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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

WINNIPEG, July, 12th, 1898.

P.P. XXXIV.

The seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories was called to order in the Sons of England Hall, at 9.25 a.m., Tuesday, July 12th, 1898, Grand Chancellor Wm. Middleton, presiding.

Roll call of officers found the following present:

Grand Chancellor, Wm. Middleton.
Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. R. Foster.
Grand Prelate, Jos. Harrison.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. E. Johnson.
Grand Master-at-Arms, W. R. Taylor.
Grand Inner-Guard, C. A. Flower.
Grand Outer-Guard, E. T. Howard.
Supreme Representative, E. E. Lightcap.
Past Grand Chancellor, N. S. Shaw.

Document No. 1

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories:

BRETEREN,—Your committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report as follows:

We find the following Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank for reasons stated. We, therefore, recommend that the rank be conferred upon them and that they be given seats in this Grand Body.

Winnipeg Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg.—S. W. Huston and O. F. DeLong.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg.—A. H. Rounthwaite and Edward Pearson.

Damon Lodge, No. 5, Winnipeg.—Charles A. Cunningham.

Prairie Lodge No. 8, Portage la Prairie.—Edward Hay and Chas. Jeffrey.

Wheat City Lodge, No. 9, Brandon.—A. C. McCallum.

Hamiota Lodge No. 10, Hamiota.—Dr. R. P. Crookshank.

Boissevain Lodge No. 11, Boissevain.—James A. Wright and R. F. Morrison.

Birtle Lodge No. 14, Birtle.—J. A. Hall and M. H. Jones.

Myrtle Lodge No. 15, Hilton.—E. M. Freeman and K. A. Gollan.

We find the following Past Chancellors entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives:

Winnipeg Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg.—Thomas Lee and R. A. Graham.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg.—R. A. Pyne and L. A. Ferte.

Damon Lodge No. 5, Winnipeg.—A. G. Carter and W. M. Bentley.

Prairie Lodge No. 8, Portage la Prairie.—Edward Hay.

Hamiota Lodge No. 10, Hamiota.—Dr. R. P. Crookshank.

Boissevain Lodge No. 11, Boissevain.—R. F. Morrison.

Birtle Lodge No. 14, Birtle.—M. H. Jones and C. A. Flower.

Myrtle Lodge No. 15, Hilton.—Charles Brown and K. A. Gollan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL S. SHAW,

L. A. FERTE, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Roll of Lodges, by Representatives, was called, a quorum present.

On motion of Jos. Harrison the minutes of last session were adopted, as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Document No. 2

REPORT OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the North West Territories:

BROTHEREN:—I have the honor of presenting to you the seventh annual report as follows:—

On being appointed to the office of Grand Chancellor some twelve months ago, I took office with fear and trembling, knowing full well the importance of that office, and that I had to follow such able men as my predecessors were. However, I have tried to do

what I could for the order, to the best of my knowledge and ability and hoping at all times to do the right thing at the right time. I am quite convinced that no man can do justice to the honor conferred upon him as Grand Chancellor of this Grand Domain unless he can give more of his time to it, than I have been able to give. To a great extent the District Deputy Grand Chancellors are the brethren who can do the most work in the field of Pythianism.

It was not my intention when I was appointed to office to organize new lodges, but I purposed strengthening the lodges that were in working order. I am sorry to say that there are some of the lodges which are in very poor condition owing to the fact of so many of the members leaving Manitoba and the North West Territories and going to the Gold Fields, and there seems to be an unrest and fluctuation in some of the Districts where our Lodges are held that it is almost impossible to get meetings held, at least such has been the case this last quarter, and some of our people are getting disheartened, but I think if we can hold open the lodges for a little time, we will see better times. During the first nine months of my term, the reports were good, and I was in hopes that Pythianism was on the increase, but the latter reports show that a good many of the lodges cannot get any meetings held for want of members. Regina, Wawanesa and Portage la Prairie have not held meetings for some time, I visited Winnipeg No. 1 and there was a good attendance at that time, also at Hamiota where they had quite a large attendance, and their lodge seemed in good working order; Hilton also had a good many in attendance. At Wawanesa I could not get a meeting together when I called, but at Boissevain they had a good lodge, and had their work well in hand. Brandon has a good membership, and is in good working order. I visited the Souris lodge two or three times and could always get a good meeting, and they seemed anxious to get along with their work. While giving you this report just as I have found the different lodges, although not very encouraging at first sight yet you will find that all other Fraternal Orders are about the same, some of them have got organizers in the field yet they cannot command any more attention than we Knights of Pythias can. I am hopeful that there is a great future for Pythianism, but while our Country is so sparsely settled, one must wait patiently and do the best we can. I went out two or three times to see if there was any chance of putting in a lodge, and the cry nearly everywhere was "There are too many orders here already". In a place of not more than 500 people there would perhaps be eight different orders, so we must wait and be patient until there are more people in the country. I am sorry to

say that owing to the fire in Winnipeg, three of our lodges were burned out, and lost all their paraphernalia, books and records, and although two of the lodges were partly insured, one of them had no insurance upon it and when I heard of the fire I went down to Winnipeg to see if I could be of any assistance to them in their time of need, but further than signing warrants to allow the lodges to open and do business they had all their arrangements made. There will be three new charters to grant for those three lodges. I may here say that these three lodges are working together in harmony and with one paraphernalia, until such time as they get all arrangements completed.

UNIFORM RANK.

I think if we could have all the lodges in uniform it would give a great impetus to Pythianism. We would double our membership in one twelvemonths, but here again it requires money, and that is the only thing that is keeping the order back—the scarcity of money. I have been trying to get up one in Brandon and I think before long that we will be able to get one here. I do not know anything that will attract young men more than uniform and if only the officers, or one or two of them could have them in every lodge, it would be a great benefit to the order.

PRESS.

The Canadian Pythian, a very nice little journal that gave a good deal of information to all the members of the Order and there is no doubt but that it was doing a good work, but it was being carried on at a loss to the Grand Lodge and the Editor J. T. Huggard sent in his resignation. I appointed E. E. Lightcap, and when it was found not to be a paying concern I ordered it to be discontinued. I think it is soon for us to take in hand the printing of a journal, and I think we should wait until our funds warrant our launching out into Journalism.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

I think that the solidity of this rank is not fully appreciated by our order as a whole in Manitoba and the North West Territories as it should be by our members. I have tried to explain this matter to all the lodges when visiting them as well as I could, but the organizer, E. E. Lightcap, was so occupied with his business that he was not able at all times to accompany me on my visits. Brother Lightcap did leave his business and come up with me to Portage la Prairie and gave an address to the members of the Portage Lodge in a most effective manner, and if that speech could have been given at all of the lodges I have no doubt that there would be more of our members take advantage of this rank of our order.

THE RATHBONE MONUMENT FUND.

I had a letter from the Supreme Chancellor asking me to send out circulars to all of the lodges requiring subscriptions for the monument fund, so I wrote to A. E. Johnson, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals asking him to write to all of the lodges for subscriptions, which was done, and the thanks of the Supreme Lodge were sent to the Grand Lodge for their action in the matter.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR,

When appointed Grand Chancellor I appointed a Deputy for each District, and had them send me reports every three months. The first nine months' reports were very encouraging. I am indebted to the following named deputies for prompt and able reports:—

Boissevain Lodge No. 10—J. S. McKay.
Myrtle Lodge No. 15—Chas. Brown.
Birtle Lodge No. 14—Chas. A. Flower.
Prairie Lodge No. 8—W. R. Taylor.
Crescent Lodge No. 12—R. J. Crisp.
Regina Lodge No. 3—James Vessel.
Wheat City Lodge No. 9—Wm. P. Middleton.
Hamiota Lodge No. 10—R. P. Crookshanks, M. D.
City of Winnipeg,—S. J. Rothwell.
Special Deputy—J. R. Foster.

In conclusion I wish to thank those members of the order who have so kindly helped me during the term of my office of Grand Chancellor. There are some who require special mention. Mr. A. E. Johnson, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, it is he to whom I would return thanks, as I have had more or less to do with him during my term. The enormity of his labor can only be estimated by the Grand Chancellor, and although at many times my letters to him have not been of the kindest, yet the serenity of mind manifested by him was without any retaliation. The order at large cannot thank him too much for his services. All the members of the Grand Lodge, J. T. Huggard, E. E. Lightcap, Howard, Lee, Shaw, and many others, the Deputy Brothers, Rothwell, McKay, Foster, Crisp, Crookshanks, Taylor, Brown, Flower, Middleton, Wessel, Dunwell and many others who have rendered me assistance, I would return thanks. There have been many things that I have advised the various lodges to adopt in order to interest the members, but I think that there will have to be something done to revive enthusiasm in the order. I remain

Yours faithfully and fraternally

WM. MIDDLETON,
Grand Chancellor,

Document No. 3

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

BRETHREN,—Herewith I beg to submit statistical tables giving a summary of the general condition of Subordinate Lodges in this Domain, also the financial standing of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. JOHNSON,
G. K. of R. and S.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Number of Members, December 31st, 1896.....	461	
Initiated during the year.....	71	
Reinstated.....	7	
Admitted by Card.....	10	
Total.....		549

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended.....	171	
Withdrawn.....	11	
Died.....	2	
Total.....		184
Number of Members, December 31st, 1897.....		365
Net loss during the year.....		96

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors.....	5	
Past Chancellors.....	70	
Knights.....	232	
Esquires.....	5	
Pages.....	3	
Total.....		365
Regina and Lethbridge Lodges, since reported, showing a total of 31 members, making the actual loss		36

ABSTRACT FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SUBORDINATE LODGES

Year ending December 31st, 1897.

Balance on hand, December 31st, 1896.....	\$1,645 64	
Receipts during the year.....	3,412 55	
Total.....		\$5,058 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sick Benefits.....	\$ 500 85	
Funeral Benefits.....	130 00	
Aggregate for relief.....		\$ 600 85
Current expenses.....	1,000 27	
Paraphernalia and supplies.....	848 70	
Invested.....	50 00	
Balance on hand, December 31st, 1897.....	2,068 87	
Total.....		\$5,058 19

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand.....	\$2,068 87	
Investments.....	50 00	
Paraphernalia and Furniture, etc.....	3,578 66	
Total.....		\$5,697 03

GRAND LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Year Ending June 30th, 1898.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Expense.....	\$ 330 41	
Mileage and per diem.....	103 60	
Postage.....	13 00	
Stationery and Printing.....	60 75	
Total.....		\$ 516 76
Supplies.....	\$ 86 23	
Per Capita Tax.....	432 00	
Dispensations.....	10 00	
Balance.....	38 53	
Total.....		\$ 516 76

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash.....	\$ 215 82	
Supplies.....	123 85	
Fixtures.....	46 65	
Accounts receivable.....	86 65	
Balance.....	135 83	
Total.....		\$ 608 80
Accounts payable.....		\$ 608 80

Document No. 4

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN :—Herewith I beg to submit my report as G. M. of E., for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

Balance on hand.....	\$158 31
Received from A. E. Johnson, G.K.R.S.....	690 18
Total.....	\$838 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrants paid, Nos. 156-179.....	\$622 67
Balance on hand, June 30th, 1898.....	215 82
Total.....	\$838 49

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. BELL,
G. M. E.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS.

The report of the committee on distribution was received and adopted, and the assignment of work to the various committees was ordered. ^a

On motion of W. R. Taylor the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 1.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 1.50 p.m., Grand Chancellor, Wm. Middleton, presiding.

Roll of Officers and Lodges, by Representatives, was called, and absentees noted.

Document No. 5

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Report showed \$69.75 expended for printing during the year. Report adopted.

Document No. 6

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

Report stated that successful work was impossible, owing to lack of funds, and recommended the Grand Lodge to provide funds at once. Report adopted.

Communications from C. F. P. Conybears, P.G.C., and J. T. Huggard, S.R., expressing regrets for enforced absence, were received and filed.

Communication from Geo. H. Mitchell, G.K.R.S. of Ontario, re "Rebate of Duties," was read, and on motion, the Supreme Representatives of this Domain were instructed to co-operate with Ontario in the matter referred to.

A motion by Jos. Harrison, instructing Supreme Representatives to secure legislation permitting Bi-ennial Conventions of Grand Lodges was lost.

Document No. 7

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

The following is a synopsis of the report presented by the Committee on State of the Order:

The elaborate and carefully compiled Report of the Grand Chancellor shows that he has not been idle or lacking in zeal during the past year. Your Committee is much pleased with the action of the Grand Chancellor in not attempting to enforce, single handed, active organization, but rather directed his efforts to strengthening existing lodges.

RE ORGANIZATION.

Under this heading your committee would note that our advancement appears to rest in the hands of few, and runs in the line of enthusiastic individual effort. This, while most commendable in itself, has yet to contend with activity in other societies who have regularly accredited organizers in the field, constituting so strong and stalwart an opponent that your committee again comment on the favorable line of action adopted by your Grand Chancellor in the past year.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

Your committee must acknowledge that this matter needs attention. We would strongly advocate the attachment to each Subordinate Lodge of a branch of this rank. Its insurance is reasonable, its stability undoubted, and it should form a strong binding link between its members and the Subordinate Lodges.

In conclusion, we refer to the Report of the Finances, given by G. K. of R. and S.

Too much credit cannot be given to the G. K. of R and S. for the report presented. It shows the result of much painstaking and careful elaboration, even though the results are not as palatable or satisfactory as we would desire. We regret to note the balance on the wrong side of the ledger, and would suggest to your Grand Lodge that steps be taken, after due deliberation, to remedy this matter and reverse the balance to the other side.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. A. PYNE.
R. P. CROOKSHANK, M.D.
E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Document No. 8

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories:

BRETHREN:—Your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined all books, vouchers and statements of the G. K. of R. and S. and G. M. of E., and find the same correct.

Total receipts, or revenue for the year was \$478.23, as against \$550.89 for last year, a reduction of \$72.66, caused principally by reduction in receipts for Warrants and Dispensations, and a slight reduction in Per Capita Tax.

Total Disbursements or expenses for the year, was \$516.76, exclusive of appropriation of \$100 to G. K. of R. and S., as against \$727.35 for the previous year, a decrease in expenditure of \$210.59, made up chiefly by decrease in mileage and per diem, and stationery and printing.

SUBORDINATE LODGE FINANCES.

Total Assets, December 31st, 1906, \$5,067.86; of which \$1,814.16 was cash. December 31st, 1907, Total Assets \$5,697.03, of which \$2,068.37 is in cash, an increase in assets of \$629.17.

This your committee considers very satisfactory indeed and we can confidently say the Subordinate Lodges are particularly fortunate in their financial condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We submit the following estimate of next years expenditure and revenue:

EXPENDITURES.

G. K. of R. and S. for services and office.....	\$120 00
Supreme Lodge Tax.....	100 00
Mileage and Per Diem.....	85 00
Printing.....	30 00
Sundries.....	25 00
	<u> </u>
Appropriation for Grand Chancellor for expenses....	80 00
	<u> </u>
Total.....	\$440 00

REVENUE.

Per Capita Tax at \$1	\$400 00
Supplies	85 00
Other Sources	15 00
	<u> </u>
Total	\$450 00

We appropriated nothing for the printing of a Journal of Proceedings. We would recommend that that be left over until next year.

As to revenue, we have based it upon other years' figures, which would show an increase, over expenditure, of the small sum of \$10.00.

Your committee, in examining the books, found several accounts in the Accounts Payable, for members who were not in good standing in the order, of whom most had left the city.

We would recommend that the following accounts be written off and that the sums be credited to Profit and Loss:

W. C. Heaney.....	\$ 6 00
T. Mattock	18 00
	<u> </u>
Total	\$24 00

We would recommend for the years 1898-9, 1899-1900, the Per Capita Tax be increased to \$1.30, to be collected as formerly: Half January 1st and half July 1st in each year.

We would recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. be paid for the amount now due him, together with next year's appropriation, at the rate of \$18.33 per month, for the ensuing year. That 25 per cent of Mileage and Per Diem be paid at once, and 25 per cent to be paid on the 1st of March, 1899. The balance to be left for the Finance Committee of the year 1899-1900.

That all current purchases from the Supreme Lodge be paid for so that the account would not increase.

We would recommend that \$80 be placed at the disposal of the Grand Chancellor for expenses during the ensuing year.

We would recommend that the G. K. of R. and F. furnish the Finance Committee a quarterly report, due October 1st, 1898, January 1st, 1899, April 1st, 1899, and July 1st, 1899.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. HARRISON.

E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman,

Report of Committee on Finance was taken up clause by clause and finally adopted as a whole.

Document No. 9

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS.

Report recommended that duplicate charters be issued to Winnipeg Lodge No. 1, Assiniboine Lodge No. 4, and Damon Lodge No. 5, free of charge. Applications for same having been made on account of loss by fire, February 2nd, 1898.

Report adopted.

Document No. 10

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN :—Your special committee on law beg leave to report as follows :

In the matter of the payment of \$20, the balance due on the funeral expenses of Bro. Torrance, a member of Hamiota Lodge No. 10, we find, on investigation that Bro. Torrance was at the time of his death over one year in arrears, which, in accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Lodge Statutes, debar the brother from the receipt of any benefits, consequently we find that the lodge in question is not liable for the amount of expense incurred.

Signed, F. L. SCHAFFNER, Chairman.

F. I. BELL.

R. A. PYNE.

Report adopted.

On motion of F. L. Schaffner, the Grand Lodge assumed the debt incurred by the burial of Bro. J. Torrance.

Document No. 11

RESOLUTION RE ORGANIZATION.

Resolution to amend the Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba by striking out Section 5, Chapter 2, and substituting therefor:

"Every application for a warrant to institute a subordinate lodge, signed by twenty or less applicants, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100, and \$5 for each applicant in excess of that number."

Also by introducing a new section to be known as Sec. 7, and to read as follows:

SEC. 7—"Immediately upon the institution of a new lodge the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall furnish the following supplies free of cost, the Grand Lodge not undertaking to pay transportation charges."

1 Set of Rituals.

1 " Officers Jewels.

1 only Knights' Jewels, for each member on

1 " Question Book. [the floor.

2 " Installation Books.

1 " Supreme Statutes (paper cover).

1 " Pad Application Blanks.

1 " Book Official Receipts.

1 " " Warrants.

1 " Pad 2nd Rank Blanks.

E. T. HOWARD.

E. E. LIGHTCAP.

The Grand Lodge in committee of the whole discussed Document No. 11, re "Organization," and on reporting favorably to the Grand Lodge in regular session, recommendations contained in Document No. 11 were adopted.

On motion of Jos. Harrison, the next annual session was appointed to be held in Winnipeg, during Exhibition week.

On motion of Jos. Harrison, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to procure miniature P. G. C. Jewel for William Middleton.

GRAND LODGE RANK.

During the session the Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following Past Chancellors and they were duly invested with the Grand Lodge Rank:

R. F. Morrison,

A. C. McCallum,

S. J. Rothwell,

R. A. Graham,

A. G. Carter,

M. H. Jones,

E. Hay,

R. P. Crookshank, M.D.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Grand Chancellor,—E. T. Howard.

" Vice-Chancellor,—J. R. Foster.

" Prelate,—F. L. Schaffner, M.D.

- Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,—A. E. Johnson;
 " Master of Exchequer,—Jos. Harrison.
 " Master-at-Arms,—C. A. Flower.
 " Inner Guard,—Thos. Lee.
 " Outer Guard,—M. H. Jones.
 " Trustee,—L. A. Ferte.

INSTALLATION.

Past Grand Chancellor, E. E. Lightcap, installed the officers elect.

Document No. 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM,

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN,—Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we find the following amounts due the officers of the Grand Lodge for attendance at the Seventh Annual Session.

	Mileage and Per Diem
N. S. Shaw, P.G.C.....	\$1 50
E. E. Lightcap, P.G.C.....	3 00
Wm. Middleton, G.C.....	7 00
J. R. Foster, G.V.-C.....	7 00
Jos. Harrison, G.P.....	3 00
A. E. Johnson, G.K.R.S.....	3 00
W. E. Taylor, G.M.A.....	4 65
C. A. Flower, G.I.G.....	3 00
E. T. Howard, G.O.G.....	3 00

\$40 75

We also find Representatives entitled to Mileage and Per Diem certificates, amounting in all to \$98.90. The G.K. of R. and S. is hereby instructed to issue individual certificates covering the same.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. BENTLEY.

A. McCALLUM.

Report adopted.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories duly closed its Seventh Annual Session to meet again in the City of Winnipeg, during Exhibition week, 1899, day and time appointed by the Grand Chancellor.

A. E. JOHNSON,

G.K.R.S.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

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P.P. XXXVI.

The eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories was called to order in Friendship Hall, McIntyre Block, at 9.25 a.m., Monday, July 10th, 1899, Grand Chancellor E. T. Howard presiding.

Roll call of officers found the following present :

Grand Chancellor, E. T. Howard.
Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. R. Foster.
Grand Prelate, F. L. Schaffner.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. E. Johnson.
Grand Master-at-Arms, C. A. Flower.
Grand Inner-Guard, Thos. Lee.
Grand Outer-Guard, M. H. Jones.
Supreme Representative, J. T. Huggard.
Supreme Representative, E. E. Lightcap.
Past Grand Chancellors, N. S. Shaw, Wm. Middleton, C. Knight and C. F. P. Conybeare.

Document No. 1

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories :

BRETHREN,—Your committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report as follows. The following Brethren are eligible to receive the robes of Past Chancellor:

From Damon Lodge No. 5—A. E. Nichol.

“ Wheat City Lodge No. 9—A. W. Crawshaw.

- From Hamiota Lodge No. 10—John Anderson, Hy. Guttridge.
 " Birtle Lodge No. 14—Jas. J. Foster.
 " Myrtle Lodge No. 15—Raymond Stone, E. M. Freeman.
 " Stanley Lodge No. 16—John Kennedy.
 " McLeod Lodge No. 4—W. G. V. Forbes, Ohas. F. Harris.
 " Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5—C. R. Mitchell, Wm. Birdsall
 " Jasper Lodge No. 6—R. Hockley, H. C. Taylor.

Also the following Brethren are eligible to sit as Representatives for the respective lodges;

- Winnipeg Lodge No. 1—Thos. Montgomery, Thos. Lee.
 Assiniboine Lodge No. 4—R. A. Pyne, A. H. Rounthwaite.
 Damon Lodge No. 5—A. G. Carter, Wm. M. Bentley.
 Prairie Lodge No. 8—J. Attwood, W. R. Taylor.
 Wheat City Lodge No. 9—A. W. Crawshaw, A. McCallum.
 Hamiota Lodge No. 10—Dr. R. P. Crookshank, J. W. Lannin.
 Boissevain Lodge No. 11—R. F. Morrison, J. A. Wright.
 Wawanesa Lodge No. 13—F. D. Barclay.
 Birtle Lodge No. 14—J. J. Foster, J. A. Hall.
 Myrtle Lodge No. 15—O. Brown, R. Stone.
 Stanley Lodge No. 16—I. A. Cowie.
 Lethbridge Lodge No. 2—Wm. Henderson.
 McLeod Lodge No. 4—C. F. Harris, R. F. Steele.
 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5—Wm. Birdsall, C. R. Mitchell.
 Jasper Lodge No. 6—Robert Hockley.

We find that P. C. Jacob Heiman, of Stanley Lodge No. 16, has been duly elected by his Lodge but he has personally delegated Bro. A. Cruickshank to act as alternate at this session, but we have no Past Chancellor certificate for him.

We also find that Brothers Past Chancellors Cruickshank and Cowie, from Stanley Lodge, are here to receive the Grand Lodge Rank but are not in possession of a certificate to that effect. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. HARRISON.
 R. A. PYNE.
 W. M. BENTLEY.

Report adopted.

On motion of Jos. Harrison Past Chancellors I. A. Cowie and A. Crookshank, of Stanley Lodge No. 16, were recommended to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, it having been ascertained that they were duly elected to receive the honor of Past Chancellor at the institution of the lodge.

GRAND LODGE RANK.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following Past

Chancellors and they were duly invested with the Grand Lodge Rank :

E. Pearson, A. H. Rounthwaite, C. Cunningham, J. Attwood, A. W. Crawshaw, R. Stone, I. A. Cowie, A. Cruickshank, Wm. Henderson, C. F. Harris, R. F. Steele, W. G. V. Forbes, C. R. Mitchell, Wm. Birdsall and R. Hockley.

Roll call of lodges, by representatives, and responses noted, a quorum present.

The Grand Chancellor announced appointments to fill vacancies on committees.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at 9.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form at 10.10 a. m., Grand Chancellor, E. T. Howard, presiding.

Roll call of officers and lodges (by representatives); responses noted.

Col. E. H. Milham, Supreme Representative for Minnesota, was a welcome visitor to our Grand Lodge Convention.

On motion of Wm. Middleton the reading of the minutes of the Seventh annual session was deferred.

Document No. 2.

REPORT OF GRAND CHANCELLOR

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

BRETHERN,—I have the honor of presenting the eighth annual report of the Grand Chancellor.

Organized as our Grand Lodge was before the beginning of the great financial depression of 1893 to 1896, composed of a few small and financially poor lodges scattered over a sparsely settled territory of thousands of square miles, the question of the extension of the order has always been one of vital importance.

In past years the work has been necessarily the work of a few enthusiastic members who have devoted their time to this work and paid the major part of their expenses from their own pockets.

This method of advancing the interests of the order had its drawbacks. In the first place it was hardly fair to the individual members who devoted time and money in this way, often without reward.

In the second place the efforts were necessarily disjointed and in the third place the lodges so organized were usually small and

little able to cope with the opposition and difficulties incident to the commencement of a lodge career.

After much cogitation on the part of many of our most active members it was thought well to follow the example of some of the other societies and place active paid organizers in the field.

Accordingly legislation was introduced at the last convention of this grand lodge to enable the Executive Officers to adopt such a course.

Although the results have not been so great as some of us had hoped for, still they have been sufficient to (in my mind at least) demonstrate the wisdom of adopting such a course.

My first duty on assuming the chair of Grand Chancellor was the appointment of Deputy Grand Chancellors. As far as possible I consulted the wishes of the membership in the various districts, and in every case I feel to-day that my choice of a Deputy was a happy one.

In the Northwest Territories Pythianism was at its lowest ebb, only one lodge being still in existence and that lodge unable to hold meetings. I wrote to Bro. Connybeare, P. G. C., detailing the recent legislation of the Grand Lodge, and asking as a personal favor that he would for one year forego his rank as P. G. C. and act for me as Deputy Grand Chancellor at large for the Territories.

In the meantime Bro. Connybeare had secured the services of Bro. H. J. Finney to secure a few members for Lethbridge No. 2. Bro. Finney's efforts were so successful in this regard that Bro. Connybeare thought if possible we should secure his services for the Grand Lodge.

A difficulty arose at this point. The Grand Lodge allowed \$2.50 per accepted new member to the organizer, while owing to the great expense of travelling in Alberta Bro. Finney wanted \$7.50 per accepted new member. After considerable thought on the matter I called a meeting of the available members of the Grand Lodge and submitted the following proposition:— "That the Grand Lodge pay the organizer \$75.00 out of the charter fee of each new lodge, the balance of his fee being paid by the applicants themselves. This arrangement to apply only to such lodges as might be formed in the Districts of Alberta and Saskatchewan."

This proposition was unanimously agreed to by the Brethren present at the meeting and Bro. Finney was employed on those terms.

He organized three new lodges at McLeod, Medicine Hat and Edmonton and reinstated Alberta Lodge No. 1, so that where at the time of the last convention (Grand Lodge) we had but one lodge

and that one not able to hold meetings, we now have five large and active lodges in the Western Territories.

The last convention of the Grand Lodge gave me the privilege of employing organizers to work in new districts, the idea being to secure a few local organizers to work in the towns in the immediate neighborhood of their own lodge.

I was limited to an expenditure of \$2.50 for each new accepted member in a newly organized lodge. This plan, however, did not seem to work well. I broached the plan to several of our members that I thought would make successful organizers in their own neighborhoods, few of them, however, seemed to care to undertake the work and those who did soon gave it up.

About the first of March Bro. W. D. Kennedy, of Chicago put me into communication with Bro. Milham, of St. Paul, Supreme Representative, whom he recommended very highly.

After exchanging one or two letters with Bro. Milham I decided to again appeal to the available members of the Grand Lodge, feeling that the step was a much too important one for me to deal with on my own responsibility. Two or three meetings were held and the matter pretty fully discussed and it was felt that owing to the changed condition consequent upon recent Supreme Lodge Legislation the Grand Lodge could afford to pay an organizer \$4.00 per accepted new member for a new lodge.

Bro. Milham offered to come and work for a month on trial, if we would guarantee his expenses and fifty dollars. This the meeting also agreed to and I employed Bro. Milham. He arrived here about the middle of May and immediately commenced his work with the result that on June 1st we instituted a lodge at Morden with an application list of thirty and a charter list of twenty-three. Bro. Milham thereby earning his guarantee within about two weeks after starting to work. Unfortunately Bro. Milham was called home to St. Paul shortly afterwards or I think we would have had one or possibly two more new lodges to our credit at this Grand Lodge.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

Since the last convention of the Grand Lodge a section of the Endowment Rank has been formed at Hilton with a membership of nine and an endowment of \$10,000.00 and the two sections in Winnipeg have been amalgamated. The Endowment Rank has been more prominently brought before our membership than ever before, and I believe that within the next few months great strides will be made by this branch of the order in this Domain.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Control accompanies this report.

UNIFORM RANK.

The branch of this rank that was formed in this city some years ago was in a dormant condition when I took office and still remained so. With returning prosperity to the city and province, and more activity among our lodges I trust that we will soon see it revived and put on a firmer basis than ever before.

WARRANTS.

Warrants have been issued for the institution of new lodges as follows: Sept. 20th, 1898, McLeod, Alta; Oct. 20th, 1898, Medicine Hat, Alta.; November 16th, 1898, Edmonton, Alta.; June 1st, 1899, Morden, Man.

DISPENSATIONS.

On October 1st I issued a dispensation to McLeod Lodge No. 4 to initiate a Mr. Wilson, who was over 50 years of age. Mr. Wilson passed a good medical examination and was looked upon as a very desirable member for the lodge.

On June 1st I issued a dispensation to Morden Lodge No. 16 to initiate a maimed man, M. S. Pickle, having lost one of his arms.

It was considered that it would be in the interests of the order, as in both these instances it was in connection with the institution of new Lodges I took it upon myself to issue these dispensations free of charge, a proceeding in which I trust you will bear me out.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge continue the arrangements made by me with Bro. Milham, S. R., for work in this Domain organizing lodges,

2. That some plan be devised to enable him to visit and strengthen the lodges already in existence, and to hold schools of instruction amongst them. I find that none of the lodges are as well up in secret work as they should be, and I think that if the officers were coached in the work the membership would take greater interest and the lodge meetings would be more attractive.

3. That the constitution for the Grand Lodge prepared by the committee appointed in 1896 be revised and brought up-to-date and put into effect as soon as possible. The present constitution is worse than useless.

4. That a special committee be appointed to revise the by-laws of the subordinate lodges. I find that some of them are working under by-laws that are decidedly out of date, and most of them have a few clauses that are ultra vires.

5. That some arrangement be made to keep our old members in the order, especially those belonging to defunct lodges. In going about the country I have found several men who have in the past

been good members of the order, but who have removed to new points, or whose lodges have become defunct and they have gradually lost interest in things Pythian. The Grand Chancellor of California has recommended the formation of a State Lodge for this class of members. A lodge that would probably only hold one or two meetings a year would pay no benefits, and whose dues would be merely a nominal amount. I think the idea is an excellent one and could be profitably dealt with by this Grand Lodge.

6. That this Grand Lodge take advantage of the recent legislation of the Supreme Lodge and pass such legislation as will enable the subordinate lodges to take back their old members (suspended for N. P. D.) for a nominal sum.

7. That this Grand Lodge pass such legislation as will enable the subordinate lodges to elect officers annually instead of semi-annually, as now an officer has scarcely time to become familiar with his work before his term has expired, besides the honor of Past Chancellor is being made too cheap.

8. That it be made compulsory for new members of the order to memorize at least the obligation of each Rank before proceeding to the next. In this way I believe the lessons of Pythianism will be more thoroughly impressed upon their minds and the members will be more ready to take part in the ceremonies of the order.

9. That the memorial that will be presented to this Grand Lodge asking that a more suitable time be appointed for the holding of its conventions be taken seriously into consideration. The weather is too trying, and the counter attractions too numerous during Exhibition week. The desire to wind up the business of the Grand Lodge as quickly as possible and to rush over business of importance has been much too prevalent in our last two or three conventions. I am inclined to think that if our business were done more deliberately, in cooler weather and with fewer counter attractions our representatives would take home with them a better impression of the Grand Lodge and enough enthusiasm to last them till they get there. This year, I am sorry to say, that with the majority it has been different.

10. That this Grand Lodge put itself on record as being opposed to the principle of charging \$10 for ranks in the old lodges. I find that many of our lodges are charging that fee, and it seems to me that is cheapening the order. The class of citizens we desire to reach are accustomed to pay much more than this to join orders of the same calibre and are apt to judge us by our price.

The last session of the Supreme Lodge passed some very important legislation. That effecting us particularly is that changing the method of levying the per capita tax, and the reduction of the cost

of supplies. In both these particulars the expenses of this Grand Lodge are greatly reduced.

On the whole we are in a much more prosperous condition than we were last year, and I believe that the wave of prosperity for our Grand Lodge is just setting in.

With the country in a prosperous condition and the population rapidly increasing, with a well regulated system of organization and increased interest and activity on the part of our members, I see no reason why much more marked advances should not be made during the year that is to come.

In conclusion, I beg to extend my thanks to the membership for the kindness and courtesy I have received during the year and for the assistance given me.

Especially do I wish to mention the services of Bros. E. E. Lightcap, P. G. C.; C. F. P. Conybeare, P. G. C.; W. Middleton, P. G. C.; all the Deputy Grand Chancellors, committees, and Grand Lodge Officers, and Bros. Crawshaw, Bentley, Delong, Stone, Morrison, and Bro. Johnson, G. K. R. S.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. T. HOWARD.

Document No. 3.

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN:—Herewith I beg to submit the eighth annual report of transactions through the office of G. K. R. S.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The past year has been productive of a general revival among the members and the prospects for the ensuing year are better than ever before. The new lodges organized by H. J. Finney and E. H. Milham will increase the membership by 75 or 80 more than shown on statistical report for the year ending December 31st, '98.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

I regret that we again show a small loss, but think that the financial showing is better than has been made during the past three years. If the per capita tax for June 30th, '99, now due could be shown we would have about two hundred and fifty dollars to add to our credit.

STATISTICS.

Herewith I submit table showing general condition of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge finances. I trust they will be found satisfactory.

CONCLUSION.

I wish to thank particularly members of the Finance Committee who have been considerate to me, and at the same time thorough in the discharge of their duties. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having such able accountants as Bros. Lightcap, Graham and Ferte.

I also wish to thank G. C. Howard for courtesies received during his official term.

I trust the eighth annual session will prove the most pleasant to the members and the most profitable to the Grand Lodge yet held.

Faithfully and Fraternaly,

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

Subordinate Lodge.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

Number of Members Dec. 31, '97.....	365	
Initiated during the year.....	52	
Reinstated	45	
Total		462

DEDUCTIONS.

Number Suspended.....	74	
Withdrawn by card.....	9	
		83
Number of members Dec. 31, '08.....		379
Increase during the year.....	14	

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors.....	7	
Past Chancellors.....	85	
Knights	281	
Esquires.....	5	
Pages	1	
Total as above.....		379

LODGES.

Number of Lodges Dec. 31, '97.....	10	
Instituted during the year.....	1	
Charters restored.....	2	
		13
Charters forfeited.....	1	
No of Active Lodges Dec. 31, '08		12

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 5, Jasper Lodge No. 6, and Stanley Lodge No. 16 have been organized since above report was completed.

ABSTRACT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SUBORDINATE LODGES

Year ending December 31st, 1898.

Cash on hand Dec. 31st, '97.....	\$2068 87
Receipts during the year.....	3866 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sick benefits.....	\$387 25
Other relief.....	20 00
Current expenses.....	1504 26
Paraphernalia and supplies.....	783 70
Invested during the year.....	300 00
Cash on hand Dec- 31st, 1898.....	2879 23
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ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand.....	\$2879 23
Investments.....	300 00
Paraphernalia.....	2004 46
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GRAND LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year ending June 30th, 1899.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Expense,.....	\$326 04
Expense, Grand Chancellor.....	89 79
Postage.....	21 00
Stationery and Printing.....	40 85
Organization.....	488 18
Mileage and per diem.....	40 75
Supplies.....	875 26
Per capita tax.....	421 33
Dispensations.....	900 00
Warrants.....	445 00
Accounts payable.....	24 00
Balance.....	32 02
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Fixtures	\$ 47 65	
Supplies	139 72	
Cash	74 08	
Accounts receivable	404 64	
Balance	167 85	
Accounts payable		\$834 54
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Document No. 4

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

BRETHREN :—I beg to report as follows:

Balance on hand on assuming office	\$215 57	
Receipts during term	816 73	
Total		1032 30
Disbursed during term		957 37
Leaving balance to credit Grand Lodge		74 93

JOSEPH HARRISON, G. M. of E.

On motion of R. A. Pyne the reports of officers were referred to Committee on Distribution.

Document No. 5

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The report distributed officers' reports to Standing Committees, and was adopted.

Document No. 6

Application for charters from Stanley Lodge No. 16, Macleod No. 4, Medicine Hat No. 5 and Jasper No. 6 referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Document No. 7

Application for reinstatement and charter from members of Wawanesa Lodge, No. 13, referred to Committee on Charter and Dispensation.

On motion of J. Attwood the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge opened in due form at 2 p. m., Grand Chancellor E. T. Howard presiding.

Roll call of officers and lodges (by representatives); responses noted.

Document No. 8**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

Report showed \$40.85 expended for printing, exceeding appropriation by \$10.85. Report adopted.

Document No. 9**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.**

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report on the several documents referred to them as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The elaborateness and systematic manner of detailing the year's work is evidence of not only the interest the Grand Chancellor himself has taken in the past year, but also evinces the wisdom of Grand Lodge in placing such an active executive at the head of affairs in the past year.

Your Committee is struck with the full, resounding note of prosperity and hopefulness, re-echoing all through this and similar official reports, and venture to express the hope that the tide has turned and that this tidal wave will assume such dimensions in the future, that sweeping all before it, it may convey its wealth of goodly treasure into Grand Lodge portals.

While your Committee commend the action of the Grand Chancellor in obtaining such assistance as Bros. Connybeare, Finney and Milham, yet we would refer the question of future method and finance to the Finance Committee for consideration and definite detail report to this Grand Lodge.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

While this Rank on the whole shows some increase, yet we look for its rapid advancement in the near future, and your Committee would, as soon as a Subordinate Lodge is sufficiently strong, advise a branch of this Rank be attached thereto. It will prove a grand rider, keeping the members well in hand of K. of R. and S. of Subordinate Lodge and assist in winning increased membership. Your Committee note, with pleasure, that sections have been instituted in connection with Jasper and Stanley Lodges,

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We would endorse the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor to continue Bro. Milham in his work of organization for the coming year.
2. The school for instruction idea is a good one, and would suggest that the various District Deputies should especially avail themselves of the services of the organizer, or, where possible some

other well-skilled brother by meeting in some convenient place, time and place to be mutually agreed on, and get well posted in the secret work so that they, individually, could see to it that the Lodge work is properly done, and the officers coached in the work of their respective offices.

5. The time at the disposal of your Committee does not admit of them elaborating any plan as suggested, but leave action to be taken as seems the wisdom of the executive for the coming year.

6. Your Committee recommend that this matter be taken up by Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Law be requested to bring up the necessary documents required to legalize such procedure.

7. Your Committee endorses heartily the suggestion of annual instead of semi-annual elections. The various seasons, occupation of members, and extremes of temperature in this domain should be considered, and when the Grand Lodge considers this question from these points they will see the wisdom of the suggestion.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee notes that the Summary of Membership only takes us to December 31, 1898. We note that Medicine Hat, No. 5; Jasper, No. 6, and Stanley, No. 16, have been added to the domain since the above mentioned date. We note that on the 31st December, 1898, the total membership was 379, to this must be added Stanley Lodge, No. 16, with a membership of 23; Jasper, No. 6, with a membership of 20, and Medicine Hat, No. 5, with a membership of 20, making in all a total membership of 442, or an increase since the 31st day of December, 1897, of 77 members. We feel that this is very encouraging and also realize that the order is now steadily advancing and will soon occupy the position in this country which it is entitled to.

Your Committee would compliment this Grand Lodge on the general financial standing of the order throughout the domain.

In conclusion, we cannot but congratulate your Grand Lodge upon the state of Pythianism, throughout this Grand Domain, and trust that the officers for the ensuing year will see to it that the record is advanced and we will soon see a boom in our Domain that will gladden the hearts of our organizers and bring a happy smile to your energetic, hard worked officers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. FLOWER,

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M. D.

Report adopted.

Grand Outer Guard M. H. Jones was excused from further attendance and C. R. Mitchell was appointed Grand Outer Guard for remainder of convention.

Document No. 10

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Charter and Dispensations beg to report on the following applications for charters :

Jasper Lodge, No. 8, Edmonton.

Macleod Lodge, No. 4, Macleod.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No 5, Medicine Hat.

Stanley Lodge, No. 16, Morden.

As these lodges have duly complied with all requirements necessary, we recommend that charters be issued at once and forwarded to the various lodges.

Your Committee also has an application from the following members of Wawanesa Lodge, No. 13, asking for reinstatement and for the issuance of a charter :—J. M. Reid, D. H. Chambers, Jos. E. Green, T. R. Davidson, John Pearson, R. J. Nethercut, Thos. Stevenson, F. D. Barclay.

We would recommend that the Lodge be charged with the per capita tax for the semi-annual term ending June 30, 1900, and upon receipt of the amount that the Lodge be reinstated and a new charter issued.

We find that during the term nine dispensations have been issued: Six for conferring of two or more degrees on candidates at one meeting, and three for removal to new Lodge Rooms.

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. MITCHELL,

E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Document No. 11

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Finance herewith beg to submit its report on the examination of the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals and Grand Master of Exchequer.

A balance sheet has been taken off and found correct and we certify to the correctness of the reports presented by these officers.

The receipts and expenditures for the year are as shown by the Grand Master of Exchequer report.

We regret exceedingly that the Grand Lodge is again obliged to show a deficit this year amounting to \$32.02 as compared with \$38.53 for the previous year, as shown by the profit and loss account. The assets and liabilities statement shows a present deficit of \$167.85.

Clause 1.—In comparing the items of expense for the year with

the appropriation sheet brought down by the Finance Committee at our last session we find some of the appropriations exceeded as follows:

	Expended.	Appropriated.
Expense, including postage.....	\$347 00	\$245 00
Expense, Grand Chancellor.....	80 79	80 00
Stationery and printing.....	40 85	30 00

We find that the Committee's report of last year omitted the appropriation for Grand Keeper of Records and Seals salary for the previous year, deducting this from the expense account we find the appropriations for general expense slightly exceeded.

THE GRAND CHANCELLOR EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

As the amount in excess is only small, and the expense necessary and legitimate, we would recommend that the same do pass.

STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

The amount appropriated last year was certainly not sufficient and as only absolutely necessary articles were purchased, we recommend that this also pass.

Clause 2.—The committee desires to draw your attention to an expenditure of \$488.18, under organization expenses. This was not provided for at the last session for the reason that the resolution authorizing the same was passed at the close of the session and after the Finance Committee had reported.

Clause 3.—In checking over the warrant fees for newly organized lodges, your Committee finds that only those who are initiated at the initial meeting of the lodge have contributed to the warrant fee, and as the resolution above referred to fixes the fee at \$5.00 for each charter member, your committee would ask that the Grand Lodge define charter members, or at what stage the fee shall cease to revert to the Grand Lodge?

In the case of Stanley Lodge of Morden, twenty-three members were accepted and contributed the total of \$115.00 as a charter fee, while there are thirty-nine names on the application for a warrant. What shall be done with the sixteen members, or rather shall they contribute as they come in to the Charter Fee.

Clause 4.—In checking over the warrant fee for Jasper Lodge of Edmonton, we find that lodge charged with \$10.00 for two members admitted by card. We do not believe that this was intended and would recommend that the amount be placed to the credit of this lodge.

Clause 5.—Again in checking over the supplies sent to the various organized lodges and charged to Organization account, we find

that Medicine Hat Lodge was sent two jewels too many and Jasper Lodge sent two short. We would recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal adjust this little matter at his earliest convenience.

Clause 6.—We desire to explain two items of \$75.00, one a debit to Medicine Hat Lodge, and the other a credit to H. J. Finney. As we were unable to find a voucher or receipt from the organizer we were obliged to suggest these entries, pending the receipt of information from Medicine Hat Lodge confirming the payment of this amount to organizer Finney. 1

Since the audit of the books we find that the Grand Chancellor has the receipt in question on his file, and as this belongs to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we would ask this officer to obtain and make correcting entries in the books for the amount.

Clause 7.—We find that in the G. K. of R. and Seal report to the Supreme Lodge, he was obliged to report Lethbridge Lodge on its previous semi-annual report showing 26 members, whereas the actual membership was 42, as shown by the report from Lethbridge which arrived too late. The Supreme Lodge therefore are entitled to per capita tax on 16 members in addition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Clause 8.—We would recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. be instructed to obtain official receipt books properly printed and bound, and used for acknowledgement of all moneys received for all purposes.

Clause 9.—We would recommend that the District Deputies be instructed to send the stubs for dispensation to the G. K. of R. and S. at once after issue, as the committee have no way of checking receipts from this source.

Clause 10.—We would also recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. furnish a quarterly report as usual to the finance committee.

Clause 11.—We would also recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. close his books 15 days previous to the session, so that your committee will be able to audit the books in good time and bring down its reports in good season.

We desire to thank Bro. Johnson for his courtesy to the committee, and for the many kindnesses shown while the books were being audited.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman.

LOUIS A. FERTE.

R. A. GRAHAM.

The report of the committee on finance was taken up clause by

clause and finally adopted as a whole, with the following amendments:

Clause 3 was referred to the Committee on Law. Clause 7—It was recommended that the amount be remitted to the Supreme Lodge.

Document No. 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the North West Territories.

Your Committee on Law to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Chancellors report, respectfully report thereon as follows:

(1) They fully concur in the remarks of the Grand Chancellor as to the necessity for a new constitution, and would suggest that a special Committee be appointed by the Grand Chancellor for the ensuing term, to draft a new constitution and statutes and submit same to the Grand Chancellor, and such constitution and statutes to become the constitution and statutes of this Grand Lodge from and at such date as the Grand Chancellor shall by proclamation appoint.

(2) In reference to paragraph (4) of the Grand Chancellors recommendations, your Committee are of the opinion that the consideration of the by-laws of Subordinate Lodges should be kept over until the adoption of a new Constitution, when it will no doubt be found necessary to have them brought into conformity therewith.

(3) In reference to paragraph eight (8) your committee believe that the suggestion is a good one, and understand that the Supreme Lodge is already considering the question of legislation on similar lines, and your committee would suggest that the special committee to be appointed to prepare a new constitution should be instructed to consider whether, in default of supreme legislation, provisions may be made in our Grand Lodge statutes providing for this requirement.

(4) Your Committee respectfully suggest that a statute be passed providing that the minimum total fee for the three Ranks shall not be less than fifteen dollars.

(5) Your committee submit the following propositions:

PROPOSITIONS.

(a) That Article IV, Section 2 be amended by striking out all the words after "provided," in the tenth line thereof.

(b) That Chapter IV, Section 11 of the Statutes be amended by striking out the figures 300 in the sixth line thereof, and the figures

600 inserted in lieu thereof, and the figures 150 in the eighth line thereof be changed to 250.

Yours in F. C. & B.,
 J. T. HUGGARD.
 C. F. P. CONYBEARE.
 CHAS. F. HARRIS.

On motion of E. E. Lightcap the report of the Committee on Law was adopted.

Propositions to amend Constitution and Statutes were declared, first readings.

F. Steele and F. D. Barclay were appointed to fill vacancies on Finance Committee.

Document No. 13.

Resolutions from Representatives of Myrtle Lodge No. 15, requesting date of Grand Lodge session to be changed to month of February.

After thoroughly discussing the suggestions contained in Document No. 13, and several amendments thereto, it was finally decided, on motion of C. R. Mitchell, that the next annual session of the Grand Lodge be held on the first day of Exhibition week.

On motion of F. L. Schaffner, the City of Winnipeg was chosen as the place of meeting.

On motion of C. F. Harris the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again in evening session at 5 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order and opened in due form at 5.05 P. M., Grand Chancellor, E. T. Howard, presiding.

Roll of officers and lodges (by representatives), was called and responses noted.

Propositions A. & B., in report of Common Law (Doc. 12), were given second reading.

On motion of J. T. Huggard same were adopted.

Document No. 14.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW PROPOSITION.

(1) Every petition for a warrant for the institution of a new lodge shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100, and, a further fee of \$5.00 shall be collected by the instituting officer for each member of the new lodge in excess of twenty members, other than a member admitted by card, who shall become a charter member, and those members only whose names are contained in the report of the insti-

tuting office shall be entitled to have their names included in the warrant and charter. The instituting officer is ordered to furnish the Grand K. of R. & S. with a report immediately after the initial meeting of organization, giving the number of members initiated. Institution of the lodge to be completed on or before the expiration of thirty days, and immediately thereafter the instituting officer is to furnish a final report of organization.

(2) The Grand Chancellor, with the advice and concurrence of the finance committee may use such portion of the fees above required, as he may consider advisable for assisting the new lodge in defraying institution expenses, including the payment of an organizer.

(3) Immediately after the institution of a new lodge the Grand K. of R. & S. shall furnish the following supplies to such lodge free of further charge, other than that of transportation :

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| 1 Set of Rituals (5). | 1 Seal. |
| 1 " Installation Rituals (3). | 1 Cash Book, M. of E. |
| 1 " Officers' Jewels (10). | 1 Cash Book, M. of F. |
| 2 only Grand Representative Jewels. | 1 Roster. |
| 1 only Past Chancellors' or Knights' Jewel, for each member, exceeding officers and representatives, whose fee has been paid, as above provided. | 1 Constitution Book. |
| 1 Question Book. | 1 Visitors Register. |
| 1 Service Book. | 1 Officers Roll. |
| 1 Book Orders for S. A. P. W. | 1 Pad, Applications for Membership. |
| | 1 Pad, Second Rank Blanks. |
| | 1 Copy Supreme Constitution and Statutes (paper) |
| | 1 Book Official Receipts. |
| | 1 Book Warrants. |

(4) All statutes and resolutions contrary to the foregoing are hereby repealed.

J. T. HUGGARD.

C. F. CONYBEARE.

CHARLES T. HARRIS.

On motion of J. T. Huggard propositions contained in Document 14 were given a final reading.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year, resulted as follows:

- Grand Chancellor, R. P. Crookshank, M.D.
 " Vice-Chancellor, F. L. Schaffner, M.D.
 " Prelate, C. A. Flower.
 " Keeper of Records and Seal, A. E. Johnson.
 " Master of Exchequer, Jos. Harrison.
 " Master-at-Arms, Thos. Lee.

Grand Inner Guard, R. Hockley.
 " Outer Guard, W. M. Bentley.
 " Trustee, C. F. Harris.
 Supreme Representative, E. E. Lightcap.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Supreme Representative E. E. Lightcap installed the officers elect for the ensuing term.

On motion of C. F. Harris the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again at 9 a.m. Wednesday, the 12th inst.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

The Grand Lodge was called to order and opened in due form at 9.35 a.m. Grand Chancellor R. P. Crookshank, M.D., presiding.

Roll of officers, and lodges (by representatives) was called, and responses noted.

On motion of Wm. Middleton a committee was appointed to interview the manager of "The Telegram," and explain the position of Brother M. H. Jones in regard to publication of Reports of Officers.

On motion of Jos. Harrison, a committee of three members, to be known as "Press Committee," was added to the standing committees.

Document No. 15

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

The report referred to application of A. E. Potter, of Edmonton, for withdrawal card, and recommended Brother Potter to communicate with the G. K. R. S.

Report adopted.

Document No. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Finance herewith submit the estimate for Receipts and Expenditure for the current year, as follows:

EXPENDITURES

Journal of Proceedings.....	\$ 65 00
Constitution	100 00
Sundry, Stationery and Printing.....	50 00
Salary G. K. R. and S.....	150 00

Supreme Lodge Per Capita, 600 members at 8c ..	48 00
Grand Chancellors Expense.....	100 00
Mileage and Per Diem.....	100 00
Sundry Expenses.....	50 00
	<u>\$683 00</u>
REVENUE.	
Per Capita Tax on 500 Members at \$1.90.....	\$950 00
Profit on Supplies and Sundry Receipts.....	100 00
	<u>\$750 00</u>

The Committee think the Journal of Proceedings should be cut down so that it can be printed for \$65.00.

The printing of the Constitution, we think, should not be undertaken unless the finances will permit, and the decision should rest with the Finance Committee.

Your committee particularly desire to call attention to some pressing liabilities which must be met with the first receipts.

1st. There is a promissory note for \$100 given by the Finance Committee to Bro. R. A. Graham, who was kind enough to loan the Grand Lodge this amount for a couple of months until the per capita tax for the last term is received.

The Grand Master of Exchequer will show available cash on or before the 1st of August, to the amount of \$370. Out of this the \$100 note should be paid first, then amount due the G. K. of R. and S. to July 1st, amounting to \$68.18, and then a payment of at least \$100 on the Supreme Lodge account.

Your committee does not see how another payment on Mileage and per Diem can be met at present, and would recommend that this should be left with the Finance Committee, who will make a payment at the earliest possible moment after the funds are on hand.

All lodges which are indebted to the Grand Lodge for supplies, or per capita tax, are requested to forward the amount to the G. K. of R. and S. as soon as possible. This would allow a much larger amount to be wiped out within the next two months. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. STEELE.

E. E. LIGHTCAP, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Document No. 17

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Report expressed approval of the action of the Grand Chancellor re payment of organizer H. J. Finney.

Report adopted.

Document No. 18**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.**

On motion of A. E. Johnson, the report was referred back to the committee, with instructions to compute Mileage and Per Diem on some basis as last year, and report to Grand Chancellor.

Document No. 19**RESOLUTION RE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.**

Moved by C. F. Harris, seconded by R. Hockley, that the Grand Lodge levy an assessment of \$1 per capita on all members in good standing, as shown by semi-annual reports, for the term ending June 30th, 1899. Same to be due and payable on the first day of October next, or as soon thereafter as is convenient, payment of said assessment being made optional with the lodges. Carried.

CONCLUSION.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Northwest Territories duly closed its eighth annual session, to meet again in the City of Winnipeg during Exhibition week, 1900.

A. E. JOHNSON,

G. K. of R. and S.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS IN THE GRAND DOMAIN OF MANITOBA. - JUNE 1ST, 1890.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary.	No. of Members.	Amount of Endowment
667	Winnipeg..	C. Knight.....	11	\$23,000
3562	Winnipeg..	J. Harrison, (box 875)	15	18,000
3633	Boissevain.	R. F. Morrison.....	8	6,000
3663	Birtle.....	A. R. Tingley.....	6	6,000
4216	Hilton.....	J. Brydon.....	9	10,000

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections.....	5.
Number of Members.....	49
Amount of Endowment.....	\$63,000

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Manitoba and North West Territories.

BRETHREN :

In accordance with the law your Supreme Representatives beg to report as follows :

We attended the last biennial session held in 1898 at Indianapolis, in our official capacity, and except when absent through illness, during the whole session your lodge was duly represented in the Supreme Lodge.

There were several important matters with which we were specially charged as follows :

1. The refund of fines amounting to \$43.00, charged against this Grand Lodge. This had been refused on a former occasion, but the Supreme Lodge passed a resolution refunding the amount to your Grand Lodge.

This amount will not be paid until next session, because, owing to the practice of the Supreme Lodge, an appropriation bill had to be passed.

2. Remission of duties.—This Grand Lodge and your representatives, by private argument and public action had a favorable

report brought in to remit the duties on all supplies brought into Manitoba from the Supreme K. of R. & S. office.

In view of the fact that the Supreme Lodge afterward reduced the profit on supplies to 25% on all supplies sold, so that if we insisted on the favorable report of the committee, the Supreme Lodge would be losing from 5% to 11% on all supplies sold in Canada. We therefore did not press the favorable report.

3. We were specially active in getting the profits on supplies reduced, as the records of the Supreme Lodge show. This alone will save our Grand Lodge \$200 or \$300 within the next two years.

4. After considerable debate, and in which the various smaller Grand Lodges united, we succeeded in getting the S. R. tax reduced from \$200 to 8 cents per member, in other words a saving to our Domain of perhaps \$140 every biennial session over past years.

We took a very active part in this whole matter.

5. S. R. Huggard, in the absence through illness, of S. R. Lightcap, took up the question of the amendment of the ritual in the third rank, and we are glad to say that the representations of Bro. Huggard are in accord with those that other representatives offered, and the change was made.

6. Your representatives had a material change made in the uniform rank ritual, one that caused quite a sensation, and both your representatives were in complete accord on this question.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

Further.—We investigated personally the condition of the Endowment Rank.

We both were opposed entirely to the nature of the securities held, and the management generally before we went to Indianapolis.

Upon investigation, and after hearing all explanations pro and contra, we found that the Endowment Rank was properly managed, the funds were properly invested, and there was no substantial reason for the agitation that took place, and the whole attack on the Endowment Rank and its investments was based on erroneous information.

ECONOMY.

We voted in favor of substantial reductions in salaries paid officers and expenses generally, and are prepared to continue that course at future sessions—if elected.

CONCLUSION.

We expect at the next session of the Supreme Lodge that an effort will be made to change the tax as affecting minor domains, and that a minimum of \$200 will be imposed, if possible. This is the present attitude of larger Domains.

Further, the question before your Grand Lodge is as to whether you are in favor of a reduction of the Supreme Tribunal from 5 to 3 members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HUGGARD,
E. E. LIGHTCAP.

Report adopted.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1899-1900.

- LAW C. F. P. Conybeare, Chairman.
J. T. Huggard.
E. E. Lightcap.
C. F. Harris.
S. J. Rothwell.
C. R. Mitchell.
- APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES—Wm. Middleton, Chairman.
Chas. Brown.
I. A. Cowie.
- CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS—W. G. Bell, Chairman.
R. F. Morrison.
C. R. Mitchell.
- STATE OF THE ORDER—R. A. Pyne, Chairman.
J. Attwood.
F. D. Barclay.
- CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS—L. A. Ferte, Chairman.
W. M. Bentley.
Wm. Middleton.
- FINANCE E. E. Lightcap, Chairman.
R. A. Graham.
L. A. Ferte.
- PRINTING E. E. Lightcap, Chairman.
A. E. Johnson.
R. P. Crookshank.
- MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—E. T. Howard, Chairman.
J. R. Foster.
J. W. Lannin.
- PRESS F. L. Schaffner, Chairman.
Jos. Harrison.
M. H. Jones.