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The Ninth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Manitoba and Northwest Territories, met in Friendship Hall, McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, Man., on Monday evening, July 23, 1900, at 8.15 o'clock. In the absence of Grand Chancellor R. Percy Crookshank, the Lodge was called to order by Supreme Representative E. E. Lightcap.

Roll call of officers found the following present:

Grand Keeper of Records and Secy	- - - - -	S. J. Rothwell
Grand Master of Exchequer	- - - - -	Jos. Harrison
Grand Inner Guard	- - - - -	R. Hockley
Grand Outer Guard	- - - - -	W. M. Bentley

Acting Grand Chancellor Lightcap then made the following appointments to fill vacancies:

Past Grand Chancellor	- - - - -	Neil S. Shaw
Grand Vice-Chancellor	- - - - -	R. A. Graham
Grand Prelate	- - - - -	J. T. Huggard
Grand Master-at-Arms	- - - - -	L. A. Ferte

The following officers afterwards attended and occupied their respective stations:

Grand Vice-Chancellor	- - - - -	F. I. Schaffner, M.D.
Grand Master-at-Arms	- - - - -	Thos. Lee

Roll call of representatives found the following present:

Winnipeg No. 1	Neil S. Shaw
Assiniboine No. 4	Ed. Pearson
Damon No. 5	W. M. Bentley
	W. G. Bell
Myrtle No. 15	Chas. Brown
Medicine Hat No. 5	C. R. Mitchell
Jasper No. 6	R. Hockley
Also present Supreme Representatives J. T. Huggard and E. E. Lightcap and Trustee Jos. Harrison.	

On motion of S. R. Huggard, seconded by P. C. Graham, the minutes of the last meeting of Grand Lodge, as contained in the printed Journal of Proceedings were approved

#### Document No. 1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories:

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

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

Winnipeg Lodge No. 1	M. Freeman and Chas. Momberg
Assiniboine Lodge No. 4	Wm. Taylor
Damon Lodge No. 5	A. C. McKinnon
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5	C. R. Mitchell
Jasper Lodge No. 6	Kenneth Macdonald
Prairie Lodge No. 8	Chas. Jeffrey
Myrtle Lodge No. 15	James Brydon

#### Document No. 2.

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

Winnipeg Lodge No. 1	N. S. Shaw and Benj. Nicholson
Assiniboine Lodge No. 4	A. H. Rounthwaite and Ed. Pearson
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5	C. R. Mitchell
Damon Lodge No. 5	W. M. Bentley and W. G. Bell
Jasper Lodge No. 6	Kenneth Macdonald
Prairie Lodge No. 8	Charles Jeffrey
Hamiota Lodge No. 10	R. P. Crookshank
Myrtle Lodge No. 15	Charles Brown
Stanley Lodge No. 16	I. A. Cowie
" "	Alex. Cruickshanks
" "	John Kennedy

Document No. 3.

Your committee has received a communication from J. K. Macdonald, Grand Representative of Jasper Lodge No. 6, delegating his authority as Grand Representative to Bro. H. C. Taylor.

This communication is signed by the C. C. and K. R. S. of said Jasper Lodge and is stamped with their Lodge seal.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that Bro. Taylor sit as a representative of Jasper Lodge No. 6 to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee { L. A. FERTE, Chairman.  
WM. BENTLEY.

Report adopted.

The Grand Lodge rank was then conferred on the Past Chancellors in waiting as follows:

M. Freeman	Winnipeg No. 1
Wm. Taylor	Assiniboine No. 4
A. C. McKinnon	Damon No. 5
H. C. Taylor	Jasper No. 6
Chas. Jeffrey	Prairie No. 8
John Kennedy	Stanley No. 16

Document No. 4.

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Office of the Grand Chancellor,  
Rapid City, Man., July 19th, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T., Knights of Pythias.

BRETHREN:—

In presenting you with a resume of the work done in this Grand Domain during the past year, and thus making the ninth annual report of the Grand Chancellor, I must crave both indulgence and knightly forbearance.

While much feeling and sincerely appreciating the unmerited honor done me by this Grand Lodge, in raising me from a representative seat on the floor of the Lodge to the chair of its presiding officer, I must admit that the sudden elevation was not without its trials, nor did I fail to perceive that much was expected, that I should fulfil the hopes of friends, and do good honest work for Pythianism in this domain.

It was therefore with very great reluctance, and much trepidation I responded affirmatively to your kindness, and with what success I have been enabled to carry out your wishes, and realize your expectations, remains to be seen.

My first official act was looking toward organization, and to continue the work inaugurated by my predecessor, Brother P. G. C. Howard.

Together with Bros. Howard, Lightcap, Conybear, A. E. Johnson, and others, I met Col. E. H. Milham and R. Hockley, and arrangements were entered into, whereby Brother Hockley should organize five lodges around Edmonton, as a base of operations, and the gallant Colonel include the rest of the domain in his field of operations, and vigorously push the campaign.

How successfully these brethren have carried out these contracts, will be unfolded to you by the Finance Committees report.

As soon as possible I appointed representatives of the Grand Chancellors office throughout the domain, and I have to thank Brother Howard for his assistance here.

I commissioned the following brethren:

I. A. Ferte	Assiniboine	Winnipeg
W. G. Bell	Damon	Winnipeg
W. C. Kaake	Prairie	P. La Prairie
W. P. Middleton	Wheat City	Brandon
J. S. McKay	Boissevain	Boissevain
F. D. Barclay	Wawanesa	
C. A. Flower	Birtle	Birtle
C. Brown	Myrtle	Hilton
I. A. Cowie	Stanley	Morden
G. McDonald, M. D.	Alberta	Calgary
C. F. P. Conybear		
F. T. Saunders	Deputies at large, Lethbridge District No. 2	
W. Laurie		
C. F. Harris	Macleod	Macleod
C. R. Mitchell	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
J. C. F. Bown	Jasper	Edmonton
J. W. Lannin	Hamiota	Hamiota

And to each sent a copy of the following letter:

"Office of the Grand Chancellor,  
Rapid City, Man., 17th July, 1899.

Deputy Grand Chancellor,

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have very great pleasure in herewith enclosing your commission as my Deputy for the ensuing year, and I do so congratulating you upon your work in the past. Let me remind you, that very greatly does the success of your Lodge depend upon its Deputy.



I especially urge you to see personally that the various officers have their rank, and other ceremonial work memorized, otherwise the teachings of the special Rank are passed by unheeded, and the impression, which ought to be made upon a candidate, easily obliterated.

To you the Lodge looks up as both guide and instructor, and I would therefore suggest, that if you are not posted in the secret work, you take the earliest opportunity to gain the knowledge, so that you may impart it to, and see that it is properly and efficiently done in your Lodge:

Let me have your sincere and earnest co-operation and make the record of the coming year a standard for strength, solidity and success.

We have already a first-class Organizer in the field, and we rely upon your assistance in the work.

Kindly have a "team" of workers in good shape, so that when a Lodge is organized near your own you may strengthen the hands of your Grand Officers and materially lighten the burden of your organizer, by bringing Brother Knights and putting on the Rank work. I need only say on this point, that your efforts will be fully appreciated by both the organizer and myself. Moreover, you will find the effort to put on this work will act as a kindly stimulant and increase the interest in your Lodge.

Be not afraid to see that the ballot box is properly used. Remember, that while we want men, yet, they must be "men" honest, stalwart and true, mentally, physically, and above all, morally, else we need them not.

It is under contemplation to have a meeting of all the Deputy Grand Chancellors during the winter; that they may become personally acquainted with each other, get a thorough knowledge of the unwritten work, and attend to other matters of interest, pertaining to their offices. The probability is that the date will be February 19th, 1900, commemorating the founding of the Order.

I must before closing bring to your notice the very great assistance a section of the Endowment Rank is to every Lodge. If you have not a section, kindly write me or apply to Supreme Representative, E. E. Lightcap, Winnipeg, Man., who has charge of this branch of the work, and will be pleased to forward you literature, etc., bearing on this important work.

Finally, my Brother, to your wisdom and good judgment I commend these matters of such vital interest to our Order, with every desire that you may bring them to a successful issue, so that while we may have the satisfaction of seeing the results of true friendship, benevolence and Godly charity, ripening under our effort and administration, let us seek the co-operation and approval of the Supreme Chancellor, who wields the gavel of limitless authority over the Supreme Lodge of the Heavens itself.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in F. C. & B.

(Sgd.) R. PERCY CROOKSHANK,

G. C."

It required no feeble intellect to grasp the fact of the vastness of this Grand Domain, and the vital necessity of prompt business methods being adopted, the correspondence immediately attended to, ripe consideration of the many and varied questions arising from time to time, and the fact that it required greater experience than I possessed to handle these affairs alone, and as they should be done, each day forced itself more strongly upon me. I therefore created an Executive Committee, consisting of Supreme Representatives E. E. Lightcap, J. T. Huggard, Brothers J. Harrison, L. A. Ferte, R. A. Graham, W. G. Bell, and the Grand K. of R. & S. Brother Lightcap was chosen Chairman, and the G. K. of R. & S. was Secretary. I sought their advice on all questions and forwarded correspondence to them for consideration, and I can only say that their advice and counsel have been simply invaluable. Organization and paraphernalia was taken in hand by them, and I will urge their enrollment by Grand Lodge Constitution into a permanent Committee. Call it Executive Committee or Advisory Board, or anything you choose. The men are here and their work speaks for them. Brother A. E. Johnson in August removed outside of the limits of this Grand Domain, and as he doubtless felt his inability to as promptly do Grand Lodge business as heretofore, and that the office should not only be within this Grand Domain, but also situated in Winnipeg, I received in December his resignation. This, after deeply considering the matter, I accepted and on March 24th appointed Brother S. J. Rothwell in his stead. I bespeak your hearty endorsement of this appointment, and sincerely congratulate this Grand Lodge upon securing the services of a Brother Knight so competent to take charge of such an important position, and of such ability as will make him a marked man. Many, and I am afraid, avoidable delays in transferring of books, vouchers, etc., to the Audit Committee, and the various contents of office to the present G. K. R. & S., have greatly hindered committee and other work, so that I am obliged to crave your indulgence for seemingly official tardiness. Brother Johnson has been an earnest, zealous, and untiring officer and I can only express my sincere regret that he has permitted the promptings of an impetuous temperament to interfere with calmer and more deliberate thoughts. I would suggest that this Grand Lodge mark its appreciation of the years of labor expended by Brother Johnson in the affairs of this Grand Domain by presenting him with a testimonial, befitting both the occasion and the dignity of this Grand Lodge. In September in accordance with your request I addressed an official circular to the Lodges, calling their attention to the resolution: moved by Rep. C. F. Harris, seconded by R. Hockley, urging a special assessment. The result will be reported by the G. K. of R. & S.

On January 30th, I issued a circular to obtain information for the Supreme Chancellor, concerning this Domain on two very vital points. First, that in many Grand Domains the law prohibiting admission of saloon keepers and bar tenders was being openly violated. Second, that candidates were being admitted for a less sum than should be the lawful fee.

I am happy to report that no violation of either of these has been brought to my notice.

After much vexatious delay I was enabled to carry out your wishes and communicate with Grand Chancellor Bangs, of North Dakota, on February the 9th, in the following letter:

" Rapid City, Feb. 8th, 1900.

*Geo A. Bangs, Esq ,*

*Grand Chancellor.*

*Grand Forks, N.D.*

Dear Sir and Illustrious Brother Knight.

I very greatly regret that a series of unfortunate circumstances have hitherto hindered my carrying out the expressed desire of my Grand Lodge in this, as well as deprived me of the pleasure of indulging in correspondence with so distinguished a Brother Knight. I desire first of all to state that the financial condition of affairs prohibited our printing our Journal of Proceedings in extenso, but caused the pruning knife to be liberally applied, otherwise due mention of the subject matter of this letter would have appeared therein. On receipt of report of Committee on Grand Chancellor E. T. Howard's address, much stress and emphasis was laid upon the very kind and fraternal action of the Brother Knights of Langdon, North Dakota, in coming across to Morden and assisting our organizer, Brother Col. E. H. Milham, in establishing Stanley Lodge at that place. After installation of the newly elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, July 1899 and 1900, I was requested by a unanimous and standing vote to express to those Brethren the thanks of the Grand Lodge of this Grand Domain, and their full and sincere appreciation of the fraternal and Knightly kindness shown upon that occasion; may I therefore ask you, my dear Grand Chancellor, to convey by your G. K. R. & S. to the Chancellor Commanders of the various Lodges in your jurisdiction, whose representatives were then present, the sentiments of gratification, and appreciation of the services rendered by the Brother Knights on that occasion. Your worthy Grand K. of R. & S., Brother H. D. Allert will have a list of those who so bravely came to the rescue. Accept, I pray you the expression of my very sincere and Knightly esteem, and believe me,

Fraternally yours,

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK,

*M.D., G. C."*

I received the following reply:

"R. P. Crookshank, Esq.,

Grand Chancellor, Rapid City, Man.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have your favor dated Feb. 8th, and hasten to acknowledge the same.

I have this day conveyed its substance to Bro. H. D. Allert, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at Langdon, N. D., who will attend to its details.

The interchange of courtesies between the members of the Order in the different Grand Domains, and particularly when those Grand Domains are separated by the dividing line between two different countries, is something much to be encouraged, and that the Order itself should be congratulated upon. The fact that the courtesies were extended on the one side and appreciated on the other, reflects equally great credit upon the individual members thereof.

On behalf of the Order within this Domain, I desire to extend to you and the other Grand Lodge Officers of your Domain and to any of the members of the Order, a cordial invitation to visit us or any Lodge in our Domain at any time that may suit your convenience. The next Convention of our Grand Lodge will be held at this city sometime about the 1st of August, and your presence then would be doubly appreciated.

Fraternally,

(Sgd) GEO. A. BANGS,

Grand Chancellor."

In January I had the very unpleasant task of having to remove a D. G. C. from office. I had received no reply to any official communications addressed to him. He did not attend his Lodge, and was reported to me as suspended. I therefore appointed Bro. Charles Jeffrey as D. G. C. at Portage la Prairie, vice W. C. Kaake dismissed.

Desiring to make another effort to arouse a responsive note, and get in personal correspondence with my various Deputies, I addressed to them the following circular:

"Rapid City, Man., Feb. 1st, 1900.

To Deputy Grand Chancellor,

Dear Sir and Brother Knight:—

Will you kindly make out and forward me a semi-annual report of your office, embodying replies to the appended questions, and any other matters touching the welfare of the Lodge, especially intrusted to your care.

We have incidentally heard of rumors of complaints in many Lodges, murmurings whereof we knew not the cause, and I would especially direct your attention to the existence of the Grand Chancellor's Office, and we must urgently request that you use its resources to the full. In such a Grand Domain as this, it is simply impossible for the Grand Chancellor to supervise the well doings, or

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misdeeds of each and every Lodge, but that is left to the intelligence and manhood of his Deputies. It is therefore most disappointing to him that personal or postal communication has not been resorted to by the Deputies, with but very few exceptions.

The progress and well-doing of our beloved Order, you will at once perceive lies greatly in the capable and energetic manner in which these appointed officers carry out their work, and I must ask you to look most thoroughly into the affairs of your Lodges and report to me, so that I may have at least the pleasure of endeavoring to assist you in any difficulty, and bestow well merited praise, and encouragement when deserved. Do not wait till a special event calls you to session, but act independently and give your Grand Lodge Officers a chance. Personally I have been obliged to spend a month in the hospital, undergoing treatment for my eyes, and this necessitated an absolute cessation of both reading and writing for over two months, so that I had to avail myself of the knowledge, experience and brotherly kindness of our able Supreme Representative, Brother E. E. Lightcap, to attend to the business of my office.

I have instructed the Grand K. of R. & S., Mr. A. E. Johnson of Rat Portage, Ontario, to issue the S. A. P. W. to all the Lodges, and trust you have received it when this letter reaches you. The delay in sending it out was unavoidable. The questions referred to are:

- 1st. Name of Lodge.
  - 2nd. Name of D. G. C.
  - 3rd. Number of members at beginning of term.
  - 4th. Number of members at close of term.
  - 5th. Increase, if any.
  - 6th. Decrease, if any.
  - 7th. If decrease, how do you account for it.
  - 8th. Number of meetings held during the term.
  - 9th. Average attendance.
  - 10th. Number of Ranks conferred:
    - A—Page.
    - B—Squire.
    - C—Knight.
  - 11th. Can officers convey Rank without ritual.
  - 12th. Financial Standing of Lodge.
  - 13th. Does the Lodge carry insurance.
  - 14th. If so, how much.
  - 15th. Is there an Endowment Rank attached to the Lodge
  - 16th. If so, number of members and amount of insurance.
  - 17th. If not, why not.
  - 18th. Amount of benefits paid by Lodge during term:
    - 1st—Sick.
    - 2nd—Funeral.
  - 19th. Any special fund attached to Lodge, and if so name and object.
  - 20th. Future prospects of Lodge.
- And any other such information of interest as to the Order generally, and the Grand Chancellor's office in particular.

I would advise you to file this letter, so that you may send me a report at the end of the present term covering the same grounds, and kindly allow me to receive it before the meeting of the Grand Lodge so that its information may be utilized for the benefit of the Order.

I am, Fraternally yours,

In F. C. & B.,

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK,  
Grand Chancellor."

Alas, what was the result? A response from those few men I could ever rely upon, and utter silence from the remainder.

In March I was astonished to receive a letter from the Supreme Chancellor referring to me for action a letter from Brother Whitehouse, G. K. of R. & S. for the Grand Domain of Maryland, in which he stated he had been trying for six months to get a Brother J. Collett of Macleod Lodge No. 4 a withdrawal card. He states he had written the G. K. of R. & S. of this Domain twice, and the K. of R. & S. of this Lodge several times, but could get no response. He goes on to say "in all my experience they are the worst correspondents I ever struck." Well I should think so. I at once wired the Deputy Brother. C. F. Harris, at Macleod to forward the withdrawal card to me, and wrote him at length. I also wired Brother Johnson, who was still acting G. K. of R. & S. until his books were properly audited, and his successor appointed. From the letter I received a reply that he had no recollection of such correspondence, and from Brother Harris of Macleod Lodge absolute silence. I appointed A. P. Jeffrey of Damon Lodge special Deputy to look into this affair, and all the papers will be duly brought down and laid before you. The reading of this report to me exhibits a deplorable state of affairs—negligence, negligence, negligence. Let me here, as your chief executive officer, make a few remarks. It is certainly one of the first principles of a business man to reply to all and any business letters. Non reply is surely both churlish and rude, and unless prevented by illness, liable to lay one under the penalty of being classed as ignorant of the common decencies of life. In this Grand Domain, this country of magnificent distances, prompt attention to official correspondence is a sine qua-non if success is to be attained. As a private individual I may feel hurt at the carelessness or negligence of correspondents failing to reply to a letter, but as Grand Chancellor of this Grand Domain I claim it is a direct insult to the Grand Lodge as a body to ignore absolutely and entirely any official correspondence emanating from the Grand Chancellor's office. I selected my Deputies in good faith and endeavored to show them my desire to be personally made cognizant of the affairs of each and every Lodge. Otherwise I am working in the dark, and the result has been to me most disappointing. I the more regret I have to include the Deputy of my own Lodge,

Hamiota No. 10, in the number. The volume and burden of the work cannot be carried by a few men. We to make a success of this Order must work and pull together, and besides bearing friendly feelings towards each other, act as live business men. Be sharp, prompt and energetic in these matters. I would most earnestly urge upon my successor to insist upon having a recommendation from each Lodge or district where he desires to appoint a Deputy before he signs any commission. Then see the Deputy does his work. How do we appear before the assembled Grand Domains across the border? Let me quote you from the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Maryland under report of committee on fraternal correspondence, page 144.

"G. K. of R. & S. A. E. Johnson reports only about 400 members with ten Lodges, making them the smallest Domain in membership the writer has reviewed, and likely the least energetic. For the writer tried for nine months to obtain a withdrawal card for a member of one of their Lodges, but has utterly failed to get it."

There is a record for you. You may be proud of it but I am not. The only thing that I am glad of is, that I have found out this state of affairs, and I sincerely hope and confidently expect that they will exist no longer. Indeed I am sure of it as far as the present G. K. of R. and S. is concerned.

My enforced residence in hospital and increased professional duties, combined with an unforeseen coalition of unfortunate circumstances, entirely upset my pre-arranged plan of spending some weeks on the road, and visiting the various Lodges. It has been a very bitter disappointment to me, I can sincerely assure you, as I had looked forward to the pleasure of seeing all the Lodges in Manitoba, at least doing their work in their own Lodge rooms, with great keenness and zest. But absence from home became an utter impossibility, and I had to yield to stress of circumstances and do my office work as best I could.

I file with the G. K. of R. & S. all official correspondence for the year, and would suggest to my successor in office to do the same, that their successors may then have an official fyle of the Grand Chancellor's office always to refer to.

The By-Laws of Myrtle Lodge, Hilton, and Winnipeg No. 1 have been submitted to the Law Committee and reported thereon and with amendments duly signed.

Charters were signed by me for two Lodges, Myrtle Lodge, Hilton, and Jasper Lodge, Edmonton.

ORGANIZATION.

The correspondence with Col. E. H. Milham and Bro. Hockley will be dealt with by the Finance Committee, to whom arrangements with these Brothers were referred by the late Grand Chancellor and Committee on State of the Order.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

I would suggest that a permanent committee be appointed to deal with this important branch of the work, and all reports and documents be referred to them as received.

I must acknowledge I have not had time to reply to it, or to review the proceedings of the various Grand Domains, except very cursorily. I have to acknowledge receipt of proceedings of

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Official circulars from Grand Chancellor J. T. Horner, Kentucky and Grand Chancellor U. S. Burns, Wisconsin. Kindly letters and offers of service from Bro. Will. S. Scism. Editor and Proprietor of the Pythian Jewel, as bright, newsy and reliable a paper as I have seen devoted to Pythianism. I only greatly regret that lack of time and opportunity has hindered my availing myself of the Brother's proffered kindness. A committee should fully deal with these matters, even if their Grand Lodge report cannot always appear in extenso in the Journal of Proceedings.

During the year I granted Miss H. Vashti Moore of Bishopville, S. C., permission to circulate her petition previously indorsed by Grand Chancellor Goldsmith of Grand Domain of South Carolina for assistance among the Lodges of this Grand Domain. Her case was a particularly sad one, and I hope her appeal was not in vain.

I have received no records of any death in this Domain since assuming office. I have to note the demise of a great and most worthy Brother in the Grand Domain of Massachusetts, Bro. W. B. Gale.

It was only in August, 1898 that he resigned his position as Supreme Representative after being in service for 21 consecutive years to assume a seat at the Supreme Tribunal. Such a Pythian record of faithful service is indeed to be emulated, and I cannot refrain from expressing to our sister Grand Domain our sincerest sympathy in the loss that she has sustained. His name will ever remain in his Grand Domain fresh and bright as the evergreen, while to us who only knew him as a bright example, his memory will ever be regarded with loving respect, and kindly feelings of emulation.

In response to a letter from the Supreme Chancellor, Thos. G. Sample, I in July issued the following circular letter of appeal:



Rapid City, Man., 9th July, 1900.

*"To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges, Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of Manitoba and N. W. T.*

Brother Knights:

I am in receipt of the following letter from the Supreme Chancellor under date May 80th, and would most earnestly call your serious attention to its contents. I might say that the letter was mislaid among a lot of official correspondence, and only just now came to light. I hasten to accede to the request of the Supreme Chancellor and trust that the unfortunate tardin-ss on my part will not in the slightest degree prejudice your action thereon.

Office of the Supreme Chancellor,

Allegheny, Pa., May 80, 1900.

*Hon. R. P. Crookshank,*

*Rapid City, Manitoba.*

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of a letter and circular from the Grand Chancellor of Utah, calling my attention to the terrible calamity that befell Rathbone Lodge No. 9 of that Grand Domain on May 1. Seventeen members of the Order in good standing lost their lives by a mine explosion, leaving sixteen widows and fifty fatherless children to struggle for the necessities of life.

I earnestly request that you as Grand Chancellor call the attention of the Subordinate Lodges of your Grand Domain to this matter, and invite such donations for the relief of the sufferers as they feel disposed to contribute, payment to be made through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of your Domain, and by him to Brother L. H. Farnsworth, care Walker Brothers bank, Salt Lake City, Utah.

In this catastrophe that has befallen a Sister Domain, let us remember that it is ours to share and have part in their sorrow. Let us indeed be

"The rainbow to the storms of life—  
The evening beam that smiles the clouds away."

And thus fully carry out the objects of an Order whose mission is one of love.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) THOMAS G. SAMPLE,

Supreme Chancellor.

It is but little, Brethren, I can add to the eloquent appeal. In these days of calamity by land and sea, at home and abroad, let us not forget our Anglo Saxon Brothers have shared with us the danger and peril, not hesitating to give their lives in our common cause. How much stronger and closer then should be the Pythian tie. Remember our object is "to care for the widow and educate the orphan." and to us and our actions lie the practical carrying out of the fundamental principles of our noble Order.

To this appeal let our response be spontaneous, cheerful and hearty, not forgetting that, that which is cheerfully bestowed is twice blest. Confidently I leave the matter in your hands, feeling assured that you will well and truly sustain the honor of our Grand Domain.

Faternally yours,

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M.D.,  
Grand Chancellor."

I must not close this report without extending my personal thanks to Brother I. A. Cowie, P. G. C., Stanley Lodge, Morden, for the zeal and interest he has shown, promptly replying to any correspondence, and as far as possible rendering me all assistance in his power. But to my illustrious Deputy of Winnipeg District, Brother L. A. Ferte, more than mere personal acknowledgment is due. His reports are ideal ones, and the business of his office is done so systematically and thoroughly, as to indicate a thorough business training. Indeed I can only say his work has excited my envy; nothing escapes him, he is always on hand and ready to be depended upon. Prompt, reliable, and a tower of strength to the Order. Would we had more like him.

It is with feelings of sincere regret I say farewell to my Executive Committee, and it is only just to them to say, we may thank this accumulation of bright business like and manly intelligence for the healthy state of this Grand Domain to-day. While we sympathise with the Portage la Prairie Brethren in the loss they have sustained in the removal of P. C. Bro. J. Atwood from among them, yet we cannot forbear congratulating the members in the West on such an acquisition to their ranks, and I feel sure that this Grand Lodge will hear the echo of his footsteps and his Pythian stride in the neighboring Province.

Dispensations have been issued by my Deputies and recorded with the G. K. of R. & S.

#### STATE OF THE ORDER.

In this Grand Domain I am pleased to report that notwithstanding a year of difficulty and trial we are emerging in fairly strong and healthy condition. Of course there is weakening at several points, but this is counter balanced by strength of others, so that on the whole, matters Pythian are encouraging. I have received no reports from Col. Milham or Brother Hockley. The latter you will doubtless hear from personally, and the former will be reported upon by the Finance Committee.

BIRTLE LODGE.

By the removal of Brother Dr. Hall to the Missionary field, lack of material, removing of other members from the town, this Lodge has petitioned that a Lodge be instituted at Minnedosa, and that they be granted withdrawal cards to deposit in the Minnedosa Lodge. Grand Prelate, Bro. C. A. Flower was granted authority to wind up the affairs of the Lodge, but the warrant of application with the necessary fees have not as yet been forth coming.

WAWANESA AND SOURIS.

These Lodges need attending to. I wrote and asked Brother Foster, P. G. V. C., of Wheat City Lodge to visit and report. My letter, owing to his absence from home, lay unanswered for some time, and then the Brother reported to me personally that he could not get time to visit them, being too busily engaged.

If there is no probability of stirring these Lodges up, their books etc. had better at once be called in, and unless some very responsible member holds books and paraphernalia, the rituals and other work I find liable to get scattered about, and their final recall impossible.

MACLEOD LODGE.

The condition of affairs here has already been referred to by me. However I trust a new Lodge will be speedily and properly started at this point. I see no good reason why we should not have a strong flourishing Lodge here, and with a judicious selection of officers give a good account of itself. I would urge the putting in the field of a tried practical organizer. Let the Grand Lodge profit by past experience, and have proper business agreements drawn up and filed with the G. K. of R. & S, and if necessary a bond entered into. Our P. G. C., Brother Conybeare, in the west, writes me that they can find work for him out West, vide letter fyled.

I am sure that many good points are vacant in Southern Manitoba, and that this time next year we should have from fifteen to twenty new Lodges. This can be done, but it requires work—all around, systematic and united.

I append to this report for the information of the Committee on state of the Order, the only replies in detail sent me by Deputies. They are from D. G. C. Ferte, Cowie and McDonald, and would suggest that some such report embodying this information be required half yearly from all Lodges. This will afford not only a valuable source of information to the statistician, but a business history of our various districts, and the financial status of the individual units of our Order.

The purposes and objects of our Order are beyond cavil or comment. Let me here for your benefit, and remembrance reiterate them.

Protect the weak. Defend the right. Alleviate the sufferings of a Brother. Watch with the sick. Bury the dead. Care for the widow. Educate the orphan. Practice those ennobling virtues, friendship, charity and benevolence. Exercise charity toward offenders. Construe words and deeds in their least unfavorable light granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others and throwing the mantle of charity over the unfortunate or misguided. Stop the circulation of slander, and rebuke the slanderers. Defend even the most bitter enemy when unjustly assailed.

#### WHAT A SUMMARY.

What a beautiful moral code for our guidance this elaboration of our duty to our neighbor. How many of us when we assume the vows of Knighthood really grasp the mere outline of the work we then pledge ourselves to perform, and the new and responsible duties we assume. Could we always keep these tenets indelibly engraved on the mind of each and every Brother Knight; then our Order would indeed flourish, and spread itself broadcast over this glorious Domain of ours, till we would become a strong sturdy Son of Our Lady of the Snows. The daily active and unceasing carrying out of these the purposes and objects of our Order by our Brother Knights across the Border, is to my mind the cause of the almost phenomenal success attending its sweeping progress. And mark you, progress it is, no retrograde movement about it, for eleven hundred members alone in one State records the new membership, and I expect to see in the Supreme Lodge statistics next year a still greater increase.

We have, alas not grown as we should. The Order in this Domain is still crawling and creeping along when it should show vigor, strength and ability, not only to stand alone, but advancing one foot before the other, accomplish strides. Let us in the coming year disseminate, each representative to his Lodge, each brother to his friends, the aims, purposes and objects of our noble Order, and endeavor as far as honest effort will assist us to live up to that. Our example will be followed by practical fruit, and when by means of an Organizer, or otherwise, we request them to join our ranks, we will, our fundamental principles being understood, have no difficulty in securing members, but rather have to exercise careful selection. Let me urge again upon you the fact that our Lodges possess a ballot box, and it is a duty of not only all true Knights, but especially of Deputies and Representatives to see that its powers are wisely and judiciously exercised. We must be constantly on the watch. Not

so much of others as of ourselves. Brethren I love our Order. There is none in existence with nobler aims, higher purposes or better objects, and you must pardon me if I wearied you, or endeavored to give you a homily on Pythianism, but of this I do feel assured, that honest calm reflection on the part of every representative will but bear me out and awaken such strong enthusiasm in his own breast that he will feel he must be up and doing.

If I could only arouse this feeling throughout the Domain, then the time of prosperity would be such as to astonish you. Let us then work for it, and rest not content till we find all whose friendship we have, or good will we crave, are enrolled under the same banner.

Brother Knights I thank you for all the kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office, and while I return to this Grand Lodge the emblem of authority entrusted to me, I do so giving you as a motto, watchword and rally for the coming year this quotation.

"This above all—to thine own self be true and it will follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M. D.,

Grand Chancellor."

*Answers to Correspondence mentioned in Document 4.*

Winnipeg, Feby. 14, 1900.

*Dr. Crookshank,*

*Grand Chancellor K. of P., Rapid City, Man.*

Dear Sir and Bro. Knight:

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON CONDITION OF ASSINIBOINE LODGE No. 4.  
Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays.

As promised you a couple of nights ago, I herewith present a report of above named Lodge for the term July 1 to Dec. 31, 1899.

I will endeavor to follow in rotation, the twenty questions submitted and comment on other matters afterward.

- 1 Assiniboine Lodge No. 4.
- 2 Louis A. Ferte.
- 3 43.
- 4 42.
- 5 Added one by initiation.
- 6 Decreased by two, see next line.
- 7 One death and one suspension for non-payment of dues.
- 8 Eleven; missed Sept. 25 for want of quorum.
- 9 Did not keep count, but should say not over ten.

- 10 Once each, Page, Esquire and Knight, all on one candidate.
- 11 About half-and-half, although urged by me at your request.
- 12 Cash on hand at close of term \$501.97; paraphernalia \$180.
- 13 Has  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in \$500 policy carried by combined three lodges.
- 14 \$500 policy (above mentioned) in the Hartford Fire Ins. Co.
- 15 and 16 Yes; five members carry total of \$7,000.
- 17 Replied to by 15 and 16.
- 18 Expended during term, sick benefits \$40, funeral \$26.25.
- 19 No special fund.
- 20 Fair; not enough enthusiasm though.

This is the easiest lodge to report on and I have chosen it first.

They were all ready, officers elected, statements, audit, report, etc. for installation on Jan. 8, but not having the semi-annual password at that time, I deferred the installation until Jan. 22 and was then ready to report on this lodge, but I held my report so as to enable me to report on the three lodges at once. This has been, and is yet, impossible, (except in a half finished way) and when Damon No. 5 meets to-morrow night, I sincerely trust to be able to send you a complete report on them. Even if they are not strictly up to the minute, I will send you a report anyway and explain causes of delay, which are in no wise caused by your humble servant, but by a combination of circumstances which I have endeavored to overcome, but only partially so.

I still hold the P.C. tax (\$27.80) received from Assiniboine No. 4, and also the report, and await orders as to this and other monies received for P.C. tax from the other two lodges.

Saw Lightcap yesterday and he reported no startling news (or books either) from Ernie Johnson of Rat Portage, so I am holding on to cash and reports until his successor is appointed. Advise me if you think different from this.

Replying to question No. 18. You will notice that the funeral benefit amount of \$26.25 seems small or out of semblance to the correct amount, but this is the Wilkes case of last July, and this explains the amount being \$26.25 instead of \$50, as provided for in the by-laws of this lodge, when the proper observance of the law is carried out.

As in the past, I will do my best to abide by any request you make, and I am as anxious as anyone to get these reports out and off my hands.

The delays of Damon No. 5 and of Winnipeg No. 1 are not of an alarming nature, but should have been all arranged and off my hands some time ago.

I have installed them both and hold their monies for the P.C. Tax. When I received yours of Feb. 1st (on the 10th) I was making ready to send a report on what I had, and I can assure you, that before ten days have passed over my head, you will receive whatever I can send in the way of reports concerning these two lodges.

I expect Damon No. 5 will be all O K after to-morrow night, and Winnipeg No. 1 should be all arranged at their next meeting on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You will observe that the existing condition of affairs, necessitates this report being sent in sections.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

L. A. FERTE,

*Deputy G. C.*

Winnipeg, Feb. 17, 1900

*Dr. R. P. Crookshank,*

*Grand Chancellor, Rapid City, Manitoba.*

RE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF DAMON LODGE No. 5.

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I was up to Damon's meeting night-before-last and secured their report. One of their causes of delay was the inability on the part of Bro. Bently, the K.R.S., to obtain any blank forms from G.K.R. & S. Johnson of Rat Portage. Another delay was caused by no meeting on Feb. 1st for want of a quorum. By later mention you will notice that meetings in December were forfeited for want of quorum, so this brought the nominations and elections on Jan. 4, and their installation on Jan. 18, and by having no meeting on Feb. 7 the concluding business was not done until their meeting of Feb. 15. This lateness is indeed deplorable.

I will now endeavor to reply to your twenty questions in the same rotation you propound them.

- 1 Damon Lodge No. 5.
- 2 Louis A. Ferte.
- 3 45.
- 4 46.
- 5 Increased two by initiation.
- 6 Decreased one by withdrawal.
- 7 Answered by question and reply No. 6.
- 8 9 out of 12; they missed fire on Aug. 8, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21.
- 9 Will not average over 10. Sometimes a bare quorum.

- 10 The three ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight on the two candidates mentioned.
- 11 Fairly well, but not entirely so.
- 12 Cash at beginning \$392.12; at end of term \$405.82; paraphernalia \$92.12.
- 13 and 14 Same as the other two lodges; that is  $\frac{1}{3}$  share in \$500 policy in the Hartford Fire Insurance Co.
- 15 and 16 Yes. 8 members carry total of \$11,000.
- 17 Answered by above line.
- 18 Sick benefits \$52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; no funeral, fortunately.
- 19 No special fund.
- 20 Just about so-so. In fact the three lodges are in the same condition.

I cannot understand why any man, or so many of them, rather, do not abide by their declarations or words of honor.

This Lodge (Damon No. 5) intends holding an entertainment at its next meeting to infuse life and enthusiasm.

I might add that both No. 1 and No. 4 did the same during November and December, but after sending a card to every member in the city to come, there were not over thirty at one of the blow-outs and about twenty-five at the other.

I am losing no time in reporting and will exercise the same promptitude regarding Winnipeg Lodge No. 1, which should meet next Thursday evening, Feby. 22, and complete their semi-annual business. Keeper of Records and Seal, de Long of No. 1, threw up the sponge at the last moment after agreeing to accept and fill the office for another term. This fact, coupled with no meeting on Feby. 8, and a mistake in their report, has caused the delay. Was speaking to Bro. Lightcap Thursday evening and he said he had received word from Ernie Johnson to the effect that Johnson would send his books to Winnipeg towards the end of this week. As soon as they come, (if they ever do) I will do my best, along with Lightcap and Graham, to check them up and get them in good shape for Johnson's successor.

The Bonspiel is booming but I am not very much interested, as I am anxious to get home and rest after my office duties are over.

Trusting you are in good health and wishing you prosperity,

I remain sincerely and fraternally,

LOUIS A. FERTE,  
*Deputy for Winnipeg.*



Winnipeg, Feby. 24th, 1900.

*Dr. R. P. Crookshank,*

*Grand Chancellor, Rapid City, Manitoba.*

Dear Sir and Brother :

REPORT ON WINNIPEG LODGE NO. 1.

Term July 1 to Dec. 31, 1899. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Night-before-last I attended this lodge's meetings and secured their corrected report, and I hasten to report, to you.

Here goes for reply to the twenty questions :

- 1 Winnipeg Lodge No. 1.
- 2 Louis A. Ferte.
- 3 49.
- 4 49.
- 5 Increased by 4 ; that is, 1 re-instatement and 3 initiations.
- 6 and 7 Decreased by 4 ; that is, 1 death and 3 suspensions.
- 8 Nine ; missed July 13, Aug. 24 and Oct. 12.
- 9 Sometimes a bare quorum, but would not average over 10.
- 10 The three degrees on one candidate and the first two on each of the other two candidates.
- 11 Not entirely so.
- 12 Cash on hand at commencement of term \$644.86 ; at end of term \$709.66. Also share in paraphernalia, etc., \$100.
- 13 and 14 Has  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in \$500 policy in Hartford Fire Ins. Co
- 15, 16 and 17 Yes ; 12 members carry total of \$19,000.
- 18 Paid out \$15 for sick benefits. No funeral benefits, as deceased member was not entitled to any.
- 19 No special fund of any nature.
- 20 Like the other two lodges, this one is in a good financial condition, but the members do not and will not turn out.

This lodge has missed two meetings already this year (out of four) and the one of last Thursday was only by the skin of its teeth.

I trust that my three recent communications have reached you safely and been decipherable.

This report completes the business for the past term and I am aware that installations probably should not have been done before reports were ready, but lack of meetings, absence of forms, indifference of members, etc., were obstacles quite difficult to overcome, and in acting as I did, I considered that it was in the best interests of the order, although not strictly according to Hoyle. That was impossible.

Bro. Harrison, Sec'y of Endowment Branch, has called the annual meeting for next Monday evening, Feb. 26. No tidings of Johnson's books yet.

Regretting that my reports are not of a more encouraging nature and trusting you are well and prospering, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

LOUIS A. FERTE,

Deputy for District of Winnipeg.

Calgary, Alta., March 24th, 1900.

R. P. Crookshank, Esq., M. D.,

Grand Chancellor, Rapid City, Man.

Dear Sir and Bro :

Your favors of Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 last came duly to hand and I had been in hopes of replying at an earlier date, but from numerous contingencies have been backward in reply.

I have approached chancellor commander of Alberta Lodge No. 1, regarding initiation of saloon keepers, etc., and find such does not hold here. Regarding fees for degrees we have always charged a fee of \$15.00 for the several degrees.

Referring to questions as enumerated by you I append answers as below :

- 1 Name of Lodge. Alberta Lodge No. 1, Calgary.
- 2 Name of D.G.C. G. Macdonald, M.D.
- 3 Members 1st July, 1899. 33.
- 4 Members 31st Dec. 1899. 48.
- 5 Increase. 15.
- 6 Decrease. Nil.
- 7
- 8 Meetings held. 20.
- 9 Average attendance. 9.

- 10 Number of ranks conferred.
  - (a) Page, 14.
  - (b) Esquire, 12.
  - (c) Knight, 12.
- 11 C.C. and V.C. can confer ranks without ritual; others, no.
- 12 Financial standing Dec. 31. Cr. Cash \$115.14.
- 13 Paraphernalia, etc. insured.
- 14 \$250.00.
- 15 No endowment rank.
- 16
- 17 Cannot get up sufficient interest in it notwithstanding strenuous efforts for years.
- 18 Benefits paid 6 mos. ending Dec. 31st, 1899.
  - Sick, \$12.65.
  - Funeral, \$81.74.
- 19 No special fund.
- 20 Fair.

The prospects of this lodge should be very bright, but, for some unexplainable reason, it seems to be hard to keep up interest in the work. The work as a rule has been falling to a few of us and though at times almost discouraged at lack of interest as shown by poor attendance, yet by persevering we have been able to keep things moving and even gain ground. Of course, our population to some extent fluctuates and that fluctuation has materially affected us in movement of members to other parts.

The officers of Alberta Lodge I am pleased to say are showing signs of waking up and are taking more active interest than formerly. It has been a struggle to get the officers down to memorizing the work. This term I am glad to be able to say that the C.C. and V.C. are showing a good example in this line and I think it will continue.

For some years I have made attempts to start a branch of the endowment rank here but so far have not been able to do anything effectual. Constant grinding may yet effect its purpose,

At the end of term when forwarding semi-annual report to G.K. R. & S., I sent a report of my work up to that period. This report I presume Mr. Johnson will hold for you or present at Grand Lodge meeting.

I trust you have fully recovered from the disability which was troubling you at the beginning of the term. I am

Fraternally yours,

G. MACDONALD,

Alberta Lodge No. 1.

*D.G.C.*

## REPORT ON STANLEY LODGE.

- 1 Name of Lodge. Stanley No. 16.
- 2 Name of Deputy Grand Chancellor. J. A. Cowie.
- 3 Number of members at beginning of term. 22.
- 4 Number of members at close of term. 63.
- 5 Increase, if any. 41.
- 6 Decrease, if any. —
- 7 If decrease, how do you account for it?
- 8 Number of meetings held during term? 9.
- 9 Average attendance? 42.
- 10 Number of ranks conferred? (a) Page, 40; (b) Esquire, 36;  
(c) Knight, 33.
- 11 Can officers confer rank without ritual? Yes.
- 12 Financial standing of lodge? Balance on hand Dec. 31st,  
\$483.50.
- 13 Does the lodge carry insurance? No.
- 14 If so, how much? None.
- 15 Is there an Endowment Rank to lodge? No.
- 16 If so, number of members and amount of insurance? None.
- 17 If not, why not? Organization work have kept us busy.
- 18 Amount of benefits (1, sick; 2, funeral) paid by lodge during  
term? None.
- 19 Any special fund, and if so, what name and object attached  
to lodge? Nil.
- 20 Future prospects of lodge? The very brightest.

Referred to Committee on Distribution.

Document No. 5.

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the North-West Territories:

BRETHREN,—Herewith I submit the annual report of this office, showing the financial standing of the subordinate lodges throughout the domain, and also of the Grand Lodge.

In presenting this report it is gratifying to note that the Profit and Loss account of the year's business shows a surplus of \$508.81, and that the statement of Assets & Liabilities shows a surplus of \$865.96.

S. J. ROTHWELL,  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1899.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Members December 31st, 1898.....	379	
Initiated during the year.....	149	
Reinstated.....	25	
Admitted by card.....	3	
Total.....		556

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended.....	43	
Expelled.....	4	
Withdrawn by card.....	3	
Died.....	7	
Total.....		57

Number of Members December 31st, 1899.....	499
Net gain during the year.....	120

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors.....	8
Past Chancellors.....	92
Knights.....	377
Esquires.....	7
Pages.....	15
Total.....	499

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges December 31st, 1898 .....	12
Instituted during the year.....	4
Total .....	<u>16</u>
Charters forfeited .....	3
Number of Active Lodges December 31st, 1899.....	<u>13</u>

## ABSTRACT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.—YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1899.

Balance on hand December 31st, 1898 .....	\$2879 23
Discrepancy in last report.....	118 66
Receipts during the year.....	4679 58
Total .....	<u>\$7677 47</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Sick Benefit.....	788 47
Funeral Benefit.....	142 19
Other Relief .....	53 00
Aggregate for relief .....	<u>983 66</u>
Current Expenses.....	2803 61
Paraphernalia and Supplies.....	158 71
Invested during the year.....	275 00
	<u>4220 98</u>
Cash on hand December 31st, 1899.....	3456 49
Net Gain.....	<u>577 26</u>

## ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand.....	3456 49
Investments .....	296 00
Paraphernalia, Furniture, etc.....	2206 55
Total Assets December 31st, 1899 .....	<u>5959 04</u>
Number of Active Lodges at time of last Grand Lodge Session.....	16
Number of Active Lodges at present.....	13

ASSETS OF DIFFERENT SUBORDINATE LODGES.

LODGE	CASH ON HAND.	INVESTMENTS.	PROPERTY, ETC.
Winnipeg, No. 1	\$ 709 66		\$ 100 00
Assiniboine, No. 4	501 97		180 00
Damon, No. 5	405 82	\$ 21 00	92 12
Prairie, No. 8	169 25		200 00
Wheat City, No. 9	186 91		265 50
Hamiota, No. 10	100 35		230 00
Boissevain, No. 11	182 40	275 00	
Myrtle, No. 15	159 55		240 00
Stanley, No. 16	483 50		
Alberta, No. 1	115 14		300 00
Lethbridge, No. 2	130 14		376 70
Medicine Hat, No. 5	237 80		97 23
Jasper, No. 6	74 00		125 00
	\$3456 49	\$ 236 00	\$2206 55

In explanation of the above it may be stated that the following Lodges, viz: Macleod No. 4, Wawanessa No. 13, and Birtle No. 14, failed to report for term ending Dec. 31st, 1899, and are defunct—a matter deeply to be deplored.

GRAND LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1900.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Expense	\$ 227 14	
Postage	17 99	
Stationery and Printing	68 95	
Warrant Account	10 00	
Cash over		\$ 25
Special Assessment		180 00
Hamiota Lodge No. 10, Fine		8 00
Stanley Lodge No. 16, Fine		2 00
Supplies		31 40
Grand Lodge Cards		1 00
Per Capita Tax		631 15
Dispensations		4 00
Balance	533 81	
	\$ 857 80	\$ 857 80

Since above report, the sum of \$25 has been paid to Grand Chancellor as his expenses during the year. This leaves net gain during the year, \$508.81.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Fixtures		\$ 48 15
Supplies		131 37
Cash		273 40
Accounts receivable		763 19
Accounts payable	\$335 15	
Special assessment	315 00	
Balance	365 96	
	\$1216 11	\$1216 11

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Winnipeg	Lodge No. 1	2 95
Assiniboine	" 4	8 85
Damon	" 5	4 60
Neeopawa	" 7	17 33
Prairie	" 8	35 20
Wheat City	" 9	69 56
Hamiota	" 10	39 30
Boissevain	" 11	30 90
Crescent	" 12	10 90
Wawanessa	" 13	13 70
Birtle	" 14	31 25
Myrtle	" 15	18 95
Stanley	" 16	93 75
Alberta	" 1	2 85
Lethbridge	" 2	57 50
Regina	" 3	52 86
MacLeod	" 4	74 08
Medicine Hat	" 5	81 85
Jasper	" 6	52 25
E. H. Milham		63 00
E. T. Howard, expense account		56
		\$ 763 19

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Supreme Lodge	142 89
Unity Lodge No. 6	38 80
R. Horsley	4 50
W. J. Arnot & Co.	1 50
S. J. Youhill	05
Thos. Montgomery	20 21
I. Bennetto	7 85
N. S. Shaw	17 96
C. A. Turly	13 56
C. F. P. Conybeare	30 90
Joseph Harrison	8 45
E. D. English	4 23
J. K. Poster	17 67
E. E. Lightcap	16 46
William Middleton	22 42
Bell Hardy	5 61
E. T. Saunders	11 25
E. T. Howard	7 88
C. F. Bunnell	18 71
J. T. Huggard	10 11
W. R. Taylor	11 35
James Steele	11 25
A. E. Johnson	86 24
C. A. Flower	6 45
S. J. Rothwell	18 85
	\$ 535 15



FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUBORDINATE LODGES

TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1899.

Name of Lodge	No.	Rank Fees	Card Fees	Dues	Sundries	Aggregate Receipts	Cash on Hand	Total	Sick Benefits	Funeral Benefit	Other Relief	Current Expenses	Pr phrnalia & Supplies	Invested	Cash on Hand	Total
Whitniper	1	130.00	5.74	136.74	661.72	860.46	55.00	701.02	71.75	120.60	7.10	587.17	800.46	644.86	701.02	800.46
Dannan	2	101.28	4.00	105.28	53.07	158.35	53.00	105.35	71.75	17.85	88.60	337.80	337.80	337.80	337.80	337.80
Prairie	3	20.00	2.00	22.00	17.80	39.80	83.00	6.00	53.25	53.25	53.25	316.61	483.86	316.61	483.86	316.61
Went City	4	65.45	85.45	150.90	398.41	548.36	21.00	569.36	17.20	17.20	17.20	432.95	581.50	432.95	581.50	432.95
Hambuda	5	60.00	84.00	144.00	54.97	198.97	76.00	275.00	147.55	24.75	6.40	147.55	244.75	147.55	244.75	147.55
Wawamassa	6	84.00	84.00	168.00	75.00	243.00	10.50	253.50	34.00	34.00	34.00	32.25	104.30	32.25	104.30	32.25
Brittle	7	68.00	7.00	75.00	20.80	95.80	184.30	34.00	34.00	18.00	52.00	79.08	130.08	52.00	130.08	52.00
Artelle	8	28.00	17.00	45.00	248.00	293.00	310.86	60.00	60.00	18.00	78.00	117.07	225.05	60.00	225.05	60.00
Lehrbridge	9	5.00	42.50	47.50	127.00	174.50	325.05	43.15	43.15	43.00	258.40	301.45	236.57	299.88	236.57	299.88
Maclod	10	17.00	3.00	20.00	42.00	62.00	29.00	91.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	114.95	114.95	43.00	114.95	43.00
Wawamassa	11	17.00	3.00	20.00	42.00	62.00	29.00	91.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	114.95	114.95	43.00	114.95	43.00
Jasper	12	43.45	13.00	56.45	75.84	132.29	3175.27	6188.91	430.15	0.00	43.00	1529.05	101.45	5375.34	427.00	5802.34

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Whitniper	1	24.00	178.40	177.90	210.80	644.86	864.76	15.00	30.25	140.10	34.61	501.67	714.77	709.66	864.76	709.66
Assiniboia	4	24.00	188.15	188.15	153.75	392.12	545.27	43.00	71.75	80.44	159.75	169.75	344.00	169.75	344.00	169.75
Prairie	5	220.00	102.00	322.00	129.50	451.50	404.01	20.00	0.45	119.45	119.45	186.21	404.01	186.21	404.01	186.21
Hambuda	6	137.50	89.75	227.25	104.75	332.00	252.30	59.00	715.00	60.00	20.00	159.55	187.55	159.55	187.55	159.55
Boiseshvahn	11	15.00	79.50	94.50	89.50	189.00	189.55	8.00	31.74	206.50	94.40	130.14	285.94	130.14	285.94	130.14
Myrtle	15	10.00	69.00	79.00	77.50	156.50	156.50	100.67	10.00	41.00	9.15	237.80	442.87	237.80	442.87	237.80
Albert	1	150.00	71.50	221.50	147.24	368.74	272.24	30.00	10.00	94.40	9.15	237.80	442.87	237.80	442.87	237.80
Lehrbridge	2	70.00	23.00	93.00	206.50	309.50	144.87	100.67	10.00	94.40	9.15	237.80	442.87	237.80	442.87	237.80
Medicine Hat	5	40.00	106.50	146.50	77.50	224.00	124.15	100.67	10.00	94.40	9.15	237.80	442.87	237.80	442.87	237.80
Jasper	12	47.50	1405.19	37.15	2676.44	3149.88	5846.32	58.22	126.19	1666.56	43.76	275.00	3456.09	5846.32	3456.09	5846.32

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT SUBORDINATE LODGES.

TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1899.

Name of Lodge	No.	No. of Inbrs Last Report	Initiated	Re-instated	Admitted by Card	Total	Suspended	Expelled	Withdrawn Card	Deceased	Total	Present Members	Past Grand Chancellrs	Past Chaml.	Knight's	Requites	Pages	Total
Winnipeg	1	48	.....	1	.....	51	2	.....	1	.....	2	49	2	11	36	.....	.....	49
Dauphin	4	45	.....	1	.....	45	1	.....	.....	.....	2	43	3	12	30	.....	.....	45
Prairie	9	11	.....	1	.....	12	1	.....	.....	.....	1	11	1	7	4	.....	.....	11
Wheat City	9	46	.....	1	.....	48	1	.....	.....	.....	1	47	1	5	41	.....	.....	47
Wheat River	10	38	.....	1	.....	39	1	.....	.....	.....	1	38	1	6	21	.....	.....	39
Bossman	13	.....	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Wawanesa	13	.....	8	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Birtle	14	30	.....	1	.....	31	7	.....	.....	.....	7	24	.....	5	18	1	.....	24
Alvick	15	31	.....	1	.....	32	3	.....	.....	.....	3	29	.....	4	26	.....	.....	32
Alvick	2	42	.....	1	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	1	10	30	.....	.....	43
Lethbridge	4	29	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	28	.....	2	26	.....	.....	28
Macleod	5	28	.....	9	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	.....	1	33	4	.....	37
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TERM ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1899.

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Prairie	9	11	22	10	.....	43	3	.....	.....	.....	3	40	1	7	32	.....	.....	40
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Myrtle	15	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Stanley	16	23	63	2	.....	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	63	.....	6	45	4	.....	63
Alberta	1	33	14	2	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	48	.....	5	37	.....	.....	48
Medicine Hat	5	38	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	.....	10	30	.....	.....	37
Medicine Hat	5	38	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	.....	3	23	.....	.....	37
Jasper	6	25	3	.....	.....	28	1	.....	.....	.....	1	27	.....	3	23	.....	.....	27
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the welfare of the order. It will not do for us to be blind to the fact that our order in this domain is not progressing as it deserves to do, and there is no doubt but that one of the chief reasons for this may be found in the lack of enthusiasm of brother knights who hold official positions. I hope that hereafter, official communications will be attended to promptly, and there is no doubt but that the interests of the order will in this way be greatly promoted.

Fourthly: I would also strongly recommend that the appropriation for the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be at least the sum of \$200. There can be no doubt whatever but that this amount is the very least which a faithful officer should be paid in view of the very important duties which he is continually called upon to perform in connection with the developement of the order.

In conclusion, I desire through this medium to thank Bro. Jos. Harrison, Grand Master of Exchequer, for kindness during my term of office, and also the Auditing Committee. I wish also to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness and assistance to me of your faithful Grand Chancellor Bro. Crookshank, and Past Grand Chancellor Bro. E. E. Lightcap. The official communications of your Grand Chancellor were indeed examples of Pythian kindness, courteousness and enthusiasm, and the constant advice of Bro. Lightcap in connection with questions affecting the welfare of the order, were invaluable.

Referred to Committee on Distribution.

#### Document No. 6.

WINNIPEG, JULY 23RD, 1900.

*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T. Knights of Pythias:*

BRETHREN:—I have the honor to report that at my last report there was to the credit of the Grand Lodge the sum of ..... \$ 74 98 /

The total Receipts to June 30, 1900, were ..... 886 70

911 68

The total Disbursements, as per warrants 238 to 257, were ..... 688 23

273 40

Leaving a balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge of. ....

Since June 80th I have received from the G. K. of R & S. further Receipts amounting to .....	178 75
And Disbursed under Warrants 258 to 261 the sum of..	93 85
Leaving a further balance to credit of Grand Lodge of.	<u>84 90</u>
Making the Actual Total Balance .....	<u>358 80</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. & B., by

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH HARRISON,  
*G. M. E.*

Referred to Committee on Distribution.

The following appointments were then made to fill vacancies on Standing Committees:

LAW—H. C. Taylor, C. R. Mitchell.

STATE OF THE ORDER—R. A. Graham, Ed. Pearson, Charles  
Jeffreys.

PRINTING—S. J. Rothwell, W. M. Bentley.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM--W. G. Bell, I. A. Cowie, Neil S. Shaw

PRESS—R. A. Graham.

**Document No. 7.**

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

(See Document No. 11.)

Referred to committee on Distribution.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning, July 24th, at 10 o'clock.

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**SECOND DAY.****MORNING SESSION.**

Grand Lodge opened in due form, V.C., F. L. Schaffner presided, and asked Supreme Representative Lightcap to take the chair.

Roll Call of Officers and Lodges (by representatives); responses noted.

**Document No. 8.****REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.**

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

**BRETHREN** :—Your committee on Distribution report as follows :

Referring to the report of the Grand Chancellor, we would respectfully recommend that the whole of it be handed to the committee on State of the Order.

With regard to the report of the Grand K. of R. & S., we would recommend that those portions of it dealing with the financial standing of the Subordinate Lodges and of the Grand Lodge, together with the recommendation re increase of salary to the incoming G. K. of R. & S., be referred to the Finance committee, and the balance of the report be referred to the committee on State of the Order.

We also recommend that the report of the G. M. of E. be handed to the Finance committee.

With regard to the report of the Finance committee, we consider that this report should not have been handed to us, but tabled and dealt with by the Grand Lodge; we therefore return same for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. B.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH HARRISON, Chairman.  
F. L. SCHAFFNER.  
H. C. TAYLOR.

Report adopted.

**Document No. 9.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.**

We find the following P.Cs. eligible to receive the G. L. Rank for reasons stated :

J. G. McRobie,	- - - -	Wheat City Lodge No. 9.
W. J. Cram,	- - - -	Stanley Lodge No. 16.

The certificate of W. J. Cram having been lost, the representatives from Stanley lodge have made application as per attached letter. We would therefore recommend that the G. L. Rank be conferred on the Brother.

We also find representatives' credentials for

J. G. McRobie,	- - - -	Wheat City Lodge No. 9.
R. F. Morrison,	- - - -	Boissevain Lodge No. 11.

and would respectfully recommend that these Past Chancellors be allotted seats in the G. L. as representatives for above lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BENTLEY, Chairman.  
WM. MIDDLETON.

Report adopted.

J. T. McRobie was then given his Grand Lodge Rank.

**Document No. 10.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.**

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

BRETHREN :—Your committee on State of the Order beg leave to report as follows :

**GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.**

The report of the Grand Chancellor is certainly a marvel of completeness, touching as it does on both sides of all questions involved, with the most admirable impartiality. The forming of an Advisory Board would seem to your committee to be a most commendable act, and the suggestion to enroll this board as a permanent committee, most advisable. The urgency of promptly attending to all correspondence, etc., in connection with the Order is strongly brought out.

## REPORT OF G. K. OF R. AND S.

Your committee notes a net increase in membership of some 120 which, considering the fact that three lodges have gone out of existence, is most gratifying.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the necessity of prompt attention to correspondence be impressed on Subordinate Lodges through their representatives.
2. That the Grand Chancellor, on the expiration of his term, file with the G. K. of R. & S. all official correspondence.

In conclusion we must compliment the Grand Lodge on the financial standing as well as the general healthiness of the order in this domain.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. GRAHAM, Chairman.  
ED. PEARSON.  
I. A. COWIE.

Report adopted.

## Document No. 11.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

BRETHREN:—Your committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

## THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT.

We have carefully examined the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and of the Grand Master of Exchequer, and take pleasure in certifying to their correctness. Your committee is pleased to note considerable improvement in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge as compared with that of former years. It will not be necessary to enter into details, as the reports of both offices are before you, but we shall give a brief analysis, commenting upon some matters which seem to us might call for special mention. The total receipts for the year were \$886.95 and the disbursements \$688.23, as compared with \$816.73 and \$987.37 respectively for the previous year. It will thus be seen that for the year just closed we have a surplus of \$198.72, as against a deficit of \$140.64 for last year. It is only fair, however, to state that included in the receipts for the year just closed



we find \$180 received from a special assessment. In the Grand Lodge Profit and Loss Account we are pleased to note a net profit or gain for the year of \$538.81, as compared with \$32.02 for last year. From this amount there should have been deducted the mileage and per diem of the last session, which for some reason the committee entrusted with this duty did not report. The amount in any case would not be large. From the Assets and Liabilities statement we learn that the present worth of the Grand Lodge amounts to \$365.96, as compared with \$167.85 for the previous year,—a very creditable showing. The item "special assessment", amounting to \$315, charged as a liability in this statement, may need some explanation. Immediately following the last session the Grand Chancellor notified all lodges of the special assessment, and the G. K. of R. & S. at once made a charge to each lodge of its appropriate share. The resolution authorizing this assessment made it optional with the lodges whether they paid or not, and as the amount still unpaid forms a part of the item \$768.19 for accounts receivable your committee thought it well not to show a fictitious asset, so placed the amount, viz: \$315, as a liability, which has been reduced a little by a subsequent payment from one of the lodges. The supplies in the hands of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were very carefully gone over and only such stock as was of a saleable character was included, so that the amount shown as representing the present worth of the Grand Lodge may be taken as correct and substantial, allowing, however, for doubtful accounts receivable a balance of \$188.74, which would reduce the present worth to the sum of \$227.22.

Your committee would recommend that an urgent appeal be made to those lodges who have not seen fit to remit their share of the special assessment. The resolution was made to read "optional with lodges" because it was thought unwise to bring undue pressure upon any of our lodges whose finances were not in the best shape, but to those who are in a position to take up their share, it is hoped they will see their way clear to respond at a very early date. In view of the fact that only six lodges have remitted on account of this special assessment, your committee decided not to authorize the disbursement of monies received thereon, for mileage and per diem, but to leave the matter in your hands to deal with as you may see fit.

Your committee submit hereunder a statement of Appropriations made at the last session and the sums expended under the various items:

	Appropriation.	Sum Expended.
Journal of Proceeding .....	\$ 65.00	\$ 51.40
Constitution .....	100.00	.....
Stationery and Printing .....	50.00	17.55
Salary G. K. of R. & S. ....	150 00	150.00
Supreme Lodge Per Capita .....	48.00	38.56
Grand Chancellor's Expenses .....	100.00	25.00
Mileage and Per Diem .....	100.00	.....
Sundry Expenses .....	50.00	17.87

It will be seen by the above, that the expenditures were kept well within the mark, in no case exceeding the appropriation, and in several cases much below the figures given.

In checking over the Supreme Lodge account and comparing the balance with the statement of balance rendered by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, we find a difference of \$19.75. Your committee obtained an itemized statement from the office of the S. K. of R. & S., extending back over one year, but were unable to discover this discrepancy. Owing to the fact that up to this year the books of the G. K. of R. & S. were not closed until about two days before the Grand Lodge session, your committee could only check the debit and credit appearing in the account, and had no means of properly checking with the office of the S. K. of R. & S. We have no doubt but that the balance as rendered by the Supreme Lodge is correct, and in view of the trouble this matter would give the S. K. of R. & S. before we could possibly trace this difference, and believing that the amount should properly be credited to the Supreme Lodge account, we recommend that the G. K. of R. & S. at once make an entry of \$19.75 to the credit of this account and to the debit of Profit and Loss.

We find in the list of Accounts Payable an item of \$88.80 to the credit of Unity Lodge. This balance has been carried forward for some years, and as there is no immediate prospect of this lodge resuscitating, we would recommend that an entry be made by the G. K. of R. & S. at once, charging this account with the above amount and crediting the same to profit and loss.

Again, we find in the Accounts Receivable a balance of \$17.88 to the debit of Neepawa Lodge. This lodge now being some three or four years defunct, and in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge now holds more than sufficient in supplies, etc. to balance this amount, your committee would recommend that all property now held from Neepawa Lodge be at once taken over by the Grand Lodge, and a credit made to balance the indebtedness now appearing.

We find also in the Accounts Payable, an item of \$13.56 to the credit of the late Bro. C. A. Turley. We would recommend that the G. K. of R. & S. endeavor to find the address of Mrs. Turley, the deceased brother's widow and pay the amount over to her as soon as possible.

In going over the balances included in the Accounts Receivable we find the following :

Crescent Lodge No. 12.....	\$10.90
Wawanesa " 13.....	13.70
Birtle " 14.....	31.25
Regina " 3.....	52.86
Macleod " 4.....	74.08
Total .....	162 79

All of these lodges are now defunct and we would recommend that all supplies and paraphernalia be at once brought into possession of the Grand Lodge, and a carefully prepared inventory of each kept on record. This is an important matter, and would not only result in the safety of all lodge properties secret and otherwise, but the rituals and jewels of these defunct lodges could be used in the opening of new lodges, and thereby save the Grand Lodge the additional outlay for these articles. In the particular case of Birtle Lodge, your committee will file a report later on in the session.

The G. K. of R. & S. has informed your committee that many of the lodges dispute the correctness of the ledger balance against them. In order to get something definite in this matter, your committee addressed a special letter to each K. R. & S., giving therein the balance as shown by the Grand Lodge ledger on July 1st, and requesting that the lodge verify the same, or where a difference exists, give a statement of particulars, so that the account might be checked and the difference straightened out. There has scarcely been time for replies in every case, and as they come in will be dealt with in special report.

The Accounts Receivable show a debit balance to Bro. E. H. Milham of \$63. This represents the balance owing by Bro. Milham out of monies advanced to him, and which should have been settled some time ago. The arrangement with Bro. Milham your committee cannot go into here for the want of time and space, suffice to say that the balance is correct, and should be collected from Bro. Milham at once, if it is not his intention to return and take up organization work as agreed upon.

In reviewing the financial condition of Subordinate Lodges your committee is pleased to note a very substantial gain. We note that nearly \$1000 was spent in the relief of brother knights, as compared with \$407.25 for the previous year, and in spite of this heavy drain, the cash on hand shows an increase of nearly \$500. We invite the members of the Grand Lodge to carefully look over the statement covering the returns from Subordinate Lodges, which will be found in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

■ In closing this report your committee desires to make special mention of the services of Brother S. J. Rothwell as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Since taking over the duties of this office in the month of March, he has had a great deal to contend with; has had many tangles to straighten out. In all these he has exercised a good deal of patience, and has spent many hours of good work cheerfully and well, that he might deliver up to his successor the business of the Grand Lodge in a manner satisfactory to his colleagues and whoever might follow him. To take up this entirely new work and carry it on as Brother Rothwell has done in the short space of four months, was a task of no small measurement, and we desire to commend him for the business-like way in which he carried on his work, and for the uniform courtesy shown to all with whom he had dealings. We exceedingly regret that we cannot entertain the hope of his standing for re-election.

We desire also to thank Bro. Jos. Harrison for his kindness in many ways, and we desire to commend him also for the care and promptness exercised in the fulfillment of his duties as Grand Master of Exchequer.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee { E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman,  
LOUIS A. FERTE,  
R. A. GRAHAM.

The report of the committee on Finance was taken up clause by clause and finally adopted as a whole with the following amendments:

Clause 2, adopted adding the following: "Upon the finance committee being notified in writing of a lodge's inability or refusal to pay special assessment referred to, the G. K. R. & S. shall be authorized to make an entry crediting the lodge and charging Assessment Account with the amount charged to said lodge.

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**Document No. 12.**

RESOLUTION RE PRAIRIE LODGE'S ACCT.

*To the Grand Chancellor and Officers:*

SIRS:—Your committee on Finance, and the G. K. R. S. have billed Prairie lodge No. 8 with two different amounts which have already been paid and would ask to have the account adjusted.

CHAS. JEFFRY.

Referred to Finance committee.

**Document No. 13.**

RESOLUTION RE JASPER LODGES ACCOUNT.

Jasper lodge No. 6 beg leave to submit their account with Grand Lodge to your Finance committee for adjustment.

REP. ROBT. HOCKLEY.

" H. C. TAYLOR.

Referred to Finance committee.

**Document No. 14.**

RESOLUTION RE MYRTLE LODGE'S ACCOUNT.

I would speak on behalf of Myrtle lodge No. 15, Hilton. The lodge considered your appeal asking for an amount of \$20, but they felt they were unable to meet the views of the Grand Lodge in full, and decided to meet you half way by paying the sum of \$10, and would ask you to kindly credit their account with balance charged.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. BROWN.

Referred to Finance committee.

**Document No. 15.**

## RESOLUTION RE NEXT SESSION OF GRAND LODGE.

Submitted by G. M. of E., Joseph Harrison, that the next session of this Grand Lodge take place during Bonspiel week, and if there be no Bonspiel, it take place during the month of February in 1902, in Winnipeg. Date to be fixed by the Grand Chancellor.

Motion seconded by Rep. J. G. McRobie.

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**Document No. 16.**

## AMENDMENT TO NO. 15.

Submitted by Chas. Brown, seconded by Wm. Middleton, that the Grand Lodge meet in the month of February, 1901, in the city of Winnipeg at a date to be named by the Grand Chancellor.

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**Document No. 17.**

## AMENDMENT TO NO. 16.

That the Grand Lodge meet at Winnipeg at the call of Grand Chancellor, as near to the Exhibition week as the delegates can reach the city on the excursion rate.

ROBT. HOCKLEY.  
F. L. SCHAFFNER.

P. G. C. Lightcap rules resolution No. 15 out of order—Supreme Statutes, Chapter 2, Article 191.

Resolution withdrawn; Document No. 16 becomes the resolution and Document No. 17 the amendment.

Amendment (Doc. 17) carried.

On motion of Representative Jeffry, seconded by Representative Cowie, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 1:15 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge opened at 1:55, P. G. C. Lightcap presiding.

Roll Call of Officers and Lodges (by representatives); responses noted.

Document No. 18.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

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

BRETHREN—Your committee on Distribution beg to report as follows:

That we have carefully read the several reports of the Deputy Grand Chancellors, and find nothing therein to refer to any committee other than State of the Order, and would therefore respectfully recommend that same be referred to that committee.

JOSEPH HARRISON, Chairman.

H. C. TAYLOR.

F. L. SCHAFFNER.

Adopted.

Election of Officers proceeded with, with the following result:

Grand Chancellor	F. L. Schaffner, M.D.
Grand Vice-Chancellor	Wm. Bentley.
Grand Prelate	Chas. Brown.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal	R. A. Graham.
Grand Master of Exchequer	Jos. Harrison.
Grand Master-at-Arms	R. Hockley.
Grand Inner Guard	Chas. Jeffrey.
Grand Outer Guard	Ed. Pearson.

Grand Lodge adjourned for half hour.

Re-assembled.

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**Document No. 19.****RESOLUTION RE OFFICIAL VISITING BY GRAND CHANCELLOR.**

Moved by N. S. Shaw and seconded by E. E. Lightcap, that the Grand Chancellor be urged to visit the Subordinate Lodges within the domain as often as possible and thereby encourage them to build up the Order; particularly those near him in Manitoba, and the others when invited to do so.

Adopted.

**Document No. 20.****RESOLUTION RE STANLEY LODGE BAND.**

Moved by J. T. Huggard, seconded by F. L. Schaffner, that the Grand Lodge desires to congratulate Stanley Lodge No. 16 and its members on their energy in the acquisition of the first K. P. band in this jurisdiction, and to cordially express its desire to help Stanley Lodge to maintain same in any way in its power, and that the G. K. R. & S. be instructed to convey this resolution to Stanley Lodge.

Adopted.

**Document No. 21.****RESOLUTION RE GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.**

Moved by J. T. Huggard, seconded by H. C. Taylor, that all incoming G. C's. be requested to have their report in the hands of the committee on Distribution at least one week prior to the session, and that the committee on Distribution be requested to have the work allotted to the various committees sent to the chairman of each committee at least three days prior to the session, and that the chairmen of committees be requested to use every effort to have their committees report at the first session of the Grand Lodge; and that all incoming G. C's. be requested to take all necessary steps to enable the Grand Lodge to complete its work in one day.



**Document No. 22.**

RESOLUTION RE PER CAPITA TAX.

Moved by Chas. Brown, seconded by Chas. Jeffry, that the per capita tax be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per member per annum.

Received first reading.

**Document No. 23.**

RESOLUTION RE ORGANIZER.

Moved by J. T. Huggard, seconded by I. A. Cowie, that the incoming G. C. in conjunction with the Finance committee, be instructed to take steps to obtain one or more organizers to work in this jurisdiction, and that the Grand Chancellor, with said committee have full power to act.

Adopted.

**Document No. 24.**

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
STATE OF THE ORDER.

We, your committee on the reports of the Deputy Grand Chancellors, recommend the adoption of the same, and commend them on standing of their reports.

We regret that so few of the D. G. C's. have sent in reports, as from those before us we are unable to get a true knowledge of the standing of the order in the country districts. We find, however, the city lodges are making material progress, and trust at the next session the D. G. Cs. from the country districts will make fuller reports as to the lodges in their districts.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. PEARSON, Chairman.  
CHAS. JEFFRY.

Adopted.

**Document No. 25.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

Your committee on Law find that G. C. Crookshanks, at the last moment, has been unable to be present; that his absence has been caused by professional engagements of a serious nature; and while we express no opinion on the question as to whether he has forfeited his right to the honor of P. G. C., recommend that he be excused at the present session.

J. T. HUGGARD.  
E. C. TAYLOR.  
C. R. MITCHELL.

Adopted.

**Document No. 26.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

In the matter of Salary to the G. K. of R. & S. for the ensuing term, your committee would recommend that the salary for this office be placed at the sum of \$200 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. LIGHTCAP.  
WM. MIDDLETON.

Adopted.

**Document No. 27.**

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Read and taken up clause by clause.

- 1 Would recommend that Myrtle Lodge's offer of \$10 in full of special assessment be accepted.
- 2 That Prairie Lodge be given credit for \$14.80, amount paid to Grand Chancellor Howard during his term, and that this amount be charged to account of E. T. Howard.
- 3 That Jasper Lodge be given credit for \$25, amount charged for special assessment as the liability for which this assessment was made was incurred prior to the organization of this lodge.

4 On referring to the last Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, we find Jasper Lodge is entitled to two jewels, one Past Chancellors and one Knights jewel, amounting to \$8.25, and would recommend that Jasper Lodge be given credit for this amount.

E. E. LIGHTCAP.  
Wm. MIDDLETON.  
R. A. GRAHAM.

Clause 1. Adopted.

Clause 2. On motion of V. C. Schaffner, seconded by S. R. Huggard, a committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter of Prairie Lodge No. 8 vs. E. T. Howard, and clause 2 referred to this committee, and the matter allowed to stand pending their report.

Clause 3. Adopted.

Clause 4. Adopted.

Report as a whole adopted as amended.

Document No. 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Winnipeg, July 24th, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and N. W. T.  
Knights of Pythias.

BRETHREN—Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that we find the following amounts due the officers of this Grand Lodge for attendance at the ninth annual session :

OFFICERS :

	Per Diem	Mil'age	Total
Lightcap, E. E., P.G.C.	4 50	Nil.	4 50
Middleton, Wm., "	3 00	10 56	13 56
Huggard, J. T., "	3 00	Nil.	3 00
Shaw, N. S., "	4 50	Nil.	4 50
Schaffner, F. L., G.V.C.	4 50	12 00	16 50
Rothwell, S. J., G.K.R. & S.	4 50	Nil.	4 50
Harrison, Jos., G.M.E.	4 50	Nil.	4 50
Lee, Thos., G.M.A.	3 00	Nil.	3 00
Hockley, R., G.I.G.	4 50	12 00	16 50
Bentley, Wm., G.O.G.	4 50	Nil.	4 50

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

## REPRESENTATIVES:

	Mil'age	Per Diem	Total	
Winnipeg No. 1, B. Nicholson	Nil.	4 50	4 50	
Assiniboine No. 4, Ed. Pearson	Nil.	4 50	4 50	
Damon No. 5, W. G. Bell	Nil.	3 00	3 00	
Prairie No. 8, Chas. Jeffry	4 48	4 50	8 98	
Wheat City No. 9, J. G. McRobie	10 56	1 50	12 06	
Boisveain No. 11, R. F. Morrison	12 00	1 50	13 50	
Myrtle No. 15, Chas. Bygown	12 00	4 50	16 50	
Stanley No. 16, {	I. A. Cowie	6 48	4 50	10 98
	Alex. Cruikshanks	6 48	4 50	10 98
	John Kennedy	6 48	1 50	7 98
Medicine Hat No. 5, C. R. Mitchell	12 00	3 00	15 00	
Jasper No. 6, H. C. Taylor	12 00	4 50	16 50	

We would also recommend that a special committee be appointed to report on the amount due for mileage and per diem for last session.

W. G. BELL.  
I. A. COWIE.  
NEIL S. SHAW.

Report amended to read, Thos. Lee \$4.50 instead of \$8.00.

## Document No. 29.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

[Moved by Robt. Hockley, seconded by Wm. Bentley, that this Grand Lodge issue certificates to each new member at a fee of one dollar to be paid by the Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge on completion of the Knight Rank, also to all old members in good standing who will remit the fee of one dollar to the G. K. R. & S., or the K. R. & S. of his Subordinate Lodge; also that a like fee be charged to each charter member of a new lodge, the said certificate to be in form of charter of Subordinate Lodges; the certificate to contain the name, number of lodge, and be signed by the Executive of the Grand Lodge, and under its seal.]

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

BRETHREN—Your committee on Law beg to report as follows:

That the resolution of Brothers Hockley and Bentley, being Document attached, be passed, and a Statute drawn in the following form:

"That Chapter II be amended by adding thereto the following Sub-Sections, as Nos. 7 and 8: '7. That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, signed by the Grand Chancellor, and under the seal of the Grand Lodge, do issue a certificate to each member upon his attaining the rank of Knight, containing his name, number of lodge, date of membership, and residence, for which each member shall pay to the funds of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar.' '8. That old members may obtain a like certificate upon the payment of a like fee.' "

J. T. HUGGARD.

C. R. MITCHELL.

H. C. TAYLOR.

On motion of H. C. Taylor and Chas. Brown this report was not adopted and was referred back to committee on Law to bring in at next session.

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G. BELL.  
L. COWIE.  
L. S. SHAW.

Document No. 30.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Finance committee beg to submit herewith the list of appropriations for the ensuing year, in other words, an estimate of the receipts and disbursements:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Printing and Stationery, including Journal of Proceedings	80 00
Salary of G. K. of R. & S.	200 00
Supreme Lodge Tax on 600 at 8c	48 00
Grand Chancellor's expenses	75 00
Mileage and Per Diem, Session of 1899 and 1900	150 00
Sundry Expenses	50 00
	603 00

ESTIMATED REVENUE.

Per Capita Tax on 500 members at \$1.30	650 00
Profit on Supplies	50 00
	700 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. MIDDLETON,  
E. E. LIGHTCAP.

Report adopted.

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**Document No. 31.**

APPLICATION FOR JEWELS FROM MEDICINE HAT LODGE NO. 5.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5 desires to make the following statement, viz: That in the original lot of supplies furnished at the organizations of the lodge, twelve Knight's Jewels were found to be short, The lodge desires that this order be now completed and that twelve Knights Jewels be forwarded to the lodge free of charge.

C. R. MITCHELL,

*Representative Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5.*

Referred to Finance committee.

**Document No. 32.**

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT NO. 31.

In the matter of the request of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5, for twelve Knights Jewels reported short, we desire to say that the books show a charge for these twelve Jewels, but the representatives of Medicine Hat Lodge are positive that the same were never received, and we now recommend that the G. K. R. & S. be instructed to send twelve Knights Jewels to Medicine Hat Lodge forthwith, free of charge.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. LIGHTCAP.  
WM. MIDDLETON.

Report adopted.

**Document No. 33.**

RESOLUTION RE PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS JEWELS.

Moved by J. T. Huggard, seconded by E. E. Lightcap, that Past Grand Chancellors Jewels be purchased and presented to Bros. Connybeare and Middleton, same not to exceed \$15.

Adopted.

Document No. 22 now received its second reading, and was passed.

Document No. 34.

RESOLUTION RE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTE.

Moved by E. E. Lightcap, seconded by J. T. Huggard, that the committee on Law be instructed to prepare a constitution and statute immediately following the Supreme Lodge, or the issue of the amendments to the Supreme statute, and that the same be prepared in good time and be presented for adoption at our next annual session. Resolved that this Grand Lodge place on record its desire to have a new constitution at the earliest possible date.

Adopted.

Document No. 35.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM  
FOR LAST SESSION.

Winnipeg, July 24th, 1900.

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

BRETHREN—Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report that we find the following amounts due the Officers of this Grand Lodge for attendance at the eighth annual session:

GRAND OFFICERS.

	Per D	Mlge	Total
Bunnell, — P.G.C.	Nil.		
Knight, C., "	1 50		1 50
Middleton, Wm, P.G.C.	7 50	10 56	18 06
Shaw, N. S., "	3 00		3 00
Conybeare, C. F. P., "	7 50	12 00	19 50
Huggard, J. T., S.R.	7 50		7 50
Lightcap, E. E., S.R.	7 50		17 50
Howard, E. T., G.C.	7 50		7 50
Foster, J. R., P.G.C.	7 50	10 56	18 06
Schaffner, T. L., P.C.	7 50	12 00	19 50
Johnson, A. E., G.K.R.S.	7 50		7 50
Harrison, Jos., G.M.E.	7 50		7 50
Flower, C. A., G.M.A.	7 50	16 00	23 50
Lee, Thos., G.I.G.	7 50		7 50
Jones, M. G., G.O.G.	6 00		6 00

We also find Representatives of Subordinate Lodges entitled to Mileage as follows :

REPRESENTATIVES.		Mlge.	Per D.	Total
Winnipeg No. 1, S. J. Rothwell	T. Lee	6 00		6 00
	T. Montgomery	6 00		6 00
Assiniboine No. 4, R. A. Pyne		3 00		3 00
	A. H. Kounthwaite	6 00		6 00
Damon No. 5, A. G. Carter		6 00		6 00
	Wm. Bentley	6 00		6 00
Prairie No. 8, W. R. Taylor		Nil.		
	J. Attwood	6 00		6 00
Wheat City No. 9, A. C. McCallum		6 00		6 00
	A. W. Crawshaw	6 00		6 00
Hamiota No. 10, R. P. Crookshank		6 00		6 00
Boissevain No. 11, R. F. Morrison		6 00		6 00
	J. A. Wright	Nil.		
Birtle No. 14, J. T. Foster		Nil.		
	J. A. Hall	Nil.		
Myrtle No. 15, C. Brown		Nil.		
	R. Stovel	6 00		6 00
Stanley No. 16, I. A. Cowie		6 00		6 00
Alberta No. 1,		Nil.		
Lethbridge No. 2, W. Henderson		6 00		6 00
Macleod No. 4, C. F. Hawes		6 00		6 00
	F. Steele	6 00		6 00
Medicine Hat No. 5, C. R. Mitchell		6 00		6 00
	Wm. Bardsall	6 00		6 00
Jasper No. 6, R. Hockley		6 00		6 00
Wawanesa No. 13, F. D. Barclay		6 00		6 00

I. A. COWIE.  
 BENJ. NICHOLSON.  
 CHAS. JEFFRY.

Adopted.

There being no further business, Grand Lodge closed to meet again during Exhibition week at Winnipeg, July 1901.

R. A. GRAHAM,  
 G. K. R. S.



**Grand Lodge Committees 1900-1901.**

LAW . . . . .	J. T. Huggard, Chairman. S. J. Rothwell E. E. Lightcap C. F. P. Conybeare C. R. Mitchell
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES . . . . .	Wm. Middleton, Chairman Chas. Brown I. A. Cowie
CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS . . . . .	W. G. Bell, Chairman R. F. Morrison C. R. Mitchell
STATE OF THE ORDER . . . . .	S. J. Rothwell Wm. Bentley Robt. Hockley
CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS . . . . .	L. A. Ferte, Chairman R. P. Crookshank Wm. Middleton
FINANCE . . . . .	E. E. Lightcap, Chairman L. A. Ferte Benj. Nicholson
PRINTING . . . . .	R. A. Graham, Chairman E. E. Lightcap F. L. Schaffner
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM . . . . .	Ed. Pearson, Chairman Chas. Jeffrey J. G. McRobie
PRESS . . . . .	Jos. Harrison, Chairman H. C. Taylor Alex. Cruickshank
SPECIAL COMMITTEE (Prairie Lodge vs E. T. Howard)	S. J. Rothwell, Chairman J. T. Huggard E. E. Lightcap
DISTRIBUTION . . . . .	Jos. Harrison, Chairman Ed. Pearson W. G. Bell

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 Officers of the Grand Lodge 1900-1901.
 

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Past Grand Chancellor	R. P. Crookshank, M.D., Rapid City
Grand Chancellor	F. I. Schaffner, M.D., Boissevain
Grand Vice-Chancellor	Wm. Bentley, Winnipeg
Grand Prelate	Chas. Brown, Hilton
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal	R. A. Graham, Box 234, Winnipeg
Grand Master of Exchequer	Jos. Harrison, Winnipeg
Grand Master at Arms	R. Hockley, Edmonton
Grand Inner Guard	Chas. Jeffrey, Portage la Prairie
Grand Outer Guard	Ed. Pearson, Winnipeg

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## Supreme Representatives :

 J. T. Huggard,  
 Winnipeg.

 E. E. Lightcap,  
 Winnipeg.