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OF THE
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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

Of the Maritime Provinces.



SECOND ANNUAL SESSION,
Moncton, N. B., Sept. 26-27, 1888.

PYTHIAN PERIOD XXV.

A. W. ADAMS,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,
St. John, N. B.



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CASTLE HALL OF WESTMORLAND LODGE, No. 3,
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,
Moncton, N. B., September 26, 1888
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Grand Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock P. M. in due form, Grand Chancellor Moulson in the chair.

At roll call of Officers the following were present:

James Moulson, Grand Chancellor.
Murray Fleming, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
W. C. H. Grimmer, Grand Prelate.
Thos. Armstrong, Grand Master of Exchequer.
Arthur W. Adams, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Geo. Dunn, Grand Master-at-Arms.
John P. Weir, Grand Inner Guard.
John Beamish, Grand Outer Guard.

Moved by Grand Prelate Grimmer and seconded by P. C. Cooper that the reports of Committees and the Grand Lodge Constitution be omitted in the reading of the minutes. Carried.

Minutes of last annual session were then read, and after adding the name of P. C. F. L. Peers to those who received the Grand Lodge rank at last session, were confirmed.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns was then read and ordered to be placed in minutes.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns.

MONCTON,
September 27th, 1888,
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*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge,
Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces:*

We, the undersigned Committee, beg to report that we have examined the Credentials of the following Past Chancellors and Members of this Grand Lodge and find them correct, and the Past Chancellors are entitled to admittance.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NO. 1.

W. S. Morrison,
Jacob S. Brown,
S. W. Wilkins,
John Beamish,
J. F. Fraser,
Wm. Quigley,
Chas. Nevins,

S. McDiarmid,
W. B. Whelpley,
Fred Hutchison,
Thos. Armstrong,
Geo. A. Hetherington,
Jas. Moulson,
Wm. Robb.

UNION, NO. 2.

Jas. Adam,
A. J. Armstrong,
A. W. Adams,
H. V. Cooper,
P. A. Melville,
A. L. Rawlins,

J. R. Armstrong,
T. S. Adams,
J. D. Seely,
John A. Ewing,
Wm. McAdoo,
J. F. Sullivan.

WESTMORELAND, NO. 3.

G. R. Sangster,
J. W. Whitehead,
Geo. Craig,
Murray Fleming,

Jos. H. Wran,
J. P. Weir,
W. T. Sands,
Geo. Cleveland.

FRONTIER, NO. 4.

J. K. Laffin,
Geo. J. Clarke.

John Ryder,
W. C. H. Grimmer,

S. R. Gilmor.

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CUMBERLAND, NO. 5.

F. L. Peers,

W. C. Dick,

Geo. Dunn.

Yours Fraternally,

(Signed)

J. P. WEIR,
F. L. PEERS,
WM. QUIGLEY,
WM. J. McADOO.

} Committee.

MONCTON,

September 27th, 1888,

Pythian Period, XXV. }

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—

We, your Committee on Returns and Credentials, beg to report : We have examined the Credentials of the Past Chancellors and find that the following are entitled to seats in Grand Lodge :

NEW BRUNSWICK, NO. 1.

Geo. V. McCarthy,

Samuel Tufts,

S. H. Barker.

UNION, NO. 2.

Frank Fales,
J. W. Gilmour,

G. W. Fairweather,
Alex. McNichol,

E. A. Powers.

WESTMORLAND, NO. 3.

C. C. Davison,
G. M. Jarvis,
Jas. McClure,
A. P. Tait,
E. M. Estey,

D. I. Welsh,
A. S. Coleman,
Wm. G. Spear,
H. B. Fleming,
C. W. Bradley.

FRONTIER, NO. 4.

Wm. E. Smith,

R. J. Rosborough,

John C. Henry.

CUMBERLAND, NO. 5.

C. A. Lowe,
John Fraser,

Alex. LeLeod,
R. H. Cooper,

F. F. Noiles.

FREDERICTON, NO. 6.

Harry Beckwith.

J. P. WEIR,
F. L. PEERS,
WM. QUIGLEY,
W. J. McADOO.

} Committee.

The G. M. at A. then introduced fourteen Past Chancellors who received the Grand Lodge rank as follows:

P. C. Geo. V. McCarthy, New Brunswick, No. 1.		
“ Samuel Tufts,	“	“
“ Sterling H. Barker.	“	“
“ E. Allison Powers, Union No. 2.		
“ D. I. Welsh,	Westmorland, No. 3.	
“ G. M. Jarvis,	“	“
“ A. S. Coleman.	“	“
“ Jas. McClure	“	“
“ Wm. G. Spear,	“	“
“ Alex. P. Tait,	“	“
“ E. M. Estey,	“	“
“ C. W. Bradley,	“	“
“ John C. Henry,	Frontier, No. 4.	
“ R. J. Rosborough,	“	“

Grand Chancellor's report was then read, and on motion the recommendations contained therein were received and ordered to be carried out.

Grand Chancellor's Report.

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

It is a great pleasure for me to meet you again, and welcome you to another session of the Grand Lodge. I have no doubt but that our meeting together on this occasion will be pleasant to us, and profitable to the Order. We have reached the time which marks another period in the history of our Order. The time has arrived when it is the duty of the Officers to render to you an account of their stewardship. I hope the reports submitted will justify you in saying "Well done, good and faithful servants." The returns will show that some progress has been made, and that the Order is in even better condition than when last we met.

Since our last meeting I have had the pleasure of instituting a Lodge at Fredericton, known as Fredericton Lodge, No. 6. The Lodge started with a membership of 24; they are much pleased with the ceremonies and objects of the Order, and I have no doubt but what they will take great interest in making it one of the finest Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Shortly after the last session, I appointed the following Past Chancellors as Deputy Grand Chancellors :

- Win. Robb, for New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
- Thos. S. Adams, for Union Lodge, No. 2.
- J. H. Wran, for Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
- W. C. Hazen Grimmer, for Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
- George Dunn, for Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

These Past Chancellors have always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Order, and have proven themselves well qualified for the various positions which they have held. I am deeply indebted to them for the valuable services they have rendered, and for which I tender them my sincere thanks.

I very much regret, and I am sure every officer and member of this Grand Lodge will regret to know, that the health of Deputy Grand Chancellor Thos. S. Adams has for some time been such as to prevent him taking his usual active part in the affairs of the Order, and which also prevents his being present on this occasion. I sincerely hope that he will soon be in the enjoyment of good health, and that we will have the pleasure of his presence and the benefit of his counsel at our next annual meeting. We should feel thankful that during the past year the health of the members has been so good. Very few cases of sickness have been reported to the Lodges, consequently the Lodges have not been called upon to pay much benefits.

We should be thankful for the peace and harmony which prevails in our Jurisdiction and for the progress which the Order has made. We can justly feel proud of the position in which our Order is, every Lodge being clear of debt or in a position to meet any bills against them, in addition to which each Lodge has funds invested. I am pleased to report that the membership has increased some. I regret it has not increased more; but we must not be too anxious to increase our membership. We must not become so anxious to do so, as to induce or lead us to accept of undesirable candidates. We must remember that sometimes increased membership does not add corresponding strength. I am satisfied that during the past year caution has been used to its fullest extent, and I have every reason to believe that those who have joined our ranks will prove themselves worthy of sitting in full fellowship with us. I believe that when occasion requires we will find them ready to do all in their power to live up to the requirements of the Order.

Since our last meeting the peace and harmony of the Order in the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was broken, owing to a conflict between the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Chancellor. You will be pleased to learn that at the Annual Session of

their Grand Lodge, held last month, that such action was taken as will restore peace and harmony in the Order.

I would recommend that the following be added to the duties of Keepers of Records and Seal :

They shall, at the close of each semi-annual term, furnish the G. K. of R. and S. with a report or statement showing the attendance of each Past Chancellor at the meetings of their respective Lodges.

I would also recommend that the following be added to Section 7 Art. 6 Grand Lodge Constitution :

The G. K. of R. and S. shall, at the opening of each annual session of the Grand Lodge, furnish each officer and member of the Grand Lodge with a printed report showing the attendance for the year of each Past Chancellor at the meetings of the subordinate lodges of which they are members.

All admit that the Press is powerful. Several papers are published in the interest of the Order, and they do much good. I know of none so valuable as the *Pythian Knight*, published at Rochester, New York. It is creditable to the publisher and the Order. Many of the Grand Lodges have, in the interest of the Order, subscribed liberally towards its support. I would suggest that this Grand Lodge do likewise. It is a matter worthy your favorable consideration. It certainly is the best Pythian paper published. I would like that every member in the Jurisdiction was a subscriber, and I shall take pleasure in using my influence to have them subscribe for it.

I feel it my duty to make some reference to the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Samuel Read. I am sure every member of the Order in this Jurisdiction, especially the charter members of New Brunswick Lodge, who had the pleasure of meeting the distinguished brother at the organization of the Lodge, will regret to hear that over him has been said: "Brother, we lay thee down to rest; we loved thee here, and our remembrance of thee shall be pleasant." To him belonged the honor of instituting this Lodge, the first instituted outside of the United States. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge place in our Journal of Proceedings a memorial page to his memory. I would also suggest that the Printing Committee endeavor to secure the engraving of our deceased brother (which appeared in a recent number of the *Pythian Knight*), for insertion in our Journal.

For some time the Order in this Jurisdiction has been steadily improving; at no time has it been in as good condition as it is at present. To insure continued success and prosperity we must ever be ready to fulfil the promises contained in our Constitution and Bye-Laws. We publish to the world that it is our duty to succeed the unfortunate, zealously watch at the bedside of the sick, soothe the dying, offer consolation to the afflicted, and care for the widow and orphan. Brethren, these

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promises are yours and mine, and it is our duty to see that they are faithfully performed, otherwise we will not be acting in accordance with the obligations which we have taken, and we injure the welfare of the Order. Every imperfectly performed duty is a hindrance to the growth, prosperity and popularity of the Order; every well performed duty tends to bind the members more closely to each other, and causes increased love for the Order. I have at all times endeavored to impress this upon the minds of the officers and members. While discharging my duties toward the sick and disabled, it has been a great satisfaction, a great pleasure and cause of encouragement to me, to find the members so ready and willing to watch by and care for the sick and disabled. In some instances their services have been so freely offered, that I have had more difficulty in giving them an opportunity to perform their duties than I had to secure their services. May this always be so. Should such be the case, all will be well.

Many, if not all of you, are aware that I shall not at this session be a candidate for re-election to the office of Grand Chancellor. There are so many members in this Lodge who are well qualified for and worthy of the position, that it will not be necessary to have those who retire from the office to occupy or hold it again. Consequently, this address or report will probably be the last that I shall ever make to you as Grand Chancellor. You have for six years been pleased to allow me to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Order in this Jurisdiction, serving four years as Deputy Supreme Chancellor and two years as Grand Chancellor. Though I shall retire from the position of Grand Chancellor, I can assure you that I have not the slightest intention of ceasing to take an active interest in the advancement of the Order, and I think that you will find that no one will, in the future, be more ready to work for its improvement than I will.

I may on this occasion be pardoned for making a brief reference to my connection with the Order. I was a charter member of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, of St. John, the first Lodge organized outside of the United States, and although I had not the slightest experience in society work, I was chosen for the position of Financial Secretary, an office now known as Master of Finance. After passing the chair of Chancellor Commander, I was elected to the office of Prelate, a position to which the members have been pleased to elect me, term after term, and year after year, to the present. When the Endowment Rank was instituted in St. John, I was elected as President. At the institution of the Uniform Rank in St. John, I was unanimously chosen for the position of Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Major General. At the organization of the Grand Lodge I was chosen for the position of Grand Chancellor, and also elected as one of your representatives to the Supreme Lodge of

the World, which gave me the pleasure of attending the first Supreme Lodge Session held in Canada. At the first annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, I was unanimously re-elected as Grand Chancellor.

While I do not claim that I was instrumental in bringing into existence any of the Lodges or branches of the Order in this Jurisdiction, I might at least say that it has been my pleasure to take part in instituting Union Lodge, No. 2, of St. John, and Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, of Moncton; and while holding the position of Deputy Supreme Chancellor it was my pleasure to institute Frontier Lodge, No. 4, of St. Stephen, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, of Spring Hill, and Sections 504 and 511 of the Endowment Rank, the former located at St. John, and the latter at Moncton. I also had the pleasure of instituting Victoria Division, No. 1, of the Uniform Rank, located at St. John. I also had the honor of instituting the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, and since the institution of the Grand Lodge I have had the pleasure of instituting Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, of Fredericton. I fully expected to have had the pleasure of instituting two Divisions of the Uniform Rank before this meeting, one at Moncton, and the other at Spring Hill. The warrants were applied for but have not reached me, consequently I could not organize these Divisions. I no doubt will within a very short time have the pleasure of instituting them. In addition to the Divisions now ready to be instituted I expect before our next annual session I will have the pleasure of instituting one at St. Stephen and one at Fredericton. I am much pleased with the progress the Uniform Rank is making in this Jurisdiction, and I hope it will continue to increase. It cannot fail to be a source of strength to the Order. All who have joined this Rank are much pleased with its beautiful and impressive ceremony. When on parade, the military bearing, neat appearance and fine marching have elicited many favorable comments.

I have given considerable time to the work of the Order. I have done the best I could to extend it and improve its condition. I might have instituted more Lodges, but I never have and do not now believe it a wise policy to institute Lodges in localities where the population is not sufficiently large to ensure its prosperity. It is far better to have fewer Lodges and have them numerically and financially strong. I think I am justified in saying that such is the condition in which our Lodges are today. I am well aware that every officer and member is pleased to know that the Order is in a prosperous condition. Pleased as you all are, let me assure you that none are more pleased than myself; and I am sure that none can possibly be more desirous of seeing it continue to prosper than I am; and I can assure you that none will be more ready in the future to do all they can for the Order than I will. Whatever I have done for the Order, I have done it not because I thereby expected to secure any position or any personal glorification in any manner, I have

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just sought the welfare of the Order ; and you have been pleased to honor me with all the honors within your power to bestow. You have honored and respected me, you have at all times treated me with the greatest courtesy, for all of which I tender you, and the officers and members of the subordinate lodges, also the officers and members of the Uniform Rank, my sincere thanks.

At this session of our Grand Lodge, I shall hand to my successor the emblem of authority and welcome him to this station. I retire from the position which it has pleased you to allow me to hold so long, not because I am weary of the work, but because it would be unfair to many other worthy officers for me to hold the position any longer, and thereby prevent their advancement. It is to me as I am sure it is to you a great satisfaction to know that the brother who will succeed me is one in every way worthy of the position. The interest which he has always taken in the welfare of the Order is a sufficient guarantee that the future prosperity of the Order is assured. Good as the condition of the Order now is, I feel quite safe in predicting that when it is his duty to bid his successor assume his station that he will find the Order in better condition than it is to-day.

Before drawing to a close this in all probability my last address as Grand Chancellor, let me impress upon you the necessity of remembering the obligations which you have taken, of your living up to the requirements of the Order. In becoming members of this Order we made solemn promises ; it is our duty to fulfil them. Let each one so strive to act that it may be said of him that the Order was benefited by his having become a member of it. I regret that the efforts which I have put forth have not resulted in more good to the Order. It was my ambition to accomplish more than any other officer. I have not accomplished nearly as much as I had hoped to, but I have done the best I could.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I feel deeply indebted to the officers and members in this jurisdiction for the confidence which they have always had in me, for the respect which they at all times have shown me, and for their desire, whenever they have had an opportunity of doing so, of placing me in positions of honor and trust. I am sure it is a great satisfaction to me to know on my retirement that I still have their confidence and respect. And let me express the hope that I may to the end, to that time when over me shall be said, "Brother, we lay thee down to rest ; we loved thee here, and our remembrance of thee shall be pleasant," merit your confidence and respect.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MOULSON,

Grand Chancellor.

The report of Grand Master of Exchequer was then read, and was on motion referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

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

SIR AND BROTHERS,—

I have the honor to present hereby the second annual Financial Report as Grand Master of Exchequer for term ending June 30th, as per vouchers enclosed :

1887.		DR.	
June 30.	To Balance on hand per last report.....		\$176 50
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Jan. 17.	To Cash from G. K. of R. and S.....		\$42 00
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April 13.	“ “ “ “ “		27 95
19.	“ “ “ “ “		85 00
25.	“ “ “ “ “		16 00
Aug. 4.	“ “ “ “ “		49 25
Sept. 5.	“ “ “ “ “		42 55
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Jan. 17.	By Cash for Stationery, &c.....	\$	65
20.	“ “ paid to G. K. of R. and S.....		17 20
Feb. 16.	“ “ “ “ “		5 95
16.	“ “ “ E. A. Powers.....		19 25
16.	“ “ “ R. H. Green.....		17 50
16.	“ “ “ G. K. of R. and S.....		44
16.	“ “ “ J. & A. McMillan.....		5 00
Mar. 7.	“ “ “ G. K. of R. and S.....		100 50
April 19.	“ “ “ “ “		3 04
19.	“ “ “ “ “		67 00
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24.	“ “ “ J. W. Gilmour.....		72 45
May 5.	“ “ “ E. A. Powers.....		16 00
June 4.	“ “ “ E. A. Powers.....		36 00
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				Balance on hand.....	\$455 84
					43 71
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Respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.,

THOMAS ARMSTRONG,

G. M. of Erchequer.

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The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was read and referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.,
September 25th, 1888,
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To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—

I have the honor to submit the second annual statement of your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

And it is with pleasure that I have to report the subordinate lodges in our Jurisdiction are in a better position, both as regards membership and finances (especially the latter), than when we last met, both of which items I will refer to later in detail.

During the past term we have had the pleasure of instituting a new lodge of our Order in the fair city of Fredericton, and we can congratulate ourselves that it is formed of the best material for a lodge that the capital can boast of, and it is now in good working order.

The financial standing of our Grand Lodge at present is as follows, (there being no bills outstanding against it):

Balance in hands of G. M. of Ex. per account herewith,	\$ 43 71
Balance due by Supreme Lodge,	2 20
Stock in G. K. of R. and S.'s office, statement of which herewith,	111 92
	<hr/> \$157 83

Due from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, ...	\$ 2 50
“ Union Lodge, No. 2, ...	5 40
“ Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, ...	22 10
“ Frontier Lodge, No. 4, ...	2 50
“ Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, ...	4 50
“ Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, ...	75
	<hr/> 37 75
Total assets,	\$195 58

STOCK IN HANDS OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

4 Books of Odes, ...	\$ 40
3 Supreme Lodge digests, ...	3 60
500 Official receipts, ...	3 75
275 Semi-annual reports, ...	9 17
8 Withdrawal cards, ...	4 00
2 Electrotypes of Grand Lodge Seal, ...	1 50
1 Grand Lodge Cromatic Seal, ...	3 00
300 Past Chancellors Certificates, ...	2 50
175 Grand Lodge Constitutions, ...	22 75
500 Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, ...	20 00
19 Bound Journals, 1887, ...	4 75
1 Charter, Subordinate Lodge, ...	2 50
1 Grand Lodge Official Seal, ...	12 00
1 Trunk, ...	12 00
Grand Officers' Books, ...	10 00
	<hr/> \$111 92

The finances of the subordinate lodges to term ending June 30th, per semi-annual reports, are as follows:

Balance in hand and invested per report June 30, 1888,	\$3998 21
Receipts for term ending Dec. 31, 1887, ...	\$1229 27
Receipts for term ending June 30, 1888, ...	1424 25
	<hr/> 2653 52
Lodge property not before reported, semi-annual reports not calling for same, ...	2806 53
	<hr/> \$9458 26
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Current expenses, ...	\$1311 20
Brothers relieved, ...	427 00
Widowed families relieved, ...	45 54
Burials, ...	50 00
	<hr/> 1833 74
Leaving a net balance in cash and invested of ...	\$7624 52

In the above amount is included the sum of \$1626.89 which is to the credit of the Widow and Orphan Fund.

The Past Chancellors reported from the different lodges number eighty five, with ten not in good standing, leaving a balance of seventy-five Past Chancellors who are eligible for membership in the Grand Lodge.

As regards the whole membership of the Order in the Jurisdiction, there was reported at our last meeting,	388
Since which there have been Initiated,	57
Reinstated,	5
Admitted by card,	4
	<hr/> 66
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Suspended,	35
Withdrawn,	1
	<hr/> 36
Leaving a net balance of	418

A gain of thirty during the year, which shows that the older lodges are really standing still, as regards membership; for when you take twenty-four charter members of Fredericton Lodge off of this number it leaves only a gain of six for the five older lodges, and this fact should spur our brothers on in their efforts to increase the membership of their respective Lodges by bringing in applications, at the same time remembering that they should only be the applications of good living and healthy citizens.

During the year I have received from subordinate lodges for Per Capita Tax and supplies, the sum of \$323.05, all of which I have paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer and hold his receipts therefor. A detailed statement of the said amounts will be found in the copy of the accounts of the Grand Master of Exchequer which I submit herewith.

I regret to say that the subordinate lodges have not yet reported having their Bye Laws revised so as to agree and comply with the Constitution for subordinate lodges passed at our last meeting.

In conclusion, I have to thank all of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and also the committees, for their kindness and assistance to me the past term, and wishing our Order all of the prosperity and success which it so rightly and justly deserves, for the coming term.

I am yours fraternally,

ARTHUR W. ADAMS,

G. K. of R. and S.

The report of the Printing Committee was then read and ordered to be placed in the minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

MONCTON, N. B. }
September 26th, 1888, }
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*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge,
Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS—

Your Printing Committee beg to report that they have had printed the various books and blanks for the use of the Grand Lodge ; also the Journal for the last session and copies of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Subordinate Lodge Constitution, the latter of which were procured and sold to the different Subordinate Lodges at cost, thereby saving the Lodges a great difference in cost in printing. All of the above have been procured at lowest possible cost. The bills have all been signed by committee and have been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. ADAMS, }
JOHN A. EWING, } Committee.
A. L. RAWLINS }

The report of the Finance Committee, to whom had been referred the reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, was then read, and on motion the reports were received.

Report of Finance Committee.

MONCTON, }
September 27th, 1888, }
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*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge,
Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—

Your Finance Committee to whom has been referred the annual reports of the G. K. of R. and S., and G. M. of E., beg to report that we have examined them carefully and find them correct. They show a very

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good financial standing, considering the heavy expenditure necessary on the formation of a Grand Lodge. From time to time during the term, we have reported on the several bills rendered, recommending payment thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. SEELY,
GEO. M. CLEVELAND, } Finance
S. W. WILKINS. } Committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was then read and received.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to present their report herewith. They have examined the Journals of fifteen Jurisdictions, but have received several others too late for review. While there is much information to be gathered by this means, it requires a great deal of time, which in our case we have been unable to devote to this work. We trust what has been done will meet with your approval. The following is the result of our labors:

ARKANSAS.—Eighth annual session, held at Hot Springs, May 16-18, 1888. Nine new lodges and seven divisions of the Uniform Rank have been instituted since last session. Membership 1689, a gain of 481 during the year. The Order is in a very healthy condition and growing rapidly. The Foreign Correspondence Committee announce that they do not know what territory is included in our Jurisdiction. We take pleasure in stating for their benefit that said territory embraces the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They call our G. K. of R. and S. Arthur W. Adonis, for some unexplained reason. Next session to be held at Pine Bluff, May, 1889.

GEO. W. WATSON, G. C., Hot Springs.
JNO. M. TAYLOR, G. K. R. S., Pine Bluff.

CALIFORNIA.—Twentieth annual session, held at San Francisco, April 9-13, 1888. Eleven new lodges instituted and six surrendered charter, with one suspended. Net gain in membership 167. The G. K. of R. and S. says they have been more particular about the persons admitted during the last year than hitherto, "and the new additions are such as we can justly feel proud of," which is a little rough on the "hitherto" members. The Grand Chancellor attributes the slight increase to "hard times" and "apathy on the part of members," which

latter he thinks due to the manner in which many lodges conduct the business and rank work. The following paragraph from his report may not do any harm to our lodges, while it might be a warning worth heeding, though we cannot see why he excepts the Prelate. He says :

"The prime reason is that there exists in a great many subordinate lodges, on the part of their officers, a looseness, amounting almost to carelessness, in the manner of conferring the secret work and the work of opening and closing the Lodge. The Ritual in the hands of an officer, other than Prelate, during the conferring of the ranks, should be prohibited. The time has come, in my opinion, when officers of a subordinate lodge should be required to know the ritualistic part of their work before installation. When this becomes law we will find the attendance upon Lodge meetings materially increase, and interest on the part of members cease to lag."

Next session at Fresno in April, 1889.

A. J. BUCKLES, G. C., Fairfield.

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

CONNECTICUT.—Twentieth annual session, held at Ansonia, February 21, 1888. One new lodge instituted and one resuscitated; also one defunct. Two Divisions of Uniform Rank instituted, making five now working. Thirty-six lodges reported. Membership 2,947, a net gain of 233. State of the Order good. In reviewing our Journal, the Foreign Correspondence Committee says: "The Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia Newfoundland and the Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence"! Brothers, the Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; "only that and nothing more." Next session is to be held at Hartford, in February, 1889.

GEO. M. DEMING, G. C., Bridgeport,

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

DELAWARE.—Nineteenth annual session, held at Wilmington, Oct. 26, 1887. Seventeen lodges reported. Membership 1,027. The reports are the most meagre productions we ever knew to be honored with the title. The G. C. reviews the year's work in a very few words; the G. K. R. S. condenses his to a page and a half; while the Foreign Correspondence Committee confines itself to *five lines*. Next session at Dover in October, 1888.

JAS. B. TUCKER, G. C., Wilmington,

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

IOWA.—Eighteenth annual session, at Cedar Rapids, Oct. 5, 1887. One hundred and sixty-three lodges reported. Membership 7,496, a gain of 677. Interest good. There are three regiments of the Uniform Rank—comprising thirty Divisions, all in good healthy condition. The G. C. says, wearily, that while he has written almost 3000 letters, answered innumerable questions, and made many rulings, there are but few of

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sufficient importance to be presented in his report. Next session in October, 1888, at Dubuque.

EDW. W. DUNCAN, G. C., Dubuque,
H. D. WALKER, G. K. R. S., Mt. Pleasant.

ILLINOIS.—Eighteenth annual session, at Jacksonville, Oct. 18-20, 1887. Eighteen new lodges during year, making one hundred and thirty-eight reported. Membership 8,390, an increase of 1,212. The Order is well looked after and spreading rapidly. This was Bro. H. P. Caldwell's 10th year of continuous service as G. K. R. S., and the members celebrated it by presenting him with a gold watch and chain. His salary is \$1000 a year, too. Next session at Galesburg, October, 1888.

JAS. W. PATTERSON, G. C., Joliet,
H. P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., Chicago.

INDIANA.—Twentieth annual session, Indianapolis, June 5-6, 1888. Twenty seven new lodges and one resuscitated make 181 active lodges. Membership 12,204, a gain of 2,519. There are 51 Divisions of the Uniform Rank in this State, and G. C. Heiskell rejoices that "through this medium, as through no other, we are enabled to reach the young men of the land." Next session to be held at Indianapolis, in June, '89.

J. H. RUSSE, G. C., Lawrenceburg.
FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., Indianapolis.

KANSAS.—Seventeenth annual session, at Newton, May 15-16, 1888. One hundred and sixty-three lodges reported, and the estimated membership is 8000. G. C. considers the Uniform Rank the most important branch of the Order. The per capita tax was reduced at this session from 75c. to 50c. The Foreign Correspondence Committee call our G. K. R. S. "Williams." Next session at Leavenworth, in May, 1889.

A. P. RIDDLE, G. C., Girard.
GUS. J. NEUBERT, G. K. R. S., Kansas City.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Nineteenth annual session, held at Boston, Feb. 8, 1888. Two new lodges were added during year, giving 61 working lodges. A gain in membership of 817 is reported, the total being 6,375. The lodges are in good working order and prosperous. Next session will be held at Boston in February, 1889.

LUTHER L. TARBELL, G. C., Marlboro.
CHAS. A. CROSS, G. K. R. S., Boston.

NEBRASKA.—Twentieth annual session, at Omaha, Oct. 11-14, '87. Seventy-nine lodges reported; membership 3,589. Fifty-three pages of the Journal are taken up with the report on Foreign Correspondence. The committee say they had plenty of time, did their best, and are satis-

field It is a most interesting and creditable report; but oh! what a lot of it. Next session will be held at Fremont in October, '88

R. O'NEILL, G. C., Lincoln.

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

OHIO.—Nineteenth annual session, at Zanesville, May 22-24, 1888. Fifty-two new lodges were instituted, and the membership increased 3,552. Present membership is 19,450. The G. C. granted 17 special dispensations, 15 of which were "to confer ranks upon maimed persons." He refused 16 applications for dispensations, most of which, he says, were "requests for permission to circulate begging letters and circulars to lodges in this State." This looks as though the "maimed" were very energetic in getting to work. The Grand Lodge distributed 10,000 copies of a pamphlet entitled "Objects and Aims," and the G. K. R. S. considers they have proven "an efficient aid in the grand work of the year." The lodges also decided to have a Foreign Correspondence Committee. The Grand Chancellor disqualified a number of officers in subordinate lodges who could not perform their work without the Ritual. Next session will be at Toledo, in May, 1889.

JOHN G. REEVES, G. C., Lancaster,

W. B. KENNEDY, G. K. R. S., Cincinnati.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Second annual session, at Darlington, Feb. 21-22, 1888. Eight lodges reported, with 636 members, an increase of one lodge and 169 members. The Grand Chancellor believes "the Uniform Rank will be a great benefit in advancing the interest of the Order." The Foreign Correspondence committee "feel it would be a work of supererogation to attempt a statement of the condition of the various jurisdictions," because the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal would have a more carefully prepared one later on. But this committee should remember that very few of the members have the opportunity of seeing the Supreme K. R. S. report, and cannot have the information the F. C. Committee should furnish. We fear these brethren were a little bit lazy. Next session at Columbia, Feb'y 19, 1889.

H. T. THOMPSON, G. C., Darlington.

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

UTAH.—Fifth annual session, at Park City, Feb'y 20-23, 1888. Membership 356, a gain of 18. One lodge was instituted, making seven now. State of Order good. Time of session was largely occupied in considering subordinate lodge constitution. Next session at Boise City, Idaho, in February, 1889.

R. W. CROSS, G. C., Ogden City,

E. A. McDANIEL, G. K. R. S., Ogden City.

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VIRGINIA.—Twentieth annual session, held at Danville, Feb'y 21-23, 1888. Forty-one lodges reported, showing a membership of 2,944. "From the information before me, and from observation, I feel justified in reporting the Order to be in a very healthy and prosperous condition," says the Grand Chancellor; and we will have to take his word for it, there being no information in the Journal by which to verify the statement. Next session at Alexandria, in February, 1889.

BEVERLY T. CRUMP, G. C., Richmond,
T. L. COURTENAY, G. K. R. S., Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Eighteenth annual session, held at Wellesburg, Oct. 11, 1887. 22 lodges reported; membership 1,306; a gain of 242. Next session at Charleston, Oct. 9, 1888.

W. C. SHIVES, G. C., Paw Paw,
J. RUFUS SMITH, G. K. R. S., Berkerley Springs.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, took the opportunity of thanking Past Chancellor Powers, who had kindly taken the work of the Committee on his own shoulders, had prepared the whole report, and was entitled to all the honor therefrom.

Moved by P. C. Wran, seconded by P. C. Cooper, that the Grand Lodge proceed to election of officers. Carried.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, G. V. C. Fleming being the only nominee, on motion, nominations closed, and on a ballot being cast, he was declared duly elected.

For the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, G. P. Grimmer was the only nominee, and on motion that nominations close, and a ballot being cast, he was declared duly elected.

For the office of Grand Prelate P. C. E. A. Powers was nominated by P. C. Wran; P. C. John A. Ewing by P. C. Powers; and P. C. Rosborough by G. P. Grimmer. All of the nominees declined the honor; P. C. Powers taking the stand that it was not fair to the older, that he,

a comparatively new member of the Grand Lodge should have the office; but after consideration accepted the nomination, and on nominations closing and a ballot being cast he was declared elected.

For the offices of Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the present incumbents were the only nominees, and on ballots being cast, G. M. of E. Thos. Armstrong was declared elected to the former and G. K. of R. and S. Arthur W. Adams to latter office.

Grand Master-at-Arms Dunn being the only nominee for that office, on ballot being cast he was declared elected.

On motion of G. V. C. Fleming, it was resolved that the offices of Grand Inner and Grand Outer Guard be filled by election.

For the office of G. I. G., P. C. Rosborough was nominated by G. P. Grimmer, and P. C. Whitehead by P. C. Cooper. On a ballot being taken, P. C. Whitehead had a majority and was declared elected.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, P. C. Rosborough being the only nominee, on a ballot being cast he was declared elected.

It being 10.30 P. M., the Grand Lodge accepted a kind invitation from the Knights of Westmorland Lodge to attend a banquet in their honor, and

On motion of G. K. of R. and S. Adams, Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27TH, 1888, P. P. XXV.

At 9.45 A. M. the Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Chancellor Moulson, and on roll of officers being called the following were present :

James Moulson, Grand Chancellor.
 Murray Fleming, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 W. C. H. Grimmer, Grand Prelate.
 Thomas Armstrong, Grand Master of Exchequer.
 Arthur W. Adams, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 John P. Weir, Grand Inner Guard.
 John Beamish, Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Chancellor authorized P. C. Ewing to act as G. M. at A.

For the office of Trustee, P. C. Ewing was nominated by P. G. C. Craig, and P. C. Melville by P. C. Powers. P. C. Ewing declining nomination, nominations closed, and on a ballot being cast, P. C. Melville was declared elected for three years.

Under the head of New Business, G. P. Grimmer spoke of St. Stephen as the next meeting place of the Grand Lodge, and moved, seconded by P. C. Wran, that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held in St. Stephen. The Grand Chancellor, G. O. G. Beamish, and P. C. Melville also spoke eloquently on the subject, and on the question being put, the motion was unanimously carried.

After several members had spoken regarding the time of holding next meeting, P. C. Wran moved that the third Thursday in September, 1889, be named. It was moved in amendment by P. G. C. Craig, seconded by G. O. G. Beamish, that the first Thursday in September be named on consent of the seconder. P. C. Wran withdrew his motion (the original), and on the amendment being put as the motion it was resolved to hold the next annual session on the first Thursday in September, 1889.

P. C. Wran, G. V. C. Fleming, G. O. G. Beamish, P. C. Henry, and others, discussed the advisability of Subordinate Lodges having a special set of officers for conferring Ranks.

P. C. Ryder asked if the fees for Ranks could be returned to anyone, for instance Clergymen, as an inducement to join the Order. The Grand Chancellor informed him that they could not. Several members declared and quoted instances to show that men brought into the Order under such or similar circumstances were not the slightest benefit to the Order.

Grand Chancellor Moulson apologized on behalf of the Supreme Representatives for not presenting a printed or written report, and explained that it was a result of an accident that the same was not presented, but said that it would be printed in journal. This was accepted by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chancellor made a verbal report.

Grand Chancellor Moulson read a letter from P. G. C. J. R. Armstrong, regretting his unavoidable absence from this session.

The officers for the ensuing term were then installed by Grand Chancellor Moulson, as follows:

Murray Fleming, Grand Chancellor.
 W. C. Hazen Grimmer, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 E. Allison Powers, Grand Prelate.
 Thomas Armstrong, Grand Master of Exchequer.
 Arthur W. Adams, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 Jas. W. Whitehead, Grand Inner Guard.
 R. J. Rosborough, Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Master-at-Arms Dunn was not installed, having had to leave for home on an early train.

P. C. Wran moved, seconded by P. C. Melville, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the officers of the past term. Carried.

Grand Chancellor Fleming conveyed the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers mentioned.

Grand Vice-Chancellor Grimmer then rose and requested the attention of the Lodge, and in an eloquent speech spoke of the immense amount of work P. G. C. Moulson had done for the Order, not only as Grand Chancellor, but as Deputy Supreme Chancellor, Chancellor Commander, and as an ordinary member of the Order, and declared that had it not been for his work we would not now have a Grand Lodge in this Jurisdiction, and every Knight in the Jurisdiction was under an obligation to him. He closed his remarks by moving a special vote of thanks to the Past Grand Chancellor, which was carried unanimously.

After which P. G. C. Moulson responded in a very feeling manner.

P. G. C. Moulson, G. P. Powers, and G. K. of R. and S. Adams then spoke regarding the great benefit to the Order that the *Pythian Knight*, published by Wm. Mill Butler, was. and urged all the Knights to support and subscribe for it.

Moved by G. V. C. Grimmer, seconded be P. C. Beamish, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Moncton for the kind reception of and the courtesies extended to the Grand Lodge and the members of the Order.

Moved by P. C. Melville and seconded by P. G. C. Moulson in flowing language, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, for the kind reception and treatment of the Grand Lodge and members of the Order at this session, and the same were conveyed to G. C. Fleming for Westmorland, No. 3, by the Grand Vice-Chancellor.

On motion, the G. K. of R. and S. was ordered to convey to the press of the province the thanks of the Grand Lodge for their many kindnesses and the assistance given to the Order.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, to meet again in Saint Stephen, N. B., on the first Thursday in September, 1889, P. P. XXVI.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur W. Adams,

G. K. of R. and S.



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STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1888-9.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

John C. Henry,	-	-	-	-	No. 4.
W. J. McAdoo,	-	-	-	-	" 2.
F. L. Peers,	-	-	-	-	" 5.
Wm. Quigley,	-	-	-	-	" 1.
E. M. Estey,	-	-	-	-	" 3.

FINANCE.

Jas. D. Seely,	-	-	-	-	No. 2.
S. W. Wilkins,	-	-	-	-	" 1.
A. S. Coleman,	-	-	-	-	" 3.

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Jas. Moulson,	-	-	-	-	No. 2.
Chas. Nevins,	-	-	-	-	" 1.
G. M. Cleveland,	-	-	-	-	" 3.

PRINTING.

A. W. Adams,	-	-	-	-	No. 2.
J. A. Ewing,	-	-	-	-	" 2.
A. L. Rawlings,	-	-	-	-	" 2.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Alex. P. Tait,	-	-	-	-	No. 3.
J. F. Fraser,	-	-	-	-	" 1.
F. L. Peers,	-	-	-	-	" 5.
H. V. Cooper,	-	-	-	-	" 2.
Geo. J. Clarke,	-	-	-	-	" 4.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A. W. Adams,	-	-	-	-	No. 2.
Murray Fleming,	-	-	-	-	" 3.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	Wm. Robb, St. John, N. B.
Union Lodge, No. 2,	John A. Ewing, Portland, N. B.
Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	A. S. Coleman, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	John C. Henry, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	F. L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	Harry Beckwith, Fredericton, N. B.

Membership Report of Lodges.

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Membership per last report.	Initiated.	Reinstated.	Card.	Total.	Suspended.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Total off.	Total end term.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick Union	1	81	1	1	1	83	2	..	..	2	81	1	20	60	..	..	81
Westmorland	2	102	4	1	2	107	6	..	..	6	101	1	17	83	..	..	101
Frontier	3	89	1	..	..	92	1	..	..	1	91	1	17	73	..	..	91
Cumberland	4	63	2	1	..	66	2	..	..	2	64	..	8	56	1	..	64
	5	53	4	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	57	..	8	49	..	..	57
Total, Dec. 31st, 1887.		388	11	3	3	405	11	..	..	11	394	3	69	321	1	..	394
New Brunswick Union	1	81	6	..	1	88	5	..	..	5	83	1	19	60	2	1	83
Westmorland	2	101	5	2	..	108	7	..	..	7	101	1	19	81	..	..	101
Frontier	3	91	7	..	..	98	2	..	..	2	96	1	18	76	..	1	96
Cumberland	4	64	4	..	..	68	3	1	..	4	64	..	8	54	2	..	64
Frederickton	5	57	..	..	..	57	7	..	..	7	50	..	8	42	..	..	50
	6	..	24	..	..	24	..	..	..	7	24	..	1	23	..	..	24
Total, June 30th, 1888.		394	46	2	1	443	24	1	..	25	418	3	73	336	4	2	418

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Balance per last report.	Receipts of Term	Total.	Current Expenses.	Invested	Bros. Relieved.	Widowed Fam- lies Relieved.	Cost of Burials.	Cash on hand.	Total assets end of year.	Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund.
New Brunswick...	1	\$ 726 37	\$ 164 50	\$ 890 87	\$ 86 57	\$1171 40	\$ 3 00	.....	.....	\$415 28	\$1586 68	\$ 526 77
Union.....	2	1470 94	280 26	1751 20	134 77	2210 47	12 00	.....	.....	93 96	2304 43	671 95
Westmorland.....	3	1414 68	468 14	1882 82	348 17	1874 98	116 00	\$15 54	.....	28 13	1839 84	30 75
Frontier.....	4	292 14	170 21	462 35	94 61	818 31	44 00	.....	.....	51 58	869 84	213 00
Cumberland.....	9	94 08	146 16	240 24	42 28	125 00	81 00	.....	\$50 00	66 96	191 96	29 25
Total, Dec. 31, '87.		\$8998 21	\$1929 27	\$5227 48	\$706 40	\$6200 17	\$256 00	\$15 54	\$50 00	\$655 21	\$6792 75	\$1571 72
New Brunswick..	1	\$ 801 30	\$ 214 60	\$1015 90	\$113 60	.....	\$ 8 00	.....	.....	\$508 28	\$1679 68	\$ 558 27
Union.....	2	1604 43	313 40	1917 83	95 78	.....	80 00	.....	.....	31 58	2442 05	767 45
Westmorland.....	3	1403 11	261 42	1664 53	61 88	.....	29 00	\$30 00	.....	78 97	2043 95	38 23
Frontier.....	4	323 74	178 24	501 98	127 81	.....	12 00	.....	.....	49 17	908 32	238 94
Cumberland.....	5	66 96	96 59	163 55	56 03	.....	42 00	.....	.....	65 52	190 52	.....
Frederickton.....	6	.....	360 00	360 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 00	360 00	24 00
Total, June 30, '88.		\$4199 54	\$1424 25	\$5623 79	\$604 80	.....	\$171 00	\$30 00	.....	\$943 52	\$7624 52	\$1626 89

Total, June 30th, 1888. 394 46 2 1 443 24 1 .. 25 418 3 173 336 4 2 418

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR TERM 1888-89.

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JAS. MOULSON.....*Past Grand Chancellor.*
ST. JOHN, N. B.

MURRAY FLEMING.....*Grand Chancellor.*
MONCTON, N. B.

W. C. H. GRIMMER.....*Grand Vice Chancellor.*
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

E. ALLISON POWERS.....*Grand Prelate.*
ST. JOHN, N. B.

THOS. ARMSTRONG,.....*Grand Master of Exchequer.*
ST. JOHN, N. B.

ARTHUR W. ADAMS.... *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
ST. JOHN, N. B.

GEORGE DUNN.....*Grand Master-at-Arms.*
SPRINGHILL JUNCTION, N. S.

JAS. W. WHITEHEAD.....*Grand Inner Guard.*
MONCTON, N. B.

R. J. ROSBOROUGH.....*Grand Outer Guard.*
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

J. R. ARMSTRONG, St. John. }
JAS. MOULSON, St. John. } ...*Supreme Representatives.*

P. A. MELVILLE, }
G. A. HETHERINGTON, } *Trustees.*
CHAS. NEVINS. }

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

MONCTON,
September 27th. 1888, }
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To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime
Provinces:

Your Representatives to the Supreme Lodge, Knights
of Pythias, of the World, beg leave to submit the following
report:

We attended the session of the Supreme Lodge held
at Cincinnati. The session commenced on the morning
of the 12th of June last, in the Scottish Rites Cathedral.
Supreme Chancellor Howard Douglass called the assembly
to order and introduced Mr. Amor Smith, Mayor of
Cincinnati, who extended a hearty welcome to the
Supreme Lodge. The Supreme Chancellor made an able
reply, and then called the Supreme Lodge to order for
transaction of business.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted
their report. They referred the certificates of Representa-
tives from Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Supreme
Lodge for action. The P. G. C.'s waiting to receive the
Rank were then admitted. So much has been written in
reference to the Suspension of the Grand Lodge of Penn-
sylvania, that your Representatives consider it necessary
to report the entire action taken by the Supreme Lodge.

Representative Shropshire, of Omaha, offered the
following:

Resolved, "That that portion of the report of the Committee on
Credentials relating to the Pennsylvania matter, and which was tabled,
be taken from the table and referred to the Committee of the Whole, as
hereinafter provided.

Resolved, "That so much of the report of the same Committee, relating to the Representatives from Pennsylvania, be referred to the Committee of the Whole, and at 3 o'clock p. m. to day, the Supreme Lodge go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering said reports and the questions growing out of the controversy between the Supreme Chancellor and the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. And be it further

Resolved, "That the Committee of the Whole be and is hereby directed to admit the contesting Representatives from Pennsylvania to its deliberations, for the purpose of presenting their respective cases."

Representative Geo. H. Morrison, of Nevada, offered the following:

Resolved, "That in the case of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania a committee of seven be created, to whom the whole subject matter of the suspension of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the Supreme Chancellor, and the subsequent institution of the so-called Loyal Grand Lodge of same Jurisdiction, be referred; said committee to be selected from the Supreme Representatives present at this session of the Supreme Lodge; the Supreme Vice-Chancellor to select four and the Supreme Lodge to select three members.

Resolved, "That said committee be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to send for persons and papers, and do all things in the name of this Supreme Lodge, necessary to a thorough examination and full investigation of the facts involved in the controversy, and that they report to this Supreme Lodge in the shortest possible time, consistent with absolute justice to all.

Resolved, "That said report, upon its receipt by the Supreme Lodge, be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, "That pending the report of the Committee of the Whole, and final action thereon by the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania be denied representation upon the floor of the Supreme Lodge."

The substitute of Representative Morrison was adopted.

The following committee was created. The Supreme Chancellor appointed

GEORGE H. MORRISON,
JOHN VAN VALKENBURG, P. S. C.
WM. B. GALE,
E. A. GRAHAM,

and the following were elected :

J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
GEO. B. SHAW,
SAMUEL P. OYLER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENNSYLVANIA MATTER.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World.

The Special Committee of seven, to whom was referred the whole subject matter of the suspension of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the Supreme Chancellor, and the subsequent institution of the so-called "Loyal" Grand Lodge in the same Jurisdiction, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to submit the following report ; That they are of opinion that the Supreme Chancellor, in his acts in regard to all the matters, was thoroughly honest in the belief that he had full authority to do what he did, and acted, as he thought, for the best interests of the Order, and that the zeal which prompted him is to be commended. That waiving any opinion as to the exact power conferred by the law, either specifically, by implication or precedent, and desiring that no precedent shall be established hereby, they recommend the adoption of the following :—

(I.) *Resolved*, That the action of the Supreme Chancellor, in suspending the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be and hereby is sustained.

(II.) *Resolved*, That the said Grand Lodge be reinstated provisionally, under the control of the Supreme Chancellor, for the purpose of so amending its Constitution and laws, at its regular session in August next, that they shall be in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the Supreme Lodge, and shall submit all amendments made, to make them so comply, to the Committee on Laws and Supervision of the Supreme Lodge, who shall at once examine the same and report and certify to the Supreme Chancellor whether the amendments do so make the Constitution and laws of said Grand Lodge comply with the Constitution and laws of the Supreme Lodge ; and if said committee certify that they do, then the Supreme Chancellor shall approve the same, and thereupon reinstate the said Grand Lodge with its full powers.

(III.) *Resolved*, That the institution of the so-called "Loyal" Grand Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania be not approved, and is declared void and of no effect.

(IV.) *Resolved*, That it is hereby imperatively enjoined upon the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to refrain from any direct or indirect action, tending to punish in any manner any subordinate lodge in that Jurisdiction, or any member thereof, who has adhered to the Supreme Chancellor and obeyed his edicts, but that said Grand Lodge shall receive such

lodges and members in full fellowship, and shall in every respect treat them as other lodges and members under its Jurisdiction.

(V.) *Resolved*, That Thomas G. Sample, H. O. Kline and George Hawkes, who have appeared in the interest of said Grand Lodge, and H. W. Mercer and M. W. Radd, who have appeared in the interest of the said "Loyal" Grand Lodge, be paid the same mileage and per diem for their attendance as are paid Supreme Representatives for their attendance at the present session of the Supreme Lodge.

Committee.	(GEORGE H. MORRISON, Chairman.
	J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
	WILLIAM B. GALE,
	GEORGE B. SHAW,
	EDWARD A. GRAHAM,
	SAMUEL P. OYLER,
	JOHN VAN VALKENBURG.

The committee also presented the following supplemental report:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NO. 1.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World.

Your special committee of seven, created to consider and report upon the whole subject matter of the suspension of the charter of the Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, by the Supreme Chancellor, and the subsequent institution of the (so called) Loyal Grand Lodge of the same Jurisdiction submit the following supplemental report, upon the charges and specifications preferred by Past Grand Chancellor A. P. Butterfield, against the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appointment of commission, and matters connected therewith:

That it is the judgment of the committee that the whole of the proceedings had in that regard were without sufficient warrant or authority of law, but the committee are of the opinion that they arose from the many difficulties of the situation, and were allowed and consented to by the Supreme Chancellor at the time, from a feeling of anxiety on his part, to obtain the advice and co-operation of disinterested brethren in the exigencies of the day and hour, and the wish and conviction not to condemn or punish without affording a chance and opportunity to be heard in their own defense, a disposition that was both manly and Pythian, and highly to be commended; yet, as we have been unable to find any law justifying the same, we are compelled to disapprove the same; and the committee recommend that so far as violations of Pythian law have been committed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or by any of its officers, that they be presented to the Supreme Lodge for its proper and prompt action; and the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, "That so much of the proceedings as refer to said charges, and the action had thereon, be and the same are hereby disapproved.

Resolved, "That any violations of Pythian law that have been committed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or by any of its officers, that they be presented to the Supreme Lodge for its proper and prompt action."

Respectfully submitted,

Committee. {
 GEO. H. MORRISON, Chairman.
 JOHN VAN VALKENBURG,
 SAMUEL P. OYLER,
 J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
 WM. B. GALE,
 EDW. A. GRAHAM,
 GEO. B. SHAW.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, NO. 2.

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

Your committee submits the following and recommends its adoption :

Resolved, "That if the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its next annual session in August, shall request of the Supreme Chancellor the right to surrender the charter under which it now exists, that the Supreme Chancellor is hereby authorized to receive the same, and grant the said Grand Lodge a new charter in lieu thereof, such as is now issued to other Grand Lodges."

Committee. {
 GEO. H. MORRISON, Chairman.
 SAMUEL P. OYLER,
 J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
 JOHN VAN VALKENBURG,
 EDWARD A. GRAHAM,
 WM. B. GALE,
 GEO. B. SHAW.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, NO. 3.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World;

Your committee recommend that Past Grand Chancellors H. O. Kline, Thomas G. Sample and George Hawkes be admitted to and recognized by the Supreme Lodge at this session, immediately upon the adoption of the reports already submitted by this committee, as the duly accredited Supreme Representatives of the re-instated Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Committee. {
 GEO. H. MORRISON, Chairman.
 JOHN VAN VALKENBURG,
 J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
 SAMUEL P. OYLER,
 GEORGE B. SHAW,
 EDWARD A. GRAHAM,
 WM. B. GALE.

The report of committee on Pennsylvania matter was taken up section by section.

Resolution No. 1 was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was taken up. After a lengthy discussion, motions to amend and indefinitely to postpone being made, the resolution was adopted by a vote of ayes 85, noes 5.

Resolutions 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Supplemental report No. 1 was adopted by a vote of ayes 56, noes 32.

Supplemental report No. 2 was adopted.

Supplemental report No. 3 after much discussion was rejected; ayes 41, noes 52.

The following protest was presented:

PROTEST.

To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—

We, the undersigned, desire to enter our solemn but respectful protest against the action of a majority of the Supreme Lodge in refusing to adopt the third supplemental report of the committee on the Pennsylvania matter.

The undersigned considered the unanimous report of the committee of seven as an amicable adjustment of the whole matter, and we therefore voted to unanimously sustain the Supreme Chancellor in suspending the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, believing that it was the disposition of the Supreme Lodge to adopt the entire report of the said committee of seven. Had we believed otherwise, we would have voted against sustaining the action of the Supreme Chancellor in suspending the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as some of us explained when voting.

Fraternally,

JOSEPH H. SPEARING,
J. HENRY SHEPPERD,
J. S. SHROPSHIRE,
W. E. COPELAND,
GEO. W. HERDMAN,
E. C. RACE,
J. A. HINSEY,

D. J. HOLLAND,
SAML. P. OYLER,
H. B. LACEY,
JOHN VAN VALKENBURG,
RICHARD GOODHART,
J. M. MORRIS,
H. W. LONG.

Thus ended the discussion of the most important matter that has come before the Supreme Lodge, and all the officers and members of the Supreme Body sincerely hope that the legislation will result in restoring peace and harmony within the Supreme Jurisdiction.

Amendments to the Constitution were taken up, and the following Sections were amended.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

was so amended as to provide that Supreme Representatives shall be bona fide residents of the Jurisdiction they represent during the entire term for which they are elected. The last clause but one was amended to read : "In case of a vacancy in the position of Supreme Representative, from death, removal, or any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled in such manner as may be provided by law, by the Grand Lodge which he represented." The last clause was amended by striking out the words "Past Supreme Chancellor."

ARTICLE VII, SEC. 3,

amended so as to read : "Each Grand Lodge shall adopt a constitution for its own government, and also a constitution or general laws for its subordinates, which shall be in accordance with the constitution and laws of the Supreme Lodge. All amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Supreme Chancellor, and be by him referred to the Supreme Lodge, if then in session, or during the interim between sessions of the Supreme Lodge to the Committee on Law ; and such amendments, when approved by the Supreme Lodge, or by the Committee on Law when the Supreme Lodge is not in session, shall go into effect."

Amend Art. VIII, Sec. 2, Par. 14, by striking out all after the words "written consent of the," and inserting the words "Grand Chancellor of such Jurisdiction."

Amend Par. 17 by adding, "If objection be offered, the objection shall be at once stated, and if not sustained by a majority vote of the members present, the card shall be granted, unless formal charges be preferred."

Amend Art. XXIX so as to read : "Pages shall wear a blue collar, Esquires a yellow collar, Knights a red collar or a Knight's jewel, and Past Chancellors, Past Grand Chancellors and Past Supreme Chancellors the respective jewels of their rank, at all meetings of Subordinate, Grand or the Supreme Lodge, unless when acting in an official capacity, when the jewels of office shall be worn."

DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

1. Where charges are brought against a member of a Lodge and the member so charged fails to appear either in person or by counsel, his Lodge has a right to proceed to trial just as if he were present.

2. Lodges are not entitled to be in possession of more than the regular set of five Rituals.

3. The member elected to fill the position of Past Chancellor at the institution of a Lodge is at the end of the term entitled to all the honors, rights and privileges as though he had filled the chair.

4. In reply to a question from Peebles Lodge, No. 20, of Ohio, "Is cursing God an offense against the Order," I replied emphatically, Yes. It is not only an offense against the Order, but against society.

5. A Deputy Supreme Chancellor has the power to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to confer the ranks on a person over fifty years of age, and also to confer the rank of Page upon a candidate on the same night upon which his petition has been reported on favorably.

6. A protest against admission to membership emanating from a sister Lodge has not the force of an adverse ballot. Each Lodge has jurisdiction over whom it may admit, but at the same time should pay respectful recognition to a protest of the character named.

7. While under the old Constitution previous to 1874 it was necessary to have a dispensation issued to initiate a person over fifty years of age, yet by the repeal of that Constitution and the adoption of the new one at that time, there is now no limit of age, the requirement only being that the application shall be of the legal age of majority in the country in which he resides.

8. When a brother is placed in charge of a lodge other than his own, the Lodge so accepting him is bound to give him the same care and general aid as it would to one of its own members; but unless the Lodge to which he belongs has a provision for furnishing a nurse, the Lodge caring for him would not be justified in providing a nurse and then claiming additional payment on that account.

9. Upon the election to the rank of Knight the person receiving that rank is at once entitled to the semi-annual pass-word, and can not be compelled to pay his dues in advance before receiving the S. A. P. W.

10. The Chancellor Commander has a perfect right, without leave of the Lodge, to call the Vice Chancellor to the chair, and if he so desires retire from the Lodge for the balance of the session.

11. Under the action of the Supreme Lodge (Doc. 320, page 30, 1886), I have construed your ruling to mean that any organizations claiming to be acting under the name of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and which provide for a death benefit, are illegal if organized since the legislation referred to.

12. I have uniformly ruled that under the decision of my predecessor (1876, 1278) that a brother holding a Withdrawal Card, upon applying to a Lodge and being rejected, has a right to apply at any time after his being so black-balled to the same Lodge in which the rejection took place, or to any other Lodge where he resides, but that the rejecting Lodge could, if the local law so provided, refuse his application until the expiration of six months.

13. While the Official Receipt provides on its back for an order for the semi-annual pass-word, a member in possession of the Receipt without an order endorsed thereon would be entitled (should he call for it) to claim a properly certified order for the pass word; and a document of that character in conjunction with the Official Receipt, though not upon the back of it, would entitle him to receive the S. A. P. W. from the Lodge to which he presents it.

14. The Official Receipt is the property of holder, and the fact that it bears an endorsement in the form of an order for the S. A. P. W. does not entitle the Lodge to which it is presented, for the purpose of obtaining the pass-word, to retain it.

15. The legislation by which the Official Receipt makes it obligatory on Lodges to issue the same upon the payment of dues is positive, and Lodges must not evade the law by giving to a member any other evidence of payment.

16. I have construed your constitutional provision in regard to the payment of minimum benefits to mean that they shall be paid only, when in a case of sickness, to a member who, under the local provisions, is in "good standing," as provided by Section 23 of Revised Digest (Journal 1878, 1606); and to dependent relatives, in case of death, when the member at the time of his decease is not in arrears to the extent provided by the local law (Journal 1876, 1318). This ruling is made because in some Jurisdictions the opinion prevailed that the minimum benefits must be paid to every member whether in good or bad standing.

17. The Uniform of the Uniform Rank does not of itself entitle a member to admission to a Lodge; he must either wear in addition thereto the proper Jewel, or in Lodges where the old regalia still exists, the collar to which he is entitled.

18. Under your ruling (Journal 1878, 1618) I have decided that in the case of the re-organization of a Lodge, all members were revived with it, and that their standing in that Lodge was the same as existed at the time of its having been suspended or become defunct; provided, however, that this would apply only to those who had not received Withdrawal Cards.

19. Deputy Supreme Chancellors must report all dispensations they grant to the Supreme Chancellor.

20. Neither Grand nor Subordinate Lodges can enforce a provision whereby a member may be fined for failure to attend the regular meetings of a Lodge. This refers distinctly to members, and is not any restriction in regard to provisions for fining officers.

21. Neither officers of a Grand Lodge nor Supreme Representatives can be removed from their position simply from the fact that they have left the state, and a law providing to the contrary is illegal.

22. If the Constitution of a Grand Lodge so provides, a member of the Lodge, whether present or not at the time a ballot was taken on application for membership, whereby the applicant was elected, has a right to enter an objection either to the admission or advancement of the candidate, provided that the law of the Jurisdiction requires only one ballot to reject, and such objection would operate as a black-ball to the full extent of the law in that behalf; but where the Jurisdiction provides for two black balls to reject, it would then be necessary that there should be two objecting members of that Lodge.

23. When a Grand Chancellor or his Deputy visits a Lodge for the purpose of installation of officers, he is justified in declaring vacant the office of any officer who fails to be present; he is the judge of the sufficiency of the excuse offered for the non-attendance.

24. A Grand Chancellor is justified in appointing a member of the Knight's rank to institute a Lodge, or commission him for any other purpose within the limits of his authority under the laws of the Supreme Lodge and the laws of his Grand Lodge.

25. The simple indictment for a criminal offense by a grand jury would not justify a Lodge in proceeding against the alleged offender; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Lodge in proceeding against the brother before his trial in the courts.

26. While by the rulings made at different times, whereby you inhibited the Supreme Chancellor from ruling on hypothetical questions, I have decided that where they came to me from the Grand Chancellor of a Jurisdiction, notwithstanding they did not emanate from the Grand Lodge itself, they were properly before me for my answer.

27. Any member, whether resident or otherwise, has a right to ask for and receive an order for the S. A. P. W., providing he complies with the law in this connection.

28. The order of entrance to Castle Hall by the Grand Officers when visiting is the same as provided in the case of installation of officers.

29. Only when representing the Grand Chancellor is the Grand Vice Chancellor, *per se*, clothed with any more authority than any other member.

30. No law has ever been passed providing for a Lodge being "at ease," nor has there been any provision made with reference to it, but the

Ritual recognizes this feature ; and being called upon to decide as to the manner of retiring or admission at a time when a Lodge was "at ease," I decided that in such cases the Lodge must be called to order and the usual course be pursued, and that when a Lodge was declared "at ease" neither the inner nor outer door should be opened unless for the purpose of admission or permitting a member to retire in the regular way.

31. Where it is evidenced that a sickness is continuous, notwithstanding the fact that a brother declared himself off the sick list, a Lodge has the right to consider the sickness continuous ; and if by its Bye-Laws, the Lodge provides for a reduction of benefits after a certain number of weeks, commencing with the sickness, it is justified in applying the rule to the case, and may reduce the benefits just as if the member had not been declared off the sick list.

32. The work in all Lodges should be uniform, and the properties necessary in conferring the ranks must be used in all cases. Lodges are not to be permitted to add to or take from the prescribed manner of conferring the work.

33. In all cases I have decided that only those named in Section 3, Article VI, Supreme Lodge Constitution, were officers of that body. This decision was based not only on that section but also upon the provision found in Section 5, Article VII.

34. A Past Chancellor who at one time was a member of a Lodge asked for a Withdrawal Card, which was delivered to him, but improperly filled out ; he was refused admission to membership in a Lodge until the error was corrected. Pending his admission he became ill, and continued so for a period of five weeks. The question is now presented, Is the Lodge issuing the card irregularly responsible for the benefits he would have received on account of his sickness had the card been properly issued by the Lodge to which he formerly belonged ? My reply to this was as follows : "When a member asks for and is granted a Withdrawal Card, the act of granting the card severs the membership whether the card is taken or not ; it would therefore be my ruling that under the circumstances, while some hardship may have resulted from the ignorance of the officer of the Lodge, no responsibility in regard to paying benefits existed after the application had been made, and the card had been granted."

35. A Grand Lodge has a right at any time while in session to proceed with the election of a Supreme Representative when a vacancy in that position exists, and if the installation of officers has been completed, the outgoing Grand Chancellor being passed to the chair of Past Grand Chancellor, is eligible to the position of Supreme Representative ; the Supreme Constitution only requires that, to be elected as a Supreme Representative, the member must be a Past Grand Chancellor and places

no limit in that direction. (Journal 1876, pp. 1266 and 1267, Root vs. Meach.)

36. Unless the Grand Lodge, by its Constitution, *specifically* provides that the Grand Chancellor has a right to appoint to fill vacancies, both as to Grand Officers and Supreme Representatives, any appointment made by him would be inoperative.

36 a. Dispensations granted by a Supreme Chancellor, under Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 8, Supreme Constitution, whereby the total amount of fees for the conferring of the three ranks is permitted to be reduced below the sum of ten dollars, can only issue on the request made by a Grand Lodge in session; the Grand Chancellor has no power in that connection unless authorized by the Grand Lodge of which he is presiding officer.

37. In the absence of the Chancellor, Commander, the Vice Chancellor and all Past Chancellors, the hour of opening having arrived where the local law has made such provision, the Knight selected by the members present to preside over the Lodge for the time being becomes "an officer of the Lodge," and may legally conduct the business of the Lodge.

38. Unless the state laws under which a Grand Body is incorporated give to it a proprietary right in the goods, chattels and money of a subordinate lodge, the power and authority of a Grand Lodge to seize and possess itself of such goods, chattels and money would not extend, except so far as by virtue of the compact made between it and the subordinate lodge in that behalf. The obligation which binds the membership to their Grand Lodge is the only tie which controls; but a refusal to deliver such goods, chattels and money would constitute an offense should the charter of the Lodge be vacated either by their own act or by suspension.

39. A very remarkable case was presented to me by Bro. R. S. Tilden, of Jersey City, New Jersey, covering a question that, owing to its character, I am compelled to give you in full, and in order that you may perfectly understand it I give you my reply just as I wrote it:

"Thirteen years ago, a young man, whom for prudential reasons I will call John Smith, belonging to a very excellent and respectable family, in a fit of recklessness enlisted at a United States fort. Young and hot-tempered, he was disposed to resent abuse or ill treatment, and unfortunately a few days after his enlistment he came under the authority of a brutal and cowardly non-commissioned officer who was in charge of the squad, and who used to him very vile and offensive language; well brought up, with good education and good associations, he naturally felt like resenting it, and, forgetting his subserviency in view of his enlistment, he turned suddenly upon his assailant, and using the shovel which he had in his hand felled the officer to the ground. He made his escape, and following the instructions of Horace Greely, 'went West,' joined the

United States Infantry, and for five years, with honor and credit, served his country on the frontier fighting Indians; he rose to position and distinction. After his unfortunate escapade, he chose another name, which again for convenience we will call John Robinson; he belonged to the army, did his fighting, and continued his citizenship ever since under the latter name. The cause for this concealment of his right name can easily be appreciated; when he left he was entirely in ignorance of the result of his folly, and presumed that possibly he might be looked upon as a fugitive from justice. After years of service, and like all offenders against the law, morbid curiosity overcame him to visit the scene of his early misfortune, and there he found the man whom he supposed he had possibly killed alive and well, and left without disclosing his identity.

"These are practically the facts. Since that time he has located himself East, become connected with a Lodge, has for a long time been an active and earnest member of that body, and has come to the conclusion, as I understand it, that it were better for him to face the consequences, if there are any, and resume his former name.

"This brings up a somewhat novel and certainly unprecedented case in the history of the Order, and requires, I believe, a decision from me, simply in accord with the instructions which we all receive when we become members. We are then informed that in becoming members we surrender no rights which inhere to a citizen; it will, therefore, simply be necessary to make a ruling in conformity with the spirit of that instruction, which is as follows:

"*First.* When a person in good faith joins a Lodge under a name which he had been bearing for years, but which for cause had been an assumed one, may resume his real name and have the same entered upon the roster in place of the name under which he joined; always provided that he comply with such local, State and Territorial laws made and provided in such cases.

"*Second.* If a person desiring to change his name, and doing so in the way made and provided by the laws of the State or Territory in which he resides, may ask and have the change made, and recorded in his Lodge, and being so done shall henceforth be entitled to be so known as such in his Lodge or Grand Lodge."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION ON DECISIONS OF
SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

CINCINNATI, O., June 19, 1888.

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

We, your committee, to whom were referred the general decisions of the Supreme Chancellor, beg leave to submit the following:

1. That Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36a, 37, 39, be approved.

2. That Decision No. 3 be amended to read as follows: "The member elected to fill the position of Past Chancellor at the institution of a Lodge is entitled to all the honors, rights and privileges as though he had filled the chair of Chancellor Commander."

3. That Decision No. 8 be amended by adding after the word "account" the following: "Provided that, in no case, shall a Lodge be bound to furnish financial aid to an amount greater than the benefits allowed by the Lodge of which the brother is a member."

4. That Decision No. 25 be amended so that it shall read as follows: "The simple indictment for a criminal offense by a grand jury would not justify a Lodge in proceeding against the alleged offender; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Lodge in proceeding against the brother before his trial in the courts."

5. As to Decision No. 5, we recommend it be non-concurred in.

6. As to Decision No. 7, we recommend that it be amended to read as follows: "The Supreme Lodge only fixes a minimum of age for applicants; the maximum limit is a matter for local legislation."

7. As to Decision No. 20, we recommend that it be stricken out and the following substituted: "The matter of fining *members* for non-attendance at regular meetings is a matter for local legislation, but of very doubtful expediency."

All of which is submitted.

WM. B. GALE,	} Committee.
MAX ELSER,	
EDWARD A. GRAHAM,	
GEORGE E. SEAY.	

Edward A. Graham and George E. Seay except as to No. 24, in which they think the words "any other purpose" too broad a statement of the purposes for which the Grand Chancellor may commission a member.

The following is the result of the consideration of the report of the committee on decisions of the Supreme Chancellor:

Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36a, 37, 38 and 39 were adopted.

No. 3. The substitute in the report was adopted.

No. 7. The amendment recommended by the committee was adopted.

No. 8. The addition proposed by committee was adopted.

No. 11 was deferred to await action on the By-laws of the Maryland Benefit Association.

No. 12 was indefinitely postponed.

No. 18. Action was deferred.

No. 20. Substitute proposed by committee was adopted.

No. 21 was indefinitely postponed.

No. 23. On motion of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, the whole subject was declared to be matter for local legislation.

No. 24. The following substitute was adopted :

"A Grand Chancellor is justified in appointing a member of the Knight's rank to institute a Lodge, or commission him for any other purpose within the limits of his authority under the laws of the Supreme Lodge and the laws of his Grand Lodge."

EDWARD A. GRAHAM,

GEORGE E. SEAY.

No. 25. The substitute proposed by committee was adopted.

No. 30. Adopted after striking out the words "by implication," in the second line.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Representative Chute, of Maine, offered the following (Doc. No. 137) which was referred to Committee on Law and Supervision :

Resolved, "That the committee on Law and Supervision be directed to examine the Constitutions of all Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges under the control of the Supreme Lodge before they are promulgated ; reject any article which may conflict with the Supreme Constitution, and present them to the Supreme Chancellor for his approval, and no Constitution shall be valid or binding without such examination and approval."

Representative Gale presented the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World.

Your committee, to whom was referred Document No. 137, report that they recommend the adoption of the resolution.

WILLIAM B. GALE, MAX ELSEB, EDWARD A. GRAHAM, GEORGE E. SEAY, W. A. RADCLIFFE.	}	Committee.
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RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

During my administration there have been many subjects that have come to my notice which I desire to bring to your attention. They are matters on which this Supreme Lodge should rule, so that the proper remedy might be applied. Without further introduction I place the subjects before you :

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.—I would recommend that proper legislation be enacted so as to provide that in cases where Grand Officers and Supreme Representatives remove from their State and acquire residence in another Jurisdiction, their positions should be declared vacant.

BENEFIT ASSOCIATIONS.—The law passed in 1876 (page 3302, 3713, 3730) disallowing the formation of such associations, being somewhat obscure, I would recommend that the legislation be made more definite, so that not only will it provide as to the character of organizations, but clearly state the intent and purpose of the law.

OFFICIAL RECEIPT.—The Official Receipt was originally adopted for the purpose of revenue at a time when the Supreme Lodge was deeply in debt ; this is the plain truth, but nevertheless it is stated here by way of explanation. Though that was the original purpose, it afterwards developed into being a very valuable feature, and unfortunately, in my judgment, you still further legislated for an endorsement providing for an order for the S. A. P. W. Previous to that legislation there were two separate documents which, combined, were necessary to admission to a subordinate lodge, viz : an Official Receipt accompanied by an order for the S. A. P. W. ; now the two are combined, presenting an opportunity for any person who might find the receipt to take advantage of the privileges adhering to it.

Another thing, by the law providing for this manner of giving an order for the S. A. P. W. you fail entirely to state as to whether or not an order not made upon this blank would be of force and effect. I therefore ask that the subject be referred to the Committee on Law and

Supervision, so that the necessary legislation may be provided either to abrogate the existing law or so amend it as to provide for cases where a Lodge fails to indorse the receipt.

DROPPING PAGES AND ESQUIRES.—The subject of dropping Pages and Esquires has been one upon which your legislation has been exceedingly indefinite, and owing to the constant queries in this connection I would recommend that some positive and defined law be made in that connection.

FEES FOR RANKS.—As the Law now stands, the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge provides a minimum covering all the ranks, and fails to make a division of the fee so far as each of the ranks is concerned. This had led to much enquiry, but I have been compelled, as in all other matters, to rule in accord with the law as it now is. At the same time I have become fully convinced that you should, by proper legislation, so provide whereby a Grand Lodge should enact some remedy in this direction. This subject should be referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.

REJECTIONS.—By usage, rather than by written law, it has become an established custom of the Order to consider that when a candidate was once rejected he necessarily became forever the property of the rejecting Lodge; this difficulty has never been provided for, and while it has in the past been looked upon somewhat as a matter for "local legislation," yet I feel that it should be taken out of the hands of the Grand Lodges and disposed of by this Supreme Lodge. Many good men have been lost to the Order through this construction of your law; while the writer has no personal views to offer, he feels that the subject should be considered in its broadest sense. I would recommend that this matter also be referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.

RE-INSTATEMENT.—From a careful examination of all your legislation, I have yet to find a single provision in regard to re-instatement of a member after suspension for non-payment of dues, and it would seem to me proper that some law should be enacted whereby there would be uniformity in this connection. In regard to this matter, I have examined the constitutional provisions of every Grand Jurisdiction, and with but few exceptions, have failed to discover a rule governing the case. It seems to me that this certainly should be made just as universal in practice as the admission of a member.

MEMBERSHIP.—The difficulty, both past and present, which has arisen in the State of Pennsylvania, has brought forcibly to my notice the fact that no provision has been made, either directly or indirectly, for the relief of those who, though belonging to a disloyal Lodge, are themselves loyal; and I would, therefore, recommend that some legislation be pro-

vided whereby in such cases the loyal element may obtain Withdrawal Cards from the Supreme Lodge if in session, or the Supreme Chancellor, during recess, properly certified to by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and the certification of their being entitled thereto, by the Supreme Chancellor, shall be mandatory upon the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

The following resolution was offered by the S. K. of R. and S., which was adopted:

DUTY OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

That it shall be the duty of each Grand Chancellor to cause the names and addresses of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Supreme Representatives elect to be forwarded to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal within twenty-four hours after the election of those officers has occurred.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted:

GRAND LODGE RETURNS.

Amend Articles IX and XVIII of the Supreme Lodge Constitution by the substitution of the word "April" for the word "March," and by adding to each Article the words, "The penalty herein provided may be remitted, in the case of any Grand Jurisdiction, by unanimous consent."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Supreme Chancellor as is embraced under the head of "*Recommendations*," report as follows:

As to the matter of "Change of Residence," we recommend the following:

Resolved, That in cases where a Grand Officer (except Sitting Past Grand Chancellor) of a Grand Jurisdiction acquires permanent residence in another Jurisdiction, his position thereby becomes vacant, unless the local law otherwise provides, and the vacancy may be filled in such manner as may be provided by the laws of such Grand Jurisdiction.

As to cases where a Supreme Representative acquires permanent residence in another Jurisdiction, legislation has already been had at this session controlling this matter, and we therefore make no recommendation on the subject.

As to the matter of "Benefit Associations," we recommend no legislation further than has already been had at the present session.

As to the matter of "Official Receipts," we recommend the following :

Resolved, That the law requiring that an order for the Semi-Annual Pass-Word be endorsed upon the Official Receipt, be and the same is hereby repealed.

If this be adopted, it will settle the question submitted by the Supreme Chancellor, "Whether or not an order for the Semi-Annual Pass-Word not made upon the Official Receipt would be of force and effect?" And said question is also settled by the action of this body affirming General Decision No. 13 of the Supreme Chancellor, reported to the present session.

As to the matter of "Dropping Pages and Esquires," mentioned in the Supreme Chancellor's report, we report :

That, at the session of the body held in 1886, it was provided that Grand Lodges may so legislate as to permit Subordinate Lodges to drop from the roster the names of those members who have been Pages or Esquires for more than one year without applying for advancement. We deem further legislation unnecessary.

As to the matter of "Fees for Ranks," the committee report that it is true that the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge fails to make a division of the fees, so far as each of the ranks is concerned. Such division, as the law now stands, leaves the matter to be determined by each Grand Jurisdiction for itself. We recommend that the law be not changed.

As to the matter of "Rejections," we report as follows : We do not concede that "it has become an established custom of the Order to consider that when a candidate was once rejected he necessarily becomes the property of the rejecting Lodge." But we recognize the force of the suggestion of the Supreme Chancellor that, being a mooted question, it should be settled by the Supreme Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Supreme Lodge that, under a proper construction of the law, as it now stands, a person whose application for initiation has been rejected, and after the expiration of six months desires to again apply for initiation, is not restricted to the Lodge which rejected him, but may apply to any Lodge he desires ; provided, that if he makes application to a Lodge other than the one nearest his residence, he must comply with local laws permitting such application.

As to the matter of "Reinstatement," we recommend as follows : That in the absence of any local legislation controlling the question, any member of a Subordinate Lodge who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and desires to be reinstated, may, upon paying up all arrearages,

file his written application for that purpose, which must be referred to a committee for report thereon, and pass the same ballot as is required in cases of application for initiation.

WILLIAM B. GALE,
MAX ELSEB,
EDWARD A. GRAHAM
GEORGE E. SEAY,
W. A. RADCLIFFE. } Committee.

The report was considered *seriatim*, and was adopted, with the exception of the recommendation to repeal the order for the Semi-Annual Pass-Word on back of Official Receipt, which was indefinitely postponed, and the last, in the matter of reinstatement, which was recommitted.

REINSTATEMENT.

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

The report of your committee, on the subject of "Reinstatements," having been recommitted to them, because in the opinion of the Supreme Lodge it should be left to be determined by local legislation, again report, as follows :

Such was the opinion of the committee and they so reported, but the suggestion of the Supreme Chancellor, which was submitted to this committee, was that in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions no legislation had been had upon the subject, and that the matter should be referred to this committee so that there might "be uniformity in this connection," hence the committee made the report heretofore filed.

They respectfully suggest that, having already indicated by their former report that it is a matter for local legislation and no further report to that effect was necessary, but the subject having been recommitted to us, the committee recommend that the matter be left where it now is, to be regulated by local legislation.

Respectfully submitted

MAX ELSEB,
EDW. A. GRAHAM,
GEORGE E. SEAY.

Adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report referring to Silver Anniversary, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Supreme Chancellor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a circular to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge, at as early a date as he may deem wise, calling upon them to celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary in a becoming manner.

W. W. BALDWIN, Chairman.
W. T. HOLLOWELL,
H. LEMMERMAN,
JOSEPH MILLER,
M. W. BROWNE.

Numerous petitions were presented, asking that a Rank be adopted for the benefit of the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of members of the Order, all of which were referred to Committee on Ladies' Rank.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LADIES' RANK.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World:

Your Committee on Ladies' Rank, after careful consideration of the various petitions and rituals presented to the committee, present the following report and recommend its adoption:

That the mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of the Knights of Pythias in good standing in the various Jurisdictions be allowed to establish an Order to be known as "The Order of Pythian Sisterhood."

For various reasons, which this committee believe will be apparent to all the members of the Supreme Body, we do not consider it practicable to establish a Ladies' Rank in the Order of the Knights of Pythias.

We do this with the kindest feelings towards the noble women who are ever ready to extend to us their aid and sympathies in sickness and death. We believe all this and more can better be accomplished if the ladies control their own Order.

In making this report we distinctly wish it understood that if an Order of Pythian Sisters is established, that the Supreme Lodge assume no legal or financial responsibility in connection with the establishment or maintenance of the Order.

We deem it advisable that the various chief officers of the Sisterhood report their numerical and financial strength to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal every two years, at least thirty days previous to the Session of the Supreme Lodge.

We further recommend that if Orders are established, that they

adopt the beautiful Ritual presented by Supreme Representative S. P. Oylor, of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee: { C. B. NICHOLS, Chairman, New Hampshire,
W. M. B. GALE, Massachusetts,
H. R. LOVELL, Michigan,
J. D. M. HAMILTON, Iowa,
C. K. COLE, Montana.

Adopted.

By unanimous consent, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal White called the following from the table, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal is hereby directed to prepare a "Ladies' Diploma" and jewel, which shall be sold as other supplies, and which Subordinate Lodges shall be empowered to issue to the wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and widows of their members in good standing—the purpose of this diploma and jewel being to provide the female members of the Knights' families with a means of manifesting their claim to protection and assistance whenever and wherever needed.

The Special Committee on so-called "Colored Lodges" submitted the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report in reference to the so-called Lodges of colored persons, beg leave to report as follows :

That we endorse most heartily the remarks of the Supreme Chancellor in reference to the so-called Lodges of colored persons. This Supreme Lodge has never recognized any body of colored persons as a lodge, or as members of the Order of Knights of Pythias, but on the contrary has repeatedly refused to recognize any such persons as having any connection whatever with this Order. The so-called Lodges styling themselves "Knights of Pythias," composed of colored persons, or of which colored persons are members, exist without any authority or recognition from this Supreme Lodge or from any Grand Lodge. The Constitution of our Order provides that, to become a member of the Order, the applicant must be a white person. It is made mandatory by the Supreme Lodge Constitution that this provision be contained in every Subordinate Lodge Constitution, and no Subordinate Lodge exists without the same being therein incorporated. Any Lodge violating this provision of law subjects itself to suspension ; and if any colored person has ever obtained mem-

bership in this Order, he obtained it under the false representation of being a white person, and upon being discovered to be a colored person, must be expelled from the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

I. D. M. HAMILTON,
JOSEPH H. SPEARING,
J. S. SHROPSHIRE.

LIMITATION OF ORDERS FOR S. A. P. W.

Representative Cowan offered the following resolution (Document 149), which was referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision:

Whereas, As our law now stands, Knights are privileged to pay their dues to Subordinate Lodges for an indefinite period in advance, and receive an order for the S. A. P. W. for the same period; and

Whereas, This practice may defeat the ends of justice and allow unworthy men to enjoy the benefits and privileges of which they should be deprived; be it

Resolved, That no officer of a Subordinate Lodge is authorized to give an order for the S. A. P. W. covering a longer period than six months.

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee, to whom was referred Document No. 149, report that they recommend the adoption of the resolution contained therein.

WM. B. GALE,	} Committee.
MAX ELSER,	
EDWARD A. GRAHAM,	
W. A. RADCLIFFE,	
GEORGE E. SEAY.	

WEARING JEWELS IN PUBLIC.

The following resolution was offered and referred to Committee on State of the Order:

Resolved, "That the Jewels of the Order now in use for Subordinate Lodges and members be and are hereby declared legal to be worn on funeral or public occasions.

The committee reported in favor of adopting the resolution. On report of committee the resolution was amended to read as follows, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Jewels of the Order now in use for Subordinate Lodges and members be and are hereby declared legal to be worn on funeral or Pythian occasions.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted the following report, which was adopted :

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions presented by the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana, through her Representatives, upon the subject of the establishment of a Memorial Day to be observed by the Order, report that after a patient consideration of the subject, and a full canvas of the matter, the committee have arrived at the conclusion that the proposed setting apart of a day as "the Memorial Day" of the Order is not only a proper thing, but also one much to be desired. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following :

That it be, and it is hereby, enacted that the Tuesday following the second Sunday in June of each year be, and is hereby, set apart as the Memorial Day of the Order of Knights of Pythias ; and that the Subordinate Lodges of the Order are hereby authorized and earnestly requested to meet in their respective localities upon said day in each year whenever the same is practicable and convenient, for the purpose of decorating the graves of our departed brethren, and for the purpose of engaging in such services and exercises as may be in harmony and appropriate to the day and occasion.

And be it further enacted, that whenever a Subordinate Lodge shall elect to perform such services upon a different day, they may select any day of the second week in June of each year.

UNIFORM RANK.

The Major General, Jas. R. Carnahan, made a very lengthy and complete report, on referring to which we find that from June 1886, to March last, 205 Divisions were organized. On the 31st of March last, the membership of the Uniform Rank was 20,480, consisting of 12 separate Regiments, and 13 Brigades composed of 44 Regiments, in all 512 Divisions.

The Parade of the Uniform Rank was a sight your Representatives will not soon forget. The marching of all was good, while that of many was perfect. The number taking part in the Parade was about six thousand, with forty bands of music. It was witnessed by an immense gathering. The Parade was alike creditable to those who took part in it and to the Order. The Major General asked permission to revise the Tactics of the Rank, which was granted. He recommended that the title and name of the "Rank" be changed at the next session of the Supreme Lodge, so that the name shall indicate clearly the character and distinctive military features of this branch of the Order.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The report of the Supreme Secretary of the Endowment Rank is very complete. There are 692 Sections. Since the organization of this Rank, the heirs of Knights of Pythias have been paid \$4,222,174. The committee on Endowment Rank after thoroughly examining the condition of the Rank, reported in favor of the appointment of a board of control, and the Supreme Lodge approving of said action, a board of control was elected, consisting of John A. Hinsey, of Wisconsin, for 6 years; D. J. Holland, of Kansas, for 4 years; Thomas Essex, of Arkansas for 2 years.

The committee submitted a revised Constitution for the Rank, which was adopted.

The reports of the S. K. of R. and S. and S. M. of E. are, like the reports of the other officers, very full and complete. The report of the S. K. of R. S. shows that the Order had, on the 31 Dec., 1887, 3,015 subordinate lodges with a membership of 208,949 being a net gain during the calendar year, of 292 lodges and 23,961 members. The report of the S. M. of E. shows that on the 31st March

last the balance to the credit of the Supreme Lodge Fund was \$25,737.48.

The Supreme Lodge officers for the ensuing biennial term are

- Sitting P. S. C.—Howard Douglass, of Ohio.
 S. C.—William Ward, of New Jersey.
 S. V. C.—George B. Shaw, of Wisconsin.
 S. P.—Charles F. Bragg, of Maine.
 S. M. of E.—Stansbury J. Willey, of Delaware.
 S. K. of R. and S.—R. L. C. White, of Tennessee.
 S. Sec. of Endowment Rank,—William B. Kennedy, of Ohio.
 Major General Commanding Uniform Rank.—J. R. Carnahan, of Indiana.
 S. M. at A.—Bob Newall, of Arkansas.
 S. I. G.—George H. Morrison, of Nevada.
 S. O. G.—John W. Thompson, of District of Columbia.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION.

The committee appointed to select time and place for next biennial session, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Special Committee, to select a time and place for holding the next biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World, beg leave to report that they have had the invitations from several cities under consideration, and have concluded to name to you the City of Milwaukee, Wis., as the place, and the second Tuesday of July, 1890, as the time, for holding said session.

JOHN C. BURNS, Chairman.
 WILLIAM BERRY,
 C. P. MARONEY.

In conclusion, your Representatives thank you for the honor conferred upon them by being selected to represent this Jurisdiction. It was a pleasure for us to

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meet with the officers of the Supreme Lodge and Representatives from all the Grand Jurisdictions. It is to us, and we are sure it will be to every member of the Order, a great pleasure to know that the action of the Supreme Lodge on the Pennsylvania matter, and the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has resulted as every member wished, in restoring peace and harmony in the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MOULSON,
J. R. ARMSTRONG.

Supreme Representatives.



In Memory of

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR

SAMUEL READ.

Died in Mt. Holly, New Jersey,

August 13th, 1888. P. P. XXV.

"His works do follow him."

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

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

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