

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
THE MARITIME PROVINCES



SPECIAL SESSION

Held at Saint John, N. B., July 19th, 1893

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the
Maritime Provinces

St. John, N. B., July 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

Pursuant to notices issued to its members, the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, convened in special session this day, in Pythian Hall, Germain Street, and was called to order at 10 o'clock, a.m., by Grand Chancellor Frank L. Peers.

The following officers were present at roll call :-

J. FENWICK FRASER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard.
LEBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

Supreme Representatives Moulson and Fleming, Past Grand Chancellors Grimmer and Powers, and Past Chancellors from nearly all Subordinate Lodges, were present at the opening.

The Grand Chancellor stated that he had called the special session for the purpose of meeting the Supreme Chancellor, who was visiting our Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master-at-Arms announced the presence of several Past Chancellors in the ante-room, who desired, if possible, to receive the Grand Lodge Rank. After some discussion the Grand Chancellor decided that their request be complied with.

A favorable report being made by the Committee on Credentials, the following were introduced and duly obligated in the Grand Lodge Rank, according to prescribed Ritual :—

Geo. R. Day,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
A. P. Barnhill,	Do do
F. A. Godsoe,	Union Lodge, No. 2.
Geo. A. Troop,	Do do
Frank Holman,	Do do
D. H. Charters,	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
W. E. Sherard,	Do do
William Crowhurst,	Do do
Alexander Murray,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
Geo. Cameron,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
G. H. Gass,	Do do
Will. H. Laughlin,	Border Lodge, No. 8.

The Supreme Chancellor, W. W. Blackwell, being announced, the Grand Master-at Arms, accompanied by Supreme Representative Fleming, repaired to the ante-room and escorted the distinguished Brother to the Lodge Room, where he was received in a manner befitting his station.

After being introduced by Supreme Representative Fleming to the Grand Lodge, Brother Blackwell was conducted to a seat at the right of Grand Chancellor Peers, where he addressed the members at considerable length. His familiarity with the aims and objects of Pythianism was evident from the close attention he received.

Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer, in a few well chosen words, congratulated the Grand Lodge in being honored with a visit from the Supreme Chancellor, and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Brother Blackwell for the able address he had given them.

Motion passed unanimously by a rising vote, which was duly acknowledged by the Supreme Chancellor.

Past Grand Chancellor W. D. Kennedy, of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, being present, was called on for a few words. Brother Kennedy responded in a manner which reflected credit alike on himself as a gifted speaker and a worthy Knight of Pythias.

There being no further business presented, at 1, p.m., Grand Chancellor Peers closed the Grand Lodge in due form.

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Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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 2.30, p. m., by Grand Chancellor Frank L. Peers.

The following named Officers were present at roll call :—

J. FENWICK FRASER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. MCLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard.
LEBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brother J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5, to fill the office of Grand Vice Chancellor, Brother Jas. D. Fowler being absent.

There were also present Supreme Representatives James Moulson and Murray Fleming and Past Grand Chancellor W. C. H. Grimmer.

The reading of the minutes of last annual session was omitted,

and upon motion of Past Grand Chancellor Fraser the same was adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

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

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

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

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

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.

Jas. Moulson,	J. Fen. Fraser,	F. S. Merritt,
Wm. Robb,	Wm. Quigley,	Geo. R. Day,
W. S. Vaughan,	Chas. Nevins,	E. P. Leonard,
W. S. Morrison,	J. S. Brown,	Geo. A. Hetherington,
E. R. Machum,	John Beamish,	J. E. Fraser,
Thos. Armstrong,	Samuel Tufts,	A. P. Barnhill.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

John R. Armstrong,	Hedley V. Cooper,	Arthur M. Duff,
Andrew J. Armstrong,	John A. Ewing,	A. S. Pattison,
Wm. McAdoo,	A. L. Rawlins,	LeB. Wilson,
Fred Sullivan,	Frank Fales,	F. E. Holman,
Park A. Melville,	E. A. Powers,	Geo. A. Troop,
Arthur W. Adams,	Robt. O'Shaughnessy,	F. A. Godsoe.

WESTMORELAND LODGE, NO. 3.

Jos. H. Wran,	John P. Weir,	Joseph McClure,
A. S. Coleman,	W. K. Parker,	D. H. Charters,
Murray Fleming,	John Bedford,	W. Crowhurst,
W. T. Sands,	K. A. McLean,	W. E. Sherard.
J. W. Whitehead,	Joseph Barton,	

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.

John Ryder,	W. C. H. Grimmer,	F. S. Hutchinson,
John C. Henry,	L. M. Robinson,	W. E. Smith,
George J. Clarke,	R. J. Rosborough,	Alex. Murray.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

Geo. Dunn,	D. S. Ross,	E. A. Potter,
F. L. Peers,	Alex. Dick,	David Conn,
R. H. Cooper,	J. F. Gilroy,	Geo. H. Gass,
F. F. Noiles,	Chris. Proctor,	G. W. Cameron.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

Alex. McLeod,	Wm. Reese,	Geo. McKnight,
John Wylie,	John J. Fraser,	A. C. McKinnon.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.

A. J. Fowle,	Geo. N. Bookhout.
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IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.

S. B. Charlton,	Stanley S. Street,	W. H. Morse,
	Jas. H. Wilbur, jr.	

BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.

B. H. Kerr,	J. E. McAllister,	R. W. Whitlock,
	Fred P. Maxwell.	

SEASIDE LODGE, NO. 9.

F. H. Grimmer,	M. N. Cockburn,	R. E. Armstrong.
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MYRTLE LODGE, NO. 10.

W. E. Blenkburn.	Stephen R. Canning,	H. C. Jenks.
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CHIGNECTO LODGE, NO. 11.

H. J. Logan,	C. A. Lowe,	C. A. McQueen.
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Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
 R. H. COOPER,
 T. ARMSTRONG,
 R. J. ROSBOROUGH,

Committee.

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

Stanley S. Street,
 James Wilbur, jr.,

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
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On motion the reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Report of the Grand Chancellor.

SPRINGHILL, N. S., September 19, 1893.

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

BRETHREN.—The time having now arrived for the officers of this Grand Lodge to give an account of their stewardship and report the progress made in Pythianism during the past year, I beg leave to say that my report is not so full and satisfactory to myself as I would like it to be for the following reasons:—

At the commencement of the present year I was taken seriously ill, being obliged to undergo a severe dental operation. The shock was such that I was confined to my home and unable to attend to any business for six months, and have been an invalid for the balance of the term.

Immediately after my election as Grand Chancellor for this Honorable Lodge I appointed the following Deputies:—

- John Beamish, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
- LeBaron Wilson, Union Lodge, No. 2.
- John Weir, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
- L. M. Robinson, Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
- J. F. Gilroy, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
- C. H. Thomas, Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
- John E. Sutton, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
- J. M. Deacon, Border Lodge, No. 8.
- F. H. Grimmer, Seaside Lodge, No. 9.
- H. C. Jenks, Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
- J. M. Lusby, Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I feel happy in stating that our Order is in a healthy and flourishing condition throughout the Jurisdiction, the increase in membership being very marked during the year. From personal observation of Lodges which I have had the pleasure of visiting, and from every information I can possibly obtain, I can truly say that peace and harmony everywhere prevail.

NEW LODGES.

I am sure it will be a pleasure to this Grand Lodge to know that we have at last succeeded in establishing a Lodge in the city of Halifax—Halifax Lodge, No. 12. Although the membership of this Lodge is not yet large, I fully believe it is composed of members who will at no far distant day make their Lodge a formidable rival for St. John. In connection with the formation of this Lodge I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Grand Inner Guard J. M.

Deacon, for the services and valuable assistance he rendered me at its formation. Though Brother Deacon resided at a greater distance from Halifax than any other Grand Lodge officer, on hearing of my illness he thoroughly qualified himself, went to Halifax and conferred the third in a way which reflected great credit not only on himself but on the Order. Past Grand Chancellor Powers, of St. John, and Past Chancellor H. J. Logan, of Amherst, also rendered valuable assistance in the conferring of ranks.

Subsequently, with the aid of Brother E. A. Potter, of No. 5, who as an organizer I consider has no peer in the Jurisdiction, I succeeded in establishing a Lodge at Parrsboro, known as Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13. I am pleased to state that the charter members of this Lodge comprise Parrsboro's best citizens. I have no doubt of its future prosperity as its members are full of energy and enthusiasm. I appointed Brother Chas. S. Philips as my Deputy for Halifax, No. 12, and Rev. Bro. E. M. Dill as my Deputy for Kenilworth, No. 13.

DISPENSATIONS.

During my term of office I granted the following dispensations :

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

To re-admit a member 50 years of age.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

To temporarily change night of meeting.

To temporarily change night of meeting to confer degrees.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

To confer two degrees in one night.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

To march to church in a body.

To meet weekly instead of twice a month.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

To confer three degrees at one regular meeting.

Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.

To change their place of meeting.

To confer three degrees at one regular meeting.

DECISIONS.

I have not been called upon to decide many intricate questions pertaining to Lodge work during the year. The following are the questions submitted for my decision, with my answers:—

1. Must all Knights wear jewels in the Lodge room, or may they wear their red collars?

Answer. All Knights must wear the jewels of their rank or office in the Lodge room. The red collar only is not recognized as a symbol of Knighthood in the Lodge room.

2. Must Past Chancellors wear Past Chancellors' jewels in order to be allowed to sit in the Lodge room?

Answer. It is the duty of each Lodge to furnish jewels for all its members. Failure to furnish a sufficient number of Past Chancellors' jewels is neglect on the part of the Lodge and not the fault of the member.

3. Can a member wear a red collar in the Lodge room?

Answer. Yes, if he is also invested with the jewel of his rank or office, in which case he can wear the red, white and blue.

4. Can a Past Chancellor, wearing a Knight's jewel, speak and vote in the Lodge room?

Answer. Yes. If the Lodge has not provided him with the proper jewel he cannot be debarred from speaking and voting through the oversight or neglect of the Lodge.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The official visit of Supreme Chancellor Blackwell has given an impetus to our Order in the Maritime Provinces which will be felt for years to come. All the Brethren who had the honor of meeting him and making his acquaintance at the special session of this Grand Lodge held in St. John, will, I feel sure, join me in saying that it was the privilege of a lifetime. To know him was to know a most noble and true Knight of Pythias.

I am satisfied, as Grand Chancellor of this Jurisdiction, that all members present at that memorable session will remember with kindest feelings the unbounded hospitality extended by New Brunswick and Union Lodges to all the Brethren during the visit to the Maritime Provinces of Supreme Chancellor Blackwell and Inspector General Kennedy.

UNIFORM RANK.

All the Divisions of Uniform Rank are, I am pleased to inform the Brethren, in a flourishing condition. By the reports from the various Divisions it will be seen that the increase in membership of the Rank has been quite large during the year. In that time one Division has been formed and there is at present every prospect of the formation of another in the town of Amherst at an early date.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would respectfully submit the following recommendations for your careful consideration:

That Charters be issued to Halifax Lodge, No. 12, of Halifax, and Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, of Parrsboro.

That the matter of the Endowment Rank be taken into early consideration by the different Lodges. Sections of this Rank should be formed in each of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. I deeply regret to report that there is only one Section as yet formed in the Maritime Provinces—viz., that at Moncton, N. B.

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended that the Grand Chancellor, whether residing in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, should on his

election to office be empowered to appoint a Deputy in the neighboring Province, who could organize new Lodges and give close attention to the work of organizing in his locality. The result of this, I think, would be to facilitate the work and contribute toward the further spread of Pythianism—in all cases the Grand Lodge to pay all reasonable expenses.

That this Grand Lodge would, for the advancement of Ritualistic work, embody in the Subordinate Lodge Constitution the following, viz.:—'That the election of Officers take place at least one month previous to the commencement of the term.' This would enable the officers elect to qualify themselves for the work of their respective offices upon taking charge.

That the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be made permanent, at \$150 per year; and that he attend, as far as possible, the formation of Lodges. The duties of that official are arduous and his work constantly increasing. Brother Henry has, I believe, faithfully and earnestly endeavored to keep the affairs of our Order as they should be kept.

In concluding my report for the term now ended, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all the Officers and members who have so promptly and willingly rendered their assistance in the discharge of my official duties.

That Pythianism may meet with even a greater degree of prosperity in the future than in the past is the sincere prayer of

Your obedient Servant and Brother,

FRANK L. PEERS.

Grand Chancellor.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 19, 1893.

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

SIR AND BROTHERS,—Agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, I hereby submit the annual, and my seventh, report of the receipts and disbursements of this Grand Lodge for the year ended September 18, 1893:—

1892.		<i>Receipts.</i>			
Sept. 20.	To balance on hand	.....	.....	.....	\$348 88
1893.					
Jan. 5.	To cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.				\$42 00
21.	Do	do	do		27 75
Feb. 16.	Do	do	do		130 96
25.	Do	do	do		47 25
April 21.	Do	do	do		83 94
	Carried forward				\$331 90
	486				

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		Brought forward	\$331 90
July 19.	To cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.		43 50
19.	Do	do	29 50
20.	Do	do	30 00
20.	Do	do	42 40
Sept. 12.	Do	do	311 28
18.	Do	do	2 25
			<hr/> \$790 83

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Disbursements.

\$1139 71

Dec. 16.	By St. Croix Courier, printing Journals, etc.	\$138 16
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Jan. 20.	" G. K. R. S., Supreme Lodge supplies	8 75
31.	" do expressage, duties and postage on rituals, S. L. Journals and G. L. Journals	17 35
31.	" G. K. R. S., postage and stationery	4 41
31.	" do Supreme Lodge tax and premium	100 45
Feb. 28.	" do Supreme Lodge supplies	47 25
April 21.	" do half-year's salary to March 20	50 00
21.	" do Supreme Lodge supplies	73 90
24.	" E. A. Powers, printing stationery	5 00
July 19.	" F. L. Peers, G. C., travelling expenses	50 00
20.	" G. K. R. S., Supreme Lodge supplies	42 40
Aug. 30.	" do salary, postage, rent P. O. box, etc.	70 41
Sept. 4.	" do Supreme Lodge supplies	55 25
4.	" W. A. Raymold, supplies to Myrtle Lodge	6 38
4.	" Vroom Bros., case for Journals of Grand Lodges	5 25
4.	" St. Croix Courier, printing dispensations and postal cards	9 30
4.	" T. Armstrong, expenses of his office,	0 85
16.	" F. L. Peers, travelling expenses, and postage	73 00
	" Balance on hand	381 60
		<hr/> \$1139 71

Fraternally submitted.

T. ARMSTRONG,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., September 19, 1893.

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

BRETHREN,—Agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, it is my duty to submit the annual report of this office for the year ended September 18th, 1893.

I am happy to be able to say that the past year has seen the Order in this jurisdiction continuing to increase numerically as well as financially. The increase may not appear as great as it ought to be, when we consider the phenomenal growth the Order is making throughout the United States and in other parts of this Canada of ours. Still, the addition of two new Lodges since this Grand Lodge met a year ago, with an increase in the membership of all our older Lodges, would indicate that we are going steadily forward.

The usual tables, giving membership and financial standing of the thirteen Lodges now composing this Grand Jurisdiction, are appended to and form a part of this report. These tables show the membership of the several Lodges to be as follows:—

Lodge.	Location.	Membership.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	St. John	118
Union, No. 2.....	Do.	174
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	Moncton	120
Frontier, No. 4.....	St. Stephen	100
Cumberland, No. 5.....	Springhill	102
Fredericton, No. 6.....	Fredericton	78
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	Woodstock	86
Border, No. 8.....	Milltown	61
Seaside, No. 9.....	St. Andrews	34
Myrtle, No. 10.....	Advocate	36
Chignecto, No. 11.....	Amherst	36
Halifax, No. 12.....	Halifax	14
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	Parrsboro	25
Total		984

This indicates a gain of nearly eighteen per cent. for the year—the largest gain being made by Fredericton, No. 6, closely followed by Ivanhoe, Union and Cumberland.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, June 30, 1892	834
Initiated during the year	142
Admitted by card	6
Reinstated	5
Total additions during the year	153
	987
<i>Deductions.</i>	
Withdrawn	9
Suspended	17
Deceased	2
Total deductions	28
Number of members June 30, 1893	959
Add Kenilworth, No. 13, instituted August 22	25
	984

	RANK.			
Past Grand Chancellors	7
Past Chancellors	140
Knights	822
Esquires	11
Pages	4
				984

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The past twelve months has seen the exchequers of most of our subordinate Lodges considerably increased, while all show some gain.

From the table giving full details of finances, the following summary may be interesting:—

Assets June 30, 1892	....	....	....	\$12,302 30
Total receipts for year	....	....	....	6,232 00
Current expenses	....	....	....	\$18,534 30
Relief of Brothers	....	....	\$2,682 16	
Burials	....	....	1,051 50	
Widowed Families	....	....	135 00	
Assets June 30, 1893	....	....	380 13	
			14,285 51	
Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund (included above), \$4,097 27.				\$18,534 30

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in good condition. I have received during the past year the sum of \$790.83, which has been paid over as usual to the Grand Master of Exchequer.

The following table shows the amount each Lodge contributed toward this fund:—

Lodge.	Per Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Dispensations.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	\$57 25	\$6 10	.....	\$63 35
Union, No. 2.....	85 50	3 05	.....	88 55
Westmoreland, No. 3.....	59 75	8 60	.....	68 35
Frontier, No. 4.....	49 50	36 30	.....	85 80
Cumberland, No. 5.....	49 50	23 10	.....	72 60
Fredericton, No. 6.....	37 50	5 85	.....	43 35
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	41 00	5 55	.....	46 55
Border, No. 8.....	29 75	50 80	.....	80 55
Seaside, No. 9.....	17 50	4 80	.....	22 30
Myrtle, No. 10.....	16 75	30 43	.....	47 18
Chignecto, No. 11.....	16 25	7 05	.....	23 30
Halifax, No. 12.....	3 50	50 00	\$15 00	68 50
Kenilworth, No. 13.....	.....	55 45	15 00	70 45
Rec'd from Grand Chancellor	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Total	\$463 75	\$287 08	\$40 00	\$790 83

Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, Sept., 1892	\$348 88
Cash received during the year	790 83
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Expended during the year, as per warrants	\$1139 71
	758 11
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In the hands of Grand Master of Exchequer	\$381 60
Balance due by Lodges	26 05
Value of Supplies in my office, as per accompanying memorandum	57 50
Value of Grand Lodge Furniture, as per inventory	120 65
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Total assets of Grand Lodge	\$585 80

There are no bills due by Grand Lodge as far as I know. The amount of supplies on hand—which have been paid for during the year—with the balance due by one of our subordinate Lodges, somewhat lessens the amount of cash in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

NEW LODGES.

The Lodge started in Halifax had only a small charter list; but there is prospect of its soon becoming one of our banner Lodges. There is plenty of material there, and with such leaders as Brothers Charles S. Philips, the popular agent of the C. P. R. in that city, and W. H. Huggins, L.L.B., a leading barrister of Halifax, I predict for No. 12 a large increase in membership for the coming year.

Kenilworth, No. 13, of Parrsboro, is scarcely a month old; but from the earnestness of its members in the noble cause, and the stimulus which will doubtless be given it by its nearest neighbors in Springhill, Advocate and Amherst, the membership of this godson of Sir Walter Scott will so increase as to prove to even the most sceptical that there is luck in No. 13.

GRAND CHANCELLOR PEERS.

No member of this Grand Lodge regrets more than I the sickness which overtook our Grand Chancellor soon after his election; and I know I only voice the feeling of the entire jurisdiction when I say that we all hope he may soon be restored to health. Had it been otherwise, I am confident that instead of two new Lodges instituted during his term, he would have added several more.

UNIFORM RANK.

The Uniform Rank continues to grow in our Jurisdiction, another Division—Wilfred, No. 7, of Woodstock—having been added during the past year.

It is also an evidence of the strength of this branch of the Order that there was recently instituted the first Regiment. That the officers of its several Divisions know, apparently, who can lead them on to victory is proved by their selection of Hedley V. Cooper as Colonel and W. C. H. Grimmer as Major. Brother Cooper is bound to make a success of the Rank in the Maritime Provinces.

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THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

I have to thank publishers of several Pythian papers for copies which occasionally reach this office.

GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGE CONSTITUTIONS.

In addition to the duties devolving on me during the past year as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, it was my lot, as you are aware, to be chosen as one of the committee of five to revise the Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions. That committee had several meetings, and at last framed the work which is in your possession, and which will doubtless receive your careful consideration at this present session.

Inviting your attention to the accompanying statement and statistical tables, I will close my report by expressing my thanks to the members of this Grand Lodge for having at four former sessions seen fit to elect me to this office—an honor all the more appreciated because unsolicited. And rest assured that while I remain your servant, I shall endeavor so to do the work as to merit your unqualified approval.

Fraternally,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

On the calling roll of Lodges for petitions, communications, etc., all were represented except Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Border Lodge, No. 8, of Milltown, presented the following petition:—

Milltown, N. B., September 11, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

Border Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, sends greeting, and wishes the Grand Lodge a pleasant and profitable session.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge held on the 4th of September, instant, a resolution was unanimously adopted inviting the Grand Lodge to hold its next annual session in our Castle Hall.

It is with pleasure that we extend you this invitation, trusting that it will receive your most favorable consideration, and that the next annual session of the Grand Lodge will be held in our cosy Castle Hall in the Border Town of Milltown, N. B.

J. W. GRAHAM, C. C.

Attest: ALBERT H. ROBINSON, K. of R. and S.

Communication was received and ordered to be considered under Miscellaneous Business.

Telegram from James D. Fowler, Grand Vice Chancellor, read,

expressed his regret at being unable to be present at the opening of Grand Lodge, but hoped to be at the morning session.

The Committee on Distribution submitted the following report :—

Report of Committee on Distribution.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

Your Committee on Distribution of Reports recommend that the decisions of the Grand Chancellor be referred to the Committee on Law, his recommendations to a special committee of three, and the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer to the Committee on Finance.

J. MOULSON,
J. F. FRASER,

Committee.

On motion resolved that the report be received and the recommendations carried out. The Special Committee appointed were Grand Master-at-Arms McLean, and Past Grand Chancellors Fraser and Grimmer.

The Finance Committee made the following report :—

Report of Finance Committee.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

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

We have examined the books 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, . . . . .	....	....	\$348 88
Receipts from all sources for year ended September 18, 1893,			790 83
Grand Total,			\$1139 71
Disbursements for expenses for year, . . . . .	....	....	758 11
Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, . . . . .	....	....	\$381 60

We would call attention to the fact that in addition to the above balance there are supplies representing cash, in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to the amount of fifty-seven dollars

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and fifty cents, and also a balance due from Lodges of twenty-six dollars and five cents which has not been received in time to be included in the above report, making in all a cash value balance of four hundred and sixty dollars and fifteen cents, in addition to the value of the Grand Lodge furniture of one hundred and twenty dollars and sixty-five cents.

We would respectfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration, that have been suggested by records while performing our labors as Finance Committee:—

1. That a sum of money be placed at the disposal of the Grand Chancellor, not to exceed \$30 per Lodge, to defray necessary expenses of organization.
2. In consideration of the increasing labor in connection with the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, that the salary of the office be made permanent with a fair increase over last year's donation.

F. S. HUTCHINSON, *Ch.*,
PARKER GRIMMER,
ABNER H. GRAHAM,

Committee.

On motion the report was received and ordered to be placed on minutes, the committee's recommendations being referred to the Special Committee on Grand Chancellor's report.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 6, p.m., to meet again at 7.30, p.m.

EVENING SESSION

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
R. H. COOPER,	Grand Vice-Chancellor, <i>pro tem.</i>
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. MCLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard.
LEBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

After approval of minutes of afternoon session, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following telegram, which had been received by the Grand Chancellor :—

Pike's Peak Summit, Colorado, September 19, 1893.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces, at Woodstock, N. B.

Above the clouds, surrounded by snow, I tender fraternal greetings.

W. W. BLACKWELL,

Supreme Chancellor.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to prepare and forward a suitable reply to the Supreme Chancellor.

The Special Committee submitted their report which was as follows :—

Report of Special Committee.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—Your committee to whom was referred the recommendations embodied in the reports of the Grand

Chancellor and the Committee on Finance, beg leave to report on the same as follows:—

1. We approve of recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Chancellor.
2. We agree with the Grand Chancellor that the matter of Endowment Rank is well worthy of the early consideration of the different Subordinate Lodges.
3. We disapprove of recommendation No. 3.
4. Recommendation No. 4 has been dealt with by the Committee on Constitution, in their report; in consequence of which an opinion from us here would be out of place.
5. We disapprove that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be at present made permanent, but would recommend that an appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) be made, to be paid to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for his services for the ensuing term.
6. In reference to recommendations in report of Committee on Finance, we disapprove of No. 1, as it is in conflict with Article xiii, Section 3, Grand Lodge Constitution.
7. No. 2 has been embodied in the recommendations of the Grand Chancellor and has been referred to in our report on same.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. and B.,

K. A. McLEAN, *Ch.*,

J. F. FRASER,

W. C. H. GRIMMER,

Committee.

It was decided to consider the report section by section.

Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the report were adopted without discussion. An amendment to section 5, making the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal \$150 for the ensuing year, was proposed. After some discussion, the amendment was negatived.

Sections 6 and 7, referring to recommendations of Finance Committee, were adopted.

The committee appointed at last session of Grand Lodge to revise the Constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges made the following report:—

Report of Committee on Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

Your Committee selected at the last annual meeting of this Grand Lodge to revise the Constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges has followed out your instructions, and has diligently labored to bring these Constitutions up to a modern standard.

We have read the recommendations of the various Grand Chan-

cellors, searched out the legislation of this grand body at its yearly conventions, sought information from the Constitutions of other Grand Jurisdictions, and in every section endeavored to make our work conform with Supreme Lodge law as found in its Journal of Proceedings and revised Official Digest.

We are not wedded to any change we have made, we do not ask or desire that our work shall escape adverse criticism; we only wish each member to carefully consider the changes we have made and the reasons therefor, and so carefully assist to legislate that this Grand Lodge may send forth, after its deliberation, these Constitutions indorsed or more carefully refined.

We have to thank all who have assisted us by suggestions and otherwise with our work, and also Past Grand Chancellor Powers for the prompt manner in which he has attended to the printing.

In concluding our report and presenting you with this copy of our work, we take the opportunity of wishing this Grand Lodge a harmonious and profitable session.

W. C. H. GRIMMER, *Ch.*,
 J. M. DEACON,
 GEO. J. CLARKE,
 R. J. ROSBOROUGH,
 J. C. HENRY, *Sec.*,

Committee.

After an animated discussion of the question as to whether the Grand Lodge can, at the present session, legally pass a new Constitution for its government, in which nearly all present took part, it was voted to receive the report of the committee, and consider the Constitutions section by section, which was accordingly done. The vote was nearly unanimous.

Past Chancellor Hedley V. Cooper kindly consented to act as assistant to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The Grand Lodge Constitution was adopted, with amendments, as far as Article III, Section 6, when adjournment was made, at 11.30, p.m., to meet again at 9, a.m., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY

Woodstock, N. B., September 20, 1893.
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Grand Lodge re-convened at 9, a.m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard.
LEBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to hear any further reports of committees before resuming consideration of Constitutions.

Past Grand Chancellor Powers, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, submitted his report which was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [Report will be found in the Appendix.]

The Committee on Printing made the following report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes :—

Report of Printing Committee.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—Your Committee on 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, and all work has been done at lowest cost and the bills all paid.

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
L. M. ROBINSON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,

Committee.

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted their report which read as follows :—

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
Pythian Period xxx.

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

Your Committee on Law and Supervision report that during the past year they have not had any business presented to them. In regard to the decision of the Grand Chancellor, which has been referred to them, they report as follows :—

1. We disapprove of decision No. 1. In Lodges now provided with red collars, Knights may wear such collars or a Knight's jewel.
2. The answer to question 2 should be "yes."
3. Strike out all of the answer after the word "yes."
4. We approve of No. 4.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MOULSON, *Ch.*,
J. F. GILROY,
E. A. POWERS,

Committee.

The report was considered by sections and finally agreed to, and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

[Section 1 of the report was discussed at considerable length, the Grand Chancellor and Brother Henry objecting to it on the ground that the Supreme Chancellor had decided, since the adoption of the new ritual, that there was no place for the red collar in the lodge room; while the committee relied solely on the Supreme Lodge Constitution.]

The consideration of Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions was taken up and finished; and a motion passed that the Constitutions, as amended, when approved of by the Supreme Chancellor, be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances was read.

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On motion the same was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Woodstock, N. B., September 19, 1893.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have much pleasure in reporting that we have had no matters of appeal or grievance placed in our hands during the year; and are pleased to state that the several Lodges of this Jurisdiction are working in perfect harmony.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.,

MURRAY FLEMING, *Ch.*,

W. B. NICHOLSON,

Committee.

Grand Chancellor Peers stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for offices for the ensuing year. The following were accordingly made:—

For Grand Chancellor—Jas. D. Fowler, of No. 6; J. M. Deacon, of No. 8.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—W. B. Nicholson, of No. 7.

For Grand Prelate—K. A. McLean, of No. 3; J. M. Deacon, of No. 8.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—Thos. Armstrong, of No. 1.

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

For Grand Master-at-Arms—Geo. W. Cameron, of No. 5.

On motion resolved that the nomination for these offices close.

Past Chancellors Hedley V. Cooper and E. R. Machum were appointed tellers.

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

For the office of Grand Prelate Brother Deacon had the required majority of votes.

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

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

The following nominations were thereupon made :—

For Grand Inner Guard—J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5 ; LeBaron Wilson, of No. 2 ; John Beamish, of No. 1.

For Grand Outer Guard—K. A. McLean, of No. 3 ; E. R. Machum, of No. 1 ; J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5.

Nominations closed. For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Brother Beamish had a majority of votes, followed by the choice of Brother McLean as Grand Outer Guard.

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

JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
GEORGE W. CAMERON,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

The above officers were duly installed by the retiring Grand Chancellor, assisted by Brothers James Moulson and Hedley V. Cooper, acting as Grand Prelate and Grand Master-at-Arms respectively.

Brother Murray Fleming was re-elected as Grand Lodge Trustee for three years ; and Supreme Representative Moulson was elected to succeed himself in that office for four years.

Supreme Representative Moulson thanked the Grand Lodge for again selecting him to represent them in the Supreme Lodge. It would be his aim, as in the past, to do his utmost in promoting the interests of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces on all occasions.

The claims of Milltown, Amherst and St. John being fully presented, a vote resulted in Amherst being selected as the next meeting place of the Grand Lodge, and the third Tuesday in August, 1894, as the date, at 2 o'clock, p.m., standard time.

Brother Henry moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Ivanhoe Lodge for the use of their Hall, which was passed.

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Brother Nicholson, in replying, regretted that unavoidable circumstances prevented the members of No. 7 from carrying out the programme the Lodge had agreed upon; but expressed the hope that at no far distant date they would be again honored with the presence of the Grand Lodge in Woodstock, when they would endeavor to make amends for their short comings on this occasion.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Brother Hedley V. Cooper for the able assistance rendered the Grand Lodge at its present session.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to have 2000 copies of Subordinate Lodge Constitutions printed, as soon as possible, and Lodges supplied with the same at cost price. He was also ordered to procure as many copies of the Grand Lodge Constitution as he might deem necessary, copies to be provided Lodges free of charge.

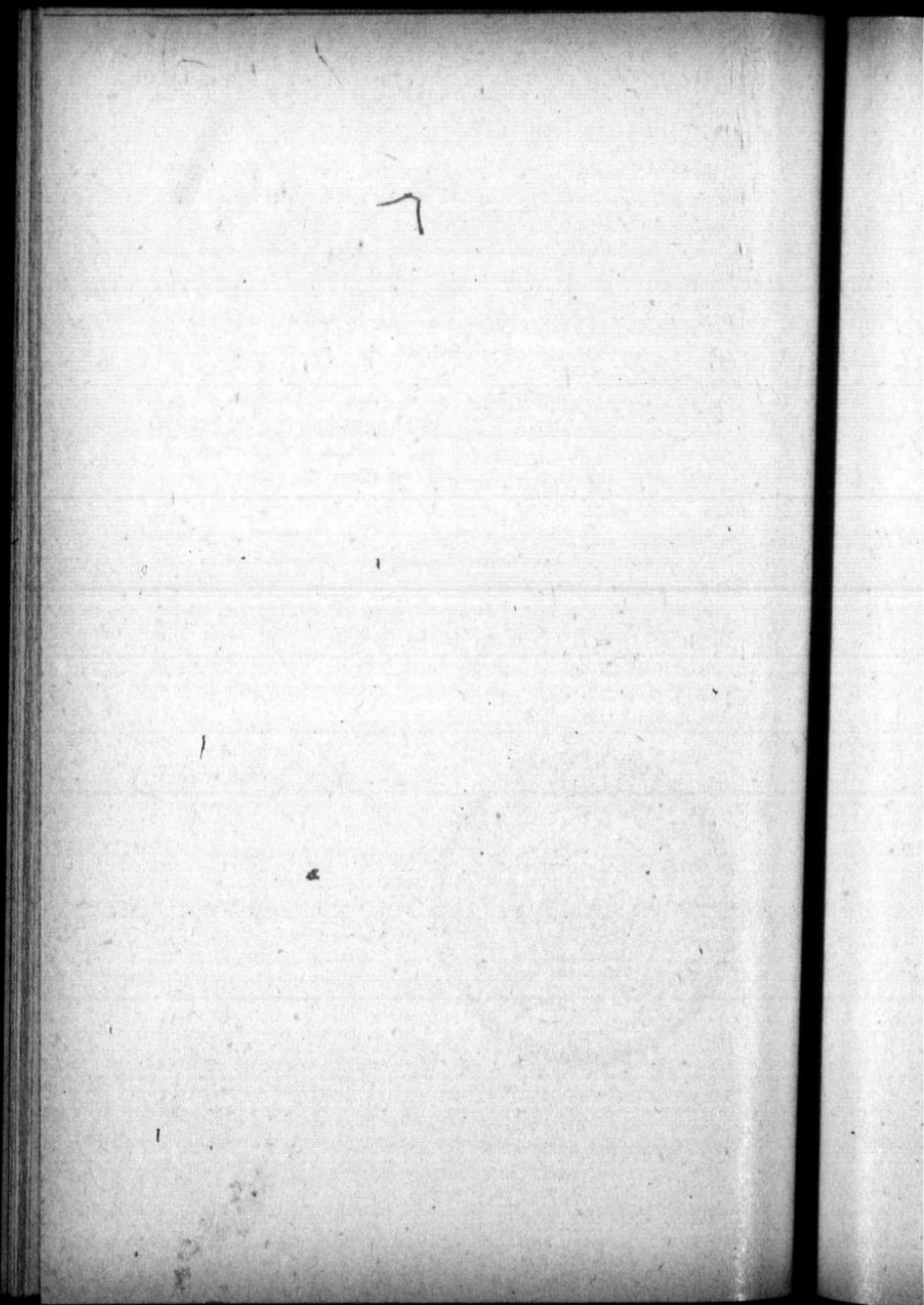
A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Grand Lodge officers and duly acknowledged by them.

There being no further business presented, at 5, p. m., Grand Chancellor Fowler closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the third Tuesday in August, 1894, Pythian Period xxxi, when its next annual session will be held in the town of Amherst, N. S.

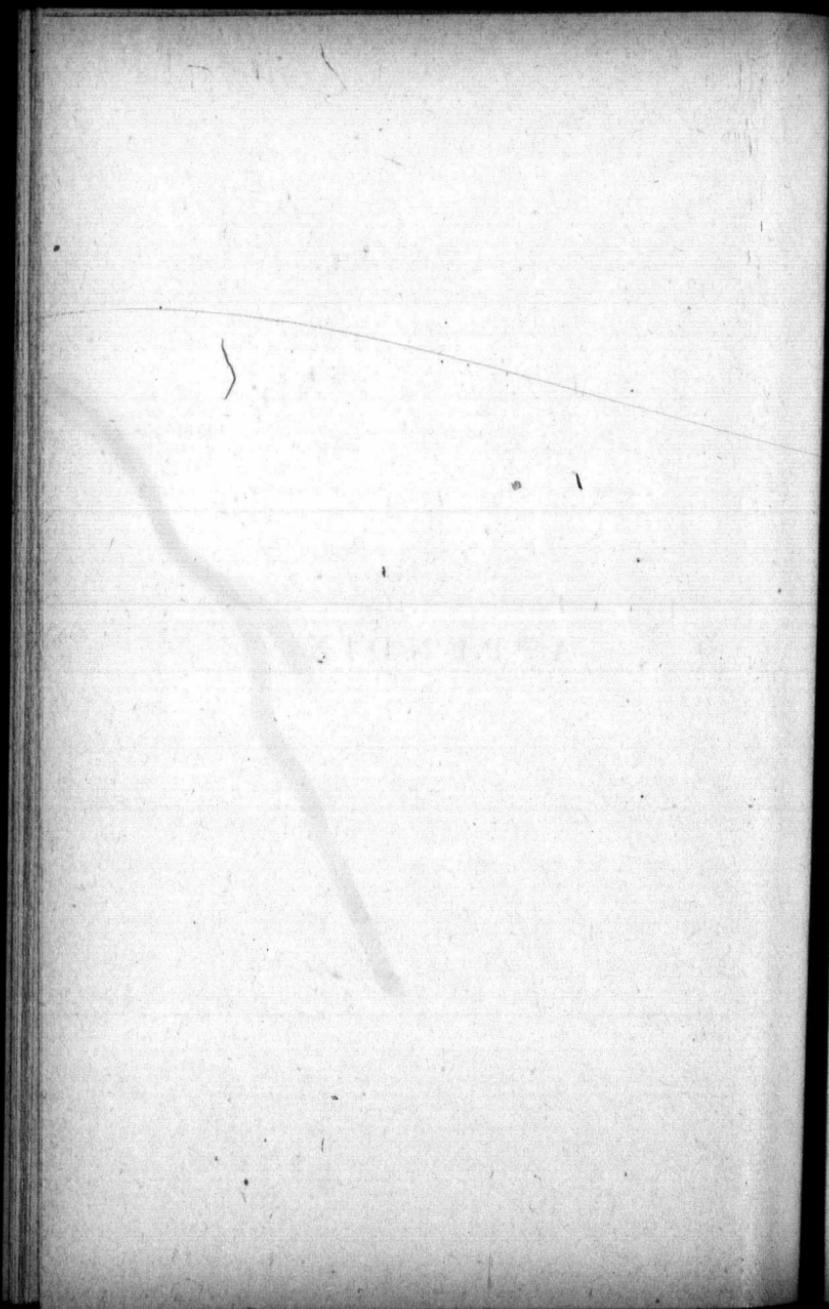


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Cash Account of G. K. R. & S.

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 18, 1893.

	<i>Dr.</i>	
1892.		
Dec. 10.	To Cash, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	\$1 50
1893.		
Jan. 4.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9	9 00
5.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2	42 00
10.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4	24 50
17.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	14 50
20.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	29 75
21.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	27 75
25.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	24 00
26.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	18 00
27.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	7 75
Feb. 4.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	2 25
18.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	7 25
Mar. 3.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	60
4.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	65
7.	Do Halifax Lodge, No. 12	65 00
13.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	19 50
Apr. 6.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	17 90
27.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	20 00
July 4.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	15 25
7.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2	43 50
13.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	29 50
20.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	25 50
21.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	30 00
25.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4	25 00
27.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	9 00
	Carried forward	\$509 65

		Brought forward	\$509 65
Aug. 7.	Do	Seaside Lodge, No. 9	8 50
9.	Do	do do	4 80
"	Do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	19 50
11.	Do	Border Lodge, No. 8	48 55
"	Do	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	16 05
"	Do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	6 10
15.	Do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	21 50
16.	Do	do do	4 95
"	Do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	5 85
18.	Do	Union Lodge, No. 2	3 05
26.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No 4	2 25
29.	Do	do do	29 55
30.	Do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	2 45
Sept. 2.	Do	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13	70 45
"	Do	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	10 43
7.	Do	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	6 45
9.	Do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	2 75
"	Do	Halifax Lodge, No. 12	3 50
11.	Do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	2 25
14.	Do	do do	2 25
15.	Do	Grand Chancellor, for dispensations granted by him during his term	10 00
			<u>\$790 83</u>
		<i>Cr.</i>	
1893.	By cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer during the year,		\$790 83

Grand Lodge Supplies.

(In stock September 19, 1893.)

1000 Official Receipts—Dues	.....	\$7 50
7 Withdrawal Cards	.....	3 50
7 Travelling Shields	.....	70
2 Books of Odes, with Music	.....	80
1 Ritual	.....	4 00
20 Installation Books	.....	12 00
2 Master of Work's Jewels	.....	3 00
1 Knight's Jewel	.....	2 00
24 Past Chancellor's Jewels	.....	24 00
		<u>\$57 50</u>

Membership Report of Subordinate Lodges.

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

NAME.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total end of Term.	P. G. C's.	P. C's.	Knights.	Requies.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick Union	1	109	2	..	..	111	..	..	..	..	111	2	20	88	1	..	111
Westmoreland	2	161	9	..	1	171	..	3	..	3	168	2	21	142	1	..	168
Frontier	3	119	1	..	1	121	1	..	1	2	119	2	23	94	..	..	119
Cumberland	4	103	..	..	..	103	..	5	..	5	98	1	16	81	..	..	98
Frederickton	5	92	4	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	96	..	19	77	..	..	96
Ivanhoe	6	62	11	..	..	73	1	..	..	1	72	..	9	61	2	..	72
Borler	7	71	8	..	..	79	1	..	..	1	78	..	6	71	..	..	78
Seaside	8	57	1	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	58	..	5	52	1	..	58
Myrtle	9	29	7	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	36	..	3	31	1	..	36
Chignecto	10	31	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	31	..	3	28	..	..	31
	11	..	25	4	..	29	..	..	..	..	29	..	2	25	2	..	29
Total Dec. 31, 1892.		834	68	4	2	908	3	8	1	12	896	7	127	750	8	4	896
New Brunswick Union	1	111	9	..	1	121	2	..	1	3	118	2	23	89	4	..	118
Westmoreland	2	168	0	..	1	178	..	4	..	4	174	2	22	148	1	..	174
Frontier	3	119	2	..	..	121	1	..	..	1	120	2	24	94	..	..	120
Cumberland	4	98	5	..	1	104	1	3	..	4	100	1	16	70	3	..	100
Frederickton	5	96	6	..	..	102	..	..	..	..	102	..	20	82	..	..	102
Ivanhoe	6	72	7	..	..	79	1	..	..	..	78	..	10	68	..	..	78
Borler	7	78	8	..	..	86	..	..	..	1	86	..	6	77	1	..	86
Seaside	8	58	4	..	..	62	1	..	..	1	61	..	6	54	1	..	61
Myrtle	9	36	..	..	..	36	..	2	..	2	34	..	3	31	..	..	34
Chignecto	10	31	5	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	36	..	4	32	..	..	36
Halifax	11	29	7	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	36	..	4	31	1	..	36
	12	..	12	2	..	14	..	..	..	..	14	..	1	13	..	..	14
Total June 30, 1893.		896	74	2	3	975	6	9	1	16	959	7	139	798	11	4	959

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

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

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.
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Byline.....	10	31	5	30	30	4	32	1	4	959
Chignecto.....	11	29	7	36	36	4	31	1	1	36
Halifax.....	12	2	12	2	14	1	13	1	1	14
Total June 30, 1893.....	896	74	2	3	975	6	9	1	16	1,959

NAME.	No.	Bal. per last Report Cash and Property.	Receipts of Term.		Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Brothers Relieved.	Cost of Burials.		Widowed Families Relieved.	Cash on Hand.	Total Assets at End of Term.		Amount of Wks. O. Fund.	
			\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.			\$	c.		\$	c.
New Brunswick.....	1	2011 10	310 75	170 58	2321 85	170 58	1188 55	30 00	147 34	2121 27	147 34	2121 27	954 93	1306 80	2959 98	1306 80	411 27	
Westmoreland.....	2	2615 15	516 22	201 79	3131 37	201 79	1978 69	30 00	249 39	2959 68	249 39	2959 68	374 45	1022 45	1022 45	374 45	213 49	
Frontier.....	3	2814 08	382 40	92 32	3196 48	92 32	1935 66	44 00	51 52	2951 18	51 52	2951 18	813 06	1001 01	1001 01	813 06	149 13	
Cumberland.....	4	1164 59	316 12	222 75	1486 71	222 75	372 45	146 00	76 13	1022 45	76 13	1022 45	69 92	743 67	743 67	113 93	147 95	
Fredrickton.....	5	834 87	146 25	176 56	981 12	176 56	300 00	66 50	153 06	813 06	153 06	813 06	115 60	296 49	296 49	115 60	15 37	
Ivanhoe.....	6	811 98	274 64	85 51	1086 62	85 51	400 03	49 50	527 98	1001 01	527 98	1001 01	46 25	220 51	220 51	46 25	230 62	
Border.....	7	699 46	505 62	172 08	1205 08	172 08	108 16	36 00	108 16	144 54	108 16	144 54	20 62	230 62	230 62	20 62	3685 32	
Seaside.....	8	809 31	177 01	986 32	986 32	986 32	100 00	432 00	133 13	1910 22	133 13	1910 22	1015 17	3221 00	3221 00	1015 17	463 15	
Myrtle.....	9	241 76	129 05	370 81	370 81	370 81	107 30	8 00	142 00	544 29	142 00	544 29	215 71	1015 71	1015 71	215 71	236 36	
Chignecto.....	10	232 50	55 00	287 50	287 50	287 50	50 00	4 00	385 83	940 96	385 83	940 96	106 32	925 02	925 02	106 32	177 73	
Halifax.....	11	100 00	100 00	348 51	348 51	348 51	44 35	19 00	156 46	320 08	156 46	320 08	258 65	297 20	297 20	258 65	24 85	
Halifax.....	12	128 00	128 00	40 83	128 00	40 83	4 00	4 00	77 29	297 20	77 29	297 20	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	
Total June 30, 1893.....	13220 36	3147 44	16367 80	1380 82	16367 80	1380 82	6907 28	619 30	83 00	247 00	1941 83	14295 51	4097 27					

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Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Name.	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.	George McKee, 219 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Union	2	Mar. —, 1874.	St. John....	Every alternate Wednesday.	D. M. Manks, 57 King St., St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland	3	May 19, 1875.	Moncton	Tuesday	D. H. Charters, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier.....	4	Sept. 14, 1875.	St. Stephen.	2nd and 4th Monday	C. A. Laubman, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland....	5	July 16, 1883.	Spring Hill..	Thursday	J. F. Gilroy, Spring Hill, N. S.
Fredericton....	6	May 4, 1888.	Fredericton..	2nd and 4th Tuesday	A. D. Macpherson, Box 39, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe.....	7	Aug. 27, 1889.	Woodstock..	Monday	T. A. Lindsay, Box 36, Woodstock, N. B.
Border.....	8	April 9, 1890.	Milltown....	1st and 3rd Monday	A. H. Robinson, Box 23, St. Stephen, N. B.
Seaside	9	June 19, 1891.	St. Andrews.	1st and 3rd Monday	T. P. Barnard, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle	10	Oct. 6, 1891.	Advocate	Monday.....	Fred. W. Morris, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto....	11	July 27, 1892.	Amherst....	Tuesday.....	J. M. Lusby, Amherst, N. S.
Halifax.....	12	Feb. 21, 1893.	Halifax.....		W. H. Schwartz, care S. Canard & Co., Halifax, N. S.
Kenilworth....	13	Aug. 22, 1893.	Parrsboro....	Tuesday.....	T. W. Magee, Parrsboro, N. S.

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,	Spring Hill, 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.

Past Grand Chancellors

AND HOW RANK ATTAINED.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889.
- E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891.
- FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1893.

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

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1893-4.

- JAMES D. FOWLER, Grand Chancellor.
 FREDERICTON, N. B.
- W. B. NICHOLSON, Grand Vice Chancellor.
 WOODSTOCK, N. B.
- J. M. DEACON, Grand Prelate.
 MILLTOWN, N. B.
- THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Grand Master of Exchequer.
 ST. JOHN, N. B.
- JOHN C. HENRY, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
- GEO. W. CAMERON, Grand Master-at-Arms.
 SPRING HILL, N. S.
- JOHN BEAMISH, Grand Inner Guard.
 ST. JOHN, N. B.
- K. A. MCLEAN, Grand Outer Guard.
 MONCTON, N. B.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

- JAMES MOULSON, For Four years (to Dec. 31, 1897.)
 ST. JOHN, N. B.
- MURRAY FLEMING, For Two years (to Dec. 31, 1895.)
 MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

- MURRAY FLEMING, For Three Years.
 MONCTON, N. B.
- R. J. ROSBOROUGH, For Two Years.
 ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
- GEORGE DUNN, For One Year.
 SPRING HILL, N. S.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Amherst, N. S., on the Third Tuesday in August, 1894.

Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1893-94.

JOHN BEAMISH, St. John, N. B.	New Brunswick, No. 1
FRANK A. GODSOE, St. John, N. B.	Union, No. 2
JOHN BEDFORD, Moncton, N. B.	Westmoreland, No. 3
HARRY W. BROAD, St. Stephen, N. B.	Frontier, No. 4
FRANK L. PEERS, Spring Hill, N. S.	Cumberland, No. 5
SAMUEL MACKY, Fredericton, N. B.	Fredericton, No. 6
STANLEY S. STREET, Woodstock, N. B.	Ivanhoe, No. 7
BURTON H. KERR, Milltown, N. B.	Border, No. 8
M. N. COCKBURN, St. Andrews, N. B.	Senside, No. 9
STEPHEN R. CANNING, Advocate, N. S.	Myrtle, No. 10
H. J. LOGAN, Amherst, N. S.	Chignecto, No. 11
CHARLES S. PHILPS, Halifax, N. S.	Halifax, No. 12
E. M. DILL, Parrsboro, N. S.	Kenilworth, No. 13

Standing Committees for 1893-94.

DISTRIBUTION.

JAMES MOULSON	New Brunswick, No. 1
W. C. H. GRIMMER	Frontier, No. 4
E. ALLISON POWERS	Union, No. 2

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

J. C. HENRY	Frontier, No. 4
R. H. COOPER	Cumberland, No. 5
THOMAS ARMSTRONG	New Brunswick, No. 1
H. J. LOGAN	Chignecto, No. 11
H. C. JENKS	Myrtle, No. 10

FINANCE.

ABNER H. GRAHAM	Border, No. 8
PARKER GRIMMER	Frontier, No. 4
C. H. THOMAS	Fredericton, No. 6

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

HEDLEY V. COOPER	Union, No. 2
JAMES MOULSON	New Brunswick, No. 1
J. F. GILROY	Cumberland, No. 5

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

MURRAY FLEMING	Westmoreland, No. 3
A. D. MACPHERSON	Fredericton, No. 6
W. B. NICHOLSON	Ivanhoe, No. 7
W. E. BLENKHORN	Myrtle, No. 10
J. M. LUSBY	Chignecto, No. 11

PRINTING.

J. C. HENRY	Frontier, No. 4
J. M. DEACON	Border, No. 8
W. C. H. GRIMMER	Frontier, No. 4

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

E. ALLISON POWERS	Union, No. 2
J. C. HENRY	Frontier, No. 4
J. FEN. FRASER	New Brunswick, No. 1

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CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF THE Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces.

Adopted at the Annual Session, September 20, 1893; P. P. XXX.

This Constitution will go into effect after approval as provided for in Section 3, Article VII, of Supreme Lodge Constitution.

Attest: J. C. HENRY, G. K. R. S.

JAS D. FOWLER, G. C.

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, of the World. 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.

SECTION 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 and Past Grand Chancellors. 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 last 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 duplicate to the representative and forwarding the original to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

At the first 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 manner 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,

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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.....

(SEAL.)

Attest,..... C. C. 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.....

(SEAL.)

Attest,..... C. C. K. of R. & S.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall meet on the third 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 session shall not finally adjourn until all the business before it is disposed of.

SEC. 2. At the Annual Session all representatives and Past Chancellors entitled to membership shall be admitted upon presentation 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 Sessions may be called by the Grand Chancellor whenever he may deem it necessary, and it shall be his duty to call such special sessions when requested to do so in writing by five representatives, representing five different Lodges. All special sessions 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 sessions shall be confined to the consideration of that business and none other.

SEC. 4. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall give thirty (30) days notice in writing to each lodge, and officers and members of the Grand Lodge, of all special sessions.

SEC. 5. All Special Sessions shall be held in the city of St. John unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chancellor.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Members must be clothed in appropriate regalia when in attendance upon the sessions 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.

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Prelate, Grand Master of Exchequer, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, 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 Session previous to the sessions 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 the recess, by death, resignation, or otherwise, they shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Chancellor, until the next session of the Grand Lodge, except that of Supreme Representative which shall be made as provided by Sec. 11 of this Article.

SEC. 3. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at all sessions 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 of any Grand Officer), 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 over the order in this jurisdiction. 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 Grand Chancellor, institute the same. He may also at his pleasure instal the officers of subordinate lodges. He shall transmit to all subordinate lodges, in person, or by Deputy, the S. A. P. W. 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 Session immediately following his installation, appoint a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each 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 Session, 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 Correspondence.

He shall present at all stated sessions, 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 jurisdiction. All necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties shall be paid by this 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 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 session, 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. 7. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at each session,

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 jurisdiction 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, also keep a record and notify the lodges of this jurisdiction 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 session 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 jurisdiction. 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 session, 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 Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor a good and sufficient bond, with two good sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars.

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 regalia 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 regalias, jewels and other property of the Grand Lodge while this body is in session.

SEC. 11. The Supreme Representatives shall attend the sessions 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 session. The Grand Chancellor shall issue the same, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and forward the same to each Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction, 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 sessions of the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint, with the approval of the Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a Past Grand Chancellor in good standing in this jurisdiction to serve until the next session 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 install the officers of the lodge under his charge and report his doings to the Grand Chancellor in time for the session 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 session 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 session, 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 session.

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 the Grand Chancellor during the recess.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 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 session at which they are elected.

SEC. 3. Any Past Chancellor in good standing in this jurisdiction, 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 office 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.

SECTION 1. The Committee on Distribution shall, at the session 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 Master of Exchequer, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; such recommendation 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 session.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Law and Supervision shall, when such subjects are presented to the Grand Lodge and duly referred to it inquire into all cases of infraction of the established laws and regulations of the Order, and recommend such measures as it 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 its proceedings at each regular meeting, or whenever required to do so by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor. It 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 it by the Grand Lodge, and report its 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 session, and shall examine and report to the Grand Lodge at the opening of the session 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 session.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of three members of this Grand Lodge in good standing, who shall examine the Journals of Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, collate such facts in relation to the progress and laws thereof as may be deemed of interest or advantage to this Grand Lodge and report the same at each annual session.

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.

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 reports 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.

SECTION 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 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 from 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,) and estimated amount of liabilities, 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 and 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 Past Chancellor or representative 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.

SECTION 1. Any Lodge may be suspended or dissolved, and its Charter or Dispensation forfeited to the Grand Lodge:

1. For improper conduct.
2. For neglecting or refusing to conform to the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge, or the general laws and regulations of the order.
3. For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of dues to the Grand Lodge. But the Charter or Dispensation shall not be forfeited in either of the above cases until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its offence by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and suitable opportunity given them to answer the charges against it.
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 so that less than a constitutional quorum may be left.

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 session. Upon the application of seven 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 one dollar.

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 jurisdiction within three months from the date of such card. The rank of members applying for withdrawal cards shall be inserted in 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 one dollar 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 sessions 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 sessions 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 the 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 sessions 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 session 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 guide.

ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM AND VOTING.

SECTION 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 session.

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.

SECTION 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 that 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 (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 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.

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.

NEW LODGES.

SECTION 1. Not less than twelve white males of good morals and character, sound in health, mind, limb and body, and believers in the Supreme Being, 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.

ARTICLE XIV.

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 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 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.

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 OF GRAND LODGE.

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

REGALIA OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 2. The working regalia and uniform of Subordinate Lodges shall be as provided by the Supreme Lodge:

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES:

SECTION 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 session 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 session 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, after approval by the Supreme Lodge or Supreme Chancellor.

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 (\$1.00) per week, for every week's sickness or disability, nor funeral benefits less than twenty dollars (\$20).

ARTICLE XXI.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 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 hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. A subordinate lodge may suspend a member, after a fair trial or opportunity 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. Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.
6. Conferring Rank.
7. Filling Vacancies in Committees.
8. Reports of Officers.
9. Calling Roll of Lodges for Petitions, Communications, &c.
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.

Adopted at the Annual Session, September 20, 1893. P. P. XXX.

This Constitution will go into effect after approval as provided for in Section 3, Article VII, of Supreme Lodge Constitution.

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.

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 jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, 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 seven members having the requisite qualifications for its elective officers.

SEC. 3. This lodge cannot work without having its charter or a 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 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; but if only seven members are present, no appropriation of money shall be made unless by unanimous consent. 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 and Master-at Arms, 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 last stated meeting in June. Only Past Chancellors in good standing shall be eligible as representatives or alternates.

SEC. 3. *Appointive Officers*.—The appointive officers shall be an Inner Guard and an Outer Guard, who shall be appointed by the newly elected Chancellor Commander on the night of his installation.

SEC. 4. *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. 5. No person shall be eligible to any office, unless he has received the Knight Rank, and is a member in good standing in his lodge; but after the expiration of the

first three terms of a new lodge, to qualify a member for the office of Chancellor Commander, he must have served either a term as Vice-Chancellor, Prelate, or Master-at-Arms. If, however, no Knight eligible as above stated will accept the office of Chancellor Commander, any Knight in good standing may be elected Chancellor Commander. 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. 6. *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. 7. *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. 8. *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. 9. *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. Any officer, duly elected, failing to present himself for installation (unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable occurrence),

the office to which he has been elected may be declared vacant by the installing officer, and another election be ordered forthwith to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 10. *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 instal at the meeting on which the vacancy is declared.

SEC. 11. *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 session; and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

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 ceremonies 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 jurisdiction 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. 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 the 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 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 crediting 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 the 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; keep a correct list of all members, to be used on a call of yeas and nays; 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; and is the only authorized person to pay out funds for the lodge (except by special vote of the lodge), and he must keep 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 the 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 sessions 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 money 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

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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.

RANK AND MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. *Qualifications.*—No person shall be initiated into this lodge, who is under twenty-one years of age. Persons over fifty years of age cannot be initiated without a dispensation from the Grand Chancellor. No person can be initiated unless he be a white male of good moral character, with all his parts healthy, sound and free from any mental or bodily infirmity, able to write, able and competent to earn the means necessary for the support of himself and his family, and a believer in a Supreme Being; nor for a less sum than the amount prescribed in Section 4 of this Article. 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*.—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. A person who is a resident of another jurisdiction shall not be initiated in this lodge without the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of such Grand Jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. *Titles of Rank*.—The Grades of Rank in the Order are styled and known, 1st, as Page; 2nd, as Esquire; 3rd, as Knight; and shall be conferred only upon such applicants as are duly qualified, and in their numerical order; but no grade of rank shall be conferred, under any pretence whatever, until the prescribed fee has been paid.

Sec. 4. *Fees 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, 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. Each candidate initiated a Page, desiring to be proven an Esquire, or an Esquire desiring to be charged a Knight, shall present an application for such advancement, signed by himself, which application shall be read at a stated meeting, entered upon the records and, without being referred to an Investigating Committee, a ballot taken thereon. After each application for initiation or advancement has been decided by ballot the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify the applicant of the result. (Article IV, Section 5.)

Sec. 6. *Election to Rank and Membership*.—Every applicant for initiation, upon the report of the committee,

whether it be favorable or unfavorable, and every applicant for advancement, shall be balloted for separately, at a stated meeting, and if not more than one black ball is deposited, the Chancellor-Commander shall declare the applicant elected; but should two members, whether present or not at the time the ballot was taken, enter an objection to the candidate's initiation or advancement, a new ballot must be taken subject to the same rules governing the first ballot; should two black balls appear against a candidate, the ballot shall be renewed immediately, and if two or more black balls are deposited on the second ballot, he shall be declared rejected, and no other balloting for the same applicant shall take place in any lodge of the order, within this jurisdiction, until the expiration of six months thereafter. The ballot shall be taken in the presence of, and be examined by, the Chancellor-Commander and Vice-Chancellor.

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 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 Pass Word, 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 withdrawal card from the lodge of which he was last a member, or the card granted by the Supreme Lodge, in lieu thereof (accom-

panied 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. The brother shall then be balloted for by secret ball ballot, in all respects as in the case of an initiate. When a brother affiliates with a lodge by card, it shall be the duty of the lodge with which he affiliates to cause the Keeper of Record and Seal to send notice of such affiliation to the Supreme, Grand or subordinate lodge which granted and issued to such brother this withdrawal card. A rejected applicant by card may re-apply to the same, or another lodge, at any time.

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, which 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 or advancement; provided, that should a member suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, make application for reinstatement within one month from 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 from membership 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, no-

tice of the same, with the amount accompanying the application, shall immediately be sent by the Keeper of Record 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.

Sec. 14. *Protest.*—When a candidate has passed a ballot for initiation, or has been elected to receive either rank of the Order, and before having received the same, should any member of the lodge in good standing enter his written protest against the candidate receiving the rank about to be conferred, such rank shall not be conferred at that meeting, but the Chancellor Commander shall refer the protest to a committee of five, who shall be appointed in the usual manner. They shall investigate the case and report at the next meeting. If the committee report in favor of sustaining the protest, a vote shall be taken; and if two-thirds of the members voting adopt the report, the protest shall be sustained, and the candidate be therefore debarred from receiving the rank for six months after which he may make application as before. Should the report not sustain such protest, the candidate shall then receive the rank.

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.

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 Pass Word 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.

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 jurisdiction. An impression of the seal of this lodge shall be deposited in the office of the Grand Keeper of Record 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 desire; 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; and in order to constitute good standing must be paid at or before the close of the current semi-annual term, ending June 30th or December 31st in each year. A member in arrears for dues forfeits his rights to all benefits, but a member in arrears for fines and assessments only shall not thereby lose his rights to the minimum benefits of one dollar per week. 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. Any member twelve months in arrears for dues, fines or assessments, shall be notified of such by the Master of Finance, either personally or through the post office, by depositing the notice, properly enclosed in a post-paid envelope, in the post office, directed as appears on the books of the lodge as the place of business or residence of the member so in arrears. Unless

the arrearages are paid previous to the first stated meeting in the new term, the retiring Chancellor Commander shall, in open lodge, declare the member suspended from membership, and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Record and Seal; but a member shall not be suspended while under charges. Fines and assessments may be charged up and operate as dues, and a member who is it arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues shall be declared suspended; provided such member is not under charges.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS HAVING ORDER FOR SEMI-ANNUAL PASS WORD.

When a visitor has an order for the Semi-annual Pass Word (an official receipt for dues must accompany the order) the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a committee to examine him in the secret work of the Order. They shall report the result of their examination to the Chancellor Commander. The visitor, after working his way into the Lodge, will, by the committee, be introduced to the Chancellor Commander, who will instruct him in the Semi-annual Pass Word. The Chancellor Commander shall not instruct a visitor in the rank pass words without an order therefor, even though the visitor has the Semi-annual Pass Word or an order for the same.

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); re-instated; rejected; withdrawn or deceased; number of members at end of term; statement of receipts and their sources; expenditures and for what purposes; statement of assets and liabilities; the amount credited to the Widows and Orphans' 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 Record and Seal. This report shall be filled out, properly attested by the retiring Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, 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 that 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 to be clearly defined, and in all cases to be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

ARTICLE XIV.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

SEC. 1. *Causes for.*—This lodge may be suspended or dissolved and its charter forfeited to the Grand Lodge for causes as prescribed by the Grand Lodge; or for having caused to be printed, for its own or other use, any of the private work of the Order; or by its membership diminishing to less than a constitutional quorum; but the charter shall not be forfeited until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its offence by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and opportunity afforded to answer the charges made against it.

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 Dispensation, 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 one dollar, 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. *Working Regalia.*—The working regalia shall be that prescribed by the Supreme Lodge. For Pages, a blue collar; for Esquires, a yellow collar; and for Knights, a Knight's jewel; for Officers, the jewels of their respective office, and for Past Chancellors, the Past Chancellor's jewel.

SEC. 2. *Outside Regalia.*—The outside regalia shall be that prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, and none other can be worn in public.

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: "*This, 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. 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 of the 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 alter or amend the Constitution for the government of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction; which amendments only become operative after approval by the Supreme Lodge or Supreme Chancellor.

Report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

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

Your Fraternal Correspondence Committee have carefully examined each of the Journals of sister Jurisdictions which have been received.

The perusal of these Journals furnishes so much material for comment and criticism that it is difficult in many cases not to devote too much space. We have tried to do justice to all, and have endeavored to profit by the opinions expressed by those who have received our own Journal.

We are sure of one thing, however; nothing but the most fraternal feelings has prompted anything we have written, and we believe this is the spirit manifested by other writers toward our own Jurisdiction.

With the hope that our labors may meet with your approval we respectfully submit our report.

Fraternally,

E. A. POWERS.
J. C. HENRY.
JAMES MOULSON.

ARKANSAS.—Thirteenth annual session held at Hot Springs, May 16-18, 1893. (Journal came to hand July 25.)

Grand Chancellor Faulkner reported that his term had not been so fruitful of results as some of his predecessors', which he attributes to "the depression of our great staple, cotton, and the short crop of last season." Still he brings a net increase of 312 members and five Lodges, which is not too bad for an off year. He only saved himself by "a neck," (as it were,) as he adds that "the entire five new Lodges have been instituted within the past twenty days." He had a large number of decisions and "queries" to wrestle with, the majority of the latter being either already answered in local laws or too easy to require more than a thought.

The condition of the Jurisdiction is given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Fowler, at the close of year 1892, as follows:—4177 members in 75 Lodges;

charters forfeited, 1; assets Subordinate Lodges, \$42,537.79; paid for relief \$9014.89. Brother Fowler presents a good report and makes several sensible and necessary recommendations. The Grand Lodge has a balance of over \$9000 to its credit.

The Fraternal Correspondence report, Brother Fowler explains, was left to the minority of the Committee, and the work is well done. Speaking of the concession by the Supreme Lodge, allowing Jurisdictions outside the United States to use their national drill for the Uniform Rank instead of Carnahan's Tactics, the Committee have the same broad idea of the Order as we always had when our Supreme Representatives were pressing year after year for this very concession. They say:—

"As we understand it, Pythianism is an Order Universal, for no particular nation, creed or sect, but for the world, and as the Uniform Rank is an auxiliary to the Order, we could not for a moment believe that those in authority would even think of abridging the rights of those Knights or Sir Knights who were of a different nationality."

He says our Committee have "done themselves proud," the space taken by our report "being well occupied." We are pleased to notice that Brother Fowler is again appointed, not merely chairman, but the whole Committee, and, of course, we shall have a majority report next time.

Next session at Hot Springs, the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

M. J. MANNING, G. C., Clarendon.

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Journal of third annual session, held at Nanaimo, October 4-6, 1892, came to hand on February 14, 1893, a little more than four months after the session.

The report of Grand Chancellor James Crossan shows the condition of the Order to be healthy, with excellent outlook for the future. He instituted five new Lodges, with a total membership of 154. The Grand Lodge session was deferred from July to October because of prevalence of small pox throughout the Jurisdiction. Supreme Chancellor Shaw and Major-General Carnahan visited British Columbia during the year and were given a hearty welcome. The Grand Chancellor highly commends the Endowment Rank and the Uniform Rank.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives the number of Lodges 14, membership 934, and reports "peace and harmony" throughout the Jurisdiction. We notice in Brother Clark's report the familiar complaint about semi-annual reports.

Among the resolutions "carried" at this session we notice one to increase mileage to representatives "5c. per mile each way, and four dollars per diem from time of leaving home until their return." Also, \$150.00 to Grand Chancellor for expenses; \$30.00 to "some active and energetic knight who would make it his business to propagate a knowledge of the Order" in localities where new Lodges could be instituted; an increase of \$100 in the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, (making \$300); the appropriation of \$200 for a banner, to be competed for by Divisions of the Uniform Rank; the setting aside of \$50 each

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year to form a sinking fund to provide for sick benefits to old members whose Lodge may have become defunct, and who by reason of age cannot gain admittance to other Lodges.

The Committee on State of the Order seem to have done the work of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, as they present a report containing a very brief reference to each Grand Jurisdiction. Of the Maritime Provinces they say "no report," though two copies of our journal were mailed the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. We notice, however, that a Committee on Correspondence was appointed.

Fourth annual session held at New Westminster, June 13-15, 1893. (Journal received September 7.)

Pythianism in the far west of our Dominion seems to be doing well. In the report of Grand Chancellor Hughes (who by the way is a St. Stephen boy) we learn that

"The Order in this Jurisdiction is one to be proud of. Increasing membership shows that we stand well with the community in which we live, men of all creeds recognizing the noble objects for which our order was founded. Keeping pace with the older fraternal societies and outstripping many in lofty and noble purposes, our order may well feel that the future will surpass our fondest expectation. Throughout the whole jurisdiction the officers and members evince an interest stronger to-day than ever before."

From statistics furnished by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Leighton we learn that there were two new Lodges instituted during the year, making 16 in all at December 31, 1892. The membership at that date was 985, being an increase for the year of 237. For relief the large sum of \$5000.85 was paid during the year. The balances to the credit of Lodges at December 31, 1892, was \$3920.63. A balance of \$341.10 is shown to the credit of the Grand Lodge.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee make a good report, carefully reviewing the Journals of forty-two Grand Lodges. The following extracts from their report may be interesting—referring to our Jurisdiction :—

"This Jurisdiction needs a Grand Lecturer. Why not engage one? There is plenty of room for a hundred Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

"In the present report we find much to instruct, and it is a pleasure to read the doings of other jurisdictions. We find that they give the date that they receive the Journals from other Grand Lodges—not a bad plan, as your last committee did not receive any Journals until in the Grand Lodge session.

"We find the Special Committee appointed to report on the Grand Chancellor's report rather censuring the action of Grand Chancellor Fraser in granting dispensations free to Lodges when, in his opinion, it was for the good or the best interest of the Order to do so, and we rejoice to learn that after heated discussion the action of the Grand Chancellor was sustained and made legal. That hours of valuable time should be taken by some cranks in catching at little things and letting others of more consequence pass is surprising. Still it is so."

Brother Moffatt was reappointed chairman of this committee.

The next session convenes at Victoria, June 12, 1894.

H. J. ANSTIE, G. C., Vancouver.

WM. K. LEIGHTON, G. K. R. S., Nanaimo.

D. W. MOFFATT, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, Nanaimo.

CALIFORNIA.—Twenty-fifth annual session held at Nevada City, May 15-19, 1893. (Journal received August 17.)

Grand Chancellor Graves thus speaks of the state of the Order :—

“With pardonable pride I note that the net increase of membership for the past sixteen months is 666, making a grand total in the state of 10,934, in the Pythian army. Eight new Lodges have been instituted, and in addition one old Lodge has been revived, and its name again placed on our roster. Only one Charter has been surrendered, but a new Lodge has been organized in the same town, whose Charter list is composed of some of the truest and best citizens. We should rejoice rather than grieve when a Lodge, that does not reflect credit upon itself and the Order, surrenders its Charter, and ceases to exist.”

He had a fine assortment of appeal cases to decide, and to our mind evidenced a good knowledge of Pythian law in dealing with them. He visited one hundred and thirty Lodges and travelled 10,882 miles during the year. An accident while on duty resulted in two broken ribs, and prevented the completion of a plan to officially visit each Lodge. Brother Graves had a busy year, and proved himself a faithful and zealous officer.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Schaffner, made quite a discovery when exchanging the new rituals for old ones. One Lodge (German) refused to surrender the old unless they were given new ones in the German language. He also found that *twenty-one* Lodges had lost one copy each of the old Ritual; and states that one Lodge lost a copy of the new Ritual the first night they came into their possession!

Another poem appears, which is something of an improvement on the last one.

The session was harmonious and considerable business was transacted.

Again the Fraternal Correspondence Committee failed to furnish a report. Just why this Grand Lodge appoints this committee year after year is one of the matters not easy to understand.

Next session at San Jose the third Monday in May, 1894.

FRANK MCGOWAN, G. C., Eureka.

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

J. D. O'MEARA, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Santa Rose.

COLORADO.—The journal of the seventeenth annual session came to hand April 19, 1893, though the session was held in Manitou September 13-15, 1892, just seven months previous!

The report of Grand Chancellor Miller says the gain for the year has been about 1000, “the usual percentage,” and he attributes this result to the “exemplification of our glorious principles, the Pythian acts of friendship, charity and heroism serving as a beacon light for the public at large.” He also sagely remarks: “Our gain in membership would be greater but for the decrease noted in quite a number of cases”! In some sections he found the Knights “inactive and unappreciative.”

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal O'Brien gives the membership as 4595, with resources amounting to \$95,148.27. There are 72 Lodges, a

gain of 11; The Lodges paid \$15,421.55 for relief. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$4,769.29. This is an excellent showing. And we might add that Brother O'Brien's report is a compact and creditable one.

The only novelty we have noticed recorded in the journal was the giving of the Supreme honors to two visiting Supreme Representatives, which we supposed were *only* to be given to the Supreme Chancellor or his Deputy when making an official visit.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report was shorter than it otherwise would have been by reason of the loss by fire of several journals which had been entrusted to Brother Seaman for review. We hope, however, our brother's loss was not serious. The paragraph in the introduction to the committee's report which refers to the arrangement of the Supreme Lodge Journal has our hearty endorsement. On more than one occasion we have attempted to ascertain what had been the final fate of some matter before the Supreme Lodge, and were obliged to abandon the search. Yes, there should be some different arrangement of that Journal, Brother Russell, and we have frequently congratulated ourselves that so few Grand Lodge Journals are compiled after that plan.

Next session at Pueblo, second Tuesday in September, 1893.

T. H. DEVINE, G. C., Pueblo.

W. S. O'BRIEN, G. K. R. S., Buena Vista.

JAMES MACKEON, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Brighton.

CONNECTICUT.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Danbury, June 15, 16, 1893. (Journal received August 12.)

Grand Chancellor Wolven had a successful term, and proved himself a good officer. He started out by issuing a circular to the members, in which, among other things, he invited correspondence. He received it, in the shape of 1,065 letters. In his official visits he found the work of conferring ranks "generally well done." The Uniform Rank has two Regiments, divided into two Battalions each, the First Regiment consisting of eight Divisions, 289 men; the Second Regiment of nine Divisions and 370 men, making a total active force of 659 men, fully equipped, representing an outlay of over \$22,000 for the good of the Order. He suggests that some compensation be given the Grand Chancellor, as it requires nearly all the time to properly attend to the duties of that office; and closes his report with sound advice to the membership, urging them to ever remember the teachings of Pythianism.

Brother H. O. Case, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the standing of his Jurisdiction thus:—Lodges 51, a gain of two; membership, January 1, '93, 5,225, a gain of 456. The Subordinate Lodge assets are \$42,073.65, an increase of \$1,413.25. There was a balance of \$1,086.39 in Grand Lodge treasury at close of term.

The chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee confesses that he has "not enthused over the work," the chief reason being that the Journals reviewed were so far back—most being Journals of 1891. We admit this fact has a tendency to dampen the ardor of a reviewer, but still we are scarcely prepared to accept our Brother's excuse. But there is nothing wrong with the report which

followed the rather doleful introduction. The work was fairly divided and creditably performed.

The Journal contains portraits of some of the prominent members.

Next session at Waterbury, the second Tuesday in September, 1894.

LUCIUS F. NORTON, G^o C., New Haven.

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

ERNEST KOCH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Darien.

DELAWARE.—The twenty-fourth annual session convened at Wilmington October 26, 1892. (Journal received December 10.)

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was introduced immediately after the opening, and delivered "a very interesting address."

Grand Chancellor Mullin reported a "disastrous fire at Wilmington" in which six Lodges lost part of their effects; the Grand Lodge office losing "most of its contents" also. A Lodge at Delmar lost "all the paraphernalia" by fire during the year. One new Lodge was instituted. Brother Mullin has good words for the Uniform Rank and also for the Endowment Rank. He recommends granting dispensations for Lodges to attend church free, as "the gospel is free," and because "there are some Knights of Pythias who seldom attend church except when their Lodges go in a body."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Mark L. Garrett, reports "harmony and peace prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction." "Never were we in a better condition to increase our membership. All the Lodges have comfortable Castle Halls and good paraphernalia." Brother Garrett reports the loss by fire of all the Supreme Lodge Journals, as well as Journals (complete) of "nearly all the Grand Lodges. . . . most of which cannot be replaced." The membership is 1,229, a gain of 27 in 19 Lodges. They paid for relief \$6,948.87. Lodge Assets \$53,156.03. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$233.92.

A sad story of unfaithfulness is thus briefly told:—"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made no report." The committee's names should have been placed on the page containing a list of the "Fraternal Dead."

A report of the Committee to Draft Resolutions on the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Linton is a very ambiguous document.

There seem to have been no Standing Committees appointed or at least there is no record of them.

Next session at Wilmington, October 25, 1893.

SAMUEL F. MARSHALL, G. C., Wilmington.

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

FLORIDA.—Eighth annual session, at Ocala, March 15, 16, 1893; Journal to hand May 1.

The Journal opens with an account of a reception tendered the members and representatives previous to settling down to work. Here is one paragraph from the account:—

"The procession was headed by W. W. Blackwell, of Henderson, Ky., Supreme Chancellor of the World, whose commanding presence at the head of

the brilliant column showed how fitting was his selection as a man to lead the Knights of Pythias of the world." !!!

They had an address of welcome from the mayor of the city, as well as the local members, to which fitting replies were made.

This is from Grand Chancellor O'Neal's report:—

"In view of the harmony that prevails, and the increase of membership during the past year, we have good cause for congratulation, while a deep sense of gratitude to our great Teacher should be evidenced in devout thanksgiving. . . . I take pleasure in reporting to you, that the general condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction is excellent. We are increasing in numbers and efficiency. The influence of the Order is felt in every part of the State. Our best, most prominent and influential citizens are members of the Order or are seeking admission to our Castle Halls."

And a little further on he tells that six new Lodges have been instituted and two reinstated.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Latimer gives the condition of the Order: Twenty-eight Subordinate Lodges—a gain of eight; 1,535 members, a gain of 364; paid for relief \$3655.93; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$1988.31. A creditable showing, truly.

The Uniform Rank is in good condition and is highly appreciated.

This Jurisdiction lost a valued member during the year by the death of Supreme Representative Moses M. Belisario, and appropriate resolutions were recorded.

During the session Supreme Chancellor Blackwell delivered an address which is described as "a veritable Pythian feast."

Florida is still without a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Journal needs an index.

Next session at Palatka in March, 1894.

J. H. HODGES, G. C., Gainsville.

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

GEORGIA.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Macon, May 16, 17, 1893. (Journal received August 30.)

The institution of eight new Lodges for the year, and an increase in membership of 684 was the announcement made by Grand Chancellor Harmon in his inaugural. He reports peace and harmony in Georgia, and the outlook for the spread of Pythianism bright and glorious.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Leopold reports the condition of the Order as follows: Number of Lodges last report, 42; instituted during the year, 8; reorganized, 2; total 52. Membership at December 31, 1892, 4550. Aggregate paid for relief during the year, \$9557.91. Cash on hand, \$13,711.28. Total net assets, \$49,795.11. The financial showing of Grand Lodge is good, there being a balance in hand of \$2,671.94.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence review the Journals of forty-five

Grand Lodges. The work is well done, and reflects great credit on Brother William Orr, who undertook the task.

Next session at Columbus on the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

R. W. HUNT, G. C., Augusta.

W. T. LEOPOLD, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Box 12, Savannah.

IDAHO.—First annual session, held at Moscow, June 21, 23, 1892. Seven Months later the Journal came to hand!

At the preliminary session for organization nine Lodges were represented. The Grand Lodge Rank was conferred on sixteen Past Chancellors, after which election of officers followed. The necessary business seems to have been taken in hand in a manner which promises well for the future. The per capita is \$1.50 per year. They appropriated \$200 for Grand Chancellor's expenses and \$100 for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's salary. The membership at organization was stated as 578, in 15 Lodges.

We welcome our sister Grand Lodge, and hope to hear a good account from her. We hope they will soon have a Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Cœur d'Alene City, second Tuesday in June, 1893.

JOHN. W. DANIELS, G. C., Boise City.

JAMES H. HARTE, G. K. R. S., Cœur d'Alene.

ILLINOIS.—Twenty-third annual convention, held at Rockford, October 18-20, 1892. (Journal received March 16, 1893.) There is a circular accompanying the Journal, however, which explains that the publication was delayed awaiting Supreme Lodge approval to amended Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

On opening the Journal we meet a two-page plate of the Grand Officers, and as we had the privilege of dropping into the Grand Lodge office before taking up this Journal we have no difficulty in recognizing the genial countenance of Supreme Representative Race, the stern visage of Grand Vice Chancellor Burgoyne and the placid features of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Caldwell, whom it was our privilege to meet on the occasion referred to. Though only among them for a short time we were made quite at home, and assured of a welcome should we come again.

The report of Grand Chancellor Cook gives evidence of a year of hard and conscientious work. He had appeals by the score to settle and a great many unpleasant duties to perform, but to all he brought a clear head, and his decisions were given after he had been convinced what was the right course. He had an increase of 68 Lodges and about 6000 members.

From Brother Caldwell's report we glean these facts: membership (July 1, '92) 26,615; Lodges 351; paid for relief \$35,293.99; total assets \$292,500.49; Grand Lodge assets \$18,371.43. Brother Caldwell's report also contains a "retrospective" paragraph, which shows that when he assumed the position of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, fifteen years ago, the Jurisdiction had 50 Lodges and 2,085 members; and doubtless his careful oversight has had much to

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do with the present condition of the Order in Illinois. He may well be pardoned for feeling proud of the figures he furnishes.

The reports all show this Grand Jurisdiction to be fully alive. They have reached the point predicted by Brother Cook, and at the coming session will elect a third Supreme Representative.

The space taken by the excellent report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee could not have been better occupied. They give our Jurisdiction some attention, and seem to think our Grand Chancellors have a habit of expressing regret that they were unable to look after the Lodges better. Of course when a Jurisdiction has 351 Lodges to look after it doubtless does seem strange that a small Jurisdiction like ours finds so much work in looking after eleven.

The next session is to be held at Decatur, the third Tuesday in October, 1893.

CHAS. A. BARNES, G. C., Jacksonville.

HENRY P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., 126 Washington St., Chicago.

JAMES R. WARD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Carrollton.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Third annual session at Tahlequah, May 3, 4, 1892. (Journal received February 12, 1893.) Brace up, Brethren, and have your proceedings issued promptly.

Grand Chancellor Thomas visited all Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and instituted five new ones, (with a petition for a sixth well under way). The following is not too bad:—

“The Grand Lodge is certainly under obligations to its Grand Chancellor for his loss of time in properly attending to the numerous duties incumbent upon him. The honor attaching to the position is indeed high, but it is amply repaid by a conscientious performance of the labors pertaining to his position.”

Brother Thomas attributes the many questions covered by law which were referred to him to the fact that copies of the Constitution are scarce, and suggests that a supply be printed, “to supply all who may desire a copy, taking into consideration the probable growth of the Order in the future”! The death of Supreme Representative August Bolander, “one of the chief promoters and workers,” is recorded. The importance of having a report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is duly recognized, but no committee was appointed because the extra cost of printing “would seriously affect the finances;” and he asked the Grand Lodge to say whether or not such a committee should be named. The record does not say what became of the suggestion, and no committee was appointed.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Ward gives the membership 512, a net gain of 232; number of Lodges, 12, a gain of 5; expended for relief \$1953.15; assets of Subordinate Lodges \$10,127.68. Balance in hand and due Grand Lodge \$246.31.

Next session at South McAlester, the first Tuesday in May, 1893.

BEN REESE, G. C., Coalgate.

JOE M. LAHAY, G. K. R. S., Claremore.

INDIANA.—Twenty-fifth annual session held at Indianapolis June 6, 7, 1893. (Journal received August 3.)

Grand Chancellor Siver says "the utmost harmony has prevailed" during the year; thirty Lodges were instituted and dispensations for two others granted. Like other large Jurisdictions there was considerable objection by some of the Lodges using German rituals to relinquishing the old, and this was only done under protest. The Uniform Rank has nine Regiments, and a membership of 2320 in Indiana.

The plan adopted by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Bowers of giving the entire charter membership of new Lodges is a good one, we think. He reports 29 new Lodges and one re-organized, total 378. The gain in membership was 4,029, and the present membership is 31,225. There was paid for relief \$80,046.57. Total assets of Lodges \$574,846.70. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$8,996.81. Brother Bowers presents a most complete report.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell visited the Grand Lodge, was introduced by Major-General Carnahan, met with a hearty reception, and made one of his practical addresses.

What a funny (useless?) idea it is to publish the remarks made by each who nominates a candidate for office!

Welcome to the Fraternal Correspondence Committee! "After many days" we are pleased to find this important committee on the list. And they present a report which conclusively proves that the long absence was not through inability to produce one. This is one of the most readable, and arranged after the style of the ideal report of Brother Stevens. This committee do not approve of the action of the Supreme Lodge in dodging the right of liquor sellers to admission to the Order, and are in favor of a uniform rule of the Supreme Lodge "on a matter of such universal importance." Right you are, Brethren! The losses by suspension are referred to, and in compiling their "first report" this committee are brought in contact with the sad fact that every reviewer has encountered, and for which there seems to be no remedy. In this connection they remark: "A little of the superb effort now put forth to extend our territory and increase our membership might well be spent in keeping some who already belong."

The next session will be held at Indianapolis the first Tuesday in June, 1894.

JAMES E. WATSON, G. C., Winchester.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., New Castle.

JAMES H. HENRY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Martinsville.

IOWA.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Muscatine, August 9, 10, 1893. (Journal received October 10.)

From the reports of the officers of this Grand Lodge we find that during the year there were 51 new Lodges organized, 4 reorganized, and 2,500 members added to its roster. Total Lodges 352, membership 19,427. After paying over \$18,000 for benefits, the exchequers of Subordinate Lodges showed a net cash balance of \$96,169.30, while their total net assets at December, 1892, footed up the handsome sum of \$210,103.26. It is evident from the above showing that the

Order in Iowa is prospering. This Grand Lodge paid its Grand Chancellor a salary of \$500, besides expenses of \$102; salary of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, \$1200, with a further sum of \$759.38 for office rent, postage and contingent, and \$15 to his assistant at the session of 1892. Two hundred dollars goes to the Grand Master of Exchequer for taking care of the balance of \$16,355.91, which was carried forward to the credit of the Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge, acting on our suggestion, has an index to its proceedings of 1893. We have another to make. For three years past each Grand Chancellor has appointed a committee of five to attend to the duties of Fraternal Correspondence. So far there has been no report made. How would it do to appoint a committee of *one*, and allow him a fair remuneration for his services? With the fat surplus in your Grand Lodge exchequer you can afford it. Try it, Brothers.

Next session at LeMars, August 8, 1894.

CARL F. KUEHNLE, G. C.

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

SAMUEL N. WATSON, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Iowa City.

KANSAS.—The twenty-second annual session was held at Salina May 16-18, 1893. (Journal received July 7.)

Grand Chancellor Tulby Scott was absent through illness. The opening paragraph of his report is—is—er—well, here it is:—

"We meet in annual convention to retrospect the past, and to look over the year just complete—to consider the present and our relations to it, with unbounded fields of thought—for suggestion, amendment and reform, and, after looking over the past and regarding our present surroundings, to wisely lay out plans and make preparations for the future."

"Retrospect the past" is good! The next paragraph is a good second, but too lengthy to reproduce. Brother Scott says "Pythianism in Kansas was never in a more healthy or prosperous condition," and reports "a steady increase of Lodges and membership." While our Brother's report contains no official circulars it hardly comes up to Brother McDowell's ideal.

What changes Brother Neubert must have seen since he took office! This is his seventeenth annual report. The number of Lodges has increased from 15, with a membership of 428, to 241, with 11,057 members. From his excellent remarks and business-like report we opine he has done his share in making the excellent record his Jurisdiction presents. The Lodges expended for relief \$13,670.01; assets of Lodges \$196,124.10; gain in membership 2,303; in Lodges 21; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$7,606.80.

The session was harmonious throughout. We wish every Grand Jurisdiction would make the effort Kansas has to stamp out the evil of office-seeking. The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the practice of soliciting by correspondence the support of Representatives and Past Chancellors, prior to the session of the Grand Lodge, for any office in the gift of this Grand Lodge, is by this Grand Body condemned as being pernicious, and hurtful to the best interests of the Order."

Brother McDowell, Fraternal Correspondent, has a free-and-easy way of expressing himself which is truly interesting. He continues to mourn over the fact that nearly all Grand Chancellors continue to work "official circulars," etc., into their reports (notwithstanding his strictures of last year.) He found one, however, which he could recommend to prospective Grand Chancellors, viz.: Minnesota; but we were rather disappointed to find Brother Wheaton's "official circulars" in full, besides explanations of their contents. "Thus do our idols fall"! Last year we asked Brother McDowell for a reason for doing away with the Grand Lodge Rank, (which he had vigorously condemned.) His logical and convincing reply is as follows:—

"Life is too short, however, Brethren, for me to spend time in explaining a reason for doing away with the Grand Lodge Rank, which you seem to desire I should do.

This certainly is unanswerable

Brother McDowell in introducing his report makes this really gratifying admission:—"So far as I can observe, other Jurisdictions understand how to conduct their affairs about as well as we do in Kansas, and are getting on in the world swimmingly." Sorry to lose you, Mac, for while we truly enjoyed your egotism, we fondly hoped that after being handled by your brother correspondents for a few more years you would have been greatly benefited and eventually have outgrown the misfortune.

Next session at Leavenworth, the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

W. H. BRIDENBAUGH, G. C., Wichita.

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

W. Y. MORGAN, Fraternal Correspondent, Emporia.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty fourth session, at Harrodsburg, September 20, 21, 1892. (Journal received January 3, 1893.)

Grand Chancellor Andrews offers as proof of the "happy and harmonious condition of the Order" in his Jurisdiction the fact that there were no appeals, and considers this cause for congratulation, "as it has not always been so." The state of the Order is summed up thus:—

"For the term ending June 30, 1892, sixty-three lodges in this Jurisdiction have made a decided gain. Fifteen, though doing work, have made neither an increase nor a decrease, while thirteen have been at a loss. This is reliable evidence that the State is in a fine condition numerically, financially, and in every other respect in a more flourishing condition than at any previous time."

Brother Andrews was evidently a painstaking officer, and seems to have intelligently striven to advance the Order in Kentucky.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wade Sheltman we learn that "the increase has been six new Lodges, one reorganized, and 690 members, or an increase of nearly 13 per cent." Certainly a satisfactory showing. They now have 5309 members in 92 Lodges. There was paid for relief \$10,579.60. The Grand Lodge had a balance of \$834.25 on hand. Brother Sheltman says:

"One of the evidences of general prosperity throughout the Order is the character of the Pythian papers and their widespread circulation." There is no agency to which so much credit is due as the Pythian papers, and probably not one of the large number published is paying expenses. Every member of the Order should take as many Pythian papers as he can afford to.

Of course Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was on hand, and is evidently appreciated in his home Jurisdiction, which accounts for the hearty reception he meets with everywhere. When a Knight is respected and looked up to at home, where he is best known, the membership elsewhere have a pretty safe guarantee that he is worthy.

It is impossible to read this Journal without feeling that our Kentucky Brethren are terribly in earnest, and believe that our Order is calculated to make better all who enter the Pythian fold.

Brother W. L. Smith, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents a good report; though we have failed to perceive the "growing feeling" against the Grand Lodge Rank to which he refers in his introductory remarks.

Next session at Ashland, the third Tuesday in September, 1893.

JOHN L. CHAMBERLAIN, G. C., Maysville.

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

W. L. SMITH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bellevue.

LOUISIANA.—Thirteenth annual session held at Lake Charles, May 15-18, 1893. (Journal received October 18.)

From the Journal before us we learn that there were at Jan. 1, 1893, 100 Lodges, with a membership of 8183, being an increase of 5 Lodges and 682 members for the year. The suspensions for non-payment of dues for the year were 644! In referring to this drain on the membership the Grand Chancellor has this to say:

"The remedy, it seems to me, lies in the future activity of the various Masters of Finance, as well as in the successful efforts of the other officers, and of the working members of the lodges, in interesting what might be called the non-working members, in the affairs and business of the Lodge. If those members who habitually absent themselves from the sessions of the Lodge and take no interest in its concerns, who are the ones that are almost universally suspended, could be influenced to attend the meetings and enter actively in the work of the lodge, I am satisfied that the number of suspensions would be reduced to a minimum."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal also refers to suspensions of this kind, and adds:—

"We are going through the weeding out process, winnowing the wheat from the chaff, purging out the careless and indifferent, and more firmly uniting the good and true."

The financial condition of Subordinate Lodges, however, shows up well. The aggregate paid for relief was \$28,938.15. Cash in hand January 1, 1893, \$54,610.62—an increase for the year of nearly \$10,000. The total net assets was \$108,519.18.

The Grand Lodge exchequer shows a balance of \$7519.06, being an increase of nearly \$2000 over that of the previous year.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty-two sister Grand Lodges. The Maritime Provinces is not in it. However, there were three members selected for the purpose, who appear to have divided the work in three. Two of the number failed to furnish their share. The report, so far as it goes, is carefully prepared; and we would suggest that the present committee, which again consists of three, toss up and find who shall be responsible for a fuller report next year.

Next session at New Orleans, on the third Monday in May, 1894.

S. T. BAIRD, G. C., New Orleans.

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

W. F. NORSWORTHY, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Jackson.

MAINE.—Twenty-first annual session held at Brunswick, May 17, 1893. (Journal received September 18.)

It is a pleasure at all times to peruse the proceedings of this Jurisdiction. It is needless to say that our friends in Maine are doing well. They have increased in membership, in financial prosperity of their Lodges and, above all, they still enjoy the honor of having Brother Stevens as chairman of Fraternal Correspondence. In this line he is without a peer. His report this year, fittingly printed at the beginning of the Journal, is a gem. In attempting the work of this kind for our own Grand Lodge, we are more than ever convinced of our inability to fill the bill, after reading the review submitted by our friend Stevens. This is how he concludes his report for 1893:—

"Our eighteenth annual review of Pythian interests and affairs is completed. All unbidden the writer's thought goes back to the days when our first report was penned and traces the marvellous growth which the intervening years have witnessed. That first report (1876) reviewed twenty-six journals, while the Order embraced 1,318 Lodges, with 101,748 members, and it was submitted to a Grand Lodge which included twelve subordinates with 1,104 members. The present paper reviews fifty-two journals and chronicles the work of 357,924 knights gathered in 4,851 Castle Halls, while the Dirigo Grand Lodge, by whose favor our work has been done, marshals more than 9,000 knights rallied about four-score altar-fires!"

Well done, Maine! May you continue to increase in still greater proportions during the next twenty years.

The report of Brother Hanson is concise and well prepared, and shows that Calais can produce a Grand Chancellor equal to any Maine has ever elected to this high office. He was present at the institution of nearly all the eight new Lodges organized during the year and rendered a large number of decisions in a way that showed his familiarity with Pythian law. He calls particular attention to the Uniform Rank, and asks the membership to assist in swelling its material prosperity. The Endowment Rank is also commended to the membership of Maine, as a branch of the Order which is not only reliable but of a character that classes it among the very best of fraternal insurance.

Hear what our friend Smith, the genial Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, has to say:—

"It is very gratifying to be able to state that this Grand Jurisdiction was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time, and that the indications for our future prosperity are most flattering. . . . Our net increase in membership is larger than for a number of years past; we have added to our list of Lodges, filled one vacant number, and sowed the seed for several Lodges that will come into the fold within a few months. Our Lodges have nearly \$10,000 more cash assets and \$83,963.17 more property than one year ago, and yet, notwithstanding this phenomenal increase in our finances, our duty to the sick and afflicted has been faithfully performed and funds for their care and relief have been freely drawn from the treasuries to the amount of \$29,561.94, being a much larger sum than ever before expended for benefits."

In concluding his report, he adds:—

"The brethren all appear to be striving to excel in their own chosen way, having the good of the Order at heart; and I trust that their interest will continue to strengthen and increase as the years roll on, until the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine stands pre-eminent among her peers."

Next session convenes at Portland on the third Wednesday in May, 1894.

ISAAC L. ELDER, G. C., Deering.

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

M. L. STEVENS, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, box 787, New York City.

MANITOBA.—The organization of this Grand Lodge took place at Winnipeg May 11, 12, 1892, but the Journal only reached us April 4th, 1893, which makes it a very old matter to incorporate in this report.

Supreme Chancellor Geo. B. Shaw superintended the organization, and was assisted by Major General Carnahan and Inspector General Kennedy. Of course the work of the session was necessarily routine, and much of the time was occupied considering by-laws, etc. Our brethren in the far west will please observe they have omitted from their list of committees one on Fraternal Correspondence, and we hope the omission will be promptly filled.

We are proud to extend the heartiest fraternal greetings to our young Canadian sister and hope she will grow strong and healthy.

Second annual session held at Winnipeg, June 20, 21, 1893. (Journal received October 12.)

The Grand Chancellor in his report records the fact that some of the best men in the province are seeking admission to the Order. He also states that absence of suspensions and withdrawals shows that the membership in their Jurisdiction is interested in Pythianism.

The journal shows two new Lodges instituted during the year, making 7 Lodges at December 31, 1892. The membership was at that date 268, an increase of 148. The aggregate paid for relief during the year was \$554.15; net assets, \$2989.62. The Grand Lodge had a balance of \$61.15 at the close of last year.

Next session at Winnipeg, on the third Tuesday in July, 1894.

JAMES H. DOBSON, G. C., Winnipeg.

ELMER E. LIGHTCAP, G. K. R. S., Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held in Baltimore, February 14-16, 1893. (Journal to hand March 23.)

The semi-annual report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal (to June 30, 1892) has first place in this Journal, followed by reports, etc. They held a special session the day before the Grand Lodge opened at which the credential committee's report was presented, followed by addresses from Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Jenkins, of West Virginia, and Supreme Chancellor Blackwell, both of which were well received. In the evening a "general meeting" was held at the Castle Hall, addressed by Major General Carnahan, the Supreme Chancellor and others, followed by a "banquet" which lasted to "a late hour," to the delight and satisfaction of all.

And now we are permitted to get down to business, and have come to the Grand Lodge session. Grand Chancellor Whelan says he started in by endeavoring to inspire "new life and vigor in Order movements," and the members "caught the inspiration;" result: four new Lodges and over 600 new members, all of which is precisely as it should be. A Grand Chancellor who succeeds in waking up and keeping awake his Lodges is sure to have a successful term.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Whitehouse we learn that everything increased. Look at the record: Four new Lodges and two weak ones consolidated, net gain of three; membership 7635, net gain 624; assets of subordinate Lodges \$192,599.08, increase \$3756.45; amount paid for relief \$49,849.18; Grand Lodge assets \$5069.76. Another jurisdiction finds the abolition of German rituals an injustice. Brother Whitehouse says:—

"Our nine German Lodges are among the strongest and richest we have, and have always responded to every order movement."

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is not any longer or better than it should be, considering the fact that there are seven on the committee. We find the following in the brief introduction to the report, which we confess is a veritable "news item":—

"Major General Carnahan, in his report, informs us that he tendered to the President of the United States 20,000 equipped members in the event of war with Chili."

As intimated above, this is the first time we have met this statement. If it is true, it only proves what we have on several occasions noticed, that Major General Carnahan forgets that ours is a *universal* Order and that there is quite a handful of universe outside the United States. We believe it is going away outside the bounds of reason or decency for such expressions to come from any one in authority, at least until the jurisdiction of our Supreme Lodge is changed. Let us have good, hard, earnest work for the advancement of the glorious principles of Pythianism, but, for any sake, let us have no more of this nonsense.

Next session at Baltimore, second Tuesday in February, 1894.

ADAM PEEPLES, G. C., Port Deposit.

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

WILLIAM HAMILTON, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-fourth annual session held in Boston, February 15, 1893. (Journal received May 14.)

This Journal continues the custom of presenting photos of the Grand Lodge officials, with "pedigree" attached. The report of the Grand Chancellor congratulates the members on the prosperous condition of the Order, mentions a liberal list of visitations, says the Uniform Rank is "an important factor in making our Order what it is—the grandest, noblest and best," and altogether shows that Brother Egerton has the interests of the Order at heart.

The figures given by that painstaking Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Cross, show a gain in Lodges of 6, making the present number 100; and a gain in membership of 964, the total being 10,964. The financial showing is good, the assets being \$181,940.87. There was paid for relief \$42,726.98. Grand Lodge balance \$4784.02.

As we come to the report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, we meet the portrait of a judicial and pleasant looking elderly gentleman, underneath which are these words: "Luther Lewis Tarbell." We blush guiltily, remembering that we had always pictured a younger man—not a better-looking one, however, but more likely to be "one of the boys," as the saying goes—but on reflection we remember the mature wisdom evidenced in the Fraternal Correspondence reports from this jurisdiction, and we are quite satisfied that the writer must have been well advanced in—in—years?—well in Pythianism, at least. The report this year is up to the former standard, though we blushed with characteristic modesty on reading this reference to our last report:—

"It is excellent. Brother Stevens, of Maine, and Brother Baker, of New York, will have to 'look to their laurels.'"

To be placed in such company is away beyond our deserts. Happy thought, Brother Tarbell, of yours. Act upon it; come down in the warm season (or any other) to the commercial metropolis of New Brunswick, and be assured a hearty Pythian welcome awaits you. Glad you have been *reappointed*. (Stand corrected, you know.)

Next session in Boston the third Wednesday in February, 1894.

DANIEL E. DENNY, G. C., Worcester.

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

L. L. TARBELL, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Marlboro.

MICHIGAN.—Twentieth annual session at Detroit, May 17, 18, 1893. (Journal received August 10.)

From Grand Chancellor Loomis' report we take the following:—

"That prosperity, happiness and harmony pervade the Order we are profoundly grateful, and that a still greater measure of good is in store for us we firmly believe. . . . The splendid results accomplished are to be attributed to the growing force of our institution and the praiseworthy harmony that pervades the Order in Michigan. . . . The pleasing results are due to the united and fraternal spirit of helpfulness."

Twenty-five new Lodges are reported. The term was successful and creditable to the Grand Chancellor.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hopkins (with a big "P") gives a concise report of the year's work. He says the Order has had a "wonderful growth both in new Lodges and membership," and credits the result to "careful, systematic labor, laid out and directed by the Grand Chancellor and carried to success by the state Deputy and all Grand Lodge officers." The gain in Lodges is the largest ever attained in the state. What a blessed condition must have been reached in Michigan, when Brother Hopkins is able to say that "no unkind word of censure has reached his ear during the year!" Enough to make Grand Keepers of Records and Seal green with envy! They have 185 Lodges and 9934 members (to May 1893), a gain of 1599. The amount on hand and invested by subordinate Lodges is \$102,627.26; paid for relief \$4,480.82; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$3433.66.

Brother A. S. White, chairman of the Committee on Fraternal correspondence, in his prefatory remarks is too modest, by half. He presents a creditable report. Our jurisdiction is reviewed, and of our Fraternal Correspondence report he says:—

"This little Jurisdiction sets an example that should be emulated by many older and more powerful Jurisdictions, by publishing, at no inconsiderable expense, an elaborate, carefully prepared report. . . . The result is one of which the committee have every reason to feel proud."

Next session at Benton Harbor, the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

GEORGE A. REYNOLDS, G. C., Saginaw.

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

WM. H. LOOMIS, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence committee, Grand Rapids.

MINNESOTA.—Twentieth session, at Minneapolis, September 27, 1892. (Journal received January 20, 1893.)

Grand Chancellor Wheaton reports that "all is well within our borders." He visited every Lodge, and the result was eminently satisfactory. He found the exemplification of the unwritten work "shamefully abused," and says the "variegated manner in which this important instruction has been communicated reflects with no little discredit upon many prominent officials in the Order." Twenty-two new Lodges and two revived is the year's record. Regarding decisions, he says: "For pure, unadulterated capacity to propound knotty, ambiguous questions, brother Knights are peculiar." The Order is in splendid condition in Michigan, with a bright outlook for the future. Brother Wheaton was unanimously re-elected.

The following figures are from the report of Brother Orr, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal: Lodges, 98, net gain, 21; members, 5321, net gain, 832. Cash on hand in Subordinate Lodges, \$14,908.89; expended for relief, \$2,669.43. Grand Lodge balance on hand, \$1669.75, in addition to which the trustees have \$931.89; a total of \$2601.64.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence review our journal of 1891, the reason being that our Grand Lodge is in session about the same time as their own.

Twenty-first annual session held at St. Paul, September 26, 27, 1893. (Journal received October 18.) Here is an example which many Grand Lodges might follow with advantage. Three weeks after the close of their annual session Minnesota issues its Journal of Proceedings.

Brother Wheaton makes a model report as Grand Chancellor. He says that "the past year has been one of excellent growth and prosperity; that the social, moral and financial condition of the Order is generally good." In regard to official Visits from the Grand Chancellor he says:—

"No matter what may be said to the contrary, it is absolutely essential that the Grand Chancellor should personally look after the interests of each Lodge, and to do this properly and in a manner that will ensure the best results, he should visit every Lodge that he possibly can. As has been remarked time and again, 'What is the use of having a Grand Chancellor if we can't use him?'"

Well, Brother Wheaton, they evidently did use you; and from the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer we are pleased to notice that they rewarded you fairly well for your services. [\$1237.95]. The results, however, show that when a Grand Lodge pays its Grand Chancellor for time and labor, he can accomplish much. Nineteen new Lodges added and one restored, making 146 at June 30, 1893. Membership, 6029, a gain of 708 for the year. The number of members suspended for non-payment of dues, as shown by last year's report, was 412, as against 295 during the past twelve months. With a present membership in Minnesota of over six thousand, this exhibit is certainly gratifying. The finances of Subordinate Lodges are good, and the Grand Lodge exchequer shows a balance of \$2497.73, or nearly \$1000 more than the balance at June, 1892.

The Grand Lodge re-elected Brother Wheaton to the office of Grand Chancellor for the third term. This is right.

A creditable report is submitted by the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, in which our Jurisdiction receives half a page.

The next session convenes at Minneapolis, on the 23rd September, 1894.

FRIED. E. WHEATON, G. C. Minneapolis.

GRIER M. ORR, G. K. R. S. and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, St. Paul.

MONTANA.—Ninth annual session, at Helena, May 16, 17, 1893.

Grand Chancellor Whitney's portrait, the frontispiece to this journal, brings forth involuntarily the exclamation, "What a fine looking chap!" From his report we gather that the day he was made Grand Chancellor was "the proudest one" in his career; and "the happiest moment" of his life has arrived, as he is about to leave the office. Well, well, well! They must have made it warm for him, surely. He gives some sound advice to the membership, counselling them to be careful as to the character of the men they admit, remarking that "the Lodge room is not a reformatory," advice which every Jurisdiction should heed. He cautions the Lodges not to put a brother in office "because he is a jolly good fellow," but when they get a good officer in an official station give him a second term. One more quotation:—

"Sentimentality about the beautiful axioms of our Order is all right in its place; but the only true way to prove them is by the practical and thorough

methods that are used to advance them. It is a pleasing feature of our annual banquets when some eloquent brother descants upon the workings of our principles, the noble examples we have had of past heroes, the lessons inculcated by our teachings, etc., etc. Let him prove his rhythmic metaphors by attendance at Lodge every meeting night, and show his faith by doing duty with the rest of the constant brothers. Let him illustrate a working, as well as a talking, member.

This is good advice, surely.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 1691 members in 30 Lodges, a net gain of 385 members and four Lodges. They expended \$6378.85 for relief; total assets, \$35,092.45. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$1322.10.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is up to the standard, and does credit to Brother Knight, the chairman. Our journal is reviewed; but our brethren are in error when they say rituals are in constant use here, even when conferring ranks, and that the work is not well done. We are proud to know that this committee derived "a good deal of satisfaction and profit" from reading our report of last year.

The next session will be held at Anaconda the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

E. H. TALCOTT, G. C., Livingstone.

JACOB LOEB, G. K. R. S., Helena.

T. J. PORTER, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Miles City.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-eighth annual session at Geneva, October 11, 12, 1892. (Journal received January 24, 1893.)

Grand Chancellor Hamilton seems to have had a more agreeable experience than his predecessor, and reports a year of prosperity and harmony. Only one appeal was presented. Twenty-two Lodges were instituted; visitations were made to many of the Lodges, especially to the "weak" ones, and the work of the term well attended to.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Shaeffer reports the condition of the Order "better than it ever has been," and he says the year has been the most successful in their history, with two exceptions. Steps are being taken to institute Lodges in every town where none exist, and he thinks they will have a large increase the coming year. So mote it be. The net gain in membership was 649 and in Lodges 20. They have now 151 Lodges and 5975 members. The cash balance (June 30, 1892) was \$44,688.21; value of property and investments \$101,159.21; expended for relief \$8308.31. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$2949.65. He had some trouble getting semi-annual reports, and we agree with him that deputies are largely responsible for the delay. Officers should not be installed until the reports are handed in, and if deputies would withhold the S. A. P. W., as they should, until correct reports were given, it would soon remedy the defect, and relieve the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of much annoyance and delay in his work. Nebraska is not the only Jurisdiction where this evil exists. We regret to notice that it is the rule rather than the exception.

On page 1158 of this Journal it is recorded that "the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted their report," and a motion was made and carried "that it be printed in the Journal of Proceedings;" but it does not appear. It is

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a poor compliment to a committee after performing such an amount of work to have their report consigned to oblivion, even after a vote in favor of its becoming part of the records. Somebody should explain.

Next session at Omaha, October 10, 1893.

WILL. R. DALE, G. C., Columbus.

HARRY M. SHAEFFER, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

F. F. ROOSE, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Capital City.

NEVADA.—Twenty-first session held at Virginia City, June 8, 9, 1893. (Journal received August 11.)

Grand Chancellor Hofer reports "untiring zeal and harmonious activity" on all sides "coupled with perfect unison and brotherly friendship," a combination that should have produced better results than the record shows—viz., no new Lodges and a net loss of six members. They have 14 Lodges and 865 members. The financial condition is good, the balance on hand and invested being \$16,569.54; expended for relief \$5530.01. Balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$610.62.

There was no business of special interest, and no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next session at Reno, the second Thursday in June, 1894.

W. S. BEARD, G. C., Eureka.

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

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-sixth annual session held at Trenton, February 15, 16, 1893. (Journal received May 12.)

Grand Chancellor Kilbourn opens his report with the solemn statement that "another year has come and gone" since last Grand Lodge meeting, and then gets down to business giving the state of the Order and the outlook for the future. The fact that the first six months of his term showed a net gain of over 1000 members led him to expect a larger gain for the year than was realized, which is charged chiefly to the abolition of the \$6.00 rate, which he says not only stopped the formation of several new Lodges then partly under way, but checked the growth of the Order almost entirely in many parts of the state.

"The suspensions and withdrawals," he says, "have also been much greater than common, so that almost the entire gain which the Order has made in this state for the past twelve months was during the first half of the year. Nevertheless, we have made not only a handsome increase, but under existing circumstances the growth has been remarkable. Five new Lodges have been added to our roster, one of them instituted with over 200 charter members, being the largest Lodge ever started in this state. One Lodge which was in a very bad condition has taken on a new lease of life, and none have become defunct, while the Lodges have on hand and invested \$27,000 more than at last session. Taken altogether, our Grand Jurisdiction is in a sound, healthy, prosperous and harmonious condition. I believe that this cessation of growth is merely temporary, and that we will in a short time outgrow and overcome these difficulties under which we have labored."

He made over 150 official visits, necessitating "on the average every other night throughout the entire year away from home," a sacrifice which Pythians less

zealous would refuse to make. Brother Kilbourn has been a hard working official, and discharged the duties of his office intelligently and well.

Brother Pierson, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the membership 12,748, a net increase of 982; Lodges 140; cash on hand and invested \$274,297.10; expended for relief \$62,408.28; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$2132.07.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell visited the Jurisdiction twice during the year, being present at Grand Lodge session. Major-General Carnahan was also present.

Brother Wessels, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, in introducing his report, calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the work was all done by one, the chairman; and suggested that instead of having three members and paying each \$6.00, (a favorite figure in New Jersey, by the way,) only one be appointed, and that he be paid \$25.00 for the work. The Grand Chancellor made a similar recommendation, and the Grand Lodge agreed to it. The report is first rate, as usual; and we are pleased that Brother Wessels will "collar" \$25.00 this year, he having been reappointed. In reviewing our Journal he "heartily seconds" our proposal for a meeting of "Fraternal Correspondents," and suggests Washington, in 1894. Well, we are going, brother, if possible; when we will expect you to set 'em up handsomely on the strength of that "raise" in salary. Alas, we don't even get \$6.00 and only claim one-third of the credit.

Next session in Trenton the third Wednesday in February, 1894.

W. F. HAYHURST, G. C., Lambertville.

GEO. E. PIERSON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

E. R. WESSELS, Fraternal Correspondent, 30 Newark Avenue, Jersey City.

NEW MEXICO.—Ninth annual convention held at Raton, September 20, 21, 1892. (Journal received January 23, 1893.)

Grand Chancellor Leeson opens his report with a nice little "sermonette," and then confesses to having granted a dispensation to initiate "a one-eyed applicant" (!!!) who was "otherwise sound." His official visits were occasions of varied experiences and should be read to be appreciated. With difficulty we refrain from quoting.

The membership is 929, a gain of 151; the Lodge assets aggregate \$13,218.76; paid for relief, \$3187; Grand Lodge balance \$570.10.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report has an introduction by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Harrison, stating that "after waiting over three months for a full report," he had to have the journal printed with only "a few states" reviewed. Sixteen Journals were reviewed, under fourteen of which appears the name of S. C. Meek, who congratulates those Journals which do not have reports from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. He considers these reports useless, and thinks it would be sufficient if the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were merely to acknowledge receipt of the different Journals! We believe this brother stands alone in this opinion. We hope the five brethren appointed on this committee will have a suitable report in next Journal.

Next session at Deeming the third Tuesday in September, 1893.

HARRY W. LUCAS, G. C., Silver City.

F. L. HARRISON, G. K. R. S., Santa Fe.

GEO. BERINGER, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Raton.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-fifth annual session held at the city of Elmira, July 25-27, 1893. (Journal received September 30.)

From the reports of the Grand Lodge officers we learn that twenty new Lodges were instituted and one reorganized. The total number of Lodges at December 31, 1892, was 240. The membership at that date was 19,094, an increase for the year of 2299. Subordinate Lodges had a balance at the close of last year of \$153,227.63, being an increase of about \$10,000. The aggregate paid for relief for the year was \$52,271.29.

The following extract is from the report of Brother Acker, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:—

"During the past year the work of the Order has been prosecuted with great vigor by Grand Chancellor William Ladew, who has himself taken the lead in the work done, and with his subordinates it has been 'follow me.' He has had a well defined plan for the prosecution of two great objects in the Order, the one the advancement of the Pythian Home project, and the other the uniformity of the work and eliminating from it anything which might tend to lower the dignity of the ritualistic ceremonies. In this it is safe to say the records show he has scored a success, and it has been a pleasure to work under the direction of an officer gifted with these qualifications and enthusiastic in carrying out these plans."

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee reviewing the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Lodges. The report is as usual well prepared and covers all the ground necessary in reports of the kind.

Next session at Watertown on the 24th July, 1894.

SAMUEL H. SALISBURY, G. C., Seneca Falls.

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

N. A. CALKINS, Fraternal Correspondent, Coxackie.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-second session, held at Wilmington, June 15, 16, 1892. (Journal received January 31, 1893.) No excuse for such delays; hurry up, brethren.

From the report of Grand Chancellor Sherwood we learn that six new Lodges were organized and one revived during the year. Also, the pleasing intelligence that "the reports of the District Deputies to the first of June show a gain of seven Lodges and a membership of 1937, a gain of 473 for the year. The Order is now in a healthy and prosperous condition, and steady, continued growth in Lodges and membership in the state is to be confidently anticipated. There was never a better, more fraternal and hopeful spirit pervading the Lodges than now." This is as it should be.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, however, places the membership at 1678, a gain of 456 for the year. The Subordinate Lodges paid \$6328.59 for relief; the assets are \$14,938.96. The Grand Lodge balance is \$750.66.

Brother Cummings, for the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents a review of the Journals received for which he has no need to make apology.

If our brethren in North Carolina would have a better quality of paper in their Journal it would add greatly to its appearance. An index should also be added. No list of standing committees.

Next session at Winston, the third Wednesday in June, 1893.

C. D. BENBOW, G. C., Greensboro.

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

OHIO.—Twenty-fourth annual session, held at Piqua, May 23, 24, 1893. (Journal received August 10.)

The impression one receives before reaching the foot of the second page of this Journal is that the officers' reports have by some accident been omitted, for we find they were read, and following that the report of committee on distribution, apportioning the reports to the different committees. A little searching, however, discloses their whereabouts—following the report of proceedings. We hardly think this an improvement.

Grand Chancellor Doran's report is inspiring. The whole story of a most successful term is readily gathered from the following extracts from the opening paragraphs:—

"I am profoundly happy to report to you that our record for the past year gives continued evidence of the loyalty, earnestness and enthusiasm of our brethren.

"The reports received up to this writing show that our increase in membership for the year has been nearly seven thousand, which bears testimony that my efforts to increase the membership of the Lodges already instituted, rather than increase our numbers by the institution of new, has, through the earnest support of our brethren, brought to fulfillment my earnest and fondest hopes. Although there was not a single letter written or circular issued by me, urging the institution of new lodges, the activity along this line shows that this part of our work has not been neglected. By the time of our session there will probably have been granted dispensations to institute fifty-five new Lodges, out of almost sixty petitions received.

"Above all, harmony and brotherly love prevail among us; the sacred bonds of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence more strongly than ever unite us: and so again we are prepared to enter upon another year in fulfilling our Order's intention, Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Of course, there is great satisfaction in this Jurisdiction—with good cause, too—at the selection of Brother W. B. Richie for Supreme Vice Chancellor, as well as the favorable opinions everywhere expressed of the new ritual, another of Ohio's Pythian achievements. Brother Doran gracefully refers to these matters. The only portion of this report which we did not care for particularly was the signature, which is a good second to that of our esteemed Brother S. A. Court.

About the middle of the Grand Lodge year Brother Court, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, found it necessary to tender his resignation, and Past Grand Chancellor William Beatty was appointed to fill the vacancy. In his "maiden" report he seems to have readily taken hold of the duties, and will doubtless be an efficient officer. The membership is 45,527, a net gain of 6299; Lodges 579, net gain of 81; expended for relief \$94,130.79; assets \$770,120.04. The Grand Lodge balance is \$16,735.32. Splendid showing, indeed.

A resolution strongly condemning the abolition of German ritual, signed by ten of the Lodges interested, urging the Grand Lodge to instruct its Supreme Representatives to work and vote for the restoration of said German ritual, was referred to the committee on law and supervision, who handed it back to the Grand Lodge as not calling for action by them. This report was adopted. This knotty subject will be one of the great questions before the Supreme Lodge next session, and will be watched with much interest by every Jurisdiction.

Ohio's trio of Supreme Representatives, Butterfield, Burns and Richie, attach their names to the excellent Fraternal Correspondence report, and we so thoroughly enjoyed reading it that we forgave them for cutting our Jurisdiction's notice

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down to a few lines, notwithstanding a lingering suspicion that it was intended as a rebuke for correcting some errors and inconsistencies in their report of a previous year. We specially enjoyed the numerous sallies which "break out in spots." Glad the same committee is continued. We hope to "ring you up" in Washington.

Next session at Springfield the fourth Tuesday in May, 1894.

H. W. LEWIS, G. C., Dayton.

WILLIAM BEATTY, G. K. R. S., Toledo.

A. P. BUTTERFIELD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Cincinnati.

ONTARIO.—Twenty-first annual session, held at St. Thomas, June 14, 15, 1892.

The report of Grand Chancellor Fitzgerald is not voluminous, but a brief record of the transactions of the year. Five Lodges were organized, two by Past Grand Chancellor Gardner, who had been appointed Special Deputy for the Province. Brother Fitzgerald made a good many official visits, and seems to have the interest of the Order at heart.

Brother Mitchell's report is also brief and to the point. We append extracts:

"The numerical and financial statements show a continued increase in members and receipts, the total of the former being 17½ per cent. over last year and the latter 5½ per cent. The expenditure is in excess of last year, but is more than counterbalanced by an increase of 11 per cent. in the amount on hand and invested.

"The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is, as usual, very large, and the returns show that nearly every two coming in met one going out. The remedy for this is a question that is agitating every Jurisdiction, but a successful solution has not yet been found."

The membership is 1288, a gain of 82. The lodges expended for relief \$1739.05. Assets are \$15,995.49. Grand Lodge balance \$149.06.

A welcome to the Grand Lodge on behalf of the city was extended by one of the city fathers, in pleasant terms, and a suitable response was made by Supreme Representative King.

Our brethren in the west of this Canada of ours have no Fraternal Correspondence report in this issue, and have no committee appointed, which we regret to notice.

Twenty-second annual session held at Petrolia, June 13, 14, 1893. (Journal received October 20.)

During the year there were seven new Lodges instituted in Ontario, the total number at May, 1893, being 36. The membership at December, 1892, was 1507, showing a gain of 219 for the year. There was expended for relief \$2804.10. Assets of Lodges \$17,994.34, an increase of \$635.88. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$360.10.

The meeting of the Supreme Lodge in 1886 involved a large expenditure of money by our Ontario brethren. During that session the weather was unfavorable for many of the entertainments which were on the programme. The result was

that after the session was over nearly \$5000 of a deficit had to be provided for. The last dollar of this amount has been paid and now our friends in Ontario are happy. We fully endorse the following extract from the report of the committee on State of the Order:—

“It is a source of gratification to know that the Supreme Lodge reception deficit has been wiped out, and it reflects great credit upon the Order. We believe that no other organization of the same numerical size could have stood up under such a gigantic load. With such a record behind no one need have any fear of the future prospects of the Knights of Ontario.”

This, possibly, has had much to do in preventing the Order from extending more rapidly in Ontario. But now all is well, and we congratulate our older sister on getting rid of that “white elephant,” and predict a glorious harvest for her in the near future. With such workers as Brothers King and Mitchell, there is nothing under heaven to prevent it.

For some years this Grand Lodge had a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who did good work in that line; but for some reason, unknown to the writer, it has ceased to be one of the standing committees. We sincerely trust that the incoming Grand Chancellor will have the want supplied.

Next session at Port Arthur on the second Tuesday in July, 1894.

W. E. RISPEN, G. C., Chatham.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, G. K. R. S., Box 456, Toronto.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-fourth annual session, held at Pittsburg, August 16-19, 1892. (Journal received November 8.)

An address of welcome from the mayor of the city, and another from Brother Jackson on behalf of the local Knights, opens the Journal, and after suitable replies business began.

Grand Chancellor Bucknam says:—

“The past year has been a busy and a successful one. In every section of our Jurisdiction the work has gone steadily forward. Harmonious activity for the best interests of our Order is the result, and loyalty to Pythian principles the watchword.

“The increase in our membership has been very gratifying, the total at the close of the term ending June 30, 1892, being 47,471, as against 44,861 the corresponding date last year. The term reports of our Subordinate Lodges also show a satisfactory increase in their funds, notwithstanding the large expenditures for sick and funeral benefits.”

The present membership, as given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hawkes indicates a net gain of 2610; the increase in Lodges was 21, making a total of 475; the amount “on hand and invested” is \$823,024.26, and \$258,014.17 was expended for relief. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$9,035.46.

This Jurisdiction is second largest, having been recently passed by Ohio. The Journal necessarily contains much statistical matter, though lots of it need not appear. It rejoices our hearts to know there is such activity displayed, and we hope to find by next report Pennsylvania entitled to another Supreme Representative. A Fraternal Correspondence Committee in this Jurisdiction would supply the one thing lacking.

Next session at Sunbury, August 15, 1893.

JOHN J. DAVIS, G. C., Pittsburg.

GEORGE HAWKES, G. K. R. S., 1027 Race street, Philadelphia.

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RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-second annual session, at Providence, February 14, 1893. (Journal received July 15.)

The Grand Chancellor opens his report with the statement that the year was "a most fruitful and gratifying" one. They had a "Rhode Island K. of P. Sick Benefit Association" once upon a time, but Supreme Lodge legislation knocked it out, and this is how they took it:—

"The Rhode Island Sick Benefit Association which was started in 1879 by authority of the Grand Lodge had served its purpose well. It had paid out many thousands of dollars in the nearly thirteen years of its existence to its sick members, and much regret was felt by many at its necessary dissolution. But its management bowed to the dictate of the highest power, and the knightly manner, the promptness of action in recognizing the Supreme law is a striking evidence of the loyalty and obedience of Rhode Island Knights of Pythias."

The institution of eight Lodges is announced, "all healthy and all deeply interested in the Order and its progress." He says this result "has been accomplished by assiduous attention to requests and an application of time and strength that certainly appears to have resulted in abounding 'good of the order.' The interest wakened is contagious, and unless all signs fail, the harvest this year promises to equal if not to exceed that of the year just closed."

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wilson we learn that "the membership on December 31, 1892, was 3574, a net gain of 624 for the year. Also an increase of the cash on hand of \$4720.80 in the treasury of the Subordinate Lodges, and in the total assets an increase of \$7781.64. During that time there has been expended for the purposes of relief the sum of \$14,262.69, showing that at least one of the fundamental principles on which the Order is founded has been fully exemplified and carried out." They have 33 Lodges. The Grand Lodge balance is \$1,235.57.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was present and installed the officers, and afterward addressed the lodge "for *over* thirty minutes," which we feel sure is not an extravagant statement.

This Journal is laid aside with the conviction firmly impressed upon our minds that "Little Rhody" has an earnest band of Pythian workers within her Jurisdiction. "May her shadow never grow less!" By the way, why don't you have a Fraternal Correspondence Committee?

Next session at Providence, the second Tuesday in February, 1894.

GEO. C. GATES, G. C., Pawtucket.

WM. A. WILSON, G. K. R. S., 10 Harrison street, Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Seventh annual session held at Greenville, May 16, 17, 1893. (Journal received October 13, 1893.)

This Grand Lodge was instituted in the same month and year as our own Grand Lodge. But there the comparison ends. While we have 13 Lodges, they have 62; our membership a little over 900, theirs 3589; their increase in new Lodges was 13, while we had 2; and our increase for the year was 150 members, while they had a net increase of 744. Notwithstanding this large addition to their Jurisdiction, Grand Chancellor Sims regrets that he was not able to accomplish more.

All the older Lodges, with few exceptions, added to their membership. The financial showing of Lodges is equally encouraging. The amount paid for relief was nearly \$7000; net assets \$33,515.60. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer last year was \$1627.80, which had increased at May, 1893, to \$3035.52.

Brother Sweeney furnishes the Fraternal report. It is brief, but thoroughly original. In his prefatory remarks he says:—

“The Foreign Correspondence department does not always receive the attention its great importance demands. Some jurisdictions have no foreign correspondent, at least that I know of, and of those who have such an officer there are some who do not, or perhaps cannot, bestow the necessary attention on the work. The office is accepted often solely from love of the Order. The responsibilities are great, the time necessary for the duties considerable, and the pecuniary compensation to be obtained only by an order on ‘the man in the moon.’ It would be well for many who prepare these journals to remember that the allotted span of life is only three score years and ten, and although by reason of strength some may come to four score years, yet we submit that it is hardly fair to expect one to wade through inflated volumes of closely printed matter, dry and indigestible, a great deal of which had much better be omitted.”

Here are a few of his choice expressions and words of counsel:—

Alabama:—“Be careful at the ballot box; quality, not quantity, is what we need to make Pythianism strong and respected. We are one with you in condemning the lowering of the admission fee, and also in extending the term of office to twelve months instead of six.”

Arizona:—“The smallest Journal we have seen, and by the way, bound wrong side before, which is a little misleading till it is reversed. I hope every copy has not been similarly treated. The reports are very encouraging with the solitary exception of No. 8. I knew a man once whose shirt, the last survivor of a dozen, was marked No. 8. It brought him into serious trouble, he burnt it at last. Beware of No. 8. It's unlucky and may bring you into trouble.”

Idaho:—“You are the baby now, but babies get their wisdom teeth early in Idaho.”

Maritime Provinces:—“The journal is one of the most sensible we have reviewed, and the fraternal correspondence gets the attention its importance demands. I have adopted your suggestion, brother, and shall henceforth write ‘Fraternal’ instead of Foreign. We do not know your Fraternal Committee for the ensuing year, but if they do their work as well as Bro. Powers & Co., we shall be satisfied.”

North Dakota:—“Your foreign correspondent does his work well and evidently knows what day in 1891 St. Patrick's day falls on. The shamrock does not grow about Fargo I reckon.”

Rhode Island:—“Farewell, Rhody. We commend you to Providence at your next meeting. Prosperity attend your pluck.”

Virginia:—“We do not think that brothers, however penitent, ought to be re-admitted after 99 years suspension. When a case arises in point we shall doubtless give it due consideration.”

It is a pity that Brother Sweeney, who follows his name with a “D.D.,” did not continue his services as Fraternal Correspondent.

Next session at Beaufort, May 22, 1894.

J. H. THAYER, G. C., Charleston.

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

S. PORCHER SMITH, Fraternal Correspondent, Mount Pleasant.

TEXAS.—Twentieth annual session held at San Antonio, April 18-20, 1893. (Journal received August 7.)

Grand Chancellor Adams, after warning the Grand Lodge that "the eyes of the world are upon our Grand Jurisdiction," says that if it had not been for the "excitement and distraction incident to politics," they would probably have had forty new lodges. He was seven weeks sick; the immense amount of work incident to the office "at times" appalled him; had to procure office assistance or give up everything else; discovered that there is much unnecessary correspondence, and "many questions asked that a glance at the laws would answer;" wrote 2500 letters, and "rendered decisions and appeals almost innumerable;" all of which goes to prove that he has gained an experience that he who has not filled the office of Grand Chancellor (especially in the larger Jurisdictions) dreams not of.

The membership is 11,142, a gain for the year of 1476; Lodges 183, a gain of 27; Lodges assets \$191,021.49; relief expenditure \$19,995.29; balance in the Grand Lodge exchequer \$6818.87.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence have "learned this much by experience—that it is far easier to criticize a report that is written than to write one." And what reviewer—from Stevens down—dare challenge the statement? They close their Knightly report with this elevating sentiment, which we cordially second:—

"God grant that if we have not done so in the past, each, in the future, may exemplify that friendship of Pythias, that will leave us at life's close nothing to regret, and that many a toiler on life's rugged road, whose burdens we have made lighter and whose hearts we have made glad, may bless the Supreme Chancellor of the Universe that we have lived."

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell and Major General Camahan were present at this session, and W. W. is reported to have made "a few happy remarks."

Next session at Paris, the third Tuesday in April, 1894.

P. L. DOWNS, G. C., Temple.

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

E. A. STRICKLAND, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Georgetown.

UTAH—Tenth annual session held at Ogden, June 20, 21, 1893. (Journal received September 9.)

The returns of Grand Officers of this Jurisdiction show one new Lodge instituted during the year, making a total of 11 at December, 1892, with a membership of 855. The financial condition of Lodges is fair—showing a slight improvement over the previous term. The Grand Lodge had a balance of \$94.65.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee made no report. We hope to hear from the committee, however, at their next session, which is held in Salt Lake City on the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

J. E. WISCOMB, G. C., Salt Lake City.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

E. A. McDANIEL, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Ogden.

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VERMONT.—Fourth annual session held at Barton, October 12, 1892. (Journal received May 1, 1893.)

Grand Chancellor Bailey had seven Lodges when he assumed office, and instituted two new ones, with one reorganized—not too bad for a small Jurisdiction. Where desirable localities are few it is not so easy to have a large number of new Lodges, and where cash is limited it is almost impossible. Brother Bailey finds “cause for cheerfulness and hope” in the condition of the Order in Vermont. That his hope is well grounded, we need only note the statement that he had “no disputed questions” to settle, a condition upon which he may well congratulate the Order.

Here are the figures given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henderson: Lodges 10, a gain of 3; membership 510, a gain of 144; assets of Lodges \$3195.56; expended for relief \$436.85; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$99.65.

The reports of these brethren show an earnestness and zeal for the advancement of Pythianism worthy of emulation; but as the Grand Chancellor observes, in reappointing a lecturer:—

“The spectre of finances still rises before us and is of such forbidding aspect that we dare not discuss the subject further.”

We, down here in the east, know something of the difficulties of advancing according to our wish, from this self same “spectre,” more so in our earlier history than at present. Don’t be discouraged, brethren, but make *sure* progress, even if it seem slow.

We admire the spirit of this Jurisdiction in presenting a Fraternal Correspondence report, which, though brief, shows a laudable desire to “keep up with the procession.”

Next session at Burlington in October, 1893.

W. H. GILCHRIST, G. C., McIndoes.

O. H. HENDERSON, G. K. R. S., St. Johnsbury.

C. F. O. TINKER, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, St. Johnsbury.

VIRGINIA.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Richmond, February 21-23, 1893. (Journal received August 16.)

At the opening session the following distinguished visiting Pythians were reported present:—Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell, of Kentucky; Past Supreme Chancellor George W. Lindsay, of Maryland; General James R. Carnahan, of the Uniform Rank; Hon. T. D. Meares, Supreme Representative, of North Carolina.

Under the “state of the Order,” Grand Chancellor Diggs tells of his work in these words:—

“The Knights of the state seem to be alive to the interest of the Order, and the net increase in numbers during the year has been 455 Knights, many of whom are men of the highest standing in their respective communities. Every Lodge in the state has communicated with me directly on some subject—some of them several times. . . . During the year I have made twenty-four official visits, answered eighteen queries, granted sixty-two dispensations, approved twenty-two by-laws and amendments to by-laws, performed twenty miscellaneous official acts, reorganized two new Lodges and decided two appeals.”

The statistics furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Edwards, place the membership at 3955 in 52 Lodges, one having been instituted; the assets are \$51,716.13, while \$18,144.19 was paid for relief. The balance to credit of Grand Lodge is \$1112.27.

In introducing their brief report, the Fraternal Correspondence Committee state that they "have contemplated with surprise and delight the exalted position our Order occupies in the world of Fraternities;" and offer as an excuse for their short report that their "time was limited."

We notice with regret that the Grand Vice Chancellor, Joseph A. Nutton, died since the close of the session. The Jurisdiction loses an earnest and devoted worker. Upon being installed into his office, Brother Nutter closed a brief address in these words:—

"Back to the old town of Winchester, back to my home, my fireside and back to my friends, I go with the knowledge of your renewed confidence and esteem, and to tell those who sent me here that again has their humble and willing servant been called up higher. Rest assured that my efforts, energies and all will be devoted to the discharge of the duties to which you have called me, to the end that when a year hence those of us upon whom the cold hand of death shall not have been laid shall again meet, I shall endeavor to make this body say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, come up higher.'"

Next session at Richmond, the third Tuesday in February, 1893.

W. L. McLEOD, G. C., Suffolk.

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

ISAAC DIGGS, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, West Point.

WASHINGTON.—Tenth annual session held at North Yakima, May 16-19, 1893. (Journal received September 22.)

Grand Chancellor Agatz reports the institution of seven new Lodges during his term, making 80 in all; with a membership of 4587, showing a gain of 555. The assets of Lodges at December 31, 1892, was \$128,116.71; paid for relief \$12,211.92; cash on hand \$23,181.03. All of which goes to show that the Order is making great headway in Washington. The Grand Lodge exchequer is also in a satisfactory condition. The balance of general fund is \$4,802.86, and \$6937.63 in the Fund for Pythian Home.

At last we have a report from Fraternal Correspondence Committee. It is brief; but being the first from Washington, and knowing the quality of their membership, we look forward to their report next year being much fuller. We welcome the committee, as another advance step made by our Washington friends.

Next meeting in the city of Hoquim, on the third Tuesday in May, 1894.

W. G. RONALD, G. C., Seattle.

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

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twenty-third annual session, held at Wheeling, October 11-13, 1892. (Journal received February 10, 1893.)

An address of welcome by the mayor, (who presented the Grand Chancellor with a golden key of the city), as well as one on behalf of the local knights, were

pleasing features of this convention. Suitable replies were made, and the Grand Lodge opened for business.

The Grand Chancellor reports the general condition of the Order excellent. He says they are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and that the influence of the Order is felt in every part of the State. "The best and most prominent and influential citizens are members of the Order, or are seeking admission to our castle halls." He also reports the institution of twelve new Lodges and a gain in membership of over eight hundred. Among his recommendations he advocates \$15 as the minimum fee for the three ranks; \$2 for dispensation to confer ranks on maimed persons; \$5 for those over fifty years of age; \$5 for picnic, festival or entertainment. We were unable to discover what was the fate of these proposed changes.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports that "the work done and prosperity enjoyed during the past year far exceeds that of any year in the history of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. All Lodges, with two or three exceptions, show a healthy increase, and are in the full enjoyment of peace and prosperity." The gain in membership was 830, the total being 4052; and there are 71 Lodges, a gain of 12. The assets of Subordinate Lodges are \$57,712.51, and \$11,199.49 was expended for relief. Grand Lodge balance \$2894.13.

W. W. Blackwell, Supreme Chancellor, was present, and "carefully exemplified the unwritten work."

The constitutional amendment submitted at last session, adding "a Committee of three on Foreign Correspondence" to the list of standing committees, was adopted, so we shall expect a report in the Journal of 1893.

Next session at Martinsburg the second Tuesday in October, 1893.

WM. T. WHITE, G. C., Terra Alta.

MANER JENKINS, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Piedmont.

WISCONSIN.—Twenty-second annual session, at West Superior, May 30, 31, 1893, (Journal received July 15.)

The frontispiece of this Journal is a group of the officers for the current year, each of whom looks very stern, in fact we wondered if they ever "smiled." Good looking lot, though—oh, yes!

When we read this paragraph in the Grand Chancellor's report, we wondered what it referred to:—

"The year drawing to a close has been one that has tried the loyalty of many who have taken upon themselves the obligations of our Order—the close proves such loyalty beyond question, and it is a source of gratification to me to be able to report that peace and good-will exist throughout our boundaries and with sister Jurisdictions."

Before reaching the end of his report, however, we found he referred to the German lodges, which "at first," were not disposed to accept the ritual in English, though they subsequently did so. A protest concerning this matter goes to Washington from this Jurisdiction. The Order is in good condition, judging by this paragraph:—

"The term past has been one of prosperity in the institution of new Lodges,

and also in gain of membership to those that were already established, and we feel confident that the moral standing and good repute of the Order has been fully sustained, and we trust improved."

That painstaking Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Barry, gives in his excellent and complete report the condition of the Order as follows:—New Lodges 13, forfeited charter 1, present number 94; membership 6100, net gain 997. The Lodges have cash on hand \$14,218.55, and investments amounting to \$67,568.83. The amount paid for relief was \$5132.66. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$2484.60.

Brother Whipple's report on Fraternal Correspondence is not up to the former standard of Wisconsin, but we consider his excuse a just one, namely, that his private affairs prevented him giving the work such attention as he desired.

Next session at Racine, May 31, 1894.

CHAS. T. KIMBALL, G. C., Green Bay.

FRANK BARRY, G. K. R. S. and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Milwaukee.

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Withdrawal Cards,.....	50
Book of Odes, with Music,.....	40
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 *The Supreme Lodge at its session in 1888 passed an order requiring all Subordinate Lodges to procure rank paraphernalia through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and no dealer is allowed to fill an order without his approval.*

J. C. HENRY,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,
Box 282 St. Stephen, N. B.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1893-4.

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WOODSTOCK, N. B.	
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
MILLTOWN, N. B.	
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
GEO. W. CAMERON,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
SPRING HILL, N. S.	
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Outer Guard.
MONCTON, N. B.	

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON,	For Four years (to Dec. 31, 1897.)
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
MURRAY FLEMING,	For Two years (to Dec. 31, 1895.)
MONCTON, N. B.	

TRUSTEES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	For Three Years.
MONCTON, N. B.	
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For Two Years.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	
GEORGE DUNN,	For One Year.
SPRING HILL, N. S.	

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Amherst, N. S., on the Third Tuesday in August, 1894.