor." Thanks, Brother Bartlett.

Next session at Silver City, on the second Tuesday in September, 1890.

F. C. MARTSOLF, G. C., Kingston.

HARRY W. LUCAS, G. K. R. S., Silver City.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-second annual session held at Kingston, July 29-31, 1890.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge is a model both typographically and in its arrangement.

The Order has prospered well in New York the past year. The membership at the close of the term was 14,731, being a gain of 910. New Lodges, 10. Amount on hand, December, 1889, \$124,840.91, showing an increase of \$8542.22 as compared with December, 1888. The finances of Grand Lodge also show an increase, its balance at July, 1890, being \$6652.68, or a gain of \$2606 07 for the year.

One of the best, if not *the* best, reports of Foreign Correspondence Committee forms a part of this Journal. Speaking of our Jurisdiction the committee say: "This is one of the smallest; but its Journal, which is well arranged, shows good and careful work of the Grand Lodge." And that we are "truly a 'foreign correspondent,' but while 'foreign in government, we are all one in Pythianism.'" Yes, Brother Baker, that is a point which should never be lost sight of.

Next session at Cortland, July 28, 1891.

WM. S. CARPENTER, G. C., Syracuse.

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

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twentieth annual session held at Durham, June 18, 19, 1890.

In reporting the result of twenty-eight months' service as Grand Chancellor, Brother Meares announces that he has had "the supreme satisfaction of witnessing the Order emerge from the dormant state in which it once lay in this Jurisdiction, and enter upon an era of health, vigor and progression,—a gain of fifty per cent in the roster of Lodges, and eighty per cent in the number of members."

The Journal shows the number of Lodges at the close of the term to be 875—a gain of 142. The total assets of Lodges was \$9,690.71.

There is a Foreign Correspondence Committee; but no report is made.

Next session at Asheville, on the third Wednesday in June, 1891.

W. S. COOK, G. C.

JNO. L. DUDLEY, G. K. R. S., Wilmington.

OHIO.—Twentieth annual session held at Toledo, May 29, 30, 1889.

The Grand Chancellor of this, the second largest Grand Jurisdiction of the Pythian family, reports a remarkable growth of the Order during his term of office. Sixty-one new Lodges are added to Ohio's roster, and the increase in membership is placed at 3386 for the year, giving a total of 24,932! This Grand Lodge claims one-sixth of the whole gain made by Lodges in the world for the past year; and the Grand Chancellor, who is not content with this wonderful achievement, adds: "Let this record stimulate us to renewed activity, and a strong determination to increase our membership to 30,000 by January 1, 1890."

An equally remarkable showing is made financially. The receipts for year amounted to \$197,726.65; paid for relief of brothers, \$36,425.84; to widowed families, \$2016.64; burial of dead, \$4925.11; total resources of Lodges, \$218,938.56. The balance to the credit of Grand Lodge was \$10,508.60, an increase of \$3251.83 over that of last year.

A carefully prepared report is given by the Foreign Correspondence Committee. They speak of the Lodges of the Maritime Provinces in this way: "This Jurisdiction is the supreme outer edge of the present Pythian world, and isolated as they are, they are entitled to more than ordinary consideration at the hands of all members of the Order." Speaking of the increase for the year 1887-88 in our Jurisdiction, the committee adds: "This slow growth is not to be wondered at. Out of the usual line of travel, not being brought in contact with Pythian demonstrations and encouraged by the word that is brought by members of other Lodges and Jurisdictions, our brethren of the Maritime Provinces have not the advantages enjoyed by those of the States." The writer of this report hopes to show our Ohio friends in the Journal of 1890, that the "supreme outer edge" has increased fully 25 per cent. in membership for the year; while he knows there are Lodges in the Jurisdiction which exemplify the work of the Order second to none in any Jurisdiction. In dealing with Delaware the committee gives some sound advice, remarking that had the Grand Chancellor devoted as much of his time to the visitation of Lodges in his State as he did in his efforts, finally successful, in making our Order a "cheap-john" institution in Delaware, the result would have been different. "It is a rule that applies throughout the entire United States, that wherever the rank fees are highest, the success and growth of the Order is more marked. . . . In looking at our own State, and in our acquaintance with the membership in every Lodge in the State, we find that the Lodges that charge the most for the ranks have a better class of membership than those who charge less sums. . . . This is an old and worn out subject, and we dismiss it, simply expressing our regret that those in command in any State hold the Order so lightly as to consent for one moment to a six dollar fee for the three ranks."

Twenty-first annual session held at Cleveland, May 27, 1890.

"For the year ending April 1st we have made a net gain of 6151. Up to present writing (May 10) 71 new Lodges have been instituted since June 1st, 1890, with an average of 42½ members to each. . . . Only eight Grand Jurisdictions have a membership greater than our increase. We have now a membership of 30,456. . . . We are now entitled to a third representative in the Supreme Lodge." This is Grand Chancellor Franklin Ellis' record for the year. Well done, Ohio! Go right along until you get a fourth Supreme Representative. This showing was gained by work—hard work—all along the line. Everybody worked, and hence the splendid result. We are sorry to see from the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that 1304 members were suspended.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is quite a document. They review other Journals in a style which seems to say "Why don't you grow like us?" Our Journal is briefly referred to. Ohio was not noticed by our Foreign Correspondence Committee last year because the Journal failed to reach us in time; but we tried to do them ample justice when it was received, as will be seen above.

Next session at Cincinnati, on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1891.

WILLIAM BEATTY, G. C., Toledo.

S. A. COURT, G. K. R. S., Toledo.

ONTARIO.—Eighteenth annual session held in Chatham, July 2, 3, 1889.

This Grand Lodge has not kept abreast with other Jurisdictions for the past year. We endorse the following from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report, speaking of the office of Grand Chancellor: "A man who cannot devote his time to visiting Lodges and laboring for the upbuilding of the Order in his Jurisdiction has no business to accept such an office, and if he will accept it under these circumstances, he is just the man to keep out of it. The time has come in the north and northwest (and Ontario also) when nothing but a hustler 'goes.' None other should apply. Let the honors be given to those that earn them; such men can be found in every Grand Lodge if looked for." This is good; so far as it goes. But, Brother Mitchell, this is equally important in subordinate Lodges, in selecting Chancellor Commanders, and other elective officers. A figure head is a poor investment, and is dear at any price.

From statistical tables published, we learn that there are 22 Lodges in Ontario, with a membership 973. Amount in hand and invested, subordinate Lodges, \$6590.22, showing a decrease as compared with last year of \$477.68. We can beat this all hollow, in the Maritime Provinces, where Grand Chancellors only institute one new Lodge each year. We numbered 7 Lodges last year with a membership of 467; while our cash invested at that date was \$8697.69.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee give a well written report, and our own Journal among the number is favorably reviewed.

Next meeting at Smith's Falls, June 10, 1890.

P. D. MCKELLAR, G. C., Chatham.

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

OREGON.—The ninth annual convention held in Astoria, October 8-11, 1889.

The report submitted by the Grand Chancellor shows that the Order is in a good healthy condition in this State, and says that "harmony and good feeling prevails and everything promises a bright future." He reports the instituting of three Divisions of the Uniform Rank for the year, and the organization of two more which have not been instituted as yet. He regrets that the Foreign Correspondence Committee make no

report for 1889, and says that "their failure to report is a great misfortune to Oregon."

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we notice that the membership in June 30, 1889, was 1424—gain, 146; number of Lodges, 26. Total assets of Lodges, \$31,378.44; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$1024.99. From the fact that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence this year includes the names of two Past Grand Chancellors, we feel satisfied that the committee will furnish a good report for the next session of Grand Lodge which meets at The Dalles, on the second Tuesday in October, 1890.

O. H. IRVINE, G. C., Albany.

WARD S. STEVENS, G. K. R. S., Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.—This Grand Lodge met in annual session at Lancaster, August 20-23, 1889.

From a careful perusal of this report we are unable to find what the number of this annual session was; but presume from the date of the very large Grand Lodge Seal which, by the way, is used on a half dozen different pages of this voluminous Journal, that it must have been the twenty-second.

This is the largest branch of the Pythian family. According to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction in June, 1889, was 416, being a gain of 18 Lodges for the year. The membership at the same date was 40,291, being a gain of 1340 for the term. This number gives this Grand Lodge an additional representative to Supreme Lodge. They have now four votes in the Supreme Court. The financial standing of subordinate Lodges was as follows: Amount on hand and invested, \$720,712.96; paid relief of brothers, \$157,380.59; paid for burial of dead, \$44,225.46. The Grand Lodge balance at close of term was \$8800.51.

There is no Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next annual session will be held in Reading, Berks County, on August 19, 1890.

SAMUEL HILLIARD, G. C., Philadelphia.

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

RHODE ISLAND.—The nineteenth annual session was held in Providence, on the 11th February, 1890.

This Jurisdiction is in a healthy condition. In his report the Grand Chancellor states that Pythianism shows an "increase in Lodges, members, resources and influence." He reports having visited all the Lodges in the State, and adds that the day has passed when a Grand Chancellor has his path strewn with roses. He cannot sit idly down and hope for the dignity of the office to carry him through; but to do justice to himself and the Order, his time, energies and thought must go into the make-up of his plans." This report has the genuine ring, but it is evident, at the same time, that Brother Carter, Grand Chancellor of Kentucky, should have been credited with many of the ideas therein contained. The

number of new Lodges instituted for the year was four, making a total of twenty-five. The membership is now (December, 1889) 2280, increase, 379. An increase of \$1551.68 raises the balance to credit of subordinate Lodges, \$17,530.79. The amount in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer is \$688.62.

This Grand Jurisdiction has no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

The next meeting convenes at Providence, on the second Tuesday in February, 1891.

WM. METZGER, G. C., Providence.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held on the 18th and 19th February, 1890, at Charleston.

The Grand Chancellor of this Grand Lodge must be a "hustler." He reports ten new Lodges organized during his term of office, all in a "flourishing condition." This is something which our own Grand Lodge—or our next Grand Chancellor—may profitably reflect on. Each Grand Chancellor, so far, of this Jurisdiction has been content with organizing one Lodge while in office. What a contrast to South Carolina. Number of Lodges at the close of 1888, 12; in December 1889, 22. Membership at the close of the past year 1403, or a gain of 617 for the term.

The financial standing of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction is equally creditable.

A Foreign Correspondence Committee make a report of seven pages, which is hardly space enough to do justice to the 33 Journals reviewed. Our own Journal does not appear to have been received.

Next meeting will be held at Spartanburg, February 17, 1891.

W. E. JAMES, G. C., Palmetto.

P. H. WALSH, G. K. R. S., Florence.

TENNESSEE.—Nineteenth annual session held at Memphis, May 6-8, 1890.

The progress made by this Grand Jurisdiction is very modestly stated by the Grand Chancellor. "Pythianism in this Jurisdiction is in a sound and healthy condition. It is sound in the measure of its growth. It is sound and in touch with the best moving currents of the age in the character of its membership. It is sound in the philosophy of its future aims. It is, through its subordinate Lodges, solid and sound financially." He reports an increase of 13 new Lodges and one reorganized, with an increase of over 800 members. The funds and properties of subordinate Lodges amount to \$50,000.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the number of Lodges, May, 1890, to be 54—increase 14; membership, 3763—increase, 861. The exchequer of the Grand Lodge has a balance in its favor of \$4197.95, showing a gain of nearly \$1500 over the balance of last year. Five hundred dollars of this balance was placed at the disposal of the Grand Chancellor,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and sitting Past Chancellor as a fund for "extending the Order in the State."

W. G. SADLER, G. C., Nashville.

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

TEXAS.—Seventeenth annual session held at Waco, April 15-17, 1890.

Grand Chancellor Aven in his report says that "The past year has been an eventful one in our Jurisdiction, while increase of membership, material resources and the healthy condition of the Order, marks an era of progress unknown to us before. At the end of an able report he has a few words of advice to offer as to the duties of committees. Speaking of Investigating Committees, he says: "As I understand it, this committee is not only required to investigate the standing of the applicant, as evidenced by what his neighbors say of him, but should go further, and see what his employers, if any, say of him; and what his family's standing is. A great deal of carelessness is often evinced by the members of a Lodge in voting upon applications for membership. It is quite often treated as a trivial matter—of little consequence—while it is one of deep moment to the Lodge. The consequences are often of far-reaching influence. How many bright and growing Lodges have been blighted by the admission of unworthy persons. One 'tare' will destroy many stacks of wheat. The admission of the unworthy keeps the worthy from joining." This is good, sound doctrine.

The statistical tables show that the membership has increased 1580 during the past year, while the number of Lodges was 100, being a gain of 10 for the year. The surplus to the credit of Lodges was \$96,583.75, or an increase of \$33,818.04 for the year.

No Foreign Correspondence Committee heard from in this year's Journal: Try again, brothers, and let us have a report at next meeting which convenes in Dallas on the third Tuesday in March, 1891.

E. M. ALVORD, G. C., Palestine.

HENRY MILLER, G. K. R. S., Weatherford.

VERMONT—In taking up the proceedings of this Grand Lodge which met in first annual session at St. Johnsbury in May, 1890, we are reminded that our own Jurisdiction is not now the "baby" Grand Lodge of the Pythian family.

Along with the proceedings of this Jurisdiction is printed the Grand Lodge Constitution, and also a biographical sketch of the officers of Grand Lodge.

Among the committees appointed by the Grand Chancellor is one on Foreign Correspondence which we hope to hear from at the second session which convenes in the City of Rutland on the second Wednesday in October, 1890.

C. F. O. TINKER, G. C., St. Johnsbury.

WM. H. GILCHRIST, G. K. R. S., McIndoes Falls.

VIRGINIA.—The twenty-second annual meeting of Grand Lodge opened in Suffolk, on the 18th February, 1890, and continued three days in session.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report shows that the Order has not made great progress in this State. The number of Lodges in December, 1889, was 47; membership, 3096—a gain of 95 for the year. The receipts of Lodges for the year was \$23,500.99; paid for relief and current expenses, \$24,531.60. Balance on hand at close of term, \$22,459.92. The balance at the disposal of the Grand Lodge at the close of term was \$859.33.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a well prepared report and our Jurisdiction comes in for a few words of praise.

Next meeting at Roanoke, on the third Tuesday in February, 1891.

LEONARD MARBURY, G. C., Alexandria.

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

WASHINGTON.—Seventh annual session convened at Spokane Falls on May 21, 1890.

Good progress was made during the year, thirteen new Lodges and an increase in membership of 454 being the showing. The brethren seem to have had a very large number of appeals to deal with, and much of the space of the Journal is taken up with reports on the same.

We notice a Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed, but there is no report in this Journal. There was none last year either.

Next session will be held at Fairhaven on the third Tuesday in May, 1891.

M. D. SMITH, G. C., Spokane Falls.

A. BEAMER, G. K. R. S., Sprague.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twentieth annual session held at Huntington, October 8-10, 1889.

"Our Order stands to-day stronger and better than ever before," is the way Grand Chancellor Mather speaks of the Order universal in West Virginia. In addition to twelve new Lodges instituted during the year he reports also four new Divisions of the Uniform Rank. This speaks well for this Jurisdiction, which has now 40 Lodges with a membership of 1959, being a gain of 371 for the year. The finances of Grand and subordinate Lodges show decided gains for the year, which reflects credit on the business abilities of our Southern friends.

This Grand Lodge has no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Clarksburg, on the second Tuesday in October, 1890.

E. A. FROST, G. C., Wellsburg.

• MANER JENKINS, G. K. R. S., Piedmont.

WISCONSIN.—The nineteenth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, March 11, 12, 1890.

"We cannot only make one of the best showings in numbers," says Grand Chancellor Jeffris in his report, "but we are certain that the State is in a better condition for the extension of the Order than it has been for years past." This statement is corroborated by the following particulars gleaned from the Journal under review: Present number of Lodges, 56—increase 7 for the year. Membership in

December, 1889, 3406, being an increase of 337 for the year. The financial standing of this Grand Lodge is good, while the subordinate Lodges are credited with handsome surpluses in their exchequers.

There is no report from the Foreign Correspondence Committee this year. Brother Hamilton's resignation as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal may account for the omission. In bringing forth the lengthy report of last year he evidently thought he had written enough to last two years. The space used last year by Brother Hamilton's effort is this year taken up by an index to the Journal of 25 pages! which might have been judiciously condensed into four pages. The printing of their Journal last year cost Wisconsin \$339.75.

Next session convenes at Milwaukee, on the second Tuesday in March, 1891.

F. B. HOSKINS, G. C., Janesville.

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

WYOMING.—Sixth annual session held at Eyanston, September 17, 1889.

The Grand Chancellor has no new Lodges to report, but one was to be instituted about three weeks later. There are eight Lodges in this Jurisdiction (or seven when Grand Chancellor reported), and there are six Divisions of the Uniform Rank. One of the Lodges required one hundred miles travel by rail and two hundred miles by stage coach, as well as a couple of weeks time, and the Grand Chancellor considers that a sufficient excuse for not visiting it.

Here is something interesting. A Brother applied to one of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction for admission by card. The committee's report was unfavorable, and on ballot being taken he was rejected. The Lodge then adopted the following:—

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Lodge that said refusal is not made upon personal or other than purely Pythian grounds, but for the reason that Brother _____ is indulging in the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and is guilty of other immoralities which cannot fail to work lasting injury to both the Brother and the Order; also,

"Resolved, That this Lodge express its earnest wish that Brother _____ amend his ways in these particulars and that after a reasonable probation he again present his application."

The membership June 30, 1889, was 450, a net increase of nine.

Portraits of some of the Officers appear in the Journal. The Foreign Correspondence Committee give our Jurisdiction a brief notice.

Next session at Rock Springs on the third Tuesday in September, 1890.

DAVID G. THOMAS, G. C., Rock Springs.

FRANK H. CLARK, G. K. R. S., Cheyenne.

THE UNIFORM RANK.

Through the kindness of Supreme Representatives Moulson and Armstrong in forwarding us the report of Major-General Carnahan, for 1890, submitted to the Supreme Lodge at its session held in Milwaukee, in July last, we are enabled to give the members of the

Order in this Jurisdiction a few facts relative to the progress made by this branch of Pythianism.

The report shows the number of Divisions instituted since last meeting of Supreme Lodge to be 286. On the 1st of June, 1890, the number of Divisions was 760, with an aggregate membership of 29,070. Major-General Carnahan says:—

"The membership of the Knights of Pythias are realizing more and more each year that the purpose of this Rank is not to take away the interest that clusters about the castle halls, but, on the contrary, that its great object and aim, its mission, is to make conquests for the Order in general, and to increase the hosts that gather about our altars. Not only has the increase in the number of new Divisions been very large, but the annual reports that have been received for the Pythian year, which ended February 19, 1890, show a very marked increase in the membership of the older Divisions."

Speaking of the men who compose this great Pythian army, he says:—

"It is the greatest organization on this continent to-day for the class of men who compose the organization of Knights of Pythias. The great body of Knights are men of moderate means. They, for the most part, are of the middle classes—earnest, honest men; men of strength of body and mind; men of large, warm hearts, and full of noble purposes; men of character and respectability, but they are not rich men. They toil with muscle or brain to support the families dependent upon them, and each dollar earned has a full par value in the hands of the Knight."

The proposal to have a change of title of this Rank, is thus referred to by General Carnahan:—

"Names by the score have been suggested, and I am convinced that the present name of the Rank is more satisfactory than any that can now be adopted. Every one has had an opportunity to speak and manifest his interest in the Rank, and I am satisfied that the discussion has been of benefit to the Rank, and that now the name will stand for all time to come. Great fear had been expressed before this question was agitated, lest there would be changes made in the uniform, thus entailing expense upon the Rank, and now it does seem by the unanimity of feeling and views on the subject that there will be no change of name, and therefore there will be no need of, and there should not be, any change in any portion of the uniform. The universal expression on this subject is one of the matters I have used in my work, during the past two years, to show the stability of the Rank, stating that where the membership were so thoroughly agreed the Supreme Lodge would make no change. I think I can say without contradiction that there will be no change of the name of the Uniform Rank. So it was christened, and so it will ever be known."

This decision will do much towards increasing the popularity of the Rank in our own Jurisdiction. A still more gratifying announcement to us would be that permitting the use of British drill in Canadian Divisions. Many of our members are familiar with this drill and find a change to that prescribed extremely awkward. And to insist that drill must be uniform in the two countries means an obstacle in the way of the extension of the Uniform Rank in Canada which will seriously interfere with the growth and prevent a continuing popularity. The change was suggested by Representatives Moulson and Armstrong at the last session of Supreme Lodge, but it was not favorably entertained. It is to be hoped a further consideration of the matter will result in the granting of this very generally expressed desire of Canadian Knights.

J. C. H.

Supreme Representatives' Report.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.
PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII.

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

Your Representatives attended the sixteenth session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World, which was opened at Milwaukee on July 8th last. At 10 o'clock, a. m., the Officers and Representatives marched to the Exposition Building, where addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Peck for the city, Governor Hoad for the State of Wisconsin, and Grand Chancellor Hoskins for the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

Owing to the absence of Supreme Chancellor Ward, and Supreme Vice Chancellor Shaw being a resident of the State, Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, responded for the Supreme Lodge, after which the Officers and Representatives proceeded to the Turner Hall, which had been secured for the Supreme Lodge.

Previous to opening, Representative Essex, of Arkansas, on behalf of Ozark Lodge, No. 15, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, delivered to Supreme Vice Chancellor Shaw a beautiful gavel, a present to Supreme Chancellor Ward. It being the desire of Ozark Lodge that the session of the Supreme Lodge be opened with the gavel, Acting Supreme Chancellor Shaw therewith called the Lodge to order, and in a neat speech thanked the donors for the beautiful gift.

After the roll was called, Representative Blackmer, of California, was appointed by the Chair to fill the office of Supreme Vice Chan-

cellor for the session. Representative Lee, of Rhode Island, was re-elected Official Reporter.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, and telegraphed to Supreme Chancellor Ward :—

Whereas, By the serious accident which befell our Supreme Chancellor on his journey to visit the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, we are deprived of his official and personal presence with us to-day, at the opening session of this Supreme Lodge ; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby extend to him our deepest sympathy and regret at the unfortunate circumstance which deprives us of the benefit and pleasure of the presence of the beloved head of our Order ; and be it also

Resolved, That we send to him by telegram this expression of our fraternal sympathy and sincere brotherly regard.

The following reply was received from Supreme Chancellor Ward, and ordered printed in the minutes :—

Newark, N. J., July 9, 1890.

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

"Telegram received ; profound gratitude fills my heart by this evidence of confidence and regard of Supreme Lodge."

WILLIAM WARD,
Supreme Chancellor.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted their report, giving the names of the Past Grand Chancellors entitled to receive the Rank. Those in waiting were admitted and received the Rank.

Past Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry, the oldest living Past Supreme Chancellor, was invited to a seat on the platform, and after being introduced made an appropriate speech in recognition of the honor.

REPORT OF SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

We take the following from the report of the Supreme Chancellor :—

BRETHREN :—Again, through the care and goodness of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble in the capacity of Supreme Lodge to legislate for the best interests of our beloved Order ; to look into the familiar faces of those who have grown very dear to us through association, and to extend the word of welcome and cheer to the new Supreme Representatives. In view of the universal harmony that prevails, and the wonderful increase of membership during the past two years, we have good cause for congratulation, while a deep sense of gratitude to our Divine Master should be evidenced in devout thanksgiving to Him. But with the rejoicing and gladness there is mingled sorrow and

pain as we realize there are vacant places. Some of the loved faces who were with us at the last session are not here to-day; those who, in their daily lives, exemplified the highest type of knighthood and true manhood have been called by the Supreme Chancellor of the Universe to "come up higher."

He then refers to the death of Justus H. Rathbone, the Founder of the Order, and that of Past Supreme Chancellor Samuel Read, the first Supreme Chancellor by service. The deceased Brother had the honor of instituting the first Lodge organized outside of the United States, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, of this city. Those who met him on that occasion will with pleasure remember him. He also refers to the death of Supreme Representatives Adolph Brandt, of Georgia, and that of Supreme Representative William Berry, of Connecticut.

After referring to the Order in Pennsylvania, appeals for aid, revision of Supreme Lodge Digest, silver anniversary, Grand Lodges organized, local insurance organizations, Endowment and Uniform Rank, and other matters, he closes with the following:—

I cannot close this report without expressing to the Brethren of the Order my appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me in being accepted as their leader during the past two years.

My warmest thanks are due R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, for his cordial and effective cooperation in all matters connected with his office, and I desire to say that no office can show a more perfect system and perfection in detail than the office now under his brilliant management.

The books of Stansbury J. Willey, Supreme Master of Exchequer, are the very acme of accuracy and beauty, and in him the Order has an Officer of incalculable value.

William B. Gale, Chairman of Committee on Law and Supervision, has placed me under an indebtedness which I shall ever remember for the continuous assistance rendered me in all legal matters. During my administration his services were at my disposal at all times whenever required, and I herewith tender to him my sincere acknowledgement for his valuable counsel.

As I now lay down the power vested in me as Supreme Chancellor, I do so with a consciousness that, in so far as I could comprehend the right, I have done it without fear or favor. If wrong or error in any sense has been committed, it was not so designed. Unselfishly, devotedly and untiringly I have performed the duty allotted me, and my acts are now subject to your review.

Onward and upward is the living characteristic of our beloved Order. May it remain so as long as there is a sorrowing heart to cheer, as long as there is a needy one to aid, as long as the Divine Master says, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Fraternally yours.

WILLIAM WARD,

Supreme Chancellor.

DECISIONS. RENDERED BY SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following were approved by the Supreme Lodge :—

In case of a knight under indictment for murder, is it obligatory on the lodge of which he is a member to await the result of the trial in the criminal courts before proceeding to try him under our laws?

Answer: No. The law reads as follows: "The simple indictment for a criminal offence by a grand jury would not justify a lodge in proceeding against the alleged offender, but this shall not be construed to prevent the lodge in proceeding against the brother before the trial in the courts."

If a brother presents a properly signed and sealed order for the S. A. P. W. to a Chancellor Commander and requests the Chancellor Commander to instruct him in the rank password also, is it lawful for him to do so?

Answer: No, it is not lawful unless a properly signed order for the same is presented. The law reads as follows: "It is not proper, however, for a Chancellor Commander to instruct a visiting brother in the rank password without a proper order therefor, and this notwithstanding the fact that such brother may have the S. A. P. W." (Journal 1878—1,508, 1,607.)

Does it require a ballot for advancement in the ranks?

Answer: Yes. The ballot in the first instance is for initiation only, and a ballot is requisite for further advancement in the ranks, each rank requiring a separate and distinct ballot.

A Page initiated, and made such in a subordinate lodge, changes his residence and desires to become a member of a lodge in a distant part of the same jurisdiction. Must he obtain a withdrawal card from the lodge where he was made a Page, or can we initiate him again and give him the three ranks?

Answer: He must obtain a withdrawal card from the lodge that conferred the rank of Page upon him, with his ranks stated upon it, and present it for the consideration of the lodge which he desires to become a member of.

A knight fails to pay his dues on the last meeting night in June, also fails to do so on or before the last meeting night of the lodge in September; but on the last meeting night of December he pays his dues, together with all arrearages. In January he is taken sick, and is incapacitated for several weeks. Is he entitled to weekly sick benefits? I enclose the Grand Chancellor's letter in reply to the above, from whose decision I appeal to you.

Answer: In reply to yours, I would say that the Supreme Lodge provides for a payment of one dollar per week sick benefits as a minimum sum that must be paid from the moment the brother is square upon the books, having paid all indebtedness. Supreme Lodge law makes the payment of one dollar a week sick benefits obligatory; local law governs the payment of any amount in excess of it.

A member having charges preferred against him, whose dues are paid in advance, and said charges being sustained, with a verdict of guilty; and he suspended, is the lodge compelled to pay back the amount of dues paid in advance, or does he forfeit them?

Answer: He does not forfeit the dues paid, neither is the lodge compelled to return them, but will retain them until the expiration of suspension (which is only temporary, and by his own act), at which time full credit of said payment shall be made by the lodge.

Can fines and assessments aggregating a sum equal to one year's dues, and not paid to a lodge by a brother, make him liable to suspension the same as for the non-payment of dues for the period of twelve months?

Answer: Yes, they can. The following is the law: "Fines and assessments levied in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutions of the Subordinate Lodges working under the control of the Supreme Lodge, and duly approved by the Supreme Chancellor, or Subordinate Lodge Constitutions provided by their Grand Lodge, and duly approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, may be charged up and operate as dues, so as to render the delinquent member liable to suspension."

A brother in arrears for dues sends in the amount due during his sickness, and becomes square on the books; he afterward dies. Is his family entitled to receive his sick benefits and funeral expenses?

Answer: The funeral benefits must be paid, and those only. The following is the law: "A member who is in arrears when taken sick, pays up his dues, and then dies; in such case funeral benefits must be paid by his Lodge."

What is the status of a withdrawal card dated 1873?

Answer: The same law will apply to that withdrawal card as applies to withdrawal cards issued now—"good until revoked or deposited."

A Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, desirous of issuing an appeal for aid to be sent to other Jurisdictions, obtains the approval and dispensation of the Grand Chancellor of its own Jurisdiction; is the dispensation of the Supreme Chancellor, authorizing it to be done, also required?

Answer: No, it does not require the endorsement of the Supreme Chancellor. Other Jurisdictions exercise their own discretion of approval or disapproval.

Can a Brother holding a withdrawal card be admitted into a Division of the Uniform Rank.

Answer: No. He can not be admitted, because he does not hold membership in any Subordinate Lodge. (See Article iii, Section 1, Constitution for Subordinate Divisions.)

The following were amended:

Is it legal to wear the jewel of the order on Pythian day?

Answer: Yes, it is legal to wear the jewel of the Order on funeral or public Pythian occasions.

Supreme Lodge amended answer to read: It is legal to wear the Jewel of the Order on funeral or public Pythian occasions only.

Has a Subordinate Lodge of the Knights of Pythias the right to charge ten dollars admission fee for the three Ranks and refund or donate four dollars back to the applicant, making the actual cost six dollars?

Answer: No, a Subordinate Lodge has no right to donate to the candidate four dollars of the ten dollars received for conferring the three Ranks.

Decision amended by striking out "four dollars" and inserting "any part."

Upon an application for initiation being received by a Lodge, must one week elapse between the appointing of the investigating committee and the acceptance of the report of said committee by the Lodge?

Answer: An application can be received, committee appointed, and said committee can report, and that report acted on and the candidate balloted for, all on the same evening of a regular session. One week must elapse between the application and the conferring of the Initiatory Rank of Page.

Supreme Lodge decided that it was a matter for local legislation.

Is the applicant herewith described eligible to membership in the order? His grandmother was an Indian, her husband was a white man, their son married a white woman, their son is the present applicant for membership.

Answer: No. The statement made regarding his ancestry makes it very clear to my mind that he does not come under the true interpretation of "white," therefore not eligible to membership.

Approved, but that all of the answer after word "no" should be omitted.

In the case of a new Lodge, do any of the officers elected, with the exception of the P. C. elect and C. C. elect, take the rank of P. C. at the expiration of their first term of office?

Answer: I would say that the sitting Past Chancellor and Chancellor Commander are the only ones to receive the Rank and title of Past Chancellor. The law reads: "At the formation of a new Lodge the charter members select the Past Chancellor, or any Knight in good standing may be elected to that office, but afterwards the outgoing Chancellor Commander takes the position of Past Chancellor, and upon the instalation of his successor as Chancellor Commander is entitled to the Rank and title of Past Chancellor."

Supreme Lodge decided it was a matter for local legislation.

Have the Subordinate Lodges, in the case of a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and applying for reinstatement, the right, if they desire, to charge that brother the amount charged against him at the time of suspension, and in addition thereto a sum equal to the dues that would have accrued during such suspension, or can they only charge him the amount against him at the time of such suspension?

Answer: "A member who is one year in arrears shall be declared suspended, provided said member is not under charges." If suspended, not entitled to benefits, therefore no dues can be exacted. The charge for dues cannot extend beyond the time of suspension.

Supreme Lodge decided answer should be "Yes, if provided by local legislation."

For what length of time in advance can an order for the S. A. P. W. be legally issued?

Answer: An order for the S. A. P. W. can be given for a period of six months from the date of the order, and no longer. Said order has full force and effect during the said six months.

On motion the above question was laid upon the table.

REPORT OF SUPREME KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

We extract the following from the report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal:—

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World:—

I have the honor herewith to submit a report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1890.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the Order universal. At no previous period in our history have there been as many Grand Lodges, as many Subordinate Lodges, or as many Knights of Pythias, as there are today; and the financial condition of all branches of the Order is equally gratifying.

The number of members, December 31, 1889, was 263,847, and the number of Subordinate lodges, 3,724—being a net gain, during the calendar year, of 53,522 members and 431 lodges, and a gain, during the past two years, of 54,898 members and 709 lodges.

In this connection, permit me to recall the prophecy contained in the report which I presented at your last session—that “*of the next Supreme Lodge will be devolved the responsibility of legislating for a magnificent army of a quarter of a million of Knights.*” This prophecy has been more than fulfilled—for, when the increase of membership since December 31 is added to the 263,847 reported at that date, there can be no reasonable doubt that the legislation of this session will affect fully 275,000 Knights of Pythias.

December 31, 1889, the aggregate amount in the treasuries of the Grand Lodges was \$115,952.03, and in those of the Subordinate Lodges \$1,755,203. The amount paid for relief during the year reached the magnificent total of \$789,455.53, and for the two years, \$1,497,435.66.

The financial condition of the Supreme Lodge continues to be most gratifying. At the close of the fiscal year, there was in the hands of the Supreme Master of Exchequer nearly \$28,000, which, together with the amount due from Grand Lodges—about \$4,000—and the value of the supplies on hand, all of which had been paid for—about \$6,500—made your aggregate assets nearly \$40,000, with liabilities amounting to less than \$250.

The usual statistical tables are appended to this report. To the statements which are given below, showing the comparative rank as to gains or losses of membership of the various grand jurisdictions, I respectfully ask your especial attention. They should, and doubtless will, prove of interest to every Knight of Pythias who has at heart “*the good of the order.*”

GAINS OR LOSSES OF GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

The appended table shows the actual net gain or loss of membership in each Grand Jurisdiction, during the year 1889:

1—Ohio.....	Gain, 5582	25—Georgia.....	Gain, 393
2—Indiana.....	“ 3240	26—New Jersey.....	“ 357
3—Illinois.....	“ 2707	27—Rhode Island.....	“ 345
4—Iowa.....	“ 1756	28—Wisconsin.....	“ 337
5—Pennsylvania.....	“ 1748	29—Connecticut.....	“ 292
6—Texas.....	“ 1580	30—New Hampshire.....	“ 266
7—Kansas.....	“ 1274	31—Dakota.....	“ 215
8—Missouri.....	“ 1225	32—District of Columbia.....	“ 193
9—Michigan.....	“ 977	33—North Carolina.....	“ 153
10—Massachusetts.....	“ 954	34—California.....	“ 109
11—Louisiana.....	“ 874	35—Oregon.....	“ 81
12—Tennessee.....	“ 863	36—Delaware.....	“ 66
13—Colorado.....	“ 862	37—Maritime Provinces.....	“ 61
14—Alabama.....	“ 816	38—Florida.....	“ 58
15—Minnesota.....	“ 763	39—Montana.....	“ 52
16—Kentucky.....	“ 689	40—Utah.....	“ 46
17—New York.....	“ 642	41—Virginia.....	“ 44
18—Arkansas.....	“ 616	42—Maryland.....	“ 25
19—West Virginia.....	“ 565	43—Wyoming.....	“ 23
20—Nebraska.....	“ 530	44—Arizona.....	“ 11
21—Washington.....	“ 474	45—New Mexico.....	Loss, 7
22—Maine.....	“ 451	46—Nevada.....	“ 28
23—South Carolina.....	“ 425	46—Ontario.....	“ 28
24—Mississippi.....	“ 411		

The following table shows the percentage of net gain or loss of membership in each Grand Jurisdiction, during the year 1889:

	per cent.		per cent.
1—South Carolina.....	Gain, 47.97	25—Maritime Provinces.....	Gain, 13.68
2—Colorado.....	“ 46.05	26—Massachusetts.....	“ 13.33
3—Texas.....	“ 39.58	27—Utah.....	“ 12.07
4—Alabama.....	“ 38.65	28—New Hampshire.....	“ 11.51
5—West Virginia.....	“ 33.33	29—Wisconsin.....	“ 10.98
6—Arkansas.....	“ 32.30	30—Nebraska.....	“ 10.84
7—Minnesota.....	“ 30.27	31—Florida.....	“ 10.38
8—Tennessee.....	“ 29.71	32—Connecticut.....	“ 8.91
9—Dakota.....	“ 27.53	33—Maine.....	“ 6.41
10—Kentucky.....	“ 25.98	34—Delaware.....	“ 6.35
11—Illinois.....	“ 25.39	35—Oregon.....	“ 5.89
12—Ohio.....	“ 24.44	36—Montana.....	“ 5.46
13—Washington.....	“ 23.52	37—Wyoming.....	“ 5.19
14—Georgia.....	“ 22.34	38—New York.....	“ 4.81
15—Indiana.....	“ 22.10	39—Pennsylvania.....	“ 4.45
16—Mississippi.....	“ 21.63	40—New Jersey.....	“ 3.79
17—Louisiana.....	“ 20.95	41—Arizona.....	“ 2.95
18—North Carolina.....	“ 20.87	42—Virginia.....	“ 1.44
19—District of Columbia.....	“ 20.27	43—California.....	“ 1.07
20—Michigan.....	“ 20.12	44—Maryland.....	“ 0.37
21—Missouri.....	“ 19.32	45—New Mexico.....	Loss, 1.10
22—Rhode Island.....	“ 17.83	46—Ontario.....	“ 2.88
23—Iowa.....	“ 17.11	47—Nevada.....	“ 3.45
24—Kansas.....	“ 16.71		

As heretofore noted, neither of the tables above, when taken alone, affords an

entirely equitable method of arriving at the comparative rank which should be given the various Grand Jurisdictions as to gains of membership. On the one hand, a large Jurisdiction, having an extended territory and dense population from which to obtain new members, may make a gain which, while numerically large, will only be a small per cent of its original membership; and, on the other hand, a small Jurisdiction, gaining only a few members, may show a large percentage of increase. Probably the fairest method would be to combine the two tables and take the average, thus ascertaining the rank as obtained from a consideration of both the actual and the relative increase. Estimated by this method, the Grand Jurisdictions are entitled to rank as under :

1—Texas	21—Nebraska
2—Ohio	22—(District of Columbia
3—Illinois	North Carolina
4—Colorado	23—(Maine
5—Indiana	New York
6—Alabama	24—Wisconsin
7—Tennessee	25—New Hampshire
8—Minnesota	26—Connecticut
Arkansas	27—Maritime Provinces
9—(South Carolina	28—New Jersey
West Virginia	29—Utah
10—Kentucky	30—Florida
11—Iowa	31—(Delaware
12—Louisiana	Oregon
13—(Michigan	32—Montana
Missouri	33—California
14—Kansas	34—Wyoming
15—Washington	35—Virginia
16—Massachusetts	36—Arizona
17—Georgia	37—Maryland
18—(Dakota	38—New Mexico
Mississippi	39—Ontario
19—Pennsylvania	40—Nevada
20—Rhode Island	

IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to draft suitable resolutions in memory of our deceased Brother and Founder of this Order, Past Supreme Chancellor Justus H. Rathbone.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the foregoing resolution submitted the following, which was adopted by a rising vote :—

To the Supreme Chancellor, Knights of Pythias, of the World :—

Your Special Committee beg leave to submit the following :—

JUSTUS H. RATHBONE,
FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

Some men come and go and leave no more trace on the sands of time than

does the swallow in its flight. They die and are soon forgotten. Others "shuffle off this mortal coil," but leave no trackless sea behind. Their lives and their deeds tell upon our destiny for all coming time. The Founder of the Order, all honor to his name! His life work has left its imprint, and through the ages that go down to eternity mankind will remember and bless the spirit, the genius, and the man. He has left a heritage of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence to bless, comfort and solace the weak, the suffering and the needy. No words can add laurels to the fame so nobly won. The marble shaft erected to mark the spot where all that is mortal rests shall by the ravages of time decay and crumble, but the monument of memory to his noble deeds shall live forever in the hearts of the people wherever the Pythian Banner floats or a kindly act is done in the spirit of the tenets of our Order. Few indeed are they of whom it can be truly said, "They left the world better than they found it." When such men pass away we bow our heads in silence, and, with hearts too full to weep, we clasp the hands of those who knew them, and with choked utterance express the volume of our loss. With a heart overflowing with love for his countrymen, he it was who first conceived the grand idea of a Fraternal Order whose mission it would be to cross the blackened and desolated fields where fratricidal strife had held her carnival and erect, in every city, village and hamlet of this great land, altars dedicated to Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

"Requiescat in Pace."

His good deeds live after him; let his faults, if any, be buried in the shroud which encircles his lifeless clay, and hide from memory's sight all that was human. JUSTUS H. RATHBONE! His monument is in the hearts of men, garlanded by the blessings of the widow and orphan, and will tower higher and higher as years roll on and men more fully know and understand his work.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FOUNDER OF
THE ORDER.

The following was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Upon the death of "The Founder of the Order," he left two motherless children, Sarah Rathbone and Lulu Rathbone, who are dependent upon their own exertions for a livelihood,

And Whereas, Their father died without property;

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Supreme Lodge hereby directs that they each be paid the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars at the end of every quarter in each year, as long as they remain unmarried, and that the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal draw his warrant for said amounts in their favor at the end of every said quarter, on the Supreme Master of Exchequer.

The Committee to whom the foregoing resolution was referred made the following report, which was adopted, 39 to 25:—

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World:—

Your Committee on Finance would recommend that the resolution introduced

by Representative Brayton, of Rhode Island, be adopted, and that payments date from July 1st, 1890.

It was moved to reconsider.

It was then moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was lost.

The motion to reconsider then prevailed, and report of the Committee was taken up.

It was moved to make the sum named Seventy-five Dollars, instead of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. The roll call was made and the motion to lay on the table was, yeas 37, nays 44.

The following substitute was offered for the report of the Committee, and was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Supreme Chancellor be and is hereby instructed to inquire into the pecuniary condition of the daughters of Justus H. Rathbone, and if assistance is needed, to relieve their necessities. He is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to draw from the treasury of the Supreme Lodge so much as may be needed for such purpose, which sum is hereby appropriated.

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLORS INVITED TO INSTAL OFFICERS OF
SUPREME LODGE.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Whereas, The occasion being opportune by the fact that all the living Past Supreme Chancellors, by service, are present at this session of the Supreme Lodge, which unusual and fortunate event is not likely to occur again at any future session of this body ;

Therefore Resolved by this Body, That the Past Supreme Chancellors by service present be requested to perform the duties of Installation, at such time as may be fixed therefor.

PROPOSED PYTHIAN HOME, OR INFIRMARY, AT HOT SPRINGS,
ARKANSAS.

The Representatives of Arkansas presented memorials from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas favoring the founding of a Pythian Home, or Infirmary, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to be the property of and under the control and supervision of the Supreme Lodge, for the benefit of the sick of the entire Order who may visit Hot Springs for treatment. The memorialists claim that the sick would thereby be saved forty per cent. of the present cost. They propose that a call be made through or under the sanction of the Supreme Lodge, for contributions with which to erect and equip the house. They say "50 cents per capita would rear a princely institution, which would be a mon-

ument to Pythian charity and benevolence for all time." We feel fully warranted in saying that the local Lodges will contribute not less than \$1,000, and the people from \$3,000 to \$5,000, in support of the enterprise."

The memorial was referred to a special committee of three to report at the next session.

PROPOSED SANITARIUM AND HOME, AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

The Representatives of Florida presented the following resolutions of Montifore Lodge, No. 2, of Jacksonville, Florida, endorsed by the Grand Lodge of that state:—

Whereas, Montifore Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of the city of Jacksonville, and of the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida, fully appreciating the incalculable benefit to our beloved Order in our state and the Pythian World at large, do hereby

Resolve, That we establish in this, our beautiful city, with its world wide reputation as a health resort, a suitable edifice, to be dedicated and devoted as a Sanitarium and Home for our visiting Brothers and for Pythian uses;

Resolved, therefore, That we request as an individual donation from our Brother Knights of the Pythian world the sum of twenty-five cents for the purposes aforesaid;

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the Grand and Supreme Lodges' power and jurisdiction in such matters, and that we bow in humble obedience thereto;

Wherefore, we further Resolve, That we do hereby humbly pray and entreat the Grand Lodge of Florida, and through them the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, to endorse our action herein and to join with us in this our earnest appeal.

They were referred to special Committee. The Committee recommended the approval and endorsement thereof, and the Supreme Lodge adopted their report.

PROPOSED PYTHIAN SCHOOL OR COLLEGE AT GALLATIN, TENNESSEE.

Representatives of Tennessee presented the following resolution, which was referred to a committee of three:—

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, concerning the establishment of a Pythian School at Gallatin, Tennessee, be referred to a special Committee of three, to be appointed by the Supreme Chancellor, to consider and report upon said proposition.

The following report of Committee was adopted:—

Your Committee on Pythian School, after careful consideration of the proposition of Rowena Lodge, Gallatin, Tenn., and of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee,

regarding a Pythian College, present the following report and recommend its adoption :—

Your Committee heartily approve and endorse the proposition of Rowena Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to establish a Pythian School, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Order universal. The Committee recommend that the executive committee of said School—composed of three members of Rowena Lodge and two members of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee—and its agents or representatives, be permitted to call on Subordinate Lodges and Grand Lodges of the Order, wherever situated, for financial aid in the endowment and building up of said School.

Your Committee also recommend that the institution be incorporated under the laws of Tennessee and named the "Pythian College," by and with the consent of this body.

In making this report your Committee wish it distinctly understood that the Supreme Lodge assume no legal or financial responsibility in connection with the establishment or maintenance of this School ; but to aid in its establishment on a firm basis, and to encourage Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Brother Knights to contribute toward its success, we recommend that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made by this Supreme Lodge to that worthy object.

PYTHIAN TEMPLE.

Representatives from the District of Columbia presented a preamble and the following resolution, which was referred as requested :—

Resolved, That a special Committee of seven members be appointed by the Supreme Chancellor, whose duty it shall be, after communicating with the several Grand Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Lodge, to consider the propriety and practicability of the purchase of a site at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, for the erection of a Pythian Temple, to be the permanent headquarters of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World.

The Committee recommended that the matter be submitted to the several Grand Lodges, to ascertain their views on the question, and their report was adopted.

NEW DIGEST.

The Digest now in use was considered incomplete, incorrect, misleading, and wholly without merit as a Digest. It was decided that a special Committee be appointed to compile a Digest. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal was directed to withdraw from sale the Digest now in use.

ORDER FOR S. A. P. W.
(*Must be upon back of Official Receipt.*)

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, No order for the Semi-Annual Pass-Word shall be recognized unless it be upon the back of the official receipt; and Chancellor Commanders, before communicating the word, shall, in every instance, satisfy themselves by a thorough examination that the person presenting the order is the one whose name appears therein.

PURCHASE OF JEWELS.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That any Grand or Subordinate Lodge of the Order desiring to present to any member of the Order an official jewel of rank, of a quality or value different from those kept in stock by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, be permitted to procure the same from any manufacturer, paying to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal ten per cent. of the cost of such jewel, and that upon such payment the Seal of the Supreme Lodge be impressed upon such jewel.

PROTECTION FROM INFRINGEMENT OF NAME, ETC.

The following resolution was offered, which was referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision :—

Resolved, That the Committee on Law and Supervision be instructed to report the proper law for protection from infringement of the Name, Ritual and Emblem of the Order.

The following is the report of Committee, which was adopted :—

Your Committee to whom, at 10.07, a. m., this last day of the session, was referred Doc. 278, [the foregoing resolution,] report that the question should be carefully considered and a well prepared act be drafted. The short time remaining will not allow the Committee to give the attention necessary to do this, and therefore they recommend that the document and subject matter thereof be referred by the Supreme Chancellor to the incoming Committee on Law and Supervision for consideration, and that they be instructed to make report to the Supreme Chancellor at the earliest practicable date, and when he approves the law reported, the same shall be in force.

PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

The Representatives of Indiana offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Committee on Law and Supervision be required to report to this session of the Supreme Lodge its decision in which it disapproved an amendment made and submitted to that Committee by the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana, to her Constitution, in which that Jurisdiction prohibited any person from becoming a member of the Order who is engaged in the sale or traffic of intoxicating liquors.

The Committee reported :—

The law requiring the Committee on Law and Supervision to pass upon Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions does not require that the Committee should keep a record of their action, hence none was kept, therefore, it is impossible for this Committee to report its decisions disapproving any part or the whole of any amendment, submitted to them, to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Upon which the Representatives of Indiana presented the following :—

Resolved, That the decision of the Committee on Law and Supervision, in which it decides that an amendment of the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana, prohibiting any person engaged in the sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors from joining the Order in that Jurisdiction, is unconstitutional and void, be not concurred in by this Supreme Lodge ; and be it

Further resolved, That same subject is a matter of local legislation for the Grand Lodge.

The Chair ruled that the first resolution was out of Order, and that the second was in order.

On roll call the second resolution was lost ; yeas 42, nays 44.

On roll call, the report of the Committee failed of adoption ; yeas 32, nays 34.

It was moved to reconsider the vote on the resolution of the Representatives of Indiana.

It was moved to lay the motion on the table. The roll was demanded, and the vote to lay the motion on the table was lost ; yeas 43, nays 44.

The roll was called on the motion to reconsider, and the motion prevailed ; yeas 50, nays 40.

A vote on the original motion was then taken, on roll call, and it was adopted ; yeas 56, nays 34. Grand Lodges may, therefore, debar persons engaged in the liquor business from becoming members in their respective Jurisdictions.

The following resolution, passed by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was presented, and lies over, under the rules :—

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, at its annual meeting, held in the city of St. Paul, Minn., September 10 and 11, 1889, that the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, be so amended as to read : That wholesale, retail dealers and bar tenders of intoxicating drinks be, and are hereby debarred from becoming members of the Order of Knights of Pythias ; and would ask that such laws be made for ever 'debarring such

applicants from admission to the Order. Therefore, the Supreme Representatives of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota, in compliance with the above resolution, do now and at this time introduce the same.

ADMITTING KNIGHTS AS SPECTATORS TO GRAND LODGE MEETINGS.

A resolution was offered asking the Supreme Lodge to grant such legislation as would enable Grand Lodges to admit Knights as spectators at their meetings. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision, who reported against the adoption of the resolution. Their report was adopted.

SERVICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

A service for use on Memorial Day was submitted, referred to the Committee on written work, and their report being favorable it was adopted.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The time appointed for the observance of Memorial Day not being suitable for this Jurisdiction, your Representatives offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Order outside of the United States may observe Memorial Day at such time as is most convenient and practicable.

The Committee on State of the Order, to whom the foregoing resolution was referred, made the following report, and it was adopted:—

Resolved, That the words "the second week in June" be stricken out of the last line of the law on Pythian Memorial Day, as found on page 4598, Journal of Proceedings, 1887-88, and the following be inserted instead:—"That climate and circumstances make most desirable."

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In addition to several other amendments to the Supreme Lodge Constitution, the following were made:—

Sub-division 8, Section 2, Article VIII, Subordinate Lodge Constitution was amended so as to require applicants to be residents of the Jurisdiction in which they make application, for at least six months next preceding.

Sub-division 9 was amended so that investigating committees cannot report at the same meeting as application is received (except when dispensation is granted).

Sub-division 21 was amended so as to read:—"In arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues."

LODGE REGALIA.

Lodges having red collars may use them for Knights, but no more Knights' collars shall be procured.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS' RANK.

The Constitution was so amended that the Rank of Past Grand Chancellor can only be attained by service as Grand Chancellor or by service as Grand Vice-Chancellor to fill a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor, or by election as Supreme Representative at the institution of a Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE RETURNS—PENALTY IF NOT MADE BY FIRST OF APRIL.

Each Grand Lodge shall make out and forward to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, on the blank furnished by him for that purpose, and in strict accordance with the form therein prescribed, on or before the first day of April of each year, a report of its work and business. For every day which shall elapse between the first day of April and the time when the report and Supreme Representatives' Tax is received by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, there shall be a fine of one dollar per day, and the Jurisdiction shall not be allowed representation until the tax and fine are paid.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

We take the following extracts from the report of the Supreme Secretary.

GROWTH OF THE RANK.

At the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1888, the fourth class numbered 17,204 members, with an endowment in force of \$37,361,000. The close of the following year witnessed a net increase of 1,400 members and \$2,851,000 endowment, while the fiscal year ending March 31 last shows an addition of over 3,500 new members and \$7,385,000 endowment, and a total membership of 21,255, representing nearly \$46,000,000 endowment.

It will be seen that, during the period covering this report, there has been a net increase of 4,051 members and nearly \$8,500,000 endowment.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW SECTIONS.

Two hundred and sixty-six new Sections have been organized during the two years embraced in this report. One hundred and seventy-four of these were instituted during the last fiscal year. All parts of the country, as will be seen by

reference to the roster, are represented in this list. The middle, western and northwestern states, comprising the most desirable field, having been especially active in this direction.

OLD CLASSES.

A few members still remain in the old-classes. There have been no additions since the last official report. Twelve deaths have occurred in the first, seven in the second and three in the third classes, which, with the lapses, have reduced the membership so that there remained on March 31, 1890, forty-three in the first class, sixty-two in the second, and thirty-seven in the third classes.

At the last Supreme Lodge session members of these classes over fifty years of age were granted a special privilege to join the fourth class upon regular application and satisfactory medical examination, the same as required of new members. Twelve only have availed themselves of this opportunity to make application, three of whom were unable to pass a satisfactory examination and were rejected.

EXPENSES OF THE RANK.

By reference to the itemized and classified statements of disbursements shown in this report, it will be found that the expenses of the Rank have been kept at a minimum. For the year ending March 31, 1889, the per cent. of expense to gross receipts (all classes) has been 2.58, and for the following year 2.8, or an average of 2.69 for the two fiscal years. This includes the disbursements of all items other than for death benefits.

PROMPT PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS.

The prompt payment of death benefits has done much to popularize the Rank. Under our system the monthly payment, which must be paid by members no later than the 10th of each month, and by the secretaries to this office on or before the 25th (15 days later), enables us to make payment for death losses immediately upon receipt of sufficient proof, without the delay oft necessitated under the post mortem assessment plan.

It has been observed that, when placed in competition with other fraternal societies, we have almost invariably been the first to adjust our losses. Many acknowledgments from beneficiaries, expressive of thanks for extraordinary promptness in making payment, have been received and are on file in this office.

ENDOWMENT RANK DEPOSITARY.

It is probably needless for me to refer to the great benefit that has accrued to the Rank by the establishment of an Endowment Rank Depository. The exhibit of the net savings over the former system from the beginning of its operations (August 1, 1888) to March 31, 1890, will, however, be of interest to your Board, as well as to the members of the Rank and the Order at large:

Salary formerly paid Supreme Master of Exchequer, now abolished and saved to the Rank, one year and nine months, at \$125.....	\$2,625.00
Interest on daily balances, five months, ending Dec. 31, 1888.....	909.00
Interest on daily balances, six months, ending June 30, 1889.....	1,375.00
Interest on daily balances, six months, ending Dec. 31, 1889.....	2,446.96
Interest on daily balances, three months, accrued to March 31, 1890....	1,348.00

Total saving during the twenty-one months.....\$8,704.25

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We take the following from the report of the Committee on the Endowment Rank :

To the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World.

Your committee, to whom was referred pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Supreme Secretary's report, submit the following :

The exhibits 1 to 15, inclusive, contain a detailed report of the business of this Rank for the twelfth and thirteenth years of its existence.

These itemized statements set out minutely the receipts and disbursements of the Endowment Funds and Expense Fund for the last two fiscal years, and certainly deserve a careful examination on the part of the members of this body. They afford gratifying evidence of a very satisfactory progress made by the Rank since our last session. They also show, upon the face thereof, that this Rank is again upon a sound financial footing, and too much praise cannot be awarded to the Board of Control and those associated with them for the present status of the Rank.

The report of the Board as to the resources and liabilities shows that whilst on July 1, 1888, the liabilities over and above all resources amounted to \$32,257.81 ; on June 30, 1890, the resources over and above liability amounted to \$66,548.71 ; showing a net gain for the two years of \$98,806.52. It thus appears that in this period of time order has been brought out of chaos, and from a condition of insolvency the Rank has become solvent and its success and prosperity assured.

INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

The following, which had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa was offered :

Whereas, A movement is being started by certain officers of the Endowment Rank, by the distribution of circulars and other devices, to abolish the local Iowa Knights of Pythias Insurance Association of this state, and thereby discredit the insurance of the many Knights who have sought protection under its organization, and

Whereas, The said Iowa Knights of Pythias Insurance has proved itself a boon to the Brotherhood of this state, and been the means of protecting the families of many of the members of our Order, therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Supreme Lodge be and are hereby requested to use all honorable means at the next session of the Supreme Lodge to preserve said association intact, and protect the same from any interference by said officers of the Endowment Rank, or the Supreme Lodge, believing the same to be for the best interest of the Brotherhood and maintenance of our Order in this state.

Upon this question, a majority of the Committee on Law for the Endowment Rank submitted the following report :—

Your Committee on Law for the Endowment Rank, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Board of Control relative to laws, legislation, rulings,

found on pages xiv, xv and xvi, beg leave to report, that in the matter of local organizations we find that at the session of the Supreme Lodge in 1870, (Journal of Proceedings, page 229.) the following legislation was had: "No member of the Order has the right to make use of the name of the Order, publicly, in any manner, for pecuniary benefits, except in advertising periodicals, supplies or regalia for the order." Again in the Journal of 1884, page 2,989, the Committee on Law and Supervision were instructed to enquire "by what authority persons are using the name of the Order without permission of the Supreme Lodge." On this query the committee reported, "If any one has, he has acted wholly without authority, and should be brought to justice by the Supreme Chancellor," etc.

At the session of 1886, (see Journal 1886, pages 3,302, 3,713, 3,730, and see Digest, page 113, sec. 12,) under the heading "Benefit Associations, Knights of Pythias:" "All such organizations work injuriously to the Endowment Rank and are prohibited."

In view of the above legislation, the committee recommend that the Supreme Lodge at this session so legislate as to prohibit any and all insurance organizations from doing business under the name of the Order of Knights of Pythias, except the duly organized Endowment Rank of the Order as adopted by the Supreme Lodge.

A minority of the committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee on Law for the Endowment Rank, to whom was referred so much of the report of Board of Control of the Endowment Rank as relates to the matter of local organizations engaged in the business of life insurance under the name of the Order, respectfully report, that having considered the subject they beg leave to submit the following report:

That the question of the use of the name of the Order for life insurance, or for any other purpose, is, in the opinion of the undersigned, a subject that should have been referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision of this body, for such consideration as they may determine, and we make such recommendation.

It was moved to substitute the minority report for that of the majority. The motion was lost.

The following amendment to the majority report was offered:—

And other Pythian insurance organizations now in existence, their field of operations to be confined to their respective Jurisdictions.

The following amendment to the amendment was offered, which after protracted discussion was lost by a vote of 30 yeas, 64 nays:

Amend the decision as follows: *First*, That the Supreme Chancellor and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal shall have the words Knights of Pythias, in any form or manner in which they may be constructed, copyrighted; *Second*, That no individual or association of individuals shall in future be permitted to use the words Knights of Pythias, as thus copyrighted, except as already provided

by this Supreme Lodge; *Third*, That all associations now engaged in the business of life insurance and using the name of the Order shall be required in the future to confine their operations within the territorial limits of the Grand Jurisdiction in which their head office is now located; *Fourth*, No associations using the name of the Order shall be permitted to increase the amount of their present certificates, nor shall they be permitted to issue more than one certificate to any person; *Fifth*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to affect any association using the name of the Order now in existence, engaged in the life insurance business.

The amendment was then put and lost.

It was then moved to amend the majority report by inserting the words "or any derivative of that term" after the word "Pythias," in last line but one, which was adopted by a vote of 57 yeas to 39 nays.

A Representative of North Dakota announced his intention to offer an amendment, with notice of protest for not being allowed to present it prior to the call of yeas and nays.

It was moved to reconsider the vote whereby the majority report as amended was adopted.

It was moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and it was so voted.

A Representative of Iowa, asked for and received permission to file a protest, at 3, p.m., against the action of the Supreme Lodge, in the adoption of the majority report as amended.

The protest was as follows:—

We, the undersigned Supreme Representatives, do hereby offer this our written protest against the passage and enforcement of the report of Committee on Law for the Endowment Rank, and known as Doc. No. 150, or any law or legislation that may be enacted thereunder, for the reason that the same is illegal, impairing the vested rights of local insurance associations heretofore organized and impairing the obligation of contracts heretofore entered into, and a prostitution of the power of this body.

The following resolution was offered:—

Resolved, That any and all insurance organizations using the name of the Order, other than the regular Endowment Rank organized by the Supreme Lodge, are illegal, and are hereby prohibited from continuing to use the name of the Order in conducting insurance business, and that any authority, or recognition of any society, or association, corporation, or individual, other than the Endowment Rank of the Order, which has been, is now, or may hereafter be conducting the business of life insurance in any connection with or under the name, title, emblem or device, belonging or appertaining to, or distinctive with the Order of Knights of Pythias, is without sanction or permission, and any member or members of the Order using any such name, title, emblem, device or

connection in such manner, or for any such purpose, shall, on conviction thereof, be by his or their Lodge suspended from membership of the Order. All Grand and Subordinate Lodges are hereby prohibited from either assisting, encouraging, approving, endorsing, supervising or managing any such organization.

The following substitute for the foregoing resolution was offered :

Provided, That said resolution shall not be construed so as to impair the constitutional forms of the Grand Jurisdictions, or permit them from providing such means as will enable Subordinate Lodges to increase the amount of death benefit to the families of deceased brethren.

The following substitute was also offered :

Resolved, That this Supreme Lodge does hereby again declare that any use, by members of this Order, of the words "Knights of Pythias" or "Pythian," or of words, names, language, emblem or device, germane thereto, in connection with any life insurance or endowment association or society other than the Endowment Rank, is contrary to the jurisprudence established by this Supreme Lodge, and to the laws governing the Order of Knights of Pythias; that it having come to the knowledge of this body, that members of the Order in some of the Grand Jurisdictions are connected with such organizations, this Supreme Lodge, having entire confidence and faith in the loyalty of such Knights to the Supreme Law of the Order, and not believing that any true and worthy Knight of Pythias will knowingly and willingly evade the laws of this Order or the judgment and decision of this Supreme Lodge or refuse to comply therewith, only considers it necessary at this time to call to the attention of the members of the Order, belonging to, or connected with such associations or societies, the jurisprudence and law governing this Order as above recited, and to declare that every member of the Order in any way connected with such associations or societies should sever connection therewith without delay, unless such associations or societies shall, within a reasonable time, not to exceed one year, conform their charters, constitution and laws to the letter and spirit of the laws and jurisprudence of the Order, as enacted and interpreted by the Supreme Lodge, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges are hereby prohibited from assisting, encouraging, approving, endorsing, supervising or managing any such organizations.

The first substitute was withdrawn.

On motion to adopt the second substitute, it was moved to lay it on the table. Lost, by a vote of 29 yeas to 45 nays.

The previous question was then moved and it prevailed.

The second substitute was then adopted. Yeas 49, nays 27.

A Representative of Iowa gave notice of his intention to file the following protest :—

The Supreme Representatives from Iowa file their protests to the passage of substitute offered by Representative Spearing, of Louisiana, [Doc. No. 210,] for the reasons that the same is in conflict with the organic law of this body; and

should have been submitted by way of an amendment to the charter and constitution of this body; and for the further reason that the same is illegal, and a usurpation of the functions bestowed upon this Supreme Lodge, and in direct violation of all Pythian law, and in excess of the recommendations of the Committee on Law for the Endowment Rank.

PRINTING OF ENDOWMENT RANK MATTER.

The following was adopted :—

That the proportion of expense of Lodge printing of the Journal of Supreme Lodge Proceedings properly chargeable to the Endowment Rank be paid out of appropriate funds of said Endowment Rank.

UNIFORM RANK.

The report of the Major General shows that from March 31, 1888, to June 1, 1890, 286 Divisions were instituted. The report is very lengthy and complete. He refers very fully to the question of direct representation for the Uniform Rank. For this and other matters of interest to the members of the Rank, and on which we make no comment, we refer you to his report, from which we take the following extracts :—

It affords me great pleasure to be able to say that since the Supreme Lodge session of 1888 the Uniform Rank of our Order has taken no backward step. Throughout the entire Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge this Rank has not only kept pace with the parent organization, but through the active workers in this branch of the Order, the Pythian banners have been carried into new fields, and the walls of our temple have been strengthened. The membership of the Knights of Pythias are realizing more and more each year that the purpose of the Rank is not to *take away* the interest that clusters about the Castle Halls, but, on the contrary, that its great object and aim, *its mission*, is to make conquests for the Order in general, and to increase the hosts that gather about our altars. Not only has the increase in the number of new Divisions been very large, but the annual reports that have been received for the Pythian year which ended February 19, 1890, show a very marked increase in the membership of the older Divisions. Harmony and prosperity have gone hand in hand, and nothing has come in to produce discord and disruption. Here and there we have lost a few Divisions, but in each case, so far as I have been able to learn, we have lost a Division only when the Lodge to which it was attached had grown too weak to support a Division, and in a large proportion of the cases the Lodge had surrendered its charter first, and there was no organized membership of the Order left. In many of the cases it has been reported to me that the Sir Knights of the Uniform Rank had held the charter of their Lodge by paying from their private

means not only their dues, but all the expenses necessary to maintain the Lodge, hoping against hope, until at last they were compelled to surrender. These losses have come, in most cases, from financial troubles, and in some cases in our more western towns by the entire organization migrating to other and more promising cities and towns. As compared with other bodies, our losses have been light, and our gains very largely in excess of theirs.

DECISIONS

DECISION 1. Section 11, Article iv., which provides the "whenever a Division shall cease to exist, or for any cause whatever shall have its warrant revoked or withdrawn, all the rituals, seal and supplies of whatever sort shall revert to and become the property of the Supreme Lodge; and it shall be the duty of the commander of such Division to return said property and supplies to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, or to deliver them to whomsoever may be appointed or delegated by the Major General to receive the same," refers to all the assets of a Division, books, papers, bonds, notes or money that may be held by a Division at the time it surrenders its warrant, and should be turned over as the law directs.

DECISION 2. The emblems and insignia of the Uniform Rank, including the sword and belt, belong to that Rank alone, and should not be furnished to any other person than members of the Uniform Rank. The equipping of small boys, "Mascotts," as they are termed, or young ladies as "daughters of the Division," with the Uniform and insignia of the Uniform Rank is a clear violation of the laws and decisions of the Supreme Lodge, and should not be done by any Officer, Sir Knight or Division of the Uniform Rank. It is also a clear violation of the laws and decisions of the Supreme Lodge, to sell to or equip so called "drill corps" with swords, belts and caps having thereon the insignia of the Uniform Rank.

DECISION 3. While there is no written law which requires that a Division in Indiana should procure the consent of the Brigade Commander of Michigan for the admission of an applicant who is a resident of Michigan, yet custom in the Knights of Pythias, and knightly courtesy should require that such consent should be first obtained from the Brigade Commander. And if there is a Division in the town where such applicant resides in Michigan, the consent of such Division should also be obtained. This rule is general and should apply to every State.

DECISION 4. (Par. 1.) While applicants for a new Division may agree beforehand as to who their officers shall be, yet no election is binding until the Division is instituted, and the officers are then elected.

(Par. 2.) Officers elected in a temporary organization cannot be installed at the instituting of a Division, unless the Division when instituted sees fit to ratify the choice then made, at the election held in the presence of the Instituting Officer, after the Division is instituted.

(Par. 3.) Any member of another Division desiring to go into a new Division must secure his honorable discharge from his Division, and he can then sign the application, and, on the night or day the Division is instituted, can deposit hi

discharge with the instituting Officer and be received as other charter members, and will stand on an equality with the others as to election to office, etc.

DECISION 5. When reinstated, after suspension, officers must secure new commissions, and unless recommissioned they simply rank as Sir Knights.

DECISION 6. (Par. 1.) Suspension from one's Lodge also suspends a Sir Knight or Officer from his Division, and the suspension should be entered of record by the Division at their first meeting after such suspension from the Lodge, and the facts should then be reported through the regular channels to the Major General.

(Par. 2.) A Sir Knight or Officer suspended from his Lodge has no right to attend the meetings of his Division after such suspension; he is no longer a member of the Division.

(Par. 3.) When an Officer of the Uniform Rank is suspended from his Lodge for any cause, his commission is terminated by law, and it requires no special action of the Supreme Chancellor to annul it.

DECISION 7. (Par. 1.) By the Supreme Lodge law a Sir Knight is prohibited from loaning his uniform, or any part of it, to a Knight for the purpose of assisting in the Amplified Third Rank. (See page 3,288, Journal of Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge for 1886, Decision No. 1. Again, Paragraph 5, Decision No. 9, page 4,258, of the Journal of the Supreme Lodge, for 1888. Both of these decisions have been approved by the Supreme Lodge, and are now the law governing the Rank on the subject.)

(Par. 2.) A Division, as a Division, may attend and assist a Lodge in conferring the Amplified Third Rank, the Division being in full uniform; and if any of the Council or officers of the Lodge that take part in the formation of the Council, or in the conferring of the Rank, are members of the Uniform Rank, they would have the privilege of wearing their uniforms, but none others are entitled to wear the Uniform of the Uniform Rank, nor can any Sir Knight loan his uniform for that or any other purpose to one who is not a Sir Knight of the Uniform Rank. The uniform and equipments of the Uniform Rank are as distinctive features and insignia of that Rank as the red collar is the insignia of the Third Rank, and cannot be worn except by members of the Uniform Rank.

DECISION 8. In the absence of the Brigade Commander—and one must be appointed to fill the vacancy during the absence of the Brigadier General—if the Colonels of the different Regiments have commissions bearing the same date, the Colonel whose Rank was the highest at the time and prior to the organization of the Brigade, shall have command of the Brigade. In all cases where commissioned officers of the same grade come together on duty, and their commissions bear the same date, the one whose commission and rank was the highest prior to the commissions then held by them shall be deemed the senior and ranking officer and shall command.

DECISION 9. The only rule for the guidance of Division Officers as to the good standing of members is an official receipt from the Sir Knight's Lodge showing that all dues and assessments have been paid for the term up to the time

the countersign is to be given; for instance, if, on the 19th of February, a Sir Knight presents a receipt from his Lodge showing that his dues are paid up to the first day of January, then he is in good standing and is entitled to the countersign for the term of the Uniform Rank beginning February 19th of that year. Of course, this implies, also, that he must be square on the books of his Division.

DECISION 10. The semi-annual pass-word of the Knights of Pythias cannot be taken up in a Division meeting—you take up no word excepting the countersign of the Uniform Rank. The Captain or presiding officer of a Division has no legal right to demand the *semi-annual pass-word* of the Knights of Pythias in the Armory of the Division, neither at the opening nor at any time during the session of the Uniform Rank; the only evidence of his good standing in his Lodge that is required is his official receipt for dues.

DECISION 11. The only officers entitled to vote in the election of a Brigade Commander are the Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, Surgeons and Chaplains of the several Regiments comprising a Brigade, and the Sir Knight Captains, Lieutenants and Heralds of the Division of the Brigade. Staff Officers of Brigade or Regiments have no vote in election of Brigade or Regimental Officers. Staff Officers are those officers appointed and commissioned on the recommendation of the General or Regimental Officers, and are the assistants of the General or Regimental Officers.

DECISION 12. (Par. 1.) All the commissioned officers, whether of the Field or Staff of a Regiment, or on the General Staff, must keep their membership good in their Division. They are governed by all the by-laws pertaining to a Division, in so far as the payment of dues and assessments is concerned.

(Par. 2.) By virtue of their commissions they are on detached service, and are relieved from being on Division duty unless they see fit voluntarily to enter into the drills and perform such other duty as may be found with the Division.

(Par. 3.) They could not be tried by a Court Martial organized by a Division, but would have to be tried by a General Court Martial, or by a Court Martial ordered by the General on whose Staff they may be.

DECISION 13. There is no law making it the duty of a Lodge to notify a Division whenever a member of the Lodge and Division has been suspended from his Lodge for any cause, but a Lodge should do it as an act of courtesy to the Division. If, however, it neglects to give that information, and a report of the suspension comes to the Division from some outside source that a Sir Knight has been suspended from his Lodge, then it is the duty of the Division to make official inquiry of the Lodge as to the standing of that special member.

DECISION 14. (Par. 1.) When a member of a Division is suspended for a *definite period*, as soon as the term for which he was suspended has expired, he is entitled to be placed again upon the roster of the Division and entitled to all the privileges he had as a member of the Division prior to his suspension. The re-entry of a suspended member of the Division does not, however, restore such an one to any rank or title he may have had by virtue of any commission he may have held prior to the suspension.

(Par. 2.) When members of a Division are suspended from their Division, such fact should be reported through the regular channels to the Major General for the information and guidance of all. Notice should be given to the suspended member as soon as possible after his term of suspension has expired, so that he may re-enter the Division if he so desires, and for the further reason that he may know when he again becomes chargeable for dues to the Division.

DECISION 15. A Sir Knight who has had charges preferred against him for any violation of the Pythian Law, and trial had, and been convicted, and penalty fixed, will have no right to attend the meetings, or to vote on any question, whether election of officers or anything else, during the time an appeal is pending.

DECISION 16. The session of the Supreme Lodge of 1886 provided that the United States Army Regulations should govern in all cases where there was no specific law on the subject. Under that rule, then, any Sir Knight or officer against whom charges have been preferred would be deprived of all the privileges of the Division during the pendency of those charges, and so have no right to participate in the business, or elections of a Division during such time.

DECISION 17. A Colonel who shall retire from active commission at the end of one full term of office, will be entitled to wear the uniform of his rank as such former officer, and the Jewel of Honor denoting his past service.

At his own request he shall be put upon the retired list of his subordinate Division and Regiment.

He shall have the privilege of attending the Brigade and Regimental meetings, and may participate in all their deliberations, but without vote.

He is not subject to drill, nor regular attendance at the meetings of his subordinate Division, but when in attendance upon Division meetings he would be subject to the rules of order governing such Division as other members of the Division.

On parade he has the right to wear the uniform of his past rank, and the Jewel of Honor, and will take post on the right of the line; when mounted and on parade with the Regiment he will ride to the left of the Colonel commanding. He may be detailed by the Supreme Lodge, Supreme Chancellor, the Major General, or the Brigade Commander of his Brigade, or by the Colonel of his former regiment, for any active or special duty which under ordinary circumstances would be assigned to an officer of the Rank of Colonel in active service.

DECISION 18. No officer on the retired list is authorized to take upon himself the duties incumbent upon the officer in commission. The officer in commission is the only one authorized to issue orders and command, he being subject to the commands of his superior officers in commission.

DECISION 19. A commission can only cover the period for which an officer is elected. If he is re-elected, it then become a new term of office, and he, in that case, would require another commission.

DECISION 20. The Chaplain, or any Regimental or Staff Officer, is liable to his Division for the annual dues assessed upon its members; he would not be liable for fines imposed for non-attendance at drill or meetings of the Division.

By virtue of his commission as Chaplain of the Regiment, he is on detached service, and is not compelled to attend Division meetings or drills; attends only at his pleasure. Of course it is expected he will show a commendable interest in the growth and prosperity of the Division, and that he will attend the business meetings of the Division as often as it is possible for him to do so.

DECISION 21. Commissions of Division officers all expire on the 19th of February of each year, and if an officer is re-elected he starts on an entirely new term, separate and distinct from his former term of office, and a commission issued for the year previous would not be in force for the new term to which he is elected.

DECISION 22. The Sir Knight Captain of a Division has no power of himself to levy an assessment upon the members of the Division to pay the debts of the Division, nor for any other purpose. The *Division* has full power to levy an assessment to meet Division debts or liabilities, and for any other purpose under their by-laws for which they may need money; and such assessment, when so levied, becomes due and payable from each member of the Division, and should be at once entered upon the books against the members. After such assessment is levied in the manner provided in the by-laws by the Division no member of the Division would be entitled to an honorable discharge until such assessment is paid.

DECISION 23. (Par. 1.) The matter of suspension from a Division and the granting of honorable discharges to members of a Division are provided for in Article iii., Constitution Subordinate Divisions of the Uniform Rank, and not regulated by the Division excepting as to cost of honorable discharges.

(Par. 2.) The Division can fix whatever sum it may desire as the fee for an honorable discharge. This can be done, in the absence of by-laws, at the meeting at which the application is made for honorable discharge. Until by-laws are adopted the Division may also fix, temporarily, the amount of dues to be required.

(Par. 3.) By-laws are not effective until approved by the Supreme Chancellor and Major General. (See Section 4, Article xiii., General Laws.)

(Par. 4.) Section 7, Article iii., Constitution Uniform Rank, provides for the status of members of the Uniform Rank, in so far as their standing with their Subordinate Lodge is concerned, and is not intended to prevent a Division from collecting and enforcing the payment of dues to the Division.

(Par. 5.) A Sir Knight must keep his financial standing good in his Division as well as with his Lodge, but a limit should be fixed by the by-laws of the Division beyond which no Sir Knight should pass without payment of his dues to his Division.

DECISION 24. By-laws cannot be made retroactive. By-laws become active only from the time of approval by the Major General and Supreme Chancellor and promulgation of the same by the Division to its members.

DECISION 25. (Par. 1.) A Division cannot admit applicants for the Rank,

and confer upon them the initiatory ceremonies of the Rank, unless such applicants are the owners of and are clothed in, the full uniform of the Rank.

(Par. 2.) There can be no question as to the fact that a Division that confers the Rank upon applicants without such applicants being the owners of and fully equipped in the full uniform of the Rank will forfeit its Warrant for so doing.

(Par. 3.) All acts passed by the aid of a vote of so-called members of a Division, who are not the owners of the complete uniform of this Rank, would be illegal and void.

(Par. 4.) Originally the law required that all regular meetings of a Division for business shall be in full dress; but by the action of the Supreme Lodge, at the session of 1884, and since, regular meetings for the transaction of *ordinary* business may be either in full dress uniform, or in such other uniform as the Sir Knight Captain may order for that meeting. *In meetings where the Rank is to be conferred upon applicants for membership, then all members of the Division and the applicant himself must be in full dress uniform.*

DECISION 26. A Division cannot be instituted without helmets; nor has the Supreme Chancellor or Major General the power to grant special dispensation to institute a Division in anything excepting *the full and complete uniform*, as prescribed in the General Law of the Uniform Rank for Divisions.

DECISION 27. While there is no written law in the Uniform Rank upon the subject of a resident of one Jurisdiction joining a Division in another Jurisdiction, the Supreme Lodge law governing applications for membership in Subordinate Lodges should govern in this case. The Supreme Lodge has decided that Lodges have no right to initiate residents of another Grand Jurisdiction without the consent of the Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant. (See page 580, Supreme Lodge Journal, 1872). And this decision has been reaffirmed, from time to time, by the Supreme Lodge. (Also see Supreme Lodge Constitution, Paragraphs 14 and 15, Section 2, Article viii.)

In view of these decisions and the Supreme Lodge Constitution, it is necessary for the applicant to receive permission from the Division in the town where he resides in his own Jurisdiction, should there be a Division in the town or city, and permission should also be asked from the Brigade Commander of his Grand Jurisdiction before he can become a member of a Division in another Jurisdiction.

DECISION 28. (Par. 1.) All members of Divisions, whether occupying active positions in the Division or upon special service as Regimental or Staff Officers, are liable for the regular dues and assessments as members of their respective Divisions.

(Par. 2.) Any member of a Division in good standing in his Division may be appointed upon and act upon any committee of the Division. The fact that a Sir Knight holds a commission, as a Regimental or Staff Officer, does not deprive him of any of the rights or benefits of a member of the Division. All members of the Division, in good standing, have a right to a vote and voice in all of the business meetings of the Division.

DECISION 29. (Par. 1.) No member of a Division can evade the payment of the regular dues or assessments of his Division because of an illegal ruling of the Sir Knight Captain or officer in command of the Division. He should pay his dues and assessments as levied by the Division, maintain his good standing financially with his Division; but if the ruling is believed to be wrong or erroneous, such Sir Knight should appeal to his Regimental Commander, and then through intermediate channels, if desired, to the Major General.

(Par. 2.) The fact that the Division did not suspend from membership at the end of one year's delinquency cannot be taken advantage of by the party so delinquent. If the Division was lenient in the enforcement of its claims for dues and assessments, that inured to the benefit of the member and not to the benefit of the Division. The fact that the Division has granted time in the payment of dues and assessments, does not do away with the obligation to pay them. This is a question of liability, and not a question of reinstatement, and is not in conflict with Section 6, Article iii, Constitution for Subordinate Divisions, adopted by the Supreme Lodge.

DECISION 30. Where certain Sir Knights gave their notes to a committee of Knights of their Lodge for amount of the price of their uniforms, if they refuse to meet their obligations to their brother Knights, then charges may be preferred against them in the Lodge, as Knights, for a violation of their obligation as Knights, and for refusal to meet their financial liabilities to a brother Knight. In doing this it must be done as members of the Order and not as members of the Uniform Rank. The Lodge can only deal with them as members of the Order. If the Knights to whom the notes were given are also members of the Uniform Rank, then charges may also be preferred against them in the Division for a violation of their obligation and the tenets of the Uniform Rank.

DECISION 31. A Sir Knight on detached service as a Regimental or Staff Officer, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Chaplain, or other Staff Officer or non-commissioned Staff Officer, or Sergeant Major, Quartermaster or Commissary Sergeant, is liable for his dues to his Division as any other member of his Division, and his position as such Officer is contingent upon his keeping himself in good standing in his Division, and this carries with it the payment of the regular dues assessed against members of the Division according to the by-laws.

DECISION 32. The Supreme Lodge has decided that there are but two ways that a Knight can go out of a Division, honorably and dishonorably. (1.) To go out honorably he must pay all his indebtedness and take a discharge. (2.) Any other manner of having his membership terminated, as by suspension for any cause, such as non-payment of dues, trial, conviction and expulsion, is a dishonorable discharge.

DECISION 33. (Par. 1.) A member of the Uniform Rank cannot be granted the privilege of copying the roster for the sake of getting members' names in order to send them an invitation to a saloon opening, nor for any other purpose of advertising any business. The Supreme Lodge has decided, in more than one case, that it is contrary to the laws of the Order to use its name or display its emblems for the purpose of advertising any business. To invite a Division of the

Uniform Rank to such an opening, or any other, is to use the name of the Rank and the Order for an advertising purpose, and should not be done.

(Par. 2.) No individual member of a Division, for his own purposes, has the right to look over the books of the Recorder. Section 5, Article ii., Constitution for Subordinate Divisions of the Uniform Rank, says of the Recorder, "His books and accounts shall at all times be open for inspection by the Commander and *duly authorized committee*. None others are authorized or empowered to demand an inspection of the books of the Sir Knight Recorder.

DECISION 34. Officers commissioned as Brigade, Regimental or Staff Officers, and acting as such, are deemed to be on detached service and are not liable to duty at Division drills or parades, and would not be subject to fines for non-attendance at drills or parades. This includes a parade for a funeral as well as any other parade.

DECISION 35. The Grand Chancellor of a state has no control or jurisdiction over the Uniform Rank by reason of his being Grand Chancellor, and no reports or proceedings of the Division should be sent to him. He might not even be a member of the Uniform Rank, and the forwarding of matters of the Uniform Rank to such an one would be a violation of the obligation of the Rank.

DECISION 36. Charges can only be preferred against a Sir Knight in the Subordinate Lodge, as a *member of the Order*, and not as a *Sir Knight*. Yet the misconduct of which he may have been guilty may be sufficient to base charges upon as a Sir Knight in his Division, as well as a *Knight* in his Lodge.

DECISION 37. (Par. 1.) Good standing in a Lodge of Knights of Pythias is a prerequisite to membership in the Uniform Rank, and when an officer or Sir Knight is suspended from membership by his Lodge, his membership in the Uniform Rank must cease, and at the first meeting of the Division after such suspension occurs at which notice of such suspension is given to the Division, the Sir Knight Captain of the Division should so announce to the Division, and declare his suspension from the Division.

(Par. 2.) No Court Martial is required to suspend a Sir Knight from his Division when he ceases to be a member in good standing in his Lodge. All that is required is the statement by the Sir Knight Captain, supported, if possible, by the statement of the Lodge, over its seal, and attested by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and a declaration of suspension, but all the facts should be entered of record by the Recorder.

DECISION 38. The holding of a commission in the Uniform Rank, by an officer, depends upon the *Division* to which the officer belongs keeping itself in good standing under the laws of the Supreme Lodge. Therefore, if the Division permits itself to become delinquent, and thereby suspended, or its warrant should be forfeited, that would annul the commission of all officers who happen to be members of the Division.

DECISION 39. No officer can entertain charges against his superior officer under any circumstances; much less can an officer appoint any kind of a

court to try his superior. Nor can the junior officer, on his own motion, or on the motion of all of the officers of a Regiment, assume the command and control of a Regiment and set aside the commanding officer. In any business meeting, or on the assembling of a Regiment, if the senior officer is not present, then the next in rank assumes command for that occasion; but when the duty of the particular occasion is passed, then his duty as commanding officer ceases. But on *no occasion* can the junior officer receive and entertain charges against his superior officer.

DECISION 40. An officer can not be the prosecutor or the principal prosecuting witness and also order the Court. Nor can he appoint a Court of Inquiry in his own behalf.

DECISION 41. No mere election makes an officer. To become an officer of a Division there must first be an election, *and then* the Sir Knight so elected *must be installed* before he is an officer.

In case of a Staff officer he must first be recommended for *appointment and commission*, and must then be *commissioned*, and equip himself as the law directs for the position to which he has been commissioned before he can act or assume the duties of the office.

DECISION 42. As soon as a discharge has been voted, or ordered, for a Sir Knight, he ceases to be a member of that Division, and cannot vote or act upon any proposition that may be presented to the Division. This applies to the granting of a discharge to another, or the surrender of a warrant of a Division, as well as to any other business. The Sir Knight Captain can not order the discharge of a Sir Knight when there are less than ten active members present.

DECISION 43. If a Sir Knight fails to attend the funeral of a deceased Sir Knight, either with his Lodge or his Division, both the Lodge and his Division may fine him for non-attendance, according to their by-laws. If, however, he attends such funeral either with his Knights of Pythias Lodge, or any other fraternal organization of which he is a member, then the Division should not assess a fine for non-attendance with the Division, the Sir Knight having testified his respect for the deceased by attending the funeral with such other organization.

DECISION 44. Under no circumstances can members of one Division be transferred to another Division for the sole purpose of contest in a prize drill. None excepting those who are *bona fide* members of a Division can take part with a competing Division.

DECISION 45. There is but one seal to be used by Divisions of the Uniform Rank, to-wit: The seal furnished by the Supreme Lodge through the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal; and the impression of any other form of seal upon official documents would be invalid. A Division that provides a different seal does so in violation of Law. (See Section 2, Article i.; Section 3, Article iv.; Section 1, Article v., General Laws, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias.)

[All of the decisions were approved.]

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Under the General Laws of the Uniform Rank, I am directed to make such recommendations as I may deem for the best interests of the Rank and of the Order in connection with this Rank.

I. I would, therefore, recommend that Section 13, Article vi., be stricken from the General Laws, as the particular case which it was intended to meet at the time of the adoption of said section has been fully met, and the officer has served out the term of his commission, and there is no occasion for said section to remain in the General Laws.

II. I would recommend that Section 8, Article vii., General Laws, be transferred to and become Section 13, Article vi., where it properly belongs, said section having reference solely to regimental meetings, and as it now stands it is embodied in Article vii, which treats solely of Brigades. If this change is made, the sections now numbered 9, 10, and 11, of Article vii., should be numbered 8, 9, and 10, which I recommend to be done.

III. I would recommend that Section 7, of Article vii., be amended so that it shall read as follows:

SEC. 7. In case of the death or resignation of any Brigade Commander, it shall be the duty of the Assistant Adjutant General of such Brigade to at once notify the Major General commanding the Uniform Rank of such death or resignation, and thereupon the Major General shall assign an officer or a member of the Uniform Rank residing in said jurisdiction to the temporary command of such Brigade, who shall discharge the duties of the office until a meeting shall be called by the Major General for the purpose of holding an election to fill the vacancy: Provided, however, that the election for the purpose of filling such vacancy shall not be deferred for a longer period than till the next annual meeting of the Brigade after such vacancy occurred, when, if the vacancy has not been filled by an election, an election shall then be held for a Brigade Commander.

IV. I would recommend that Section now numbered II, of Article vii, be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 10. Assistant Inspectors-General shall make inspections of the Subordinate Divisions within their respective Brigades whenever required, and shall report the result of the same immediately to the Inspector-General, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Inspector-General, the Brigade Commander or the Major General: Provided, That the Brigade Commander may assign any officer or officers to aid the Assistant Inspector-General in the inspection of any Division or Regiment of the Brigade, and such officer so assigned to such duty during the discharge of such duty shall be respected and obeyed accordingly, and such officer, after having performed the duty, shall make immediate report thereof to the Assistant Inspector-General of the Brigade to which he is attached.

V. I would recommend that Section 6, Article iii, Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Divisions, be amended to read:

SEC. 6. A member shall be suspended from this Rank for a violation of any part of the obligation assumed on becoming a member thereof. In case of suspension for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, he may be reinstated by payment of admission fee and be subject to the same ballot as when first admitted.

VI. I would recommend that Section 7, of Article iii, Constitution for Subordinate Divisions, be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 7. A member shall be considered in good standing in the Division, as regards dues, who is not more than six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge or Division, and shall not be considered in good standing, as regards dues, when he is more than six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge or Division.

VII. I would recommend that the Major General be authorized to prepare, or have prepared and printed, suitable warrants for the following non-commissioned officers, to-wit: Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, Commissary Sergeant, Hospital Stewart, Sir Knight Guard and Sir Knight Sentinel—the same to be furnished to the Uniform Rank by the Major General in the same manner that commissions for Division officers are now furnished. In this connection I would recommend that the last sentence of Section 5, Article iv, General Laws, be amended so that it shall read, "A Sir Knight Guard and a Sir Knight Sentinel shall be appointed by the Sir Knight Captain, and they, or either of them, may be removed by the Sir Knight Captain at any time for cause."

CHANGE OF TITLE TO THIS RANK.

The question of changing the title and name of the Uniform Rank has been very fully discussed since the close of the Supreme Lodge session of 1888, and names by the score have been suggested, and I am now convinced that the present name of the Rank is more satisfactory than any that can now be adopted. Every one has had an opportunity to speak and manifest his interest in the Rank, and I am satisfied that the discussion has been of benefit to the Rank, and that now the name will stand for all time to come. Great fear had been expressed before this question was agitated, lest there should be changes made in the uniform, thus entailing expense upon the Rank, and now it does seem by the unanimity of the feeling and views on the subject that there will be no change of name, and therefore there will be no need of, and there should not be, any change in any portion of the uniform. The universal expression on this subject is one of the matters I have used in my work, during the past two years, to show the stability of the Rank, stating that where the membership were so thoroughly agreed the Supreme Lodge would make no change. I think I can say without contradiction that there will be no change of the name of the Uniform Rank. So it was christened, and so it will ever be known. It now remains for the Sir Knights to make it more and more an organization of which not only *they shall be proud*, but an organization that shall be so renowned for the honor and purity of its members that the very name, "The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias," will be spoken with praise by all honorable men, and a benediction shall go out to the Rank from every heart that loves purity in life and honor among men.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW FOR THE UNIFORM RANK.

The Committee on Law submitted the following report:—

Your Committee on Law of Uniform Rank, to whom was referred the matter of recommendations in the report of the Major General, recommend that Section 13, Article vi., be stricken out.

That Section 8, Article vii., General Laws, be transferred to and become Section 13, Article vi., and that Sections 9, 10 and 11, of Article vii., be numbered 8, 9 and 10. For recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, of the Major General, we would recommend that Section 7, of Article vii., be amended so that it will read as follows :—

SEC. 7. In case of the death or resignation of any Brigade Commander, it shall be the duty of the Assistant Adjutant-General of such Brigade to at once notify the Major-General commanding the Uniform Rank, of such death or resignation, and thereupon the Major-General shall assign an officer or member of the Uniform Rank residing in said Jurisdiction to the temporary command of such Brigade, who shall discharge the duties of the office until a meeting shall be called by the Major-General for the purpose of holding an election to fill the vacancy: Provided, however, that the election for the purpose of filling such vacancy shall not be deferred for a longer period than the next annual meeting of the Brigade after such vacancy occurred, when, if the vacancy has not been filled by an election, an election shall then be held for a Brigade Commander.

We would recommend that section now numbered 11, of Article vii., be amended to read as follows :—

SEC. 10. Assistant Inspectors-General shall make inspections of the Subordinate Divisions within their respective Brigades whenever required, and shall report the result of the same immediately to the Inspector-General, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Inspector-General, the Brigade Commander or the Major General: Provided, that the Brigade Commander may assign any officer or officers to aid the Assistant Inspector-General in the inspection of any Division or Regiment of the Brigade, and such officer so assigned to such duty during the discharge of such duty shall be respected and obeyed accordingly, and such officer, after having performed the duty, shall make immediate report thereof to the Assistant Inspector-General of the Brigade to which he is attached.

We would recommend that Section 6, Article iii., Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Divisions, be amended to read :—

SEC. 6. A member shall be suspended from this Rank for a violation of any part of the obligation assumed on becoming a member thereof. In case of suspension for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, he may be reinstated by payment of the admission fee and be subject to the same ballot as when first admitted.

We would recommend that Section 7, of Article iii., Constitutions of Subordinate Divisions, be amended to read as follows :—

SEC. 7. A member shall be considered in good standing in the Division, as regards dues, who is not more than six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge or Division, and shall not be considered in good standing, as regards dues, when he is more than six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge or Division.

We would recommend that the Major General be authorized to prepare, or have prepared and printed, suitable warrants for the following non-commissioned officers, to-wit : Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, Commissary Sergeant, Hospital Steward, Sir Knight Guard and Sir Knight Sentinel—the same to be furnished to the Uniform Rank by the Major General in the same manner that commissions for officers are now furnished. In this connection we would recom-

mend that the last sentence of Section 5, Article iv., General Laws, be amended so that it shall read, "A Sir Knight Guard and Sir Knight Sentinel shall be appointed by the Sir Knight Captain, and they or either of them, may be removed by the Sir Knight Captain at any time for cause."

We recommend the following changes in the General Laws of the Uniform Rank :—

Amend Article ii., General Laws, Uniform Rank, as follows :—

ELEVENTH REGIMENTAL STAFF.

(Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel and Major, provided for.)

One Surgeon, with rank of Major.

One Assistant Surgeon, with rank of Sir Knight Captain.

One Adjutant, with rank of Sir Knight Lieutenant.

One Quartermaster, with rank of Sir Knight Lieutenant.

One Chaplain, with rank of Sir Knight Captain.

All to be commissioned for four years, the insignia of rank shall be that of officers of the United States army, of like position and rank, except that the colors shall be those established for the Uniform Rank.

Any Sir Knight, who is a regular, practising physician, in good standing in his profession, and in good standing in his Lodge and Division, shall be eligible to appointment and commission as Assistant Surgeon of a Regiment, provided he shall first have the recommendation of the Colonel of his Regiment, favorably endorsed by the Surgeon of his Regiment and the Assistant Surgeon-General of his Brigade, and upon recommendation and indorsement of the Major General in the usual form. The term of service of the Regimental Assistant Surgeon shall be for four years, or during good conduct.

Amend Section 8, Article iv., General Laws of the Uniform Rank as follows :—

SEC. 8. The Division, at its annual election, shall elect by ballot an installing officer to install the officers elect. The Sir Knight so elected will perform that duty in accordance with the work prescribed in the Ritual. He shall see that the bond of the Treasurer has been filed with and approved by the Division; that the annual report to the Supreme Lodge has been made out by the Recorder, and the order drawn for the Division dues to the Supreme Lodge. Said report shall be endorsed by the installing officer, and one copy thereof shall be forwarded by the installing officer, through the Regimental and Brigade headquarters, for each of the following officers : The Regimental Commander, the Brigade Commander, and the Major General of the Uniform Rank; the copy of the report forwarded to the Major General shall be accompanied with the annual dues for the Supreme Lodge. In jurisdictions where there is no Regimental or Brigade organization, the installing officer will forward one copy of the annual report of the Division, with the Supreme Lodge dues, to the Major General. In all cases the Division shall retain one copy of the report, to be filed with the Recorder of the Division.

Amend Article ii., General Laws Uniform Rank, paragraph 12, "Non-Commissioned Staff," by adding after the words, Commissary Sergeant, the following:

HOSPITAL STEWARD.

The Hospital Steward shall be appointed by the Colonel commanding the

Regiment, on the recommendation of the Regimental Surgeon, and his term of service shall be for four years, or during good conduct.

The remaining paragraph 12 shall remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. BURNS, Chairman.

GEO. FEWLASS.

THOS. ESSEX.

JOHN WESTDAHL.

MAX ELSER.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, asking for the Uniform Rank the privilege of legislating for itself, were submitted:—

Whereas, The Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias is essentially military in its character, and needs for its successful government legislation peculiar to itself, in its own Rank can be found those most fitted to legislate for the successful government of the Rank;

And Whereas, Said Rank is self sustaining, though expensive to its members, and retarded by disproportionate and unnecessary taxation;

And Whereas, the laws governing the Rank, while adapted in some degree to the Rank in its earlier stages, are now inadequate, faulty and inefficient in many particulars;

And Whereas, The Rank, notwithstanding these obstacles, has now grown to an army of 30,000 enthusiastic Pythians, whose time, money and energies are freely given and spent without recompense, for the advancement of and honor to the Order universal;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That it is of the utmost importance that the Supreme Lodge at its biennial session at Milwaukee, Wis., should provide enactments that will enable the Rank to legislate for its own complete organization and future government, such legislation to be subject to final approval or rejection of the Supreme Chancellor;

Resolved, That for the purpose of enabling the Rank to meet the necessary expenses in the interim of such changes, we urge the necessity and propriety of allowing all revenues that are now assessed upon the Rank by the Supreme Lodge to be placed in a separate fund for its own expenses. The same to be placed in the hands of such officers as shall be appointed by Major General Jas. R. Carnahan, commanding Uniform Rank, until otherwise provided for, by legislation;

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of Ohio, Knights of Pythias, hereby instruct its Representatives to the Supreme Lodge meeting at Milwaukee, Wis., to use their utmost efforts to secure at the session, for the Uniform Rank, the privilege of legislating for itself.

The Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank, to whom was referred so much of the Major General's report as refers to representa-

tion, and also the foregoing resolutions, made the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank, to whom was referred so much of the Major General's report as refers to the subject of representation, beg leave to report that in connection with this subject your Committee has also had under consideration the subject matter of Doc. 148, which relates to the same subject; and, after due deliberation, your Committee conclude that the Uniform Rank is as well represented and its interests are as carefully guarded in this body as though the rank and file of the Uniform Rank were allowed to send a representative hither elected by the vote of the Rank alone.

That the composition of this body being fixed by constitution, there is now no constitutional course open to afford the asked for relief.

That the Uniform Rank being a body subordinate to and created by the Supreme Lodge, to give it the right to legislation for itself would be to show the supremacy of this body with the Rank.

However, your Committee recommends that a special committee of three be appointed to revise and amend the laws governing the Uniform Rank, so as to relieve it from any unnecessary financial or other burdens of which it complains, and report at next session.

QUESTIONS.

Representatives of Arkansas submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank :—

1. Can a member of the Uniform Rank receive the countersign from anyone else than the Sir Knight Captain of his Division, or the presiding officer at the time being, or upon his showing official order from his Sir Knight Captain to Sir Knight Captain of any other Division?

2. Can a Sir Knight holding a discharge from a Division institute another Division, he intending to become a charter member of said Division, and examine his own ballot?

3. At the institution of a new Division can discharges count the same as a man to make up the twenty-seven necessary to institute (the man himself not being present)?

The Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank, to whom was referred Doc. 23, [the foregoing questions] beg leave to report that the answer to Question 1 therein be—No.

The answer to Question 2 be—Yes, if he be a commissioned officer.

Should there be a black ball or balls deposited in the general ballot, he should call his assistant to preside when his name is balloted upon. If he has no assistant, he is placed upon his honor and may examine the ballot.

The answer to Question 3 be—No; there must be twenty-seven men present.

SERVICE MEDAL.

The Committee on Uniform Rank recommended the approval of a design for Service Medal for Sir Knights, as presented by the Major General under instructions from the Supreme Lodge. Said Medals to be obtained by Sir Knights in same manner as Jewels of Honor for Officers are obtained from the Major General. Adopted.

COURT MARTIAL CODE.

The Committee appointed at the session of 1888 to prepare a general Court Martial Code, submitted the same, and it was adopted.

REVISION OF THE TACTICS.

By direction of the Supreme Lodge in 1888, the Major General revised the entire tactics of the Rank, and the same was adopted.

DRILL.

In accordance with instructions your Representatives endeavored to secure such legislation as would permit the Uniform Rank in this Jurisdiction to adopt the Drill of the military bodies of this country. We regret that we cannot make a favorable report to you in regard to this matter. The following is the action taken :—

We offered the following resolution, which was referred to committee :—

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article xii, General Laws of the Uniform Rank, be amended to read as follows :

Carnahan's Manual of Drill and Tactics shall be the official Drill Manual for all Divisions of the Uniform Rank within the United States of America only, and all Divisions situate outside of the said United States shall have the right to adopt such Drill, or the Drill authorized for the use of the military bodies of the country wherein such Divisions are located.

The report of committee was as follows :—

Your committee to whom has been referred Doc. 142, [the foregoing resolution] to amend Section 2 of Article xii. of the General Laws of the Uniform Rank, beg to report that they deem it inexpedient to allow the use of any other than Carnahan's Tactics, which have been adopted by this Supreme Lodge, and we therefore recommend that the amendment be not adopted.

On presentation of the committee's report, we offered the following substitute :—

Carnahan's Manual of Drill and Tactics shall be the official drill Manual for all Divisions of the Uniform Rank within the United States of America only, and all

Divisions situate outside of the said United States shall have the right to adopt such drill, or the drill authorized for the use of the military bodies of the country wherein such Divisions are located; provided, that all Divisions shall drill according to Carnahan's Manual when taking part in parades at the sessions of the Supreme Lodge, or when competing for prizes offered thereat.

The matter was finally referred to the special committee appointed to revise and amend the laws governing the Rank.

PYTHIAN SISTERS AND PYTHIAN SISTERHOOD.

The following was offered and referred to special committee on the subject:—

Whereas, There is now pending before the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the question of the recognition of the Pythian Sisterhood, as established by Mrs. A. A. Young, of the Order of the Pythian Sisters, as established by Mr. Hill;

And Whereas, We have, in the State of Nebraska, the Order of Pythian Sisterhood, the ritual for which was written by A. A. Young, and we have seen the workings of the Order, and are well pleased with the same;

And Whereas, We believe in a ladies' Lodge organized, controlled and conducted by the ladies exclusively;

Therefore be it Resolved, By Hastings Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias, of Hastings, Nebraska, that we are well pleased with the Order of Pythian Sisterhood, as established by Mrs. A. A. Young; that the Order of Knights of Pythias in general has been greatly benefited by said Order; that we respectfully request of our Supreme Representatives that they use all honorable means to obtain the recognition of the Pythian Sisterhood, the Ritual for which was written by Mrs. A. A. Young.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The committee submitted the following report which was adopted:—

It appears that two distinct organizations, conducted by the ladies, are asking or claiming recognition by the Supreme Lodge, and in our opinion it would be unwise to express our preference in any way.

We are also of the opinion that the Constitution expressly fixes the qualifications of membership in the Order of Knights of Pythias, and we firmly believe that the Supreme Lodge should, at this time, establish the principle that it will not recognize any bodies outside of those now under the control of the Supreme Lodge as members of the Order.

INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF PYTHIAN SISTERS.

The Supreme Temple of Pythian Sisters being in session at Milwaukee, an invitation was extended to the Officers and members of the Supreme Lodge to attend and witness an exemplification of the degree. A large number attended and were much pleased with the ceremony, and all admired the perfect manner in which the officers of Warsaw Temple, of Indiana, did their work (without rituals). They also gave an exhibition of drill which was perfect.

QUERY.

The following query was presented and, after a long discussion, was laid upon the table:—

Is it lawful for members of the Order to become members of the Order of Pythian Sisters?

APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the following appropriations be made for the current expenses of the ensuing term, which was adopted:—

For Expenses of Supreme Chancellor including clerical help,	\$3,000 00 per year,	\$6,000 00
Salary of Supreme Chancellor,	2,000 00 " "	4,000 00
Salary of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, including clerical aid, office rent, postage, fuel and incidental expenses,	5,600 00 " "	11,200 00
Salary of Supreme Master of Exchequer,	600 00 " "	1,200 00
Salary of Major General, including clerical aid according to resolution,	4,500 00 " "	9,000 00
		<u>\$31,400 00</u>

SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

Invitations were received from Washington, Omaha, Indianapolis and Kansas City, all of which were referred to the Committee on Mileage and per Diem. They reported that it was impracticable to hold the next session at Indianapolis, that Washington would be the

most expensive, and that Omaha and Kansas City are about equal. On vote being taken, it was decided to hold the next session at Kansas City, Missouri. The committee to whom was referred the matter of fixing a date for holding the next session recommended the fourth Tuesday in August, 1892; and it was so decided.

SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS.

The following Officers were elected and installed :—

Past Supreme Chancellor.....	William Ward, Newark, N. J.
Supreme Chancellor.....	Geo. B. Shaw, Eau Claire, Wis.
Supreme Vice Chancellor.....	Wm. W. Blackwell, Henderson, Ky.
Supreme Prelate.....	E. T. Blackmer, San Diego, Cal.
Supreme Master of Exchequer.....	S. J. Willey, Wilmington, Del.
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.....	R. L. C. White, Nashville, Tenn.
Supreme Master at Arms.....	Geo. H. Morrison, Carson City, Nev.
Supreme Secretary of Endowment Rank.....	W. B. Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.
Major General of Uniform Rank.....	Jas. R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Ind.
Supreme Inner Guard.....	M. C. Barkwell, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Supreme Outer Guard.....	John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.

We have endeavored to give you a full and interesting report, and hope it will meet with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MOULSON,
J. R. ARMSTRONG,

Supreme Representatives.

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YEAR 1890-91, PYTHIAN PERIOD, XXVII-VIII.

W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
E. ALLISON POWERS,	Grand Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
J. F. FRASER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
F. L. PEERS,	Grand Prelate.
SPRING HILL, N. S.	
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
J. W. WHITEHEAD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
MONCTON, N. B.	
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Inner Guard.
FREDERICTON, N. B.	
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Outer Guard.
WOODSTOCK, N. B.	

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON,	For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1893).
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
JOHN R. ARMSTRONG,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1891).
ST. JOHN, N. B.	

TRUSTEES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	For Three Years.
MONCTON, N. B.	
JOHN RYDER,	For Two Years.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
P. A. MELVILLE,	For One Year.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	

*The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in Spring Hill, N. S.,
on the second Tuesday in September, 1891.*