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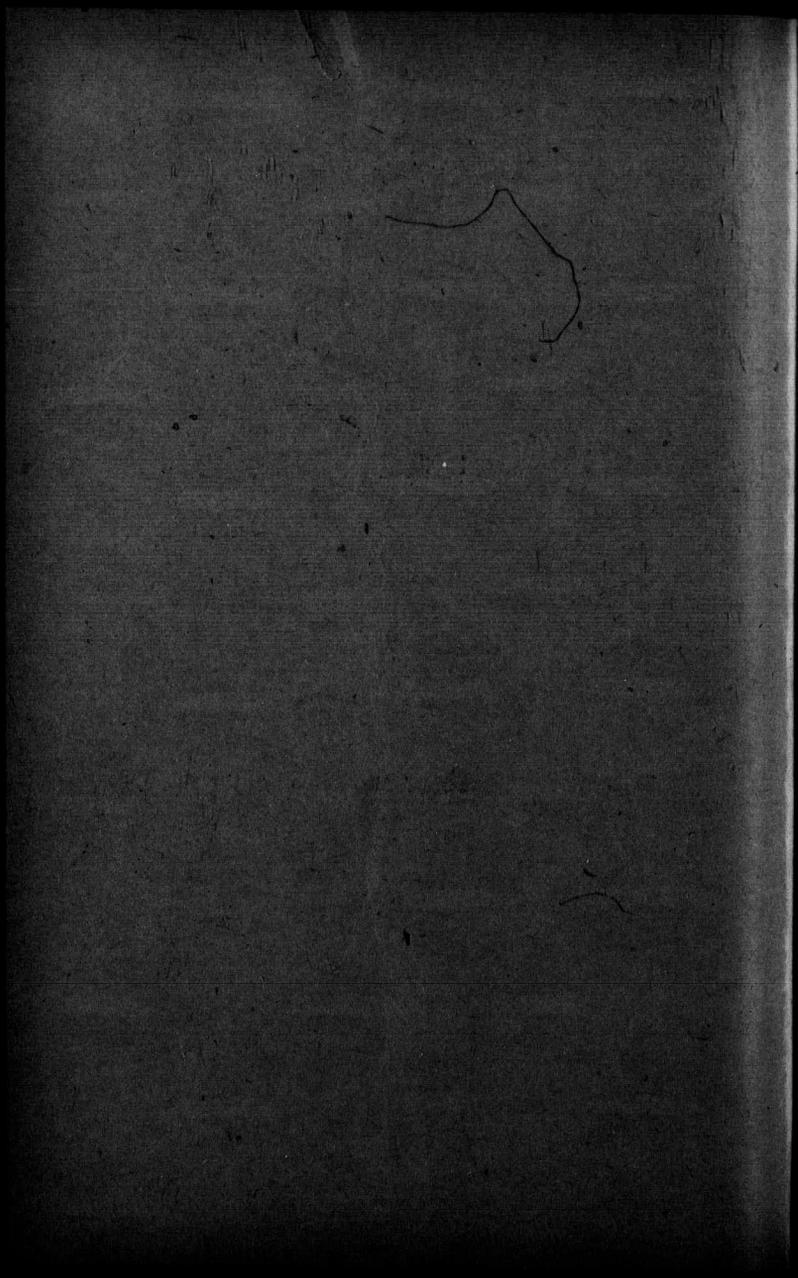
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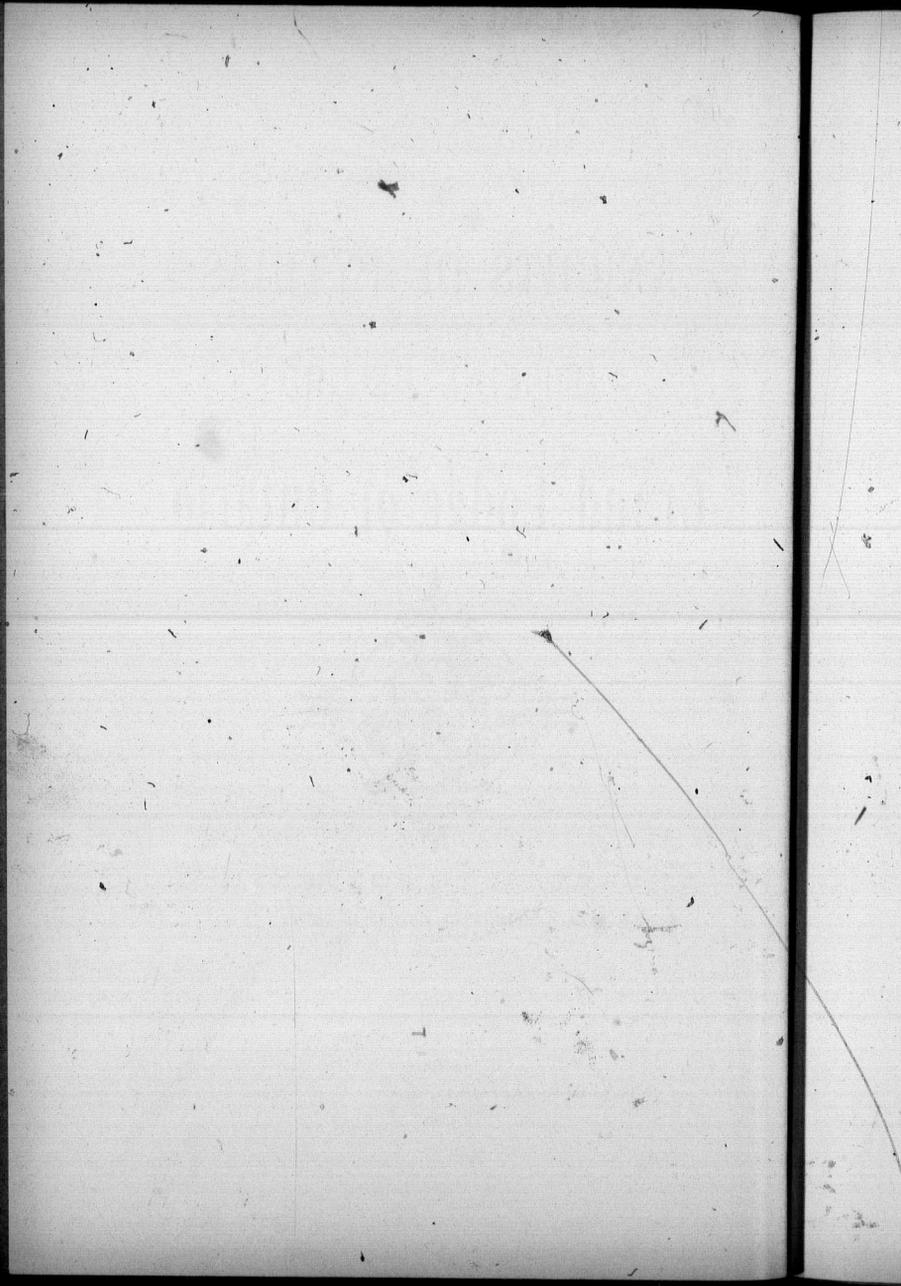
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TORONTO, JULY 14th, 1896.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of Ontario, assembled in annual convention in the Castle Hall, of Mystic Lodge, No. 1, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor McWhinney at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

Present, the following Grand Officers :—

A. G. McWHINNEY.....Grand Chancellor.
W. C. MACDONALD.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
REV. F. R. GHENT.....Grand Prelate.
G. H. MITCHELL.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. E. YOUNG.....Grand Inner Guard.
J. J. WELLS.....Grand Outer Guard.

And

P. D. McKELLAR.....Supreme Representative.
F. J. FITZGERALD.....“ “
R. H. McCONNELL.....Past Grand Chancellor.
R. H. JARVIS.....“ “

The Grand Master-at-Arms being absent Representative Murch, of No. 12, was appointed to act in his stead.

The roll of lodges being called the following were represented :

Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25, 28, 30,
35, 36, 37, 40, 42, 44, 45 and 46.

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

The Grand Chancellor appointed Supreme Representative McKellar and Grand Representatives Burns, of No. 3, and Barnsdale, of No. 42, to fill vacancies on Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the credentials of Representatives and Past Chancellors, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Supreme Representative McKellar, of No. 15, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has examined the credentials of the following Past Chancellors, and find that they are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank :

John D. Wray.....	of No. 2
Ernest Schultz.....	" 3
F. H. Campbell.....	" 4
S. A. Hoover.....	" 5
I. F. Moore.....	" 6
E. E. Parker, Geo. McFarland.....	" 9
J. C. Belton.....	" 10
C. A. McKinnon.....	" 11
Geo. A. Ingram.....	" 12
Wm. G. Richards.....	" 15
W. R. Andrews, John Spiers.....	" 16
Frank A. Smiley.....	" 17
L. M. Jones.....	" 18
Wm. Carroll.....	" 22
E. F. Bowie.....	" 25
W. G. Haynes.....	" 30
H. J. Widdon.....	" 33
W. T. James.....	" 36
W. D. Card, Chas. Turnbull.....	" 38

A. E. Savage	“ 40
Alf. Bicknell.....	“ 45
Joshua Ginders	“ 46

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. MCKELLAR, S. R.

E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42.

JOHN BURNS, of No. 3.

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

Fred. Harding	of No. 2
F. H. Campbell	“ 4
I. F. Moore.....	“ 6
J. C. Belton.....	“ 10
R. R. Reaveley	“ 13
W. Fleming.....	“ 14
Hy. Robinson.....	“ 15
W. R. Andrews, J. H. Forsch.....	“ 16
L. M. Jones.....	“ 18
C. C. Tilley.....	“ 19
J. G. Wilson.....	“ 20
Wm. Carroll	“ 22
J. L. Little, E. F. Clarke.....	“ 30
B. Noble.....	“ 33
J. Simmons.....	“ 37
W. D. Card.....	“ 38
A. E. Savage.....	“ 40
W. A. Cates, A. G. Stockwell, M.D.....	“ 48

The Grand Chancellor made the following announcements :

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

Official press reporter, Representative King, of No. 25.

The Grand Inner Guard announced that the Reception Committee and Mr. Alderman McMurrich were in the ante-room and the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge at recess and ordered that they be admitted.

Past Chancellor Dr. Bowie, on behalf of the Reception Committee, in a few well chosen words welcomed the members of the

Grand Lodge to the first city, in the first county, in the first province, in the first colony of the Great British Empire, and introduced Mr. Alderman McMurrich as representing the Mayor and City Council.

The worthy Alderman on rising was greeted with applause, and he addressed the Grand Lodge substantially as follows :

Grand Chancellor and members of the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Toronto, it affords me great pleasure to extend to you a hearty welcome to this city. As representing the Mayor on this occasion, he desires me to express his very great regrets that owing to a special delegation having arrived which he had to meet, he was unable to be present in person, and I received a note requesting me to fill the appointment for him. (Mayor's note read). It is one of the few bright spots in the life of an alderman to meet congenial souls and while all know there was plenty of trouble in council, I feel sure there is no room for it in fraternal society meetings. In welcoming you to this city I do so with more than ordinary pleasure, for it is my native city and I am proud of it. Year by year it has been growing in favor as a convention city, and now all sought out Toronto to meet in. I trust your stay will be pleasant and profitable to all. Your order I have known of for years and while others may come and go I hope the Knights of Pythias will go on for ever, and that each one now present will be long spared and come again.

The Grand Chancellor in reply said he felt sure that after the very eloquent manner in which they had been addressed and the cordial welcome extended, every representative would congratulate himself upon having been elected a delegate. Toronto was indeed a beautiful city, and no place was better adapted for a convention, and, with its many educational and other institutions, all look upon it as the metropolis of Ontario. He said that every one liked to be well received, and when this great city welcomed them it was a source for congratulation. He then gave a synopsis of the work the order had accomplished through its lodges and

the Endowment Rank, and returned thanks for the very cordial welcome extended. He asked Alderman McMurrich to convey the regrets of the Grand Lodge to the Mayor for his unavoidable absence and to say how pleased it was that he had sent such a worthy representative.

Past Supreme Representative King, on behalf of the local representatives, welcomed the Grand Lodge in his usual happy manner.

Past Chancellor E. F. Clarke, M.P., in an eloquent speech, extended the welcome of the local lodges.

After a few minutes general conversation the visitors retired and the Grand Lodge was called to order.

Supreme Representative McKellar, of No. 15, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report which was adopted.

REPORT No. 2, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that from the Official Record of last convention, or from certificates in proper form presented at this convention, it finds the Past Chancellors in the first column are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1896, and from the certificates submitted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Past Chancellors in the second column are entitled to seats as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1897.

Name and No. of Lodge. Year ending Dec. 31st, 1896. Year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

Mystic Lodge, No. 1	C. Deverall	C. H. Wallis.
Myrtle " "	2.... Jos. Graham	Fred Harding.
Red Cross " "	3.... J. Chapman	John Burns.
Ivanhoe " "	4.... W. L. Bemister	A. J. Rattray.
Crusader " "	5.... Geo. Hodder	W. P. Cooke.
Damon " "	6.... E. Beeton	I. F. Moore.
Rokeby " "	9.... Wm. McDonald	E. E. Parker.
Prospect " "	10.... J. C. Belton	H. A. Plastow.
Algoma " "	11.... Geo. H. Taylor	John Jenking.
Rathbone " "	12.... W. H. Murch	M. J. Baker.
Aurora " "	13.... J. J. Wells	R. R. Reaveley.
Olive " "	14.... W. R. Smyth	W. Fleming.

Name and No. of Lodge. Year ending Dec. 31st, 1896. Year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

Marmion Lodge, No. 15	W. H. Robinson	Hy. Robinson.
Friendship "	" 16... W. R. Andrews	J. H. Forsch.
Petrolia "	" 17... F. A. Smiley	John Read.
Queen City "	" 18... W. M. Shannessey	W. J. Cluff.
Meniss "	" 19... "	C. C. Tilley.
Amicus "	" 20... W. H. Fox, M.D.	J. G. Wilson.
Mizpah "	" 22... Wm. Carroll	R. Ironside.
Perseverance "	" 23... B. J. Leubsdorf	
Ontario "	" 25... J. S. King, M. D.	E. F. Bowie, M. D.
Dufferin "	" 28... Geo. Spencer	G. C. Fowlic.
Inglewood "	" 29... Geo. Inglis	
Toronto "	" 30... Thos. G. Soole	J. L. Little.
Bismarck "	" 31... L. E. Hatzfeld	A. R. Whyte.
London "	" 33... B. Noble	John Paul.
Windsor "	" 35... Fred. Housen	D. W. Mason.
Calanthe "	" 36... L. Secord, M.D.	Thos. Elliott.
Columbian "	" 37... J. Case	J. Simmons.
Galt "	" 38... And. Laidlaw	W. D. Card.
Syracuse "	" 39... A. H. Clemmer	
Johnston "	" 40... A. E. Savage	John Easton.
Hamlet "	" 42... E. K. Barnsdale	Fred. J. Corrie.
Trafalgar "	" 43... F. Dowler	C. L. Dunbar.
Victoria "	" 44... W. J. Woollard	Rev. R. Von Pirch.
Woodstock "	" 45... J. S. Mackay	A. Bicknell.
Napanee "	" 46... S. P. Hinch	W. H. Perry.
Renwick "	" 47... M. Joyce	N. Tarr.
Royal "	" 48... A. Stockwell	W. A. Cates.

Your Committee further find that Robt. Irwin is entitled to a seat as extra Representative from No. 3, that lodge having over 150 members.

In regard to the representation from No. 2, your Committee begs to report that a certificate has been presented to it by Past Chancellor Carrothers, duly signed and sealed by Myrtle Lodge No. 2, certifying that he has been elected by said lodge to replace Representative Graham who has been expelled. Your Committee having been informed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that an appeal has been filed by the said Graham would recommend that no action be taken in the matter until the appeal shall have been settled.

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. MCKELLAR, S. R.
E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42.
JOHN BURNS, of No. 3

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

Mystic,	No. 1	.....	C. Deverall, C. H. Wallis.
Myrtle,	" 2	.....	F. Harding.
Red Cross,	" 3	.....	John Burns, J. Chapman, R. Irwin.
Crusader,	" 5	.....	Geo. Hodder, W. P. Cooke.
Damon,	" 6	.....	E. Beeton, I. F. Moore.
Prospect,	" 10	.....	J. C. Belton, H. A. Plastow.
Rathbone,	" 12	.....	W. H. Murch, M. J. Baker.
Aurora,	" 13	.....	R. R. Reaveley.
Olive,	" 14	.....	W. R. Smyth, W. Fleming.
Marmion	" 15	.....	W. H. Robinson, Hy. Robinson.
Friendship,	" 16	.....	W. R. Andrews, J. H. Forsch.
Petrolia,	" 17	.....	C. Endress, John Read.
Queen City,	" 18	.....	W. M. Shannessey, W. J. Cluff.
Meniss,	" 19	.....	C. C. Tilley.
Amicus,	" 20	.....	W. H. Fox, M.D., J. G. Wilson,
Mizpah,	" 22	.....	R. Ironside, Wm. Carroll.
Ontario,	" 25	.....	J. S. King, E. F. Bowie.
Dufferin,	" 28	.....	G. C. Fowlie.
Toronto,	" 30	.....	Thos. G. Soole, J. L. Little.
London,	" 33	.....	B. Noble.
Windsor,	" 35	.....	F. Housen, D. W. Msson.
Columbian,	" 37	.....	J. Case, I. Simmons.
Galt,	" 38	.....	W. D. Card.
Johnston,	" 40	.....	Jno. Easton, A. E. Savage.
Hamlet,	" 42	.....	E. K. Barnsdale, F. J. Corrie.
Victoria,	" 44	.....	W. J. Woollard.
Woodstock,	" 45	.....	J. S. Mackay.
Napanee,	" 46	.....	S. P. Hinch.
Royal,	" 48	.....	A. Stockwell, M.D., W. A. Cates.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the minutes of last session, when on motion of Past Grand Chancellor McConnell, of No. 12, the further reading of the same was dispensed with, and the Official Record as printed was approved.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following standing Committees, the names appearing in italics being appointed to fill vacancies :

JUDICIARY.

T. G. Soole, of No. 30; W. L. Bemister, of No. 4; W. H. Fox, of No. 20.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

J. S. King, of No. 25; J. S. Mackay, of No. 45; *W. D. Card*, of No. 38.

FINANCE.

C. H. Wallis, of No. 1; *R. Ironside*, of No. 22; *R. Irwin*, of No. 3.

SESSIONAL INDEMNITY.

H. A. Plastov, of No. 10; W. H. Murch, of No. 12; W. J. Wollard, of No. 44

GRIEVANCES.

J. C. Belton, of No. 10; Jos. Graham, of No. 2; J. H. Casz, of No. 37.

REPORTS.

C. Endress, of No. 17; E. K. Barnsdale, of No. 42; F. Housen, of No. 35.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

W. H. Robinson, of No. 15; *G. C. Forwitz*, of No. 28; S. P. Hinch, of No. 48.

CREDENTIALS.

P. D. McKellar, S.R.; *E. K. Barnsdale*, of No. 42; *J. Burns*, of No. 3.

PRINTING.

W. L. Bemister, of No. 4; A. H. Clemmer, of No. 39; W. M. Shannessey, of No. 18

Also, a Special Committee on Distribution :

M. J. Baker, of No. 12; W. Fleming, of No. 14; C. C. Tilley, of No. 19.

The following invitation from the Reception Committee of the Toronto lodges was accepted :

TORONTO, July 14th, 1896.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

In convention assembled,

The combined city lodges take pleasure in inviting the officers and representatives to meet at Pythian Hall, at 7.15 p.m., this (Tuesday) evening, for the purpose of taking part in the "Reception and Entertainment," provided for their welcome to the city.

Wishing the Grand Lodge every success.

Yours in F. C. and B.

H. WYLIE,

Chairman Reception Committee

JAS. G. WILSON,

Secretary Reception Committee

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the semi-annual reports of lodges for the year 1895, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

The Grand Chancellor presented an appeal from Past Chancellor Joseph Graham of Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, London, against the action of his lodge in expelling him from the order, and stated that the appeal had been forwarded by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the Committee on Grievances but with the consent of the committee, which was composed of members of London lodges, he had withdrawn it and would refer it to a Special Tribunal, and appoint as such tribunal: Representatives Chapman, of No. 3; Cooke, of No. 5, and Hy. Robinson, of No. 15, with instructions to report at the earliest possible moment in order that the representation of No. 2 might be completed.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

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

My Brethren,—We are again permitted by an all-wise Providence to assemble in Grand Lodge, and before presenting my report for the year that is just past permit me first to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred by unanimously electing me your Grand Chancellor. I feel the honor the more as it was quite unexpected on my part, and being fully conscious of the responsibilities of the office I did not seek it. However, I have endeavored to advance the interests and progress of the order to the best of my judgment and ability, and in doing so I was not unmindful of the advice of the Finance Committee of the previous year, which recommended, "the incoming Grand Lodge officers to adopt as their motto, 'economy,'" which was very necessary owing to the fact that the expenses of the previous year in paying a Special Deputy Grand Chancellor had depleted the treasury to such an extent that rigid economy for the ensuing year was needed to place Grand Lodge on a good financial basis. Being in harmony with that suggestion I have endeavored to observe it and have refrained from making a number of official visits that would, I am sure, have been most enjoyable. Particularly have I regretted that I did not have an opportunity of visiting Algoma, No. 11, Sault St.

Marie; Aurora, No. 13, Fort William; Olive, No. 14, Bruce Mines, and Meniss, No. 19, Chapleau, as an official visit by a Grand Lodge officer to those lodges was due, and under other circumstances I would have derived much pleasure in officially associating with the knights of those lodges as well as enjoying the pleasure of the trip and the beauties of the scenery in those localities. I trust I shall have left the finances in such condition as will justify my successor in doing justice to those lodges by making them an official visit at his earliest convenience. The other lodges unvisited will understand why I was not with them, but in most cases there were efficient and zealous Deputy Grand Chancellors who did not neglect their duties and looked after the interests of their respective districts.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Immediately after the last convention I appointed the following Deputy Grand Chancellors:

- No. 1. Essex H. E. Young, Friendship Lodge, Windsor.
- " 2. Kent W. H. Robinson, Marmion Lodge, Chatham.
- " 3. Elgin Lt.-Col. J. Stacey, Rathbone Lodge, St. Thomas.
- " 7. Lambton John Read, Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia.
- " 8. Middlesex H. E. Bates, Mizpah Lodge, London.
- " 9. Oxford C. Curtis, Woodstock Lodge, Woodstock.
- " 10. Brant Thos. Elliott, Calanthe Lodge, Erantford.
- " 11. Wentworth L. E. Hatzfeld, Bismarck Lodge, Hamilton.
- " 12. Lincoln J. B. Leubsdorf, Perseverance Lodge, St. Catharines
- " 13. Perth Wilson McWhinney, Hamlet Lodge, Stratford.
- " 14. Waterloo A. F. Robb, Galt Lodge, Galt.
- " 16. Wellington John Davidson, Trafalgar Lodge, Guelph.
- " 22. York Hugh Peel, Ontario Lodge, Toronto.
- " 30. Lennox G. W. Morden, Napanee Lodge, Napanee.
- " 35. Lanark G. C. Fowle, Dufferin Lodge, Smith's Falls.
- " 45. Algoma (a) E. Biggings, Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie.
(b) W. R. Smyth, Olive Lodge, Bruce Mines.
(c) A. Gillie, Meniss Lodge, Chapleau.
- " 46. Thunder Bay... R. R. Reavley, Aurora Lodge, Fort William.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the zeal and devotion of most of these officers, and to them in a great measure may be attributed the satisfactory working of the lodges.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Those of the lodges I have visited, I am very glad to say, I found in a flourishing condition, the rituals and constitution being closely followed, which is very gratifying and beneficial both to the candidates and the lodges. The memorizing of the ritual is of the utmost importance, as our beautiful and impressive ceremonies, lectures and charges lose their effect when read.

While I am not in a position to report new lodges, I have observed additions to existing ones in fairly large numbers and of the best material.

I strongly recommend fraternal visits among the lodges, as I am sure that visits of a fraternal character do more to create good feeling and enthuse and cement friendship among the brethren than anything else I know of.

The lodges contiguous to St. Thomas are under great obligations to Rathbone Lodge for the instruction and hospitality it has extended. The brethren from London, Petrolia, Galt, Brantford, Woodstock, etc., have enjoyed their hospitality and received an exalted idea of Pythianism from it, both as regards the gentlemanly conduct of the members and the perfection of their work. P.G.C. McConnell, G.M. at A. Stacey and the officers of Rathbone, instill an enthusiasm into the minds of the visitors that stimulates them to renewed efforts in establishing a like enthusiasm in their own lodges.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

Philos and Toronto lodges have already consolidated, and Prospect, Mizpah and London lodges are at the present time arranging for consolidation. In this manner they save the money otherwise spent in paying rents, officers fees, paraphernalia, etc., besides having one good strong lodge instead of several weak ones.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted dispensations during the year as follows :

- To Napanee Lodge, No. 46, to change its night of meeting.
- To Petrolia Lodge, to receive a member over 50 years of age.
- To Philos Lodge, No. 41, to change place and night of meeting.
- To Hamlet Lodge, No. 42, to change night of meeting.
- To Galt Lodge, No. 38, to change night of meeting.
- To London district, to have a church parade.
- To Victoria Lodge, No. 44, to have a procession.
- To Amicus Lodge, No. 20, to have a picnic and excursion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I have promptly replied to all correspondence, and the letter book will show the extent and give an idea of the attention and time required. I am very glad to say I have had nothing of a very unpleasant character to report in this domain ; everything has gone along in perfect harmony, peace and good will prevailing over it.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of new by-laws for Rathbone and Red Cross lodges, and I would here recommend them for the guidance of those lodges contemplating a change or adopting new ones. The several committees to whom matters have been referred have performed their duties satisfactorily.

SUGGESTION.

The absence of a Special Organizer is an obstacle to the establishing of new lodges and I would suggest that adjoining D. G. C.'s. co-operate in establishing some system in their localities by which new lodges might be formed, and Grand Lodge ought to arrange to remunerate them sufficiently for their trouble. At present they are only entitled to actual expenses, or what may afterwards be voted to them, and if no good results show they may get nothing at all.

PYTHIAN NEWSPAPERS.

The absence of a Pythian newspaper is seriously felt and is a great loss to the domain, as in my opinion nothing so stimulates the lodges as the reading of the proceedings and general affairs of the other lodges. Our brethren in the United States are very fortunate in this respect, having some excellent ones. *The Knight's Jewel*, Omaha, *The Pythian Advocate*, Minneapolis, Minn., *The Sprig of Myrtle*, Minneapolis, Kan., and the *Chicago Tribune*, have been sent to me, and I took great interest in them and would recommend their perusal to the Canadian Knights, for although the local news would not be so very interesting yet, the general principles and teachings of the order are confirmed and cemented. I hope to see some spirited knight take this matter up and establish a Canadian Pythian newspaper, or at least arrange for the circulation of those already in existence.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On October 8th I visited Rathbone, No. 12, St. Thomas, and found the brethren in a new lodge room, convenient, roomy and beautiful, with ample ante-rooms and receptacle for paraphernalia and regalia, all complete and perfect. I was most cordially and courteously received by P.G.C. McConnell, G. M. at A. Stacey, the Chancellor Commander and the brethren generally. The honors due to a Grand Lodge officer were correctly and heartily given, and I had the satisfaction of seeing the Esquire rank conferred. Although my visit was not expected I found the work fairly well done, the splendid regalia showing to great advantage. I was informed that in consequence of changing their room they had had no opportunity of getting up their work, so that in some portions the rituals were a little used.

On the 10th of October I visited Galt Lodge, No. 38, and received a loyal and courteous reception. A number of the knights from Berlin were in attendance. The C. C. and his officers conferred the Esquire rank in a faultless manner, no rituals being used and the lessons of the rank were forcibly impressed upon the Page. The business of the lodge was also conducted in a very pleasing manner and I gladly compliment them. The lodge is not strong numerically, but it is strong in force and character, and the lodge room, regalia, etc., had a very neat appearance. From the business-like manner of conducting

the work of the lodge I anticipate good results. D.G.C., A. F. Robb is a zealous Pythian and gives Galt and Victoria lodges much care. The knights spent a most agreeable evening after lodge work, at a bounteous spread, accompanied with speeches and songs.

On November 12th, with Supreme Representative Fitzgerald and about forty-five knights, on a special train, I visited Rathbone, No. 12, at St. Thomas. We were met at the train at 8 o'clock p.m. by P.G.C. McConnell, D.G.C. Stacey, and others of Rathbone Lodge, who conducted us to their beautiful lodge room, which was well filled, but being large gave ample room for rank work, which was immediately started, and the Page rank was conferred on two candidates. The officers all performed their work with spirit and precision, the Chancellor Commander, Prelate and Master-at-Arms proving themselves complete masters of their work and impressed the visitors with a deep sense of the grandeur of the ceremonies when accompanied with suitable regalia. Afterwards the Amplified Knight Rank was conferred in a manner that was creditable to the lodge. Every officer was perfect in his part, and the senators, in magnificent robes, sustained the dignity of their position. The King appeared "every inch a King," and as this dignified part was taken by P.G.C. McConnell, Grand Lodge can form an idea of the interest he takes in the order. Having enjoyed the honors given him, he has not neglected his duties since, and to his zeal, industry and example can the lodge look in a great part for its success. This is the only lodge in the city, therefore it can control the admission and none but spotless candidates are accepted. It is a pleasure to see the harmony and the laudable ambition the members exhibit in the condition of the lodge and the perfection of the work. The magnificent regalia and the becoming dignity with which it was worn so impressed the London Knights that a determination to emulate the St. Thomas brethren was the result of the visit. The Supreme Representative and myself gladly complimented them on the perfection of their work and the manner of doing the business of the lodge.

The London brethren were hospitably entertained and an enjoyable evening was spent. With good things on the tables, speeches, songs, recitations, etc., it was difficult to get away. The special train, with a satisfied and happy crowd, reached London at 3 o'clock a.m.

On the 14th of November I visited Johnston Lodge, No. 40, at Sarnia. C. C. Savage opened his lodge and received your representative in a very loyal manner. The rank team from Petrolia, No. 17, was present and conferred the Knight rank in a very creditable manner without the rituals and the candidate expressed himself impressed with the ceremony. Afterwards the Esquire rank was given in a manner that showed they were capable of doing good work and although their team was not complete with their own officers,

the temporary Prelate performed his part in excellent style. The lodge appears to be doing well and D.G.C. John Read has a guardian eye over it.

On November 26th, at Windsor, I met the members of Friendship, Windsor and Royal lodges, at their Castle Hall. Rank work was expected but the candidate disappointing them the meeting took a general character and I addressed them, pointing out the requirements of the order in the matter of the duty of members to the lodges, the presence of rituals in rank work, the benefits of the Endowment Rank, etc. The C. C.'s. and officers of the respective lodges made instructive allusions, and I have no doubt but that the interchange of ideas and the harmony which prevailed will have a beneficial effect and inspire the Knights to continued efforts towards advancing the interests and welfare of the order. Subsequently the brethren repaired to the Manning House where a magnificent banquet was prepared and to which about one hundred Knights sat down. The veteran P.C., Thomas McWhinney, presided in his usual jovial style, and officiated, as on former occasions, in a perfect manner. After partaking of the bounteous good things provided by the committee, speech, song and story were indulged in. D.G.C. Young spared no pains to make the occasion as effective and brilliant as possible. He is a painstaking officer, and his interest in the lodges and in the order is manifested by the energy he displays in any matter that will promote its welfare. The Grand Prelate, Rev. Mr. Ghent, of Royal Lodge, made a very interesting address and gave assurance of good results from this meeting. The 21st Battalion Band, with Bro. Ruthven as the leader, added greatly to the enjoyment. From the harmony and good fraternal feeling which existed among all with whom I came in contact I may safely infer that the order here, on the borders of the United States, will progress. Being adjacent to the Grand Domain of Michigan should be an incentive to excel in good work, and their loyalty to their own Grand Lodge ought, I am sure, to stimulate them to use their best efforts to make at least a favorable comparison.

On December 9th, I visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, and was very loyally received by the officers and knights, of whom there were a fair proportion present. Two strangers received the Page rank, one Page was proved as an Esquire, and one Esquire was charged as a Knight. On the completion of the work I took much pleasure in complimenting them on the very creditable manner in which the C. C. and all the officers performed their duties. No rituals were in use and the charges were given in an impressive manner, which had a good effect on the candidates. It was pleasing to see the old officers, B. S. Van Tuyl, G. S. Pitkin and C. Endress, taking a lively interest in the affairs of the lodge, their presence having a beneficial and instructive effect. D. G. C. John Read is indefatigable in looking after the welfare of the order and under his supervision the lodge is doing well. They

have a fine lodge room and the furniture and paraphernalia are of the finest description. A magnificent banquet finished up the evening. Good feeling and the best of harmony existed among the brethren.

On February 4th I again visited Rathbone, No. 12, for the purpose of installing the officers. They got up a very creditable public ceremony which their spacious and beautiful hall enabled them to do. It was comfortably filled with specially invited guests, who greatly enjoyed the programme, which was so enthusiastically placed before them. P.G.C. McConnell gave an interesting address on the existing aims and objects of Pythianism, which enlightened the people on the beauties and benefits of the order. He, along with D.G.C. Stacey, C.C. Ingram, and others of the order, instructed by V.C. Domville, announced their guests in an original and happy manner. An excellent lecture by P.C. Murch, on the story of Damon and Pythias, illustrated by lime-light lantern views, well executed, was an important part of the amusements and was highly appreciated. It was an entertainment much to the credit of the knights, and their enthusiasm, zeal and harmony were very cheering and must have had a beneficial effect on the citizens fortunate enough to be present. The ladies particularly, judging from their happy appearance, enjoyed it very much. The splendid regalia showed to great advantage. The officers installed are men of ability and enterprise, and will, I am sure, keep up the reputation of this well-known lodge. P.G.C's. McConnell and Davidson, and P.C's. Baker and Murch, with Stacey as D.G.C., all take a lively interest in its affairs and adopt as their motto, "prosperity."

On February 12th I visited Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, and was enthusiastically received. C.C. McKay, D.G.C. Curtis, V.C. Bicknell, Prelate Kennedy, and in fact all the officers were proficient in the performance of their duties. I installed the Vice Chancellor, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, and closely observed the conferring of the Knight rank on an Esquire who proved himself an intelligent and brave man. There was a fair attendance of members, and with a most convenient lodge room the rank work was very well done. I was pleased to congratulate the officers on the manner in which they performed their work, only a slight reference to the ritual being required by one of the minor officers. On that night the first warrant was drawn for sick benefits, and as it was only one dollar, the lodge has been very fortunate. Subsequently all repaired to Bro. Hammill's restaurant, where a bountiful repast was spread, and with speech, song and story the evening was pleasantly and I think profitably spent. The musical part of the programme was of a first-class order.

On February 19th I visited a union meeting of the nine city lodges in Toronto, under the auspices of Queen City Lodge, No. 18. and saw the Amplified Knight rank conferred by a team drawn from the different lodges. Grand Vice Chancellor Macdonald acted as C.C. in conferring the rank and

he appeared not to have forgotten the manner of giving it, his splendid voice having a great effect on the mind of the candidate when giving the charges. The reception given your Grand Chancellor was a truly loyal one and characteristic of the Toronto knights, and testified their allegiance to Grand Lodge. The veteran, Past Supreme Representative Dr. King, is a host in himself, and was on hand, and in his usual effective manner impressed the assembly with some of his enthusiasm for the prosperity of the order. G. V. C. Macdonald and D. G. C. Peel displayed their zeal and devotion to the success of the lodges and by their example made all energetic in advancing the good work of the order. I had much pleasure in congratulating the knights of Toronto on the harmony and enthusiasm appearing to exist among them, and on the competent manner in which the business and work of the lodge were performed.

February 21st. The Grand Chancellor having been announced to pay an official visit to Toronto Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, on this evening I remained over and spent a very pleasant evening with the Sir Knights and their wives, sisters and sweethearts in the new Armory just opened, but as it was not quite completed I did not have an opportunity of seeing them in any drill or work of their peculiar kind, for which I was very much disappointed, as, having such a good reputation, I am sure I would have been pleased to see the Division at work. In this rank our worthy G. K. R. S. is the ruling power, and I was informed he is a first-class officer.

February 23rd, I visited Marmion Lodge, No. 15, Chatham. P. G. C. McKellar is the C. C., and has it in very good shape. The Page and Esquire ranks were conferred in a fairly creditable manner, but the use of the rituals by most of the officers marred the beauty of the ceremonies. This is one of the best lodges in the domain, and is composed of the finest class of members in the city, but it does not appear to possess that ambition it used to exhibit, and with a little more energy instilled into it, would, I am sure, take its former position. They have a beautiful lodge room and every facility for doing good work. The C. C. of course does his work in perfect manner, and D. G. C., Hy. Robinson, is a most enthusiastic knight and takes great interest in the lodges. Bros. P. G. C. Rispin, S. Stevenson, Morton and Muir, give a helping hand.

April 16th, I visited Brantford, and was taken in hand by the D. G. C., Thos. Elliott, who is the Mayor of the city, and C. C. Broomfield, who looked after my comforts. I was much gratified to see the excellent manner in which the Amplified Knight rank was conferred by Calanthe Lodge, No. 36. C. C. Broomfield is a very zealous and enthusiastic officer and takes great pride and interest in the prosperity of his lodge, and has his assistant officers well posted in the work of their respective positions. The lodge room is now their own, and the regalia and paraphernalia are fine. The Past Chancellors take a lively interest in the progress of the lodge and are quite proud of its prosperity, and

in the amplified rank exhibit their zeal by careful study and correct rendering of their work, which every senator and officer endeavours to exemplify in an impressive and dignified manner. This lodge has the finest material in the city, and stands now one of the first lodges in the domain. D.G.C. Elliott is the right man in the right place, and judging from the interest he takes in the order he will, if he desires it, work himself into a prominent position in Grand Lodge.

After lodge work was over we repaired to the City Hall, where Bro. Minbinnick presented a most elaborate spread, with flowers and a printed menu beautifully gotten up, that was a credit to his hotel, and which the knights with their invited guests fully appreciated. The evening was made enjoyable by excellent speeches, toasts, songs, recitations, etc., and the pleasure given by Bros. Dr. Heath, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Smith and Dr. James was very acceptable. Unfortunately Bro. Dr. Secord was out of the city and I missed the pleasure of his company; being a past D.G.C., he takes great interest in Calanthe Lodge. Mr. Muirhead, representing the I.O.O.F. made a very good and instructive speech. Calanthe has bright prospects for its future, and with such active members is sure to go ahead.

May 8th, I visited Red Cross, No. 3, and Bismarck, No. 31, Hamilton, and met a large gathering of knights. C.C. Ferguson of Bismarck Lodge with all his officers gave the Page rank in very good style, and the illustrations of the lecture with the lantern manipulated by one of the brethren was perfect. C.C. Bedwell of Red Cross, a painstaking and enthusiastic officer, took charge and had the lodge prepared for the Amplified Knight rank, and he and his officers in their splendid regalia gave a capital exemplification of the work. D.G.C. Hatzfeld takes much interest in the prosperity of his lodges and has spared no pains in his endeavors to bring them into harmonious co-operation, and certainly the good feeling that prevailed was pleasing to witness. P.S.R. Jesse Chapman, and P.S.R. and G.M. of E., D. J. Peace, are enthusiastic friends of the order, and do much to keep up the high standard it has attained. The assistance they are able to give, gained by experience and long service in associating with all the prominent members of the order, has a most beneficial effect. There is a dash of confidence and dignity in conferring the ranks that is very inspiring, and the Uniform element has a marked effect. Both the lodges are doing good work. Subsequently the knights and their friends adjourned to the Franklin House where a sumptuous repast was laid out, and there Bro. Hatzfeld in the chair exhibited his popularity, and the committee deserve great credit for the manner in which this part of the evening was managed. The enjoyment was enhanced by songs, recitations, etc., by gentlemen present, who were accompanied by Mr. Baine, presiding at the piano. On the following day Bros. Chapman, Peace, Hatzfeld and Bedwell took me for a drive through their beautiful city, round the mountain, etc., which was very pleasant and enjoyable.

The London Lodges I have visited occasionally. Myrtle, No. 2, is doing splendid work and is progressing rapidly. C.C. Horsman and his officers do their work well without rituals, the meetings are well attended and there is a spirit of progress manifested in all their actions. P.D.G.C. Cadwallader has a fatherly eye over it, and the veteran P.C's. Carrothers, Galpin and Parkinson keep up the enthusiasm and by their presence make it a live lodge.

Prospect No. 10, has a splendid class of men, but as workers they are not a success. A bicycle meet, a play at the theatre, in fact anything is an excuse for absence from lodge meetings. The C.C. has a difficult job getting the members to attend. When there is work it is fairly well done, but all the officers have not memorized it. They have a splendid lodge room, in fact one of the best in the domain; they have very good paraphernalia and everything that should make a lodge attractive. Bros. P.C's. Webb, Plastow, Belton and the present C.C. are good and faithful knights and on their care and enthusiasm the stability of the lodge depends.

Mizpah No. 22, is a good live lodge and does splendid work. At their last meeting I witnessed the Amplified Knight rank, and the officers and senators proved themselves a credit to any lodge. Supreme Representative Fitzgerald is a member of this lodge, as well as D.G.C. Bates, and P.C's. Dr. English, Jarvis and Ironside. The C.C's. for the two terms have both done very well and have their work up in good style. Bro. Hill, P.G. Prelate, is missed from the meetings. He was a most careful and zealous knight. The members all take a commendable pride in their lodge.

London Lodge No. 33, is not strong numerically, but is doing fairly well. I assisted at the installation of the officers, and as my visit was not expected they did not have a chance to show off. P.C's. Paul, Smith, Partridge, and P.D.G.C. Southcott, look after the interests of this lodge, and as they are energetic knights it is sure to go ahead.

Columbian No. 37, is doing good service. On my last visit, I saw the Esquire rank conferred on two candidates and business matters were well conducted. C.C. Cooper is a zealous and careful officer and gives strict attention to the affairs of his lodge. All the officers have the work memorized. This lodge is doing good work and is ably assisted by P.C's. Kennedy, Case, McRoberts and Simmons, and also by P.C's. Franks and Poulton of the city. They received, as the deserved, much encouragement and after the work was done, refreshments were served in the ante-room, where C.C. Cooper made an excellent host.

The contemplated consolidation of Prospect, Mizpah, and London Lodges will I think have a good effect.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy and attention I have received from Bro. G. H. Mitchell, the genial Grand Keeper of Records and

Seal, whom I have always found well informed, careful and zealous in the interests of the order. To his enthusiasm may, in a great measure, be attributed the success the order has attained in Ontario. The increase of the members and the consequent increase of the duties appertaining thereto will necessitate more assistance for the proper performance of the work of a Grand Lodge like ours.

Before handing over the gavel to my successor I desire to thank the lodges and members generally, for the very hospitable, kind and courteous receptions I received from them, and with a wish that the succeeding term may prove as peaceful and harmonious as the one that is past, I have the honor to sign myself

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

A. G. McWHINNEY,

Grand Chancellor.

London, July 14th, 1896.

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

A. G. McWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—At this the close of my term I enclose my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district. I am pleased to report all lodges in good shape with an excellent outlook for the coming year. We have added some members to our lodges and also a few to the Endowment Rank, but we have suffered a loss by the removal of P.C. Thos. McWhinney from our district. He was a true and able Knight, one to be depended on under any and all circumstances where Pythianism was concerned.

We have a big field here and with the assistance of the Grand Lodge, I have no doubt but two or more lodges can be organized.

Past Chancellor W. A. Cates, of Royal Lodge, No. 48, Walkerville, is recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for District No. 1, for the ensuing year.

In closing I take pleasure in thanking you, Grand Chancellor, and also the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on behalf of the lodges in this district, for your ever ready assistance and speedy replies to our many communications.

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

H. E. YOUNG,

D.G.C., District No. 1.

Windsor, July 10th, 1896.

A. G. McWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In compliance with the Statutes I beg to submit my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor for District No. 2. I am pleased to report very favorably of Marmion Lodge, No. 15, of this city, which, since its last report has added quite a few more to its numbers.

Renwick Lodge, No. 47, is struggling along and doing as well as can be expected considering the locality they are in. It is situated in the woods where there is very little more than a large stave mill and a farming country all around them. It is impossible to expect much increase in numbers from this quarter but the lodge is in a good healthy condition financially and the officers expect to get a few more good farmers into their ranks.

Rokeby Lodge, No. 9, was at a standstill for a time, on account of the difference existing in the late Bro. Gillard affair, but are all right now as they have settled the matter and I am told they are working harmoniously again.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors held recently, Bro. Wm. H. Robinson, Barrister, Marmion Lodge, No. 15, was recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing term.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you at Grand Lodge next week, I remain,

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

HENRY ROBINSON,

Chatham, July 6th, 1896.

D. G. C., District No. 2.

A. G. McWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In making my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor I am pleased to say the members of the two lodges in my district, Nos. 17 and 40, are taking an active interest in Pythianism. No. 17 has done good work during the past year and No. 40 will, I feel confident, make better progress before Grand Lodge meets in 1897, but I do not deem it advisable to go into details as the semi-annual reports of each lodge will show what has been done.

Bro. A. Savage, of Johnston Lodge, No. 40, Sarnia has been recommended for appointment as my successor.

Yours in F., C. B.,

JNO. READ,

Petrolia, June 26th, 1896.

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

A. G. McWHINNEY, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario,*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have much pleasure in submitting the following as my report for District No. 8. We have in this district five lodges, viz.: Myrtle, No. 2; Prospect, No. 10; Mizpah, No. 22; London, No. 33, and Columbian, No. 37.

I may say, generally, that during the past in the history of our order in this district, there has been manifested a steady growth and increase not only in its membership but also in enthusiasm and interest in the order, and especially in the ritualistic work.

There seems to be, throughout all our lodges, an anxiety and desire on the part of the officers and members to put forth their utmost zeal to excel in the practical working of the lodges and rendition of our beautiful ritualistic ceremonies without the assistance of the rituals.

Myrtle, No. 2, the oldest lodge in the city, is in a flourishing condition and is still maintaining its reputation for a steady and careful growth. It has added 17 new members during my term of office and I may say here that when I installed its officers they conferred the first and second ranks without a ritual to be seen and I trust that the infusion of new and young blood will increase materially the membership during the term of my successor.

Prospect, No. 10, has not advanced in membership as I expected considering the good material they have in officers. Unless some improvement be made for the better in the matter of attendance and increase in membership I should strongly recommend that this lodge be amalgamated with some one of the other lodges. In her present state the whole interest of her affairs devolves on some seven or eight members who constitute her usual attendance. I sincerely hope and trust that by another year she may come down to solid business.

Mizpah, No. 22, has enlisted a good number of new members while between the members there exists an honest and friendly rivalry in the rendition of the ritualistic work. The lodge has paid special attention to the working of the third rank which I think has now attained a state of as near perfection as was ever attained during my experience in this district. The officers are punctual in attendance and attentive to the duties laid down for them.

London, No. 33, has not improved in membership as it should have done. Owing to the fact that this city has so many lodges and all meeting in the centre of the city may possibly have had some effect upon so young a lodge. It is very weak in ritualistic work.

Columbian, No. 37, has been steadily growing in membership and its officers all seem desirous and anxious to deliver the secret work without the assistance of rituals. Its meetings are all well attended both by members and visitors. Smoking concerts and refreshments are the features of many of their

meetings and this not only increases the numbers of their members and visitors but incites an enthusiasm most desirable to every lodge.

At a meeting of the Past Chancellors of this district, Bro. D. C. Kennedy, of Columbian Lodge, No. 37, was, by an unanimous choice, recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year and I heartily endorse the selection.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

H. E. BATES,

D.G.C., District No. 8

London, July 11th, 1896.

A. G. McWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—As Deputy Grand Chancellor for District No. 9, I beg leave to report as follows: I visit Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, almost every meeting and am sorry to say they have made slow progress toward increasing their numbers owing no doubt to the hard times that are prevailing. Regarding the ritualistic work the officers render it in a manner creditable to themselves and to the order. A ritual is a thing you never see in sight.

With the assistance of Bro. John S. MacKay I expect to work up a lodge in Embro, and I think one can be started in Ingersoll. I shall see what I can do there. I have to thank the officers and members of Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, for the courtesy at all times extended toward me as your deputy.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors I was again recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

COURT CURTIS,

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

Woodstock, June 14th, 1896.

A. G. McWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Enclosed I beg to hand you my report as Deputy Grand Chancellor. Between overwork and sickness I overlooked to send the same sooner, for which I apologize.

I was in hopes to be with you all at the opening of Grand Lodge but am sorry to say instead I have been ordered to bed to-day by the doctor. However, my colleague, Bro. Alex. Whyte, will be there representing Bismarck.

Past Chancellor Thos. Pedlar has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district for the ensuing year.

Trusting you will all have a good time after your hard labor, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and B.,

L. E. HATZFELD,

D.G.C., District No. 11.

Hamilton, July 13th, 1896.

Note.—With profound sorrow the G.K.R.S. regrets to announce that Bro. Hatzfeld died within four days after writing the above.

A. G. MCWHINNEY, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro,—

I installed the officers of Napanee Lodge, No. 46, and found the lodge in good condition. The officers know their work well, and the Keeper of Records and Seal is a good worker. Unless something is done this fall to institute lodges in this part of the province it will require the strongest efforts of the officers to hold the lodge together. I can guarantee a lodge in Picton, but something must be done in Belleville, Kingston and Trenton.

Fraternally yours,

G. W. MORDEN,

D.G.C., District No. 30.

Napanee, June 1st, 1896.

DEPUTIES FAILING TO REPORT.

JOHN STACEY, St. Thomas, District No. 3.

B. J. LEUBSDORF, St. Catharines, District No. 12.

Geo. INGLIS, Owen Sound, District No. 18.

A. A. GILLIE, Chapleau, District No. 45. (c).

LODGE INSPECTION BY DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Lodge No.	Do officers commit work to memory?	How is the work rendered?	Are the officers regular in attendance?	Do members exhibit interest in lodge?	What is the average attendance?	Are any members in Endowment Rank?	Can you state how many?	What amount of fire insurance?	State number of rituals by actual count?	Are rituals and secret work properly secured?	Is paraphernalia in good order?	Are the books of officers well kept?	How does lodge stand as compared with other societies in your locality?	How often have you officially visited lodge?
1	Partly	Fair	Yes	No	8	Yes	11	\$1000	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
2	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	2	\$400	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
3	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	18	Yes	No	...	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	2
4	No	Poor	No	No	7	Yes	2	None	5	No	Yes	Yes	Poor	1
5	Partly	Fair	Fair	Yes	7	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	4
6	Partly	Fair	No	No	8	Yes	4	None	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Poor	3
9	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
10	Fair	Yes	No	No	12	Yes	7	\$1000	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
11	No	Fair	No	Little	7	Yes	6	\$600	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Fair	1
12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	10	No	0	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	4
14	No	Fair	Yes	Great	15	Yes	7	\$200	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	8
15	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	4	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
16	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	10	\$650	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Good	4
17	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	3	\$250	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
18	No	Poor	No	No	10	Yes	5	\$150	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	3	\$250	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
22	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	17	Yes	4	\$600	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Partly	Poor	No	No	7	Yes	6	None	4	No	Yes	Yes	Poor	2
28	Yes	Fair	Fair	Yes	8	No	0	\$300	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Fair	2
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	4	\$200	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	3
31	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	18	Yes	No	.....	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
33	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	12	Yes	3	\$150	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Fair	2
35	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	5	None	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Good	4
36	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	No	0	\$200	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	4
37	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	16	No	0	\$100	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
38	Yes	Good	Yes	Fair	1/2	Yes	1	None	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
39	No	Poor	No	No	7	No	0	None	5	No	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
40	No	Fair	Yes	Yes	12	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
42	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	1	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
43	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	15	No	0	\$400	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
44	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	12	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Well	2
45	Yes	Good	Fair	Yes	9	No	0	None	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	13	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
48	Partly	Fair	Fair	Yes	10	No	0	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	4

Where blanks appear the D.G.C. has not sent the required details.

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

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

TORONTO, JULY 14th, 1896.
P.F. XXXIII.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

I beg to submit my twenty-third report of this office for the fiscal year ending May 31st.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

In common with what most of those who hold a similar position to my own in other Grand Domains will have to complain of, I suppose the small increase in our growth during the past year will be attributable, to a great extent, to the continued dullness of trade and stringency in financial circles.

It is a source of satisfaction, however, to be able to report an increase in membership even though it be but slight, and, everything considered, it is encouraging. In the lodge finances a more marked improvement is shown. The receipts for the year are considerably over those of the preceding one and while the amount paid for relief and running expenses also increased, yet the balance on hand in both funds exceeds the previous balance by \$2,000.

Taking the order as a whole the year 1895 was not up to the average of several years back but a good addition was made. The total number of lodges December 31st, 1895 was 6,504 with a membership of 464,539 being a net gain of 222 lodges and 7,545 members ; while for the two years, 1894-5, the net gain was 505 lodges and 20,924 members, which is a remarkable showing under the circumstances and one of which we can be proud.

And now, can we not help to make it still better ? The next convention of the Grand Lodge will witness its silver anniversary and if each member could but add one more it would make a fitting celebration of the event. I trust with this in view each will enter on the year with renewed vigor and a determination to do his full share in helping to strengthen and build up the order in this domain.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

I do not wish to make any extended remarks on this subject, but for fear my report might not be considered complete without a reference to it, I will simply say that I do not wish any of the Keepers of Records and Seal to "let up" in their endeavours to be prompt and correct, as only one or two have yet got within hailing distance of the quarter stretch and those in the rear may yet overtake the leaders without getting winded.

How does lodge stand as compared with other societies in your locality?
How often have you officially visited lodge?

Fair	2
Fair	2
Good	2
Poor	1
Fair	4
Poor	3
Good	1
Fair	1
Fair	1
.....	4
Fair	4
High	8
Good	1
Good	4
Good	1
Fair	2
.....	3
Fair	2
Fair	2
Poor	2
Fair	2
.....	3
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Good	4
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Fair	2
Fair	2
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Fair	1
Fair	2
Fair	3
Well	2
Fair	1
.....	1
Good	1
Fair	4

BENEFIT FUND.

In regard to this Fund I have much pleasure in stating that most of the lodges have now a fair amount to its credit and I think the division of the amount received for dues could safely be reduced to thirty-three and one third per cent. and thus allow lodges a larger amount for their general fund. I would suggest that the matter be referred to the Committee on State of the Order for consideration.

SUPPLIES.

By reference to the Journal of last convention there will be found in my report copies of correspondence from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and the Supreme Chancellor relative to the rebate which used to be allowed to domains outside of the United States. This rebate was the amount of duty paid on supplies purchased from the Supreme Lodge and was enacted some years ago in order that Grand Lodges of outside domains should not pay more for their supplies than those within the United States and I do not think any one will deny that it was simply a just and equitable provision. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal in his letter says that there was no intention of doing any injustice through the new legislation of 1894, and intimates that it was practically the fault of the outside representatives in failing to notice the omission. Be this as it may, the fact remains that for the past two years supplies have cost Canadian Grand Lodges from one fourth to one third more than Grand Lodges on the other side of the line have had to pay, and I would recommend that our Supreme Representatives be instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the Supreme Lodge and endeavour to have the injustice remedied for the future and also have the amount paid for duties by the various Grand Lodges during the past two years placed to their credit.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

Notwithstanding the fact that, during the past year, I have distributed a large quantity of literature, comparatively no progress has been made in this domain by this important branch of our order. I have no doubt that the continued depression in trade has been to a great extent a deterring factor, but there is a large number of members having steady employment, who could, with advantage to themselves, make provision for those dependent on them, through the privilege offered by the Endowment Rank. There is hardly a single member who, if not already carrying some insurance (and no one should be without a certain amount), could not afford to have a certificate for \$1,000, and to repeat what I have said on this subject before, it is a duty which everyone owes to those near and dear to him to so provide, in case of death, that they will not be left to the cold charity of an unfeeling world. Having been a continuous member of the rank since its institution in 1877, I have great pleasure in stating that I have the fullest confidence in its stability and have

no hesitation in recommending it as having no superior in fraternal life insurance. May we not hope to see very large additions to its membership in Ontario before our next convention.

GRAND STATUTES.

It has, no doubt, been a disappointment to most of the lodges that the revised laws were not published long ago, but after our last convention I found that during the then current term, owing to the heavy outlay of the previous year, the finances of the Grand Lodge would not permit of their publication being attempted. Some time ago, however, in conversation with our printer I was given to understand that he was willing to go on with the work, as it would be a good thing to fill in with, and would wait our convenience for payment. On this understanding they were put in hand and I had hoped to have been able to present them complete at this convention. This, however, has been an impossibility, but you will have advanced copies of eighty pages containing all the statutes of any importance, and the work will be completed in a very short time as only the index has to be compiled. I may say that when I undertook to transpose the laws from our old form to correspond with the style of the Supreme Statutes, I agreed to a great deal more than I had any idea of, but if it meets with your commendation and approval I shall not have worked in vain and I have given you the best compilation of which I am capable. When ready I will immediately notify the lodges.

PYTHIAN PAPER.

I desire to acknowledge the courtesy extended to this office by the Pythian Press in keeping it supplied with the various papers published in the interests of the order. They are welcome visitors and I make the only return I can by sending them a copy of our proceedings as published.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Balance in hand of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1895	\$114 41
Received from all sources during the year	2038 48
Total	\$2152 89
Expenditure for all purposes	1975 70
Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1896	\$177 19

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of last session	\$469 25
Expenses of Grand Chancellor McConnell	109 37
Salary of Provincial Deputy, balance	300 00
Salary of G. K. R. S	300 00
Supreme Lodge, Representative Tax and Supplies	425 95
Printing Official Record	151 20

Sundry Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.....	34 97
Rent of Grand Lodge Room	60 00
Supplies.....	21 00
Express and Duty, Postage, etc.....	70 96
Expenses Deputy Grand Chancellor.....	5 00
Renewal of Registry and Three Incorporations.....	28 00
Total.....	\$1975 70

My vouchers for these will show the transactions.

Accompanying this report are statements showing the totals of the debit and credit sides of all accounts in the ledger, and the balances May 31st, 1896; the profit and loss thereon, and also our assets and liabilities, together with statements of the membership and finances of the subordinate lodges. (See appendix.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. H. Mitchell

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

HAMILTON, July 14th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

I herewith submit for your consideration the report of this office for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1896.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. PEACE,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

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

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1895.					
June	1—Balance on hand.....				114 41
"	15—Windsor.....	35		13 50	
"	26—Toronto.....	38		14 50	
"	27—Myrtle.....	30	35 00		
"	29—Friendship.....	2	29 50		
"	29—Galt.....	16		4 00	
"	29—Red Cross.....	38	15 50		
July	3—Petrolea.....	3	77 00		
"	6—Woodstock.....	17	30 00		
"	6—London.....	45	11 50	4 00	
"	6—Victoria.....	33	12 50		
"	9—Columbian.....	44	14 35		
"	9—Friendship.....	37	13 50		
"	9—Olive.....	16	29 50		
"	9—Galt.....	14	30 50		
"	9—Columbian.....	38		5 00	
"	9—Windsor.....	37		5 00	
"	9—Myrtle.....	35		5 00	
"	9—Queen City.....	2		11 25	
"	9—B. J. Leubsdorf.....	18	33 62		
"	9—Mizpah.....	22	40 50	50	
"	9—John Read.....	22		5 25	
"	10—Damon.....	6	29 50	1 25	
"	12—Renwick.....	47		75	
"	26—Ontario.....	25	19 00		
"	27—Meniss.....	19	16 50		
Aug.	1—Amicns.....	20	26 00		
"	2—Calanthe.....	36	25 00		
"	8—Meniss.....	19		4 00	
"	12—Toronto.....	30		75	
"	16—Amicus.....	20		4 50	
"	19—Mizpah.....	22		1 25	
"	20—Bismarck.....	31	80		
"	23—London.....	33		1 50	
"	26—Petrolea.....	17		1 00	
"	29—Rathbone.....	12	34 00		
"	29—Windsor.....	35	24 00		
"	31—Philos.....	41	9 50		
Sept.	11—Amicus.....	20		1 50	
"	25—H. Peel.....			1 50	
"	26—Mystic.....	1	36 87		
"	26—Toronto.....	30		50	
"	28—Aurora.....	13		3 00	
Oct.	7—Columbian.....	37		12 76	
"	9—Mystic.....	4	13		
"	21—Queen City.....	18		1 00	
Carried forward.....					
		594	27	103 26	114 41

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

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1895.	Brought forward.....		594 27	103 26	114 41
Oct.	22—Perseverance	23		75	
“	23—Myrtle.....	2		2 00	
“	24—Prospect	10	29 50		
“	26—Syracuse	39	12 00		
“	29—Queen City.....	18		2 50	
Nov.	2—Red Cross.....	3		6 25	
“	11—Amicus	20		75	
“	12—Dufferin	28	12 00		
“	20—Victoria	44		14 35	
“	21—Hamlet	42	16 00		
“	21—Napanee	46	12 25		
“	21—Trafalgar.....	43	1 50		
Dec.	11—Damon	6		1 25	
“	16—Petrolea	17		1 75	
“	17—Windsor	35		1 00	
“	30—Robt. Irwin			1 00	
“	31—Toronto	30	34 00		
1896.					
Jan.	2—Olive	14	27 50		
“	3—Myrtle.....	2	30 00		
“	4—Amicus	20		9 00	
“	6—Mizpah	22	39 50		
“	7—Petrolea	17	34 00		
“	8—Friendship	16	29 00		
“	8—Bismarck	31	20 50		
“	9—London.....	33	12 50		
“	9—Red Cross	3	75 50		
“	13—Windsor	35		50	
“	13—Woodstock	45	11 50		
“	13—Royal	48	12 50		
“	13—Galt.....	38	15 50		
“	13—Mizpah	22	1 50	1 25	
“	14—Calanthe.....	36	21 50		
“	15—Renwick.....	47	9 50		
“	16—Myrtle	2	1 00		
“	18—Inglewood.....	29	18 50		
“	20—Hamlet	42	16 50		
“	21—Toronto.....	30		50	
“	22—Aurora	13	19 00		
“	22—Columbian	37	16 00		
“	22—Marmion.....	15	38 00		
“	23—Ivanhoe	4		50	
“	25—Rathbone	12	35 00	2 25	
“	27—Windsor	35	25 00		
Jan.	28—Calanthe.....	36		3 25	
“	30—Dufferin	28		3 50	
“	31—Amicus	20		75	
Feb.	1—London.....	33		3 25	
	Carried forward.....		1221 02	159 61	114 41

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

RECEIPTS.

DATE	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1896.	Brought forward.....		1221 02	159 61	114 41
Feb.	6—Dufferin.....	28	12 50		
"	8—Napanee.....	46	14 50		
"	18—Queen City.....	18	34 87		
"	18—Petrolea.....	17	1 00		
"	18—Ivanhoe.....	4	15 50		
"	18—Prospect.....	10	26 00		
"	18—Columbian.....	37		10 25	
"	18—Meniss.....	19	15 50		
"	18—J. Ingleby.....			2 00	
"	18—Damon.....	6	24 00		
"	18—London.....	33		1 25	
"	18—Toronto.....	30		50	
"	18—Victoria.....	44	32 65		
"	22—Crusader.....	5	28 00		
"	24—Amicus.....	20	27 00		
"	25—Johnston.....	40		50	
"	26—Rokeby.....	9	55 00		
"	26—Marmion.....	15		1 00	
"	27—Myrtle.....	2		50	
Mar.	3—Columbian.....	37		1 70	
"	3—Trafalgar.....	43	19 87		
"	3—Crusader.....	5		21 85	
"	4—Ivanhoe.....	4	50		
"	11—Ontario.....	25	18 00		
"	12—Petrolea.....	17		50	
"	14—Philos.....	41	9 90		
"	14—Johnston.....	40		2 75	
"	16—Mystic.....	1	32 50		
"	17—Myrtle.....	2		11 25	
"	18—Napanee.....	46		18 50	
"	24—Friendship.....	16		10 25	
"	26—Prospect.....	10		1 00	
April	3—Friendship.....	16		75	
"	3—H. E. Young.....			1 25	
"	4—Mizpah.....	22		1 50	
"	13—Toronto.....	30		75	
"	13—Calanthe.....	36		50	
"	13—Perseverance.....	23		50	
"	14—Petrolea.....	17		4 00	
"	16—Perseverance.....	23	23 00		
"	20—Petrolea.....	17		50	
May	22—Myrtle.....	2		1 00	
"	31—Myrtle.....	2		10	
"	31—Petrolea.....	17		7 25	
"	31—T. L. Broderick.....			53 44	
"	31—Royal.....	48		18 00	
"	31—Renwick.....	47		22 25	
"	31—Napanee.....	46		2 50	
"	31—Oil Springs.....	34		25 37	
"	31—Johnston.....	40		28 00	
"	31—Olive.....	14		14 60	
"	31—Windsor.....	35		1 00	
"	31—Meniss.....	19		50	
Total.....			1611 31	427 17	114 41
				\$2152 89	

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

EXPENDITURE.

DATE.	PAID TO	On Account of	Order No.	Amount.
1895.				
June 8	T. L. Broderick	Salary	481	\$150 00
" 20	Ontario Government	Renewal of Registry	482	28 00
July 3	Canadian Express Co.	Express and Duty	483	26 03
" 10	R. H. McConnell	Expenses as G. C.	484	109 37
" 10	J. Easton	Expenses as D. G. C.	485	5 00
" 10	W. Harper	Services as Janitor	486	6 00
" 10	G. L. Officers and Rep.	Expenses	487	463 25
Nov. 25	T. L. Broderick	Salary	488	150 00
" 25	D. J. Peace	Expenses as G. M. E.	489	15 72
" 25	Blackhall & Co.	Supplies	490	35 40
" 25	Wm. McBain	Rent of G. L. Room	491	35 00
" 25	Supreme Lodge	Supplies	492	248 90
" 25	G. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	493	150 00
Dec. 23	Thos. G. Soole	Printing Journal, etc.	494	171 77
1896.				
Feb. 18	G. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	495	75 00
Mar. 28	Supreme Lodge	Representative Tax	496	100 00
" 28	Supreme Lodge	Supplies	497	77 05
" 28	Canadian Express Co.	Express and Duty	498	21 80
May 31	W. McBean	Rent	499	25 00
" 31	Blackhall & Co.	Postage	500	7 41
" 31	G. H. Mitchell	Salary	501	75 00
	Balance on hand			177 19
				\$2152 89

It being the hour of 12 o'clock the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock and on roll call the following answered to their names :

- A. G. McWHINNEY.....Grand Chancellor.
- W. C. MACDONALD.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
- REV. F. R. GHENT.....Grand Prelate.
- G. H. MITCHELL.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
- D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
- H. E. YOUNG.....Grand Inner Guard.
- J. J. WELLS.....Grand Outer Guard.

And

- P. D. MCKELLAR.....Supreme Representative.
- F. J. FITZGERALD....." "
- R. H. MCCONNELL.....Past Grand Chancellor.
- R. H. JARVIS....." "

And Grand Representatives Wallis and Deverall, of No. 1 ; Harding, of No. 2 ; Burns, Chapman and Irwin, of No. 3 ; Hodder and Cooke, of No. 5 ; Beeton and Moore, of No. 6 ; Belton and Plastow, of No. 10 ; Baker and Murch, of No. 12 ; Reaveley, of No. 13 ; Smyth and Fleming, of No. 14 ; W. H. Robinson and Hy. Robinson, of No. 15 ; Andrews and Forsch, of No. 16 ; Read and Endress, of No. 17 ; Cluff and Shannessey, of No. 18 ; Tilley, of No. 19 ; Fox and Wilson, of No. 20 ; Ironside and Carroll, of No. 22 ; King, of No. 25 ; Fowlie, of No. 28 ; Soole and Little, of No. 30 ; Noble, of No. 33 ; Housen and Mason, of No. 35 ; Elliott, of No. 36 ; Case and Simmons, of No. 37 ; Card, of No. 38 ; Easton and Savage, of No. 40 ; Barnsdale and Corrie, of No. 42 ; Woollard, of No. 44 ; Bicknell and Mackay, of No. 45 ; Hinch, of No. 46 ; Stockwell and Cates of No. 48.

Representative Bowie, of No. 25, and Past Chancellor Armstrong, of No. 1, being in waiting were introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

Representative Tilley, of No. 19, from the Special Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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Amount.

\$150 00
 28 00
 26 03
 109 37
 5 00
 6 00
 463 25
 150 00
 15 72
 35 40
 35 00
 248 90
 150 00
 171 77
 75 00
 100 00
 77 05
 21 80
 25 00
 7 41
 75 00
 177 19
 2152 89

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

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

1. That so much of the report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to "Correspondence," "State of the Order," "Consolidation," "Suggestion," "Pythian Newspapers," "Official Visits" with concluding remarks, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

2. That so much as refers to "Deputy Grand Chancellors," "Dispensations" and "By-Laws," be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

3. That the reports of the Deputy Grand Chancellors and table of lodge inspections be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

4. That so much of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to "State of the Order," "Benefit Fund," "Grand Statutes," "Pythian Papers," "Membership and Finances of Subordinate Lodges," and "Numerical and Financial Statements" be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

5. That so much as refers to "Semi-Annual Returns" be referred to the Committee on Reports.

6. That so much as refers to "Endowment Rank" be referred to a Special Committee.

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

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

Respectfully submitted.

C. C. TILLEY, of No. 19.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

W. FLEMING, of No. 14.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Representatives Soole, of No. 30; Deverall, of No. 1, and Shannessy of No. 18, as the Special Committee on Endowment Rank.

Past Grand Chancellor McConnell submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Ontario, that the sum of \$200 be denoted by the Grand Lodge to Toronto Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, towards the expense of taking a band to the convention of the Supreme Lodge to be held in Cleveland in August.

Representative Little, of No. 30, submitted the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Ontario, that a Special Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of organization and the best means to be adopted for the extension of the order throughout this domain.

Representative King, of No. 25, from the Committee on State of the Order, stated that the subject has been referred to in the address of the Grand Chancellor and was now under consideration by his committee, but if thought more advisable to have it referred to a special committee he would have no objection. After some discussion it was so ordered and the Grand Chancellor appointed as such committee, Representatives Little, of No. 30 ; Card, of No. 38 ; Woollard, of No. 44 ; Fowlie, of No. 28, and Tilley, of No. 19.

Representative Chapman, of No. 3, from the Special Tribunal on the appeal of Past Chancellor Graham vs. Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, presented the following report :

REPORT OF SPECIAL TRIBUNAL.

The Special Tribunal appointed to consider the appeal of Past Chancellor Graham vs. Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, begs to report that it has carefully read all the proceedings, evidence and papers in the case and, after due consideration would recommend that the appeal be not sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

- H. V. ROBINSON, of No. 15.
- JESSE CHAPMAN, of No. 3.
- W. P. COOKE, of No. 5.

Some discussion ensuing, Past Grand Chancellor McConnell moved for a reading of the evidence before the Grand Lodge which was agreed to, after which Representative Burns, of No. 3, submitted the following resolution and called for the yeas and nays thereon :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Ontario, that the report of the Special Tribunal be not adopted, but that the appeal of Past Chancellor Graham be sustained and that he be restored to all his rights and privileges as a member of the order.

Those voting "yea" were—Representatives Wallis and Deverall, of No. 1; Burns and Irwin, of No. 3; Baker and Murch, of No. 12; Reaveley, of No. 13; Smyth and Fleming, of No. 14; W. H. Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Forsch, of No. 16; Fox and Wilson, of No. 20; Bowie, of No. 25; Little, of No. 30; Noble, of No. 33; Mason, of No. 35; Elliott, of No. 36; Card, of No. 38; Easton, of No. 40; Woollard, of No. 44; Mackay, of No. 45; Hinch, of No. 46; Cates, of No. 48; the Grand Chancellor; the Grand Vice-Chancellor; the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; the Grand Master of Exchequer and Past Grand Chancellor McConnell—30.

Those voting "nay" were—Representatives Harding, of No. 2; Chapman, of No. 3; Hodder and Cooke, of No. 5; Beeton and Moore, of No. 6; Hy. Robinson, of No. 15; Cluff, of No. 18; Tилley, of No. 19; Carroll and Ironside, of No. 22; Soole, of No. 30; Case, of No. 37; the Grand Inner Guard and Past Grand Chancellor Jarvis—15.

So the motion to sustain the appeal was adopted, and the Grand Chancellor ordered the Grand Master-at-Arms to retire and notify Past Chancellor Graham that he was now entitled to be admitted and take his seat as the Representative of No. 2, which order was duly executed and Representative Graham admitted.

Representative Card, of No. 38, presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

GALT LODGE, No. 38,

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

GALT, ONT., July 3rd, 1896.

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias.

The undersigned, on behalf of Galt Lodge, No. 38, K. of P., would respectfully suggest that two or more counties in this neighborhood, say Wellington, Waterloo and Brant, be constituted one district until the lodges in these counties become more numerous, for the following reasons:

1. The Deputy Grand Chancellor would through his official visits bring the lodges in closer touch with each other than can be done now.

2. With a greater number of lodges the work of the Deputy Grand Chancellor becomes more inspiring to him, and consequently of greater benefit to the lodges visited by him.

We would further suggest that each lodge be furnished (as soon as possible after the elections) with the names and P. O. address of each K. of R. and S. so that they could communicate with each other, which we have found either difficult or impossible under the present circumstances. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. TURNBULL, C.C.

J. P. ROBER, K. of R, and S.

[SEAL]

It being 6 o'clock the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—JULY 15TH.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9 o'clock a.m., and on roll call the following answered to their names :

- A. G. MCWHINNEY.....Grand Chancellor.
- W. C. MACDONALD.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
- REV. F. R. GHENT.....Grand Prelate,
- G. H. MITCHELL.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
- D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
- H. E. YOUNG.....Grand Inner Guard.
- J. J. WELLS.....Grand Outer Guard.

And

- P. D. MCKELLAR.....Supreme Representative.
- F. J. FITZGERALD..... " "
- R. H. JARVIS.....Past Grand Chancellor.
- R. H. MCCONNELL..... " "

And Grand Representatives Wallis and Deverall, of No. 1 ; Harding and Graham, of No. 2 ; Burns, of No. 3 ; Cooke of No. 5 ; Beeton and Moore, of No. 6 ; Belton and Plastow, of No. 10 ; Baker and Murch, of No. 12 ; Reaveley, of No. 13 ; W. H. Robinson and Hy. Robinson, of No. 15 ; Andrews and Forsch, of No. 16 ; Read and Endress, of No. 17 ; Shannessey, of No. 18 ; Tilley, of No. 19 ; Wilson of No. 20 ; Ironside and Carroll, of No. 22 ; King of No. 25 ; Fowlie, of No. 28 ; Little, of No. 30 ; Noble, of No. 33 ; Elliott, of No. 36 ; Case and Simmons, of No. 37 ; Card of No. 38 ; Easton and Savage, of No. 40 ; Dunbar, of No. 43 ; Woollard, of No. 44 ; MacKay, of No. 45 ; Hinch, of No. 46 ; Stockwell and Cates, of No. 48.

Past Chancellor Robertson, of No. 20, being in waiting was introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

Representative Shannessey, of No. 18, from the Committee on Printing, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Ontario.

Your Committee on Printing begs leave to report that in accordance with the request of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, it procured tenders from several printing firms for 700 copies Grand Lodge Official Record, including the advance reports of officers, and upon opening the same the tender of Thos. G. Soole was found to be the lowest.

The tenders received are herewith submitted:

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BEMISTER, of No. 4.

W. SHANNESSEY, of No. 18.

Supreme Representative McKellar offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Ontario, that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be and is hereby instructed to procure for the use of the Supreme Representatives two jewels, to replace those at present being worn, of the grade shown in the Supreme Lodge price list as Cc.

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

REPORT No. 1, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We find in hand June 1st, 1895.....	\$ 114 41
Received from Per Capita Tax.....	1611 31
Received for Supplies, etc.....	427 17

From which has been paid by warrant...	\$2152 89
	1975 70

Balance on hand May 31st, 1896.....	\$177 19
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Respectfully submitted, C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

ROBT. IRWIN, o No. 3.

ROBT. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.

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

REPORT No. 2, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

"Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred that portion of the report of the G. K. R. S. relating to duties on supplies which have to be obtained from the Supreme Lodge, begs to report that the question is one which affects all domains outside of the United States and the repealing of the former legislation, whereby a rebate was made to such domains of an amount equal to the duty paid, has made the cost of supplies much greater to them than to those domains not so situated. Your committee do not think that it was the intention of Supreme Lodge to create any such injustice and that it is only necessary to have attention drawn to the matter to have it rectified. It is therefore recommended that our Supreme Representatives be instructed to bring the subject to the attention of Supreme Lodge and use their best endeavours, and all legitimate means, to have the former legislation restored, and that the amount of duties paid in the interim be placed to the credit of each Grand Lodge which has been effected by the legislation referred to."

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

R. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.

ROBT. IRWIN, of No. 3.

Representative King, of No. 25, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report which was adopted.

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

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

1. In reference to the introductory remarks of the Grand Chancellor, your committee fully appreciate the position in which he was placed owing to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. The lodges referred to could only be visited at considerable expenditure of time and money which the exchequer was unable to stand, but it is hoped that the incoming Grand Chancellor will be enabled to make amends and that these lodges will receive an official visit during the ensuing year.

2. We note with pleasure the satisfaction expressed by the Grand Chancellor at the condition in which he found the various lodges visited and it is especially gratifying to learn that it is a rare thing to see a ritual in use during rank work. Your committee, in this connection, would strongly recommend that our Grand officers should set an example by memorizing the Grand

Lodge ritual in order to render more beautiful and impressive the ceremonies, lectures and charges contained therein.

3. The consolidation of Philos Lodge, No. 41, with Toronto Lodge, No. 30, is approved, and the course here adopted might with considerable benefit be also adopted by a few others.

4. It is very gratifying to your committee to learn that the Grand Chancellor has nothing of an unpleasant character to report at this convention, which shows that peace and harmony has prevailed throughout the domain during the year, and we sincerely trust such a state of affairs may long continue.

5. With the Grand Chancellor your committee join in regretting that this domain has not a Pythian publication, but unless such should be under the control of the Grand Lodge it is believed we are better without one. In the past we have had two or three attempts made by private members, but in each case failure was the result. In the meantime there are a large number of Pythian papers in the field throughout other domains, from which many a good selection could be made and we coincide with the recommendation that every member should be a reader of some one of them.

6. Your committee have read with pleasure the record of the official visits made by the Grand Chancellor and believe that such redound greatly to the welfare and advantage of the lodges. It is recommended that the ensuing Grand Chancellor continue the practice so long in vogue, giving special attention to the lodges where his presence and influence will do the most good.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.

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

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

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

1. Your committee note with pleasure that, notwithstanding the continued dullness of trade and stringency in financial circles, the lodges finances show a marked improvement and the increase in membership, though small, is under the circumstances fairly satisfactory. Taking the order as a whole, with a net gain of 222 lodges and about 8,000 members, there is every reason to feel proud of its growth under such adverse conditions as have been experienced during the past year.

2. The suggestion made in regard to each member adding one more to our ranks during the ensuing year meets with the hearty approval of your committee and it knows of nothing that would more fittingly celebrate our silver anniversary.

3. In view of the satisfactory condition which the benefit fund has attained, the recommendation made that the division of receipts for dues be reduced from 50 per cent. to $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. is approved.

4. In reference to the Grand Statutes, the course adopted meets with the approval of the committee, and it is pleased to learn that our new code of laws will shortly be ready for distribution.

5. That portion of the report referring to "Pythian Papers" having been already reported upon needs no further comment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

Representative Little, of No. 30, from the Special Committee on Organization, presented the following report :

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

Your Special Committee appointed to consider and report on schemes to promote organization begs to say that the desire to have this subject referred to a special committee was in no way to interfere with the duties of the Committee on State of the Order, but rather to assist it in its work, and to recommend such plans as will ultimately bring about a more practical system of organization and means of planting the Pythian flag in many places where it is at present unknown. To this end it offers the following recommendations :

1. Whereas there are scattered throughout this domain many members who reside in places other than where the lodges to which they belong are located, it is recommended that the Executive Committee through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal communicate with every lodge and ascertain the names and addresses of such members and then that, either direct or through the nearest Deputy Grand Chancellor, an endeavour be made to induce them to use their influence in organizing lodges in their locality. If successful they shall receive for their services such amount as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge, or in default thereof by the Executive Committee.

2. To help to meet the expenses referred to in the preceding section it is proposed to introduce a proposition to recommend that the fee for charter be made \$65.00 instead of \$50.00 which proposition it is requested be referred to the appropriate committee.

3. It is strongly recommended that Grand officers, in their official visits, pay particular attention to newly organized, weak and isolated lodges rather than showing a preference to the stronger lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LITTLE, of No. 30.
 W. D. CARD, of No. 38.
 G. C. FOWLIE, of No. 28.
 CHAS. C. TILLEY, of No. 19.
 W. J. WOOLLARD, of No. 44.

The report was considered seriatim and adopted, whereupon the committee submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

A PROPOSITION.

To amend Sec. 27, Chapp. IV, Title I, of the Grand Statutes relating to fee for warrant to institute lodges.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario that Sec. 27, Chap. IV, Title I, of the Grand Statutes be amended by striking out the word "fifty" in the second line and inserting the word "sixty-five" in lieu thereof.

It being 12 o'clock the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock, and on roll call the following answered to their names :

A. G. MCWHINNEY.....Grand Chancellor.
 W. C. MACDONALD.Grand Vice Chancellor.
 REV. F. R. GHENT.Grand Prelate.
 G. H. MITCHELL,.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
 H. E. YOUNG.....Grand Inner Guard.
 J. WELLS.....Grand Outer Guard.

And

P. D. MCKELLAR.....Supreme Representative.
 F. J. FITZGERALD..... " "
 R. H. JARVIS.....Past Grand Chancellor.
 R. H. MCCONNELL..... " "
 P. H. DRAYTON..... " "

And Grand Representatives Wallis and Deverall, of No. 1; Harding and Graham, of No. 2; Burns, of No. 3; Cooke, of No. 5; Beeton and Moore, of No. 6; Belton and Plastow, of No. 10; Baker and Murch, of No. 12; Reaveley, of No. 13; Smyth and Fleming, of No. 14; W. H. Robinson and Hy. Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Forsch, of No. 16; Read and Endress, of No. 17; Shannessey and Cluff, of No. 18; Tilley, of No. 19; Fox and Wilson, of No. 20; Ironside and Carroll, of No. 22; King and Bowie, of No. 25; Fowlie, of No. 28; Soole and Little, of No. 30; Noble, of No. 33; Mason, of No. 35; Elliott, of No. 36; Case and Simmons, of No. 37; Card, of No. 38; Easton and Savage, of No. 40; Barnsdale and Corrie, of No. 42; Dunbar, of No. 43; Woollard, of No. 44; Mackay, of No. 45; Hinch, of No. 46; Stockwell and Cates, of No. 48.

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

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the communication from Galt Lodge, No. 38, begs to report that under the law the appointment of Deputy Grand Chancellors is the special prerogative of the Grand Chancellor and while each County in the domain constitutes a separate district there is nothing to prevent two or more being consolidated under one deputy. It is therefore recommended that whenever it may be deemed essential to the prosperity of the order, in any section, to so unite two or more districts, the Grand Chancellor shall exercise his own judgment in the matter. In this connection the request made by Galt Lodge to have No. 10, 14 and 16 districts, embracing the Counties of Brant, Waterloo and Wellington, united under one deputy, is respectfully referred to the incoming Grand Chancellor for his favorable consideration as from representations made to your committee it is of the opinion that under one energetic and efficient deputy, more interest will be created, as the lodges in that section will be more closely united. It is further the opinion of your committee that under such system of consolidating districts the complaint made in the first sentence under the caption "Suggestion" in the report of the Grand Chancellor would, to a great extent, be overcome and do away with the necessary co-operation which he indicates.

In regard to the portion of the communication referring to the publication of the names and addresses of the various lodges throughout the domain, it is recommended that it be an instruction to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue a circular on the first day of February of each year, giving the desired information as far as possible and show also the names of lodges which

neglect to furnish him with the data necessary to complete the list. To make it useful throughout the year, the addresses should be that of the lodge and not the private one of the Keeper of Records and Seal, so as to provide for changes in office, and to this end it is recommended that each lodge should have either a box in the post office or a postal box in connection with the lodge room.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

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

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

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred the reports of the various Deputy Grand Chancellors, have to draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that in lodges Nos. 1, 6, 18, 25, 38, and 45 there are only four rituals. So far as the latter two are concerned it is claimed that only four were delivered at institution, but by reference to the official record for 1894, it will be seen that only three were then reported for No. 38, while in 1895 five were shown to be in possession of the lodge. In 1894 Nos. 1, 6 and 18 had the full number, and No. 25 has lost one since last year. We find that one Deputy reports that in three of his lodges one ritual is missing in each, owing to the fact that they were taken away in order to memorize the work which is, and should be known to be, contrary to the Supreme Statutes in that behalf.

It is recommended that it be an instruction to the incoming Grand Chancellor to order the Deputy Grand Chancellor of each district in which any lodge has not the full compliment of rituals to institute a searching inquiry in regard thereto, and to submit a special report to him on the subject, showing how the law came to be disregarded and who was responsible therefor, and what steps have been taken to ascertain what has become of them.

In other respects your committee are pleased with the work being done by the lodges as set forth in the various reports. The concise summary of the lodge inspection as compiled by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is specially commended, and we recommend that it and the reports be printed as usual in the official record.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

W. D. CARD, of No. 38.

J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.

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

REPORT No. 3, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

W. McWhinney, expenses as Grand Chancellor	\$65 07
Hy. Robinson, " " D.G.C., District No. 2...	6 00
A. F. Robb, " " " " " 14...	4 90
G. W. Morden, " " " " " 30...	4 00
D. J. Peace, " " G.M. of E.....	11 91
	\$91 88

Respectfully submitted,

- C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.
- R. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.
- R. IRWIN, of No. 3.

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

REPORT No. 4, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the proposition to amend Sec. 28, Chap. IV, Title I, of the Grand Statutes, begs to recommend the passing of the said amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

- R. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.
- C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.
- R. IRWIN, of No. 3.

Past Grand Chancellor McConnell stated that as he had learned that the finances of the Grand Lodge were not in a position to justify the resolution which he had submitted earlier in the convention, regarding a grant to Toronto Division, he desired to be allowed to withdraw it, and it was so ordered.

The Grand Lodge now (2.45 o'clock) went into secret session for exemplification of the secret work, and at 3.15 o'clock the secret session was dissolved and the regular order was resumed.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor McConnell the Grand Chancellor appointed Representatives Elliott, of No. 36, Hodder,

of No. 5, and W. H. Robinson, of No. 15, as a Special Committee to draft suitable resolutions of thanks to the Toronto Reception Committee and citizens for the reception tendered to the Grand Lodge.

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

REPORT No. 1, OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary begs to report, that during the recess of Grand Lodge, the by-laws of the following lodges were referred to it, viz.: Rathbone, No. 12; Amicus, No. 20; Bismarck, No. 31; Victoria, No. 44, and Napanee, No. 46. In each case a thorough examination was made and, when necessary, amended to conform to the Grand Statutes, and a certified copy was sent to the lodge and to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Your committee have also had referred to it the following appeal together with the necessary records of the minutes in the case :

TORONTO, April 14th, 1896.

P. P. XXXIII.

To the C. C. Officers and Members Mystic Lodge, No. 1, K. of P.

Dear Sirs and Bros.—

Pursuant to notice given on the 24th day of March, 1896, being the last regular convention of this lodge, I do now most respectfully submit to the Grand Chancellor "the grounds of appeal" from the decision of this lodge in sustaining the Chancellor Commander in his ruling.

That at the regular convention of this lodge, held on the 10th day of March, 1896, the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor both being absent, the chair was taken by a Past Chancellor without a vote being taken by the members, there being more than a quorum present at the time.

That at the next regular meeting of the lodge, held on the 24th day of March, 1896, and after the reading of the minutes, I protested against the minutes being confirmed until the omission of 'no vote' being taken was inserted therein.

That it did not state in the minutes how the presiding officer had been appointed and that "no vote" had been taken to appoint such presiding officer and that the meeting was illegally held, and I desired to have such stated in the minutes as required by the Supreme Statutes, Sec. 307, Chapter XI, Page 87.

That the Chancellor Commander ruled to the effect that the proceedings before the opening of the lodge, being informal, should not appear on the minutes of the evening.

That I appealed to the lodge against the ruling of the Chancellor Commander and the lodge sustained the ruling.

That I now appeal to the Grand Chancellor against the decision of the lodge in sustaining the ruling of the Chancellor Commander.

Yours in F. C. and B.

C. H. WALLIS.

The finding of the committee which was duly transmitted to the lodge, was as follows :

"In the matter of the appeal of P. C., C. H. Wallis, of Mystic Lodge No. 1, against the decision of his lodge in sustaining the ruling of the Chancellor Commander, the committee find that in the appeal of Bro. Wallis and also in the transcript of the minutes of the lodge, there is no record of any objection having been taken to the manner in which the presiding officer had been selected, or request made to have such recorded on the minutes during such convention. It is the decision of the committee that the appeal be not sustained."

The minute book containing a complete record of all the transactions of the committee is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

W. H. FOX, of No. 20.

W. L. BEMISTER, of No. 4.

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

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

1. The appointment of Deputy Grand Chancellors being in conformity with the statutes is approved, and the committee is pleased to learn that those selected for the position rendered the Grand Chancellor such efficient aid and support.

2. The dispensations granted were all in conformity with our law, and are approved.

3. The by-laws of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, were approved by the committee as already reported, but those of Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, it knows

nothing about and therefore cannot recommend their approval. The statutes do not provide for the approval of by-laws by the Grand Chancellor and requires that they shall be submitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

W. H. FOX, of No. 20.

W. L. BEMISTER, of No. 4.

Representative Little, of No. 30, submitted the following and asked that it lay over until the next convention :

A PROPOSITION.

To amend Title II, Chap. XV, Sec. 251, of the Grand Statutes relating to dues to be charged to beneficial members.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario, that Title II, Chap. XV, Sec. 251, of the Grand Statutes, be amended to read as follows :

251. The annual dues to be charged to all beneficial members shall be six dollars per annum.

JACKSON L. LITTLE, of No. 30.

Referred to the Executive Council.

Representative Endress, of No. 17, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS.

Your Committee on Reports to whom were submitted the semi-annual returns of lodges for the year 1895, begs to submit the following :

It has carefully examined the semi-annual returns ending June 30th, 1895, and December 31st, 1895, and compared them with the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and find each account correctly and neatly kept. In last years' report of this committee reference was made to the incorrect and delatory manner in which some lodges filled out and forwarded their semi-annual returns and we regret to find the same cause for complaint this year and would again recommend that Deputy Grand Chancellors in their several districts should urge upon the lodges the importance of having the returns properly filled out and forwarded at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ENDRESS, of No. 17.

E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42.

FRED. HOUSEN, of No. 35.

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal referring to the Endowment Rank, begs to submit the following :

In view of the splendid and most satisfactory condition in which this important feature of our order is in, it is a matter of great regret that so little is known of it by the great majority of our members and to show you to what an extent it has grown and what it has done, the following facts and figures up to June 30th, 1896 are presented :

Number of members	45,136
Amount of Insurance in force	\$ 88,434,000 00
Cash balance and investments	428,603 03
Total benefits paid	10,362,628 82

Is this not something of which every member of the order should be proud? As members of the rank ourselves we feel a just pride in it and we desire to see it taken advantage of by every one in this domain. With a membership in Ontario of over 1700, we have only 120 who hold certificates in this rank and we feel assured that there are many who have joined other insurance societies because they did not know we have one of our own. Your committee notes with pleasure that the order of business for lodges as provided in the Grand Statutes now contains a reference to the Endowment Rank and trust it will be the means of inducing many to make provision for those dependent upon them. The rank is managed by a Board of Control appointed by and responsible to the Supreme Lodge, and offers a perfectly secure and reliable protection at the lowest rate consistent with safety. Its system is based upon actual cost of insurance during expectancy of life, divided, for convenience, into fixed monthly payments, graded according to age at time of obtaining membership. Your committee would strongly urge every representative present to interest himself in this matter and present the benefits to be derived from it to his lodge and endeavour to impress upon the members thereof the desirability of joining the rank. Another very important object to be considered is that every one who joins is more firmly bound to his lodge as he at once has a greater interest in the order. Our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has lately been commissioned general organizer of the Endowment Rank for this domain, and he will be pleased to furnish full information and literature concerning it.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. SHANNESSEY, of No. 18.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

Representative Ironside, of No. 22. submitted the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario that the convention of the Grand Lodge for 1897 be held in the City of London.

Similar resolutions were submitted as follows :

By Representative Hinch, of No. 46, for Napanee.

By Representative Woollard, of No. 44, for Berlin.

By Representative Tilley, of No. 19, for Chapleau.

On a vote being taken the Town of Berlin was the choice for the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge and the date was made the second Tuesday in July.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following communication :

FORT WILLIAM, July 7th, 1896.

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

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I have been instructed by Aurora Lodge, No. 13, to make application, through you, to the Grand Lodge for a new charter for this lodge, as our former one was destroyed by fire in July, 1895. Trusting this will receive due consideration at Grand Lodge, I remain,

Fraternally yours.

[SEAL]

JNO. J. WELLS.

K.R.S.

On motion of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a duplicate charter was ordered to be supplied at cost price.

Representative Irwin, of No. 3, submitted the following proposed amendment to the Grand Statutes to be acted upon at the next convention :

A PROPOSITION.

To amend Title II., Chap. XVIII., relating to general provisions for subordinate lodges :

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario, that Title II., Chap. XVIII., of the Grand Statutes be amended by adding thereto the following section to be known as Sec. 274 (a) :

274 (a). In each district containing two or more lodges a Past Chancellors Association may be formed with power to adopt such rules and regulations for its government as may be deemed expedient. When such an association is formed the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the district shall, during his official term, be the President and when making any official visit he may call on any two members thereof to accompany him. Such members as may be called upon, shall be bound to comply with the request unless excused, provided that no member shall be required to attend more than two official visits in any one term or be obliged to go outside the municipality in which his lodge is located or incur any personal expense.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Representative W. H. Robinson, of No. 15, from the Special Committee on Thanks, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Your Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions expressing the appreciation of Grand Lodge for the reception accorded it during the present convention begs to report the following and would recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

THOS. ELLIOTT, of No. 36.

GEO. HODDER, of No. 5.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Ontario.

That this Grand Lodge having enjoyed the freedom of the city so generously and eloquently tendered by Alderman McMurrich on behalf of His Worship, the Mayor, desires to place on record its appreciation of the courtesy, uniform kindness and generous welcome accorded to it by the citizens of the "Queen City."

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the local lodges for the many acts of kindness received at their hands, and for the entertainment afforded the Representatives while attending this convention. Your committee begs to refer especially to the very enjoyable moonlight trip around the city on the electric railway and the grand entertainment at the Sunnyside Club rooms.

That the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge are tendered to Past Supreme Representative Dr. J. S. King for the able manner in which he fulfilled the

duties of Official Reporter, and to the city press for the very full reports, which it published, of the proceedings of this convention.

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Mystic Lodge, No. 1, for placing at its disposal the use of their fine rooms during the convention.

That an order be drawn on the Exchequer for five dollars to be paid to the janitor of the hall for services rendered to this grand body.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Past Chancellor Carrothers, of No. 2; Huffman, of No. 25 and Past Grand Chancellor Gardner, of Illinois, being appointed scrutineers.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice Chancellor Macdonald and Representative Elliott, of No. 36, were nominated.

The Grand Vice Chancellor having declined the nomination, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of Representative Elliott.

The Grand Chancellor announced that Representative Elliott having received all the votes cast was unanimously elected Grand Chancellor.

For the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, the present incumbent W. C. Macdonald; Grand Prelate Ghent and Representatives Woollard, of No. 44; Bowie, of No. 25; Mackay, of No. 45; Ironside, of No. 22; Dunbar, of No. 43 and Barnsdale, of No. 42, were nominated.

The Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate and Representative Dunbar declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	59
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Representative Woollard, of No. 44, received.....	5
Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	15
Representative Mackay, of No. 45, received.....	11
Representative Ironside, of No. 22, received.....	23
Representative Barnsdale, of No. 42, received.....	5

No choice.

Representatives Woollard and Barnsdale asked to be permitted to withdraw from the nomination, which was agreed to.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	58
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	17
Representative Mackay, of No. 45, received.....	16
Representative Ironside, of No. 22, received.....	25

No choice.

The name of Representative Mackay was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	58
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	20
Representative Ironside, of No. 22, received.....	38

And Representative Ironside, of No. 22, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Vice Chancellor.

For the office of Grand Prelate, the present incumbent F. R. Ghent and Representatives Murch, of No. 12 ; Bowie, of No. 25, Card, of No. 38, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	58
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Grand Prelate Ghent received.....	18
Representative Murch, of No. 12, received.....	18
Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	17
Representative Card, of No. 38, received.....	5

No choice.

The name of Representative Card was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	59
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Grand Prelate Ghent received.....	18
Representative Murch, of No. 12, received.....	20
Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	21

No choice.

The name of Grand Prelate Ghent was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	60
Necessary for a choice.....	31

Of which—

Representative Murch, of No. 12, received.....	30
Representative Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	30

No choice.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	61
Necessary for a choice.....	31

Of which—

Representative Murch, of No. 12, received.....	33
Representative, Bowie, of No. 25, received.....	28

And Representative Murch, of No. 12, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Prelate.

For the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the present G.K.R.S., G. H. Mitchell, of No. 1, was nominated.

There being but one candidate for the office, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of G.K.R.S. Mitchell, and he was declared re-elected.

For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, the present G. M. of E., D. J. Peace, of No. 3, was nominated.

There being but one candidate for the office, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of G.M. of E. Peace, and he was declared re-elected.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, Grand Inner Guard Young, of No. 35, and Representatives Wilson, of No. 20 ; Corrie, of No. 42 and Hodder, of No. 5, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	61
Necessary for a choice.....	31

Of which—

Grand Inner Guard Young, of No. 35, received.....	28
Representative Wilson, of No. 20, received.....	17
Representative Hodder, of No. 5, received.....	13
Representative Corrie, of No. 42, received.....	3

No choice.

The name of Representative Corrie was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT

Whole number of votes cast.....	62
Necessary for a choice.....	

Of which —

Grand Inner Guard Young, of No. 35, received	29
Representative Wilson, of No. 20, received.....	16
Representative Hodder, of No. 5, received.....	17

No choice.

The name of Representative Wilson was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	59
Necessary for a choice.....	30

Of which—

Grand Inner Guard Young, of No. 35, received.....	43
Representative Hodder, of No. 5, received.....	16

And Grand Inner Guard Young, of No. 35, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Grand Outer Guard Wells, of No. 13, and Representatives Little, of No. 30, and Mackay, of No. 45, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	57
Necessary for a choice.....	29

Of which—

Grand Outer Guard Wells, of No. 13, received.....	23
Representative Little, of No. 30, received.....	14
Representative Mackay, of No. 45, received.....	20

No choice—

The name of Representative Little was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast.....	56
Necessary for a choice.....	29

Of which—

Grand Outer Guard Wells, of No. 13, received.....	23
Representative Mackay, of No. 45, received.....	33

And Representative Mackay, of No. 45, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Inner Guard.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, Representatives Case, of No. 37 ; Andrews, of No. 16 ; Wilson, of No. 20 and Corrie, No. 42, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	52
Necessary for a choice.....	27

Of which—

Representative Case, of No. 37, received.....	13
Representative Corrie, of No. 42, received.....	10
Representative Andrews, of No. 16, received.....	10
Representative Wilson, of No. 20, received.....	19

No choice.

SECOND BALLOT.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	56
Necessary for a choice.....	29

Of which—

Representative Case, of No. 37, received.....	11
Representative Corrie, of No. 42, received.....	12
Representative Andrews, of No. 16, received.....	9
Representative Wilson, of No. 20, received.....	24

The name of Representative Andrews was withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT

Whole number of votes cast.....	54
Necessary for a choice.....	28

Of which—

Representative Case, of No. 37, received.....	15
Representative Corrie, of No. 42, received.....	16
Representative Wilson, of No. 20.	23

No choice—

The name of Representative Case was withdrawn.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast	57
Necessary for a choice.....	29

Of which—

Representative Wilson, of No. 20, received.....	30
Representative Corrie, of No. 42, received.....	27

And Representative Wilson, of No. 20, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Outer Guard.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the scrutineers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

THOS. ELLIOTT, of No. 36.....	Grand Chancellor.
R. IRONSIDE, of No. 22.....	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH, of No. 12.	Grand Prelate.
GEO. H. MITCHELL, of No. 1.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE, of No. 3.....	Grand Master of Exchequer.
H. E. YOUNG, of No. 35.....	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.....	Grand Inner Guard.
J. G. WILSON, of No. 20..	Grand Outer Guard.

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

The Grand Chancellor announced that he would appoint the standing committees and furnish the names to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, for publication in the Official Record.

Representative Murch, of No. 12, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted and a warrant ordered in favor of the Grand Master of Exchequer for the amount :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	No. OF DAYS.	MILES	PER DIEM	MILEAGE.	TOTAL.
A. G. McWhinney.....	G. C.	2½	121	\$5 00	\$7 25	\$12 25
Rev. F. R. Ghent.....	G. P.	2½	228	5 00	13 63	18 65
D. J. Peace.....	G. M. E.	2½	39	5 00	2 35	7 35
H. E. Young.....	G. I. G.	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
J. J. Wells.....	G. O. G.	2½	764	5 00	45 80	50 80
P. D. McKellar.....	S. R.	2½	179	5 00	10 75	15 75
F. J. Fitzgerald.....	S. R.	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
R. H. McConnell.....	P. G. C.	2½	122	5 00	7 30	12 30
Jos. Graham.....	2	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
F. Harding.....	2	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
J. Burns.....	3	2½	39	5 00	2 35	7 35
J. Chapman.....	3	2½	39	5 00	2 35	7 35
R. Irwin.....	3	2½	39	5 00	2 35	7 35
Geo. Hodder.....	5	2½	764	5 00	45 80	50 80
W. P. Cook.....	5	2½	764	5 00	45 80	50 80
J. Belton.....	10	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
H. A. Plastow.....	10	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
W. H. Murch.....	12	2½	122	5 00	7 30	12 30
M. J. Baker.....	12	2½	122	5 00	7 30	12 30
R. R. Reaveley.....	13	2½	764	5 00	45 80	50 80
W. R. Smyth.....	14	2½	449	5 00	26 90	31 90
W. Fleming.....	14	2½	449	5 00	26 90	31 90
W. H. Robinson.....	15	2½	179	5 00	10 75	15 75
Henry Robinson.....	15	2½	179	5 00	10 75	15 75
W. K. Andrews.....	16	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
J. H. Forsch.....	16	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
C. Endress.....	17	2½	166	5 00	9 95	14 95
John Read.....	17	2½	166	5 00	9 95	14 95
C. C. Tilley.....	19	2½	480	5 00	28 80	33 80
Wm. Carroll.....	22	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
R. Ironside.....	22	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
G. C. Fowlie.....	28	2½	210	5 00	12 60	17 60
B. Noble.....	33	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
F. Housen.....	35	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
D. W. Mason.....	35	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
Thos. Elliott.....	36	2½	66	5 00	3 95	8 95
J. H. Case.....	37	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
Jos. Simmons.....	37	2½	121	5 00	7 25	12 25
W. D. Card.....	38	2½	57	5 00	3 40	8 40
A. E. Savage.....	40	2½	169	5 00	10 10	15 10
J. Easton.....	40	2½	169	5 00	10 10	15 10
E. K. Barnsdale.....	42	2½	88	5 00	5 25	10 25
Fred. J. Corrie.....	42	2½	88	5 00	5 25	10 25

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

NAME.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	NO. OF DAYS.	MILES	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE.	TOTAL.
C. A. Dunbar.....	43	2	54	\$4.00	\$3 25	\$7 25
W. J. Woollard.....	44	2½	62	5 00	3 70	8 70
J. S. Mackay.....	45	2½	88	5 00	5 25	10 25
S. P. Hinch.....	46	2½	181	5 00	10 85	15 85
A. Stockwell.....	48	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
W. A. Cates.....	48	2½	228	5 00	13 65	18 65
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SUMMARY.

Per Diem.....	\$244 00
Mileage.....	611 90
	<u>\$855 90</u>

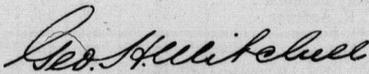
Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PLASTOW, of No. 10.

W. H. MURCH, of No. 12.

W. J. WOOLLARD, of No. 44.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in regular form at 6.30 o'clock p.m., to meet in the Town of Berlin on the second Tuesday in July, 1897.



Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



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APPENDIX.

Roster of the Grand Lodge, 1896-97.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- Thomas Elliott, of No. 36, Brantford.....Grand Chancellor.
- R. Ironside, of No. 22, London.....Grand Vice Chancellor.
- W. H. Murch, of No. 12, St. Thomas....Grand Prelate.
- Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1, Toronto.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
- D. J. Peace, of No. 3, Hamilton.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
- H. E. Young, of No. 35, Windsor.....Grand Master-at-Arms.
- J. S. Mackay, of No. 45, Woodstock.....Grand Inner Guard.
- J. G. Wilson, of No. 20, Toronto.....Grand Outer Guard.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

- P. D. McKellar, of No. 15, ChathamTerm ending December 31st, 1897.
- P. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22, London.....Term ending December 31st, 1899.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

IN ORDER OF SENIORITY.

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| W. C. Morrison, of No. 1. | W. J. Vale, of No. 3. |
| *Rt. Rev. R. B. Ussher, of No. 1. | P. H. Drayton, of No. 25. |
| Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1. | R. H. Jarvis, of No. 25. |
| John S. King, M.D., of No. 25. | F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22. |
| A. J. Rattray, of No. 4. | J. B. Davidson, of No. 12. |
| Jesse Chapman, of No. 3. | W. E. Rispen, of No. 15. |
| D. J. Peace, of No. 3. | R. H. McConnell, of No. 12. |
| P. D. McKellar, of No. 15. | A. G. McWhinney, of No. 10. |
| *Illinois, 1873. | |

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

- No. 1, District. County of Essex.....W. A. Cates, Walkerville.
Comprising Lodges No. 16, 35, 48.
- No. 2, " County of Kent..... W. H. Robinson, Chatham.
Comprising Lodges No. 9, 15, 47.
- No. 3, " County of Elgin.....R. H. McConnell, St. Thomas.
Comprising Lodge No. 12.
- No. 7, " County of Lambton.....A. Savage, Sarnia
Comprising Lodges No. 17, 40.
- No. 8, " County of Middlesex....D. C. Kennedy, London.
Comprising Lodges No. 2, 10, 22, 33, 37.
- No. 9, " County of Oxford. ... Court Curtis, Woodstock.
Comprising Lodge No. 45.
- No. 10, " County of Brant.....
Comprising Lodge No. 36.
- No. 11, " County of Wentworth....Thos. Pedlar, Hamilton.
Comprising Lodges No. 3, 31.
- No. 12, " County of Lincoln.....
Comprising Eodge No. 23.
- No. 13, " County of Perth.....
Comprising Lodge No. 42.
- No. 14, " County of Waterloo.....
Comprising Lodges No. 38, 44
- No. 16, " County of Wellington } A. Watson, Berlin.
Comprising Lodge No. 43.
- No. 18, " County of Grey.
Comprising Lodge No. 29.
- No. 22, " County of York.....E. F. Bowie, M.D., Toronto.
Comprising Lodges No. 1, 4, 6, 18, 20, 25, 30, 39.
- No. 30, " County of Lennox.....
Comprising Lodge No. 46.
- No. 35, " County of Lanark.....G. C. Fowlie, Smith's Falls.
Comprising Lodge No. 28.
- No. 45 Algoma District.....
(a) E. Biggings, Sault Ste. Marie
(b) W. R. Smyth, Bruce Mines
(c) A. Gillie, Chapleau.
- Comprising (a) Lodge No. 11, (b) Lodge No. 14, (c) Lodge No. 19.
- No. 46 Thunder Bay District..... W. J. Smith, Port Arthur.
Comprising Lodges No. 5, 13.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.**JUDICIARY.**

(E. F. Bowie, of No. 25; J. L. Little, of No. 30; J. G. Wilson, of No. 20.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

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

FINANCE.

C. H. Wallis, of No. 1; A. R. Whyte, of No. 31; John Read, of No. 17.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

M. J. Baker, of No. 12; W. A. Cates, of No. 48; D. W. Mason, of No. 35.

GRIEVANCES.

F. Harding, of No. 2; H. A. Plastow, of No. 10, J. Simmons, of No. 37.

REPORTS.

J. Burns, of No. 3; J. H. Forsch, of No. 16; R. R. Reaveley, of No. 13.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

Jno. Paul, of No. 33; J. Easton, of No. 40; G. C. Fowle, of No. 28.

CREDENTIALS.

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

PRINTING.

I. F. Moore, of No. 6; W. J. Cluff, of No. 18; G. H. Mitchell, G. K. R. S.

CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Institution	Toronto	April 9th, 1872.
Special	Toronto	May 30th, 1872.
Second	Hamilton	June 25th, 1873.
Third	Chatham	" 3rd, 1874.
Fourth	Toronto	" 2nd, 1875.
Fifth	London	" 7th, 1876.
Sixth	Sarnia	" 12th, 1877.
Seventh	Hamilton	" 11th, 1878.
Eighth	Windsor	" 10th, 1879.
Ninth	London	" 8th, 1880.
Tenth	Toronto	" 14th, 1881.
Eleventh	St. Catharines	" 13th, 1882.
Twelfth	Hamilton	" 12th, 1883.
Thirteenth	Windsor	" 10th, 1894.
Fourteenth	London	" 9th, 1895.
Fifteenth	Toronto	July 12th, 1896.
Sixteenth	Hamilton	June 14th, 1897.
Seventeenth	Owen Sound	" 5th, 1888.
Eighteenth	Chatham	July 2nd, 1889.
Nineteenth	Smith's Falls	June 10th, 1890.
Twentieth	London	" 9th, 1891.
Twenty-first	St. Thomas	" 14th, 1892.
Twenty-second	Petrolia	" 13th, 1893.
Twenty-third	Windsor	Aug. 21st, 1894.
Twenty-fourth	Hamilton	July 9th, 1895.
Twenty-fifth	Toronto	" 14th, 1896.

ROLL OF LODGES AND PAST CHANCELLORS.

Those in *Italics* have not received the Grand Lodge Rank.

Mythic Lodge, No. 1, Toronto.

Instituted Feb. 22nd, 1872. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday. P.O. Address, Pythian Hall

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

Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, London.

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

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

Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, Hamilton.

Instituted Feb. 26th, 1872. Meets every Monday. P.O. Address, 55 Bay St. N.

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

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, Toronto.

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

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

Crusader Lodge No. 5, Port Arthur.

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

Cooke, W. P.	<i>Smith, J. A.</i>	<i>Spofford, R. G.</i>
Hodder, Geo.	<i>Hoover, S. A.</i>	<i>Smith, W. J.</i>

Damon Lodge No. 6, Toronto.

Instituted March 19th, 1891. Meets 2nd and 4th Monday. P.O. Address, Box 20, Parkdale.

Beeton, E.	Moore, I. F.	Murdoch, J. Y.
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Rokeby Lodge, No. 9, Wallaceburg.

Instituted March 22nd, 1883. Meets every Thursday.

<i>Dobis, D.</i>	<i>McFarland, Geo.</i>	Wooliver, W. S.
<i>McDonald, W. J.</i>	<i>Parker, E. E.</i>	

Prospect Lodge, No. 10, London.

Instituted June 28th, 1889. Meets every Monday.

Belton, J. C.	<i>Sipple, J.</i>	Webb, S. A.
Plastow, H. A.		

Algoma Lodge, No. 11, Sault Ste. Marie

Instituted August 2nd, 1875. Meets every Monday.

<i>Albon, W.</i>	<i>DuBois, H.</i>	<i>Jenkins, Ino.</i>
Biggins, E.	<i>McKinnon, C. A.</i>	<i>Taylor, Geo. H.</i>
<i>Biggins, J. C.</i>		

Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, St. Thomas.

Instituted Feb. 20th, 1890. Meets every Tuesday.

Baker, M. J.	<i>Ingram, G. A.</i>	Robertson, J. S.
Bell, J. A.	Murch, W. H.	Stacey, J.
Broderick, T. L.		

Aurora Lodge, No. 13, Fort William.

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

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

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

Knight, John.	<i>Snider, Fred.</i>	<i>Wightman, W.</i>
Smyth, W. R.	Fleming, Wm.	

Marmion Lodge, No. 15, Chatham.

Instituted May 23rd, 1876.

Meets every Monday.

<i>Douglas, G. B.</i>	Morton, J. A.	Robinson, W. H.
Mercer, H.	<i>Richards, W. G.</i>	<i>Stephenson, S.</i>
Mercer, R.	Robinson, Hy.	Taylor, W. H.

Friendship Lodge, No. 16, Windsor.

Instituted Oct. 25th, 1876.

Meets every Monday.

P.O. Box 325.

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

Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia.

Instituted Jan 17th, 1891.

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

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

Queen City Lodge, No. 18, Toronto.

Instituted July 31st, 1891. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

P. O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Carkeek, W. J.	Knox, A. A.	Shannessey, W. M.
Cluff, W. J.	Jones, L. M.	<i>Cohn, E. M.</i>

Meniss Lodge, No. 19, Chapleau.

Instituted Dec. 12th, 1891.

Meets every Wednesday.

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

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1893. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

P. O. Address, St. George's Hall.

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

Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, London.

Instituted Feb. 19th, 1884.

Meets every Friday.

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

Perseverance Lodge, No. 23, St. Catharines.

Instituted Dec. 18th, 1885.

Meets every Friday.

Baker, A. K:

Harris, W. H.

Kay, John.

Daft, R.

Juffs, B. J.

Leubsdorf, B. J.

Ontario Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

Instituted July 8th, 1886. Meets 2nd and 4th Friday. P.O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Bowie, E. F.

Peel, H.

Ziller, W. S.

Huffman, M. P.

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

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1887.

Meets every Thursday.

Bennett, R. A.

*Spencer, Geo.**Washburn, J. A.*

Fowlie, G. C.

Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, Owen Sound.

Instituted March 9th, 1887.

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

Ingles, Geo.

Strathy, R. L. F.

Tate, L. E.

LePan, Jr., Fred.

Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Toronto.

Instituted Sept. 29th 1887.

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday.

P.O. Address, Cor. Spadina Ave. and Queen Street.

Alexander, A. A.

Flett, Fred, W.

Little, J. L.

Bedingfield, Geo.

Forsyth, J. D.

Macdonald, W. C.

Clarke, E. F.

Gray, J. F.

Soole, Thos. G.

Elliott, A.

Haynes, W. G.

Stutchbury, W. H.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, Hamilton.

Instituted April 21st, 1887.

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Belz, Adam.

Lackner, A. E.

Whyte, A. R.

Belz, Hy.

London Lodge, No. 33, London.

Instituted March 2nd, 1892.

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Holland, Ed.

Paul John.

Southcott, S. J.

Noble, Ben.

Smith, Wm.

Widden, H. J.

Partridge, W. S.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, Windsor.

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

Housan, Fred.	<i>Sharp, F. S.</i>	Young, H. E.
Mason, D. W.	Van Tuyl, G. E.	

Calanthe Lodge, No. 36, Brantford.

Instituted Dec. 5th, 1892. Meets every Thursday.

<i>Cravford, W. H.</i>	<i>Heath, F. C.</i>	<i>Secord, Levi.</i>
Elliott Thos.	<i>James, W. T.</i>	<i>Smith C. S.</i>

Columbian Lodge, No. 37, London.

Instituted Dec. 16th, 1892. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday.

<i>Bonney, R.</i>	Kennedy, D. C.	Simmons, J.
Case, J.	McRobert, E. J.	

Galt Lodge, No. 38, Galt.

Instituted Jan. 27th, 1893. Meets 2nd and 4th Friday.

Card, W. D.	Robb, A. F.	<i>Turnbull, C.</i>
Laidlaw, And.		

Syracuse Lodge, No. 39, Toronto Junction.

Instituted March 29th, 1893. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

<i>Clemmer, A. H.</i>	Leigh, R. J.	Pears, Wm.
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Johnston Lodge No. 40, Sarnia.

Instituted April 13th, 1893. Meets every Thursday.

Easton, John.	Savage, A. E.	<i>Trembley, Del.</i>
Lambert, J. H.		

Hamlet Lodge, No. 42, Stratford.

Instituted 1894. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Barnsdale, E. K.	McWhinney, W.	<i>Rooke, J.</i>
Corrie, Fred. J.		

Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, Guelph.

Instituted March 4th, 1895. Meets every Monday.

Davidson, J.	Dunbar, C. A.	<i>Stubbs, W. H.</i>
Dowler, F.	<i>Pettiford, C.</i>	

Victoria Lodge, No. 44, Berlin.

Instituted March, 15th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

*Rumpel, O.**Watson, A. H.**Woollard, W. J.*

Von Pirch, Rev. R.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, Woodstock.

Instituted May 14th, 1895.

Meets every Wednesday.

*Bicknell, A.**Rapson, C. E.**Tisdale, W. M.*

Mackay, J. S.

Napanee Lodge, No. 46, Napanee.

Instituted June 12th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

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

Instituted June 25th, 1895.

Meets every Tuesday.

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

Instituted June 26th, 1895.

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday.

*Cates, W. A.**Leavitt, A.**Stockwell, A. G.*

Ghent, Rev. F. R.

Lodges are requested to examine the foregoing list and notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of any errors. The omission of any Past Chancellor who should be included will be due to the fact that they have not been reported by their lodge.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME LODGE, AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF ONTARIO,
FROM INSTITUTION, 1872, TO 1896 INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.	GRAND CHANCELLORS.	VICE-CHANCELLORS.	GRAND PRELATES.
1872	W. D. Kennedy	W. C. Morrison	J. B. How	Geo. W. Cooley.
1873	"	"	Geo. Midgley	J. P. Dinsmore.
1874	"	Colin H. Rose	W. Hawthorne	Geo. Midgley.
1875	Geo. H. Mitchell	"	"	Jas. Smith.
1876	"	John S. King	P.-D. McKellar	F. Mesger.
1877	"	"	Geo. H. Leslie	E. H. Johnston.
1878	"	"	J. H. Lumsden	E. H. Bryant.
1879	"	W. F. Taylor	A. J. Rattray	F. Sanagan.
1880	"	J. H. Lumsden	F. Sanagan	P. A. Alkman.
1881	"	A. J. Rattray	J. Chapman	D. J. Peace.
1882	"	Jesse Chapman	R. Dadds	W. Dougan.
1883	"	Geo. H. Leslie	D. J. Peace	W. J. Vale.
1884	"	"	W. Townsend	"
1885	"	P. D. McKellar	W. J. Vale	R. Bangham.
1886	"	Jesse Chapman	W. J. Vale	F. J. Fitzgerald.
1887	"	"	J. S. King	L. E. Tate.
1888	"	"	P. H. Drayton	W. F. Sorley.
1889	"	"	P. D. McKellar	J. P. Macleod.
1890	"	"	R. H. Jarvis	W. F. Morphy
1891	"	John S. King	J. Blackwood	I. B. Davidson.
1892	"	"	F. J. Fitzgerald	W. M. English.
1893	D. J. Peace	Geo. H. Mitchell	W. F. Morphy	W. C. Macdonald.
1894	John S. King	"	W. E. Rispen	W. Hill.
1895	"	P. D. McKellar	B. S. Van Tuyl	Rev. F. R. Ghent.
1896	F. J. Fitzgerald	"	A. G. McWhinney	W. H. Murch.
		Thomas Elliott	R. Ironside	

STATEMENT

Showing the total of the Debit and Credit sides of all Accounts in the Ledger and the Balances, May 31st, 1896.

Folio.	ACCOUNTS.	Face of Ledger.		Balances, May, 31st, 1896.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
		\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
1	Stock		884 39		884 39
4	Cash	2152 89	1975 70	177 19	
17	Supplies	483 07	275 67	207 40	
50	Mdse. Expenses	1614 35	1614 35		
60	Per Capita	1747 50	1747 50		
80	Profit and Loss	1854 17	1854 17		
91	Native Valley Lodge	48 80		48 80	
92	Oil Springs "		65 37		65 37
94	Supreme "	425 95	425 95		
100	Mystic "	80 40	69 50	10 90	
106	Myrtle "	86 85	87 85		1 00
112	Red Cross "	161 68	159 75	1 93	
118	Ivanhoe "	83 95	16 50	67 45	
122	Crusader "	52 85	49 85	3 00	
126	Rokely "	96 30	55 00	41 30	
130	Prospect "	60 15	50 50	3 65	
134	Algoma "	51 50	3 05	48 45	
138	Rathbone "	71 85	71 25	60	
142	Aurora "	97 00	22 00	75 00	
146	Olive "	72 60	72 60		
150	Marmion "	39 00	39 00		
154	Friendship "	76 50	75 50	1 00	
158	Petrolia "	80 00	80 00		
162	Queen City "	73 50	72 21	1 29	
166	Meniss "	94 85	36 50	58 35	
170	Amicus "	69 50	70 00		50
172	Mizpah "	91 00	90 75	25	
176	Perseverance "	24 75	51 70		26 95
180	Ontario "	37 00	37 70		70
184	Dufferin "	28 25	28 00		
186	Inglewood "	42 03	18 50	23 53	
188	Damon "	113 05	54 75	58 30	
192	Toronto "	78 95	72 00	6 95	
196	Bismarck "	45 25	39 00	6 25	
200	London "	69 75	31 00	38 75	
204	Windsor "	70 50	71 50		1 00
208	Calanthe "	52 75	50 25	2 50	
210	Columbian "	60 95	59 21	1 74	
212	Galt "	50 50	50 50		
214	Syracuse "	20 95	12 00	8 95	
216	Johnston "	31 25	32 25		1 00
218	Philos "	19 50	19 40	10	
220	Hamlet "	31 50	32 50		1 00
222	Trafalgar "	65 75	21 37	44 38	
224	Victoria "	91 25	61 35	29 90	
226	Woodstock "	40 50	27 00	13 50	
228	Napaneer "	48 00	47 75	25	
230	Renwick "	32 50	32 50		
232	Royal "	30 50	30 50		
		10851 64	10851 64	981 91	981 91

DR. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT CR.

FOLIO		\$	c	FOLIO		\$	c
50	Mdse. Expenses.....	1500	91	17	Supplies.....	92	62
90	Mystic Lodge, M.J..	12	05	60	G. L. Tax.....	1747	50
	Geo. H. Leslie.....	4	00	90	Minerva Lodge.....	9	52
91	Almont Lodge.....	4	25		Maple ".....	1	78
I	Stock.....	272	96	91	Sicily ".....	2	75
		1854	17			1854	17

DR. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CR.

FOLIO	ASSETS.	\$	c	FOLIO	LIABILITIES.	\$	c
D. B.							
285	Stock on hand.....	207	40	92	Oil Springs Lodge..	65	37
L.				106	Myrtle ".....	1	00
4	Cash.....	177	19	170	Amicus ".....	50	
91	Native Val. Lodge..	48	80	176	Persever'ce ".....	26	95
100	Mystic ".....	10	90	180	Ontario ".....	70	
112	Red Cross ".....	1	93	204	Windsor ".....	1	00
118	Ivanhoe ".....	67	45	216	Johnston ".....	1	00
122	Crusader ".....	49	85	220	Hamlet ".....	1	00
126	Rokeby ".....	41	30	I	By Stock.....	884	39
130	Prospect ".....	3	65				
134	Algoma ".....	48	45				
138	Rathbone ".....	60					
142	Aurora ".....	75	00				
154	Friendship ".....	1	00				
162	Queen City ".....	1	29				
166	Meniss ".....	58	35				
172	Mizpah ".....	25					
184	Dufferin ".....	25					
186	Inglewood ".....	23	53				
188	Damon ".....	58	30				
192	Toronto ".....	6	65				
196	Bi-marck ".....	6	25				
200	London ".....	33	75				
208	Calanthe ".....	2	50				
210	Columbian ".....	1	74				
214	Syracuse ".....	8	95				
218	Philos ".....	10					
222	Trafalgar ".....	44	38				
224	Victoria ".....	29	90				
226	Woodstock ".....	13	50				
228	Napanee ".....	15					
		981	91			981	91

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1895.

No.	Balance Dec. 31st 1894	Receipts.	Expended.	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1895.			Value of Furniture.	Paraphernalia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
				Benefit Fund.	General Fund.	Total.					
1	\$243 78	\$1139 00	\$958 75	\$351 18	\$ 63 85	\$415 03	\$2051 24	\$100 00	\$2466 27		\$2466 27
2	217 01	641 41	90 66	90 66	136 39	227 05	300 00		627 05		627 05
3	1793 86	1148 95	1072 88	1447 74	422 19	1869 93		800 00	2669 93		2669 93
4	73 59	98 65	82 87	83 32	6 05	89 37			89 37	\$187 10	97 73
5	386 31	449 03	249 62	343 83	241 80	585 72	455 00	25 00	1065 72		1065 72
6	336 30	352 29	279 97	385 84	27 78	408 62	100 25	101 75	566 62		566 62
7	384 45	194 41	300 66	233 54	44 66	278 20	100 00		378 20		378 20
8	146 23	837 58	787 91	232 72	163 36	396 08	1083 00		1399 73	166 83	1232 90
9	474 54	208 85	272 31	327 51	173 54	501 05	134 00		1731 85		1731 85
10	681 04	490 95	496 15	607 24	68 46	675 84	75 00	80 00	1779 84		1779 84
11	30 36	491 50	381 73	74 17	65 96	140 13	100 00	150 00	295 13		295 13
12	379 27	308 05	395 63	417 97	39 30	457 27	60 00	90 00	607 97	36 30	634 27
13	436 81	129 45	136 04	444 26	14 04	458 30	60 00	90 00	594 26	14 04	608 30
14	412 29	532 19	449 47	323 94	171 07	495 01	752 50	200 00	1447 51		1447 51
15	423 42	568 70	449 47	323 94	75 09	397 09	190 00	175 00	752 00		752 00
16	530 90	409 56	342 13	570 16	28 17	598 33	52 00		650 33		650 33
17	300 60	215 10	324 67	186 31	4 72	191 03		300 00	491 03	56 60	434 43
18	32 80	348 07	332 94	37 57	10 36	47 93		200 00	247 93		247 93
19	302 29	751 25	842 87	250 80	692 30	297 02		250 00	803 82	292 20	511 62
20	234 57	57 50	166 20	73 91	91 96	165 87		75 00	240 87		240 87
21	75 15	259 15	161 10	160 90	12 30	173 20			173 20	34 50	138 70
22	354 93	233 53	149 86	240 55	198 85	438 00	272 70		711 30	46 00	665 30
23	747 31	450 12	508 02	549 80	145 61	695 41		375 00	1071 41	18 75	1052 66
24	279 88	350 55	330 39	276 11	23 93	300 04		119 00	419 04		419 04

28	3	130 70
30	35 03	34 50
31	747 31	605 30
	456 12	46 00
	330 55	1032 06
	276 11	419 04
	276 11	119 00
	445 61	375 00
	198 82	119 00
	240 55	419 04
	540 85	173 20
	508 02	711 30
	330 39	1071 41
	276 11	18 75
	23 93	419 04
	438 60	419 04
	695 41	419 04
	300 04	419 04
	272-70	419 04

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1895.—Continued.

No.	Balance Dec. 31st 1894	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1895.		Expended.	Receipts.	Benefit Fund.	General Fund.		Total.	Value of Furniture.	Paraphernalia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
		Benefit Fund.	General Fund.											
33	143 85	152 83	15 35	145 22	167 55	152 83	15 35	168 18	168 18	78 35	246 53	246 53		246 53
35	156 62	80 78	49 87	421 90	395 03	80 78	49 87	130 65	130 65	150 00	130 65	130 65		130 65
36	157 70	201 08	20 24	173 71	237 33	201 08	20 24	221 32	221 32	150 00	371 32	371 32		371 32
37	122 45	192 58	7 26	187 12	264 51	192 58	7 26	199 84	199 84	5 00	289 84	289 84		289 84
38	168 74	201 99	-13 96	201 06	230 35	201 99	-13 96	201 90	201 90	5 00	297 09	297 09		297 09
39	68 13	63 02	5 11	33 00	123 67	63 02	5 11	68 13	68 13	103 00	103 00	103 00	13 96	283 13
40	27 15	121 67	3 07	82 40	104 10	121 67	3 07	50 47	50 47	103 00	103 00	103 00	31 80	176 33
41	18 57	104 10	-11 68	216 87	208 00	104 10	-11 68	62 35	62 35	75 00	109 90	160 37	23 07	137 30
42	198 61	96 80	85 94	216 87	648 40	96 80	85 94	182 74	182 74	18 60	137 35	160 37	66 18	71 17
43		87 20	-72 23	633 43	887 04	87 20	-72 23	87 20	87 20	587 54	81 95	283 29	15 00	268 29
44		73 02	146 97	467 23	306 83	73 02	146 97	219 81	219 81	422 23	143 85	800 25	422 23	378 02
45		39 09	47 83	219 91	349 00	39 09	47 83	86 02	86 02		80 00	166 92		363 66
46		59 13	62 00	227 87	230 40	59 13	62 00	121 11	121 11		82 72	203 85		166 92
47		27 54	27 54	175 32	254 75	27 54	27 54	55 08	55 08		64 92	120 00		203 85
48		15 87	15 21	223 67	254 75	15 87	15 21	31 08	31 08	35 65	143 16	209 89		120 00
	10332 48	15123 69	13739 29	9426 99	2495 11	11922 10	2495 11	31 08	31 08	8929 09	5108 86	25960 05	1424 56	24535 49

NUMERICAL STATEMENT

Term ending June 30th, 1895.

LODGES.	No.	No. Members last Report.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.					Present No. Members	Rejected.
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Pages and Exp. drop'd	Died.	Total.		
Mystic	1	73	2		2	4	3				3	74	
Myrtle	2	53	8		2	10		2		1	3	90	
Red Cross	3	163	1	1	2	4		16			17	154	1
Ivanhoe	4	41	1			1	1	9			10	32	
Crusader	5	29		1		1		13			13	17	
Damon	6	60	3			3		5			5	58	
Minerva	7	22										22	
Rokely	9	56								1	1	55	
Prospect	10	62	1		1	2	2	3			5	59	
Algoma	11	53	2			2		1				55	
Rathbone	12	67	3	1		4	2	1			3	68	
Aurora	13	27			1	1	1	8			9	19	
Olive	14	58	3			3		1		1	1	60	1
Marmion	15	39	2			2	2	2			4	37	
Friendship	16	55	5	1		6	1			1	2	59	
Petrolia	17	57	9	2	2	13		9		1	10	60	
Queen City	18	68	2	1		3		2		2	2	69	
Meniss	19	52					2	17		1	20	32	
Amicus	20	45	9			9		1		1	2	52	
Mizpah	22	79	5			5						84	
Perseverance	23	33						10				23	
Ontario	25	35	6			6		3			3	38	
Native Valley	27	29						9			29	24	
Dufferin	28	26						2			2	24	
Inglewood	29		22		15	37						37	
Toronto	30	75	2			2		7			7	79	1
Bismarck	31	36	2			2				1	1	37	
Sicily	32	16						16			16	1	
London	33	24	2			2		1			1	25	
Oil Springs	34	17						17			17		
Windsor	35	42	7	1		8	1			1	2	48	
Calanthe	36	49	1			1						50	
Columbian	37	25	3			3						28	
Galt	38	31	2		2	2		2			2	31	
Syracuse	39	24										24	
Johnston	40	22	5			5						27	
Philos	41	22						2			2	20	
Hamlet	42	30	2			2						32	
Trafalgar	43		45	1		46						46	
Victoria	44		38	3		41						41	
Woodstock	45		21			21						21	2
Napanee	46		23	2		25						25	1
Renwick	47												
Royal	48												
	1698	235	16	25	276	17	176	8	201	1773	6		

FOR THE YEAR 1895.
Term ending December 31st, 1895

INCREASE.				DECREASE.						RANK.							
Present No. Members	Rejected.	Initiated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended	Pages and Esq. drop'd	Died.	Total.	Present No. Members.	Rejected.	P. G. C.	P. C.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.	
74		2	2		12			12	64	3	17	44				73	
90		2	2		1			1	61		12	48		1		61	
154	1	5	7		9			10	151	3	21	125		1	1	151	
32			1		1			1	32	1	10	20				32	
17					1			1	16			11				16	
58					7			7	51		2	48		1		51	
22					2			2									
55																	
59		2	2		9			9	55		4	51				55	
55					7			7	52		4	48				52	
68		4	5		3			3	48		6	40		2	2	48	
19									70	2	6	60		1	1	70	
60	1	2	2		6			6	19		3	16				19	
37		1	1						56		5	50		1		56	
59		2	2		2			2	38	2	8	27			1	38	
60		10	11		1			1	58		10	48				58	
69		6	7		1			4	70	1	6	60		2	2	70	
32		1	1						71		5	60		2	4	71	
23		4	4		2			2	32		3	29				32	
84		4	4		1			1	54		5	47		2		54	
23					7			7	79	1	9	67			2	79	
38					2			2	23		7	16				23	
24		1	2					1	36	3	3	28		1	1	36	
37					1			1	25		4	21				25	
79	1	2	3		4			4	37		2	35				37	
37		3	6		2			2	68		8	58		2		68	
6									41		5	30				41	
25																	
48		4	4		1			2	25		6	19				25	
50					2			3	49		6	41		1	1	49	
28		4	4		7			7	43		6	37				43	
31		2	2		1			1	32		5	26		1		32	
24								2	31		4	26		1		31	
27		2	2						24		3	17		3	1	24	
20					1			1	29		3	25		1		29	
32		3	3		1			1	19		3	16				19	
46					4			4	31		4	27				31	
41		12	13		1			1	43		5	37		1		43	
21	2	2	2					1	53		4	42		4	3	53	
25	1	4	4						23		4	17		1	1	23	
		19	19						89	1	4	24			1	29	
		22	25						19		4	15				19	
									25		4	21				25	
1773	6	127	8	7	142	10	118	5	133	1782	3	15	233	1448	24	25	1782

MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of members, January 1st, 1895.....	1698
Initiated during the year	362
Admitted by card	24
Reinstated.....	32
Total	2116

From which deduct :

Withdrawn during the year.....	27
Suspended	294
Died.....	13
	<u>334</u>

Total number of members, December 31st, 1895 ... 1782

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors.....	15
Past Chancellors.....	233
Knights.....	1448
Esquires.....	24
Pages.....	25
Total as above.....	<u>1782</u>

Rejected during the year 9

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

RECEIPTS :

Balance, December 31st, 1894.....	\$ 9,930 86
Received from all sources during the year.....	15,123 69
	<u>\$25,054 55</u>

EXPENDITURE :

Expended for relief.....	\$ 4,068 33
Expended for other purposes.....	9,670 96
	<u>\$13,739 29</u>

Balance, December 31st, 1895 \$11,315 26

ASSETS :

Benefit Fund.....	\$ 9,426 99
General Fund.....	2495 11
Lodge Property.....	8,929 09
Paraphrenalia.....	5,108 86
	<u>\$25,960 05</u>

Liabilities..... \$ 1,424 56

Net Assets, December 31st, 1895..... 24 535 49

Dec	3 00	4 00	6 25	8 50	12 70	18 50	28 75	48 50	6 25	82 50	148 50	178 75	238 65	317 47	416 06	54 75
June	5 00	3 30	6 00	7 50	10 00	19 65	70 75	70 75	82 50	139 65	199 50	178 75	238 65	317 47	416 06	54 75
Dec	20 00	9 00	10 00	12 50	15 00	25 00	199 65	199 65	82 50	139 65	199 50	178 75	238 65	317 47	416 06	54 75
June	25 00	6 00	8 00	7 50	10 00	2 00	188 10	188 10	20 00	139 65	199 50	178 75	238 65	317 47	416 06	54 75
Dec	25 00	9 30	6 00	14 00	3 00	121 70	121 70	121 70	20 00	139 65	199 50	178 75	238 65	317 47	416 06	54 75

APPENDIX.

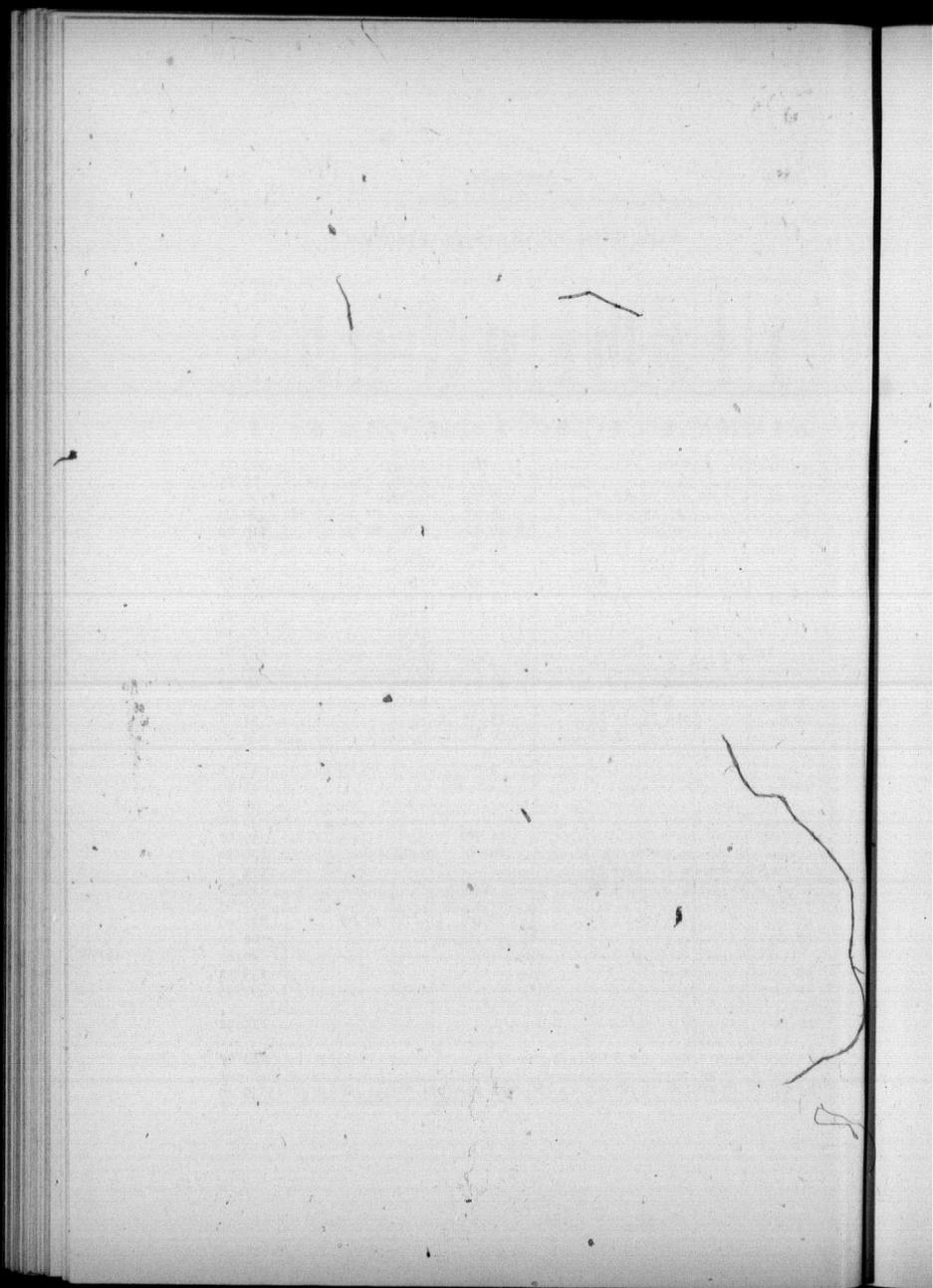
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	Dec	40 00	23 00	20 50	1 00	70 55	22 00	3 48	31 19	63 40	35 70	63 00	55 48
35	June	15 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	107 35	63 40	35 70	35 70	63 00	88 00	118 00	68 40
	Dec	15 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	83 70	63 00	88 00	88 00	108 80	112 00	128 80	83 00
36	June	15 00	7 50	2 50	1 00	137 90	65 60	65 60	108 80	112 00	128 80	128 80	518 60
	Dec	20 00	7 50	12 50	2 00	100 31	112 00	74 04	74 04	15 01	15 01	189 04	189 04
37	June	10 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	86 30	112 00	74 04	62 42	62 42	7 70	76 82	230 01
	Dec	15 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	64 25	24 00	74 30	74 30	7 70	7 70	239 70	239 70
38	June	15 00	6 00	9 00	3 00	24 00	22 00	35 40	35 40	31 00	31 00	109 30	109 30
	Dec	15 00	7 50	7 50	3 00	24 00	22 00	35 40	35 40	31 00	31 00	230 40	230 40
39	June	25 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	31 19	31 19	63 40	63 40	63 00	88 00	118 00	118 00
	Dec	10 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	63 00	63 00	88 00	88 00	108 80	112 00	128 80	128 80
40	June	230 00	135 00	88 00	1 00	65 60	65 60	108 80	108 80	112 00	128 80	128 80	518 60
	Dec	10 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	108 80	112 00	74 04	74 04	15 01	15 01	189 04	189 04
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	Dec	20 00	9 00	6 00	3 00	35 40	35 40	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	230 40	230 40
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	Dec	110 00	55 00	55 00	3 00	31 75	31 75	8486 67	8486 67	1589 02	1589 02	79 32	41 55
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	Dec	181 00	964 00	779 00	107 60	37 00	20 00	8486 67	8486 67	1589 02	1589 02	79 32	41 55

EXPENDITURE OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Term ending.	Per Capita Tax.	Rent, Light, Fuel, Care-taker.	Insurance.	Supplies.	Salaries.	Printing, Stationery, Adv tising.	Postage, Tele-grams, Ex-press.	Furniture.	Paraph'nalial.
		\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
28	June	13 00	52 00	4 35	.....	18 00	.....	2 76	.....	.....
	Dec	12 00	32 50	.....	.....	12 00	.....	25	.....	.....
30	June	35 00	27 50	2 50	22 50	3 10	3 50	3 00	.....	16 55
	Dec	34 00	27 50	.....	1 25	12 65	11 20	3 67	.....	19 38
31	June	18 00	25 00	.....	1 80	17 50	75	4 47	.....	19 00
	Dec	18 50	37 50	.....	.....	20 00	.....	2 67	.....	.....
33	June	12 50	20 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dec	12 50	15 00	2 00	1 50	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	June	21 00	37 50	.....	2 75	.....	6 65	4 05	.....	14 80
	Dec	24 00	37 50	.....	13 50	5 75	5 50	1 53	.....	.....
36	June	25 00	16 25	.....	2 25	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....
	Dec	25 00	48 75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
37	June	.....	15 00	.....	15 00	7 00	5 50	35	.....	16 50
	Dec	13 75	15 00	1 50	26 07	7 00	1 60	1 10	.....	.....
38	June	31 25	15 00	.....	.....	.....	6 55	.....	.....	19 60
	Dec	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	1 00
39	June	12 00	12 00	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	June	14 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dec	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	20 90
41	June	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dec	9 50	9 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
42	June	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20	2 47	.....	75
	Dec	16 00	16 00	.....	5 00	27 00	23 35	4 25	18 60	.....
43	June	1 50	1 50	.....	55 25	.....	16 25	6 38	182 94	120 51
	Dec	20 00	20 00	6 00	.....	.....	2 40	6 50	54 60	6 00
44	June	14 35	14 35	.....	55 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	66 13
	Dec	32 50	32 50	.....	75	31 00	11 25	4 15	.....	77 72
45	June	.....	.....	.....	57 50	.....	.....	3 99	.....	72 89
	Dec	23 00	23 00	.....	4 00	.....	5 15	.....	.....	.....
46	June	55 40	3 00	35 62
	Dec	14 50	14 50	6 42	3 25	4 40	42 78
47	June
	Dec	9 50	9 50	53 50	1 10	2 90	64 92
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	Dec	12 50	12 50	50 00	5 75	3 61	35 60	93 16
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Furniture.		Paraph'nalialia.		Interest.	Fees returned.	Donations, not Relief.	Entertain-ments, Ex-cursions.	Repairs to Hall.	Special Relief.	Sick Benefits.	Funeral Benefits.	W. & O. Benefits.	Total
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REPORT OF
SUPREME, REPRESENTATIVES

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THOS. ELLIOTT ESQ., *Grand Chancellor* :

Dear Sir and Brother,—The 19th convention of the Supreme Lodge was held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, commencing on the 25th of August, at 10 a. m. As will be remembered the City of Minneapolis, Minn., was chosen at the Washington convention as the next place of meeting, but owing to the illiberal conduct of the railways in refusing reasonable rates for transportation the Supreme Officers cancelled the meeting for Minneapolis and selected Cleveland instead. The change was injurious to a successful gathering of the Uniform Rank, but will no doubt prove productive of much good for the future in securing for the biennial convention of the order the most favorable railway rates. In fact the action of the Supreme Officers has already borne fruit, as many of the lines leading into Indianapolis have given assurance for a rate of one cent per mile, for the convention of 1898. The generous hospitality and uniform courtesy of the Reception Committee and citizens of Cleveland were fully appreciated by the Supreme Lodge. The display made by the Ununiformed Knights of Cleveland was the most pleasing and attractive feature of the parade. The members of each lodge had for the occasion donned the same style of dress and marched in time and order equal to that shown by the drilled corps.

A pleasing incident of the opening was the presentation, by Supreme Chancellor Richie, to each member of the Supreme Lodge, of a Pythian Album containing a portrait of every member of the convention, and also of the members of the Supreme Tribunal. This was truly a most delightful and gratifying surprise, and, as the crowning act of his official career, secured for Supreme Chancellor Richie a most exalted place in the affections of the members of Supreme Lodge.

REBATE OF DUTIES

Your representatives regret to say they were unsuccessful in obtaining legislation authorizing a remission of the duties paid on supplies purchased by this domain, and recommend that the other Canadian Domains be invited to join in concerted action to procure at the next convention some relief from this burden, so that each domain under the Supreme Lodge shall be on an equal footing. As a matter of fact we see no reason why these supplies should not be placed on the free list of goods entering Canada as they can in no event be manufactured in this country.

LEGISLATION.

Many amendments to the Supreme Statutes were proposed some of which were adopted, and of those that affect subordinate lodges we present a brief summary:

1. *Password.*—A Knight to be entitled to the semi-annual password must have paid all indebtedness to the lodge up to the beginning of the term for which such password is used and be in good standing in his lodge.

2. *Order for S.A.P.W.*—The Supreme Chancellor or Grand Chancellor may in his discretion invest a member, presenting a properly executed order therefor together with the official receipt, with the semi-annual password and he shall take up and destroy the order.

3. *Rituals.*—Each Grand Domain shall provide by law that the last order of business of a subordinate lodge shall be: "The counting of the Rituals by the Master-at-Arms and his report to the C. C."

4. *Installation of Officers.*—No officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing and has fully paid to his lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If any officer be disqualified for installation, the installing officer shall declare a vacancy in the office which shall be at once filled by election.

5. *Balloting.*—The following method of balloting was adopted; When a ballot either for membership by initiation, by deposit of transfer card, withdrawal card or for reinstatement is about to be taken the Chancellor Commander shall order the Master-at-Arms to prepare the ballot box. When prepared the Master-at-Arms will present it to the Chancellor Commander for his inspection, and if satisfied with the condition of the box he shall deposit his ballot. He shall then order the Master-at-Arms to place the ballot box on the altar, and when so placed he shall announce to the lodge "The ballot is for the election or rejection of _____ who is an applicant for membership by initiation, or by deposit of a transfer card, a withdrawal card, or by reinstatement, white balls elect and black balls reject; you will proceed to vote without giving any sign or salutation." At the proper time the Chancellor Commander shall ask "Have all the members voted?" and hearing no objection he will declare the ballot closed, and order the Master-at-Arms to present the ballot box to the Vice Chancellor who will inspect the ballot and announce, "Chancellor Commander the ballot is a legal one." If, however, less than seven ballots are found in the box the Vice Chancellor shall announce, "Chancellor Commander the ballot is not a legal one." In either case the ballot box shall be carried to the Chancellor Commander by the Master-at-Arms and after inspection the Chancellor Commander shall announce, "The report of the Vice Chancellor is confirmed, and I officially declare _____ duly

ected (or rejected) to membership in this lodge by initiation or by deposit of card or by reinstatement," as the case may be.

6. *Endowment Rank.*—Policies may now be obtained in the Endowment Rank for \$500.

7. *Uniform Rank.*—Until next convention of Supreme Lodge, companies of the uniform rank with a minimum membership of twenty-one may be organized.

In the distribution of honors Canada fared very well as Supreme Inner Guard James Moulson of the Maritime Provinces was promoted to the position of Supreme Master-at-Arms. The supreme chair will be filled during the present term by Hon. Philip T. Colgrove of Michigan, and if his past record is any augury for the future we may rest in the confident assurance that all mortal man can do will be done to promote the best interests of our order.

Indianapolis was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the date was fixed for the fourth Tuesday in August, 1898.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. D. MCKELLAR,

F. J. FITZGERALD,

Supreme Representatives.

October, 1896.

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