

PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE,

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF THE

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Organization, Saint John, N. B., June 30th, 1886,

PYTHIAN PERIOD XXIII.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Grand Chancellor :

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

Geo. J. Clarke,	No. 4.
Wm. Quigley,	" 1.
Wm. J. McAdoo,	" 2.
John P. Wier,	" 3.
F. L. Peers,	" 5.

FINANCE.

James D. Seely,	No. 2.
Geo. M. Cleveland,	" 3.
Samuel W. Wilkins,	" 1.

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Arthur W. Adams,	No. 2.
Geo. M. Cleveland,	" 3.
W. B. Whelpley,	" 1.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Jas. W. Whitehead,	N. 3.
H. V. Cooper,	" 2.
J. F. Fraser,	" 1.
John C. Henry,	" 4.
F. L. Peers,	" 5.

PRINTING.

Arthur W. Adams,	No. 2.
A. L. Rawlins,	" 2.
John A. Ewing,	" 2.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

The following Deputy Grand Chancellors were appointed by the Grand Chancellor :

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.....	Wm. Robb. St. John, N. B.
Union Lodge, No. 2.....	Thos. S. Adams. St. John, N. B.
Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.....	Jos. H. Wran, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier Lodge, No. 4.....	W. C. H. Grimmer, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland Lodge No. 5,	G. Dunn, Spring Hill Junction, N. B.

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MINUTES
OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias,
OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

CASTLE HALL OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,
St. John, N. B., June 30, 1886. }
Pythian Period XXIII. }

In response to the notices issued by James Moulson of Saint John, Deputy Supreme Chancellor of the jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces, the following Past Chancellors met in the Castle Hall, Germain street, for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces:

PAST CHANCELLORS OF NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1, ST. JOHN, N. B.

James Moulson,	William Robb,
Samuel W. Wilkins,	David H. Waterbury,
Thos. Armstrong,	Fred S. Hutchison,
Jacob S. Brown,	John Beamish,
Wm. S. Morrison, M. D.,	J. Fenwick Fraser.

PAST CHANCELLORS OF UNION LODGE, NO. 2, ST. JOHN, N. B.

John R. Armstrong,	Andrew J. Armstrong,
Thomas S. Adams,	Arthur W. Adams,
A. L. Rawlins,	William McAdoo,
John A. Ewing,	Park A. Melville.

PAST CHANCELLORS OF WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3, MONCTON, N. B.

Murray Fleming,	George Craig,
George M. Cleveland,	James W. Whitehead,
George R. Sangster,	John P. Wier,
Joseph H. Wran,	Thomas Sands.

PAST CHANCELLORS OF FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

W. C. Hazen Grimmer,	George J. Clarke,
J. K. Lafin.	

PAST CHANCELLORS OF CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5, SPRING HILL, NOVA SCOTIA.

C. A. Lowe,	George Dunn.
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The following Past Chancellors attended as representatives of their respective Lodges:

New Brunswick Lodge, No 1.—Jacob S. Brown, Chas. Nevins.
Union Lodge, No. 2.—Thos. S. Adams, John R. Armstrong.
Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.—Murray Fleming, George Craig.
Frontier Lodge, No. 4.—W. C. Hazen Grimmer, George J. Clarke.
Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.—C. A. Lowe, George Dunn.

After examining the certificates of the Past Chancellors, Deputy Supreme Chancellor Moulson proceeded to institute the Grand Lodge by

1st. Reading the petition of the Past Chancellors to the Supreme Chancellor.

2nd. Reading the Supreme Chancellor's reply granting their request.

3rd. Reading the commission of the Supreme Chancellor authorizing the Deputy Supreme Chancellor to institute the Grand Lodge, after which the Past Chancellors retired from the lodge room. The Deputy Supreme Chancellor then obligated several Past Chancellors, after which they assisted him in conferring the Grand Lodge rank upon the Past Chancellors previously named. After conferring the rank nominations were received for the Grand Lodge officers.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR.

John R. Armstrong of Union Lodge, No. 2, being the only nominee he was declared elected.

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GRAND CHANCELLOR.

James Moulson of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, was unanimously elected

GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Murray Fleming of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, being the only nominee, he was declared elected.

GRAND PRELATE.

W. C. Hazen Grimmer of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, was unanimously elected.

GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Thomas Armstrong, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, being the only nominee he was declared elected.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

The following were nominated :

Thomas S. Adams, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

Park A. Melville, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

Brother Adams declined to accept nomination. Brother Adams' nomination being pressed and a motion, that the nominations close being carried the Lodge proceeded to ballot, resulting in Brother Adams receiving twenty-five votes, Brother Melville five and one ballot thrown out. Brother Adams was declared elected.

GRAND MASTER-AT-ARMS.

George Craig, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, Moncton,

George Dunn, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,

were nominated. On ballot being taken it was found that Brother George Dunn had received twenty-seven votes and Brother Craig eleven. Brother Dunn was declared elected.

GRAND INNER GUARD.

Brother George Craig, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, Moncton, being the only nominee, he was declared elected.

GRAND OUTER GUARD.

The following were nominated :

Brother J. K. Laffin, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4,

Brother John Beamish, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,

Brother Jacob S. Brown, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,

Brother Joseph H. Wran of Westmorland Lodge No. 3.

Brother George J. Clarke, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

After several ballots were taken Brother Laffin was elected, whereupon he declined to serve. Another election was ordered resulting in Brother John Beamish being elected to the position.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME LODGE.

The following were nominated :

Andrew J. Armstrong, of Union Lodge, No. 2,
James Moulson, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,
George Craig, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,
John Beamish, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

On ballot being taken Brothers Moulson and Craig were elected, the former for the term ending December, 31, 1888, and the latter for the term ending December 31, 1887.

The Deputy Supreme Chancellor then proceeded to instal the officers, when Brother Thomas S. Adams tendered his resignation as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which was accepted. Nominations were then received for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Brother Andrew J. Armstrong of Union Lodge No. 2, St. John, was elected, after which the following officers were installed :

JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, Past Grand Chancellor.
JAMES MOULSON, Grand Chancellor.
MURRAY FLEMING, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Grand Master of Exchequer.
A. J. ARMSTRONG, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
GEORGE DUNN, Grand Master-at-Arms.
GEORGE CRAIG, Grand Inner Guard.
JOHN BEAMISH, Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Chancellor and officers made speeches appropriate to the occasion, after which the following committee to prepare Constitution was appointed :

Thomas Armstrong of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1.
Arthur W. Adams of Union Lodge No. 2.
Andrew J. Armstrong of Union Lodge No. 2.
George M. Cleveland of Westmorland Lodge No. 3.
George J. Clarke of Frontier Lodge No. 4.

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On motion the Grand Chancellor was added to the Committee.

On motion of Brother George J. Clarke, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held at St. John. Adopted.

The Grand Chancellor on behalf of the St. John Past Chancellors invited the visiting Past Chancellors to the Waverly Hotel to partake of a collation.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at the call of the Grand Chancellor.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. ARMSTRONG,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias,
OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

CASTLE HALL, ST. JOHN, N. B.,
December 19th, 1887. }
Pythian Period, XXIV. }

The Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces was called to order by Grand Chancellor James Moulson, at the above date and place, at 3.45 p. m. The following Grand officers being present :

John R. Armstrong, of No. 2, Past Grand Chancellor.
James Moulson, (S. R.), of No. 1, Grand Chancellor.
Murray Fleming, of No. 3, Grand Vice-Chancellor.
W. C. H. Grimmer, of No. 4, Grand Prelate.
Thos. Armstrong, of No. 1, Grand Master of Exchequer.
A. J. Armstrong, of No. 2, Grand Keeper of Record and Seal.
Geo. Dunn, of No. 5, Grand Master-at-Arms.
Geo. Craig, of No 3, Grand Inner Guard.
John Beamish, of No. 1, Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, then read the credentials of Past Chancellors entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, after which the Grand Chancellor requested those who has not received the Past Chancellor's rank to retire to the ante-room, which they did. After the regular ceremonies the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened by the Grand Chancellor.

The Minutes of the last regular session of the Grand Lodge were then read, and after some slight corrections, were approved.

At Roll call the following Lodges were represented :

New Brunswick,	..	...	...	..	No. 1.
Union,	..	..	...	..	" 2.
Westmorland,	..	...	...	..	" 3.
Frontier,	..	..	...	..	" 4.
Cumberland,	..	...	..	...	" 5.

The following Past Chancellors being in attendance, and having been reported as entitled to the Past Chancellor's rank, they were introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms, and had the rank conferred on them, as follows :

Wm. Quigley, Wm. Whelpley and G. A. Hetherington, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

James Adam and James D. Seely, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

John Ryder and S. R. Gilmour, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

The Committee appointed to frame the Constitution for the Grand Lodge, reported as follows :

Report of Committee to Prepare Constitution.

St. JOHN, N. B.,
December 1st, 1887,
Pythian Period, XXIV. }

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—

The undersigned Committee appointed at the last session to prepare a Constitution for the government of our Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that we have, to the best of our ability, performed the duties assigned to us, and herewith present the same which we trust will meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & B.

(Signed)

JAS. MOULSON,
THOS. ARMSTRONG,
A. W. ADAMS,
GEORGE CLEVELAND,
A. J. ARMSTRONG, } Committee.

On motion, it was resolved that the reading and consideration of the constitution would be taken up.

On motion, it was resolved that the constitution be read and passed section by section.

The Constitution was then read and passed, section by section, till six o'clock, p. m., when on motion, the Grand Lodge took recess till seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

At a quarter to eight, the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor.

When the reading of the Constitution was continued and passed, as before, section by section.

It was then moved that the Grand Lodge adopt the Constitution as prepared and read, as a whole, for this Jurisdiction, and that it be placed in full in the minutes.

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

Adopted December 1st, 1887.

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, 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.

This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction over all Lodges of Knights of Pythias within the Maritime Provinces. It possesses the right of power of granting Charters, of suspending or taking away the same upon

proper cause, of receiving and hearing all appeals, of redressing grievances and complaints arising in the lodges under its jurisdiction, and of enacting laws for its government and support, provided the same are not in violation of the laws of the Supreme Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

COMPOSITION.

It shall be composed of all Past Chancellors of Subordinate Lodges in the Maritime Provinces, who shall be regular contributing members, in good standing in their respective Lodges and who shall have presented their Certificates in the form hereinafter provided and received the Grand Lodge rank.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS.

Sec. 1.—This Grand Lodge shall meet once in each year at such date, 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 date time and place, or either of them, the date time and place shall be named by the G. C., and in case of his failure to call such meeting within twelve (12) months of the previous meeting then the V. C. 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 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 will 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 Past Chancellors, 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 the 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 install 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.

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. The Grand Chancellor shall also appoint the following standing committees, to serve for the term of one year, or until their successors are appointed:

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 two 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 councillor 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 G. K. of R. & S., 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 so to do by the Grand Lodge or G. C., 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 re-instatement 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.

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 (\$500) 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 regalia, 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 affect 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 G. V. C., G. M. of E. and G. K. of R. and S., a Past Grand Chancellor in good standing in this jurisdiction to serve until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Sec. 12.—The Grand Chancellor shall appoint such D. G. C.'s as are required to serve the Subordinate Lodges, who shall serve for the term of one year or until their successors are appointed. They must be Past Chancellors in good standing in their Lodges.

Sec. 13.—The D. 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. 14.—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. 15.—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 money ordered to be drawn from the Grand Master of Exchequer for that purpose, (they shall deposit the securities and vouchers with the G. K. of R. and S.) 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 or 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. 16.—Should any of the Grand Officers elect fail to be present for installation the Grand Lodge shall 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. 17.—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 such removal. An officer who is under charges shall officiate until they are determined, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor during the recess.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS.

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

Sec. 2.—The Grand Officers shall be installed, at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, during the 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: Provided that only a Past Grand Chancellor shall be eligible to the office of Supreme Representative.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1.—The Committee on 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. 2.—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. 3.—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. 4.—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 certificates of Past Chancellors, and thereafter make a further report upon the regularity of the returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Sec. 5.—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. 6.—The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of the G. C. and G. K. of R. & S. who shall examine the Journal 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. The G. K. of R. and S. shall be chairman of this committee.

Sec. 7.—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. 8.—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. 9.—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. 10.—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.

Sec. 1.—At the end of each semi-annual term each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge as a tax, not less than twenty-five (25) cents *per capita* for every member in good standing, including Pages and Esquires, the number of which shall be shown upon the report. Lodges instituted during the term shall pay a proportionate part of such *per capita* tax, commencing from the first of the month in which they were instituted. They shall also return the blank form furnished by the Grand Lodge, properly filled out, it shall also have the signature of the 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 from a Subordinate Lodge, the semi-annual returns of which have not been received, and the tax due the Grand Lodge paid, shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers, speak or vote upon any question before the Grand Lodge, or serve on committees.

ARTICLE X.

OF DELINQUENT OR DEFUNCT LODGES.

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

1. 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 meeting 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 a two-thirds vote of all the members 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 re-instated.

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 two dollars.

Sec. 6.—Members in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge at the time of its dissolution, are entitled to a withdrawal card, showing their rank and standing. But in order to attain or hold membership in the Grand body, Past Chancellors must attach themselves to some Subordinate Lodge in this 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 two dollars for the card. A card may then be issued, provided the Grand Chancellor is satisfied the member is worthy.

Sec. 8.—Before a Subordinate Lodge shall be called upon to answer, a written charge, setting forth in general and comprehensive terms the offence of which it is alleged to be guilty, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during the interval between the 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.

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

Sec. 2.—A majority of the legal votes of the members present shall decide all legal questions, except such as would affect the constitution, involve an 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 members 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 Past Chancellors are equally divided upon the same, the vote shall be taken by lodges, when the Past Chancellors of each lodge present shall cast the vote of their lodge, as a majority of them may determine.

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

ARTICLE XII.

DISPENSATIONS.

Sec. 1.—Dispensations may be granted by the Grand Chancellor 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 two dollars (§2).
4. To initiate, prove and charge a candidate at one and the same stated meeting, the fee for which shall be three dollars (§3).
5. To receive a candidate over fifty (50) and under sixty (60) years of age, the fee for which shall be one dollar (§1).
6. To change night of meeting.
7. To change place of meeting.
8. 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, 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:—

Form for Semi-Annual Report.

- " Past Chancellors' Certificates.
- " Applications for dispensations to organize new lodges.
- " Deputy Grand Chancellors' Reports.

NEW LODGES.

Sec. 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 printed Rituals of the Order and other supplies which shall be furnished at such prices as the Grand Lodge may determine.

Sec. 2.—Previous to forwarding the petition to the Grand Chancellor, the petitioners shall meet and select by ballot a full list of officers, whose names shall accompany the petition.

Sec. 3.—All necessary expenses of institution shall be paid by the new Lodge.

Sec. 4.—Charters are 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.

Sec. 1.—Any officer or member of this Grand Lodge, who violates any of its laws, rules or regulations, may have charges preferred against him, and shall be tried according to the code of trial for Subordinate Lodges, provided if he be an officer, or if such offence was committed in Grand Lodge session or against any of its laws, rules or regulations, then said brother shall be tried only by those of the same grade in which he stands in the Grand Lodge.

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 annual as the Supreme Lodge may legally impose.

ARTICLE XVII.

REGALIA OF GRAND LODGE.

Sec. 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.

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

Sec. 2.—Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable seal (a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal), and all its special 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 Knight, Esquire and Page 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, alter 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 vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution, after approved 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.

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

Sec. 2.—For the Rules of Order "Cushing's Manual" shall be the guide.

Sec. 3.—Any Subordinate Lodge, which may cause to be printed, for their own or other use, any of the private work of the Order, upon satisfactory proof thereof, shall be suspended, and its charter forfeited.

Sec. 4.—No Subordinate Lodge shall make a public display, except in case of funerals, without obtaining a dispensation of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Chancellor during its recess.

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.

REPRESENTATIVES.

To ensure each lodge being represented at the sessions of the Grand Lodge each Subordinate Lodge shall elect two Past Chancellors to attend, they shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their necessary expenses may be paid by the Subordinate Lodge of which they are members.

ARTICLE XXIII.

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., 188 , 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.

ARTICLE XXIV.

TRIAL AND APPEAL.

The causes for, and form of trial and appeal shall be as prescribed in the Code of Procedure of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and printed in our Constitution.

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 Committees on Returns and Credentials.
6. Conferring Grand Lodge Rank.
7. Filling Vacancies in Committees.
8. Report of Grand Officers.
9. Election of Grand Officers.
10. Calling Roll of Lodges for Petitions, Communications, &c.
11. Report of Standing Committees.
12. Report of Special Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.
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.

CERTIFICATE OF PAST CHANCELLOR BY SERVICE.

LODGE No.

Of

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

This is to certify that Past Chancellor having been duly qualified, by service in this Lodge, being clear on the books, and not under charge, is fully entitled to become a member of the Grand Lodge.

In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands and the Seal of this Lodge, this day of , 18 , Pythian Period the

Attest

C. C.

K. of R. & S.

CERTIFICATE OF PAST CHANCELLOR BY ELECTION.

LODGE No.

Of.....

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

This is to certify that Brother Knight..... was duly elected a Past Chancellor at the institution of this Lodge, and served as such, 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 , and of Pythian Period the

Attest

K. of R. & S.

C. C.

Grand Chancellor Moulson then read his annual report as follows :

Grand Chancellor's Report.

ST. JOHN, N. B.,
December 1st, 1887.
Pythian Period, XXIV. }

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

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—

Through the mercy of a kind Providence we have the pleasure of meeting in Grand Lodge session. We have great reason to be thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us, for the progress made, for the harmony which exists, and for the prospects of the future.

It affords me much pleasure to meet so many prominent officers and members, so many who have reached the summit of Pythian honors in their Subordinate Lodges.

There are some here to-night who can look back to periods in the history of the Order in this jurisdiction when there was nothing to justify the thought of our ever having a Grand Lodge. There are some here to-night who can remember when it was almost impossible to keep the lodges in existence. The meetings were poorly attended, but few candidates, and, if any, a small amount of money to meet expenses. None were so sanguine of success as to predict that the lodges would ever occupy the position which they do now. Comparing the present condition of the lodges with that in which they were in their earlier history and what a change has taken place! Now the meetings are well attended and are interesting, candidates almost every meet-

ing. The income of, I think, all the lodges are more than sufficient to meet the expenses and at the end of each term the lodges have something to add to the handsome sums already invested.

The past is crowned with success. As a society we have reason to be proud of our record. What of the future? Shall it be better than the past—that, my brethren, to some extent rests with you and with me—it depends on the desire, on the interest taken in and the work done by each individual officer and member of the Order. The better we wish to make it the more earnest we will be to disseminate the great principles upon which the Order is founded. The more ready we are to properly discharge the duties, voluntarily assumed by us; the more ready we are to properly care for the sick and disabled, the more will we do to extend and build up the Order, the more will we be entitled to the respect and confidence of the public. This being so let us continue to be zealous in the work of the Order.

I regret that I have not the pleasure of reporting to you the institution of some new lodges in this jurisdiction. I had hoped that at least one new lodge would have been organized. After having considerable correspondence with the parties who kindly interested themselves to get one organized I visited the town where it was proposed to organize but I regret to say that I was not able to arrange for the institution of the lodge. I am now in correspondence with some parties and trust that the efforts now being put forth will result in one or more lodges being organized.

While I cannot report that any new lodges have been organized it is satisfactory and encouraging to know that good as the condition of the lodges were when we last met they are better now.

UNIFORM RANK.

Since our last meeting a division of the Uniform Rank has been organized in St. John with a membership of nearly 60, and I expect that during the coming winter a division will be organized at Spring Hill, a sufficient number of Cumberland Lodge having procured all the uniform except the coat, and they are arranging for that. I think this branch will prove a source of strength and attraction to our Order. It has a place to fill and I hope it will receive the support and encouragement of our entire membership.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

I would like to see the members in this jurisdiction take more interest in this important branch of our Order than they have. I hope that before the next session of the Grand Lodge we will have it more firmly established.

I exceedingly regret that I have not, during the past year, had the opportunity of visiting the lodges in this jurisdiction outside of St. John.

The officers and members of the various lodges appear to be so conversant with the laws of the Order that I have not been called upon to give many decisions.

It is my sad duty, to inform this Grand Lodge of the death of the Honorable Robert E. Cowan, of St. Louis, Missouri, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. For the following information regarding Bro. Cowan, I am indebted to the

Pythian Knight, one of the most valuable papers published in the interest of the order :

"Bro. Cowan was born in Staunton, Virginia, Nov. 9, 1830, and filled various offices in the gift of his towns-people. He represented the district in the Virginia Secession Convention and sat in the Confederate Congress. After the war he went to Kansas City, Mo., to practice law. He was there several times elected Judge of the Equity Court, he was highly regarded by the Democracy of Jackson County, being its candidate for governor at one time. Judge Cowan became a Knight of Pythias in 1874. He was initiated in Independence Lodge, No. 3, at Independence, Mo. He was elected Grand Chancellor in 1877, and in 1884 he was elected to the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and in May last, he was also appointed Supreme Secretary of the Endowment Rank, vice Halvor Nelson, resigned, he performed the duties of both offices till his death."

During the time he held the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, I had a large amount of correspondence with him, he was always willing and prompt in furnishing me with any information I required. The manner in which he performed the duties of his office proved that he was well qualified for the important position to which he had been elected. While at the last session of the Supreme Lodge I had the pleasure of meeting and receiving from Bro. Cowan a hearty welcome. He will long be remembered as one of the most gifted and devoted members of the Order. His death will be a great loss to the Order. I would suggest that a Memorial Page be placed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body.

I regret that I cannot report more accomplished for the good of the Order than I have ; no doubt you expected more. I should have done much more than I have for the advancement of the Order to entitle me to all the honors which it has pleased you to bestow upon me, while I cannot claim that I have done much that has advanced the interests of the Order or improved its condition I think I can claim that none have had or has its welfare more at heart than myself, while I may have done but little to place it in its present prosperous condition I sincerely hope that I have not done anything that has tended to retard its progress, that no act of mine has decreased its popularity or usefulness. If I have failed to properly discharge the duties of the various official positions with which you have honored me, if I have failed to properly discharge the duties devolving upon me within the lodge room, if I have failed to discharge the duties due by me to the sick, disabled, or distressed members of the Order, if in my every day life my daily intercourse with you I have not lived and acted as becomes a member, an officer of our Order, if I have not lived up to all its requirements I assure you I have failed to live and act as it was my desire, my aim, and ambition. No doubt I have left undone much that should have been done and I have done what should not have been done. I have my faults. I have endeavored to have but few yet I realize they have been many. I know that over them you have always been ready to cast the veil of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

As it is necessary for this Grand Lodge to adopt a Constitution for the government of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, I would recommend that the Constitution under which the Subordinate Lodges have been working, be amended as hereinafter provided, that the same be then adopted by this

Grand Lodge as the Constitution for the government of all Subordinate Lodges within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge :

AMENDMENTS.

1.—Wherever the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World appear in the Constitution, it should be struck out, and the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces be inserted.

2.—Wherever the words Deputy Supreme appear in the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, the same should be struck out, and the word Grand inserted.

3.—Wherever the name or initials of the S. K. of R. S. appear in the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, that the same be struck out, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal or the initials thereof be inserted.

Art. III, Sec. 1.—Add "Master-at-Arms," to list of elective officers.

Addition to same Section: Should the last stated meeting of the Term fall upon a holiday or the eve of a holiday, a lodge may by resolution, hold its election on the first stated meeting in January or July.

Art. III, Sec. 2.—Strike out Master-at-Arms from list of appointive officers.

Art. III, Sec. 4.—Be amended by adding to the sentence which reads, "nor shall any officer who has been installed retain his seat," the words, "unless square upon the books to the first of the term for which elected," and after the words "full term," add, "or the residue of a term."

And add the following to same section: "Should all those qualified as required by this section decline to accept of the office for which they are nominated, the Lodge, shall, by consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor during its recess, elect Knights in good standing to any or all of the offices except that of Past Chancellor."

Art. III, Sec. 5.—Amend the first sentence by making it read, "Nominations of candidates for the several elective offices, may be made at the regular meeting preceding and on the night of election."

Art. IV, Sec. 4.—After the sentence which reads, "of any change of officers made during the terms and their address," add, "also notify the G. K. of R. and S. of all rejected candidates, giving name, age, residence and occupation. Should such rejected candidate subsequently be elected to membership the K. of R. and S. shall notify the G. K. of R. and S. of such election, so that the candidate's name may be removed from the Black Book. The K. of R. and S. shall also notify the G. K. of R. and S. of all members suspended, the cause thereof, and of their subsequent election, reinstatement, or restoration to membership. He shall give timely notice to all 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."

After the words: "make out the Semi-Annual report of the work and business of the Lodge," add "as required by Sec. 1 of Art. XII of this Constitution."

Art. IV, Sec. 5.—Omit that portion of the duties of the M. of F. commencing

ing, "members not receiving, &c," and ending "to the amount of six months, or one years' dues," and in lieu thereof insert the following: "He shall immediately after the last meeting in each semi-annual term notify all members who are in arrears for one years' 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 or residence of the members in arrears. Members not receiving such notice shall not be exempt from suspension, as provided in Art. 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."

After the sentence ending "report of the lodge," add "he shall certify to the correctness of the semi-annual report," and in the following sentence commencing "he shall," strike out "he shall" and insert "and."

Art. IV, Sec. 6.—After the sentence ending "report of the lodge," add "he shall certify to the correctness of the semi-annual report."

Art. VI, Sec. 5.—Amend this section so that after the sentence which reads, "entered on the records and referred to an investigating committee," *that the following be added:* "no action shall be taken on their report until the next stated meeting; *provided,* however, that if a Dispensation has been granted to initiate, if elected at the same meeting as application is received the committee's report may be acted upon at the same meeting as the application is received."

Art. VI, Sec. 9.—After the sentence ending "applicant," strike out "at the next stated meeting," and add "no action shall be taken on their report until the next stated meeting," and after the sentence ending "balloted for," add "by secret Ball Ballot." When a brother affiliates with a Lodge by card, it shall be the duty of the Lodge with which he affiliates to cause the K. of R. and S. to send notice of such affiliation, to the Supreme, Grand, or Subordinate Lodge, which granted, and issued to such brother his withdrawal card.

Art. VI, Sec. 10.—*Substitute the following for this section:* Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, and desirous of being re-instated, 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 is granted them to report). No application shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee except by unanimous consent. Upon 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 as the application is received, *provided,* however, that the application may, on motion, be referred to an investigating committee, in which case their report

shall not be acted upon until the next stated meeting. The amount of arrearages for the non-payment of which the 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.

Art. VI, Sec. 11.—Strike out the Deputy Supreme Chancellor and insert “from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor during its recess.”

Make the following Section 13 in this Article: 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 thereupon 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.

That the following be substituted for Art. IX: 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 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 or funeral benefits, if a lodge so desires, and *provided*, a lodge may make provision for the payment of additional or special benefits.

Substitute the following for Art. X: All dues, fines, and 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 and December 31st, in each year. A member in arrears for dues, forfeits his right to all benefits, but a member in arrears for fines and assessment only, shall not thereby lose his right to the minimum benefit 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 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 in arrears for one years' 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 inclosed in a post-paid envelope in the Post Office, directed as appears on the Books of the Lodge, as the place or residence of the member so in arrears. Unless the arrearages are paid previous to the first stated meeting in the new term, the Chancellor-Commander shall in open lodge declare the member suspended from membership, and a

record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal, but a member shall not be suspended while under charges. No brother's suspension can be stayed by the payment of his arrearages in part, nor can a lodge grant further time for payment.

Art. XIII, Sec. 2.—For the sentence commencing "all applications" and ending "D. S. C.," insert the following: "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 D. G. C."

Art. XVII, Sec. 2.—Add to the sentence ending "or suspend a member" the words, ("except members suspended for non-payment of dues").

I would recommend that Charters be issued to the Subordinate Lodge, in lieu of the Dispensations under which they have been working.

Also, that a Committee be appointed to prepare a design, and procure a Seal for the use of the Grand Lodge.

I submit for your consideration several blank forms, and I would recommend that a book, or books, corresponding therewith, be procured for the use of the G. K. of R. and S.

I cannot close my report without thanking all the officers and members of the Order in this jurisdiction for the many courtesies they have extended to me, for the honors conferred, for the confidence which they have always placed in me, and for the promptness with which they have received and acted upon my decisions and suggestions. I am also deeply indebted to several officers and members of other jurisdictions for valuable information and suggestions given me from time to time. I assure you I fully appreciate the favors conferred.

In conclusion, let me urge you to continue to do all in your power to live up to the requirements of the Order—we have each voluntarily assumed obligations which we cannot honorably neglect to fulfil. Let us then continually review our actions, and if we are not acting our part in the Order as we should do as required of us, if we are not acting toward our brethren as we would expect them to act toward us, let us put forth a greater effort to live and act in such a way as to make our example worthy of being followed. As members of this Order, we have many opportunities of doing good, let us ever be ready. Let us not forget that true friendship which existed between our prototypes, Damon and Pythias. Let us strive to be as faithful in the discharge of our duties toward each other as they were. True as their friendship was, worthy as it may be as an example, I would say let us look even higher, let us take for our guide Him who was ever ready to administer to the wants of others, He who made the greatest sacrifice of all. Let us take for our guide Him who died that all might live. In drawing my Report to a close, I do so with the hope that we all shall have the pleasure of meeting on very many such occasions as the present, that our Order will continue to prosper and daily become more useful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MOULSON,

Grand Chancellor.

Moved by Grand Prelate Grimmer that the Grand Chancellor's report be received and entered in full in the minutes, and that the recommendations contained therein in regard to amending the Constitution for subordinate lodges, as now in use in this jurisdiction be carried out.

It was moved in amendment by P. C. A. W. Adams, that the Grand Chancellor's report be received and that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the subordinate lodges be taken up section by section. Carried.

The proposed amendments were then read and adopted.

Moved by P. C. Hetherington that the recommendations contained in the Grand Chancellor's report be now accepted as a whole and that the present Constitution of subordinate lodges, as amended by such recommendations, now adopted, be accepted as the Constitution of all subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction.

It was moved by P. C. Hetherington and resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a design, acceptable to the Grand Chancellor, and procure a seal for the Grand Lodge.

Grand Chancellor stated, that with consent of the Grand Lodge, he would appoint this and all standing committees after the session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. C. Armstrong, the Grand Chancellor was allowed to so appoint the committees, and the Grand Keeper of Record and Seal ordered to enter the names of the said committees in the record of the lodge.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Armstrong it was resolved that the G. K. R. & S. have power to carry out the recommendation contained in the G. C.'s report with reference to procuring the necessary books for the Grand Lodge.

Moved by P. C. Wran, and resolved, that a sufficient number of copies of the Constitution for subordinate lodges be printed for the use of the lodges in the jurisdiction.

On motion of G. Prelate Grimmer, resolved, that a sufficient number of fly leaves containing the amendments to the Constitution of subordinate lodges be printed and distributed to the lodges.

On motion of P. G. C. Armstrong, it was resolved that the printing committee have power to have printed whatever number is necessary of Grand Lodge Constitutions.

The annual report of the Grand Keeper of Record and Seal was then read as follows:—

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

GRAND LODGE OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES,
Knights of Pythias, }

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

SIR AND BROTHERS,—

I have the honor to present for your information my first annual report as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, for the first year of the existence of this Grand Lodge, ending 30th June last past.

During the year nothing has transpired of any great interest within the Jurisdiction. The number of Lodges remain the same as at the beginning of the year, but I am pleased to say, with one exception, all have increased in membership.

The financial statement of the different Lodges also show an improvement (except in one case) in last year, all of which gives much encouragement for the future of our beloved Order.

The meeting of the Supreme Lodge in Toronto, last year, and the great success attending that gathering must be the means of doing our Order in this Dominion much good, and it will not be surprising if we hear of new Lodges springing up in parts of our Grand Jurisdiction ere another meeting of this Grand Body takes place.

The Grand Chancellor, who attended the session of the Supreme Lodge in the Queen City of the West will, no doubt, report more fully with reference to his trip, and it is not therefore necessary for me to do more than give it a passing notice.

I have received during the year a large number of Reports of Proceedings from the different Lodges throughout the United States and Canada with, in very many cases, a request that a report of the Proceedings of the first session of this Grand Lodge be sent in return, this I was unable to do as none have yet been printed. I would suggest that after this session of Grand Lodge both meetings are printed in one volume.

I now beg to submit the membership and financial reports of the lodges for the information of Grand Lodge for term previous to the organization of Grand Lodge or term ending 30th June, 1886, as well as for the terms ending 31st December, 1886, and 30th June, 1887, as follows:—

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The following account will show the receipts of the Grand Lodge for terms embodied in this report :

A. J. Armstrong, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in account with Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

1886.		Dr.		
Aug. 11.	New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, tax to July 1,	\$18	25	
" 11.	Union " " 2, " "	23	25	
" 11.	Westmorland " " 3, " "	18	25	
" 11.	Frontier " " 4, " "	16	00	
" 11.	Cumberland " " 5, " "	11	00	
Jan. 13.	New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, tax to Jan. 1, 1887,	19	75	
" 13.	Union " " 2, " " " " " " " "	24	75	
" 21.	Westmorland " " 3, " " " " " " " "	20	50	
" 31.	Frontier " " 4, " " " " " " " "	16	50	
" 31.	Cumberland " " 5, " " " " " " " "	12	00	
July 14.	Union " " 2, " " July 1, " "	25	50	
" 21.	New Brunswick " " 1, " " " " " " " "	20	25	
" 22.	Westmorland " " 3, " " " " " " " "	22	25	
" 28.	Frontier " " 4, " " " " " " " "	15	75	
Oct. 17.	Cumberland " " 5, " " " " " " " "	12	50	
				\$276 50
1886.		Cr.		
Sept. 5.	Paid to Thos. Armstrong, G. M. of Ex.,	\$86	75	
1887.				
Feb. 7.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	93	50	
Aug. 10.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	83	75	
Oct. 25.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	12	50	
				\$276 50

The following account will show amounts disbursed by Grand Lodge :—

Thomas Armstrong, Grand Master of Exchequer, in account with Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

Dr.		
To amount paid G. M. of Ex. by G. K. of R. and S.,		\$276 50
Cr.		
By Supreme Grand Lodge Tax to July 1st,	100	00
Balance on hand,		\$176 50

In concluding my report as your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, I have only to say : That whilst the state of our Order in the Jurisdiction is very satisfactory, still it is much to be regretted that a more flattering report cannot be laid before you. It would have given me much pleasure to have had to report an increase in the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. In many parts of our own Province, as well as in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, there are many fields where Lodges of Knights of Pythias should be planted. Fredericton and Woodstock in our own Provinces are instances, and should be looked after.

It is to be hoped the Grand Lodge at this session will devise some means for propagation of work in these places, to my mind it is only by a thorough system of propagation of work emanating from the Grand Lodge that our Order can be properly placed before the public, and when its aims and objects with its motto of F. C. and B. are placed properly before the people, there is no fear but it will commend itself to the favorable consideration of the world.

I would also strongly urge upon the representatives and members of Grand Lodge the great necessity to my mind of having the Endowment Rank of this Order working in every locality where a lodge of the Knights of Pythias is situated. This is an age of insurance and I verily believe that a society like ours without the insurance part of it in active operation is not receiving fair treatment at the hands of its members. The whole existence of many of our sister societies depends entirely on the insurance they offer, and it is certainly astonishing, and I think very creditable, the showing they make. Add the Endowment Rank, then, my brothers to the very many other heaven-born principles of our beloved Order and our institution will flourish even to the extent of our most sanguine expectations.

I am pleased to be able to report to Grand Lodge that the Uniform Rank of the Order, a Division of which has recently been formed in this city, is doing well, and I hesitate not to say that much good to our Order will be the result of its introduction. The uniform is quite attractive, and drill of any kind at all times has its many infatuations. The parade, during the summer, of this division, was very creditable, and many were the compliments passed on their marching and general appearance during the parade.

Before bringing my report to a close I beg to say that I will not be again a candidate for the office of G. K. of R. & S. of this Grand Lodge. I regret that the time at my disposal was not sufficient to attend to the duties properly, during the past year. The affairs of the Grand Lodge was in so crude a state that it was difficult to do the business as one would like; from this time forward things will be different. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge will be discussed and no doubt passed to-day, providing for all and every means for its proper government and working.

The position of G. K. of R. & S. is a very important one, second to none in importance in the Grand Lodge, and I believe that upon the G. K. of R. & S. rests largely the future success of our Grand Jurisdiction. I trust therefore that the brother selected for this important office will in the first place have the time at his disposal, and secondly, love enough for the Order to attend properly to the duties; in fact none other should accept it.

I hope this session of the Grand Lodge will be a memorable one, memorable for the amount of good work done for the Order, and memorable for the kind and brotherly feeling displayed during the discussions of the many important matters to be brought forward, and that when we close this meeting we may all go to our homes and avocations feeling satisfied with the work done and resolves made in the interest of our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & B.,

A. J. ARMSTRONG,

G. K. of R. & S.

On motion of Past Chancellor Cleveland, it was resolved that the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be received and entered on the minutes.

The report of the Grand Master of Exchequer was then read as follows:—

Report of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

St. JOHN, N. B.,
November 30th, 1887. }

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

I hereby present my Financial Report for term ending June 30th, as per vouchers enclosed :

1887.				
Feb. 21.—	To cash, Supreme Lodge Tax,	.....	.....	\$100 00
	Balance on hand,	.....	.....	176 50
				<u>\$276 50</u>
1886.				
Sept. 5.—	By cash from Grand Keeper Records and Seal,			86 75
1887.				
Feb. 7.—	" " " " " " " "			93 50
Aug. 10.—	" " " " " " " "			83 75
Oct. 25.—	" " " " " " " "			12 50
				<u>\$276 50</u>

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & B.,

THOS. ARMSTRONG,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

On motion of G. P. Grimmer, resolved that the Grand Master of Exchequers report be received and entered on the minutes.

The report of the Supreme Representatives was then read, and

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Armstrong was received and filed.

The Grand Chancellor stated he had been appointed a Committee by the Supreme Lodge to solicit subscriptions for the Haines Memorial Fund, and read a communication with reference to the same.

Past Chancellor Hetherington moved, that the matter of donating \$15 toward the memorial fund lay over till next session.

Moved in amendment by Grand Vice-Chancellor Fleming that \$15 be donated to the fund, and carried.

Moved by Past Chancellor Kerr that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is desirable to admit young men to the Order at the age of eighteen.

Moved in amendment by Past Chancellor Cooper that it is not desirable to admit any person under twenty one years of age, and after considerable discussion the amendment was carried.

On motion of Past Chancellor Cooper it was resolved that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the month of September and that the day be left to the discretion of the Grand Chancellor.

After kindly inviting the Grand Lodge in the name of the Moncton Knights to hold its next session at Moncton, Grand Vice-Chancellor Fleming moved, seconded by Past Chancellor Wran, that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the town of Moncton.

It was moved in amendment by Past Chancellor Ryder that the next session be held in St. John. He supported the amendment in a few words, claiming that St. John was more desirable on account of being the most central point.

On the amendment being put it was lost, and the original motion carried.

Moved by Brother Past Chancellor Hetherington, that a committee consisting of three members be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions referring to the death of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Cowan.

Past Chancellors Hetherington, Ewing, and the Grand Chancellor were appointed.

On motion of Grand Prelate Grimmer it was resolved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Tellers as follows: Past Grand Chancellor Armstrong, and Past Chancellors Rawlins and Nevins.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, Grand Chancellor Moulson was nominated, no other nominations being received, on motion nominations closed, and the Grand Master-at-Arms was ordered to cast the ballot of the Lodge, which he did, when Grand Chancellor Moulson was declared by the Grand Vice-Chancellor duly elected.

For the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Vice-Chancellor Fleming was nominated. No other nominations being received, on motion, nomination closed and the Grand Master-at-Arms was ordered to cast the ballot of the lodge, which he did, and Grand Vice-Chancellor Fleming was declared duly elected.

For the office of Grand Prelate, Grand Prelate Grimmer was nominated. No other nominations being made, on motion, nominations closed and the Grand Master-at-Arms was ordered to cast the ballot of the lodge, which he did, and the Grand Chancellor declared Grand Prelate Grimmer duly elected to the office

For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, Grand Master of Exchequer Armstrong was nominated. No other nomination being made nominations closed and the Grand Master-at-Arms ordered to deposit the ballot of the lodge, which he did, and Grand Master of Exchequer Armstrong was declared duly elected.

For the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Past Chancellor A. W. Adams and P. A. Melville were nominated. No other nominations being made, on motion nominations closed, and on a ballot being taken Past Chancellor Adams received a majority of the votes cast and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected to the office.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms Grand Master-at-Arms Dunn was nominated. No other nominations being made, on motion, nominations closed. On a ballot being cast the Grand Chancellor declared Grand Master-at-Arms Dunn duly elected.

For the office of Grand Trustees, three having to be elected, one for three years, one for two and one for one year, the following were nominated :

Past Chancellor Wran,
 Past Chancellor Hetherington,
 Past Chancellor Nevins,
 Past Chancellor Rawlins,

but Past Chancellor Wran declining nomination and no further nominations being made, on motion nominations closed and the Master-at-Arms was ordered to cast the ballot of the Lodge for the three, two and one year's trustees in the order of nomination, when the Grand Chancellor declared

Past Chancellor Hetherington elected for three years.

Past Chancellor Nevins elected for two years.

Past Chancellor Rawlins elected for one year.

For the office of Supreme Representative Past Grand Chancellors Craig (S. R.), and John R. Armstrong were nominated. No other nominations being made, on motion nominations closed, and on a ballot being taken Past Grand Chancellor J. R. Armstrong was found

to have a majority and was declared by the Grand Chancellor to be duly elected.

On motion of Grand Master of Exchequer, Thos. Armstrong, it was resolved that the offices of Grand Inner and Outer Guard be filled by election by ballot.

For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Past Chancellor Weir and Past Grand Chancellor Craig were nominated, no further nominations being made, on motion, nominations closed, and on a ballot being taken, Past Chancellor Weir had a majority and was declared by the Grand Chancellor elected.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, the following nominations were made :

Past Chancellor W. M. McAdoo,
Past Chancellor H. V. Cooper,
Past Chancellor J. A. Ewing,
Past Chancellor Joseph H. Wran, and
Grand Outer Guard John Beamish.

No further nominations being made, on motion, nominations closed, and on the first ballot an error having occurred, the Grand Chancellor ordered a second, when it was found that Grand Outer Guard Beamish had a majority and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

The Grand Chancellor then installed the officers for the ensuing term, Past Chancellor Cleveland acting Grand Prelate and Past Chancellor Cooper acting Grand Master-at-Arms, when they were escorted to their respective stations by the acting Grand Master-at-Arms.

On motion of Grand Vice-Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were tendered the thanks of the Grand Lodge for their valuable services during the past term.

The thanks of the visiting Past Chancellors were tendered to the Past Chancellors of St. John for the many courtesies extended to the visitors. Grand Vice-Chancellor Fleming, Grand Prelate Grimmer and Grand Master-at-Arms Dunn speaking in happy terms on the subject.

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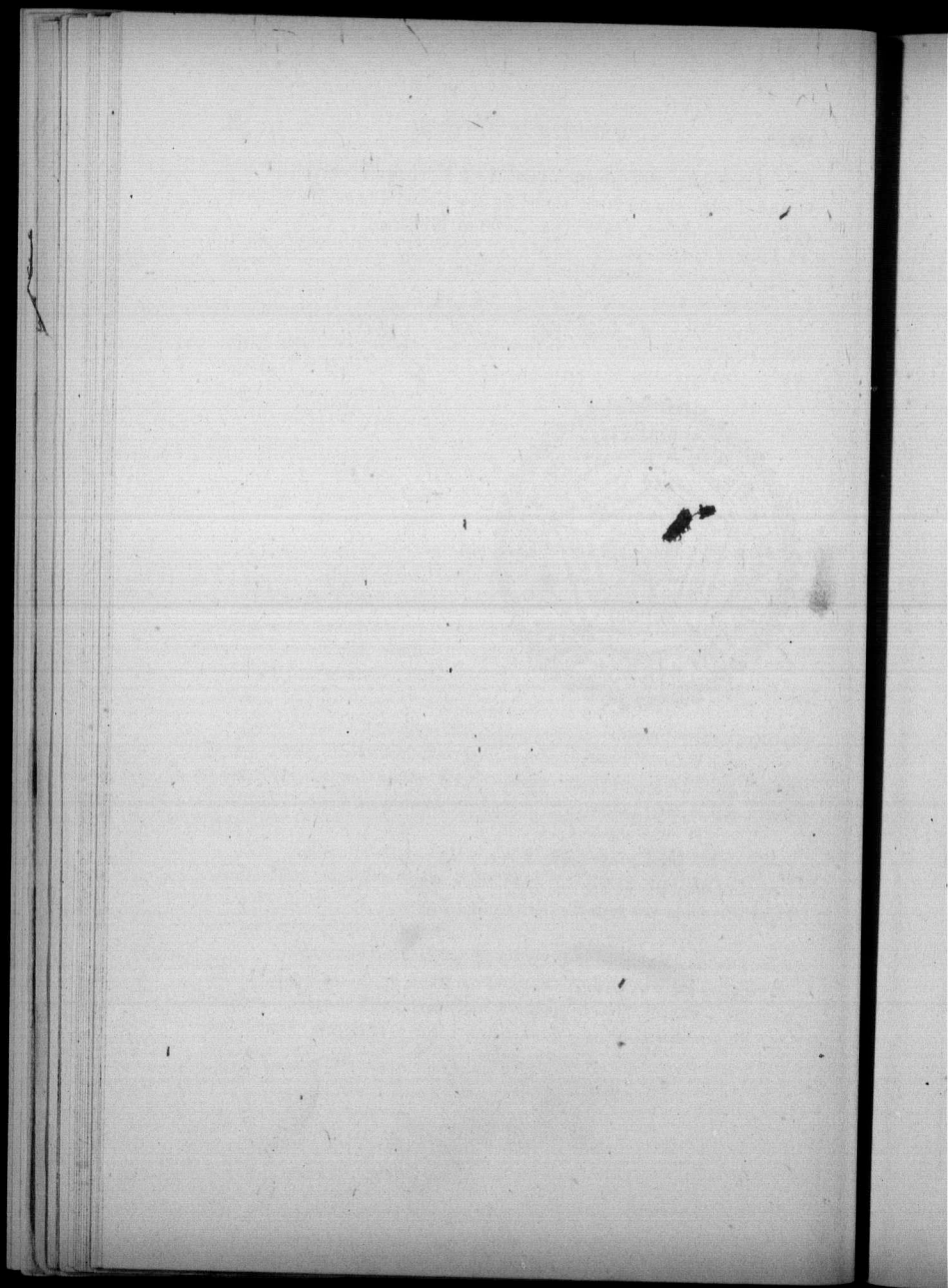
After enquiries about payment of the current expenses the Grand Lodge was declared closed by the Grand Chancellor to meet again in September, 1888, in the Town of Moncton.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur W. Adams,

G. H. of R. & S.





Grand Officers and Past Chancellors Present.

The following Grand Officers and Past Chancellors were present at the first annual session :

- J. R. Armstrong, P. G. C., Union Lodge, No. 2.
 James Moulson, G. C., New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
 Murray Fleming, G. V. C., Westmorland Lodge No. 3.
 W. C. H. Grimmer, G. P., Frontier Lodge No. 4.
 Thos. Armstrong, G. M. E., New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
 A. J. Armstrong, G. K. R. & S., Union Lodge, No. 2.
 Geo. Dunn, G. M. A., Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
 Geo. Craig (P. G. C.), G. I. G., Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
 John Beanish, G. O. G., New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

PAST CHANCELLORS.

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| S. W. Wilkins, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1. | | |
| W. Quigley, | " | No. 1. |
| W. B. Whelpley, | " | No. 1. |
| Geo. Hetherington. | " | No. 1. |
| Chas. Nevins, | " | No. 1. |
| A. L. Rawlins, Union Lodge, No. 2. | | |
| Jas. Adam, | " | No. 2. |
| W. J. McAdoo, | " | No. 2. |
| P. A. Melville, | " | No. 2. |
| A. W. Adams, | " | No. 2. |
| H. V. Cooper, | " | No. 2. |
| J. A. Ewing, | " | No. 2. |
| J. D. Seely, | " | No. 2. |
| John Ryder, Frontier Lodge, No. 3. | | |
| S. R. Gilmour, | " | No. 3. |
| G. M. Cleveland, Westmorland Lodge, No. 4. | | |
| Jos. H. Wran, | " | No. 4. |
| Jas. W. Whitehead, | " | No. 4. |
| John P. Wier, | " | No. 4. |
| F. L. Peers, Cumberland Lodge No. 5. | | |

Membership Report of Lodges.

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Membership per last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Total.	Total membership.	East Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Pagures.	Pages.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. of Rejections.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of Families Relieved.		
New Brunswick Union.....	1	69	4	.....	1	74	.....	4	1	1	73	.....	17	56	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	
Westmorland Frontier.....	3	90	6	.....	2	96	.....	2	2	3	93	.....	16	76	.....	1	3	.....	.....	1	.....	1	
Westmorland Frontier.....	83	2	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	.....	17	55	.....	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	
Cumberland.....	4	51	16	.....	1	68	.....	1	3	4	64	.....	6	57	.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	
Cumberland.....	5	40	4	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	5	39	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total June, 30th, 1886.....		333	32	.....	2	367	.....	1	2	17	20	.....	61	283	.....	1	224	.....	10	.....	2	.....	4
New Brunswick Union.....	1	73	1	.....	4	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	.....	1	18	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2
Westmorland Frontier.....	3	93	13	.....	1	108	.....	2	1	6	99	.....	15	79	.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Westmorland Frontier.....	3	73	17	.....	1	91	.....	2	7	9	82	.....	15	66	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	2
Cumberland.....	4	64	1	.....	2	67	.....	1	.....	1	66	.....	6	60	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Cumberland.....	5	44	4	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	6	42	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	2
Total Dec. 31, 1886.....		347	36	.....	8	393	.....	3	3	13	19	.....	3	307	.....	4	27	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2
New Brunswick Union.....	1	79	6	.....	.....	85	.....	4	4	4	81	.....	1	19	.....	61	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Westmorland Frontier.....	2	89	7	.....	1	107	.....	1	4	5	102	.....	13	86	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westmorland Frontier.....	3	82	7	.....	1	90	.....	1	1	1	89	.....	1	16	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	4	66	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	3	3	3	63	.....	7	57	.....	2	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	5	48	6	.....	.....	54	.....	1	.....	.....	53	.....	7	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total June 30, 1887.....		374	26	1	402	1	12	14	388	3	319	3	17	3	1	2

Financial Statement of Sub...

Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of
the Maritime Provinces.

For 1887-'88, PYTHIAN PERIOD XXIV-XXV.

JOHN R. ARMSTRONG.....*Past Grand Chancellor.*
ST. JOHN, N. B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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