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THE GRAND LODGE

— OF —

THE MARITIME PROVINCES



NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Declaration of Principles.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

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PROCEEDINGS
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NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the
Maritime Provinces.

MILLTOWN, N. B. AUGUST^o 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual session this day in Pythian hall, and was called to order at 8 o'clock, p. m., by Grand Chancellor W. B. Nicholson.

The following named officers were present at roll call:—

JAMES D. FOWLER,
WM. B. NICHOLSON,
HEDLEY V. COOPER,
J. M. DEACON,
J. C. HENRY,
H. J. LOGAN,
K. A. McLEAN,
JOHN BEAMISH,

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

Grand Outer Guard J. F. Gilroy being absent, the Grand Chancellor appointed Representative F. S. Merritt, of No. 1, to fill the vacancy.

There were also present Supreme Inner Guard James Moulson, Supreme Representative Murray Fleming, Past Grand Chancellor

Grimmer, and representatives from all the lodges except Nos. 5, 9 and 14.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brothers J. W. Morrison, of No. 11, and W. C. H. Grimmer, of No. 4, to fill the vacancies on Committee on Distribution, caused by the absence of J. C. Hartley, of No. 7, and F. L. Peers, of No. 5.

The reading of the minutes of last annual session was omitted, and, upon motion of Representative Godsoe, the same were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials was read, received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

Your Returns and Credentials Committee, after examination of returns of Subordinate Lodges, find the following Past Grand Chancellors and Officers of this Grand Lodge entitled to admission and vote in this Grand Lodge:—

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

James Moulson,
Murray Fleming,
Frank L. Peers,

John R. Armstrong,
W. C. H. Grimmer,
Jas. D. Fowler.

George Craig,
J. Fenwick Fraser,

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

W. B. Nicholson,
H. J. Logan,
John Beamish,

Hedley V. Cooper,
John C. Henry,
J. F. Gilroy,
R. J. Rosborough.

J. M. Deacon,
K. A. McLean,
J. W. Whitehead,

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find that the following Brothers and Past Chancellors in good standing were duly elected as Representatives, or Alternates, and that their certificates are in proper form, and we would recommend that they be recognized as Representatives and Alternates as follows:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

Representatives.

Samuel Tufts,
Geo. McKee,
F. S. Merritt,

Alternates.

W. H. Scott,
Jas. E. Fraser,
Wm. Robb.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

LeB. Wilson,
A. Dodge,
J. Fred Sullivan,
F. A. Godsoe.

James Duffell,
W. Robert May,
A. L. Rawlins,
Wm. McAdoo.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

W. R. Parker,
W. E. Sherard,
John P. Weir.

Wm. Crowhurst,
J. E. Bedford,
F. B. Wood.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

H. M. Webber,
Parker Grimmer,
John Ryder.

W. S. A. Douglas,
W. E. Smith,
L. M. Robinson.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

J. F. Gilroy,
Hugh Murray.

F. L. Peers,
R. H. Cooper.

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

Jas. D. Fowler,
A. J. Fowlie.

Jas. Wilson.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

Geo. L. Holyoke,
T. A. Lindsay.

S. S. Street,
Jas. H. Wilbur.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

A. H. Graham,
R. W. Whitlock.

F. P. Maxwell,
J. W. Graham.

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

B. F. DeWollie,
E. A. Cockburn.

Albert Thompson.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

D. T. Porter,
S. R. Canning.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

C. A. McQueen,
J. W. Morrison.

J. M. Curry,
C. H. Main.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

E. Woodworth,
Alfred Nichol's.

Christopher Procter,
And. Nicholls.

We have examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges and find the following Past Chancellors entitled to admission and seats in this Grand Lodge:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

James Moulson,
William Quigley,
William Robb,
C. Nevins,
J. Fen. Fraser,
J. S. Brown,

J. Beamish,
Samuel Tufts,
W. S. Vaughan,
C. R. Machum,
W. S. Morrison,
F. S. Merritt,

J. E. Fraser,
E. P. Leonard,
George R. Day,
A. P. Barnhill,
George A. Hetherington,
S. W. Wilkins.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

John R. Armstrong,
Andrew J. Armstrong,
William McAdoo,
J. Fred Sullivan,
Park A. Melville,
A. W. Adams,

H. V. Cooper,
John A. Ewing,
A. L. Rawlins,
George A. Troop,
A Dodge,
J. H. Vanzile;

Frank Fales,
R. O'Shaughnessy,
A. S. Pattison,
LeBaron Wilson,
Frank A. Godsoe,
Frank E. Holman.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

Murray Fleming,
H. B. Fleming,
G. M. Jarvis,
Alex. P. Tait,
A. S. Coleman,
J. W. Whitehead,

W. S. Sands,
J. H. Wran,
John Bedford,
W. R. Parker,
W. Crowhurst,
J. P. Weir,
William Capson.

K. A. McLean,
Joseph Barton,
H. D. Charters,
George Craig,
D. I. Welsh,
C. W. Bradley,

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

John Ryder,
John C. Henry,
George J. Clarke,

W. C. H. Grimmer,
William E. Smith,
R. J. Rosborough,

L. M. Robinson,
Alex. Murray,
F. S. Hutchinson.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

George Dunn,
Frank L. Peers,
R. H. Cooper,
I. G. Phelan,

F. F. Noiles,
David Conn,
E. A. Potter,
H. A. McKnight.

J. F. Gilroy,
G. H. Gass,
George Cameron,

Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.

Harry Beckwith,
James D. Fowler,
C. H. Thomas,

G. A. Hughes,
Alonzo Staples,
A. D. Macpherson.

Samuel Macky,
John Palmer,

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

W. B. Nicholson,
Mered Brewer,

S. S. Street,
J. E. Sutton,
James H. Wilbur, Jr.

J. C. Hartley,
H. P. Baird,

Border Lodge, No. 8.

A. H. Graham,

J. M. Deacon,
W. H. Laughlin.

J. W. Graham,

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

D. T. Porter.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

C. A. McQueen,

H. J. Logan,

J. W. Morrison.

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find that the following Past Chancellors are in good standing, that their certificates are in proper form and that they are entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor in this Grand Lodge:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

William Shaw,

C. R. Scott,

A. W. Smith,

J. A. Watson,

F. Sandall,
George McKee.

W. H. Scott,

Union Lodge, No. 2.

Alex. McNichol,

W. R. May,

W. A. McGinley,

S. J. Smith,

J. Fred Johnston,
William White.

James Duffell,

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

G. R. Sangster,

J. G. Wran,

Hugh Wright,

Archibald Anderson,

James McClure,

F. B. Wood,

C. O. Rowe,

W. E. Sherard.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

Parker Grimmer,

H. W. Broad,

N. E. Sederquest,

W. S. A. Douglas,

R. W. Grimmer,

A. A. Laffin,

H. M. Webber,

J. B. Polley.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

A. H. McLeod,

William Reese,

Hugh Murray,

John Wylie,

A. C. McKinnon,

Joseph Moss.

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

A. J. Fowlie,

W. S. Fisher,

T. A. Wilson,

G. R. Perkins,

James Waterman,

G. W. Adams.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

S. B. Charlton,

G. L. Holyoke,

T. A. Lindsay.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

B. H. Kerr,

J. E. C. McAllister.

F. P. Maxwell,

R. W. Whitlock,

H. C. Eye.

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

R. E. Armstrong,

F. H. Grimmer,

B. F. DeWolfe,

M. N. Cockburn,

N. Treadwell,

E. A. Cockburn,

A. Thompson.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

S. R. Canning,	W. E. Blenkhorn,	E. W. Fillimore,
H. C. Jenks,	James A. Knowlton,	Nathan Duff.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

J. M. Carry,	C. H. Main,	C. A. Lowe.
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Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

E. Woodworth,	Alfred Nicholls,	Christopher Proctor,
	Andrew Nichols.	

Far East Lodge, No. 14.

E. W. Lyons,	W. T. Whiteway,	J. C. Orner.
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Respectfully submitted in F. C. and B.,

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,

H. J. LOGAN,

J. W. GRAHAM,

LEBARON WILSON,

Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms McLean, reporting Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, by order of the Grand Chancellor introduced the following:—

George McKee,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
F. B. Wood,	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
W. E. Sherard,	do do
Parker Grimmer,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
W. S. A. Douglas,	do do
H. M. Webber,	do do
J. B. Polley,	do do
R. W. Whitlock,	Border Lodge, No. 8.
B. H. Kerr,	do do
F. P. Maxwell,	do do
J. E. C. McAllister,	do do
E. A. Cockburn,	Seaside Lodge, No. 9.
Albert Thompson,	do do
S. R. Canning,	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
E. Woodworth,	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

On motion, the reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to Committee on Distribution.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

Woodstock, N. B., August 15, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

BROTHER KNIGHTS:—The Grand Lodge recess having ended and the time arrived when the Grand Chancellor should give an account of his stewardship, I enter upon the performance of that duty with a heart full of thankfulness to the Supreme Ruler for permitting us again to assemble in Grand Lodge session, and it behooves us to invoke His Divine aid during its continuance, that power and wisdom may be given us whereby we can anticipate the needs of the order in this Grand Domain, and that our deliberations may be guided into channels best calculated to inculcate the principles of our order as well as further its interests.

The first duty devolving upon me was to request each Lodge to recommend a Past Chancellor in good standing for the office of Deputy Grand Chancellor. The request having been complied with, I immediately commissioned the following Past Chancellors to be my deputies during the recess:—

- John Beamish, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
- Alfred Dodge, Union Lodge, No. 2.
- John P. Weir, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
- H. M. Webber, Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
- Frank L. Peers, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
- A. D. Macpherson, Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
- J. Chipman Hartley, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
- W. H. Laughlin, Border Lodge, No. 8.
- B. F. DeWolfe, Seaside Lodge, No. 9.
- S. R. Canning, Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
- J. W. Morrison, Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
- Andrew Nichols, Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.
- E. W. Lyons, Far East Lodge, No. 14.

Brother Webber, shortly after his appointment, was obliged, through his having been elected to an office in his Lodge, to resign the office of Deputy Grand Chancellor, and I afterwards commissioned Brother J. C. Henry to fill the vacancy.

It was with many misgivings that I entered upon the performance of the duties of the high office with which you honored me, especially when I remembered the sterling qualities and superior abilities of my predecessors; but I determined to exert myself to perform faithfully and impartially the obligations devolving upon me,

and I trust that I may have performed the latter part at least to the satisfaction of this grand body.

During the Grand Lodge recess there have been examined, corrected and approved the by-laws of the following Lodges:— Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Springhill, N. S.; Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, Woodstock, N. B.; Border Lodge, No. 8, Milltown, N. B.; Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, Advocate, N. S.; Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, Amherst, N. S.; Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, Parrsboro, N. S.; Far East Lodge, No. 14, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

In view of the fact that the Supreme Lodge, at its last session, made a complete change in the laws governing the order, I directed the Committee on Law and Supervision to undertake the task of striking from the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge constitutions all portions that in any way conflicted with the Supreme Lodge law, and to prepare a constitution for the government of the order in this Grand Domain, which will be submitted for your consideration at this session. I also instructed the Lodges in this domain to procure at once copies of the Supreme Lodge Law for their guidance, which was complied with.

It is with much pleasure that I bring to your notice the high compliment paid this Grand Domain by the Supreme Lodge, when that august body elected our able and esteemed Brother Supreme Representative James Moulson to an office in the Supreme Lodge. This action on the part of the Supreme Lodge brings us nearer than ever before to that seemingly far away head of our order, and we hope the Supreme Lodge will continue to do this Grand Domain the honor to which it is justly entitled.

DISPENSATIONS.

Several special dispensations were granted to those Lodges in this Domain whose regular nights of meeting fell on Christmas eve or Christmas night to hold their meetings on other nights instead.

Other dispensations were granted by my deputies during the year, the fees for which amounted to \$11.00, and will, doubtless, be fully explained by the reports of these officers and the cash account of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

VISITATIONS.

One of the important matters which a Grand Chancellor cannot afford to neglect is the visitation of Lodges during recess. Recognizing the necessity of attending to that duty I found it necessary in the interests of the Grand Lodge to call special sessions of most of the Lodges, thereby saving time and expense.

I was deeply gratified to find on the occasion of my visits to the several Lodges, that brotherly love and harmony prevailed among the members of the order, and that they one and all were endeavoring to exemplify the principles of Pythianism.

While the order, owing to the general business depression, has not made the progress which it should, yet I am pleased to be able to report that we have made some gains, although no new Lodges have been organized during the year, and I do anticipate for my successor a great ingathering during his term of office.

I delegated Past Grand Chancellor J. Fenwick Fraser to visit Halifax and see what could be done to resuscitate the Lodge recently organized in that city, but, all efforts failing to reach the end in view, the charter was forfeited and the property ordered to be forwarded to the proper Grand Lodge Officer.

I notice that many of the Grand Lodges in the neighboring Republic have arrived at what they consider a wise conclusion that the presiding officers of a Subordinate Lodge should hold their positions for one year. I must say that I am inclined to favor the extension of the term from six months to one year. While objections have been urged in this Grand Lodge against such a departure, yet I am firmly convinced that the time is not far distant when such a change will receive most favorable consideration at your hands.

On the 27th day of February last I accepted the resignation of Past Grand Chancellor Fraser as a member of the Committee on Law and Supervision and appointed in his stead Brother Grand Prelate Deacon, to whom I am much indebted for the able aid I received from him and the valuable time he has given to further the interests of the order.

Especially am I indebted to our esteemed Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry for his indefatigable efforts in behalf of the order. I cannot soon forget his many acts of kindness and the valuable assistance rendered me by him. To his careful attention and perseverance, in great measure, is due the splendid financial showing of our exchequer, which will appear when his report shall be submitted to you. Such zeal and energy on the part of our Brother, I know will be substantially appreciated by this Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION.

I do not feel like closing this report without again expressing to the members of this body my appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office at their disposal in this domain. I have striven during my term of office to give early consideration to all matters to which my attention had been directed. How I have dealt with those things I leave for you to determine and I sincerely trust that when your judgment shall be given it may be found that I have merited in some degree at least the confidence reposed in me and that I may occupy in your opinions a position not too far below that occupied by my worthy predecessors.

My warmest thanks and sincere gratitude are due the officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the kindly courtesy shown me at all times and on all occasions. Such conduct, I assure you, removes from the pathway of a Grand Chancellor many of the difficulties which naturally beset it and makes it a pleasure for one to accept the duties and responsibilities of so important an office.

To use the words of another "as I now lay down the power vested in me at your last session, I do so with a consciousness that in so far as I could comprehend the right I have done it without fear or favor. If wrong or error in any sense has been committed it was not so designed."

Brothers, let us continue to recognize the obligations we are under to love, honor, uphold, defend and protect our beloved order and to advance its interests whenever and wherever it can be done.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON,

Grand Chancellor.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 10, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

BROTHERS:— It is once more my pleasant duty, in obedience to constitutional provisions, to present for your consideration the ninth annual report of the business of this office.

Notwithstanding the commercial depression through which we, in common with other parts of the world, have recently passed, I am glad to be able to state that an examination of the reports of Lodges in this Domain show Pythianism continues to grow.

We have added sixty-four members to the roster of Subordinate Lodges during the year. The gross assets of Lodges at June 30th, 1895, was \$17,437.31, being a gain of nearly one thousand dollars for the twelve months. According to latest reports from our larger business centres, we are about to witness better times, therefore, in anticipation of the "good times coming" we should be encouraged by the present showing and stimulated to renewed effort, and thus endeavor by united action to make the present year a record breaker.

The following is the membership of our thirteen Lodges at the

close of the past term, and may be of interest to the members of this Grand Lodge:—

Lodge.	Location.	Membership.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	St. John,	149
Union, No. 2.....	Do.	194
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	Moncton,	108
Frontier, No. 4.....	St. Stephen,	108
Cumberland, No. 5.....	Springhill,	97
Fredericton, No. 6.....	Fredericton,	92
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	Woodstock,	89
Border, No. 8.....	Milltown,	56
Seaside, No. 9.....	St. Andrews,	38
Myrtle, No. 10.....	Advocate,	52
Chignecto, No. 11.....	Amherst,	56
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	Parssboro,	39
Far East, No. 14.....	St. Johns,	37
Total.....		1115

It is particularly gratifying to me to notice that our baby Lodge, Far East, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, has nearly doubled its membership during the first year of its existence; and this, as you are aware, in the face of the most serious crisis ever experienced by any country under the sun. The latest advices I have from our brethren in St. Johns indicate that there was no mistake made when No. 14 was instituted by this Grand Lodge. They have had a new hall erected and fitted up specially for their use, and by semi-annual reports I notice that the two first official chairs are filled by two of St. Johns' most successful physicians—one of them Dr. N. S. Fraser, son of the postmaster general of Britain's oldest colony, and a cousin of Past Grand Chancellor J. Fen. Fraser, of this Grand Domain.

From the statistical tables, which form the bulk of my report, it may be interesting to summarize. The total amount paid for relief during the year ended June 30th last was \$1,855.96. The Widow and Orphan fund is now nearly \$5,000.00.

Seven of our members have passed over the mystic river since our last meeting, Past Chancellor C. Fred Stewart, of Frontier Lodge, and six Brother Knights.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership June 30, 1894.....	.....	1051
Initiated during the year.....	.....	108
Admitted by card.....	.....	4
Reinstated.....	.....	8
Total additions.....	.....	120
Carried forward.....	.....	1171
669		

	Brought forward,	1171
Number of members suspended during the year	29	
Do. do. withdrawn by card	6	
Do. do. deceased	7	
Do. do. dropped	14	
	Total deductions	56
Membership June 30, 1895		1115

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	8
Past Chancellors	175
Knights	916
Esquires	10
Pages	6
	1115

SUBORDINATE LODGE FINANCES.

Assets June 30, 1894	\$16,516 50
Cash receipts for the year	6,159 74
Increased value of lodge property	202 55
	\$22,878 79
Cash paid for sick benefits	\$1,719 95
Do. funeral benefits	136 01
Do. current expenses	3,585 52
	5,441 48
Assets June 30, 1895	\$17,437 31
Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund (included above)	4,928 05
Net gain for the year	920 81

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Cash on hand August 20, 1894	\$353 04
Receipts for year ended August 19, 1895	704 80
	\$1,057 84
Paid out as per warrants	562 69
Cash balance on hand	\$495 15
Cash value of supplies on hand	83 28
Cash value of Grand Lodge furniture	147 67
Total assets of Grand Lodge	\$726 10

I give below, in tabular form, the amounts received by me from Lodges, and for what purposes:—

Lodge.	Per Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Dispensa- tions.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	\$70 25	\$22 85	\$1 00	\$94 10
Union, No. 2.....	96 50	28 50	.....	125 00
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	55 25	10 95	.....	66 20
Frontier, No. 4.....	52 00	7 95	.....	59 95
Cumberland, No. 5.....	48 50	7 60	.....	56 10
Fredericton, No. 6.....	44 50	7 95	.....	52 45
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	43 50	9 75	2 00	55 25
Border, No. 8.....	28 00	14 45	.....	42 45
Seaside, No. 9.....	19 00	5 55	.....	24 55
Myrtle, No. 10.....	25 50	2 45	8 00	35 95
Chignecto, No. 11.....	29 00	7 10	.....	36 10
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	17 75	19 25	.....	37 00
Far East, No. 14.....	16 00	2 70	.....	18 70
Total	\$545 75	\$147 05	\$11 00	\$703 80

Brother N. D. McTavish, of Halifax Lodge, applied for and was granted a Grand Lodge card.

THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

Sections of this branch of our order have been established since our last meeting in St. John, Fredericton and St. Stephen; and as our membership becomes better acquainted with this insurance branch of our order, the better it will be for all concerned.

The Endowment Rank has in operation, at July 1st, 1895, 2,600 active sections, with a membership of 39,038, carrying insurance to the amount of \$79,922,000. It is now paying \$1,000,000 per year, and since its organization has paid out to the families and friends of the deceased members the sum of \$9,343,640.12.

The cost of insurance in the Endowment Rank is now less than one-half that charged by the old time companies and all just claims are paid promptly. I would suggest to the representatives of every Lodge now present that they procure from the Board of Control of this branch of Pythianism a copy of the statement of last year's transactions. It will speak for itself. Many homes have been kept together by a small investment in this rank.

In bringing this report to a conclusion I desire to again express my unbounded thanks for the many acts of kindness I have received from the members of the order. I have endeavored to perform my official duty promptly, economically and accurately at all times, and always adhere to the rule which I made when I first assumed the duties of this office—that no letter is permitted to remain unanswered the day it is received, unless information is asked that is not at hand.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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The following telegram, which explained the absence of Past Grand Chancellor Peers, was read:

To *W. B. Nicholson, Grand Chancellor,*
Care of J. C. Henry, St. Stephen. Springhill, N. S., August 19, 1895.

My little girl died to-day. Remember me to the brothers.

F. L. PEERS.

On motion resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Chancellor to draft a letter of condolence to Brother Peers. Committee:—James Moulson, Murray Fleming, W. C. H. Grimmer.

The following cablegram from St. Johns, Newfoundland, was read by Brother Henry, which on motion was ordered to be placed on the minutes, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the same.

To *J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., St. Stephen:* St. Johns, N. F., August 20, 1895.

Far East to Grand Lodge greeting. Sorry we cannot come.

W. T. WHITEWAY.

J. C. ORNER.

Report of Past Grand Chancellor E. Allison Powers, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, read. On motion the report was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. [Report will be found in Appendix.]

Committee on Distribution presented their report. The same was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Distribution.

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

Your Committee on Distribution of Reports recommend that as there are no recommendations or decisions in the report of the Grand Chancellor requiring action of Grand Lodge, the same be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and that the reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be referred to the Committee on Finance.

JAMES MOULSON, Ch.

J. W. MORRISON,

W. C. H. GRIMMER,

Committee.

Read report of Committee on Printing, which was received, adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Printing beg to report that they have had printed during the year the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and officers, including the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of last session. The work has been done at the lowest cost and the bills paid.

J. C. HENRY,
J. M. DEACON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
Committee.

The report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances was read, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii

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

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, are happy to state that no questions have come before us, during the past year, for settlement, and congratulate the Order on their harmonious efforts to promote Pythianism.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and B.,

MURRAY FLEMING,
F. A. GODSOE,
Committee.

The report of Committee on Law and Supervision was read. The consideration of this report and the several exhibits mentioned therein was made a special order of business for to-morrow morning.

On behalf of the members of Border Lodge, No. 8, Grand Prelate Deacon extended an invitation to Grand Lodge to participate with them in a ride on the electric cars on Wednesday afternoon, and supper on the evening of that day. The invitation was accepted, and Brother Deacon instructed to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge for courtesies.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 10.30, p. m., to meet again on Wednesday at 9.30, a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Milltown, N. B., August 21, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 9.30, a. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

JAS. D. FOWLER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
WM. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Chancellor.
H. V. COOPER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

The following Past Chancellors were introduced and received the Grand Lodge Rank according to prescribed ritual :—

G. R. Perkins,	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
Amos Wilson,	do do
Geo. W. Adams,	do do
W. S. Fisher,	do do
A. J. Fowlie,	do do

The consideration of the report of Committee on Law and Supervision being now in order, it was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received, and exhibits A. and B. considered and acted on.

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

BROTHERS.—During the recess we have had submitted to us, have carefully reviewed, corrected where necessary, and have ap-

proved the entire by-laws of the following Lodges:—New Brunswick, No. 1, Frontier, No. 4, Cumberland, No. 5, Ivanhoe, No. 7, Border, No. 8, Myrtle, No. 10, Chignecto, No. 11, Kenilworth, No. 13, and Far East, No. 14.

Since we last met in Grand Lodge assembled, radical and far reaching changes have been made in the Constitution and Statutes of the Supreme Lodge of the Order. We have therefore undertaken, in compliance with the wish of your Grand Chancellor, and to facilitate the imperative duty imposed upon this Grand Lodge and its officers by the Supreme Law, the no insignificant labor of endeavoring to so amend our Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, (without unnecessarily mutilating them,) as to make them conform in all essentials to the requirements of the Supreme Constitution and Statutes.

We submit herewith our corrections and alterations of the Grand Lodge Constitution as Exhibit A.

We submit herewith our corrections and alterations of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution as Exhibit B.

We submit the result of our work on both of these Constitutions for your consideration. In either case, we have made but few changes that are not compulsory, or essential to render clear the meaning of a section.

If the present form of government, and method of executing the statutes, etc., etc., of our Grand Domain, with its Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, have proved satisfactory in the past, we have no doubt that our labor detailed above shall not be in vain, but that the constitutions will be corrected on the lines indicated by us, and retained.

Should you, however, as a Grand Lodge, desire to model your constitution after that of the Supreme Lodge, as many of the Grand Lodges of the larger Domains have done, we have prepared in anticipation and submit for your consideration a form of constitution modelled after that of Illinois, but adapted to our Grand Domain, which we attach as Exhibit C.

In case Exhibit C. should be adopted as the constitution, it will be necessary for a committee to be appointed to at once frame statutes of general application in accordance with the intent and purposes of the constitution, which statutes should become law after being submitted to and approved by the Grand Chancellor.

We have the honor to be,

W. B. NICHOLSON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
J. M. DEACON,

Committee.

Various changes in the Grand Lodge Constitution, made necessary by the new Supreme Constitution, were fully explained by

Brother Deacon, who had prepared the report given above. After a thorough discussion of Exhibit A, in which nearly every member of the Grand Lodge took part, and which occupied the whole forenoon, it was resolved that the Grand Lodge Constitution, thus amended, be adopted, as a whole, subject to the approval of the Supreme Chancellor.

[The new Grand Lodge Constitution will be found in the Appendix.]

Grand Lodge adjourned at 1 o'clock, to meet again at 2.30, p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miltown, N. B., August 21, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 2.30, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

JAMES D. FOWLER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
WM. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Chancellor.
HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

After the reading of the minutes of forenoon session, Exhibit B. of the report of the Committee on Law and Supervision was considered, section by section. [The decision arrived at by the Grand Lodge will be found printed in the Appendix to this Journal, under the heading, "Constitution for Subordinate Lodges."]

Brother W. C. H. Grimmer desired to have the date of the annual session of this Grand Lodge changed from the third to the first Tuesday in August, and moved a motion to that effect. *

An amendment was offered by Brother Logan, that the annual session be held on the second Tuesday in August.

Amendment carried.

A special committee, consisting of Brothers J. M. Deacon, W. C. H. Grimmer and H. V. Cooper, were appointed to enquire into and report, on the most desirable place to hold the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

Read report of the Committee on Finance, which was received and adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Finance Committee.

St. Stephen, N. B., August 20, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:—

We have examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer and find them correct and properly vouched for.

Balance on hand per last report, .....	.....	\$353 04
Received for year ending August 20, 1895, .....	.....	704 80
	Grand total,	1057 84
Less disbursements for year, .....	.....	562 69
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, .....	.....	\$495 15

In addition to the above amounts there are supplies representing cash in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal amounting to \$83.28; also \$3.60 received from the Grand Chancellor for dispensations, &c., received too late to be included in the above report, together with inventory of Grand Lodge furniture, \$147.67, making in all a cash value of \$729.70, being an increase over last year of \$142.86, which ought to be very gratifying to the members of the Grand Lodge, considering the fact that the year past has been one of financial depression in all lines of business.

A. H. GRAHAM,
PARKER GRIMMER,
Committee.

Committee on letter of condolence to Brother Peers reported as follows:—

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

Your committee appointed to draft a resolution of condolence to Brother Past Grand Chancellor F. L. Peers, on the occasion of the recent death of his infant daughter, beg leave to offer the following:—

Whereas, this Grand Lodge, in session assembled at Milltown, N. B., have learned with deepest regret that the angel of death has visited the home of Past Grand Chancellor Peers and carried away his infant daughter,

Therefore Resolved, that this Grand Lodge hereby extends to our beloved Past Grand Chancellor its sincerest sympathy in this his hour of sorrow and affliction, and expresses its regret that he, whose heart we know is with us, is prevented from attending this Grand Lodge.

Further Resolved, that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Past Grand Chancellor Peers, and be placed on the records of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES MOULSON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
MURRAY FLEMING,
Committee.

On motion the above report was received and adopted.

Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer asked for and obtained permission to have the notice of motion, given by him a year ago, carried over to next session of this Grand Lodge.

The following telegram and invitation were read, and on motion were received and laid on the table for discussion later on:—

Moncton, N. B., August 21, 1895.

To J. C. Henry, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Milltown, N. B.

Westmoreland extends congratulations to Grand Lodge, with invitation that they hold next session in our Castle Hall, Moncton. G. J. McLEAN, C. C.

Milltown, N. B., August 21, 1895.

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

DEAR BROTHERS,—In connection with the above telegram, we are especially delegated to extend to this Grand Lodge, an invitation to hold their next session in the city of Moncton. Having every facility for the proper conducting of the same, and it being a central locality, we earnestly hope that you will accept our invitation.

Submitted in F. C. and B.

MURRAY FLEMING, S.R.
W. R. PARKER, P.C.
K. A. McLEAN, G.M.-at-A.
F. B. WOOD, P.C.
W. E. SHERARD, P.C.

Special committee on place of meeting reported as follows :

Your Special Committee recommend, for what seems to them good and sufficient reason, that the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge be held annually in one central locality, as the City of St. John.

J. M. DEACON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
H. V. COOPER,

Committee.

It was ordered that the above report be received and considered. After a very general discussion, in which nearly all present took part, it was decided to hold the next annual session in the City of Moncton.

The report of the Supreme Representatives was handed to the

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Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. It was ordered that the report be received and printed in the Journal. [See Appendix.]

Grand Prelate Deacon gave notice of the following motion :

I desire to give notice that at next session a motion will be offered that this Grand Lodge pay mileage of Grand Lodge Officers to and from its meetings.

J. M. DEACON.

The following communication, which is self explanatory, was read by Brother Henry :—

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS, Having been elected Supreme Inner Guard, I hereby tender my resignation as Supreme Representative. In doing so, I desire to thank the Grand Lodge for doing me the honor of sending me as its representative, continuously, from the institution of our Grand Lodge, in 1886, until the present—an honor which I assure you is fully appreciated by

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MOULSON.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the resignation be accepted, and this Grand Lodge congratulate Brother Moulson on his elevation to the office of Supreme Inner Guard.

In order to accept the invitation of Border Lodge to a ride in the electric cars, Grand Lodge adjourned at 5 o'clock, to meet again at 7.30, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Milltown, N. B., August 27, 1895.
Pythian Period xxxii.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 7.30, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

JAMES D. FOWLER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
WM. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Chancellor.
HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

After the reading of minutes of afternoon session, Grand Chancellor Nicholson stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

Brothers Tufts and Parker Grimmer were appointed scrutineers, after which the following nominations were made :—

For Grand Chancellor—Hedley V. Cooper, of No. 2.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—J. M. Deacon, of No. 8.

For Grand Prelate—John Beamish, of No. 1.

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

For Grand Master of Exchequer—H. J. Logan, of No. 11.

For Grand Master at Arms—E. Woodworth, of No. 13; K. A. McLean, of No. 3.

For Grand Inner Guard—F. B. Wood, of No. 3.

For Grand Outer Guard—F. S. Merritt, of No. 5; R. J. Rosborough, of No. 4.

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

A ballot for the office of Grand Master-at-Arms gave Brother Woodworth a majority of votes; and Brother Merritt secured the necessary votes for the office of Grand Outer Guard.

* The returns of tellers being handed in, Grand Chancellor Nicholson declared the following elected officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
E. WOODWORTH,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
F. B. WOOD,	Grand Inner Guard.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard.

The above officers were duly installed by Supreme Inner Guard, James Moulson, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor James D. Fowler and Representative K. A. McLean, acting as Grand Prelate and Grand Master-at-Arms respectively.

Past Grand Chancellor W. C. H. Grimmer was elected Supreme Representative for four years; while Supreme Representative Murray Fleming was elected to fill the office of Supreme Representative for two years made vacant by the retirement of Brother Moulson, elected Supreme Inner Guard.

Brother R. J. Rosborough was elected Grand Lodge Trustee for three years.

On motion resolved that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be the same as last year.

Brother W. C. H. Grimmer moved a vote of thanks to Brother Deacon for the vast amount of work performed by him the past year in preparing Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions. The motion was seconded by Past Grand Chancellor Nicholson, passed unanimously, and duly conveyed to Brother Deacon by Grand Chancellor Cooper.

The vote was gracefully acknowledged by the Grand Vice Chancellor.

A vote of thanks was moved by Representative McLean, of No. 3, to Border Lodge No. 8, for the many courtesies extended members of Grand Lodge since their arrival in Milltown. The motion was seconded by Supreme Inner Guard Moulson and supported by Representative Tufts and others, and passed unanimously.

Brother Deacon, on behalf of Border Lodge, thanked the Grand Lodge for this evidence of their appreciation of the efforts put forth by the Milltown brethren.

Supreme Inner Guard Moulson gave an exemplification of the secret work of the Order.

Votes of thanks were moved Representative Godsoe and Supreme Representative Fleming for able assistance given the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal during the session.

There being no further business presented, at 9.30, p.m., Grand Chancellor H. V. Cooper closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the second Tuesday in August, 1896, Pythian Period xxxiii, when its next annual session will be held in the City of Moncton, N. B.



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APPENDIX.

Cash Account of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 19, 1895.

	<i>Dr.</i>	
1894.		
Aug. 20.	To Cash, Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	\$ 25
Nov. 1.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	1 00
	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	1 00
10.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	1 00
	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	1 00
12.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1 10
14.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14,	1 50
16.	Do Westmoreland, Lodge, No. 3,	50
20.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	50
Dec. 1.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	50
	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	50
	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	16 50
17.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	19 23
18.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	21 85
21.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	4 10
1895.		
Jan. 4.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2,	48 00
9.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	25 00
10.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	21 50
12.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	21 10
16.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	12 50
23.	Do Fredericton Lodge No. 6,	1 00
24.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8,	14 00
	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	9 50
	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	33 00
30.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	28 25

Carried forward, \$284 40

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			Brought forward	\$284 40
Feb.	3.	To Cash,	Border Lodge, No. 8,	60
	8.	Do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	31 00
		Do	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	8 00
	11.	Do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	24 25
Mar.	1.	Do	Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	5 55
	4.	Do	Far East Lodge No. 14	6 75
	9.	Do	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3,	8 20
	14.	Do	N. D. McTavish, Halifax Lodge, Withdrawal Card,	1 00
	22.	Do	Union Lodge, No. 2	3 40
May	2.	Do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	6 95
June.	30.	Do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	1 00
July	1.	Do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	4 25
	3.	Do	Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	9 50
	8.	Do	Union Lodge, No. 2,	48 50
	10.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	27 00
	13.	Do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	30 85
	15.	Do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	7 60
		Do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	37 25
	16.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1 00
	18.	Do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	14 00
		Do	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	13 00
	23.	Do	Westmoreland, Lodge, No. 3,	29 25
		Do	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	14 00
	24.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1 50
	25.	Do	do do	2 10
		Do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	22 25
Aug.	5.	Do	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13,	9 75
		Do	Far East Lodge, No. 14,	10 45
	8.	Do	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	1 70
		Do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	23 00
	15.	Do	Union Lodge, No. 2,	2 00
		Do	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	75
	16.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1 00
	19.	Do	do do	1 25
		Do	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11,	75
			Grand Chancellor Nicholson, cash received by him from his Deputies for Dispensations, as follows:—	
			New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	1 00
			Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	2 00
			Myrtle Lodge, No. 10,	8 00
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By cash paid the Grand Master of Exchequer during the year. \$704 80

Grand Lodge Furniture.

1	Grand Lodge Seal	.....	.....	\$12 00
1	Do Chromatic Seal	.....	.....	3 00
2	Electrotypes do	.....	.....	1 50
	Lot of Grand Lodge Journals, 1886-1894	.....	.....	23 00
	Grand Officers' Books	.....	.....	10 00
1	Trunk	.....	.....	12 00
1	Set Grand Lodge Jewels	.....	.....	40 00
1	Letter Press and Attachments	.....	.....	6 90
1	Bookcase for holding proceedings of Grand Lodges	.....	.....	5 25
23	Dispensations	.....	.....	4 80
3800	Blanks (Reports of M. of F., M. of E. and Past Chancellor's and Representative's Credentials	17 82
950	S. A. Reports	11 40
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				\$147 67

Grand Lodge Supplies.

17	Installation Books	\$11 25
600	Official Receipts	3 60
200	Orders for S. A. P. W.	.....	.....	1 20
150	Delinquent Notices	.....	.....	1 13
100	Application Cards	.....	.....	60
12	Withdrawal Cards	.....	.....	6 00
4	Transfer Cards	.....	.....	2 00
1	Past Chancellor's Honor Certificates	.....	.....	50
2	Carnahan's Tactics, (latest edition)	.....	.....	2 00
12	Past Chancellor's Jewels	12 00
1	Do do	2 00
25	Knight's Jewels	25 00
1	Set of Officers' Jewels	16 00
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Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1894.
 [SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Cart.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	124	7	1	..	132	..	..	..	..	132	2	24	106	..	..	132
Union	2	187	7	..	..	194	..	2	..	..	192	1	24	165	2	..	192
Westmoreland	3	120	3	..	..	123	..	10	..	..	113	2	27	84	..	..	113
Frontier	4	98	2	..	1	101	..	..	1	..	100	1	18	81	..	..	100
Cumberland	5	90	6	..	1	97	..	..	..	..	97	1	16	79	1	..	97
Fredrickton	6	85	1	..	..	86	..	..	..	..	86	1	12	72	..	1	86
Ivanhoe	7	89	..	..	..	89	..	3	1	4	85	..	9	76	..	..	85
Border	8	54	4	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	56	..	9	47	..	..	56
Seaside	9	39	..	..	..	39	1	..	..	1	38	..	5	33	..	..	38
Myrtle	10	46	4	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	50	..	6	44	..	..	50
Chignecto	11	54	6	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	60	..	7	52	..	1	60
Halifax	12	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	14
Kenilworth	13	30	3	..	..	33	1	..	..	1	32	..	2	30	..	..	32
Far East	14	21	7	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	28	..	2	25	1	..	28
		1051	50	1	2	1090	2	17	2	21	1069	8	161	894	4	2	1069

* Charter withdrawn.

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1894.

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

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount W. and Fund.		Total Assets at End of Term.		
		\$	c	\$	c		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$
New Brunswick.	1	2310	36	315	50	2634	86	239	68	142	61	110	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	45	1170	99	2283	68
Union.	2	3707	80	410	08	4207	88	294	88	2878	09	70	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	41	1202	57	3864	34
Westmoreland.	3	3021	31	340	75	3362	06	142	61	1935	66	92	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	596	34	484	35	3032	80
Frontier.	4	1693	99	215	00	1410	99	103	05	471	45	99	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	40	471	45	1208	84
Cumberland.	5	1024	15	252	46	1276	61	91	23	425	63	134	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	75	140	12	1051	38
Fredrickton.	6	1545	73	314	06	1859	19	279	40	424	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	43	261	82	1579	79
Ivanhoe.	7	1083	81	238	87	1322	68	69	31	215	94	52	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	43	282	19	1627	02
Border.	8	1055	97	204	82	1260	79	91	71	225	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144	43	222	72	1111	98
Seaside.	9	357	61	55	00	412	61	66	41	100	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	30	52	5	349	86
Myrle.	10	420	41	156	67	577	08	72	94	122	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	01	20	72	476	14
Chignecto.	11	345	70	115	50	461	20	70	20	40	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallowell*.	12	100	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenilworth.	13	249	35	103	62	352	97	78	51	69	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Far East.	14	.....	.....	311	00	.....	.....	64	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		16516	50	3033	33	19449	83	1664	54	8250	12	762	96	49	75	120	45	1505	99	4417	19	16898	99

*Charter withdrawn.

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1895.

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

LODGE.	No.	Members Last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	132	16	..	2	150	..	..	1	1	149	2	25	119	3	..	149
Union	2	102	7	1	..	200	2	4	..	6	194	1	26	166	..	1	194
Westmoreland	3	113	..	..	..	113	1	3	1	5	108	2	28	78	..	..	108
Frontier	4	100	7	2	1	100	..	..	..	..	108	1	18	83	5	1	108
Chesland	5	97	2	..	..	100	1	..	2	3	97	1	17	79	..	..	97
Fredrickton	6	86	5	1	..	92	..	..	..	..	92	1	14	75	1	..	92
Ivanhoe	7	85	4	..	..	89	..	..	..	..	89	1	10	79	..	..	89
Border	8	56	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	56	10	46	..	..	..	56
Seaside	9	38	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	38	7	31	..	..	..	38
Myrtle	10	50	2	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	52	7	45	..	..	..	52
Chignecto	11	60	1	..	..	61	..	5	..	5	56	6	48	1	..	1	56
Keypworth	13	32	6	1	..	39	39	..	4	35	39
Far East	14	58	8	1	..	37	37	..	3	32	..	2	37
	1069	58	3	6	1136	4	12	5	21	1115	8	175	916	10	6	1115	

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Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1895.

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

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.		Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount W. and O. Fund.		Total Assets at End of Term.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
New Brunswick.	1	283	68	474	95	2758	63	177	94	1558	56	40	00	80	00	112	51	1245	69	2450	69	4323	85
Union.	2	364	34	491	58	435	92	250	29	1935	66	70	00	14	35	166	70	1603	50	4323	85	2958	06
Westmoreland.	3	308	80	205	77	329	77	239	36	121	56	86	00	14	35	522	40	516	00	1172	29	1172	29
Frontier.	4	1208	83	273	75	1482	00	121	56	471	45	124	75	64	00	50	84	471	45	1064	82	1064	82
Cumberland	5	1951	30	234	76	1286	14	140	32	475	63	81	00	140	12	89	19	140	12	1590	01	1590	01
Frederickton.	6	1579	79	351	37	1931	16	201	15	424	13	140	00	22	20	64	65	311	74	1590	01	1590	01
Ivanhoe.	7	1027	62	283	75	1311	37	202	62	215	94	74	00	16	00	66	36	282	10	1012	55	1012	55
Bond.	8	1111	98	106	72	1218	70	99	55	225	48	16	00	16	00	101	62	238	50	1056	35	1056	35
Seaside.	9	349	86	86	50	436	36	66	00	100	00	16	00	16	00	66	86	70	25	329	73	329	73
Myrtle.	10	476	14	97	62	573	76	92	34	122	13	43	00	17	30	39	29	30	69	381	44	381	44
Chignecto.	11	366	00	137	97	503	97	164	90	69	00	43	00	17	30	76	09	18	03	496	08	496	08
Kenilworth.	12	300	96	160	47	461	43	75	25	89	70	17	30	17	30	79	68	18	03	373	08	373	08
Far East.	13	246	39	161	20	407	59	89	70	89	70	17	30	17	30	61	75	18	03	318	14	318	14
	14	16898	99	3126	41	20025	40	1920	98	5597	98	742	25	94	35	86	20	1497	92	4928	05	17437	31

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Lodge.	No.	Date of Institution.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick	1	Oct. 28, 1870..	St. John...	Every alternate Wednesday.	C. H. Smyth, 212 Union St., St. John, N. B.
Union	2	Mar. —, 1874..	St. John...	Every alternate Wednesday.	H. J. W. Powers, 99 Germain St., St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland	3	May 19, 1875..	Moncton...	Tuesday	Alex. P. Tait, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier	4	Sept. 14, 1875..	St. Stephen.	2nd and 4th Tuesday	C. A. Laubman, box 210, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland	5	July 16, 1883..	Springhill..	Thursday	A. V. Cameron, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton	6	May 4, 1888..	Fredericton..	2nd and 4th Tuesday	A. J. Fowle, box 340, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe	7	Aug. 27, 1889..	Woodstock..	Monday	Jas. H. Wilbur, jr., Woodstock, N. B.
Border	8	April 9, 1890..	Milltown...	1st and 3rd Monday	J. W. Graham, Milltown, N. B.
Seaside	9	June 19, 1891..	St. Andrews.	1st and 3rd Monday	J. W. Richardson, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle	10	Oct. 6, 1891..	Advocate...	Monday	A. B. Elliott, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto	11	July 27, 1892..	Amherst....	Tuesday	John E. Roach, Amherst, N. S.
Kenilworth	13	Aug. 22, 1893..	Parrsboro...	Tuesday	E. Woodworth, Parrsboro, N. S.
Far East	14	June 26, 1894..	St. Johns...	Every alternate Wednesday	W. F. Butler, box 42, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Sessions of Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886,	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Session,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Session,	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 8, 9, 1891,	Fifth Annual Session,	Springhill, N. S.
September 20, 21, 1892,	Sixth Annual Session,	Fredericton, N. B.
July 19, 1893,	Special Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 19, 20, 1893,	Seventh Annual Session,	Woodstock, N. B.
August 21, 22, 1894,	Eighth Annual Session,	Amherst, N. S.
August 20, 21, 1895,	Ninth Annual Session,	Milltown, N. B.

Past Grand Chancellors.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888-89.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889-90.
- E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890-91.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891-92.
- FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892-93.
- JAMES D. FOWLER, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, service as Grand Chancellor, 1893-94.
- WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, service as Grand Chancellor, 1894-95.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1895.

	Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Master-at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886	James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. J. Armstrong.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	George Craig.	John Beamish.
1887	James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. W. Adams.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	John P. Weir.	John Beamish.
1888	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	A. W. Adams.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	J. W. Whitehead.	R. J. Rosborough.
1889	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	George Dunn.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	Jas. H. Wrang.	Jas. D. Fowler.
1890	E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.
1891	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	W. B. Nicholson.	W. R. Parker.	Frank Fales.
1892	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	K. A. McLean.	J. M. Deacon.	LeBaron Wilson.
1893	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	G. W. Cameron.	John Beamish.	K. A. McLean.
1894	W. B. Nicholson.	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	K. A. McLean.	John Beamish.	J. F. Gilroy.
1895	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John Beamish.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	E. Woodworth.	F. B. Wood.	F. S. Merritt.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for the Year 1895-96.

HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Chancellor. ST. JOHN, N. B.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Vice Chancellor. MILLTOWN, N. B.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Prelate. ST. JOHN, N. B.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Box 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer. AMHERST, N. S.
E. WOODWORTH,	Grand Master-at-Arms. PARRSBORO, N. S.
F. B. WOOD,	Grand Inner Guard. MONCTON, N. B.
F. S. MERRITT,	Grand Outer Guard. ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES

W. C. H. GRIMMER,	For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1899.) ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
MURRAY FLEMING,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1897.) MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES

R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For Three Years. ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
J. W. WHITEHEAD,	For Two Years. MONCTON, N. B.

The next Convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Moncton, N. B., on the Second Tuesday in August, 1896.

Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1895-96.

hn Beamish, [REDACTED], St. John, N. B.	New Brunswick, No. 1
J. Fred Sullivan, St. John, N. B.	Union, No. 2
K. A. McLean, Moncton, N. B.	Westmoreland, No. 3
H. M. Webber, St. Stephen, N. B.	Frontier, No. 4
Frank L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.	Cumberland, No. 5
A. J. Fowlie, Fredericton, N. B.	Fredericton, No. 6
G. L. Holyoke, Woodstock, N. B.	Ivanhoe, No. 7
J. E. C. McAllister, Milltown, N. B.	Border, No. 8
Albert Thompson, St. Andrews, N. B.	Seaside, No. 9
S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S.	Myrtle, No. 10
John W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.	Chignecto, No. 11
Christopher Proctor, Parrsboro, N. S.	Kenilworth, No. 13
W. Lyons, [REDACTED], St. John's, N. F.	Far East, No. 14

Standing Committees for 1895-96.

	Distribution.	
James Moulson .....	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
James D. Fowler .....	.....	Fredericton, No. 6
F. L. Peers .....	.....	Cumberland, No. 5
	Returns and Credentials.	
J. C. Henry .....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
E. A. Cockburn .....	.....	Seaside, No. 9
H. J. Logan .....	.....	Chignecto, No. 11
R. W. Whitlock .....	.....	Border, No. 8
LeBaron Wilson .....	.....	Union, No. 2
	Finance.	
A. H. Graham .....	.....	Border, No. 8
F. Parker Grimmer .....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
A. Dodge .....	.....	Union, No. 2
	Law and Supervision.	
J. C. Hartley .....	.....	Ivanhoe, No. 7
F. A. Godsoe .....	.....	Union, No. 2
W. C. H. Grimmer .....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
	Appeals and Grievances.	
R. H. Cooper .....	.....	Cumberland, No. 5
A. J. Fowlie .....	.....	Fredericton, No. 6
W. R. Parker .....	.....	Westmoreland, No. 3
S. R. Canning .....	.....	Myrtle, No. 10
F. S. Merritt .....	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
	Printing.	
J. C. Henry .....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
R. W. Whitlock .....	.....	Border, No. 8
C. A. McQueen .....	.....	Chignecto, No. 11
	Fraternal Correspondence.	
J. M. Deacon .....	.....	Border, No. 8
J. C. Henry .....	.....	Frontier, No. 4
E. Woodworth .....	.....	Kenilworth, No. 13

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND SEAL.

This Lodge shall be known and designated as THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, and exists by virtue of a charter issued by authority of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias. It shall have an official seal, having an appropriate device thereon, an impression of which must be sent to the office of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. It shall also have a chromatic or printed seal, which shall be a *fac simile* of the official seal, and which may be used by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal upon correspondence, circulars and other ordinary matters of their respective offices.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION AND POWERS.

This Grand Lodge has exclusive original jurisdiction over all subordinate lodges in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, and over all members attached thereto, and possesses all powers and authority within its territorial limits, not reserved to the Supreme Lodge, subject to the right of appeal.

ARTICLE III.

COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. It shall be composed of all past chancellors of subordinate lodges in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, who shall be regular contributing members in good standing, but shall have its legislative functions vested in and exercised solely by Representatives, to be elected as hereinafter provided, and by sitting

grand officers, past grand chancellors and trustees. All past chancellors shall have the right to speak on all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, but shall have no vote except as representatives.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate lodge, having fifty members, or less, shall be entitled to two representatives to Grand Lodge, and one additional representative for every fifty members in excess of that number.

SEC. 3. The nomination and election of representatives shall be conducted in the manner prescribed for the nomination and election of officers of subordinate lodges; and the election of representatives shall be held at the first regular meeting in June in each year, the majority of all the votes cast being necessary to elect. Immediately after the election it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal to issue a credential certificate to each representative elect, in duplicate, giving the original to the representative and forwarding the duplicate to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

At the election of representatives held after the adoption of this constitution, each subordinate lodge shall elect one representative for a period of one year, and one for a period of two years, commencing from the date of their election; but at each subsequent election the representatives shall be elected for the term of two years. Provided that when any lodge is entitled under the provisions of this constitution to more than two representatives, the additional representative or representatives shall be elected biennially in such man. * that if there are four representatives, the terms of two thereof shall expire each year. The certificate of election shall be in the following form:—

REPRESENTATIVE'S CERTIFICATE.

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

.....Lodge No.
This is to certify that Past Chancellor.....
has been duly elected a Representative of this lodge to the Grand Lodge for the term of.....year from the first day of July, 18....., as alternate for Past Chancellor.....

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of this lodge, this.....day of..... A. D. 18....., P. P..... at.....

..... C. C.
(SEAL.) Attest : K. of R. & S.

SEC. 4. Each subordinate lodge may elect from its past chancellors in good standing an alternate for each representative to which it is entitled, said alternate to be elected at the same time and for the same term as a representative, and to have authority to act and vote in the absence of the representative whom the lodge elects him to represent. The certificate of election shall be in the same form as that granted a representative.

SEC. 5. To entitle a past chancellor to admission to this Grand Lodge he must present a duly authenticated certificate as follows:—

PAST CHANCELLOR'S CERTIFICATE, BY SERVICE.

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

.....Lodge, No.
This is to certify that Past Chancellor.....having
been duly qualified by service? in this Lodge, being clear on the books and not
under charge, is fully entitled to become a member of the Grand Lodge.
In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the
seal of this lodge, this..... day of
A. D. 18.... P.P....., at

.....C. C.
(SEAL.) Attest :K. of R. & S.

PAST CHANCELLOR'S CERTIFICATE, BY ELECTION.

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

.....Lodge, No.
This is to certify that Brother Knight.....
was duly elected a Past Chancellor at the institution of this lodge, by virtue of the
dispensation granted by the Grand Chancellor, and is therefore entitled to a seat
in the Grand Lodge.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the
seal of this lodge, this..... day of
A. D. 18...., P.P....., at

.....C. C.
(SEAL.) Attest :K. of R. & S.

ARTICLE IV.

CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall meet on the second Tuesday
in August in each year, at such time and place as may be decided
on at the annual meeting of the year previous. Should Grand
Lodge finally adjourn in any year without having decided on such
time and place, or either of them, the time and place shall be named
by the Grand Chancellor, and in case of his failure to name such
time and place, the Vice Chancellor shall have power so to do.
Such convention shall not finally adjourn until all the business
before it is disposed of.

SEC. 2. At the annual convention all representatives and past
chancellors entitled to membership shall be admitted upon presen-
tation of certificates when the Grand Lodge rank shall be conferred,
the returns for the previous year shall be received, the officers of the
Grand Lodge for the ensuing year shall be elected and installed,
and such other business transacted as may be determined upon.

SEC. 3. Special conventions may be called by the Grand Chan-
cellor whenever he may deem it necessary, and it shall be his duty
to call such special conventions when requested to do so in writing
by five representatives, representing five different lodges. All special
conventions must be called for the transaction of some particular

business, the nature of which must be stated in the notices to members and to subordinate lodges, and the deliberations of such conventions shall be confined to the consideration of that business and none other.

SEC. 4. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall give at least fifteen days' notice in writing to each lodge and officers and members of the Grand Lodge of all special conventions.

SEC. 5. All special conventions shall be held in the city of St. John, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chancellor.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Members must be clothed in appropriate jewel when in attendance upon the conventions of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Any member may be reprimanded or suspended for unbecoming conduct, provided the accused shall have an opportunity for defence in all cases.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. The officers shall consist of a Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Master of Exchequer, Grand Master-at-Arms, Grand Inner Guard and Grand Outer Guard, each of whom shall be elected annually for the term of one year and they shall act until their successors are elected and installed. There shall also be elected at the annual convention previous to the meeting of the Supreme Lodge, one Supreme Representative, to serve the term of four years. Supreme Representatives must be Past Grand Chancellors in good standing in their respective grand and subordinate lodges.

SEC. 2. The retiring Grand Chancellor shall fill the office of Past Grand Chancellor. Should vacancies occur, either in elective or appointed officers during recess, by death, resignation or otherwise, they shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Chancellor until the next convention of Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at all conventions of the Grand Lodge, enforce order and decorum, decide all questions of order without debate (subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge); appoint grand officers *pro tem.* (in case of temporary absence or disqualification); appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered; sign all orders drawn on the Grand Master of Exchequer, and such other papers as may require his signature to authenticate them, and exercise a general supervision of the order in this domain. He shall call the Grand Vice Chancellor or a Past Grand Chancellor to his chair during the discussion of any question before the Grand Lodge on which he may desire to speak. He may grant dispensations for new lodges upon petitions properly presented, and in person

or by deputy institute the same. He may also at his pleasure instal the officers of subordinate lodges. He may grant dispensations, on the application of a lodge, to confer one or more ranks upon a member without delay, when the circumstances may seem to require it. In cases of emergency, he may in his discretion grant free of charge any dispensation provided for by this section.

He shall at the annual convention immediately following his installation, appoint a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge. He shall, on or before the first day of June and December of each year, transmit the semi-annual password to the Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer of each subordinate lodge within the domain, not under suspension; provided that such semi-annual password shall not be transmitted to any Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer who shall not have filed during the then current semi-annual term, in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a certificate from the subordinate lodge of which such deputy or installing officer is a member, that he has paid all dues or other indebtedness to his lodge to the beginning of such term, and that he is in good standing in such subordinate lodge. All Deputy Grand Chancellors shall be past chancellors in good standing of the lodge for which they are appointed. They shall serve for one year, or until their successors are appointed. A Deputy Grand Chancellor, while acting in that capacity, is ineligible to any office, except that of trustee, in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member.

The Grand Chancellor shall also appoint the following standing committees, to serve until the close of the succeeding annual convention, or until their successors are appointed :—

A Committee of three on Distribution.

A Committee of three on Law and Supervision.

A Committee of three on Finance.

A Committee of five on Appeals and Grievances.

A Committee of five on Credentials and Returns.

A Committee of three on Printing.

A Committee of three on Fraternal Correspondence.

He shall present at all stated conventions, and read, or cause to be read, to this Grand Lodge, a report of his official transactions, with such other matters and recommendations as he may desire to bring before the Grand Lodge.

It shall be his duty to visit officially, at least once during his term of office, each subordinate lodge in his domain. All necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. The Grand Vice Chancellor is the counsellor and assistant of the Grand Chancellor. In the absence of the Grand Chancellor he shall preside over the Grand Lodge. In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of the Grand Chancellor, the

powers of said office shall devolve on the Grand Vice Chancellor for the time being.

SEC. 5. The Grand Prelate shall open and close the Grand Lodge with prayer, and perform all obligatory ceremonies, as prescribed in the ritual or usages of the order, and such other duties as comport with his office.

SEC. 6. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at each convention and transmit annually to each subordinate lodge five copies thereof, and one to each past chancellor; preserve the archives, have charge of the seal, books, papers, and other properties of the Grand Lodge, and deliver the same to his successor when required to do so by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor; prepare all charters and dispensations for subordinate lodges; notify officially all subordinate lodges within the domain of all meetings of the Grand Lodge; carry on the necessary correspondence of the Grand Lodge; keep a register which shall contain a list of all charters granted to subordinate lodges, and a record of all past chancellors entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge; keep a record of all rejected candidates and suspended members and their subsequent reinstatement or election; attest all official papers and documents; perform such other duties as are required by the laws and regulations of the order and as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct; and at each annual convention present a report of the general condition of the order to this Grand Lodge. He shall have power to provide himself, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, with such books, papers and stationery, as are necessary for the fulfillment of his duties, and keep in his office a copy of the seal of each subordinate lodge in his domain. He shall receive all moneys due the Grand Lodge and pay them over immediately to the Grand Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor, and keep an exact and true account of the same; attest to all orders drawn on the Grand Master of Exchequer; report in writing, at the annual convention, and at other times, when so required by the Grand Lodge, the condition of the funds of the Grand Lodge and of the accounts of the subordinate lodges, and deliver the books to the finance committee whenever they may demand them. He shall place in the hands of the chairman of the committee on appeals and grievances all documents properly belonging to said committee immediately upon their receipt. He shall cause to be delivered to the chairman of the committee on credentials and returns all credentials of past chancellors in his possession at least one day prior to the convening of the Grand Lodge. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive such sum per annum as the Grand Lodge may prescribe. Before entering upon the duties of his office the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall give to the Grand Chan-

cellor and Grand Vice Chancellor a good and sufficient bond, with two good sureties in the sum of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 7. The Grand Master of Exchequer shall receive all funds for the use of the Grand Lodge from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, giving him a receipt for the same, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Chancellor, properly attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, keep the accounts in a proper manner, exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts, and the purposes and amounts of disbursements, and give a statement in writing thereof at the stated convention or whenever required to do so by the Grand Lodge. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver all books, papers and moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge, in his possession, to his successor. He shall give a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, signed by two sufficient sureties, to be given to the Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, for the faithful performance of his trust, and deliver the books to the finance committee for examination whenever they may demand them.

SEC. 8. The Grand Master-at-Arms shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and in preserving order therein, examine and conduct new members in the Grand Lodge, and execute the commands of the Grand Chancellor.

SEC. 9. The Grand Inner Guard shall have charge of the inner door. He shall see that all the members of the Grand Lodge are clothed in appropriate jewels before entering the lodge room.

SEC. 10. The Grand Outer Guard shall have charge of the outer door, allow no person to enter the ante-room without the password, unless ordered so to do by the Grand Chancellor, and he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all jewels and other property of the Grand Lodge while this body is in session.

SEC. 11. The Supreme Representatives shall attend the conventions of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and therein faithfully represent the views, interests and special instructions directed by vote of the Grand Lodge, make a report in writing of their acts and doings, and of such matters and transactions of the Supreme Lodge as effect the well being of the Order in general, and transmit the same to the Grand Chancellor, immediately on their return from each convention. The Grand Chancellor shall issue the same, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and forward the same to each subordinate lodge in the domain and to the chairman of each of the standing committees of the Grand Lodge, and the Supreme Representatives shall do and perform such other duties appertaining to their official stations as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations. In case of the death, resignation or inability from any cause of a Supreme Representative to attend the conventions of the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint a Past Grand Chancellor in good standing in this domain to serve until the next convention of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 12. The Deputy Grand Chancellor is the representative of the Grand Chancellor in the lodge placed under his jurisdiction, and it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly; to instal the officers of the lodge under his charge and report his doings to the Grand Chancellor in time for the convention of the Grand Lodge. He shall receive the tax and semi-annual reports from the lodge under his jurisdiction, and transmit them to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal within one week after the installation of the officers of the lodge. He shall be provided with his commission, to be delivered to him by the Grand Chancellor on his appointment. He shall also perform such other duties as the Grand Chancellor may from time to time order and direct.

SEC. 13. The Grand Lodge shall at its annual convention elect by printed or written ballots, three trustees, one to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, or until their successors are elected, and in like manner at each succeeding annual convention, one to serve for three years.

SEC. 14. The trustees shall be charged with the general supervision and care of the funds, investments and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge, receive and hold the bonds and securities of such grand officers as are required to give them, invest in such loans, stocks or other securities, as the Grand Lodge may direct, all moneys ordered to be drawn from the Grand Master of Exchequer for that purpose, depositing the securities and vouchers therefor with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; call in, sell and realize all such loans, stocks and other investments, whenever the Grand Lodge shall order the same; collect all the interest, dividends, rents and other money arising and accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the Grand Lodge; pay all money collected by them to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and report their transactions in writing to the Grand Lodge at its next annual convention.

SEC. 15. Should any of the grand officers elect fail to be present for installation, the Grand Lodge may immediately proceed to elect another member to fill the vacancy; provided, however, that sickness or other unavoidable occurrences shall be deemed a reasonable excuse for absence.

SEC. 16. Any grand officer may be removed from his office for conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his station, but he shall have a fair trial of the charges brought against him, after which the vote of two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote shall be necessary to effect his removal. An officer who is under charges may officiate until they are determined, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor during recess.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge officers shall be elected annually, by ballot. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to constitute a choice. The balloting shall continue until a choice is made.

SEC. 2. The grand officers shall be installed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, during the convention at which they are elected. If an officer elect is absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, his office shall be declared vacant and another election shall be held at once to fill the vacancy. If an absent officer elect has been excused by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall have power to install such officer during recess, at his convenience.

SEC. 3. Any past chancellor in good standing in this domain, and a member of the Grand Lodge, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge, except that of the Grand Chancellor, candidates for which must have served one term as an officer of this Grand Lodge; provided that only a Past Grand Chancellor shall be eligible to the office of Supreme Representative.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The Committee on Distribution shall, at the convention next after their appointment, recommend the action to be taken on, or the distribution or reference to be made of, each and every portion of the reports of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer; such recommendations to be submitted to the Grand Lodge immediately after the presentation of the reports of said officers; the several reports to be forwarded to each member of said committee at least one week prior to each annual convention.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Law and Supervision shall, when such subjects are presented to the Grand Lodge and duly referred to them, inquire into all cases of infraction of the established laws and regulations of the order, and recommend such measures as they may deem expedient for correcting the innovation. During the investigation the committee shall be guided by a strict interpretation of and adherence to the constitution. They shall examine the by-laws of all subordinate lodges before being printed, and reject any article, section, clause or provision which may conflict with the constitution or laws of the Supreme Lodge, or make the same conform therewith, and said by-laws shall be of no force or value until approved by a majority of the committee. They shall present them to the Grand Chancellor for approval before returning them to subordinate lodges.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Finance shall audit the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and of the Grand Master of Exchequer at least once in each year, and report their proceedings at each regular meeting, or whenever required to do so by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor. They shall examine all bills against the Grand Lodge and approve the same prior to an order being drawn for payment, unless ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall hear all appeals and grievances referred to them by the Grand Lodge, and report their decision to the Grand Lodge with the utmost despatch. But no member of the committee shall serve on any case of appeal arising in the lodge of which he is a member.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Returns and Credentials shall meet prior to the annual convention, and shall examine and report to the Grand Lodge at the opening of the convention on the correctness of the certificates of past chancellors, representatives and alternates, and thereafter make a further report upon the regularity of the returns of subordinate lodges.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Printing shall have charge of the printing and binding of proceedings, constitutions and by-laws, or other works of like character, which may be from time to time ordered by the Grand Lodge, and make report of its transactions at each stated convention.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall consist of three members of this Grand Lodge in good standing, who shall examine the journals of proceedings of sister grand domains, collate such facts in relation to the progress and laws thereof as may be deemed of interest or advantage to this Grand Lodge and report the same at each annual convention.

SEC. 8. Any member of a standing committee neglecting to attend to the duties assigned him, after being duly notified of his appointment, shall be dealt with as the Grand Lodge may determine.

SEC. 9. The first member named on each committee shall be the chairman thereof, and it shall be the duty of the committee to proceed without delay to the discharge of the duties which have been assigned them.

SEC. 10. Each committee shall have power to call for such books, papers and documents as may be necessary to a full and correct understanding of the subject under consideration, and any member of the order notified to appear before such committee, or to produce books, papers, documents or other articles in his possession or under his control, shall appear and produce such books, etc., as may be designated.

SEC. 11. The report of each committee shall be made in writing and signed by a majority of its members, but should the minority dissent, they shall be entitled to present their views in a separate report.

ARTICLE IX.

PER CAPITA, RETURNS, ETC.

SEC. 1. At the end of each semi-annual term each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge as a tax, not less than twenty-five (25) cents *per capita* for every member in good standing, including pages and esquires, the number of which shall be shown upon the report. Lodges instituted during the term shall pay a proportionate part of such *per capita* tax, commencing from the first of the month in which they were instituted. They shall also return the blank form furnished by the Grand Lodge, properly filled out; it shall also have the signature of the retiring chancellor commander, keeper of records and seal, master of finance and master of exchequer attached, and an impression of the seal upon it.

SEC. 2 At the end of each semi-annual term, all subordinate lodges shall report to the Grand Lodge the number of initiations, number of pages, esquires, knights, past chancellors and past grand chancellors, names of those admitted by card or withdrawn, names of those suspended and the cause thereof, applications received, also those rejected, names of deceased members, a list of past chancellors in good standing, also a list of past chancellors not in good standing, withdrawn and suspended—time and cause of suspension, a statement showing the amount paid for the relief of brothers and widowed families, number of brothers buried, with the amount applied for each of these purposes, the number of orphans being educated—designating the schools to which they are sent with the amount paid for the same, the amount of receipts—specifying to what source and to what fund they belong, the amount of tax due the Grand Lodge, the amount paid to deputy grand chancellors for dispensations, the amount of general fund on hand, the amount of general fund invested, amount of widow and orphan fund on hand, amount of widow and orphan fund invested, the value of property held (not included in amount invested), estimated amount of liabilities and the result of the election of officers. A form for this purpose will be furnished by the Grand Lodge, and must be filled out, properly attested by the signatures of the chancellor commander, keeper of records and seal, master of finance and master of exchequer, with an impression of the seal of the lodge thereon. *This report with the tax due the Grand Lodge must be delivered to the installing officer before the officers are installed. The semi-annual password cannot be imparted until after the officers are installed.*

SEC. 3. No representative or alternative from a subordinate lodge, the semi-annual returns of which have not been received, and the tax due the Grand Lodge paid, shall be entitled to vote for grand officers, speak or vote upon any question before the Grand Lodge, or serve on committees.

ARTICLE X.

OF DELINQUENT OR DEFUNCT LODGES.

SEC. 1. Any lodge may be suspended or dissolved, and its charter or dispensation forfeited to the Grand Lodge :

- (1) If guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the Order.
- (2) For neglecting or refusing to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme Law or any mandate of the Supreme Tribunal, or of the Supreme Chancellor, or any law of the Grand Lodge, or any mandate of the Grand Chancellor thereof, or either of them.
- (3) For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of dues to the Grand Lodge.
- (4) For neglecting to hold regular stated meetings for six months as provided by law, unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstances.

(5) By its membership diminishing to less than ten members ; provided no such warrant or charter shall be suspended or revoked until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its alleged offence, and opportunity given for answer and defence ; nor shall any such warrant or charter be revoked except by formal vote of its Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. When an impeached lodge neglects or refuses to answer within a given time, it may be tried and suspended for contempt ; to suspend a lodge requires two-thirds of all the representatives present who may be entitled to vote.

SEC. 3. When a lodge is suspended or dissolved, it shall be the duty of its last chancellor commander, or if there is none, of its senior officer to deliver up the dispensation or charter, books, jewels, funds, regalia, and other property and effects to the Grand Chancellor or his deputy ; and if any officer or member having custody of any part of said property or effects refuses to surrender the same, he may be forever excluded from membership in the order, even if the lodge should be reinstated.

SEC. 4. All funds and effects received by the Grand Lodge from a dissolved or suspended subordinate lodge, shall be restored in the event of its being reinstated, which reinstatement may be done by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge at an annual or special convention. Upon the application of ten or more members of the said lodge for restoration to fellowship, said applicants may be restored.

SEC. 5. Members of any defunct lodge who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, may be admitted into another lodge, after having applied to and received from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess, a card signed by the Grand Chancellor and countersigned by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached. The application for such card must be accompanied by a fee of two dollars.

SEC. 6. Members in good standing in a subordinate lodge at the time of its dissolution are entitled to a withdrawal card, showing their rank and standing. But in order to attain or hold membership in the grand body, past chancellors must attach themselves to some subordinate lodge in this domain within three months from the date of such card. The rank of members applying for withdrawal cards shall be inserted in the said card, when the same has been granted.

SEC. 7. If a member of a defunct lodge who was suspended for non-payment of dues, or was in arrears at the time of dissolution desires reinstatement, he shall apply to the Grand Lodge or to the Grand Chancellor for a withdrawal card, and shall pay at least one year's dues and all fines and assessments charged on the books, and two dollars for the card. A card may then be issued, provided the Grand Chancellor is satisfied the member is worthy.

SEC. 8. Before a subordinate lodge shall be called upon to answer, a written charge, setting forth in general and comprehensive terms the offence of which it is alleged to be guilty, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during the interval between the conventions of the Grand Lodge, signed by two members of the order. This charge shall be accompanied with one or more specifications, setting forth in detail, with sufficient particularity to enable such subordinate lodge to prepare its defence, the time, place and circumstances of the alleged offence. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith serve upon such lodge a copy of said charges and specifications under the seal of the Grand Lodge. As soon thereafter as practicable, the Committee on Appeals of this Grand Lodge shall be appointed to investigate the same. If such charges are preferred during the interval between the conventions of the Grand Lodge, the committee shall consist of the officers of the Grand Lodge, a majority of whom shall form a quorum. Service shall be made in the manner following:—First, by delivering to and leaving with the keeper of records and seal and chancellor commander of such lodge a copy of said charges; and, second, through the post office, by depositing the same properly inclosed in a post-paid envelope in the post-office, directed to the keeper of records and seal, and chancellor commander of such lodge at his last known post-office address. The committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their appointment, and proceed to investigate the charges. The evidence in the case shall be reduced to writing. The complainant and the accused shall have due notice of the time and place of meeting, and a full opportunity to be present with counsel to introduce evidence and cross-examine witnesses; said counsel must be members of the order in good standing. The committee having heard the testimony shall report the same together with their opinion of the guilt or innocence of the accused lodge, on each charge and specification, to the Grand Lodge, or, during the interval between the conventions of the Grand Lodge, to the Grand

Chancellor. Should the committee report the lodge guilty, and the report be made to the Grand Chancellor, he may temporarily suspend the functions of the lodge until the next convention of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present all proceedings in the case. Upon receiving the report of the committee, the Grand Lodge shall take such action in the matter as to it shall seem just and proper within the scope of this article. All proceedings in the trial of subordinate lodges not herein covered shall be governed and conducted as in the case of trial of a member, and the "Code of Procedure" for trials as promulgated by this Grand Lodge shall be the rule and the guide.

ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM AND VOTING.

SEC. 1. A representation from a majority of the lodges shall constitute a quorum in all cases.

SEC. 2. A majority of the legal votes of the members present shall decide all legal questions, except such as would affect the constitution, involve an assessment, expenditure or appropriation of money, suspend a lodge or remove a grand officer,—to determine any of which shall require a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present entitled to vote.

SEC. 3. When a question is indefinitely postponed its subject-matter shall not be brought up again in any form earlier than the next succeeding regular convention.

SEC. 4. When a question arises concerning a subordinate lodge, and the number of representatives are equally divided upon the same the vote shall be taken by lodges, when the representatives of each lodge present shall cast the vote of their lodge, as a majority of them may determine.

SEC. 5. The manner of voting shall be *yea* and *nay* unless otherwise ordered.

ARTICLE XII.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 1. Dispensations may be granted by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor during its recess for the following purposes:—

(1) To propose, ballot for and initiate if elected, at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be one dollar (\$1).

(2) To advance a candidate to the rank of esquire at the same meeting at which he is initiated a page, the fee for which shall be one dollar (\$1).

(3) To prove and charge a candidate at the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be one dollar (\$1).

(4) To initiate, prove and charge a candidate at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be two dollars (\$2).

(5) To receive a candidate over fifty (50) and under sixty (60) years of age, the fee for which shall be one dollar (\$1).

(6) To initiate a maimed person into the order; provided that in no instance shall a dispensation be granted to a person incapable of making an honest livelihood for himself or family; the fee for which shall be one dollar (\$1).

(7) To change night of meeting.

(8) To change place of meeting.

(9) For holding public displays or parades.

The Grand Chancellor may, at his discretion, authorize a deputy grand chancellor to grant dispensations for such cases in the above list as he (the Grand Chancellor) may see fit.

SEC. 2. All applications for dispensations or decisions must be made to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess, and must be applied for through the deputy grand chancellor, over the signature of the chancellor commander attested to by the keeper of records and seal, with the seal of the Lodge attached, stating the purpose for which the dispensation is required, and in all cases the application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

ARTICLE XIII.

NEW LODGES.

SEC. 1. Not less than ten white males of good morals and character, sound in health, mind, limb and body, believers in a Supreme Being, and not less than twenty-one nor over fifty years of age, may apply to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor for a charter or dispensation to establish a new lodge, which application must be accompanied by the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15), exclusive of the cost of printed rituals of the order and other supplies which shall be furnished at such prices as the Grand Lodge may determine.

SEC. 2. All necessary expenses of institution shall be paid by the new lodge.

SEC. 3. Charters shall be issued only by vote of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chancellor may issue a dispensation for a new lodge, under which the lodge shall work until a charter is granted.

BLANK FORMS.

The following blank forms will be furnished free of charge by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:---

Semi-annual returns.

Representatives' certificates.

Past chancellors' certificates.

For master of finance and master of exchequer's reports.

Applications for dispensations to organize new lodges.

ARTICLE XIV.

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

SEC. 1. Any officer or member of this Grand Lodge, who violates any of its laws, rules or regulations, may have charges preferred against him and shall be tried according to the code of trial for subordinate lodges.

SEC. 2. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to remove or suspend an officer or a member of a committee for inattention to his duties or for conduct unbecoming his standing in the order; he shall also have power to appoint officers or members of committees *pro tem*, on account of said removal. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial in accordance with the recognized code of procedure, but he shall perform the duties of his office until the result of the charges are made known, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge.

SEC. 3. All charges or complaints made under the penal provisions of the laws, rules and regulations, shall be reduced to writing and distinctly set forth the cause, time and place of occurrence, a copy of which shall be furnished to the accused, and notice when the consideration of the matter will take place; and every member considering that injustice has been done to him by the decision of his subordinate lodge, may, within thirty (30) days after such decision has been made, present to his subordinate lodge a written appeal therefrom, signed by himself, setting forth the reasons he has for making the appeal; and his subordinate lodge, after receiving the appeal, shall immediately send the same to the Grand Chancellor, together with the journal and the testimony taken on the trial of the cause, and a copy of all the minutes relating to the matter certified to by the chancellor commander and the keeper of records and seal, with the subordinate lodge seal attached. The appellant shall also furnish the Grand Chancellor with a copy of his appeal, and proof of service upon his subordinate lodge, within the time specified. *Provided*, that in default of so doing the appeal may be dismissed by the committee on appeals and grievances, to the disadvantage of the subordinate lodge or member neglecting to comply with the above provisions. Charges against subordinate lodges shall in all cases be proceeded with in the manner set forth above, so far as the same may be applicable, in accordance with the form prescribed in the laws, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE XV.

REVENUE.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—

Tax from subordinate lodges, as provided for in Article IX of this constitution.

- Fee for dispensations \$15.00 each.
- Fee for rituals, \$20.00 per set of five.
- Fee for installation books, \$2.50 per set of four.
- Fee for odes, 10 cents each.
- Odes of the order, set to music, 40 cents per book.
- Question books, \$1.50 each.
- Travelling shields, 10 cents each.
- Withdrawal cards, 50 cents each.
- Transfer cards, 50 cents each.

ARTICLE XVI.

TAX.

The Grand Lodge shall pay to the Supreme Lodge such tax annually as the Supreme Lodge may legally impose.

ARTICLE XVII.

REGALIA.

SEC. 1. The working regalia for officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as provided by the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 2. The working regalia and uniform of subordinate lodges shall be as provided by the Supreme Lodge.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall have one general form of constitution for the government of all subordinate lodges, which shall be furnished each lodge which now is or hereafter may be acting under a dispensation or charter regularly issued by it, which constitution shall be considered as the law by which each subordinate lodge is to be governed in the transaction of its business, except as far as relates to the financial department thereof, in relation to which each lodge shall have power to make by-laws as in their wisdom they shall judge best, which by-laws they may alter or amend at pleasure, subject to approval of this Grand Lodge or its committee on law and supervision.

SEC. 2. Every subordinate lodge shall have a suitable seal, (a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,) and all its official communications shall be sealed therewith.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate lodge working under a charter or dispensation from this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor, shall have the power to confer the ranks of page, esquire and knight on applicants legally elected to receive the same. And it shall be lawful for them to confer the above ranks on candidates of other

lodges duly elected to receive the same, upon the deposit of the necessary certificate and written request of the lodge in which they have been so elected.

ARTICLE XIX.

AMENDMENTS.

This Grand Lodge may at a regular convention make or amend such laws for its government as two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote may determine, provided such alterations or amendments do not conflict with the laws of the Supreme Lodge. But in no case shall this constitution be amended, unless such proposed amendments be submitted in writing at least one regular convention prior to its discussion, and signed by three officers or members of this Grand Lodge, when the question shall be taken on their adoption, and if approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present entitled to a vote, they shall become a part of this constitution.

ARTICLE XX.

BENEFITS.

Each subordinate lodge shall provide for carrying into effect the beneficial character of the order, by providing for the payment of weekly benefits in case of sickness or disability, and of funeral benefits in case of the death of a member in good standing. Weekly benefits shall not be less than one dollar (\$1) per week, for every week's sickness or disability, nor funeral benefits less than twenty dollars (\$20).

ARTICLE XXI.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. Relief shields having been adopted by the Supreme Lodge, they will be recognized when presented in regular form.

SEC. 2. For the rules of order "Cushing's Manual" shall be the guide.

SEC. 3. Any subordinate lodge which may cause to be printed, for their own or other use, any of the private work of the order, upon satisfactory proof thereof, shall be suspended and its charter forfeited.

SEC. 4. No subordinate lodge shall make a public display, except in case of funerals, without obtaining a dispensation of the Grand Lodge or of the Grand Chancellor during its recess, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. A subordinate lodge may suspend a member, after a fair trial or opportunity is afforded, for conduct prejudicial to the order; but any such suspended member shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXII.

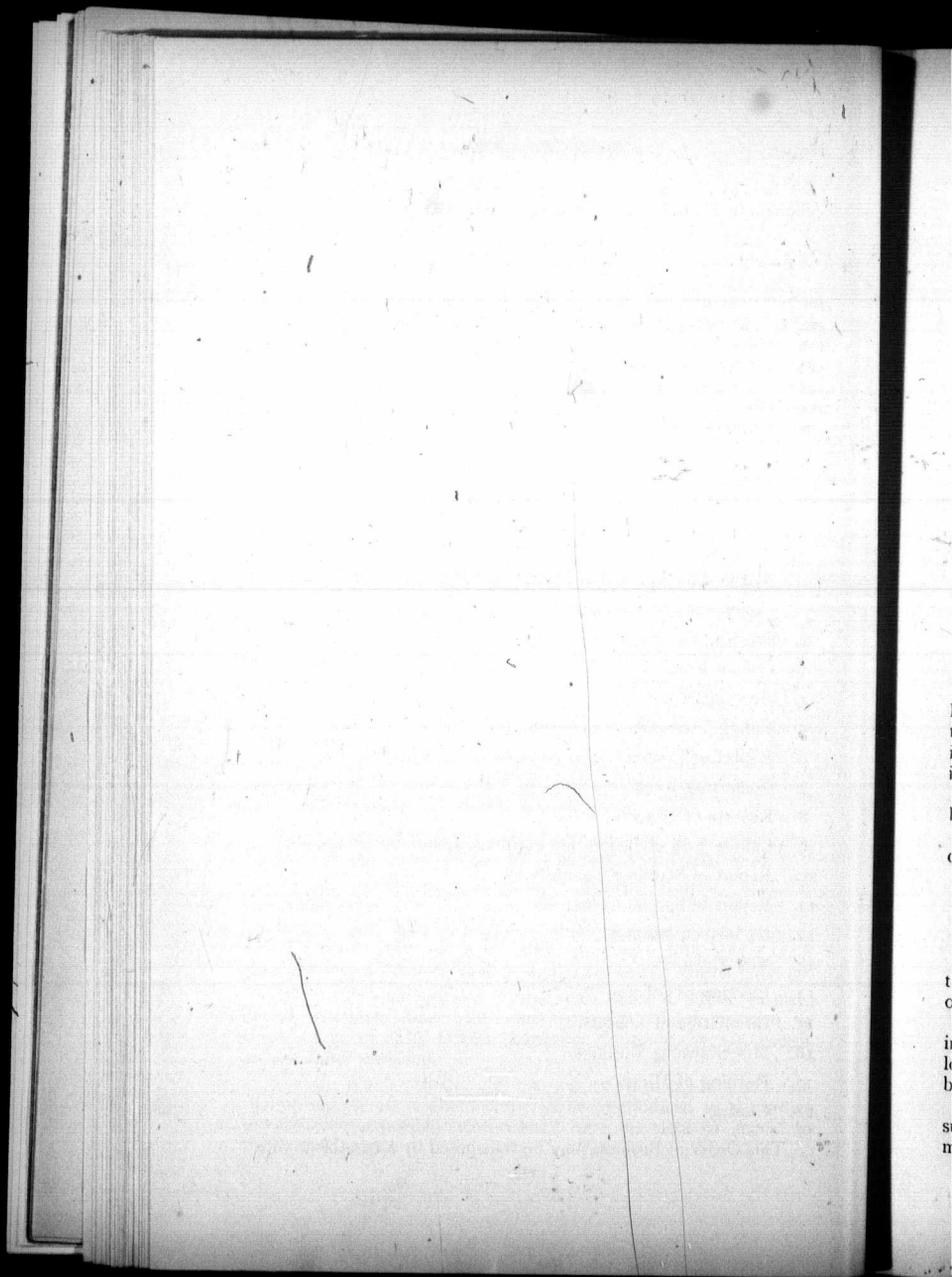
PYTHIAN PERIOD.

The term "Pythian Period" shall be used by the Grand Lodge immediately after any date or day, year or month of the vulgar era, as follows: "This.....day of.....A. D. 18....., of the Pythian Period the," in all official documents or communications emanating therefrom. The date of the Pythian Period commenced on the 19th of February, 1864; and each and every period thereafter and to come shall succeed in regular numerical order, commencing on the 19th day of February in each year.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. By the direction of the Grand Chancellor the requisite examination shall be made.
2. Opening Ceremonies.
3. Calling Roll.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Filling Vacancies in Committees.
6. Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.
7. Conferring Rank.
8. Reports of Officers.
9. Calling Roll of Lodges for Petitions, Communications, etc.
10. Report of Standing Committees.
11. Report of Special Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.
14. Election of Officers.
15. Installation of Officers.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Reading of Minutes.
18. Closing.

This Order of Business may be transposed by a two-thirds vote.



CONSTITUTION

FOR

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES does hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for all Subordinate Lodges existing by its authority and under its immediate jurisdiction, in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

ARTICLE I.

NAME, ETC.

SEC. 1. This Lodge shall be styled and known as
 Lodge, No. of the Maritime Provinces, possessing the powers and privileges of a subordinate lodge, within the domain of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, under whose authority it exists, by virtue of a charter duly granted, while acting in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. This lodge shall consist of not less than ten members having the requisite qualifications for its elective officers.

SEC. 3. This lodge cannot work without having its charter or dispensation present in the lodge room.

ARTICLE II.

TERMS AND MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. *Terms.*—Regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first day of January and the first day of July and end on the last day of June and the last day of December, in each year.

SEC. 2. *Stated Meetings.*—This lodge shall hold stated meetings once a week, unless by dispensation it is permitted to meet at longer intervals. The time of meeting shall be as prescribed in the by-laws.

SEC. 3. *Special Meetings.*—A special meeting may be held at such time as the business of the lodge may require. Such meeting may be called by the Chancellor Commander, at his discretion, and

it shall be his duty to call a special meeting when requested so to do in writing by five members, the object thereof being specified in such request. Every special meeting shall be confined to the business for which it is called. All members of this lodge shall receive due and timely information of every special meeting by printed or written notice.

SEC. 4. *Quorum*.—The lodge shall be opened at the appointed time, if seven members are present; and not less than that number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the lodge. In the absence of both Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor the senior past chancellor present shall take the chair; but if no past chancellor be present, any member may be chosen to preside by a majority of the members present. All business, except the actual conferring of the page or esquire rank, and except when proceeding with the trial of a page or esquire, shall be transacted when open in the rank of knight.

SEC. 5. *Closing*.—When a meeting of the lodge has been closed, it shall not be re-opened unless by unanimous consent; and if any member who was present at the closing of the lodge, has left, it shall not be re-opened.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. *Elective Officers*.—The elective officers of the lodge shall be the Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of the Work, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer, Master-at-Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who shall be elected semi-annually, by ballot, at the first stated meeting in June and December, except the Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance and Master of Exchequer, who shall be elected annually in like manner at the first stated meeting in December. The lodge may dispense with the Master of Finance and have the duties of said officer performed by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

SEC. 2. *Representatives and Alternates*.—There shall also be elected two or more representatives and alternates in like manner, at the first stated meeting in June. Only past chancellors in good standing shall be eligible as representatives or alternates.

SEC. 3. *Trustees*.—This lodge shall elect, by printed or written ballots, three trustees: one to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and in like manner, at each annual election of officers in December, one to serve for three years.

SEC. 4. Any knight in good standing in a subordinate lodge shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member. No officer who has been installed shall retain his seat unless square upon the books. In case of the formation of a new lodge two of the members may be elected past chancellors.

SEC. 5. *Nomination.*—Nomination of candidates for the several elective officers may be made at the regular meeting preceding, and on the night of the election. The presiding officer shall not close the nominations until every member present has had an opportunity to be heard, nor shall a qualified member, duly nominated, be excluded from the list of nominees on account of his being absent.

SEC. 6. *No Election without Nomination.*—There shall not be an election of officers without a previous nomination of candidates. A majority of all the valid votes polled for the office shall be required to elect a candidate to any office; but votes polled for candidates not previously nominated shall not be counted against the regular nominee. If there be but one candidate for election, the lodge may by unanimous consent delegate the Master-at-Arms to cast that ballot.

SEC. 7. *Mode of Conducting Elections.*—When any election for office is held, the presiding officer shall act as judge and appoint two members as tellers, to assist in conducting the election in a fair and impartial manner; and when the poll has been opened, each member desirous of voting shall deposit his ballot in the poll or box (votes offered by proxy shall not be received), and a register of all the votes polled shall be kept; one of the tellers shall collect the ballots, calling the vote in numerical order as received, the other responding and recording the same. Should the counting of the votes polled disclose a number in excess of the list kept by the tellers, the presiding officer shall declare the ballot at which they were received illegal and void, and shall direct that another ballot take place immediately. In case of two or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom has received a majority of all the valid votes polled for that office, another ballot shall be had, confined to the two candidates who had previously received the highest number of votes.

SEC. 8. *Installation of Officers.*—Officers of the lodge, duly qualified and legally elected, shall be installed at the first stated meeting in the ensuing term, if unforeseen circumstances do not prevent it. If any officer duly elected fail to present himself for installation (unless such absence be excused by a formal vote of the lodge) the office to which he has been elected shall be declared vacant by the installing officer and another election be ordered forthwith to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 9. *Vacancies.*—All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, to serve the residue of the term, and officers so serving shall be entitled to the honors of the term. It is competent to nominate, elect and install at the meeting in which the vacancy is declared.

SEC. 10. *Removals.*—Any officer may be removed or suspended for inattention to the duties of his station, or conduct unbecoming his standing in the order. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial in accordance with

the recognized Code of Procedure ; but he shall perform the duties of his office until the result of the charges is made known, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. *Chancellor Commander.*—The Chancellor Commander shall preside at all meetings of the lodge, and preserve decorum therein ; decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the lodge ; enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the lodge and those of the Supreme Lodge ; appoint a majority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge ; sign orders on the Master of Exchequer, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, for such money as shall be ordered by a vote of the lodge to be paid ; receive the money drawn for benefits, and cause the same to be paid to the person for whom it was drawn, within forty-eight hours thereafter ; see that all the officers of the lodge and members of committees faithfully discharge their duties ; inspect all ballots and announce the result thereof to the lodge ; give the casting vote on all questions where there is an equality of votes ; sign all lodge certificates and papers which may require his signature to authenticate them ; have charge of the dispensation or charter, which he must always have present in the lodge when in convention ; and perform such other duties as pertain to his office. The Chancellor Commander at his pleasure may call any knight to the chair to assist in conferring any rank of knighthood ; or, by consent of the lodge, he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part for all of whom may be members of other lodges ; provided that the lodge shall remain under the control of its Chancellor Commander or one of its officers legally qualified to preside ; *but the S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or (in his absence) by the Vice Chancellor of the lodge.*

SEC. 2. *Vice Chancellor.*—The Vice Chancellor shall assist the Chancellor Commander in preserving order in the lodge ; aid him in conducting the ceremonies ; appoint a minority of all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge ; preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander ; and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the order.

SEC. 3. *Prelate.*—The Prelate shall assist in conducting the ceremonials prescribed in the work of the order, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the order

SEC. 4. *Master of the Work.*—The Master of the Work shall have charge of and be held responsible for all preparations of and for floor work or ceremonials in conferring the ranks or any other duties detailed for him by the Chancellor Commander when the lodge is working.

SEC. 5. *Keeper of Records and Seal.*—The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the lodge; make out the semi-annual report of the work and business of the lodge (as required by Section 1, Article XII, of this constitution) for the Grand Lodge, and other documents and notices; notify immediately the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of any change of the officers made during the term and their address; notify each candidate of his acceptance or rejection; also notify all lodges of the order in this domain of all rejected candidates, giving name, age, occupation and residence, and the suspensions from or reinstatement or restoration to membership; also notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all rejected candidates, giving name, age, residence, occupation. Should such rejected candidates subsequently be elected to membership, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of such election, so that the candidate's name may be removed from the "black book." The Keeper of Records and Seal shall also notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all members suspended, cause thereof, and of their subsequent election, reinstatement or restoration to membership. Whenever a member of a subordinate lodge shall be declared expelled from the order or suspended from membership therein, for any cause, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge immediately to forward to the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank a notice of such expulsion or suspension, signed by him and attested by the Chancellor Commander, over the seal of the lodge. Said notice shall give the name in full, legibly written, of the member expelled or suspended, and the cause for which he was expelled or suspended; and, in case the suspension is for a definite period, the notice shall state the length thereof. He shall give timely notice to members of the lodge (in good standing) when candidates for initiation, reinstatement or restoration to membership are to be balloted for, giving name, age, residence and occupation; keep copies and files of all official correspondence; record the number of actual members present at each meeting; keep a "black book" containing a list of all applicants rejected by different lodges; keep a list of members suspended, with the length of time of suspension and the date and cause thereof; he shall give the Master of Finance an account of all fines that may accrue in each term at the end of same; keep an alphabetical roster of all members of the lodge, together with their residences; attest to all moneys ordered on the Master of Exchequer; countersign all receipts given by the Master of Exchequer for moneys received from the Master of Finance; keep an account with the Master of Finance, charging him with all moneys received by him and crediting him with all moneys paid to the Master of Exchequer. He shall also keep an account with the Master of Exchequer, charging him with all moneys received by him from the Master of Finance, and credit-

ing him with the amounts of all checks or orders drawn on him ; notify the lodge when the funds in the hands of the Master of Exchequer exceed one hundred dollars ; have charge of the correspondence, records and seal of the lodge, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office ; and at the expiration of his term of office, or when legally called upon, he shall deliver to his successor, or to whom the lodge may specially appoint to receive them, all books, papers, etc., belonging to his office.

SEC. 6. *Master of Finance.*—The Master of Finance shall keep the accounts between the lodge and its members correctly, charging to the account of each member all dues, fines and other charges ; receive all money and pay the same immediately to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor, (said receipt shall not be considered complete until countersigned by the Keeper of Records and Seal) ; he shall give the Keeper of Records and Seal, previous to the close of each meeting, a receipt for all money received by him ; keep an account with the Master of Exchequer, charging him with all money paid to him and crediting him with the amounts of all orders drawn on him ; notify all members who are in arrears to the lodge to the amount of three months' dues. He shall, immediately after the last meeting in each semi-annual term, notify all members who are in arrears for one year's dues, fines or assessments, said notice to be delivered personally or through the post office, by depositing the notice, properly enclosed in a post-paid envelope, directed as appears on the books of the lodge as the place of business or residence of the member so in arrears. Members not receiving such notice shall not be exempt from suspension, as provided in Article X of this constitution. He shall notify the lodge of all members who are in arrears (showing what for) at the close of each semi-annual term ; have his books properly arranged for examination by the auditing committee within forty-eight hours after the last meeting in each term ; make out and place in the hands of the Keeper of Records and Seal, within three days succeeding the last stated meeting in June and December, a full and complete report of all money received during the term, stating from what source, whether for membership, rank, dues, fines, cards, etc., and any other information to be derived from his books and deemed necessary to enable the Keeper of Records and Seal to make out the semi annual report of the lodge. He shall certify to the correctness of the semi-annual report, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office, and at the expiration of his term of office, or when legally called upon, he shall deliver to his successor, or to whom the lodge may specially appoint to receive them, all books, papers, money, etc., belonging to his office.

SEC. 7. *Master of Exchequer.*—The Master of Exchequer shall receive from the Master of Finance all money received by him for the lodge, and give his receipt therefor ; keep a correct account of

all money so received. He is the only authorized person to pay out funds for the lodge (except by special vote of the lodge), and he shall require receipts for every payment, which payments must only be made on orders drawn by the Chancellor Commander, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance. He shall have his books properly arranged for examination by the auditing committee within forty-eight hours after the last stated meeting in each term, and make out and place in the hands of the Keeper of Records and Seal, within three days succeeding the last regular meetings in June and December, a full and complete report of all moneys on hand at the commencement of the term, the total amount received during the term, and how disbursed, whether for benefits, general relief, current expenses, etc., together with such other information as may be required for the semi-annual report of the lodge. He shall also certify to the correctness of the semi-annual report. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall give to the trustees of the lodge his bond, with such sureties for the faithful performance of said duties as the lodge may determine, and at the expiration of his term of office, or when legally called upon, he shall deliver all moneys, bonds, books, papers, etc., belonging to his office, to his successor, or to whom the lodge may specially appoint to receive them.

SEC. 8. *Master-at-Arms.*—The Master-at-Arms shall have charge of the properties of the lodge, and be held responsible for their safe keeping and preservation, under the control of the lodge, and shall immediately inform the lodge if the same or any part thereof shall have become impaired or unfit for use; he shall canvass all votes or ballots when required so to do, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

SEC. 9. *Inner and Outer Guards.*—The Inner Guard and Outer Guard shall perform such duties as are required by the work of the order.

SEC. 10. *Grand Representatives.*—The Grand Representatives shall attend the conventions of the Grand Lodge and therein faithfully represent their lodge; and at the next regular meeting of their lodge thereafter, they shall individually or jointly make a report in writing of all matters of interest transacted in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 11. *Trustees.*—The Trustees shall be charged with the general supervision and care of the funds, investments and other lodge property, the legal title whereof shall be vested in them, in order that they may look after its material interest and welfare; they shall invest in such loans, stocks or other securities as the lodge may direct all moneys ordered to be drawn for that purpose, and deposit the vouchers with the Master of Finance, to be placed in possession of the Master of Exchequer for safe keeping; call in, sell and realize all such loans, stocks and other investments, whenever the lodge shall order the same to be done; collect all the interest,

dividends, rents and other money arising and accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the lodge; pay the money collected by them to the Master of Finance; make an inventory of all property of the lodge and its approximate value; and report in writing to the lodge, at the first stated meeting in every term, their transactions for the preceding term, together with a statement of the funds and property in their charge at the close of the term.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. *Auditing Committee.*—At the first stated meeting of each term, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint an Auditing Committee of three members, to serve during the term, or until a new appointment is made, whose duties shall be to superintend the financial concerns of the lodge, with authority to examine any and all books and accounts whenever they think proper; to examine and certify as to the correctness of all bills presented at each meeting; at the close of the term to audit the books and accounts of the various officers entrusted therewith, and report the financial condition of the lodge in writing at the first stated meeting of each new term.

SEC. 2. *Relief Committee.*—The lodge shall have a Relief Committee to visit and care for the sick, subject to such rules as may be prescribed in the by-laws of the lodge.

SEC. 3. *Investigating Committee.*—There shall be appointed upon each application for membership an Investigating Committee of three members (neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant), whose duty shall be: *first to examine the black book*, then faithfully to make the necessary investigations as to the character and other qualifications of the applicant, as required by Article VI, and report thereon at the next stated meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR RANK AND MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. An applicant for the ranks of knighthood must possess the following qualifications:—

- (1) He must be a white male.
- (2) He must be of good moral character.
- (3) He must be not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty may become eligible by dispensation.
- (4) He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.
- (5) He must be in good health and sound in mind and body, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.
- (6) He must be able to read and write.

(7) He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer, (except as a bona fide hotel-keeper or druggist).

(8) He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

(9) He must not have been rejected by any subordinate lodge as an applicant for the ranks of knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

(10) He shall have resided within this grand domain for the preceding six months.

Each candidate, upon his admission to membership, shall sign the constitution and by-laws of the lodge, and he shall also be furnished with a copy thereof.

SEC. 2. *Non-Residents.*—(1) A person who is a resident of a city or town in which there is a lodge of this order shall not be initiated in a lodge in any other city or town, without permission from all lodges located in his place of residence. (2) A person who is a resident of another domain shall not be initiated in this lodge without the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of such grand domain. (3) If a resident of territory not within a grand domain, but in a different state, territory, province or country from that in which the lodge to which he desires to apply is located, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Supreme Chancellor.

SEC. 3. *Titles of Rank.*—The grades of rank in the order are styled and known as Page, Esquire and Knight, and shall be conferred only upon such applicants as are duly qualified, and in the above order; but no grade of rank shall be conferred, under any pretence whatever, until the prescribed fee has been paid.

SEC. 4. *Fee for Rank and Membership.*—The fees for conferring the several grades of rank in the order shall be such as are prescribed in the by-laws of the lodge, but shall in no case be less than five dollars for the rank of Page, two dollars and fifty cents for the rank of Esquire and two dollars and fifty cents for the rank of Knight, which latter fee also secures membership; said fees to be paid at the time of making application for said rank: provided that it shall be optional with this lodge to require the payment of fees for all ranks prior to conferring the rank of Page.

SEC. 5. *Application for Rank and Membership.*—Each application for initiation or admission by card must be signed by the applicant, and state his age, occupation and residence, with the recommendation of two members of the lodge in good standing, who have attained the rank of knight, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee. If the lodge so require, such application must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, approved by the

lodge, as to the health of the applicant, which application shall be read at a stated meeting, entered on the records and referred to an investigating committee who shall report at the next stated meeting; and no application shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to the committee, except by consent of the lodge. The application shall then be submitted to ballot, but in no case shall the applicant be initiated until the meeting subsequent to that on which the ballot is taken. After each application for initiation has been decided by ballot the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify the applicant of the result.

SEC. 6 *Election to Rank and Membership.*—Every applicant for initiation, upon the report of the committee, whether it be favorable or unfavorable, shall be balloted for at a stated meeting, and if not more than one black ball is deposited, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant elected to receive all the ranks of knighthood; but should three or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. In case only two black balls appear upon the first ballot, the ballot must be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black ball appear, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the ranks of knighthood; but if two or more black balls appear upon the second ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section. Should the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor disagree as to the result of the ballot, the ballot box shall be presented to the Prelate at his station, and he shall inspect the same and announce to the Chancellor Commander the result of the ballot. The decision of the Prelate in such case shall be final, and the result as announced by the Prelate shall be declared by the Chancellor Commander to the lodge. The number of black balls appearing upon any ballot shall in no case be declared by either of the officers to whom the ballot box may have been presented for inspection as in this section hereinbefore provided. If an application for the ranks of knighthood be rejected, all fees received from the applicant for ranks shall be at once returned to him.

SEC. 7. *Application or Rejection not to be divulged.*—When an application for rank or membership shall be made, the same shall not be mentioned by any brother to any person not a member of the order, until decision be had thereon; and if any brother disclose the rejection of any applicant by this lodge, to any person except the applicant himself or a brother knight, he shall be deemed guilty of unknighly conduct, and shall be dealt with as the lodge may direct; and if a visiting brother presumes to make such disclosures he shall thereafter be excluded from this lodge. *Whenever a rejection occurs the Chancellor Commander shall cause this section to be read in open lodge.*

SEC. 8. *When Rank to be Conferred.*—The several grades of rank

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of the order shall be conferred only at the stated meetings of the lodge, and in accordance with Section 5 of this Article ; and not more than one rank shall be conferred on any member at the same meeting, without the authority of a dispensation, except for the first four meeting nights of a new lodge. No grade of rank shall be conferred on a brother who is a candidate in another lodge, without first obtaining the permission of that lodge.

SEC. 9. *Membership by Initiation.*—Membership in a subordinate lodge takes place upon the candidate attaining the rank of knight, and then only upon his subscribing his name to the constitution and by-laws of the lodge, that action being imperatively required before he can become entitled to the semi-annual password, and to share in the privileges, benefits and responsibilities of the order.

SEC. 10. *Membership by Card.*—Any brother of the order, in good standing, desirous of becoming a member of this lodge, shall send with his transfer card from the lodge of which he was last a member, or the card granted by the Supreme Lodge, in lieu thereof (accompanied with not less than \$2.00), an application, as required by Section 5 of this Article, which shall be referred to an investigating committee, whose duty it shall be to report as to the standing and qualifications of the applicant, and no action shall be taken on their report till the next stated meeting. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the lodge of issue of such transfer card shall thereupon cease and determine, and his membership in the lodge to which his application is made shall begin. The keeper of records and seal of the lodge of deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the lodge issuing the transfer card. Upon receipt of such notice by the lodge of issue, it shall be read in open lodge, and record thereof shall be made by the keeper of records and seal and master of finance upon the books of the lodge. If the application be rejected, the transfer card shall be filed in the lodge to which it is addressed, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that lodge for ninety days from the date of the transfer card.

Should the holder of a withdrawal card, a Grand Lodge card or a Supreme Lodge card desire at any time to become affiliated with any subordinate lodge, he must make application to such lodge in the manner provided in the preceding sections of this article, and attach his card to such application. All the provisions of Article VI shall apply to such application, except that in case of rejection the card shall be returned to the applicant, and except, also, that in such case the application may be renewed to the same or (subject to the provisions of Article VI) to a different subordinate lodge, after one month from the date of such rejection. If the applicant be elected, it shall be the duty of the keeper of records and seal of such lodge at once to notify the lodge of issue thereof, and the membership of the applicant shall date from such election.

SEC. 11. *Suspended Members.*—Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, and desirous of being reinstated, shall make written application to the lodge, giving age, residence and occupation, with the recommendation of two members of the lodge in good standing, which application shall be read at a stated meeting, entered on the records and referred to an investigating committee, who shall report at the next stated meeting (unless further time be granted them to report). No application shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee, except by consent of the lodge. Upon the report of the committee, whether it be favorable or unfavorable, the applicant shall be balloted for by secret ball ballot, as in the case of an applicant for initiation; provided that should a member suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, make application for reinstatement within one month from the date of suspension, it shall not be necessary to refer his application to a committee. Such applicant may, on motion, be balloted for at the same meeting the application is received; provided, however, that the application may, on motion, be referred to a committee, in which case their report shall not be acted upon until the next stated meeting. The amount of the arrearages, for the non-payment of which a member was suspended, shall in all cases accompany the application, but a member suspended for non-payment of such arrearages shall not be required to pay more than the amount standing against him for the year in which such arrearages accrued.

SEC. 12. *Permission required for Restoration.*—When the lodge has suspended or expelled a member (except for non-payment of dues) he shall not be restored to membership without permission from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess; and at the end of a term of definite suspension for cause, the brother at once becomes reinstated, by virtue of the termination of the period.

SEC. 13. *Notice of Rejection or Election.*—When an applicant for rank or membership has been rejected, notice of the same, with the amount accompanying the application, shall immediately be sent by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the applicant. Any applicant elected to membership failing to present himself for initiation or advancement within three months after being notified of his election (unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable occurrence) shall forfeit his election and the amount that has been paid by him to the lodge; after which time, should he desire to become a member, he may re-apply under the same regulations as before, without additional fee.

ARTICLE VII.

CARDS.

SEC. 1. Application for a *Withdrawal Card* shall be made either personally or in writing, to the lodge, and if the brother be

clear on the books, and there are no valid objections, the card shall thereupon be granted; but an application for a card must be accompanied, in all cases, with the fee for the same,—otherwise no action can be taken. Dues shall be collected *pro rata* up to the date of the granting of such card.

SEC. 2. The granting of a withdrawal card severs the connection of the applicant with the lodge; but the applicant taking his card shall be entitled to the semi-annual password of the term.

SEC. 3. The fee for a withdrawal card shall not be less than \$1.00. Any brother who may have lost his card can have the same renewed upon application to the lodge, and upon such terms as the lodge may determine. All withdrawal cards shall be considered the property of the lodge wherein deposited, and remain in the charge of such lodge. The lodge, for the purpose of trial, may recall or annul a withdrawal card; provided that when a card is revoked for the purpose of trial, the holder of said card must, without delay, be placed upon trial, and should said trial result in an acquittal, then the status of the holder of said card and his right under the same, shall again become unimpaired, and as though said revocation had never been. Refusal to comply with proper citations in this connection shall constitute contempt.

SEC. 4. *Transfer Card.*—Any member in good standing in a subordinate lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature for a transfer card. Such application shall state the name, number and location of the lodge to which such member desires to transfer his membership, and shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by law for a transfer card and the amount of his dues, fines and assessments accrued, and dues in advance for ninety days from the date of the presentation of such application to the lodge. An application for a transfer card shall be read in open lodge, and a record of such fact made upon the minutes of the lodge, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next regular convention of the lodge, at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant, and he be in good standing in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall order the transfer card to be issued without any vote of the lodge. When the issue of such card has been ordered by the Chancellor Commander, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith prepare the same and cause it to be duly signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by himself, and shall deliver it to the member requesting it, either in person or by mail to his address as it appears on the books of the lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEAL OF THE LODGE.

This lodge shall have a seal, with appropriate devices, an impression of which shall be affixed (printed or embossed) upon all official

documents and communications emanating from the lodge. The seal shall be approved by the Grand Lodge and shall not be the same design as that of any other lodge in this domain. An impression of the seal of this lodge shall be deposited in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ARTICLE IX.

BENEFITS AND ASSESSMENTS.

Each subordinate lodge shall provide for carrying into effect the beneficial character of the order, by providing for the payment of weekly benefits in case of sickness or disability and of funeral expenses in case of death. Weekly benefits shall not be less than one dollar per week for every full week's sickness or disability, and funeral benefits shall not be less than twenty dollars. Provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the payment of a larger sum, in weekly benefits or funeral expenses, if a lodge so desires; and provided that a lodge may make provision for the payment of additional or funeral expenses; and further provided that assessments for the good of the order shall be limited to such purposes as shall be necessary for the carrying out of the beneficial character of the order, and the payment of the ordinary running expenses of the lodge, should the general fund be inadequate.

ARTICLE X.

ARREARAGES.

All dues, fines or assessments shall be payable semi-annually at or before the close of the terms ending June 30th or December 31st in each year. A member in arrears for dues forfeits his rights to all benefits. And further provided, that a member while under charges shall not be paid benefits, but should the charges not be sustained, and he be otherwise entitled to receive benefits, he shall be paid the benefits which he would have been entitled to receive had he not been under charges. When a member shall have become in arrears for dues, fines and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues, the Master of Finance of his lodge shall forthwith notify him, by mail to his address as shown upon the books of the lodge, that he is so in arrears, and that, if such arrearages are not paid within thirty days after the date of such notice, he will be suspended from the lodge and from the order. The Master of Finance shall receive any payments which may be tendered to him in response to such notice, at any time prior to action of the lodge thereon, provided the amount so tendered shall at least equal three months' dues. If, at a convention of the lodge held after the expiration of the time specified in such notice, the member so notified shall not have made payment of arrearages as hereinbefore provided, the Master of Finance

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shall notify the lodge to that effect and that the notice required by this article has been sent. The account of the member shall thereupon be read, when, if objection be made to the account, such objection shall be fully stated and hearing had before the lodge. Immediately upon the reading of the account, or after the hearing thereon, if objection be made thereto, the question whether or not the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, shall be submitted to vote of the lodge, and if the lodge shall vote that the member is so in arrears, the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon declare him suspended from the lodge and from the order, and such suspension shall be entered upon the records of the lodge; but such declaration by the Chancellor Commander shall in no case be made unless the notice herein required shall have been sent, nor unless the lodge shall previously determine by formal vote that the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, which facts must be made of record upon the books of the lodge; provided, that the member shall not be so declared suspended if at the time he be under charges.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS HAVING ORDER FOR SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

Upon presentation of an order for the semi-annual password, upon an official blank dated in the current semi-annual term and properly signed and sealed, together with the official receipt described therein, to any Chancellor Commander, by one who shall by personal identification or examination in the secret work, or both, prove himself to be the person designated in such order and official receipt, then such Chancellor Commander shall personally and orally communicate to him the semi-annual password described therein; provided that, should the person presenting such order and official receipt be intoxicated or insane, then such Chancellor Commander may refuse to communicate to him the semi-annual password; but in such case he shall at once notify the Chancellor Commander issuing the order, of his action and of the reason therefor. When a Chancellor Commander shall invest a brother with the semi-annual password under the provisions of this Article, he shall in every case take up and destroy the order therefore.

ARTICLE XII.

RETURNS AND TAX TO THE GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 1. At the close of every term the lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge the number of all applicants initiated and advanced, with the rank each has attained; names of brothers admitted by card; suspended (and the cause thereof); reinstated; rejected; withdrawn or deceased; number of members at end of term; state-

ment of receipts and their sources ; expenditures and for what purposes ; statement of assets and liabilities ; the amount credited to the widow and orphan fund ; the amount on hand and invested ; a list of all past chancellors in good standing, also those past chancellors not in good standing, withdrawn or suspended ; a list of the officers for the ensuing term, and their post office address,—a form for the above purpose to be furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. This report shall be filled out, properly attested by the retiring Chancellor Commander, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance and Master of Exchequer, and placed in the hands of the installing officer *on the night of and before the installation*.

SEC. 2. The lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge, at the expiration of each semi-annual term, a *per capita* tax of twenty-five cents on its contributing members.

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS AND DECISIONS.

SEC. 1. Dispensations may be granted by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor during its recess for the following purposes :—

(1) To ballot for and initiate, if elected, a candidate at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be one dollar, to be paid by the applicant.

(2) To advance a candidate to the rank of esquire at the same meeting at which he is initiated a page, the fee for which shall be one dollar, to be paid by the applicant.

(3) To prove and charge a candidate at the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be one dollar, to be paid by the applicant.

(4) To initiate, prove and charge a candidate at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be two dollars, to be paid by the applicant.

(5) To confer rank on a person over fifty and under sixty years of age. Fee, one dollar, to be paid by the applicant.

(6) To initiate a maimed person into the order ; provided that in no instance shall a dispensation be granted to a person incapable of making an honest livelihood for himself and family. Fee, one dollar, to be paid by the applicant.

(7) To change night of meeting.

(8) To change place of meeting.

(9) For holding public displays or parades.

SEC. 2. All applications for dispensations or decisions must be made to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess, and must be applied for through the Deputy Grand Chancellor, over the signature of the Chancellor Commander, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, with the seal of the lodge attached. The purpose of a dispensation (giving number as in Section 1 of this Article)

and the reason for the application must be clearly defined, and in all cases to be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

ARTICLE XIV.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER, ETC.

SEC. 1. *Causes for.*—The warrant or charter of a subordinate lodge which shall be guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the order, or which shall neglect or refuse to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme law or any mandate of the Supreme Tribunal or of the Supreme Chancellor, or any law of its Grand Lodge, or any mandate of the Grand Chancellor thereof, or either of them, or the membership of which may diminish to less than ten members, may be suspended or revoked in the manner provided by the laws of the Grand Lodge of this Grand Domain; provided, no such warrant or charter shall be suspended or revoked until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its alleged offence, and opportunity given for answer and defence; nor shall any such warrant or charter be revoked except by formal vote of its Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. *Surrender of Property.*—Should this lodge be suspended or dissolved, the Chancellor Commander, or if there is none its senior past chancellor, shall deliver up the warrant or charter, books, papers, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia and other property and effects to the Grand Chancellor or his deputy; and any officer or member, or officers or members, having any of the said property or effects, refusing to deliver the same, he or they shall be expelled.

SEC. 3. All funds and effects received by the Grand Lodge from a dissolved lodge shall be restored in the event of its being reinstated.

SEC. 4. Members of a defunct lodge, who were in good standing at the time of dissolution, may be admitted into another lodge, after having applied for and received a card signed by the Grand Chancellor and countersigned by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached. The application for such card must be accompanied with the fee of two dollars, the card to hold good until revoked or deposited.

SEC. 5. Members of a defunct lodge in arrears at the time of dissolution may be granted a card from the Grand Lodge, as set forth in Section 4, by tendering the amount of arrears appearing against them and the price of a card.

ARTICLE XV.

REGALIA.

SEC. 1. *Outside Regalia.*—The outside regalia shall be that prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, and none other can be worn in public.

SEC. 2. *Working Regalia.*—The working regalia shall be that prescribed by the Supreme Lodge. For pages, a blue collar; for esquires, a yellow collar; for knights, a knight's jewel; for officers, the jewel of their respective office; and for past chancellors, the past chancellor's jewel.

ARTICLE XVI.

PROCESSIONS.

The lodge shall not make a public display (except on the occasion of a funeral), without permission from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess. When in procession of any kind, lodges shall take precedence according to date of institution; when two or more lodges are instituted on the same date, they shall take precedence according to numerical order of the lodges, and said procession shall be governed by the manual and tactics adopted by the Supreme Lodge.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. *Pythian Period.*—The term Pythian Period shall be used by this lodge immediately after any date or day, year or month of the vulgar era, as follows:—"The day of A. D. 18 and of the Pythian Period the" in all official documents or communications emanating therefrom. The date of the Pythian Period commenced on the 19th of February, 1864; and each and every period thereafter and to come shall succeed in regular numerical order, commencing on the 19th day of February in each year.

SEC. 2. *Number of Votes or Ballots to Decide.*—A majority of the valid votes cast shall decide all elections, motions or questions not otherwise provided for; but it shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast to determine questions that affect the by-laws; involve an assessment, appropriation or expenditure of money; or to remove an officer, reinstate, restore, fine or suspend a member (except members suspended for non-payment of dues).

SEC. 3. *What Constitutes Good Standing.*—A page, esquire or knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member:

- (1) If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.
- (2) If he is not under trial in a subordinate lodge for the violation of Pythian law or other offences punishable by suspension or expulsion from membership.
- (3) If he is not subject to charges duly made and filed, as provided by law.
- (4) If he has not renounced the order.

SEC. 4. *To Regulate Issue of the Semi-Annual Password.*—Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current semi-annual password to any member of the order who has attained the rank of Knight, who is in good standing in the subordinate lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this constitution.

SEC. 5. Any member of the order who has attained the rank of knight, and who is in good standing in his subordinate lodge, who shall be unable to obtain the password for the current semi-annual term personally and orally from the Chancellor Commander of his subordinate lodge, shall be entitled to an order addressed to any Chancellor Commander to whom the same may be presented, requesting him to communicate to the member named therein the password for the semi-annual term in which such order is dated.

SEC. 6. Wherever the word "members" occurs in this constitution it shall be held to mean "members of this lodge in good standing."

ARTICLE XVIII.

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. By-Laws in conformity with this constitution may be made, altered, amended, added to or repealed, as the lodge may determine; provided, however, that they do not contravene or conflict with any of the established principles, laws, rules and regulations of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, or the order in general; but they shall have neither force nor effect until approved by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during its recess.

SEC. 2. *Amendments.*—All by-laws and amendments to the by-laws of this lodge must be sent to the office of the Grand Lodge, in duplicate, and properly attested, for approval. Each section to be amended must be written in full, and also the section as amended in full.

ARTICLE XIX.

ALTERING OR AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

The Grand Lodge, alone, has the right to altar or amend the constitution for the government of subordinate lodges in this domain.

IN MEMORIAM

George B. Shaw

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR

DIED: AUGUST 27, 1894

Supreme Representatives' Report.

Milltown, N. B., August 20, 1895.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS: YOUR Representatives attended the convention of the Supreme Lodge, held at Washington, D. C., in August last. As the proceedings were very promptly placed in the hands of grand and subordinate lodges by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and as the membership are familiar with many of the changes made, we do not deem it necessary to refer to them at length, thereby adding unnecessary expense to the Grand Lodge.

Death of Past Supreme Chancellor Geo. B. Shaw.

In consequence of the unexpected death of Past Supreme Chancellor Geo. B. Shaw, which occurred the day before the convention opened, a cloud of sadness hung over the Supreme Lodge during its entire convention. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Brother Shaw felt his absence very keenly, for no one could know him without admiring him. He loved the order, and no one wished it greater prosperity or was willing to do more for it than he. But it matters not how great the man or the loss to mankind, when the angel of death calls they must go. Over him has been said "Brother, we lay thee down to rest; we loved thee here, and our remembrance of thee shall always be pleasant." All who knew him will cherish his memory green in their hearts. The Supreme Chancellor was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. Shaw, expressing the sympathy of the Supreme Lodge; and a committee of five members were appointed to attend the funeral at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the home of our late brother. Suitable memorial services were held by the Supreme Lodge, which were very impressive, many kind words and flattering references being made.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell devoted much of his time to the order, and discharged the duties of his high and responsible position so faithfully and well, that he will ever be recognized as having been

one of the best Supreme Chancellors. The Supreme Lodge showed its appreciation of his valuable services by expressions of approval, an appropriation of \$2500.00 in addition to the regular salary, and the presentation of a Past Supreme Chancellor's jewel.

Condition of the Order.

The report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to December 31, 1893, is very complete and shows the number of subordinate lodges to be 6008, grand lodges 54 and the membership 443,615. As compared with December 31, 1891, there was an increase of 1007 subordinate lodges, 3 grand lodges, and a gain of 85,691 in membership.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal shows that on December 31, 1893, there was in the treasuries of grand lodges \$190,899.10, and the amount in those of subordinate lodges was \$1,883,443.58. The total amount of the assets of subordinate lodges was \$7,068,054.47. The amount disbursed for relief by subordinate lodges during the year 1893 was \$1,205,135.98.

Endowment Rank.

The membership in this grand domain have not availed themselves of the benefits offered by this rank to the extent they should, and we hope that in future those wanting insurance will become members of this branch of the order, which is prompt in paying all just claims and is safe. The following is from report of the Board of Control :-

"Two years ago, at the last session of your body, the opening part of our report contained the following momentous statement :

"Liabilities over and above resources, representing claims, the majority of which in the ordinary course mature within 60 days after July 1, 1892, \$99,136.57."

"In the exhibit of the condition of the rank to-day, the figures show that over and above all liabilities, if every outstanding claim, just or unjust, were paid, there would still remain to the credit of the Endowment Rank the handsome balance of \$35,400.89.

"Two years ago our report showed that the membership of the rank was 29,407, carrying an insurance of \$62,952,000. Now the membership numbers 34,684, carrying an insurance of \$74,068,000.

"Two years ago the record evidences that during the preceding two years there had been paid to beneficiaries the sum of \$1,378,000.

"Today the figures and vouchers show that since last we met, the widows and orphans of our brethren have received from the Endowment Rank the magnificent sum of \$1,642,000."

The order owes much to President Hinsey and the Board of Control for their wise and able management of this branch of the order.

Uniform Rank.

Major General Carnahan's active interest in, and able management of, this important branch of the order has and is leading it on from victory to victory, and if the officers and members will take

that interest in it which he wishes and urges them to take, it cannot fail to become one of the most complete military orders of the day. The Supreme Statutes provide for a Supreme Council, which shall have the power to legislate in all matters relating to the Uniform Rank, except those which the Supreme Lodge reserves to itself.

NEW RITUAL.

The Major General presented a new ritual, which was exemplified in a faultless manner. The ceremony is much longer and more elaborate than the present. It was referred to the Supreme Council.

CONDITION OF THE RANK.

The report of the Major General shows that on March 31, 1894, there were 1,107 divisions with a membership of 43,036, being a net gain of 5,150 as compared with March 31, 1892.

New Supreme Constitution and Statutes.

The constitutional commission, appointed at the Kansas City convention, faithfully attended to the duty assigned them and promptly submitted a new constitution and code of statutes for the government of the order, which, with few changes, was adopted. The supreme government is divided into three co-ordinate departments, viz., legislative, executive and judicial.

Grand Lodges.

Grand lodges shall have a constitution for their own government, and may create three independent co-ordinate departments, viz.:— a legislative department, to be known as the Grand Lodge; an executive department, to be known as the Grand Chancellor; and a judicial department, to be known as the Grand Tribunal, in which shall be vested the judicial powers.

Ranks of the Order.

The ranks of the order shall be as follows:— The Ranks of Knighthood known as Page, Esquire and Knight; the Endowment Rank; the Uniform Rank; the Grand Lodge Rank; and the Supreme Lodge Rank.

Honors of the Order.

The honors of the order shall be the following and no others, viz.:— Past Supreme Chancellor, Past Supreme Representative, Past Grand Chancellor, Past Grand Representative, Past Chancellor.

Qualification for Ranks of Knighthood.

Applicants for the Ranks of Knighthood must possess the following qualifications:—

He must be a white male.

He must be of good moral character.

He must not be less than twenty-one and more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.

He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.

He must be in good health, and sound in mind and body, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.

He must be able to read and write.

He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer, (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist.)

He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

He must not have been rejected by any subordinate lodge as an applicant for the ranks of knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

Offences and Penalties.

(See Section 411, Supreme Lodge Statutes.)

Any member of the order, not now, but hereafter engaging in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar tender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer, (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist), shall be suspended or expelled.

(See Sec. 412, S. L. Statutes.)

Those hereafter initiated engaging in any of the occupations named in the foregoing clause shall be suspended or expelled.

(See Sec. 423, S. L. Statutes.)

No member of the order, nor any organization thereof, at any time shall, while clothed in the uniform of the military branch of the order, or any part of such uniform, or while wearing any jewel of rank or office in the order, knowingly enter any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gaming house, or other place of notorious disrepute. Any member of the order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the order.

(See Sec. 424, S. L. Statutes.)

No body or organization of the order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall use the name of the order, nor any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, device, banner or colors thereof, in connection with any demonstration, excursion, ball, concert or other entertainment given on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday, or in any advertisement, circular or other printed matter or announcement relating thereto or for the promotion thereof. The warrant or charter of any body or organization of the order violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the order, or of any organization thereof, violating the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined by the subordinate lodge or the division of the Uniform Rank having jurisdiction.

(See Sec. 425, S. L. Statutes.)

No body or organization of the order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall allow or permit the sale or gift of spirits, wines or malt liquors at any convention of a lodge, excursion, demonstration, ball, concert

or other entertainment which may be given by them, and at which the name of the order or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any motto, device, banner, emblem or colors of the order, shall be used. The warrant or charter of any body or organization of the order violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the order who, by himself or in association with other persons, whether members of the order or not, shall violate the provisions of this section, shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined by the subordinate lodge having jurisdiction.

Subordinate Lodges.

OFFICERS AND THEIR TERMS.

The ritualistic officers of a subordinate lodge shall be as designated in the subordinate lodge ritual. They shall be nominated, elected and installed, and vacancies in office shall be filled, as provided by Supreme law. The official terms of such officers shall continue for twelve months from January 1st in each year, or until their successors are elected and installed; provided that, in domains in which Grand Lodges so enact, such terms shall continue for six months from January 1st and July 1st in each year.

Any knight in good standing shall be eligible for any office in a subordinate lodge.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations of candidates for office in subordinate lodges may be made any time prior to balloting.

ELECTING TO MEMBERSHIP.

One ballot elects to the three ranks in a subordinate lodge.

CONFERRING OF RANKS MAY BE STAYED.

After election the conferring of any rank may be stayed by the objection of two or more members.

QUORUM.

Subordinate lodges shall consist of not less than ten members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

Provision is made for transfer of membership from one lodge to another by transfer card instead of withdrawal card as formerly.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

Withdrawal cards are now used only for severing connection with the order.

ARREARS.

A member shall be in arrears when his dues, accrued at the end of the period for which the same are payable, remain unpaid at midnight of the last day of such period. A subordinate lodge may col-

lect dues in advance ; but a member shall not be deemed in arrears or deprived of benefits or the semi-annual password because of failure to make such payment in advance ; provided, that Grand Lodges may by law prescribe that members whose dues are not paid in advance shall not be entitled to benefits.

GOOD STANDING.

A page, esquire or knight shall be considered in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member :—

If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

If he is not under trial in a subordinate lodge for the violation of Pythian law or other offences punishable by suspension or expulsion from membership.

If he is not subject to charges duly made and filed, as provided by law.

If he has not renounced the order.

Pythian Sisters.

The Pythian Sisters and their friends again appealed to the Supreme Lodge for recognition as a branch of the order ; but they were not successful. This organization is now known as the Rathbone Sisters, and as such we wish it well.

English Ritual, Only.

The Supreme Lodge, after much discussion, adhered to the decision made at the Kansas City convention, that the ritual shall be printed in the English language only.

Amendments to Supreme Lodge Constitution.

The Supreme Lodge constitution cannot be amended without such amendments being submitted to the Grand Lodges and adopted by a majority of all the Grand Lodges.

Grave of the Founder.

The Supreme Chancellor, finding that the grave of the founder of the order was not kept in a condition creditable to the order, recommended that suitable provision be made, in conjunction with what the representatives from New York may propose, looking to the erection of a monument and the proper care of the burial spot. The Supreme Lodge appropriated one thousand dollars for the above purpose and appointed a committee of five to solicit subscriptions from the order at large.

Appropriation to Daughters of the Founder.

It was decided to continue the annuity of thirty dollars each per month heretofore paid the two daughters of the founder of the order.

Monument to Past Supreme Chancellor Samuel Reed.

The Grand Domain of New Jersey was given permission to solicit contributions from the order at large for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over the spot where lies the remains of Past Supreme Chancellor Samuel Reed, the first Supreme Chancellor of the order.

Some Minor Legislation.

The words "of the world" following those of the Knights of Pythias, are no longer to be used.

The term convention is to be used instead of session and domain for jurisdiction.

Supreme Lodge Officers.

The following were installed officers of the Supreme Lodge for 1894-1896:—

WALTER B. RICHIE,	Supreme Chancellor, Lima, Ohio.
PHILIP T. COLGROVE,	Supreme Vice Chancellor, Hastings, Mich.
ALBERT STEINHART,	Supreme Prelate, Greenville, Alabama.
R. L. C. WHITE,	Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Nashville, Tenn.
THOMAS G. SAMPLE,	Supreme Master of Exchequer, Alleghenny, Pa.
A. B. GARDINIER,	Supreme Master-at-Arms, Chatham, N. Y.
JAMES MOULSON,	Supreme Inner Guard, St. John, New Brunswick.
JOHN W. THOMPSON,	Supreme Outer Guard, Washington, D. C.
JOHN A. HINSEY,	President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, Chicago, Ill.
JAMES R. CARNAHAN,	Major General of the Uniform Rank, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It will be seen by the above list of Supreme Lodge officers that one of your representatives was honored by being chosen an officer of the Supreme Lodge. We are sure this Grand Lodge and the membership throughout this Grand Domain will appreciate the honor conferred. It is fitting that this Grand Domain should be recognized by the Supreme Lodge, having within its borders the first lodge organized outside of the United States, and of which lodge the Supreme Inner Guard was a charter member.

The next biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held at Minneapolis on the last Tuesday in August, 1896.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MOULSON,
MURRAY FLEMING,

Supreme Representatives.

IN MEMORIAM

C. Fred Stewart, P. C.

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4

DIED MAY 19, 1895, AGED 36 YEARS 8 MONTHS

Report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

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

Your committee have reviewed all journals of sister domains which have reached them, and the result of their examination is herewith submitted.

ALABAMA.—The journal of convention held at Birmingham on April 17-19, 1894, did not reach our jurisdiction until 27th December, 1894,—eight months after convention. This seems rather late, and Brother Adler should "get a hustle on."

We gather from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report that the membership is 7,400, a net gain of 128. Eight new lodges are reported. The losses for the year were 303 withdrawn, 71 died and 1,026 suspended. The lodges have on hand \$18,166.82, and \$41,388.63 invested. For relief \$12,700.53 was expended. The Grand Lodge balance is 2,687.47.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee appears without introduction or signature. We regret to notice that this committee is to be discontinued.

The twenty-third convention of this Grand Lodge was held at Selma, April 17, 18, 1895. (Journal to hand July 30.)

This domain has about held its own—the Grand Chancellor says—but the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Adler shows a loss of 137 for the year. While 902 were initiated, there were 1,047 suspended. Of the new members added 117 were in five new lodges. There are 143 lodges and a membership of 7,203 (at end of 1894.) The lodges expended for relief \$14,644.25, and have assets aggregating \$70,948.02.

The order in this domain has undoubtedly suffered through the inattention of the Grand Chancellor, W. Vaughan, who "had not time" to pay official visits, and who seems to have crawled under the title of Past Grand Chancellor instead of earning it by such attention and service as the order had a right to expect; and we quite agree with the remarks of the committee on state of the order, that

when a brother finds he cannot attend to the duties of an office to which he has been elected, "it would be nobler and better to surrender the sacred charge into the hands from whence it was received, the trust untarnished, the interest not languishing, but with all vigor of full vital strength as received, that none may suffer and no detriment result."

We feel sure the newly elected Grand Chancellor will have a much better showing to present at the next convention, which will be held at Montgomery, the first Tuesday in May, 1896.

TENNENT LONIX, G. C., Montgomery.

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

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

ARKANSAS.—Fifteenth annual convention held at Pine Bluff, May 21-23, 1895. (Journal to hand July 23.)

The reports of the officers show that a slight gain has been made during the year, "notwithstanding the general dullness of business," and Grand Chancellor Street says: "We now seem to be on the threshold of an era of prosperity in extending our ranks, not heretofore known by the order." There is not much in this brother's report—or, indeed, in the journal—to suggest that he had been overworked. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Fowler says that in spite of a lot of causes (which he enumerates) "we still show a small gain. Financially, the majority of our lodges are in sound condition."

There is certainly serious cause for reflection when one reads the following from Brother Fowler's report:—

"The loss in membership by suspension for non-payment of dues is fully accounted for by the inability of the majority of those suspended to provide for the payment of their indebtedness; and I trust the day is not far distant when some provision shall be made in our laws whereby our unfortunate brethren will be allowed the privilege of visiting subordinate lodges and obtain the benefits to be derived from social intercourse with members of the order. This, of course, will not apply to those who solely from lack of interest or disgruntled feelings allow themselves to be dropped from the rolls, but only to those who through poverty and trouble are unable to make the necessary payments. This may not be the best course to pursue, and I am open to criticisms and suggestions of better plans, but it occurs to me that it would result in maintaining a large number of worthy Knights, who would ultimately pay and be reinstated to full membership with all its benefits, and who now feel as if they were ostracised on account of their misfortune."

What a comment on our boasted friendship and fraternal benevolence! "Can these things be?" we ask, and we are bound to admit that it is probably too true. We fear that the cold fact that Brothers So-and-so are the prescribed number of months in arrears is oftener followed by the hackneyed declaration of suspension than a truly brotherly and fraternal inquiry as to the reasons for such arrears. Of course, as Brother Fowler suggests, there are always some of the "disgruntled" fellows whose company would be of questionable value; but that other class whom he refers to as those who, through "poverty and trouble," are unable to toe the mark—oh, brethren, let us not be too severe on these! "Poverty and trouble," and no Pythian brother to the rescue! Let lodges everywhere be sure that they do not add to a brother's already heavy load by

suspending him from membership when he is in "poverty and trouble," and positively unable to pay his dues.

Membership, 4,479, a gain of 128; lodges, 85, a gain of 4; forfeited charter, 1; suspended, 501. Expended for relief, \$6,631.05; assets of subordinate lodges, \$51,785.10; Grand Lodge balance, \$3,978.85.

The fraternal correspondence report, prepared by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Fowler, is creditable to the writer and the domain, displaying all through a truly Pythian spirit.

Next convention at Hot Springs, the third Tuesday in May, 1896.

R. W. NICHOLS, G. C., Helena.

CHAS. F. FOWLER, G. K. R. S. and Fraternal Correspondence Committee,
Little Rock.

ARIZONA.—No journal received.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Fifth annual convention held at Victoria, June 6-8, 1894. (Journal to hand November 9.)

We find "Supreme Chancellor Blackwell" on hand early in the convention, which reminds us that this journal arrived too late for review in our last report. But Brother Blackwell will never be forgotten, for he seems to have been the only real live Supreme Chancellor many of the 450,000 members of our order were ever privileged to look upon. "May his shadow never grow less."

Grand Chancellor Anstie reports "four hundred added to the roster, three new lodges, and the promise of several more in the near future." He gives some sound counsel to the members re suspensions and the duty of each to make the lodge meetings interesting and instructive. He has a good list of official visits to his credit.

Brother Leighton, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reports 19 lodges, an increase of 3, and 1,331 members, 347 more than one year ago. Assets of lodges, \$28,572.72. They expended for relief, \$6,506.35.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report appears under the heading "State of the Order," and the introduction is signed by Brother Moffat, who gives a good report.

The convention was harmonious throughout, and creditable to our brethren in the west. The "Pythian Sentinel," of Victoria, was adopted as the official organ.

Sixth annual convention at Vancouver, June 4-7, 1895. (Journal received August 3.)

Grand Chancellor Byrne reports unbroken harmony prevailing, and that generally there is "good cause for congratulation." He visited all the lodges and seems to have been a careful and diligent officer. The outlook for the future is very encouraging. There are 20 lodges in active operation, a gain of one. The membership was increased by 83, and now numbers 1,347.

Human nature is human nature the world over, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Leighton seems to have encountered some people during the

year who are not unlike specimens which the east could produce. He says: "I have tried to do my duty by all and for the best interests of the order. There are always a few who are not satisfied, and I am human and cannot please everybody; but I have done my best." And, Brother Leighton, there always will be some whom it would be impossible to satisfy. Go right along doing your best, and take no notice of the "growlers." We do not wish to be placed on that list, but we would like to have been able to discover the financial standing of your lodges. The journal before us doesn't give it.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is hardly as good as it might be, although it is better than none.

Next convention at Nanaimo, June 2, 1896.

THERON ACKERMAN, G. C., New Westminster.

E. PFERDNER, G. K. R. S., Victoria.

J. M. HUGHES, charman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Victoria.

CALIFORNIA.—Journal of twenty-seventh annual convention at Monterey, May 20-24, 1895. (Journal received August 9.)

Portraits of the Grand Chancellor and Past Grand Chancellor appear in this journal close up to the cover. An address of welcome by a brother "on behalf of the mayor;" suitable response by Grand Chancellor Lindsay; "several numbers of instrumental and vocal music;" and the Grand Lodge opened in due form.

Grand Chancellor Lindsay's report is full and complete, and he uses nice language in giving expression to his thoughts; but life would have lost much of its charm if we agreed with his opinion that the Supreme Lodge at its last convention had "presented to the order a code of fraternal laws, the most nearly perfect of any yet conceived by the mind of man." If our brother refers to the Supreme Statutes, we feel sure there is large room for improvement.

They added over 1,000 new members last year, but through suspensions they lost a large number, so that there was a net loss of 300. As expressed elsewhere, we quite concur in these remarks re suspensions: "It is indeed a pity that worthy men should be turned from our altars and debarred of the glorious privileges of Pythianism by reason of their inability in times of financial depression to make the payments necessary to keep them in good standing."

Five lodges instituted and two revived, several consolidated, four defunct and one suspended is quite a record, the result being a numerical decrease of two in lodges, of which there are 166. The membership is 10,412, a net loss of 306. There were 1,052 suspended. For relief the lodges expended \$65,140.13; assets, \$191,229.88, (besides paraphernalia to the value of \$24,889.69.) The Grand Lodge has a balance of \$6,382.58.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee, in introducing their report, say they "have endeavored to depart from the lines ordinarily pursued by Fraternal Correspondence Committees," and our opinion is that they have succeeded admirably,—in fact they have strayed so far that they will need a guide in order to get back. Their "departure" is scarcely an improvement. Here is what they say of our domain:—

"Grand Chancellor Moulson had failed during his term to visit all of the fourteen lodges in his charge, offering as an excuse that there had been sickness

in his family during part of his term. His report also neglected to cite the *ad interim* decisions he had rendered. For these two omissions the Grand Lodge adopted the report of a special committee censuring him in a gentle way."

The very idea of such a charge being connected with our own Brother Moulson! How they ever got his name tangled up in such a way we are at a loss to understand. Our worthy and loved Supreme Representative Moulson has always been right up in his Pythian duties, no matter what the sacrifice involved, and we cannot tolerate any mistake that would make him appear otherwise. You got the wrong name in, brethren, and the worst of it is there is no way of getting it out!

Next convention at San Francisco, in May, 1896.

GEORGE SAMUELS, G. C., Oakland.

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

L. S. CALKINS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Nevada City.

COLORADO.—Nineteenth annual convention, at Grand Junction, September 11-13, 1894. (Journal received December 15.)

Grand Chancellor Talbot's report is a document well worth reading, and highly creditable to the man and to the Order. Although many aggravated cases were referred to him he was equal to the occasion and rendered sound decisions. His good advice and words of warning to the lodges to exercise care that unworthy candidates are kept on the outside of all Pythian castle halls should be re-echoed throughout the entire Supreme domain. He had a most successful term, and deserved it.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal O'Brien we learn that the membership at close of term was 5,108—a loss of 154. One lodge was instituted and one reorganized, while four ceased to do business, leaving the present number of lodges 78. Here are the losses: suspended 622; withdrawn by card 140; died 50; by forfeited charters 229. The lodges made a gain in finances of \$1,081.23, their assets aggregating \$112,110.23. For relief \$18,966.41 was expended. Grand Lodge has a balance of \$5085.51. The membership losses are attributed to prevailing business depression.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is well written, and creditable to the brethren who had charge of this work.

Next convention at Boulder, the second Tuesday in September, 1895.

H. P. HEATH, G. C., Greeley.

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

HOWARD RUSSELL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Salida.

CONNECTICUT.—Journal of twenty-sixth annual convention, held at Waterbury, September 11 and 12, 1894, reached us December 15th. A group of the Grand Lodge officers forms an appropriate frontispiece.

Grand Chancellor Naton instituted three new lodges, visited every lodge in his domain (some more than once, a total of 175 visits), dedicated two new castle halls, and attended strictly to business. He reports a great deal of interest mani-

fested, and says that the memorizing of the ritual by the officers, the improvement in the unwritten work, and beautiful manner in which the ritualistic work is being done, have been the means of largely increasing the regular attendance at the lodge meetings, and thus been productive of much good.

Horace O. Case, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the following statistics:—Lodges, 54 (a gain of 3); Members 5621 (a gain of 396); there were 358 suspended, 89 withdrawals, and 82 deaths. The lodges have \$45,816.80 on hand and invested. One lodge has 320 members and there are ten with more than \$1000 in their treasury. For relief during the year \$17,695.84 was expended. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$1762.80. Brother Case's report is right to the point—a plain business statement of the condition of his domain, and no unnecessary matter appears in this excellently arranged journal.

Brother Koch, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, says he had to prepare his report when the thermometer was just recording the 100 notch, and at the same time the festive fly was dancing around that part of his cranium where the hair was thinnest; yet notwithstanding the great odds against him his work is well done and the report a most readable one. The Grand Lodge did well to reappoint him.

Next session at Stamford, September 10, 1895.

FRANK R. WHITE, G. C., Waterbury.

HORACE O. CASE, G. K. R. S., P. O. Box 506, Hartford.

ERNEST KOCH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Darien.

DELAWARE.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Middletown, October 24, 1894. (Journal received December 3.)

It is scarcely possible to realize that this journal is from a grand domain holding its 26th convention. The journal is small, the reports lean, and the membership decreasing. Brother Lincoln, Grand Chancellor, says he tried faithfully to perform his duties as he has the good of the Order at heart. He visited all the lodges except one.

The membership is given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Garret as 1126, a loss of 71. No new lodges are reported. During the year 106 were suspended. The lodges paid \$6,351.34 for relief. They have as assets \$27,703.10. The Grand Lodge balance is \$193.79. Brother Garret has not a word to say about the cause or remedy for their retrograde condition. This is the second year this domain has reported a decrease, and we sincerely hope they will wake up, and show that they do not intend to drop out of business altogether.

What is termed a "report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence" occupies a little more than a page in the journal, and is simply an outline of the order's growth as given at last Supreme Lodge convention. We heartily second the wish expressed in the last paragraph:

"That the coming year may make a new era in Pythianism in Delaware. That every knight will vow himself to bend every nerve to prove that the fires have not gone out upon our altars. That Pythianism still lives in our grand domain, and that the next review will show that Delaware marches in line with 500,000 other champions of Pythianism, her weak parts strengthened, her demol-

ished halls rebuilt, and her numerical strength matching in proportion the actual aim in any other grand domain, in the great domain of Pythianism."

Next convention at Wilmington, the fourth Wednesday in October, 1895.

JOS. C. JOLLS, G. C., Middletown.

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

S. J. WILLEY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Thirtieth annual convention was held at Washington, February 19-22, 1895. (Journal received April 3.)

Grand Chancellor Wagner's report referred to the Supreme Lodge convention, held in Washington last year, and announced a deficit of a little over \$2,000. This is to be raised by means of a "fair." The Grand Chancellor says:—

"The encampment has been in a measure a success, but it did not come up to our expectation of what was promised by those in higher authority. We were promised that there would be over twenty thousand Uniform Knights in line and over one hundred thousand visitors here during the encampment. In reality there were about six thousand uniformed Knights, and about fifty thousand visitors that attended. The parade of the Uniformed Rank was an imposing one—ever to be remembered, and was a credit to the order."

The committee in charge of the arrangements reported that had the German lodges fulfilled their pledges the expenses could have been easily met. As it is these brethren did nobly and deserve the highest praise for so successfully carrying out such a big undertaking. This grand domain was fortunate in having Brother Wagner at its head during the year covered by the journal before us. His manner of dealing with the dissatisfied German members cannot be too highly commended, and he was warmly congratulated by the Supreme Chancellor.

From the report of Brother Baymann, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we gather the following: Membership, 1,507, an increase of 96; number of lodges, 16, a gain of one. Assets of subordinate lodges, \$25,320.37; paid for relief, \$9,383.67. There were 199 members suspended. The Grand Lodge has on hand \$522.29. Brother Baumann gives a statement of the growth and condition of the order in this domain since 1864, at the end of which year there were three lodges and 78 members. The highest number reached was at the end of the year 1871, when they had 19 lodges and 1,849 members. There has been a varied experience in the old homestead since 1864, and we note with much pleasure that the last nine years have shown a gradual increase. May it continue.

There is a report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, of which Brother Bunch is chairman. They found their duties "very pleasant and interesting." The various journals are critically reviewed, and the committee "speak right out" as facts appear to warrant. For instance, here is what they say of our own Grand Chancellor Fowler's report:—

"The report of the Grand Chancellor is a remarkable one, showing, as it does, how easy it is to evade the duties of a Grand Chancellor. He reports having visited officially 'three of the lodges of the domain during an entire year,' rather a humiliating confession, brother. He again says: 'A great many questions on a variety of subjects were submitted,' but were not deemed of sufficient interest to burden his report with them. He also 'trusts that his decisions have given general satisfaction;' this is, indeed, a child-like faith."

Supreme Chancellor Richie visited the Grand Lodge and was warmly welcomed. He "spoke for forty minutes," and everybody who remembers that he prepared the new ritual will readily accept the statement that his address was inspiring and the principles of the order "beautifully portrayed."

Next convention will be held at Washington, in February, 1896.

JOHN W. HARDELL, G. C., Washington.

GEO. W. BAUMANN, G. K. R. S., Washington.

N. BUNCH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Washington.

FLORIDA.—Tenth annual convention, at Tampa, March 20, 21, 1895. (Journal received May 6.)

The Journal opens with an account of a reception given by the local lodge, at which the usual addresses and replies were on hand, the chief feature being the presence and remarks of Supreme Chancellor Richie.

The report of Grand Chancellor Riles bears evidence that he has been a diligent officer, and comes out of the term with seven new lodges and one reorganized to his credit. As we read his statement that he received "505 letters and has written 500," a prayer of thankfulness goes up as we discover that he has not embodied all of them in his report. He states that with few exceptions the lodges are "in good condition, doing good work and moving upward and onward toward a state of excellence and Pythian progress."

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Latimer gives the membership as 2065, an increase of 293; lodges 38, an increase of 7; members suspended 169. The assets of lodges aggregate \$23,633.57; paid for relief, \$1,774.19; Grand Lodge balance \$3,085.30.

At last convention of this Grand Lodge a fraternal correspondent was appointed, and an appropriation of \$25.00 made for services. Brother George W. Davis, jr., was appointed to prepare the same. On page 42 of this journal appears an alleged report from this committee, occupying exactly twenty-five lines, (including date line, signature and all!) It hardly seems possible that Brother Davis could have so utterly failed to comprehend the duties of his position as the "report" before us indicates. He simply did *nothing*, and concludes that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal could easily perform the duties! Here is the report in its entirety:—

Jacksonville, Fla., March 7th, 1895.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence submits its report for the past year.

No matter of policy or fraternal concern has been touched upon during the year, but most of the work of your committee has been done for Knights as individuals only.

Three cases of hunting for lost brothers; one case of hunting for a lost wife; two cases of sick people needing attention in a strange place; one case of finding a suitable boarding place for the invalid wife of a Knight from the west, and perhaps a score or more like this. These communications did not come to the committee direct, but were unloaded, as it were, by various officers and members.

Your committee has discharged its duties to the best of its ability, and has spent between \$3 and \$4 in postage stamps, and has come to the conclusion that there is no need of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It is therefore submitted, as a matter of fact, that the G. K. of R. and S. can perform all the duties of this committee without detriment to himself or to the Order.

Very truly,

GEO. W. DAVIS,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We are loath to believe the statement that the "committee has discharged its duties to the best of its ability," notwithstanding the fact that the brother's initials stand for "George Washington." The journal does not state what action was taken on the alleged "report" and we presume it was treated with the "silent contempt" it merited. No other Fraternal Correspondence Committee was named.

Next convention, at Pensacola, the third Wednesday in March, 1896.

W. H. ELLIS, G. C., Quincy.

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

GEORGIA.—Twenty-fifth annual convention, at Columbus, May 15, 16, 1894. (Journal received November 27.)

Grand Chancellor Hunt reports that notwithstanding the prevailing depression and "severe losses by suspension, withdrawals and death," there has been an increase numerically, and that the financial condition is "healthy." The presence of yellow fever caused much distress, and it is inspiring to notice how the principles of the order were exemplified, and how well the brethren responded to the appeals on behalf of afflicted brethren.

Six new lodges were instituted, making a total of 60; present membership 4,606, a gain of 56; suspended 637. Assets of subordinate lodges \$52,277.89; paid for relief \$11,104.08. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$2,750.46. Brother Leopold, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, calls special attention to the losses by suspension, which he says exceed those of the previous year by 217. While 739 were initiated, 637 were suspended. Referring to supplies furnished by the Supreme Lodge, Brother Leopold claims that the charges for the same are "beyond all doubt excessive, and that for jewels extortionate. . . The cheapest of these cost \$1.00. It is said these jewels only cost the Supreme Lodge 19 cents." The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is prepared by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and he must have given a good deal of time to the work, judging from the excellent report before us. We would have been better pleased, however, had he taken fifteen or twenty minutes longer, and reviewed our own journal. What did we ever do to you, brother?

Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Atlanta, May 21-24, 1895. (Journal received July 19.)

The brethren were honored by having Supreme Chancellor Richie and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal White at the beginning of their annual gathering. Both of the distinguished visitors addressed the meeting and withdrew.

Grand Chancellor Douglas had a happy experience during his term, and his opening remarks prove that the brethren were not slow in recognizing in him a

zealous and devoted Pythian. He says the order is in "a condition of great prosperity," and that "substantial gains" have been made. We could not help admiring the firmness of Brother Douglas in one or two trying emergencies which arose during his term; and we believe he was right, too.

From Brother Leopold's report we learn that 12 lodges were instituted and two suspended, present number 70; membership 4,894, a gain of 288; there were 575 suspended. The assets of lodges aggregate \$53,927.36; expended for relief \$10,706.34. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$2,323.69.

The Fraternal Correspondence report was, at the suggestion of the Grand Chancellor, "cut down to a bare statement of facts," and Brother Leopold was compelled to confine himself to "a certain narrow groove." No doubt our brother intended to refrain from comment, and probably did so whenever he remembered the Grand Chancellor's "suggestion," but he branches out occasionally—as he has a perfect right to do—and thus makes his report a very interesting one. We would not undertake a report under such restrictions for—for—well for double our present allowance. No, indeed! No report from Georgia appeared in our last because our journal was "out" when theirs came in. See? We have given you "double space" this time.

Next convention at Americus, the third Tuesday in May, 1896.

WM. H. SCHÄTZMAN, G. C., Macon.

W. T. LEOPOLD, G. K. R. S., and Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Savannah.

• IDAHO.—Third annual convention held at Pocatello, June 11-13, 1894. (Journal received December 10.)

The Grand Chancellor of this domain died during the year, the Grand Vice Chancellor was absent, and Supreme Chancellor Blackwell called the lodge to order and instructed them to proceed to election of a Grand Chancellor to preside over the convention. Brother O. C. Otterson was elected, and thus became entitled to write P. G. C. after his name. This seems a little too easy, but what else was there to do? Brother Blackwell "by request" addressed the Grand Lodge and exemplified the unwritten work as only this brother could do, and the brethren who were privileged to hear him were doubtless benefited.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Harte shows a gain in membership of 247 for the year, which is not too bad for a year of "general depression and scarcity of money." Two lodges were instituted and one surrendered charter. They have 22 lodges and 842 members. The assets aggregate \$15,390.39, and \$2156.70 was expended for relief. The Grand Lodge balance is \$525.04. There were 65 members suspended.

The finance committee found there would be at least a shortage of \$240.84 on the per diem and mileage expense for the convention, and recommended that the per capita tax be increased to \$2.00 per year. They also recommended that "no official visits be paid by the Grand Chancellor that would entail expense on the Grand Lodge;" and their report was unanimously adopted. Our experience has been that official visits were always beneficial and, indeed, necessary, and we believe our brethren made a mistake in passing such a resolution.

Although a Committee on Correspondence was named last convention, no report appears.

Next convention at Wardner, the second Tuesday in September, 1895.

L. A. WEST, G. C., Pocatello.

J. A. HARTE, G. K. R. S., Couer d'Alene.

W. E. DOTY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Boise City.

ILLINOIS.—Twenty-fifth convention at Springfield, October 16-18, 1894. (Journal received April 20, 1895.)

There is a special pleasure in opening this journal, as we remember the true fraternal spirit and zealous watchfulness which always characterizes the gatherings of this Grand Lodge. True to custom, portraits of some of the new officers greet us, and in appearance they seem the peers of those in former journals.

The report of the Grand Chancellor states that the growth has been "steady and natural." Forty-six lodges were instituted and one re-organized, and Brother Burgoyne says:—

"Of the forty-seven lodges instituted since October last, I am proud to say everyone has largely increased its membership and we can certainly estimate the net gain this year to be not less than thirty-five hundred, making a membership of thirty-eight thousand, as true and loyal knights as can be found in the Supreme domain. The old lodges have been very fortunate in a steady and increased growth, and the standing of the order is shown by the character of the new and old membership."

From Brother Caldwell's report we learn that during the Grand Lodge year the gain in membership was 2,806, and in lodges 47, making the total number of lodges 466, with a membership of 36,543. There were 2418 suspended. For relief they paid \$83,767.34. The assets of lodges aggregate \$455,073.25; and the balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$17,924.08. Brother Caldwell's report is always right to the point and his journal just what might be expected from a zealous, capable and experienced Pythian.

Supreme Chancellor Richie and Major General Carnahan officially visited the Grand Lodge, and were given a hearty welcome.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:—

"That this grand body repudiates all charges of disloyalty that have been made against it by Past Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell in his report to the Supreme Lodge; and he it further

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge pledge its cordial and active support to the Supreme Lodge and its officers, in obedience to and support of all the laws of the order."

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee reviewed some forty journals. They say:—

"Your committee regret that they have not had the necessary time and opportunity to review the journals of all the domains, but our duties to our families and our lodges, besides our physical condition, have all conspired to cut this report shorter than it should have been."

The report presented is not up to some of the former reports from this domain.

Next convention will be held at Quincy, the third Tuesday in October, 1895.

JOHN A. MILLER, G. C., Cairo.

H. P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., 126 Washington Street, Chicago.

JNO. T. GALBRAITH, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Carbondale.

INDIANA.—Journal of twenty-seventh annual convention, at Indianapolis, June 4, 5, 1895. (Journal received August 12.)

From Grand Chancellor Hatfield's report, we take the following :

"I am proud to be able to say that our order has done well in the year just closing. Fifteen new lodges have been instituted and the utmost harmony prevails throughout the domain. We have lost none except the two German lodges. A very large number of new members have come to us, but the very unfavorable financial conditions existing in many localities has caused the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues to be quite large in some places."

They have 400 lodges, a net gain of 12 for the year. The membership is 34,507, a net increase of 1047. There were suspended 2,367. The lodges expended for relief \$87,493.47, and have assets aggregating \$689,893.47. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$10,653.31.

Among the numerous handsome illustrations in this journal is one of "Geo. W. Speer," of whom the record says :

"Seeing unauthorized persons in possession of a ritual belonging to the Supreme Lodge of our order, which they were attempting surreptitiously to pirate and print, with most commendable fidelity to his vows as a Pythian Knight, seized the book, notwithstanding attempted violence, and restored it to its proper custodians."

The Grand Lodge authorized the purchase of a "suitable emblem" to be presented to Brother Speer.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is presented by three good brethren who had to put in "extra time" to complete their work. The finance committee allowed them "\$8.00 each, for four days' extra time on report." Literary work pays! In the recently adopted revised constitution the committee on fraternal correspondence was omitted. The present committee say in this connection :—

"We predict that the wisdom of the Grand Lodge, at no very distant date in the future, will decide that the revision committee was unwise in omitting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the list of Grand Lodge committees. We think that Indiana knights will be as much interested in a report of what knights in other Grand Domains are doing as they will in the report of the newly established Grand Tribunal, to make way for whose report in the Grand Lodge journal this committee was smothered in a wholesale report. Possibly the hope of appointment upon the Grand Tribunal in the minds of the committee which did the smothering, may have prompted their action."

Somebody is catching it!

The next convention will be held at Indianapolis in June, 1896.

CHAS. F. S. NEAL, G. C., Lebanon.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—No Journal received.

IOWA.—Twenty-fifth convention at Le Mars, August 8, 9, 1894. (Journal received October 29.)

Grand Chancellor Kuehne reports that during the year the order has steadily grown. "Many new lodges have been instituted, and dormant or defunct lodges revived. The existing lodges have been strengthened. Many new members have been added; the standard of the membership is steadily improving;" all of which he says is due to the combined efforts of loyal Pythians all over the domain. He gives his answers to 143 questions which were "among the many received," and the majority of which should never have been asked—they were so easy. He says he has written "thousands of letters," which "kept busy one stenographer, and at times two." And yet the Grand Master of Exchequer has only \$28.67 down as "postage for Grand Chancellor." We presume our brother must have paid the balance out of his special appropriation of \$500.00, or out of his "salary," which is marked at \$500.00, or possibly out of the item "printing and expense of Grand Chancellor \$107.82." Our brother's term was highly successful, and he received due commendation from his brethren.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Walker reports 27 lodges organized, making 402 in good standing. There are no statistical tables or other information from which we could ascertain the usual information as to suspensions, etc.

Among the legislation adopted was a resolution prohibiting the use of the ritual by Grand Lodge officers in conferring the Grand Lodge rank.

Brother J. F. Roll presents an excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence, and the Grand Lodge voted him \$100.00 for his services.

Next convention will be held at Marshalltown in August, 1895.

CHAS. E. PICKETT, G. C., Waterloo.

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

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee named.

KANSAS.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, held at Hutchinson, May 21-23, 1895. (Journal received July 4.)

Brother Loomis, who had been elected Grand Chancellor at the ninety-four convention died in September; and in February the Grand Master-at-Arms, Brother Weigant, passed away. Brother Elliott pays a high tribute to the worth of these two officers in the opening paragraphs of his report as Grand Chancellor. He also gives a lot of explanations why a better showing has not been made during the time he had charge of the Pythian ship, the last one being that they had "too much boom" once upon a time, and are just finding rock bottom. He sees nothing to prevent a steady growth except, possibly, "hard times." He gives several "decisions," some of which conflict, and says there were "innumerable others." Brother Neubert's report furnishes the following information:—Lodges 240; members 12,592; a decrease of 838 members and 6 lodges. Suspended 1965; expended for relief \$12,019.89; assets of lodges 190,471.12; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$5323.58.

Brother McDowel's report, as fraternal correspondent, is as good as any of the others he has presented. He has his own ideas of what a fraternal report should be, and "lives up to them." He says his opinion of Pythianism has not

been increased by reviewing the journals of sister domains, because he found the lodges everywhere suspending members for non-payment of dues when there were full treasuries. He is still opposed to the Grand Lodge Rank (*not* Past Chancellor's Rank, you know!) and has his fling at it, suggesting that it be "relegated to the follies of the past," and the time occupied in conferring it devoted to "something that will benefit Pythianism."

Next convention at Topeka, the third Tuesday in May, 1896.

H. L. ALDEN, G. C., Kansas City.

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

S. O. McDOWELL, Fraternal Correspondent, Lansing.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Paducah, September 18, 19, 1894. (Journal received December 21.)

Grand Chancellor Rogers made an excellent officer and used good judgment all through the term, as the following extracts from his report demonstrate:—

"Realizing that there was a poor field for the organization of new lodges, I turned my attention to the many weak and wavering ones within our borders that needed the fostering care of some one to tide them over the shoals of adversity. I gave all the time that I could possibly spare to this work, and my labors have not been in vain. I have visited many of the weak lodges, and am sorry that I have not had the time to go again; an official visit to these apparently neglected lodges did them much good; in fact, I have many letters from lodges written me after these visits, in which I was urged to visit them again before I retired from office. A large number of these lodges told me that they had never before been visited by a Grand Lodge officer, and felt that they were nonentities in the order."

Thus weak lodges were encouraged. The figures given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wade Sheltman show a membership of 5822, a gain of 48. They instituted five lodges and lost four, the present number being 103. There were suspended 547. The lodges have assets amounting to \$98,295.41, and disbursed for relief \$10,784.55. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$951.99.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee seem to have neglected their duty, as no mention of a report occurs in the journal before us. We hope to hear from the new committee.

Next convention at Somerset the third Tuesday in September, 1895.

T. B. MATHEWS, G. C., Petersburg.

WADE SHELTMAN, G. K. R. S., 430 W. Main Street, Louisville.

W. C. QUINBY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Dayton.

LOUISIANA.—Fifteenth annual convention, at Monroe, May 20-23, 1895. (Journal received July 29.)

Grand Chancellor Calongne found it impossible to carry out the programme he had contemplated, and we think we remember having read of others who had similar experience. Still he made forty-two visits, attended well to the duties of his office and had a successful term. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a net gain for the year of 404 members and 11 lodges; suspended 683.

Present membership 8890; lodges 114. They expended for relief \$35,669.27, and have assets aggregating \$138,189.89. The Grand Lodge balance is \$6,596.35.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a good report, reviewing in fraternal spirit all the journals received. They got the names of our officers slightly mixed. Brother John C. Henry, St. Stephen, N. B., is our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, not Brother Logan as stated by the committee.

Next convention at Plaquemine the third Monday in May, 1896.

E. H. McCLENDON, G. C., Homer.

JNO. A. MCLEAN, G. K. R. S., Box 394, New Orleans.

WM. F. NORSWORTHY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, address not given.

MAINE.—Twenty-second annual convention, at Portland, May 16, 1894.

This journal was not issued until March, 1895, because of the difficulty in securing a member willing to undertake the preparation of the Fraternal Correspondence report, Brother Stevens being compelled to give up the work which he has for so many years done for Maine. From the standpoint of the reviewer, the work of Brother Stevens has been complete in every respect, and of especial value has been the statistical portion of his reports. As an humble admirer of Brother Stevens' work, we regret to lose him from the field of reviewers, more especially for the reasons necessitating such retirement. The hope remains, however, that he will long be spared to the Order whose interest and prosperity lie so near his heart. He takes leave of the work in the following personal paragraph:—

“Warned by a prolonged period of ill-health and burdened with increasing business responsibilities, the writer is now compelled to lay aside the pen which for within one of a score of years he has wielded as Chairman of the Maine Correspondence Committee. Not willingly, but sadly and of compulsion he now lays down the honors so long conferred by his Grand Lodge, and severs the ties which have bound him to his readers and confreres. As he writes these words, emotion's tide swells too strongly for expression. It only remains that in most heartfelt appreciation of all these honors, and in tenderest affection for the order in dear old Maine, and wherever the Pythian banner floats, he writes the word “good-bye.”

M. L. S.

A special convention was held in February to receive an official visit from Supreme Chancellor Blackwell. A grand reception was given our brother, who “spoke eloquently for one hour and forty minutes” at the session; and in the evening, after an exemplification of the ranks, he again spoke “for two hours,” to an audience of 1,500 enthusiastic Pythians.

In his report to the regular convention, in May, Grand Chancellor Elder says the order is still a prosperous and united brotherhood, with ninety-one lodges and a membership of fully ten thousand, with no financial embarrassments, no dissensions in its ranks and with its old timed enthusiasm in no way abated. Brother Elder had a busy term, and seems to have been looking well after the interests of Pythianism during the year.

Brother Smith gives the present membership as 9,741, a net gain of 552; suspended 244; lodges 86, a gain of 7; expended for relief \$27,333.86; assets of lodges, \$274,580.78; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$426.01.

The fraternal correspondence report is from the pen of Past Grand Chancel-

lor J. H. Drummond, and while not so keen a critic of Pythian law as his predecessor, he presents a most readable and interesting report, commenting at length whenever he feels like it—a temptation difficult for any reviewer to resist. His report covers seventy-two large pages.

Next convention at Waterville, the third Wednesday in May, 1895.

FRED M. ROBINSON, G. C., Brunswick.

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

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Portland.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.—Third annual convention, at Winnipeg, June 28, 29, 1894. (Journal received January 24, 1895.)

The "North-west Territories" were placed under the care of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and Grand Chancellor Dobson says: "We gain by this act two flourishing lodges: one situated at Calgary and known as Alberta Lodge, No. 1, the other situated at Lethbridge, Alberta, and known as Lethbridge Lodge, No. 2.

One of the great obstacles to increase, our brother says, is the fact that our order is not very well known. That is the greatest need of Pythianism in Canada to-day. We are not sufficiently advertised. Our principles are not properly understood by outsiders, and, we fear, but very indifferently exemplified by our members. Once upon a time we were rather opposed to the idea of a "grand lecturer," or "grand organizer," but we have had cause to change that opinion, and believe that if the proper brother can be found to devote his whole time to the work of extending the order he will more than earn his salary. Our order never gained the hold it has in the United States in any other way. We on this side of the line should wake up to this fact.

The membership as given by Brother Lightcap is 333, an increase of 65. They suspended 13. There are 7 lodges. Expended for relief, \$871.40. Assets of lodges, \$4,469.94. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury, \$13.54.

Brother Blackwell was present and addressed the Grand Lodge "briefly (!) but to the point," and withdrew.

The work in this domain needs to be carefully watched as there seems to be danger of conflict over small matters. The territory is scattered so that general oversight is difficult indeed, and much has to be left to deputies. We hope our brethren will go earnestly to work and not allow small and personal "squabbles" to disturb the harmony of the lodge.

One promising feature is the appearance of a very good Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Brandon, the third Tuesday in July, 1895.

W. C. HEANEY, G. C., Calgary.

A. E. JOHNSON, G. K. R. S., Winnipeg.

E. E. LIGHTCAP, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, Baltimore, February 12-14, 1895. (Journal received March 12.)

This journal opens with a semi-annual report from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, showing the standing of the order for the half year, with tabular and other matter, as well as reports from several of the committees.

Supreme Chancellor Richie was present at this convention, and exemplified the work, delivered "an able, instructive and eloquent address on the order," and was tendered "a rising vote of thanks for his visit and address."

Grand Chancellor Rauh says he and his brother officers did all they could to make the year a successful one, but business depression and the loss of three German lodges made the showing less satisfactory than they desired and anticipated.

Brother Whitehouse, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shows the condition of the order to be as follows:—

There were reported last year 102 lodges. Since that period two consolidations occurred, and three withdrew as a result of the agitation of the German question. Three lodges were organized, which makes the present strength 100 lodges. The aggregate membership at last report was 7,621; the present number is 7,359, showing a reduction of 271; 207 being classed in the three seceding lodges.

There were in the exchequer of subordinate lodges, one year ago, \$200,027.85; it now amounts to \$203,496.35, showing an increase of \$3,468.50.

The total receipts were \$79,492.12, and the expenses \$76,023.62. From this latter sum there was expended for relief, \$41,025.55. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury, \$5,958.04.

Brother Whitehouse concluded his twenty-fifth year as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Lodge celebrated the occasion by a special entertainment in his honor, at which he was presented with substantial tokens of esteem and regard—for which he makes suitable acknowledgement in closing his excellent report.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a good report.

Next convention at Baltimore, the second Tuesday in February, 1896.

S. S. QUINN, G. C., Pocomoke City.

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

F. X. MAXWELL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Boston, May 22, 1895.

Grand Chancellor Whipple's term covered fifteen months, and he reports the order in good condition, with nine new lodges added. Great preparations had been made for an elaborate parade on the occasion of the "silver anniversary" of this domain, but—"during the night preceding the day selected, a terrific north-east storm broke upon our coast, and our plans were frustrated." Nevertheless, they filled old Faneuil Hall, and listened to "eloquent" addresses from Supreme and Grand Lodge officers, had a banquet at Music Hall in the afternoon, "the postprandial exercises being exceptionally fine." There, now! And what else would be expected from Boston!

Brother Cross, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says the state of the order is all they could expect, and they have "more lodges and more members than at any time since the order was introduced into the state." They have 13,101

members and 119 lodges. Suspensions reached 648. There was \$44,058.04 expended for relief, and the assets of lodges aggregate \$203,831.98. The cash balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer is \$12.53.

That Brother Tarbell, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents an excellent report goes without saying. We wish every member of the order could read and digest the wholesome advice and pure and elevating thoughts which characterize this document. In his review of our own journal Brother Tarbell says:—

“This is not a great Grand Lodge except in the territory it covers, in the character of its members, their loyalty to the order, and the prospective growth. . . . It was the great pleasure of the writer, at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, to decline the nomination to an office in that body in favor of Past Grand Chancellor and Sealer of Records James Moulson, who was thereupon unanimously elected. Brother Moulson, as Deputy Supreme Chancellor, organized the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces in 1886, and has done great service to the order in that grand domain. Our ‘blue-nose brethren’ are earnest Pythians. . . . Grand Keeper of Records and Seal J. C. Henry sends out a small but well arranged journal, with an index that is creditable. A motion to provide for paying travelling expenses of representatives is before the Grand Lodge for action at the next session. That is right. We do it in Massachusetts; that is, we have voted to hereafter.”

About that invitation of two years ago — it was an *invitation*, and required no letter. Don't make that an excuse!

Next convention at Boston, in May, 1896.

JAMES H. FLINT, G. C., Weymouth.

CHAS. A. CROSS, G. K. R. S., 159A Tremont Street, Boston.

MICHIGAN.—Twenty-second annual convention, held at Kalamazoo, May 15, 16, 1895. (Journal received August 5.)

Grand Chancellor Douglass seems to have been a watchful and faithful official. He expected to have instituted a number of lodges, but, “after repeated failures to complete lists on account of hard times, thought it would be more profitable to keep up the old lodges and put new life in them, and the results show the wisdom of our efforts in that direction.”

They have a state deputy who devotes his whole time to the work of visiting and instructing the lodges. He had a varied experience, especially while the “German question” was booming, and reports that he was “fired bodily” from the house of the Chancellor Commander of one of the German lodges while endeavoring to secure some amicable settlement of the question.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal J. W. Hopkins, who had served well and faithfully in that capacity for eight years, died during the term, and his place was filled by the appointment of State Deputy Cutler, whose report shows that the selection was a good one. During 1894 three lodges were reinstated and four instituted; but they lost seven, four being German. They had 158 at the close of the year. The membership is 11,003. They lost by suspension, 1,169, a large proportion being members of German lodges. For relief \$10,533.87 was paid; and the assets of lodges aggregate \$112,109.04. The Grand Lodge has \$3,489.29 in the treasury.

This journal is "profusely illustrated," the frontispiece being "Our Phil," as they affectionately dub Supreme Vice Chancellor P. T. Cosgrove.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is a well written document, and the committee have lived up to the sentiment expressed in their introduction, when they say, "To rudely assail those who differ with us, and to aim shafts of ridicule or scorn at those who are at variance with our judgment, is not fraternal nor courteous."

The committee speak of "Supreme Inner Guard Moulson" as "the handsome representative from New Brunswick."

Next convention will be held at Jackson, in May, 1896.

W. D. CLIZBE, G. C., Birmingham.

MILES S. CURTIS, G. K. R. S., Battle Creek.

E. E. HASKINS, Fraternal Correspondent, Cadillac.

MINNESOTA.—Twenty-second convention, at Minneapolis, September 25, 1894. (Journal received November 10.)

Brother Wheaton has served a "third term" as Grand Chancellor, an honor not frequently conferred in our order. He gives as a prelude to his report a nice little dissertation on Pythianism, and is able to say this of the "state of the order":—

"The birth of the new year witnessed a general awakening, and from that time until the extreme hot weather set in, more ranks were conferred by our subordinate lodges than have ever been conferred in a like period in the history of this domain. The lodges have been few indeed that have had no work to do, and what has also been a very noticeable fact, the work performed has been of a much higher degree of excellence. . . . The term ended June 30, 1894, exhibited a greater gain than we have experienced for some time. Hardly without an exception the subordinate lodges are in excellent condition, a good feeling prevails and the outlook promises abundant fruitage. . . . Our organization and machinery of operation is running smoothly and without friction of any kind or description. Our financial prosperity has kept pace with the general development."

As usual, official visits were numerous, and every section of the state was visited "frequently and thoroughly as possible."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Orr, reports a net gain of 286, the membership being 6,315. The lodges are in number as the previous year, 116, though there were three instituted and one revived; but this is offset by two consolidated and two surrendered charters. They expended for relief \$6,166.71, and have assets amounting to \$79,483.55. The Grand Lodge has on hand \$2,535.24. After eight years of faithful service, Brother Orr retires from office, and the Grand Lodge appropriated \$100.00 to procure a suitable token of appreciation to be presented to him.

There is an excellent Fraternal Correspondence report from Brother Orr's pen.

Next convention will be held at St. Paul, September 24, 1895.

J. F. HILSCHER, G. C., St. Paul.

FRED E. WHEATON, G. K. R. S., Minneapolis.

ROBT. STRATTON, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI.—Twenty-second annual convention, at Aberdeen, May 14-16, 1895. (Journal received September 10.)

Brother Allien, Grand Chancellor, says he devoted his entire time and ability to the maintenance and increase of the order and answered several hundred letters. He reports a steady increase of membership and the institution of three lodges.

The report of Brother Maganos, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, is the shortest on record—barring statistics—as it only occupies half a page. He is “disappointed with results,” but says the “finances are in a healthy condition and the membership increasing,” so there is “no cause to despair.” They made a net gain of 81; suspensions numbered 420; present membership 5,712. Lodges are in number same as previous report, 93. For relief \$6,555.24 was expended, and the assets are \$40,153.70. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$5477.27.

The journal contains two addresses—one of welcome by Hon. W. B. Walker for the local lodge, and a reply by T. D. Marshal, one of the district deputies. For hair-lifting, blood-curdling oratory, brother Walker should have been and possibly was awarded that innocent product of the well-regulated bakery familiarly termed “the bun.” Methinks I hear the eloquence gurgling to be released as these words are being penned! The reply was a clever deliverance, worthy the occasion.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Jackson, May 12, 1896.

W. D. CAMERON, G. C., Meridan.

J. L. MAGANOS, G. K. R. S., Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.—Twenty fourth annual convention, held at Excelsior Springs, October 16-19, 1894. (Journal received November 30.)

Grand Chancellor Reed opens his report thus:—

“I am of the firm opinion that but few persons fully understanding the magnitude of the labor, the vast responsibility and the infinite worriment attached to the office of Grand Chancellor, would ever accept the position unless urged to the task by an exalted sense of duty.”

He then proceeds to state what he terms “some unpalatable but plain truths” as to the condition of some of the lodges. He found “a limited number” receiving persons to membership “wholly regardless of their fitness to assume the obligations of a knight;” in a majority of lodges a total disregard of local law requiring officers to be examined in ritualistic work before being installed; and the “secret work, as illustrated in the various lodges, instead of being uniform, could scarcely be said to be identical in any two lodges. In some instances even the password of the knight rank being incorrectly taught and constantly used.” He set to work to improve these defects, and says he has succeeded in arousing interest among the lodges, especially in regard to the ritualistic work. On the quality of the membership he makes the following sound observations:—

“No question is more vitally important to our order than the character of its membership. . . . Without criticising the past it is manifest that we have now reached a period when the highest qualifications should be demanded from

every applicant for membership. This fact has for some time been forcing itself upon the attention of the order, and has no doubt arisen from the sad experience attendant upon the carelessness which has too often characterized our work in the past. Almost, without exception, when a lodge has been compelled to surrender its charter the troubles have arisen from dissensions directly engendered by a clash between the moral and immoral element of the lodge's membership, or from the fact that the best elements of the community have refused to affiliate with the lodge on account of a few men of disreputable character having been admitted. Every lodge, in considering the application of any person for membership, should proceed with caution, keeping constantly in mind that friendship is the great basic principle of our order; that honor is essential to respect, and that friendship without respect is impossible; that even the broadest charity does not extend to the unworthy. And that if the mutual friendships we profess are ever to realize the ideals of the great originator of modern knighthood, it must be when every knight shall consider in recommending a stranger for membership the fitness of the candidate to associate with the members of the lodge, his character and standing in the community, and his devotion to the principles we profess, and shall keep constantly in mind that membership in the order ought to be a certificate of good character."

Twenty-six lodges were instituted, two merged and one surrendered charter, the present number being 262. The gain in membership was 1,734, making a total of 20,868. They suspended 1,549. For relief \$37,229.59 was expended, and the assets amount to \$290,003.88. The cash balance of Grand Lodge is \$13,630.50.

The Fraternal Correspondent, George E. Runyan, presents a report differing from any we have seen, consisting entirely of statistics. He says he read the journals through and "found many things to commend and many that can be condemned."

Supreme Chancellor Richie was present and exemplified the unwritten work and addressed the lodge, for which he received "a rising vote" of thanks.

Next convention at Hannibal in October 1895.

JAMES A. FRINK, G. C., Springfield.

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

G. E. RUNYAN, Fraternal Correspondent, Kansas City.

MONTANA.—Eleventh annual convention, held at Butte, May 21, 22, 1895. (Journal received June 17.)

Grand Chancellor Vaill was absent, being "alone in new bank," as explained in telegram. He reports continued prosperity, harmony and goodwill in all the lodges, and a healthy growth, both numerically and financially; three new lodges and "several more in process of formation." He visited several lodges and "did all possible to advance the order." His remarks re visitations may serve as a "pointer" for our own lodges. All who have been "through the mill" will be able to vouch for the truth of what he says:—

"I regard these official visitations as of great benefit to the several lodges of the order, and believe it would be a good investment for the Grand Lodge to pay all expenses and some adequate compensation to the Grand Chancellor to induce him to make them. I feel that you cannot expect him to do so unless you pay him for it as it requires a large part of his time, and he is bound to expend money which he will not feel justified in charging to the Grand Lodge. He will have to neglect his private business affairs to their detriment, which, if he is only moder-

ately well fixed in this world's goods, he cannot afford to and would do an injustice to his family if he did."

The journal contains expressions of regret at his absence, as he was "an efficient officer and gave much time and attention to the order."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Loeb, reports a net increase in membership of 280, bringing the total up to 1986. They suspended 221. There are 31 lodges, with assets amounting to \$44,036.03. They expended for relief \$5,847.00. The Grand Lodge has \$1,288.78 in the treasury. Pythianism in Montana is all right.

Brother T. J. Porter, Fraternal Correspondent, presents a creditable report, above the average (worth more than the \$25.00 paid for its preparation), and full of the true Pythian spirit. From the introduction we clip the following, as well worthy of consideration:—

"The highest welfare of the order demands that every applicant for the ranks of knighthood should not only memorize, but also thoroughly understand, the obligation of every rank before passing to a higher rank. The realization of the full meaning of knighthood, in the life of the individual member, as well as the prosperity of the order, rests upon the obedience of each individual mind and conscience to the obligations; obedience to the obligations is the supreme test of Pythian fidelity and its attainment ought to be the first concern of both Grand and Supreme legislation, and the constant thought of every Chancellor Commander."

Next convention at Bozeman the fourth Tuesday in June, 1896.

J. S. HAMMOND, G. C., Butte.

JACOB LOEB, G. K. R. S., Helena.

E. BUTLER, Fraternal Correspondent, Miles City.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, at Lincoln, October 9-12, 1894. (Journal received February 20, 1895.)

Grand Chancellor Dillworth's report is a most encouraging document. He says they have "steadily marched onward" and "gained in membership;" new lodges have been instituted, and the old lodges have done "a remarkable amount of rank work," and that they are "exercising more care in admitting new men, scrutinizing more closely the applicant than has ever been done before. . . . In fact, the condition of our order was never better, and the enthusiasm of the members never greater." Nine lodges were "revived and placed upon their feet again, and nine instituted, which is a good record. They now have 166 lodges, with a membership of 6,954, an increase of 416. There were 853 suspended. The lodges paid \$8,250.68 for relief, and have assets amounting to \$35,856.75. Grand Lodge balance \$3,865.92.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee say they did their level best and have no hard feelings against anybody—notwithstanding anything they may have written. If any domain feels hurt they didn't mean to.

Next convention at Grand Island in October, 1895.

L. W. SHUMAN, G. C., Aurora.

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

JOHN Q. GOSS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bellevue.

NEVADA.—Twenty-third annual convention, at Wadsworth, June 12-14, 1895. (Journal received August 7.)

Grand Chancellor Aitken says he didn't aim to increase the membership, but "endeavored in a judicious way to keep the membership at the standard, both numerically and in a point of social standing," as when he assumed office. He visited all the lodges and instituted one new one.

The membership is 831, or 17 less than a year previous, and there are 15 lodges, with assets aggregating \$21,071.42. The expenditure for relief was \$3,819.93. They suspended 61. The Grand Lodge has \$613.38 on hand.

No Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Winnemucca in June, 1896.

N. A. HUMMEL, G. C., Wadsworth.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, at Manchester, October, 1894. (Journal received January 21, 1895.)

Here we find another Grand Chancellor who thought it quite as important to look after and strengthen weak lodges as to strive for new ones, and he says he succeeded in infusing new life into five of these. Grand Chancellor Harmon visited every lodge, "many of them several times, as their needs and his opportunities permitted." He reports the rendering of the work "very effective." Here is his only recommendation:—

"I recommend that an officer be appointed whose duty it shall be to assist in the formation of new lodges. My experience during the last term has forced the conclusion upon me that the Grand Chancellor cannot attend to his other duties and give attention to this without a greater loss of time than most men can well afford. In my own case I have, in the performance of my duties, travelled over 7,000 miles, and devoted over 100 days of time, exclusive of correspondence which has called for hundreds of letters, and this has not included social events, having to decline all invitations of this character, except in two or three instances."

Brother Harmon has well earned his right to add P.G.C. to his name.

There are 3,869 members in 44 lodges, the increase for year being 113 members and one lodge. They suspended 210. Assets of lodges \$58,065.79; expenditure for relief \$9,284.90. Grand Lodge balance \$1,239.59.

Several portraits and biographical sketches of Past Grand Chancellors appear in this journal, giving it additional interest.

Brother Moore's report as Fraternal Correspondent is as complete as such a document can be made in a limited space, and he needs not to apologise for it. It makes good reading. Referring to a criticism of their vote of \$50.00 to the retiring Grand Chancellor (which by the way is repeated this year in almost the same language), he says we have "fallen into a serious error." And then he gives this explanation, quoting our own reference:—

He says:—"The sum of \$50 was appropriated 'as partial compensation for the services of the retiring Grand Chancellor,' hardly a dollar a week!" The significant exclamation point is not in order; the sum named was voted in addition to the amount of the Grand Chancellor's bill, which covered all travelling and other expenses incurred by him during his term of office. The paragraph, therefore, does us injustice, though doubtless unintentional.

We would be sorry to do any domain an unjust intention. That "significant exclamation point" in order, and for the very reason that our brother given above, namely, that the "fifty" was voted—no *compensation* for his services," or as the motion read labor devoted to the service of the order during where our comment came in. We are 'bliged to think it "a good thing!"

Next convention at Manchester in October, 1895.

FRANK M. BECKFORD, G. C., Laconia.

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

ARTEMUS WARD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence, Stewartstown.

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-eighth annual convention, 20, 21, 1895. (Journal received April 19.)

"Official connections, personal considerations and of circumstances" are what prevented Grand Chancellor much time to the duties of his office as he intended Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate and other officers to making official visits—and he says the duty was for greater profit of the lodges than if he had done it at that moment occurred during his term.

The statistics show a decrease of 218—some by annual reports, and a large number through defunct lodges totalled 656, and deaths 134; leaving the membership are reported "defunct," and no new ones were reported. \$60,520.51 was expended, and the assets of the 141 lodges.

Supreme Chancellor Richie was present, exempted and delivered "at some length" an "eloquent and interesting" highly appreciated by all present." He also installed.

This journal is "profusely illustrated" with half-

Another excellent Fraternal Correspondence report by Wessels' pen. (By the way, why don't you substitute?) This is one of the reports we like to read—of course "of course" some read better than others, and this one receives \$25.00 for his work, and it is well worth more than visiting Grand Chancellors he thinks it is "a pitifully accepting office, and especially that of Grand Chancellor they only intend to be figure-heads."

Next convention at Trenton in February, 1896.

RALPH DONATH, G. C., Jersey City.

GEO. E. PIERSON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

E. R. WESSELS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence.

sorry to do any domain an injustice and have no such desire or "significant exclamation point" seemed to us to be very much the very reason that our brother states so fully in the quotation, that the "fifty" was voted—not for expenses—but "as partial services," or as the motion reads this year. "for the time and the service of the order during the past year." That was just what came in. We are 'bliged to you for adding the index and "ing!"

on at Manchester in October, 1895.

BECKFORD, G. C., Laconia.

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

ARD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, West

Y.—Twenty-eighth annual convention, at Trenton, February (Journal received April 19.)

rections, personal considerations and unfortunate combinations are what prevented Grand Chancellor Cranmer devoting as much of his office as he intended; but he called in his Grand Grand Prelate and other officers to help him out—especially in his— and he says the duty was faithfully attended to, and to the lodges than if he had done it himself. Nothing of special during his term.

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"profusely illustrated" with half-tone portraits of their officers.

ent Fraternal Correspondence report appears from Brother (the way, why don't you substitute "fraternal" for "foreign?") reports we like to read—of course we like to read them all, but had better than others, and this one suits us all to pieces. He did his work, and it is well worth more. On the question of non-Grand Chancellors he thinks it is "a pity that brothers will persist in especially that of Grand Chancellor, when they know that they be figure-heads."

on at Trenton in February, 1896.

H, G. C., Jersey City.

ON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Jersey City.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

NEW MEXICO.—Eleventh annual convention, at East I
ber 20-22, 1894. (Journal received December 11.)

The representatives and visitors were welcomed in an eloquent
"Past Chancellor and Mayor" Whitmore, and Past Grand Chancellor
which Supreme Representative Easley responded "cheerfully."
Representative Leeson "happily."

The Grand Chancellor's report says that "misery untold
or obtruded itself in every city, town and hamlet," and that notwithstanding
fact that "millions of acres of rich lands, sufficient to support
times our population, remain untouched by the ploughman's
Earth's bounteous storehouse has scarce been touched—and yet,
must acknowledge it, thousands upon thousands are starving!
pave the way for the statement that the growth of the order has been
during the past year, which our brother says is "gratifying," all
Harmony prevails. Official visits were not indulged in because
condition of the treasury.

There are 20 lodges, with a membership of 1020; loss by
paid for relief \$2,888.90; assets of lodges, \$13,808.86. The Grand
is only \$7.15.

Brother McCutcheon thinks the Fraternal Correspondence
be well supplied with Pythian statistics to enable them to bring
the journal as near as possible to the standard of Maine or Indiana
no man in business can find time to review in the neighborhood
journals in two or three months and make the report what it should

Next convention at Santa Fe, the third Tuesday in November

W. F. KUCHENBECKER, G. C., Gallup.

C. E. PERRY, G. K. R. S., East Las Vegas.

J. H. McCUTCHEN, chairman Fraternal Correspondence
Socorro.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, at Catskill
1895. (Journal received August 6.)

This convention was held in the Baptist church, and shortly after
Supreme Chancellor Richie was discovered in the room and escorted
form. Subsequently he delivered an "eloquent address."

The level headed Grand Chancellor, J. C. LaDow, opens with
this enthusing information:—

"Believing that many subordinate lodges were in dull and inactive
and realizing that unless something were done they would be compelled
der their charters, I have endeavored, with the aid of the State
that all those lodges have been visited, some of them several times
that they might be built up and become self-sustaining. I am pleased
that our work has borne much fruit, and that we have more active
lodges to-day than ever before. They have taken on a healthy growth
believe I can safely predict for them a prosperous year, when if possible
after they will become self-sustaining and prosperous."

Brother LaDow visited 54 of the lodges, travelled 9000 miles

business, wrote more than 2600 letters, had a good sized slice of "German question" to wrestle with, and seems to have served his domain faithfully and well.

Brother Acker, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says :—

"The total number of active lodges reported at the Grand Lodge session of 1894 was 273. Since that time there have been nine lodges instituted and one reorganized and ten lodges which have become defunct and consolidated, leaving the total number of active lodges in this Grand Domain 273, the same as last year. The reports of the lodges for December 31, 1894, show a membership of 21,755, a gain of 754 for the calendar year of 1894. The suspensions during the year were more than 500 in excess of the suspensions for 1893, and more than 600 in excess of those for 1892. This accounts for the comparatively small gain in membership during 1894."

For relief they expended \$60,401.66, and the assets amount to \$325,744.65. The Grand Lodge has a balance of \$4,767.79. The receipts for the Rathbone monument fund were 694.25.

State Deputy Auchmoody had a busy time, and is credited with enough visits to make one satisfied that he is a worker. Of course this officer has been a great help to the lodges, and we can quite believe his statement that the lodges in this state are better posted in the new ritualistic work than those of any domain not having a special deputy could possibly be.

Brother Calkins presents another excellent fraternal correspondence report, covering some thirty-six pages of the journal. He says he didn't go into criticism as deeply as he was tempted to, because the new Supreme Statutes rendered it a little difficult to tell under just which code of laws different decisions had been rendered.

Next convention at Canandaigua, in July, 1896.

ALONZO BADELL, G. C., Haverstraw.

J. J. ACKER, G. K. R. S., 55 State street, Albany.

N. A. CALKINS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Coxsackie.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-fifth convention at Mount Airy, June 19, 20, 1895. (Journal received August 22.)

Grand Chancellor Holton thinks there is "every reason to be gratified with the results accomplished." Eleven new lodges added 161 to the rolls. He reports all in healthy and prosperous condition and doing well "with possibly three or four exceptions." He wisely called on his brother officers to do some visiting and the results were highly satisfactory. Like his predecessor he sees room for improvement in the rank work, and advocates the adoption of the "long form" and memorizing the ritualistic work.

Supreme Chancellor Richie sent a telegram, and General W. D. Kennedy was present, assisting in committee work and favoring the lodge with an eloquent address forty-five minutes long; for all of which he was rewarded by a vote of thanks.

There are 55 active lodges and 3,005 members, while 255 were suspended. For relief \$5,801.64 was expended and the assets of lodges amount to \$23,090.85. The Grand Master of Exchequer reports \$1,887.15 on hand.

There is a very good Fraternal Correspondence report by Brother W. Catlett. Next convention at Asheville, June 3, 1896.
 CHAS. A. WEBB, G. C., Asheville.
 C. D. BENBOW, G. K. R. S., Greensboro,
 W. W. WILLSON, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Raleigh.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Fifth convention, at Jamestown, June 25, 26, 1894. (Journal received October 24.)

This journal is more than a year old and reviewing is rather discouraging. The '95 session is over. Get a hustle on, Brother Albert, and send journals along more promptly, "*if you please.*"

Brother Blackwell was present at the opening, and, of course, delivered an address, and we are prepared to believe it was a good one.

The laugh was on Brother Cochran, Grand Chancellor, when we read the following. He will know better next time :—

"On assuming the duties of Grand Chancellor, I sought to impress on the membership of North Dakota the pleasure it would accord me to answer all questions within my ability. Could I have had any assurance of the probable number of points of law that would be submitted to me, it is doubtful if I should have been so free to promise to attend to all, for they have been numerous."

But he stuck to his promise and seems to have done well. Four new lodges and a net gain of 190 is not a bad record for an off year.

The reports give membership to end of '93 as 844, an increase of 134. There were 44 suspended. The 17 lodges expended for relief, \$697.48, and have assets amounting to \$11,897.99.

No Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Grand Forks, in July, 1895.

C. E. GREGORY, G. C., Minot.

H. D. ALBERT, G. K. R. S., Langdon.

OHIO.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Cleveland, May 28, 29, 1895. (Journal received June 26.)

Address of welcome and counter-addresses preceded the opening ceremonies at this convention. Supreme Chancellor Richie, who was at home ill, sent the following telegram, to which—on motion of Past Supreme Chancellor Howard Douglas—suitable regrets were wired :—

"From a sick bed I send greetings to the greatest of all grand lodges. May your successors do as well as you and keep Ohio first in membership, first in character, first in castle halls, first in working properties, first in ritualistic work, and first in everything that should make us proud of our order. With wishes for one and all and a glorious reunion.

It is from such domains as Ohio that one can learn much that will be helpful, and that is our excuse for clipping liberally from the reports. Grand Chancellor Sutphen, judging by his official record, is another Pythian of whom Ohio may well be proud. Here are the "clippings" from his report :

Many of the unpleasant things that occur in administering to so large a body of men as compose the Grand Domain of Ohio, result from many persons imagin-

ing that the Grand Chancellor has the power to render all kinds of decisions and decisions for each individual case. But the fact is that he is only the servant of the Grand Lodge and subject to its laws and orders.

One year ago, when I accepted the honor conferred upon me as executive officer of this Grand Domain, I stated that I would make every effort to strengthen old lodges rather than to build up new ones. I have made every effort to fulfill that promise, and am justly proud of the advancement of Pythianism in Ohio.

During the year I made 117 official visits.

At the beginning of the administration of your executive officer, I had no conception that there would be so many persons located in villages and cities that would be knocking for admission to our order. Rather than encourage new lodges, I have tried to discourage them. Yet during the year, I have granted twenty-five dispensations for charters for new lodges, all of which, in my judgment, are located where they will be a credit to the roster of the Pythian lodges.

The committee on state of the order fully endorsed all Grand Chancellor Sutphen's official acts in flattering sentences, and their report was adopted unanimously.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Beatty says :—

“Notwithstanding the fact that there was a loss by suspension of 3,355, by withdrawals, 619, and by deaths, 309, we have a net gain of 2,115 members, giving us 52,160 January 1, 1895, as against 50,045 January 1, 1894. Six thousand, three hundred and ninety-eight were added to the lodge rosters during the twelve months; unfortunately our ranks were decimated to the extent of over 4,000, most of whom are to be credited to that inexplicable and peculiar agency, suspension. So long as the figures of gain overbalance those of loss, it is not to be supposed we will feel as deeply nor as sensibly on the question as we should, but I am of the opinion this ratio will not always prevail, and then, possibly when too late, there will be more general awakening along this line, only to find, it may be, that the cure has gone beyond reach. The subject is one which is receiving attention in every Grand Lodge, and a successful solution will bring gladness to the hearts of all loyal Pythians. A personal interest in the matter by each member of the subordinate lodge will go far toward attaining this result. Will the experiment be tried?

Our finances in grand and subordinate lodges are in splendid condition. Almost fabulous amounts have been paid by the latter for relief and for funeral benefits, and yet there is increase in assets of \$79,359.97, which are now within a few dollars of one million! Cash on hand is \$5,512.75 in excess of last year, and other items of assets also show substantial gain.

The amount expended for relief was \$105,171.78, and the total assets are \$930,539.59. There is \$20,790.05 in the Grand Lodge treasury of which \$1,874-.43 belongs to the “Pythian Home Fund.”

Portraits of some of the good-looking officers adorn the journal.

With the names of “John C. Burns, A. P. Butterfield, W. B. Richie,” holding up the Fraternal Correspondence report one expects a “good thing,” and it is right there, though we “suspect” that “the other two” didn't do much of the work. We will risk one more quotation—from the introduction—re suspensions, and believe it is the key to the remedy :—

“We are of the opinion that, after all, the officer who has the remedy under his control is the Master of Finance, because it has been clearly shown that where this official has accomplished the full measure of his duty the suspensions are only of those who would not settle an account if it were their last day on earth. It is a subject calling for the best thought, and we will all rejoice when a profitable conclusion has been reached.”

Next convention at Cincinnati in May, 1896.

M. A. BRIDGE, G. C., Columbus.

WM. BEATTY, G. K. R. S., Toledo.

A. P. BUTTERFIELD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA.—Fourth annual convention, at El Reno, July 31, 1894. (Journal received November 26.)

Grand Chancellor S. H. Harris followed the example of his predecessor in office (1st) by being absent from the Grand Lodge convention, and (2d) by doing nothing—absolutely nothing—for the order during his term. His report (also like his predecessor's) is simply a record of neglect of duty, and an "ad" for himself as a lawyer. He says his "professional" duties required every moment of his time, and that he had (since the previous September) conducted over eight hundred criminal prosecutions. Then he says he had an invalid wife to care for. This last excuse is probably legitimate. It is a pity that the honors of the order are so easily obtained.

The order has made some progress. Two new lodges and an increase of 118 in membership make a total of 10 lodges and 601 members. They suspended 77. For relief \$606.75 was expended, and the assets are \$5,050.62. The balance in Grand Lodge treasury is \$436.85.

The committee on state of the order "note that several appeals submitted to the Grand Chancellor, some as long ago as six months, have not yet been acted upon," and state that there are a number of towns where "with proper activity on the part of the grand officers," lodges could easily be instituted." We hope newly elected officers will get a hustle on."

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next convention at Kingfisher, May 21, 1895, only ten months after adjournment.

E. E. BLAKE, G. C., El Reno.

J. S. COLLIN, G. K. R. S., Guthrie.

ONTARIO.—Twenty-third annual convention, held at Windsor, August 21-23, 1894. (Journal received January 24, 1895.)

This convention was booked for Port Arthur, a point at one extreme end of the domain. Fearing to bankrupt the Grand Lodge, because satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the transportation companies, the Grand Chancellor notified the lodges not to send representatives. He went himself at date set, but, of course, could not hold a session as no quorum was present. The meeting was called for a later date at Windsor. Brother Rispen says: "Steady progress has been made, but thinks they ought to do better." He had a great many "trivial" questions asked, and suggests as a means of lightening the labors of the Grand Chancellor, "that members attempt to interpret the law a little for themselves." Visiting was not neglected, the Grand Vice Chancellor assisting. Several lodges were greatly in need of instruction, "not having been visited by a Grand Chancellor since their institution." Among his recommendations was one that a regular deputy be appointed and paid sufficient to enable him to devote all his

time to the work of visiting and instituting new lodges, and the Grand Lodge authorized the expenditure of \$150.00 a month for this purpose. Brother Broderick is named as "Provincial Deputy and Inspector." We look for great work in Ontario, as the field is one of the best in the Supreme Domain and only needs proper cultivation.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Mitchell reports two new lodges and the old ones increased in membership, and says "there seems to be a revival all along the line." The membership is 1596, a gain of 89, and they have 35 lodges with assets valued at \$16,768.63. They paid for relief \$3,539.34. The Grand Lodge had a balance of \$1,233.46. There were 179 suspended. He has a word to say regarding the supplies furnished by the Supreme Lodge, and thinks when the cost is compared with the style and quality of the goods but one conclusion can be reached—"a very poor quality at a very high price." There is a great deal of truth in the following, and as many other domains are making the same complaint the cause must be speedily removed, and prices reduced:—

"The charge for rituals should warrant a book that would last a lifetime, but instead we get one so miserably bound that it falls to pieces within a very short period. The membership charts, instead of being small and neat, are the size of a charter plate. In the matter of jewels, great dissatisfaction is manifested, and the cost in the case of many lodges is such that they cannot comply with the law requiring the discontinuance of the knight's collar. When from the reports of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal it is seen that during the last five years a profit has been made on supplies amounting to over \$130,000.00, and a reported balance of over \$50,000.00 on hand it can, I think, very fairly be claimed that the time has arrived when subordinate lodges are entitled to some consideration, and that in future a better quality be furnished at a very material decrease in cost."

This being Brother Mitchell's twenty-first year as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Supreme Representative King, on behalf of the domain, read a splendidly worded address, showing how highly our brother's faithful service is appreciated. The address was beautifully engrossed and bound in a handsome morocco album. Accompanying the address was a "specially made shield-shaped purse," suitably inscribed and filled with gold. Of course Brother Mitchell was "completely taken by surprise." Who wouldn't be to receive a purse of gold at a time when every journal is talking "hard times?" We are sure our brother richly deserved the token, and it is one of the bright spots in Pythian history to read of long and faithful service receiving suitable recognition. They also doubled his salary, so that he will draw \$300.00 this year, and he is worth it twice over.

From the excellent report of Supreme Representatives McKellar and King, we take this extract:—

"The election of officers took place on the morning of the third day, the result of which is given in the beginning of this report. This domain will have pleasure in knowing that to our worthy Brother Moulson, of the Maritime Provinces, was accorded the honor of election to the office of Supreme Inner Guard. The honor was well deserved, for aside from his being a [charter] member of the first lodge established in Canada (viz., at St. John, N. B.), he has been an indefatigable worker for the order and for some time Supreme Representative."

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we are sorry to say.

Next convention at Hamilton the second Tuesday in July, 1895.

R. H. McCONNELL, G. C., St. Thomas.

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

OREGON.—Fourteenth annual convention, at Portland, October 9-11, 1894. (Journal received Dec. 13.)

Grand Chancellor Waddle reports the standard of membership greatly improved and harmony prevailing; the knights more proficient in the work, and showing "more appreciation of the masterly work of the new ritual," and that "those who were most hostile at its adoption are now the most active in the exemplification of its beauties." Then he springs this question: "Is the new ritual too deep for the rank and file of our order?" to which—in the absence of any visible reply—we humbly admit, with tears in our eyes, that it is "in spots." He recommended that the Supreme Representatives endeavor to have the word "castle" substituted for "lodge" wherever found in the literature of the order, and this is the only evidence of weakness we notice in his report. What a picnic there would be in the Supreme Lodge over such a resolution!

They made a gain of only 25 in membership, and now have 3261 enrolled, while 551 were suspended. There are 57 lodges, a gain of five. For relief \$11,407.13 was expended, and the total assets are \$58,436.02. Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer \$3,594.34.

The appendix is rich in literary food, containing (besides the report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee) an address of welcome and reply, and the "oration" by the grand orator of the domain. We welcome the Fraternal Correspondence report "the first for many years," but are sorry our Journal was not included in the reviewed. Why, please?

Next convention at Salem, in October, 1895.

J. L. HILL, G. C., Albany.

G. F. MCCONNELL, G. K. R. S. and chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at York, in August, 1894. (Journal received November 27.)

From report of Grand Chancellor Stratton:—

I have travelled thousands of miles, written many hundreds of letters, and tried to give the order the benefit of the best endeavors of which I was capable. To this end I refrained from engaging in any business or employment, but devoted my time, doing whatever I could in my humble way, toward the advancement of the Pythian cause. . . . It seems very unfair to me that this order should expect that any person should sacrifice his time and business in travelling over the state as Grand Chancellor without pay, and I trust the time is not far distant when this Grand Lodge will make an appropriation of a reasonable amount as a salary to the Grand Chancellor in addition to his travelling expenses.

The number of lodges is same as at last report, the merging of two and dissolving of three off-setting four new ones. Through suspension of 4,429 members, death of 538 and withdrawal of 228, a decrease for the year appears of 2,787, the membership being 46,312. For relief \$244,594.59 was expended, and the assets of lodges are \$854,605.96. The Grand Master of Exchequer reports a balance on hand of \$7,769.07.

No Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Reading in August, 1895.

R. H. JACKSON, G. C., Pittsburgh.

GEORGE HAWKES, G. K. R. S., 1027 Race Street, Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, at Providence, February 12, 1895. (Journal received June 5.)

Grand Chancellor Scott made 33 official visits and thinks that "a Grand Chancellor who cannot or will not devote time enough to make one visit a year to each lodge, is not the proper man for the office."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wilson reports a slight decrease in membership, and suggests as a means of increasing their numbers that each member interest himself and endeavor to bring in a candidate. He reports one lodge less (caused by consolidation) and 36 members less than a year ago, though there is a considerable gain in lodge assets which amount to \$59,213.53. For relief \$12,590.90 was expended. The membership is 3,672. The Grand Lodge has cash balance of \$1,356.22.

No Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next convention at Providence in February, 1896.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, G. C., East Providence.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA.—No report.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Fifth annual aconvention, at Aberdeen, June 21, 22, 1894. (Journal received November 5.)

As we read the 'way back date of above session, "that tired feeling" comes to us, and the temptation of the moment is to shy the journal at the feline stretched lazily on the rug at our side. But as we were taught some time ago the value of caution, we pull ourselves together and—here goes. The familiar face of Brother Blackwell greets one on opening the book.

The Grand Chancellor's report says he felt grateful at being "exhaulted" to that office, and intended to hustle to keep up the record for increase, but he was sick and confined to his room for a month, and couldn't get to as many lodges as he wished; but—judging by his report of the visits made—he must have been clubbing himself for not being able to take in the whole lot. The condition of this domain is all right. They instituted five lodges and restored one, while one forfeited charter, the total being 44. The membership is 2,020, an increase of 257 for the year; suspended 136. The lodge assets are \$24,787.35, and they expended \$2,122.60 for relief. The Grand Master of Exchequer has \$485.72 on hand. Harmony prevails. Brother Blackwell addressed the Grand Lodge "at some length," and received "a rising vote."

Brother Cherry, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents an excellent report. He enjoyed the work—in fact, he says, "as we advanced farther and deeper into the work it became a pleasure and a positive delight." Now "the other two," (whom he says "were unable to join actively" in the work,) will understand what they have missed.

Next convention at Chamberlain, in June, 1895.

C. T. HOWARD, G. C., Redfield.

C. E. WARNER, G. K. R. S., Faulkton.

A. E. WITTING, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Henry.

TENNESSEE.—No report.

TEXAS.—No report.

UTAH.—Twelfth annual convention at Provo City, June 18-20, 1895. (Journal received July 31.)

A telegram from Supreme Chancellor Richie, expressing greetings and good wishes, was read soon after the opening, and suitable reply was "wired."

Grand Chancellor Corlew's report gives evidence of an earnestness in the discharge of his duties worthy of imitation. Because of universal "hard times" there was no attempt at a boom, but "the advancement, though slow, has been sure and strong." He visited every lodge, corrected inaccuracies in the work, and everything is better for this labor. Indeed, he reports the rank work equal to that of any sister domain. Brother Corlew thought it might be worth while to look after members who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and asked each lodge to send him a list of such members, that he might communicate with them, and if possible "touch a tender and sympathetic chord in their nature." So he incorporated in his circular a poem of six verses, (which is given in the journal.) Whether the fear of receiving a second and possibly a worse poem was the "tender chord," we cannot say, but are pleased that Brother Corlew could report that "some of the lodges are beginning to reap the harvest." Some one has said, "All's fair in love or war," and we know that love alone prompted our Brother's action.

Two lodges were instituted and two consolidated, and now there are 12, the membership being 960, an increase of 54. Suspensions numbered 168. The prospects for the future are bright. For relief \$2,879.51 was paid; the assets amount to \$12,919.62.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is a good one, Brother McDaniel's second, and he found the work "a pleasure and a personal benefit." He has changed the opinion he had of his brother correspondents, and thanks them for letting him down so easy. He thought the '94 report would be his last, but the work was so satisfactory he was reappointed—and it looks as if he were to have the contract another year. The Grand Lodge of Utah is wise. By the way, see that "foreign" is tabooed from your next report—heading and everywhere else.

Next convention at Salt Lake, June 16, 1896.

J. P. MEAKIN, G. C., Salt Lake.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

(?) E. A. MCDANIEL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, (though the book doesn't say so), Ogden.

VERMONT.—No report.

VIRGINIA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, at Staunton, February 19-22, 1895. (Journal received April 25.)

Supreme Chancellor Richie and Major-General Carnahan were introduced to the Grand Lodge immediately after the opening and welcomed by the Grand Chancellor. Both subsequently addressed the meeting.

Two new lodges were instituted "in a thriving section," and one surrendered charter. This latter, Brother Hulce says, "lived as long as it could. Hard times scattered the members to the four winds, and what was left surrendered its charter." We hope the "present" mentioned below was duly appreciated by the "new lodge:"—

"I will also state that I ordered the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to forward to Brother Wright the old secret work belonging to defunct London Bridge Lodge, No. 69, as a present to the new lodge at Martinsville, as said work was becoming more and more worthless each day by moths, rats, etc."(!)

"Etc." leaves large room for the imagination! Bugs? Among his recommendations is the following, and his reason for making it. "A word to the wise is (or should be) sufficient:"—

"As to the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, I recommend that the present salary, \$300.00, be increased to \$400.00 for the following reasons:

"(1) It is one of labour and vexation continuously. Many of the difficulties, as well as the work, are entirely unknown to this Grand Lodge and would surprise you, if you should be acquainted with them.

"(2) Under the new statutes the duties of this office have greatly increased and require the closest and strictest attention, and no man comes nearer earning his salary, if he performs his duty, than the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; and this increase of \$100.00 would not be recommended by me except through a thorough knowledge of what has been done, what is now being done, and what must be done by and through this officer in the future pertaining to the welfare of the order."

The long list of official visits shows an earnest desire on the part of Grand Chancellor Hulce to do his whole duty as he understood it. The increase of 198 for the year brings the membership up to 4,563, though 346 were suspended. Three lodges were instituted, two charters forfeited, and there remain 54, with assets of \$64,595.50. The expenditure for relief was \$19,507.95. The Grand Lodge exchequer contains \$2,156.89.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Edwards has a suggestion that it will pay any lodge to adopt. He believes that "at least one half" of those suspended for n. p. d. would have continued in the order if they had been called on. He suggests that the lodges elect an active, earnest member as Master of Finance, and give him a commission of say five or ten per cent. for collecting the dues of the knights. This plan was adopted in the lodge of which the writer is a member, and the result was that nearly all in arrears paid as soon as called on, and those owing only one quarter were glad to be called on while the amount was small. Another result was that a large number of those in arrears, and who had not been in lodge for months, came back and are now regular attendants. Try it! But be sure you get the right man for the position. We note that the committee on Fraternal Correspondence presented part of their report, and promised to try and complete it in time to appear in the journal. As only seventeen journals are reviewed we presume they were unable to catch up. This is to be regretted, as what does appear is very interesting reading. No Fraternal Correspondence Committee is announced.

Next convention at Danville in May 1896.

R. F. HUTCHESON, G. C.

WALTER A. EDWARDS, G. K. R. S., 24 Bank Street, Norfolk.

WASHINGTON.—Eleventh annual convention at Olympia, June 4-7, 1894. (Journal received October 25. Another back number !)

The date of this session had been changed in order to enable Supreme Chancellor Blackwell to be present. The fact that they had not a quorum of lodges and had to confer the Grand Lodge rank on some representatives to meet this condition of things— together with references made by the Supreme Chancellor in his opening remarks, lead us to believe that some of the “kickers” had been at work because of the change of date. Brother Blackwell’s address occupies twenty-five closely printed pages of the journal and is replete with information and instruction on Pythian matters, that must have been beneficial to the membership. He was highly complimented by the lodge. Two brethren were also appointed to accompany him on his visit to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and an appropriation made for their expenses.

Walter G. Ronald, Grand Chancellor, was an efficient and diligent officer. He visited all the lodges except one— a creditable record when it is remembered that there are eighty-one lodges in this grand domain, and that many of these were visited two or three times. And we are ready to spread the mantle of Pythian charity over the confession in the following paragraph :—

“I here desire to express my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me by all the lodges visited, and especially to the lady friends of the brothers who in almost all cases provide a bountiful supply of the best of eatables at the close of our conventions. Although provided by nature with a great ability to show my appreciation of such attentions, I must confess that as I neared the end of my round of visits my continued efforts to prove by my actions that I appreciated the good things provided resulted in my being obliged to obtain medical treatment. The diagnosis of my case developed the fact that I had eaten too much.”

Such “efforts” are ample evidence of our brother’s good nature. The Grand Lodge voted the sum of \$600.00 to Grand Chancellor Ronald “to partly reimburse him for services as Grand Chancellor during the year.” (Will the New Hampshire Committee on Fraternal Correspondence please take notice ?)

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 4,735 members, an increase of 148; five new lodges and five forfeited charter; 706 suspended; \$15,630.74 paid for relief; assets of lodges, \$137,019.64. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury, \$11,443.08. The matter of suspensions is thus referred to, showing that the opinion is becoming general as to the remedy :—

“Attention is called to the fact that the number of suspensions almost equals the number of initiations for the year. No doubt some of the suspended members have become such on account of the prevailing hard times, but when we scan the detailed reports of suspensions for the year and note that a number of our old lodges have very, very little, if any, representation on that list, while the cry of ‘hard times’ is heard in their midst just as strongly as it is elsewhere, we cannot but think that such lodges possess active masters of finance, who do not fail to remind members of their arrearages before they reach such proportions that the payment seems a burden, thus reducing their list of suspensions to the minimum. No other explanation of the matter seems plausible, since we know the relative conditions to be the same in both cases.”

Our own lodges will do well to take note of these facts.

There is a creditable report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee "with an occasional mild criticism."

Next convention at Walla Walla, in May, 1895.

G. L. MCKAY, G. C., Tacoma.

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

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twenty-fifth annual convention, at Huntington, October 9, 10, 1894. (Journal received February 18, 1895.)

F. A. Lang, Grand Chancellor, says:—

"We are prospering beyond our expectations, and with the effort continued we will multiply and increase amazingly. Notwithstanding the financial stringency prevailing during the past year, we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the actual increase in our membership and the work in this domain, as well as the phenomenal record of the order universal."

This domain reports a net gain for the year of 853, the membership being 5,581. They instituted 16 lodges and now have 96. There were 389 suspended. The expenditure for relief was \$14,223.22, and the assets are \$82,473.30. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$1,665.71.

A short report is submitted by the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, and we would be glad to know why our journal was not included. We hope Brother Moore will not do this again!

Next convention at Fairmont in October, 1895.

CYRUS W. HALL, G. C., Charleston.

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

REV. A. MOORE, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Clarksburg.

WISCONSIN.—No report.

WYOMING.—Eleventh annual convention, at Green River, September 17, 18, 1894. (Journal received January 5, 1895.)

An increase of 58 is reported, notwithstanding the "off" condition of business and money, and we agree with Grand Chancellor Burritt that there is cause for congratulation that it is no worse. "Illness and the necessity of closer attention to business" is our brother's excuse for not making a larger number of official visits; but he showed an appreciation of his duties by calling on his "brother officers and deputies" to look after the lodges in this connection, and reports the work well done. Brother Burritt was re-elected.

We gather from the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Gosden the following figures: membership 685; suspended 32; lodges 11, an increase of 1; expended for relief \$1,452.60; assets \$20,777.20; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$341.32. We note that Brother Gosden's salary was increased to \$250.00.

If Brother Chaplin, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, had only read the first paragraph of our introduction to the report of 1893 he would understand why "Wyoming" did not pass under review. We have always prided ourselves on reviewing every journal received before going to press, and have indeed "stopped the press" for this very purpose. Fact! We are sure the

real nice things we said about you in our '94 report will prevent a suspicion of any inclination to deny you "a fair show."

Next convention at Rock Springs in September, 1895.

CHAS. H. BURRITT, G. C., Buffalo.

PERCY J. GOSDEN, G. K. R. S., Laramie.

W. E. CHAPLIN, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Laramie.

"THERE ARE OTHERS."

When the reviewer has gone through the journals of the different grand domains, the general supposition is that he has looked into the homes of the entire Pythian family. But there are about a dozen lodges "under the immediate control of the Supreme Lodge." From a published statement of the Supreme Lodge, these lodges stood as follows at the end of 1894:—

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—Six lodges; membership, 231; expended for relief, \$1,135.80; assets, \$9,858.58; suspended, 18.

MEXICO.—Three lodges, (report from one not received); membership, 145; expended for relief, \$258.00; assets, \$1,962.76; suspended, 2.

QUEBEC, (CANADA).—Two lodges; membership, 170; suspended, 4; expended for relief, \$51.50; assets, \$1,518.44.

These domains are under the immediate care of the Supreme Lodge. The natural supposition is that these widely scattered children would be as well taken care of as lodges claiming allegiance with a grand lodge; but, alas! such is not the case, at least, in the territory where the writer resides. On the contrary, they are like orphans with a hard-hearted step-mother over them. If it ever happens that a grand lodge should be formed under existing conditions, little credit to the Supreme Lodge, which does absolutely nothing for these, except collect the per capita, issue S. A. P. W., and sell supplies. Not a dollar is expended for extending the order, and that it lives at all is due to the true Pythian spirit which the members hold. But let not the Supreme Lodge imagine that their neglect is overlooked. Knights faithful to their vows are making effort and sacrifice to keep things moving, while the Supreme Lodge treasury carries a "balance on hand."

Progress is the order of the day all along the line. Notwithstanding the continued serious drain by suspensions, the net gain in membership is most gratifying and encouraging.

The Uniform Rank has attained a position which must far exceed the most sanguine expectations of its originators, and the part it plays in connection with the order's growth is sufficient guarantee of its permanency.

We are pleased to notice the increased interest in and growth of

the Endowment Rank, which so readily enables members of the order to provide for those who are dependent on them for support.

The general feeling in regard to suspended members seems to be that the remedy lies in the selection of the Master of Finance, and not a few of the domains report that allowing that officer a commission on all dues collected has helped very materially to lessen the depletion of our ranks from that cause.

It has been a source of pride to notice how many writers in journals that have come to hand have made flattering reference to the ability, zeal and faithfulness of Brother Henry, the tireless Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this grand domain, as shown in his reports and in the journal. As an "outsider" it is not too much to say that his work compares most favorably with that of any Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in the Supreme Domain, and this Grand Lodge will do well to keep him in the position he so ably fills.

Brethren, let us not forget that our domain and our work are closely scanned by a most critical audience all over the Supreme domain, and let this fact nerve us to renewed effort for the advancement of those principles so dear to all true Pythians.

A PERSONAL MATTER.

When the report for 1894 was submitted, the writer took leave of the reviewers, as he had removed to Montreal, Quebec; and had no idea that it would be his privilege to act on this committee another year. But the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal notified us that we had been re-appointed and that a bundle of journals had been sent by express. What could we do? True, the work had a sort of fascination; but we had "retired." We hesitated, and that settled it. This is our explanation. We feel it due to the brethren of other domains who have thus possibly been beguiled into saying kind words about our work — just as good things are told of the dead. We are not dead! We have to thank all for their expressed regrets at the supposed parting; and will not kick if they thrash us unmercifully for this report to sort of "even up." This is "positively our last appearance," and for our successors in the field of labor we ask all the consideration and Pythian charity which has been extended to us during the years since we first engaged in this work.

Submitted in F. C. and B.,

E. A. POWERS,
Chairman.

Montreal, Quebec, August 17, 1895.

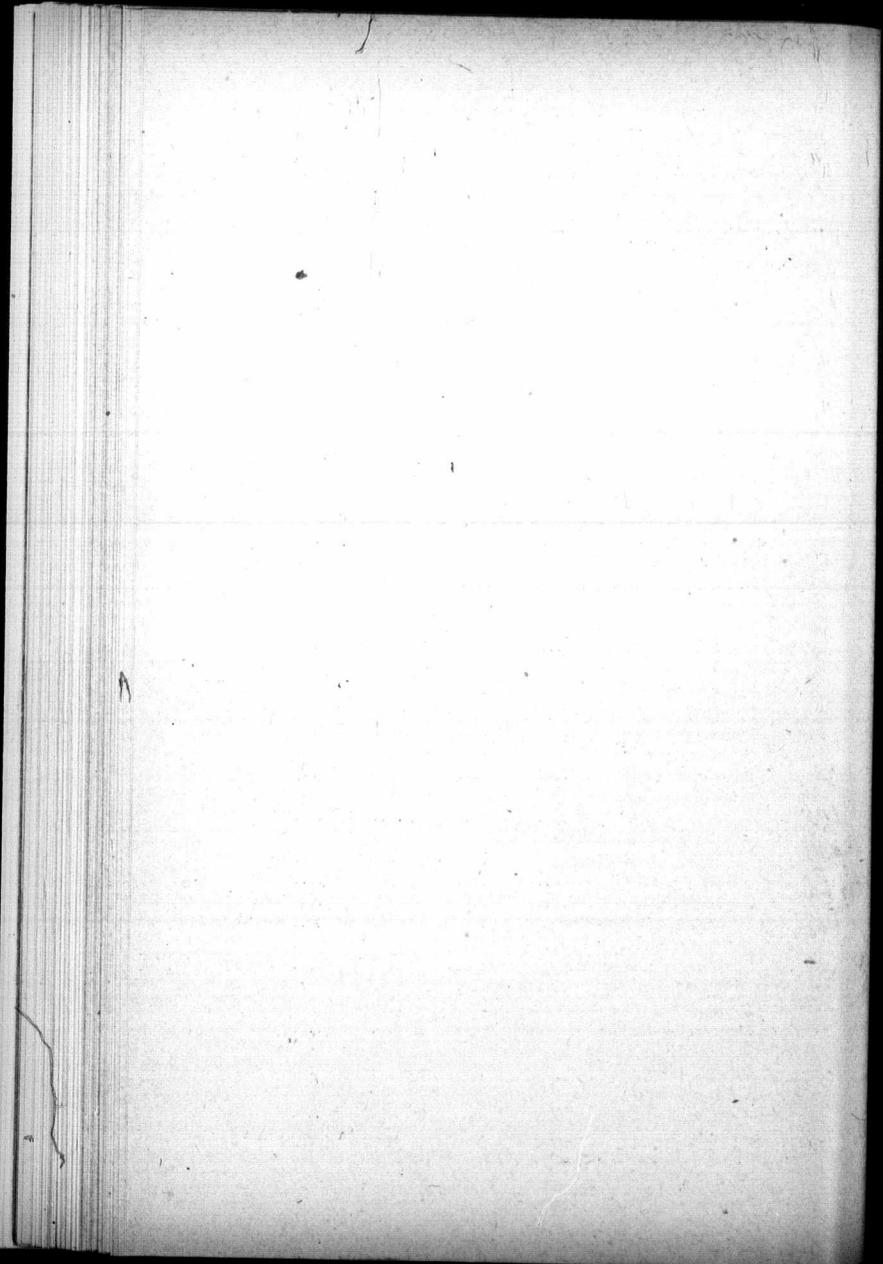
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The following supplies can be obtained only through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:—

Subordinate Lodge Ritual, per set of five.....	\$20 00
Question Book.....	1 50
Installation Book, per set of four.....	2 00
Service Book, containing funeral, memorial, decoration day and dedicatory services.....	50
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Supreme Constitution and Statutes, each.....	40
Ode Cards, each.....	55
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	10
Transfer Cards, each.....	50
Grand Lodge Card for member of defunct Lodge.....	50
Travelling Shield.....	2 00
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Second Rank Blanks, in pads of 50.....	50
Official Receipts, with name and number of Lodge.....	50
Official Receipts, blank.....	1 00
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Order for S. A. P. W., blank.....	1 00
Application Cards, with name, &c., of Lodge, per 100.....	60
Application Cards, blank.....	1 00
Master of Exchequer Receipts, printed with name of Lodge, per 100.....	60
Master of Exchequer Receipts, blank.....	1 00
Master of Exchequer Orders, printed with name of Lodge, per 100.....	1 50
Master of Exchequer Orders, blank.....	1 00
Delinquent Notices, per 100.....	75
Jewels for Subordinate Lodge, per set.....	11.00, 16.00, 21.00, 36 00
Single Jewel for any Officer.....	1.25, 1.75, 2.25, 3 75
Knights' or Past Chancellors' Jewels, each.....	1.25, 2.25, 4 25
Grand Representatives' Jewels, each.....	1.75, 2 75
Past Grand Representatives' Jewels, each.....	1.75, 2 75
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Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, bound with and forming a part of the Journal of Proceedings of 1895, each.....	25

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ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
MURRAY FLEMING,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1897.)
MONCTON, N. B.	

TRUSTEES

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MONCTON, N. B.	

The next Convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Moncton, N. B., on the Second Tuesday in August, 1896.