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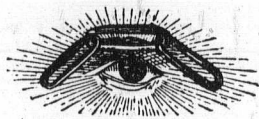


INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.
AT ITS
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN THE
Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville,
ON THE 3rd, 4th and 5th DAYS OF AUGUST, 1870,
COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

Held in the Hall of Brock Lodge, No. 9,

BROCKVILLE, ONT.

BROCKVILLE, August 3rd, 1870.

Brock Lodge, No. 9, having assembled at 9 o'clock a. m., the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario being in waiting, were introduced by Grand Conductor Blume, and were welcomed by Bro. W. H. Cole, N. G. of Brock Lodge, who on behalf of Brock Lodge tendered the free use of the Lodge and Ante-Rooms, and invited the Grand Lodge to a Pic-Nic on Friday next. The M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, accepted the use of the beautiful Hall and Ante-Rooms, and would refer the kind invitation to the Grand Lodge in Session.

The M. W. Grand Master then took the chair, and called the Grand Lodge to order. All present having been found correct, the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly open. The Roll of Officers being called, the following were present:—

THOS. PARTRIDGE,.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
T. HEALY,.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
JOHN WRIGHT,	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING,.....	R. W. GRAND SEC. & TREAS.
JAMES WOODYATT,	R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
HENRY McAFEE,.....	Do Do
G. H. MARLATT,.....	R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
M. BLUME,	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
JNO. B. McINTYRE,.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.

Also a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—H. McAfee, P. G. M.; R. Wigmore, P. G. M.; and J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas.

H. McAfee, Grand Rep., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Credentials.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to offer the following as their Report:

We find proper Credentials and P. G.'s Certificates from the Lodges named, for the following named P. G.'s, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on them, and that they be admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Body, viz:

WM. M. SEATON, } JOHN TAYLOR, Jr. }	Brock Lodge, No. 9.
LEWIS DORR, } HARPER WILSON, } GEORGE WALES, }	Union Lodge, No. 16.
J. SCHNEIDER, } WM. N. SMITH, } SAMUEL ATKINS, }	Chatham Lodge, No. 29.
JOHN ATKINS, } JOHN HUNTER, } THOMAS BROWN, }	Eureka Lodge, No. 30.
GEORGE W. PONTINE, } W. S. CAMPBELL, }	Erie Lodge, No. 33.
R. MATHISON, } J. F. McDONALD, }	Gore Lodge, No. 34.
T. SIMONS, } JOHN McLEAN, }	Samaritan Lodge No. 35.
WM. N. FORD, }	St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.

WILLIAM BISSELL,	}	Forest City Lodge No. 38
E. BELTZ,		
H. E. BUTTERY,	}	Avon Lodge, No. 41.
C. F. HANSON,		
JOHN GIBSON,	}	Excelsior Lodge No. 44.
T. T. IRVING,		
WM. MOWATT,	}	Frontier Lodge, No. 45.
JOHN RICHMOND,		
HENRY GRIFFITH,	}	Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46.
ALFRED HAY,		
THOS. REID,	}	Unity Lodge, No. 47.
WM. FERGUSON,		
W. F. ROOME,	}	Dominion Lodge No. 48.
JOHN SMITH,		
W. D. KENNEDY,	}	Canada Lodge, No. 49.
ISAAC HOGG,		
C. T. CAMPBELL,	}	Otter Lodge, No. 50.
M. BLUME,		
W. R. ROBERTS,	}	Bissell Lodge, No. 51.
ROBERT TAYLOR,		
J. N. MATHEWS,	}	Covenant Lodge, No. 52.
WILLIAM BARLEY,		
J. J. RAMSAY,	}	Niagara Falls " No. 53.
M. E. SNIDER,		
JOHN MURRAY,	}	Collingwood " No. 54.
JAMES HENRY,		
HENRY ROBERTSON,	}	Queen City of Ontario 56
P.G.M. R. WIGMORE, of Eureka Lodge,		
THOMAS McADAM,	}	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57
HENRY NICHOLSON,		
WM. FITZSIMMONS,	}	Howard Lodge, No. 58.
WILLIAM IRVING,		
C. S. MALE,	}	Prince Arthur " No. 59.
P.G.M., H. C. BINGHAM, of Gore Lodge,		
	}	Wardsville " No. 60.
	}	Corinthian Lodge No. 61.
	}	Huron Lodge No. 62.

Barrie Lodge No. 63, has been instituted July 30, and we find a Certificate in proper form (without seal) for E. R. Carpenter, P. G. of Collingwood Lodge, and we would recommend that he be admitted to a seat as Representative for said Lodge.

We also find the following P. G.'s Certificates in due form, and recommend that they be admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Lodge:

BROCK LODGE, No. 9.—David Imrie, A. Doig, Frank Young, Hugh Wilkinson, James Mather, Wm. Brownlee, John Tilley, A. C. Dana, John Kyle, Wm. Rusland, John Briggs, C. J. Dewey, Robert Fitzsimmons.

OTTER LODGE, No. 50.—John Dewar.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

HENRY McAFEE,
R. WIGMORE,
J. B. KING.

The above Representatives were then admitted, and all those who were not in possession of the G. L. Degree, were instructed by the Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following

Committees.

Committee on Distribution.—James Woodyatt, P.G.M.; W. N. Ford, E. Beltz, W. M. Seaton, Wm. N. Smith.

Committee on Returns.—J. J. Ramsay, Dr. Campbell, John McLean, S. Atkins, M. E. Snider.

Committee on Finance.—H. C. Bingham, George Wales, H. E. Buttery, J. Atkins, G. Pontine, John Hunter.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.—Wm. Fitzsimmons, J. F. McDonald, H. Griffith, A. Hay, Thomas Brown.

Committee on Appeals.—S. G. Dolson, H. Robertson, W. D. Kennedy, W. S. Campbell, Robert Mathison.

Committee on Legislation.—C. F. Hanson, W. F. Roome, M. D., Richard Wigmore, John Gibson, J. Taylor, Jr.

Committee on Correspondence.—H. Nicholson, Wm. Ferguson, J. Hogg, R. Taylor, Harper Wilson.

Committee on State of the Order.—H. C. Bingham, W. Mowatt, John Murray, Henry McAfee, W. Bissell.

Committee on Printing.—J. B. King, Louis Dorr, J. N. Mathews, William Barley.

Committee on Petitions.—T. T. Irving, Tjabo Simons, William Irving, W. R. Roberts, John Smith.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—John Richmond, Thomas McAdam, M. Blume, J. Schneider, James Henry, John Taylor.

The Grand Master, T. Partridge, then submitted his Annual Report, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution:

Grand Master's Report.

To the Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and custom, require the Grand Master to report to the Grand Lodge, at the expiration of his term of office, the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, likewise his official acts and matters pertaining thereto. The following report is respectfully submitted :

When elected to my present position, I determined to make every effort to discharge all the duties devolving upon me by virtue of my office of Grand Master, believing it to be my bounden duty to counterbalance any lack of ability, by zeal and perseverance.

I have visited a large majority of the Subordinate Lodges during my term of office, and have much pleasure and gratification in reporting the general uniformity and correctness which exists throughout the jurisdiction in the unwritten work of the Order. The result is no doubt mainly owing to the faithful performance of duty by their respective Representatives.

It was my purpose and desire to have visited all the Lodges throughout Ontario, but principally owing to ill health, I was prevented from so doing.

I regret to have to reiterate the remarks of my predecessor in office, Past Grand Master, John Barr, relative to the neglect of a large majority of the D. D. G. Masters to send in their reports, as it is mainly by, and through the reports of the said D. D. that the Grand Master is supplied with information upon which to base his report; and would respectfully suggest that some immediate action be taken by the Grand Lodge to remedy this neglect.

From among the almost innumerable questions which have been submitted for my decision, I deem only the following of sufficient importance to embody in my report:

1. That Withdrawal or Clearance Cards must be granted by ballot.
2. A member who is debarred from benefits by the non-payment of dues, cannot by paying his dues entitle himself to benefits for a sickness commencing while he was so disqualified.

3. That a candidate must have received the three Past Official Degrees before he can be nominated for the office of Degree Master.

4. That the emblems of the Order cannot be used for business purposes.

5. That an applicant for membership by card (in force) must be in possession of the A. T. P. W.

6. That the Noble Grand has the power of appointing all the appointed officers of a Lodge, except the supporters of the V.G., it being understood that appointments are made with the approval of the majority of the Lodge.

7. When the holder of a Withdrawal Card has deposited it, and thereby becomes a member of another Lodge, the Lodge issuing the card has no power to annul it.

8. That a Lodge may, at its own option, initiate a candidate who can neither read or write.

9. That a sitting Noble Grand has no right to cast a ballot for an Elective office.

Petitions for the following Lodges have been issued; and believing the best interests of the Order would be promoted by granting warrants for their institution, I have done so accordingly, and organised them personally on the days and times, and at the localities hereinafter mentioned, at the sacrifice of my personal and professional business which I felt assured must inevitably follow. * The following comprises the Lodges above referred to, for which I recommend regular charters, viz.:

Collingwood, No. 54	.....Collingwood.....Inst.....	Oct. 7, '69
Fidelity, No. 55	.....Seaforth	March 8, '70
Queen City of Ontario, No. 56	.....Toronto.....	" " 10, "
Maple Leaf, No. 57	.....Orangeville	" " 24, "
Howard, No. 58	.....Strathroy.....	" " 17, "
Prince Arthur, No. 59	.....Kingston	Apr. 14, "
Wardsville, No. 60	.....Wardsville	" " 26, "
Corinthian, No. 61	.....Oshawa.....	" May 5, "
Huron, No. 62	.....Goderich	" " 31, "
Barrie, No. 63	.....Barrie	" July 30, "

In accordance with the vote of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I executed a Charter for Victoria Lodge, No. 1 (Daughters of Rebecca) and instituted the same at the City of London, on the third day of December, 1869; the report of said Lodge is herewith submitted.

On the Twenty-first day of January last past, at the solicitation of Bro. S. A. Cohen, who represented to me that everything was in readiness to organize a Lodge in the City of Kingston, the Grand Secretary and myself proceeded to Kingston for the purpose aforesaid, but on our arrival, much to our surprise, we found that this statement of Brother Cohen was wholly untrue; in fact not even a room had been engaged or prepared for the purpose, and we were at last reluctantly compelled to return without accomplishing the object of our mission, though feeling anxious to revive and re-establish the Order in that

city. By perseverance I succeeded on the fourteenth day of April, following, in obtaining a foothold, and with the assistance of Bro. John Taylor, P.G., of Brock Lodge, had the gratification of organising Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 58, and installing the officers thereof.

It affords me great pleasure to testify to the energy, promptness and ability with which the Grand Secretary has executed the official duties appertaining to, or connected with his office. The duties year by year are becoming more and more onerous, and during the past year have been unusually embarrassing and burdensome, and I cannot in justice to that Officer, allow this opportunity to pass, without expressing my opinion as to the inadequacy of his salary, in comparison with the work and labor performed; and also, that I would do an act of ingratitude by passing over in silence, the many and continued personal obligations and acts of kindness rendered me by him, during my occupancy of office. Upon request R. J. Eggleton, D.D.G.M., of Bissell Lodge, I granted permission to Dr. Mulheron, also a member of Bissell Lodge, to deliver a lecture upon Odd Fellowship in the village of Seaforth, which was followed soon by the establishment of Fidelity Lodge, Number 55, at Seaforth.

In February last, I received an application by letter from Bros. C. S. Male and Richard Warriner, formerly members of the late Industry Lodge, Grafton, for cards of clearance, and upon careful investigation, gleaned that Bro. Warriner was not implicated in the disruption of Industry Lodge, and that Bro. C. S. Male was fully exonerated from all blame, which, upon reference to the Report of P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, in reference to the demise of said Lodge, will more clearly appear.

Representatives and Brothers, I am gratified to be able to report that the Order in this Province is in a healthy and prosperous condition, its financial and numerical increase being far in excess of any former year. In proof of which I insert the following synopsis:

Number initiated.....	758	
" Admitted by Card	91	
" Re-instated	13	= 862
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Withdrawn by card	109	
Ceased to be Members N. P. D.....	103	
Expelled.....	3	
Deaths.....	17	= 232
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Membership as per last Report	630	
Present actual Membership	1762	
Members in Arrears, Suspended and not Suspended....	2392	
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Contributing, or Members in good standing	2013	
Past Grands.....	200	
Number of Degrees conferred	2139	
" Brothers relieved	187	

	Widowed Families	36
Amount paid for relief of	Brothers	\$2040 54
“ “ “	Widowed Families ...	659 80
“ “ “	Educating Orphans...	155 70
“ “ “	Burying the Dead ...	434 22
	<u>Total Relief..</u>	<u>\$3290 26</u>
Amount of	Percentage Received	\$ 1666 90
“ “	Annual Receipts of Lodges	18611 56
“ “	General Fund “ “	21635 23
“ “	W. & O. “ “	15383 03

It would be useless for me to attempt to mention the names of every one who has kindly assisted me during the past year, the members generally appear to me to vie with one another in rendering every assistance in their power for the advancement of Odd-Fellowship. Among the number I may more particularly mention Bros. P. G. M.'s Richard Wigmore and H. C. Bingham, District Deputy Hugh Blain and Grand Conductor M. Blume.

In the discharge of my duty as your Chief Executive Officer, I have endeavored to act without fear, favor or partiality, and kept in view the fact that "*no footsteps in life can ever be retrodden.*"

In conclusion, Brothers, I thank you one and all for your kind assistance and co-operation so often needed and so freely tendered.

THOMAS PARTRIDGE,
Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary & Treasurer submitted his Annual Report and Statement, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution :

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JOSIAH B. KING,

R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1870.

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BROCKVILLE, August 3rd, 1870.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

BROTHERS,—For the fourth time, I now submit to you the annual statement of the doings of this Grand Lodge, as also an account of the business transacted in my office.

The year has indeed been one of unexampled prosperity, and is, I trust, a fair indication of what we may expect for the coming year.

CLAUSE 1.—As early as possible after the close of the last session, I asked for and received tenders for printing the Journal of 1869. That of the Brantford *Expositor* being satisfactory I accepted, and with all despatch I compiled the minutes and proceedings of the session, and had printed 500 copies, (in pursuance of resolution to that effect, Journal of 1869, p. 609), copies of which were at once sent to each Lodge, member of this Grand Lodge, and one to each State Grand Lodge in the United States, as also to each State Grand Encampment.

CLAUSE 2.—Those duties specially assigned me by resolution have been promptly attended to. The return due the Grand Lodge, United States, has been promptly sent ; I bought a draft on New York for \$265 50, the amount due the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax and supplies, and sent the same per Jas. Wood-yatt, Grand Representative, the receipt whereof was duly acknowledged.

CLAUSE 3.—The resolution authorizing me to have printed in book form blank returns, has been carried into effect, and each Lodge supplied with one copy, for which I have charged 75c.

CLAUSE 4.—As per resolution on p.p. 604, Journal of 1869, I had printed a number of copies of the Report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, and sent to each Lodge a number of copies, with a circular, stating that any amendment or alteration the Lodges might suggest, would have to be sent me in time to give each Lodge three months notice thereof; alterations and amendments were received from Chatham Lodge 29, Frontier Lodge 45, Covenant Lodge 52, Collingwood Lodge 54, Gore Lodge 34, which were at once printed and distributed.

CLAUSE 5.—Application having been made as per resolution, to that effect, (page 604 of Journal '69), by the R. W. Grand Encampment, one hundred dollars of the Grand Lodge funds was loaned to that body.

CLAUSE 6.—Agreeably to resolution, page 601 of Journal '69, I asked for a price list of Regalia from the several leading manufacturers in the United States, which were duly received, and by direction of the Grand Master, I requested Messrs. Sisco Bros., of Baltimore, D. B. Harrington of Chicago, J. O. Melick of Detroit, to send samples, which was done. That sent by Bro. J. O. Melick of Detroit, from the factory of Mrs. Wm. Curtis, being deemed the best, was chosen, together with the set of Jewels accompanying them, and seeing the necessity of some secure receptacle for the same, I had made a leather case for them; there were no hooks to the Jewels, which want I have supplied. I sent Charters to the following Lodges: Bissell Lodge No. 51, Mitchell; Covenant Lodge 52, Toronto; and Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, Clifton.

CLAUSE 7.—In pursuance of resolution of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, page 603 of Journal '69, I subscribed for one copy of the "Canadian Star of Odd Fellowship" for each Subordinate Lodge, paying therefor the sum of \$25.

CLAUSE 8.—In pursuance of resolution, page 610 of Journal '69, I instructed Bro. J. W. Orr to continue to send one copy of the "American Odd Fellow" to each Lodge, which I believe has been done.

CLAUSE 9.—The resolution on page 600 of Journal '69, instructing me to refund the sum of five dollars to Dominion Lodge No. 48, London, has been attended to, and the money paid.

CLAUSE 10.—The correspondence of the past year has been very extensive, and as far as practicable, has been promptly attended to; the whole of which is now laid before you. It has all been of the most satisfactory nature; I am under many obligations to our M. W. Grand Master for many courtesies and favors extended to me.

CLAUSE 11.—I communicated with the G. W. Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Canadian Navigation Co., with a view to a reduced rate of fare for the members of this Grand Lodge and their families; the application was most favorably considered by each Company, and special rates granted. The correspondence, together with a copy of the Circular issued, is herewith submitted.

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CLAUSE 12.—The returns of all Lodges for the term ending 31st of December, 1869, were duly received; and also for the term ending 30th June, have been received, many of which show that due care has not been exercised in their getting up. A little extra trouble taken in making out the semi-annual Reports would save your Grand Secretary much trouble and anxiety.

CLAUSE 13.—The financial statement, assets, &c., of the Grand Lodge is herewith submitted. The large amount expended is accounted for, by the purchase of Regalia and Jewels, printing Report of Committee on Revision, and for supplies purchased for the new Lodges instituted, many of them requesting me to procure them an outfit of Books, Forms, &c., which I did; allowing each Lodge to pay for the same when paying for the usual supplies at the end of the term; this course has been I believe, appreciated by the Lodges, and I have to ask your approval of the course pursued.

CLAUSE 14.—A number of appeals have been sent me; one by P. G. Thos. Brown, of Eureka Lodge, against the action of that Lodge, in the matter of Bro. McIntyre; by P. G. C. B. Taylor, late of Avon Lodge, against the action of that Lodge in expelling him; M. D. Dawson, of Forest City, against the action of that Lodge in its action with the family of Bro. Lester; by P. G., J. M. O'Connor, of Mitchell, against the action of Bissell Lodge in its election of Representative; Bro. Wigmore of Eureka Lodge, against the action of that Lodge in the case of J. H. Irwin. All of which are submitted herewith.

CLAUSE 15.—The following accounts have been received, viz: From the Grand Lodge of the United States, for Representative Tax and Supplies, \$331 00. From Union Lodge No. 16, for expenses incurred at the institution of this Grand Lodge, \$123 00. From Gore Lodge No. 34, for the same purpose, \$40 00.

CLAUSE 16.—I received from the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, a letter, asking if we had any blank Charters for American jurisdiction to sell; I replied that we had, and would supply them at \$2 00 each. I have received from them an order for six blanks, but on looking over I find that the supply has been exhausted. Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, have on hand one hundred copies of blanks, from the stones belonging to the Grand Lodge, which we can purchase for \$50 00. I have to ask you whether it would be advisable to purchase them to fill so small an order. Finding that the expenses of the primary session would reach a very high figure, in order not to be short of funds, I withdrew again from the Post Office Department the sum of \$290 00.

CLAUSE 17.—By-Laws of Corinthian Lodge No. 61; as also some amendments made by Gore Lodge No. 34, and Excelsior Lodge No. 44, are herewith submitted. I have a copy of the new book of forms, issued by the Grand Lodge of U. S., copies of which may be ordered.

CLAUSE 18. The Annual Reports of the following State Grand Lodges have been received, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Con-

necticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Lower Provinces B. N. A., Louisiana, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. And from the following Grand Encampments : Connecticut, District of Columbia, Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

CLAUSE 19.—The Receipts and Expenses of the past year have been as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

Charter Fees.....	\$ 300 00
Percentage.....	1666 90
Supplies.....	271 98
Interest.....	41 75
	<u>\$2280 63</u>

EXPENSES.

Paid out for all purposes.....	\$ 1633 19
Excess of Receipts.....	\$ 647 44

A detailed statement of all which will supplement this report.

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Financial Statement.

J. B. KING,

*R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in a count with the R. W.
Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

1869.

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Aug. 4	To balance,	\$1023 06
" 5	Cash from Dominion Lodge, account,	3 54
Sept. 4	P. O. Deposit withdrawn,	245 00
" 25	Collingwood Lodge, Charter Fee,	.....	30 00
Nov. 9	Cash, Bissell Lodge, Account,	.....	6 00
Jan. 7, '70	" do do Percentage,	.....	24 35
" "	" Gore do Account,	.....	6 20
" 8	" Union do Percentage,	.....	32 82
" 10	" Canada do Percentage,	.....	83 80
" "	" Covenant do Percentage,	.....	37 95
" 11	" Chatham do Percentage,	.....	27 37
" "	" do Account,	.....	6 23
" "	" Avon do Percentage,	.....	41 60
" 12	" Frontier do Percentage,	.....	38 64
" 13	" Eureka do Percentage,	.....	61 10
" "	" Forest City Percentage,	.....	66 43
" "	" Dominion do Account,	.....	6 00
" "	" Forest City Account,	.....	9 60
" 13	" Collingwood Percentage,	.....	22 07
" 14	" St. Mary's do Percentage,	.....	19 60
" "	" Covenant do Account,	.....	4 20
" "	" Gore, do Percentage,	.....	32 54
" "	" Collingwood Account,	.....	46 35
" 17	" Niagara Falls Percentage,	.....	24 85
" 22	" Brock do Percentage,	.....	19 08
" 24	" Erie do Percentage,	.....	12 70
" "	" Erie do Account,	.....	5 30
" "	" Mt. Zion do Account,	.....	7 11
Feb. 3	" Niagara Falls Percentage,	.....	3 00
" "	" Samaritan do Account,	.....	3 38
" "	" Samaritan do Percentage,	.....	20 04
" 4	" Prince Arthur Charter Fee,	.....	30 00
" "	" Otter Lodge, Percentage,	.....	12 20
" "	" Otter do Account,	.....	4 77
<i>Carried forward,</i>			\$1816 88

J. B. KING,

R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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Aug. 5.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem, session at Hamilton, 1869 :	
"	John Barr, G. M.....	\$ 4 00
"	Thos. Partridge, D. G. M.....	12 08
"	Robt. Kirkpatrick, G. W.....	10 08
"	S. B. King, G. S. & T.....	8 88
"	James Woodyatt, G. Rep.....	8 88
"	H. McAfee, G. Rep.....	18 88
"	Geo. Wales, G. Marshal.....	6 56
"	Robert Barbhur, G. Con.,.....	9 68
"	John Noble, G. Guardian,.....	6 88
"	J. Hutchinson, Rep. No. 9.....	23 76
"	J. Wright, " ".....	23 76
"	T. Healey, " " 16.....	6 56
"	J. B. McIntyre, " ".....	6 55
"	James Bird, " ".....	6 56
"	Henry Northwood " 29.....	15 20
"	J. Schneider, " ".....	15 20
"	James Heron, " " 30.....	10 08
"	Samuel Flory, " ".....	10 08
"	Thos. Brown, " ".....	10 08
"	Geo. Powell, Sr. " ".....	10 08
"	Paul Hidden, " " 33.....	10 96
"	P. B. Hatch, " " 34.....	6 88
"	H. C. Bingham, " ".....	8 88
"	Jas. T. Morey, " " 35.....	8 56
"	Geo. Dennis, " ".....	8 56
"	Jacob Kunz, " " 36.....	9 68
"	G. H. Marlatt, " ".....	9 68
"	T. A. Tarrant, " " 38.....	10 08
"	James Smith, " ".....	10 08
"	M: D. Dawson, " ".....	10 08
"	R. J. C. Dawson, " ".....	10 08
Aug. 5	J. Gibson, " " 41.....	8 88
"	T. T. Irving, " ".....	8 88
"	J. W. Ferguson, " " 44.....	6 00
"	Robert Evans, " ".....	4 00
"	Thomas Lawless, " ".....	4 00
"	Alfred Hays, " " 45.....	18 88
"	John Bowden, " ".....	18 88
"	Geo. Irwin, " ".....	18 88

Carried forward, \$415 76

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1870.		<i>DR.</i>		
		<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$2046 53
Feb. 17	"	Fidelity do	Charter Fee,	30 00
" 24	"	Maple Leaf	Charter Fee,	30 00
Mar. 1	"	Queen City of Ont. do		30 00
" 16	"	Howard do	do	30 00
" 24	"	Interest on U. S. Bonds, (gold)		11 75
Apl. 22	"	Interest on Dominion Stock, one year,		30 00
" 22	"	Wardsville do	Charter Fee,	30 00
" 25	"	Corinthian do	do	30 00
" "	"	Excelsior do	Account,	5 50
" "	"	Excelsior do	Percentage,	34 21
" "	"	Unity do	Percentage,	28 84
" "	"	Huron do	Charter Fee,	30 00
June 1	"	Samaritan do	Account,	2 00
July 1	"	For old desk,		6 00
" 8	"	Gore do	Account,	0 75
" "	"	Gore do	Percentage,	30 54
" 9	"	Eureka do	Percentage,	78 15
" "	"	Eureka do	Account,	6 05
" "	"	Forest City	Account,	5 25
" "	"	Forest City	Percentage,	61 27
" "	"	Dominion do	Percentage,	40 32
" "	"	Dominion do	Account,	0 75
" 11	"	Canada, do	Percentage,	63 69
" "	"	Covenant do	Percentage,	80 06
" "	"	Covenant do	Account,	13 82
" "	"	Queen City of Ont. do	Percentage,	28 60
" "	"	Fidelity do	Percentage,	30 18
" "	"	Fidelity do	Account,	37 60
" "	"	Excelsior do	Account,	9 75
" "	"	Excelsior do	Percentage,	46 66
July 11	"	Unity do	Percentage,	51 72
" "	"	Unity do	Account,	19 65
" 12	"	Niagara Falls	Percentage,	16 70
" "	"	Huron do	Percentage,	13 25
" "	"	Collingwood	Percentage,	48 34
" "	"	Union do	Percentage,	48 58
" "	"	Union do	Account,	0 75
" "	"	Barrie do	Charter Fee,	30 00
" "	"	Maple Leaf	Percentage,	28 80
" "	"	Corinthian do	Percentage,	40 27
" 14	"	Frontier do	Percentage,	41 35
" "	"	Otter do	Percentage,	18 58
" "	"	Chatham do	Percentage,	39 83
" "	"	Howard do	Percentage,	33 35
" "	"	Howard do	Account,	20 40
" "	"	Brock do	Account,	3 75
" "	"	Brock do	Percentage,	26 60
" 16	"	Avon do	Percentage,	46 34
" 18	"	Erie do	Percentage,	10 00
" "	"	Wardsville	Percentage,	7 79
" "	"	Mt. Zion do	Percentage,	10 62
" "	"	Mt. Zion do	Account,	9 63
" "	"	St. Mary's do	Account,	0 75
" "	"	St. Mary's do	Percentage,	22 00
" "	"	Fidelity do	Balance of Percentage,	0 69
" 20	"	Samaritan do	Percentage,	21 74
" "	"	Samaritan do	Account,	0 75
" "	"	Bissell do	Percentage,	22 70
" 22	"	Prince Arthur	Percentage,	5 40
" "	"	Withdrawn from P. O. deposit,		290 00
Total,				\$3838 69

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		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$415.76
Aug 5		Wm. Irving, " " 46	13 04
"		John Smith, " " 47	4 00
"		Arch'd Frew, " " 48	4 00
"		J. J. Dyas, " " 48	10 08
"		J. G. Dodd, " " 49	10 08
"		J. J. Ramsay, " " 49	7 12
"		Hugh Blain, " " 50	7 12
"		T. L. Paine, " " 51	7 76
"		Wm. McNeil, " " 51	9 92
"		M. Blume, " " 52	7 12
"		Thos. McKee, " " 53	7 44
"		Dominion Lodge, refund,	5 00
"		J. Calder, Janitor,	2 00
"		J. Pryke, do	2 00
"		J. Barr, G. M., expenses,	16 00
"		Royal Hotel, board of visitors,	16 65
"	6	Cartage and Express of Desk home,	1 25
"	7	J. Lyght, stationery,	3 00
"	10	Daily Journal and Pens,	1 13
"	"	Express to G. M.,	0 30
"	18	Grnd Lodge U. S. Rep. tax and supplies, \$265.50,	200 78
"	20	W. C. Trimble, printing Returns,	12 25
"	"	Grand Encampment, loan,	100 00
Sep 4	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal 1869,	97 85
"	20	Telegram to Toronto,	0 24
Oct 6	"	Post Office Account,	9 76
Nov 1	"	Thos. Lawless, one year's subs'n to <i>Canadian Star</i>	24 00
"	"	Commission on Post Office Order,	0 20
"	2	W. C. Trimble, printing,	5 75
"	9	Stewart & Mathison, printing books for Collingwood	10 75
Dec 10	"	J. Sutherland, Stationery, &c., for Lodges,	17 50
Jan 10, 1870,	"	Post Office Account,	10 25
"	"	Replaced in P. O. Savings Bank,	245 00
"	31	Queen's Printer, advertising Act of Incorporation,	7 50
Feb 2	"	Telegraph Account,	1 50
Mar 2	"	Express on Regalia,	1 75
"	"	J. O. Mellick, Regalia and Jewels for G.L. officers	218 22
"	"	Insurance on Regalia,	2 75
"	"	Expressage on money from Toronto,	0 25
"	19	Stewart & Mathison, printing report of Rev. Com.	55 00
"	22	Freight on Journal G.L.U.S., from California,	7 75
"	"	Express to Toronto,	0 50
"	"	Express to London,	0 25
"	"	Deposit in P. O. Savings Bank,	50 00
"	26	Valise for Regalia,	15 00
"	"	Express on Supplies, G. L. U. S.,	1 60
"	"	Duties on Supplies,	2 05
"	30	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Lodges,	50 00
Apr 29	"	W. C. Trimble, printing Supplies for Grane Lodge	17 25
May 7	"	Montreal Telegraph Company,	2 25
"	25	Express on Supplies, G. L. U. S.,	1 05
"	"	Duties do	1 78
June 7	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies, new Lodges	80 62
"	"	Express on G. M. Jewel to Baltimore and return,	1 50
July 1	"	William Peirce, new Desk,	13 00
"	"	P. O. Account, six months,	15 80
"	"	Stationery Account,	21 45
"	11	Express from Toronto,	0 30
"	16	Discount on Draft,	0 25
"	"	Expenses, attending the instit'n of P. Arthur Lodge	22 70
"	"	One year's Salary,	150 00
"	"	Balance	1810 50
Total,			\$3338 69

Supplies on Hand,

JULY 31st, 1870.

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90 Withdrawal Cards at 25c each.....	\$22 50
101 Travelling " ".....	25 25
10 Charge Books " " \$3.....	30 00
6 Degree " " ".....	18 00
4 Rebekah " " \$2.....	8 00
1 Institution Book.....	2 00
1 Installation ".....	2 00
66 Odes at 6c.....	3 96
12 Orders for Supplies.....	15
600 Blank Propositions.....	9 00
339 " Reports on Character.....	5 00
200 P. G. Certificates.....	3 20
112 Rep. ".....	1 80
11 Books of Blank Returns, 75c.....	8 25
Stationery, Blanks, &c.....	15 00
	\$154 11

Assets of R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario,

YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1870.

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Amount due by Subordinate Lodges.....	\$281 33
" of Stock on hand, as per statement.....	154 11
" Invested in Dominion Stock.....	500 00
" Balance in P. O. Savings Bank.....	10 00
" Interest accrued do.....	4 15
" Invested in 5-20 U. S. Bonds, '62, \$200.....	167 75
" Cash on hand.....	1810 50
	2927 84
Assets last year.....	2162 10
Increase.....	\$ 765 74

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Amounts due by Subordinate Lodges,

YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1870.

Brock Lodge No. 9.....	\$3 76
Chatham Lodge No. 29.....	0 72
Erie Lodge No. 33.....	1 60
Avon Lodge No. 41.....	3 50
St. Marys Lodge No. 36.....	0 20
Frontier Lodge No. 45.....	0 35
Dominion Lodge No. 48.....	3 00
Canada Lodge No. 49.....	28 25
Otter Lodge No. 50.....	0 70
Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53.....	2 50
Collingwood Lodge No. 54.....	1 00
Queen City of Ontario No. 56.....	46 58
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57.....	44 75
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59.....	36 35
Wardsville Lodge No. 60.....	35 08
Corinthian Lodge No. 61.....	37 58
Huron Lodge No. 62.....	35 41
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	\$281 33

Recapitulation.

Initiated.....	758
Admitted by Card.....	91
Reinstated.....	13-862
Withdrawn by Card.....	109
Ceased to be members, N. P. D.....	103
Expelled.....	3
Deaths.....	17-232
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Net increase.....	630
Membership as per last report.....	1762
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Present actual membership.....	2392
Members in arrears, suspended and not suspended.....	379
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Contributing, or members in good standing.....	2013
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Of which number there are Past Grands.....	200
Number of Degrees conferred.....	2139
“ Brothers relieved.....	187
“ Widowed families relieved.....	35
Amount paid for relief of Brothers.....	\$2040 54
“ “ Widowed families.....	659 80
“ “ Educating Orphans.....	155 70
“ “ Burying the dead.....	434 22
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Total relief.....	\$3290 26
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Percentage received.....	\$ 1666 90
Annual receipts of Lodges.....	18,611 56
General Fund “.....	21,635 23
Widow and Orphans’ Fund.....	15,383 93

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. King.

GRAND SEC’Y & TREAS.

Elijah White, D. D. G. M., of Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, of Ogdensburg, presented his Travelling Card, which was referred to P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and S. G. Dolson, who waited upon and introduced the Brother, who was welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Representatives then submitted their Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution :

Report of the Grand Representatives.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario,

OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS :

The undersigned, your representatives, had the honor and pleasure of attending the Forty-fifth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of San Francisco, California, on Monday, September 20th, 1869.

A large majority of the Representatives and Grand Officers met in the City of Chicago, on the 6th of September, and were most kindly and fraternally entertained during their stay.

On the morning of the 8th September, the Officers and Representatives left Chicago for Omaha, Nebraska, where the overland journey was really to commence, and arrived there in due course, without any unusual detention.

At 10 o'clock, a.m., of the 10th September, the Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and Past Grand Sires and P. G. Representatives were placed on board a special train of Pullman Palace Sleeping Coaches, under the escort of a Special Committee of four Brothers delegated from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, viz. : G. Rep. A. J. Gunnison, G. Rep. C. W. Dannals, P. G. Rep. D. B. Woolf, and P. G. Rep. Lewis Soher.

The party, including twenty-two ladies, (wives and daughters of some of the more favored members of the Order) being all ready, the words "go on" were given, and the iron horse with his precious living freight of one hundred and twenty-one Odd Fellows and Odd Fellow-esses, started on the ever memorable trip across the Continent.

It would not be in place here to give a detailed account of the journey, or the incidents occurring from day to day. A few noted incidents

immediately connected with our noble Order may not be inappropriate here. At Sturgis, Michigan, we met with the Lodge there. A splendid G. Rep. Regalia was presented to Grand Rep. R. H. Morrison, by the Brethren of the Lodges of St. Joseph County. The presentation was made by Bro. Gen. W. L. Stoughton.

At Chicago the Brethren took the assembled members of the Grand Lodge out in carriages, and shewed them all the points of interest in and around the City.

At Omaha a grand banquet and concert was given under the auspices of the Lodges of that young and vigorous City, the Governor of the State, Grand Master Sanders, making the welcoming address. Also an able speech from Bro. Ira Millard, the Mayor of the City.

At Laramie we found a strong and vigorous Lodge of our Order; at Winnemucca we were met and welcomed to the State of Nevada by G. M. Hayden, and a Committee from the G. Lodge of that jurisdiction; at Truckee another Committee of the California Brothers met us and welcomed us to the borders of the Golden State; and at Colfax, on the other side of the great Sierra Nevadas, the Sisters of Rebecca sent on board our train an abundant supply of the delicious fruits of that celebrated country.

On Sunday, the 12th, at three o'clock, p.m., our train halted in "Echo Canon," the most celebrated and grandly sublime spot on the whole route, and all having got out of the cars, and assembled around the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky, the solemn and impressive service of the Episcopal Church, was read by our good Brother, and listened to by a devout and attentive body of men and women. It was a sublime and solemn sight to behold such a body of men and women rendering the free offering of grateful hearts to the great and good Grand Master of the Universe. To commemorate the event the Grand Sire named the spot, where the services were held, "Odd Fellows' Temple."

On Wednesday, September 15th, a grand procession of the Order, in Regalia, was formed and marched through some of the principal streets of Sacramento, to the site of the new Odd Fellows' Temple, where the Grand Officers formally laid the foundation stone. In the evening a grand banquet was given to the G. L. of the U.S.

At 5 a.m. on Thursday, the 16th, we were again on board the cars; this time the cars of the Western Pacific R. R.; and in due course were all safely landed at Alameda, on the Bay of San Francisco; where all were most hospitably and bounteously entertained by P. G. Rep. Nathan Porter, at his beautiful residence. After being refreshed both outwardly and inwardly, we were soon on board the ferry boat, and safely landed at the City of San Francisco, the end of our long journey. The sight that met us there and the truly fraternal welcome we received was ample compensation for all the perils and hardships of the long journey. A procession was formed of thousands of Odd Fellows, all in Regalia, the Grand Lodge and Encampment of California, also the

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Grand Lodge of the U. S., being in the line. The streets through which we marched were alive with the citizens, and the buildings were decked with flags, banners, and arches. It was a gala day in the City of San Francisco, and we hope a memorable day in the annals of our Order. The procession halted at and filed into the California Theatre, where the Grand Lodge of the U. S. was formerly welcomed by G. Master Harmon, which was replied to by the Grand Sire in an appropriate manner.

On Friday, the 17th September, the G. L. were on-board the steamer Senator, of the North Pacific Transportation Company, by special invitation, and steamed around the magnificent Bay of San Francisco to the different points of interest, and out through the Golden Gate to the great Pacific Ocean. The pleasure of that excursion will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to participate in it.

At 8 a.m. on the morning of Monday, the 20th September, the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Officers, P. Grand Sires and Representatives assembled in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' building, Montgomery Street, San Francisco, where having been formed by the R. W. Grand Marshall, moved to Pacific Hall, the place provided for the holding of the Annual Session of the G. L. U. S.

Upon arriving at the Hall, the M. W. G. Master of California, Bro. John B. Harmon gave an eloquent and touching address of welcome to the G. L. U. S.

The most worthy Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth, responded in suitable terms on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Upon the conclusion of this interesting ceremony of reception, an interchange of fraternal greetings between the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California, and the members of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. took place, after which by invitation of the Grand Master of California, the M. W. Grand Sire took the Chair, and the Grand Lodge of California retired.

Upon the call of the roll there were found to be present :

E. D. FARNSWORTH	M. W. GRAND SIRE.
FRED D. STUART	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.
JAMES L. RIDGLEY	R. W. GRAND AND COR. SECRETARY.
JOSHUA VANSART	R. W. GRAND TREAS.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
J. W. SMITH	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN	R. W. GRAND MESSENGER.

And the following named Past Grand Sires, viz. :

THOMAS SHERLOCK, OF OHIO.
WILLIAM ELLISIRO, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GEORGE W. RAIE, OF LOUISIANA.
 SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, OF OHIO.
 JAMES B. NICHOLSON, PENNSYLVANIA.
 ISAAC M. VERTCH, OF MISSOURI, and
 JAMES P. SANDERS, OF NEW YORK, and

Representatives from Twenty-nine Grand Lodges, and Sixteen Grand Encampments.

A quorum being present, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the Grand Chaplain to address the Throne of Grace. After which the Committee on Credentials reported Representatives from eleven other Grand Lodges, and fifteen Grand Encampments; the whole number of jurisdictions represented being Forty Grand Lodges, and Thirty-one Grand Encampments; comprising one hundred and fifteen members, in addition to the Representatives from Australia and the Sandwich Islands.

After the transaction of the business incident to the organization, the Reports of the Grand Officers were presented, for which see Journals of Proceedings G. L. U. S.

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

First.—A Brother of the Scarlet Degree in good standing, desiring a Certificate of his grade, to enable him to join an Encampment, is entitled to receive the same from the Secretary of the Lodge in due form upon application, and no vote of the Lodge is necessary for such certificate.

Second.—The Grand Sire has no power to authorise Royal Purple Degree Members to wear Aprons at the celebration on the 26th of April, 1869, or on any other occasion.

Third.—The Grand Sire has no power to authorise subordinates under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Bodies, to apply to sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellows' Halls.

Fourth.—The costumes worn in the G. R. D. cannot be used on public occasions.

Fifth.—A Brother of the Patriarchal Degree is entitled to receive the Semi-Annual Password.

Sixth.—Voting in a Lodge is by the usual sign of an Odd Fellow, except on ballot for membership, and is prescribed by the work.

Seventh.—A Patriarch under suspension in his Encampment is not eligible to office in a Grand Encampment; and should such a Patriarch be elected it is not competent to install him.

Eighth.—It is unlawful for the Charge Books, or others containing or relating to the Secret Work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge Room.

Ninth.—The N. G. of a Lodge being the proper custodian of such book, may entrust them to his subordinate officers for the purpose of qualification while in the Lodge Room.

Tenth.—The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the Initiatory Charges, as well as all other parts of the Secret Work.

Eleventh.—The O. B. N. of N.G. page 30 of the Charge Book fully answers.

Twelfth.—A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments when accompanied with its presiding officers, outside its own jurisdiction without cards or A. T. P. W.

Thirteenth.—Not adopted.

Fourteenth.—Grand Officers should address the Chairs as other members; Grand Honors should be given them immediately after their recognition by the Officers of the Lodge.

Fifteenth.—I do not understand that gloves are dispensed with for members of R. P. Degree.

Sixteenth.—A Lodge is bound to recognise and give a member a P. G. Regalia who is admitted by card certifying that he is a P. G., if he has not P. O. Degrees.

Seventeenth.—Suspension for cause cannot be indefinite nor for any unreasonable length of time.

Eighteenth.—Not adopted.

Nineteenth.—A member visiting a subordinate Lodge by card, shall be examined in the A. T. P. W., and also in the degree in which the Lodge is open.

Twentieth.—An Encampment cannot expel from the Order only from its own body, hence trials should, if possible, be had in the Lodges, as loss of membership in a Lodge, severs connection with an Encampment.

Twenty-first.—A Grand Lodge of a State may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge.

Twenty-second.—A Grand Lodge of a State pursuant to law may authorise public installations by subordinate Lodges, Journal 2971, 2972.

The returns shew that there were on June 30, 1869, 3446 Lodges, besides Nevada, and 769 Encampments, besides Vermont and California.

Total amount paid for relief (except the last three named Jurisdictions)	\$ 816,952 85
Amount of the Annual Receipts	2,569,317 53
Initiations during the year	40,737
Rejections	4,695
Admitted by Card	6,985
Reinstated	3,612
Withdrawn by Card	8,725
Suspended	14,356
Expelled	1,075
Deaths	2,191
Membership	266,975
Brothers relieved	22,894
Widowed Families relieved	4,043

THE LEGISLATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

was of a negative character. Few of the propositions presented received affirmative action. Most of the important matters were postponed until the next session, others were to be reported on, and many others failed to receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

Many propositions were introduced bearing on this Degree, and we are pleased to notice that all tended towards perfecting and making this beautiful adjunct of our Order more attractive and useful. The following was adopted, viz. :—

Resolved.—That each Jurisdiction be, and is hereby authorised to prepare a suitable form of charter for Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of a form for instituting Rebekah Degree Lodges, and the Installation of the Officers of the same respectfully ask leave to present their report at a Secret Session of this Grand Body. The forms presented by the Committee in Secret Session were adopted.

We would commend the subject of this Degree to the especial consideration of this Grand Lodge, believing that a careful attention to the same, and wise legislation thereon, would make the Degree in our jurisdiction a valuable auxiliary in the cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

Article Twenty-second of the By-laws was amended by adding at the close of the first section, after the words "Initiatory Degree," "Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, Rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the

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NEW RULE OF ORDER.

The following new Rule of Order was adopted:—When the Grand Lodge has by a vote determined to adjourn for the day, the Grand Sire before declaring the body adjourned, shall call upon the Chairman of the several Standing Committees to give any notice they may have with regard to the time and place of meeting of the several Committees.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES.

Resolved.—That the subject of the introduction of more than one candidate at the same time, in any of the Patriarchal Degrees, be referred to the Grand Representatives, with instructions to submit the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for decision thereon:—

Respectfully report, that it appears to be the practice in most of the jurisdictions, to introduce more than one candidate at a time in the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, but in no instance except in opening new Encampments can there be more than one person introduced at one time into the Royal Purple Degree.

INTRODUCING THE ORDER IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Arrangements were made by virtue of legislation of the Grand Lodge to introduce the Order into Germany, China, and Japan.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

To strike out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" and insert instead the words "Supreme Grand Lodge," two amendments were postponed (we regret to say) until the next Annual Session.

The following amendment was adopted:—Amend Article XVI., Section 4, by striking out the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe," and insert the words "upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe." This refers to the admission of suspended members of other jurisdictions, and members of defunct Lodges, not able to get a card.

SUPPLIES.

The only change made in the price of supplies was the reduction in the price of Odes for Lodges and Encampments to five cents, and fixing the price of Encampment Charge Books at the same rate as charged for Lodge Charge Books.

CONCLUSION.

If an apology is required for the length of this report, your Representatives have only to say that the year 1869 will in the distant future,

as well as the immediate present, be recognised as one of the most, if not the most important year in the history of the Order; and the events that transpired, and are matters of record by the Grand Lodge of the United States, demand more than a passing notice. The meeting of that body on the far away shores of the mighty Pacific Ocean, was an event of no ordinary magnitude, and being the first and only national body of men assembled in the beautiful City of San Francisco, its advent was hailed with delight by citizens of all classes. The attentions bestowed on every hand manifested that much importance was attached to the great convocation of men and brethren, representing not only every State and Territory of the American Union as well as the Dominion of Canada, but also the Continent of Australia and the Islands of the Pacific—those who were fortunately permitted to participate in the journey “across the Continent” experienced the most pleasing sense of pleasure in the grand excursion, and are satisfied that the meeting projected and successfully carried out by the brethren of California, will be productive of good to all, and to our Order everywhere. Ten years ago a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco in 1869 was not thought of, who shall say that in 1879 it will not hold its Annual Session in London or Berlin—we live in an age of progress. Odd Fellowship is a progressive institution, and with enlightened and judicious men at its head, its extension to every part of the civilized globe is not only possible but probable.

Let us then go on in the good work, and in our Subordinate Lodges, and in every situation in which we may be placed, do our whole duty as members of this noble fraternity, and aid in extending the sentiment of brotherhood until the blessings of our Order are known and appreciated wherever the cry of anguish is heard, or the tear of sorrow falls.

We cannot close this report without testifying our gratitude for the many acts of kindness received from the Brotherhood on our journey; more especially in Chicago, Omaha, Colfax, Sacramento and San Francisco. To the Committee who in the long journey from the Missouri River to the Bay of San Francisco, were thoughtful only of the comfort and pleasure of their guests, too much praise cannot be awarded—we cannot enumerate all to whom we are indebted for tokens of kindness manifested in various ways. To one and all we are grateful and fraternally thankful.

To our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, through whose partiality we were permitted to make that wonderful journey “across the Continent,” and participate in the deliberations of the only body of men on this Continent that can boast of a representation from every State and Territory in the United States and Canada—we return our heartfelt and brotherly acknowledgments for the distinguished honor.

Fraternally submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

HENRY M'AFEE, } GRAND
JAMES WOODYATT, } REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned for one hour.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, Aug. 3rd, 1870, }
2.30 P. M. }

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge re-assembled. Roll called. All the officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain,) present. Also, all the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the Minutes of last year were adopted as printed.

Minutes of Morning Session read and confirmed.

Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Report of the Committee on Distribution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to report as follows, viz:—That Clauses Nos. one to nine, inclusive, of the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, together with all that part of the Grand Master's Report, from Clause 9 to the organization of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59.

That that part of the Grand Master's Report referring to the labours of the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That that part of the Grand Master's Report referring to the applications of Bros. C. S. Male and Rich'd Warriner be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That Clause Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That Clause No. 4 be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That Clauses Nos. 10, 11 and 18, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That Clause 12 be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That Clause No. 14 be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

That Clause No. 17 be referred to the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates.

And that the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

And your Committee submit the following resolution, viz :—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT.
WM. N. FORD.
EDMUND BELTZ.
W. M. SEATON.
W. N. SMITH.

The Roll of Lodges was then called for the presentation of business, when the following questions were asked :—

By Rep. H. E. Buttery, of Forest City Lodge :—When the Minutes of a Lodge are truly recorded, is it lawful for the N. G. to decide those Minutes incorrect, because he deems the action of the Lodge illegal ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. T. T. Irving, of Avon Lodge :—Is a Brother who has not been quite six months a member of a Lodge, entitled to sick benefits for sickness commencing during the six months ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. W. Mowatt, Avon Lodge :—What is the meaning of Clause 5, Section 2, Article 5, in regard to annuities ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge :—Is the granting of any amount to Trustees of a Widow of a deceased Brother, who died in arrears, for his dues—a grant for Lodge purposes ; and does it require a two-thirds vote and three weeks notice to carry such grant ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. W. F. Roomé, of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46 :—Would business of any kind transacted in the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand, (the Past Grand filling the chair,) be legal ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. R. Mathison, of Gore Lodge No. 34 :—Is it necessary when electing Representatives for the Grand Lodge, to nominate Candidates ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. R. Taylor, of Canada Lodge No. 49 :—If a Lodge chooses to elect a Physician, and the Candidate be a member of the Lodge, is it necessary he should be a Scarlet Member ?

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. W. R. Roberts, of the same Lodge :—Is a Lodge responsible for the debts contracted by its Committee, appointed by it, on Pic-Nic or Excursions, &c., ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. W. D. Kennedy, of Unity Lodge No. 47 :—The Secretary of Seaforth Lodge, Fidelity, commissioned a member, W. D. Kennedy, to procure certain regalia, &c., for the proper working of the Lodge. Mr. Kennedy went to Bro. J. C. White, gave him the order for the same ; the goods were submitted to W. D. Kennedy as their agent, and accepted. The bill was presented through

W. D. Kennedy, and Fidelity Lodge now refuse to pay more than fifty per cent of the amount charged ; although it can be proved that disbursements were made to over 75 per cent of the amount charged. Query—Will the Grand Lodge be willing to entertain the matter by examining into it, and ordering such payment as may be deemed right—or will they by refusing to act, risk the exposure by the parties proceeding by the ordinary course of law. Bros. W. D. Kennedy, John Richmond and Griffith would be glad to give evidence if required.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

By Rep. John Murray, of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53 :—The Charter Members of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, were old contributing members of Union Lodge No. 16, and Frontier Lodge No. 45 ; they took withdrawal Cards for the purpose of instituting the Lodge at Niagara Falls. What fee, if any, should they pay to the new Lodge ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. John Murray, of same Lodge :—Is it compulsory upon all Brothers present at the Subordinate Lodges, to vote when balloting for membership ?

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By Rep. J. N. Mathews, of Otter Lodge No. 50 :—Can a Lodge do away with the office of Permanent Secretary, by repealing the By-Law regarding such office ?

Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

By Rep. John Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge :—Can the Grand Lodge, at any time during its session, do business in a Degree which will allow Scarlet members to visit ?

Referred to Committee on Legislation.

On motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock, P. M., in order to give the several Committees an opportunity of getting up their reports.

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EVENING SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, August 3rd, 1870.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 7 o'clock p.m.

Roll called. All the Officers (excepting Grand Chaplain) present, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. John Smith from the Committee on Petitions presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

Report of Committee on Petitions.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, of Ontario., I.O.O.F.

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report that we have examined the documents assigned to us, and find the same correct, and recommend that the Dispositions authorizing the organization of the following Lodges be confirmed, and the several Charters be issued to the respective Lodges:—

Collingwood	No. 54, at Collingwood.
Fidelity	No. 55, at Seaforth.
Queen City of Ontario	No. 56, at Toronto.
Maple Leaf	No. 57, at Orangeville.
Howard	No. 58, at Strathroy.
Prince Arthur	No. 59, at Kingston.
Wardsville	No. 60, at Wardsville.
Corinthian	No. 61, at Oshawa.
Huron	No. 62, at Goderich.
Barrie	No. 63, at Barrie.

Your Committee also recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in granting the Withdrawal Cards to Brothers Warriner and Male, late of Industry Lodge, be approved; also that the granting of the Charter to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, London, Daughters of Bebecca, be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH.
WILLIAM R. ROBERTS.
THOMAS T. IRVING.
S. SIMONS.
WM. IRVING.

Rep. H. C. Bingham from the Committee on Finance submitted the following Report, which was on motion taken up *seriatim*, and adopted:—

Report of Committee on Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Ontario. I.O.O.F.

The Committee on Finance submit the following Report and Resolutions:—

Having examined the Books and Vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, we have pleasure in assuring the Grand Lodge that we find them correct in every respect, and in accordance with his Report to which you have listened.

In reference to the purchase of Charters from Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, we advise the purchase of say, twenty-five.

We shall consider the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Master, and fully concur in his views in regard to an increase of the Grand Secretary's salary.

We find also that the Grand Secretary has fully carried out the instructions of the Grand Lodge at its last session in every particular in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

In conclusion, we submit the following:—

Resolved.—That the opinion of this Committee in regard to the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer be adopted as the opinion of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase from Chewett & Co. at least twenty-five Charters, for sale.

Resolved.—That the salary of the Grand Secretary for the coming year be \$200.

Resolved.—That the promptness and accuracy of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in the performance of his regular duties, and in carrying out the special instructions of this Grand Lodge meets our hearty commendation.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM.
JOHN HUNTER.
H. E. BUTTERY.
JOHN ATKINS.
G. W. PONTINE.
G. WALES.

Rep. Harper Wilson from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was on motion, taken up *seriatim*.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

We your Committee on Correspondence beg to report that we have examined the documents laid before us, and would submit the following resolutions for the consideration of this R. W. G. Lodge.

1st. Resolved.—That the R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to furnish the R. W. Grand Secretary of G. L. of Vermont, with what Blank Charters he may require, on paying for the same, providing that he has a sufficient number on hand.

2nd. Resolved.—That this Committee are pleased to note the organization of ten (10) new Lodges in this jurisdiction, as also their subsequent successful working, and that we approve of the careful and judicious manner in which the several Lodges were instituted by the M. W. G. Master in person.

3rd. Resolved.—Clause 10, R. W. G. Secretary's report, we find that the Correspondence has been ably and efficiently attended to by our R. W. G. Secretary, for which he is entitled to the thanks of this R. W. G. L.

4th. Resolved.—That the R. W. G. Secretary be authorized to acknowledge the receipt of the several reports of R. W. G. Lodges, thanking them for the same, as per clause 18 G. Secretary's report.

5th. Resolved.—We are pleased to report that the R. W. G. Secretary has succeeded in obtaining reduced fares for the G. Keps. to this R. W. G. L. from the several R. R. Cos., and that the thanks of this R. W. G. L. be conveyed to the several Managers, thanking them for their liberality for the same.

6th. Resolved.—We cannot confidently recommend the thanks of this R. W. G. L. to the Canadian Navigation Company, owing to their want of courtesy to the G. Representatives to this R. W. G. L. during their passage from Toronto to Brockville.

Your Committee have carefully examined the Correspondence laid before them, and beg to report their pleasure at the fraternal tone in which the Correspondence of the past year was conducted, as well as the evident prosperity of the Order shown thereby.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.
H. NICHOLSON.
ROBERT TAYLOR.
ISAAC HOGG.
WILLIAM FERGUSON.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3, adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 4, it was moved to amend by striking out the word "Lodges," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "Bodies." Adopted.

Clause 5 adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 6, it was moved in amendment by Rep. Robt. Mathison, to strike out the clause, and insert the following:

That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be also conveyed to the Canadian Navigation Company for the liberal arrangements made for the conveyance of members to the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rep. H. O. Bingham, to refer the report back to the Committee, with instructions to strike out clause 6, and substitute the amendment made by Rep. Mathison.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Rep. John Taylor, jr., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report and Resolution:—

Report of Committee on Legislation.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

We your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred clause No. 4, in the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, beg to report as follows.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, clause No. 4, of his Report, acted quite in conformity with the resolution on page 604, Journal '69.

With regard to question asked by Otter Lodge, No. 50, Can - a Lodge does with the office of Permanent Secretary, by repealing the By-law regarding such office, your Committee are of opinion that such office cannot be dispensed with but one Brother may fill both Chairs, if eligible, and elected for that purpose.

With respect to question asked by Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, can the Grand Lodge at any time during its Session do business in a Degree which will admit scarlet members to visit, your Committee are of opinion that it cannot. Digest, page 75, Journal 1062 and 1089, also Resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at Session of 1867, when it was resolved, that in future all the business pertaining to this Grand Lodge be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree page 434.

With regard to letter from D. D. G. M. Bird, of St. Catharines, to the R. W. Grand Secretary, asking if an N. G., who having served only three months in his position, can he resign with the honors of the office? Your Committee think that when a N. G. serves in office only a certain portion of his term,

resigns, he loses all honors connected with such office, or in other words he must serve the time specified by the Constitution.

Resolved.—That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.
W. F. ROOME, M.D.
RICHARD WIGMORE.
CHAS. F. HANSON.
JOHN GIBSON.

It was moved in amendment to take the report up *seriatim*.

The amendment prevailed.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted, and the Report as a whole adopted.

Rep. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted their Report, with clause 6 amended as directed, and the Report as so amended was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Revision was then taken up and considered.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, were adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, a.m.

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MORNING SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, Aug. 4th, 1870.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 a. m., and was opened in due form. The minutes of last evening read and confirmed. The Roll being called, the following Grand Officers and Representatives were present :

THOS. PARTRIDGE,.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
T. HEALY,	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
JOHN WRIGHT,	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING,	R. W. GRAND SEC. & TREAS.
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M. BLUME,	R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
JNO. B. McINTYRE,.....	R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.

WM. M. SEATON,	Brock Lodge,	No. 9.
LEWIS DORR,	} Union Lodge,	No. 16.
HARPER WILSON,		
GEORGE WALES,		
J. SCHNEIDER,		
WM. N. SMITH,	} Chatham Lodge,	No. 29.
SAMUEL ATKINS,		
JOHN ATKINS,		
JOHN HUNTER,		
THOMAS BROWN,		
GEORGE W. PONTINE,	Eureka Lodge,	No. 30.
W. S. CAMPBELL,	Erie Lodge,	No. 33.
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	JOHN GIBSON, }		
	T. T. IRVING, }		Avon Lodge, No. 41.
	WM. MOWATT, }		
	JOHN RICHMOND, }		
	HENRY GRIFFITH }		Excelsior Lodge No. 44.
	ALFRED HAY, }		
	THOS. REID, }		Frontier Lodge, No. 45.
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	JOHN SMITH, }		
	W. D. KENNEDY, }		Unity Lodge, No. 47.
	ISAAC HOGG, }		
	C. T. CAMPBELL, }		Dominion Lodge No. 48.
	M. BLUME, }		
	W. R. ROBERTS, }		Canada Lodge, No. 49.
	ROBERT TAYLOR, }		
	J. N. MATHEWS, }		Otter Lodge, No. 50.
	WILLIAM BARLEY, }		Bissell Lodge, No. 51.
	J. J. RAMSAY, }		
	M. E. SNIDER, }		Covenant Lodge, No. 52.
	JOHN MURRAY, }		Niagara Falls " No. 53.
	JAMES HENRY, }		
	HENRY ROBERTSON, }		Collingwood " No. 54.
	P.G.M. R. WIGMORE, of Eureka Lodge, }		Queen City of Ontario 56
	THOMAS McADAM, }		Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57
No. 9.	HENRY NICHOLSON, }		Howard Lodge, No. 58.
	WM. FITZSIMMONS, }		Prince Arthur " No. 59.
No. 16.	WILLIAM IRVING, }		Wardsville " No. 60.
	C. S. MALE, }		Corinthian Lodge No. 61.
	P.G.M., H. C. BINGHAM, of Gore Lodge, }		Huron Lodge No. 62.
No. 29.	E. R. CARPENTER, }		Barrie Lodge No. 63.

No. 30. Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on the State of the
 No. 33. Order, submitted the following Report, which was on motion of the
 Chairman, considered as read, clause by clause, and adopted :
 No. 34.

Report of Committee on State of the Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order report unanimously as follows :

Resolved,—That that part of the Grand Master's Report in reference to neglect of duty on the part of D. D. Grand Masters, should be referred to the Committee on Legislation, as the suggestion of the Grand Master implies need of new legislation.

Resolved,—That the nine decisions of the M. W. Grand Master be in each case approved.

Resolved,—That the Report of your Reps, to the Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Committee on Printing, there being nothing therein requiring action on the part of this Committee.

Resolved,—That question (1) by Rep. Buttery, be answered—No.

Resolved,—That question (2) from Avon Lodge, be answered—No, except by special vote, as required in cases of special relief.

Resolved,—That question (3) from Avon Lodge, be answered as follows : One-fifth of the annual dues paid by a brother, multiplied by twenty, shall be the largest amount payable annually to a widow, and that amount multiplied by four shall be the maximum amount payable to a widow in any other form.

Resolved,—That question (4) by Rep. Mowatt, be answered as follows : It is not "for Lodge purposes," in the ordinary and true meaning of that term, and at least the same majority should be required in such a case as is required in granting special relief to Brothers in good standing, and the notice required before taking such vote must be in accordance with the By-laws of the Lodge.

Resolved,—That question (5) by Rep. Roome, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (6) by Rep. Mathison, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (7) by Rep. Taylor, of Canada Lodge, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (8) by Rep. Roberts, be answered—Yes, in the absence of definite instructions.

Resolved,—That question (9) by Rep. Kennedy, be answered as follows : This Grand Lodge does not deem it advisable to enter into the settlement of differences in business affairs between members of the Order, or between Subordinate Lodges and other parties, but would advise that the parties interested in this case submit the matter in dispute to the arbitration of members of the Order qualified to judge of the merits of the case.

Resolved,—That question (10) by Rep. Murray, be answered as follows : *The regular fee* for deposit of Card, in accordance with the By-Laws of the new Lodge.

Resolved,—That question (11) by Rep. Murray, be answered—No, unless the By-laws of the Lodge require it.

From an examination of the Grand Master's Report, and from all other sources of information, we believe our Order in Ontario to be in a very prosperous condition, growing rapidly ; and believing this success to be the result of the combined efforts in a good cause of Brothers for years past, both in and out of office, we refer to it now for the purpose of stimulating our brethren everywhere to renewed exertions, assuring them that their efforts in the future, as in the past, will certainly be crowned with success.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
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Rep. J. J. Ramsay, of Covenant Lodge No. 52, from the Committee on Returns, then submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Returns.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and would respectfully submit the following :—

Brock Lodge, No. 9.—Returns we find correct.

Union Lodge, No. 16.—We find also correct.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29.—The Semi-Annual Report, for term ending June 30, 1870, shows an error of seventy-two cents, as against the Lodge, in the percentage due the Grand Lodge.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30.—Correct.

Erie Lodge, No. 33.—Report for term ending Dec. 31, 1869, correct. Report ending June 30th, 1870, gives total membership per last report, fifty-seven (57), should be sixty-two (62); present membership, forty-five (45), should be fifty-four; members in good standing thirty-five (35), should be forty-four (44); it also reports suspension of members on July 1st, when the Report should have been closed in June.

Gore Lodge, No. 34.—Is found correct.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.—Also correct.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.—In Report of term ending 31st December, 1869, gives members in good standing thirty-one (31), should be seventy-three (73). In the Report of term ending June 30th, 1870, gives total increase four (4) should be six (6); total decrease none, should be two (2); members in good standing eighty-three (83), should be eighty-two (82).

Forest City Lodge, No. 38.—In Report ending Dec. 31st, 1869, we find members in good standing one hundred and fifty-six (156), should be one hundred sixty-nine, having omitted to include their Past Grands, as members in good standing. Report ending June 30th, 1870, correct.

Avon Lodge, No. 41.—Report ending December 31, 1869, correct. In the Report ending June 30, 1870, we find a special relief case, in which the sum of one hundred (\$100), was donated to a widow; and which should have been included in amount paid, to support of widows.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.—We find correct, excepting the Report ending June 30th, 1870, not being signed by the Vice-Grand.

Frontier Lodge, No. 45.—In Report ending Dec. 31st, '69, a mistake occurs in giving the total membership, per last Report as 123, which should have been 121, consequently the present membership should be 128, instead of 130; and the members in good standing should be 99, instead of 101. The Report ending June 30th, 1870, is found correct.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46.—In their Report ending Dec. 31st, '69, we find an error, in inserting in their summary two members, as suspended, when there were none suspended; and in making the total membership in arrears twenty-three (23), which should be twenty-one (21); and, in the Report ending June 30th, 1870, the total membership per last Report, is given as 41, which should be 43.

Unity Lodge, No. 47.—The Report for term ending 31st Dec., '69, correct. In Report for term ending June 30th, '70, there are three reported as suspended for N. P. D., while the names of only two are given, said names appearing in the wrong column of Report, being that of *suspended and cause*, instead of *ceased to be members*. The present membership is reported as 121, which should be 122. Members in good standing are reported 96, and should be 97.

Dominion Lodge, No. 48.—We find correct.

Canada Lodge, No. 49.—In the Report for term ending 31st Dec. '69, two members withdrawn, are not inserted in the summary; the total decrease should be three instead of one; nett increase should be 51, instead of 54; present membership should be 119, instead of 106; members in good standing should be 105 instead of 106. In Report ending June 30th, '70, total membership, per last Report, should be 119 instead of 123; present membership should be 130, instead of 134; members in good standing should be 116 instead of 120.

Otter Lodge, No. 50.—Correct.

Bissell Lodge, No. 51.—In Report for term ending Dec. 31st, 1869, total membership in good standing is reported 49, which should be 34. In the Report for term ending June 30th, 1870, five who ceased to be members are not reported in the summary; total increase is given 5, which should be 10; nett increase is given 9, should be 4; present membership given 60, should be 55; members in good standing are reported as 44, which should be 39.

Covenant Lodge, No. 52.—Correct.

Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53.—Correct.

Collingwood Lodge, No. 54.—Correct.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 55.—In the Report, an error occurs in the receipts; the item "dues less one third, \$34 76," should be "dues less one fifth \$41 72;" per centage due the Grand Lodge, should be \$30 87, instead of \$30 18.

Queen City of Ontario, No. 53.—Correct, except reporting one Past Grand, to which it is not entitled.

Maple Leaf, No. 57.—Correct, excepting the same error that occurred in Queen City Lodge.

Howard Lodge, No. 58.—The Report is dated July 6th, which should have been dated in June; number admitted by Card was seven instead of one; the report does not include its charter members; total increase is given as 20, which should be 26; nett increase is given as 18, which should be 24; it also claims a Past Grand to which it is not entitled.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 59.—Correct.

Wardsville Lodge, No. 60.—Omits to return its charter members; total increase and nett increase should be 11 instead of 6; the returning of "five members as per last report" should be omitted.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61.—In its report omitted to state the names of its Charter members as admitted by Card, and also omitted them in the summary; total increase 35, which should be 41.

Huron Lodge, No. 62.—Correct excepting no seal, and no mention of the fact.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, we find to be correct.

In regard to clause 12 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, which was referred to your Committee, we would respectfully state that proper care has not been taken in preparing the Reports, and can fully endorse the R. W. Grand Secretary's statement to that effect; and we would urge on Subordinate Lodges the importance of paying special attention to this matter in future.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolution:—

Resolved.—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JOHN J RAMSAY.
C. T. CAMPBELL.
JOHN M'LEAN.
SAMUEL ATKINS.
M. E. SNIDER.

Rep. H. M'Affee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary Report and Resolution, which were adopted.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.

The Committee on Credentials have had before them a certificate assigning H. C. Bingham, P.G.M., as Representative from Fidelity Lodge, No. 55, beg leave to report that Bro. Bingham, being the Representative of Huron Lodge, No. 62, he cannot represent two Lodges in this Grand body.

Resolved.—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M'AFEE.
H. WIGMORE.
J. B. KING.

Rep. S. G. Dobson, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was on motion considered as read *seriatim*.

Report of Committee on Appeals.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows :—

M. D. DAWSON
vs.
FOREST CITY LODGE, No. 38. }

In the matter of M. D. Dawson against the decision of Forest City Lodge, London, in withholding benefits from Bro. Lister, they having paid same to the amount of \$518. Your Committee find that on examination of the accounts which the appellant admitted to be correct, said Bro. Lister was reported sick on 31st Dec., 1866, at which time he was in arrears to the amount of \$470, which sum was paid on the same date. That your Committee consider from evidence produced and the above facts, that said Bro. Lister was not entitled to benefits during that sickness, and therefore sustain the action of the said Forest City Lodge in now refusing any further benefits. Adopted.

J. M. O'CONNOR
vs.
BISSELL LODGE, No. 51. }

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. J. M. O'Connor, regarding the representation of Bissell Lodge No. 51, your Committee beg leave to submit that the action of said Lodge in the election of Bro. Wm. Barley, be sustained. Adopted.

PAST GRAND WIGMORE
vs.
EUREKA LODGE, No. 30. }

In the matter of appeal of P. Grand Wigmore against the action of Eureka Lodge in granting \$10 to a Brother's wife, while he, the said Brother, was bad on

the books, your Committee respectfully report that the action of the Lodge be sustained ; it being done as an act of charity, professing, as we do, to be actuated by those sublime principles, at the same time we consider that the letter of the law in such cases is not so clear as it should be for the government of Lodges, and trust that this Grand Lodge in its action on revision of Constitution and By-Laws, will give the matter its careful consideration. Adopted.

CHAS. LEE

vs.
THE GRAND MASTER AND AVON LODGE. }

In the matter of appeal of Bro. Chas. Lee against the decision of the Grand Master, T. Partridge, regarding the granting monies in special cases, your Committee beg leave to report, to sustain the decision, likewise the action of the Lodge arriving at this conclusion, on the same basis as we did in the matter of Wigmore vs. Eureka Lodge, as reported in preceding case.

C. B. TAYLOR }
vs.
AVON LODGE. }

In the matter of C. B. Taylor against Avon Lodge, your Committee Report as follows :—

1st.—That the course of action taken by the Lodge in suspending said C. B. Taylor for fraud, was illegal, he not having appeared for trial, and therefore only subject to the charge of contempt.

2nd.—That the charge of fraud has not been sustained, the transaction being in the mind of your Committee purely a business one, and not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

PAST GRAND BROWN }
vs.
EUREKA Lodge,
In re McINTYRE. }

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Thos. Brown against Eureka Lodge, concerning the payment of benefits to late Bro. Alexander M'Intyre, your Committee find that from the evidence before them, said Brother having paid his dues previous to sickness, that after the expiration of six weeks from such payment the said A. M'Intyre was entitled to all benefits from that date. We therefore respectfully report that the appeal aforesaid be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

SAML. G. DOLSON.
WM. D. KENNEDY.
R. MATHISON.
HY. ROBERTSON.
W. S. CAMPBELL.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3, were concurred in.

On the motion to adopt Clause 4, being the Report on the appeal of Bro. Chas. Lee, Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge No. 41, moved the following amendment :—

Resolved,—That the action of Avon Lodge No. 41, be reversed.

Rep. W. N. Ford moved, in amendment to the amendment, to refer the Report back to the Committee, to amend the Clause.

The amendment of Rep. W. N. Ford prevailed.

On motion to adopt Clause 7, in reference to the appeal of Rep. Thos. Brown, Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, moved in amendment to refer it back to the Committee to amend. Carried.

Several accounts were presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance. Also the following letter :—

[SEAL] OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.,
BROCKVILLE, Aug. 2nd, 1870.

J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treas. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I am instructed by resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, to request the R. W. Grand Lodge to continue to us for another year the loan which they so kindly granted us at last Session from their funds.

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe & Treas.

Moved by Rep. E. Beltz, of Eureka Lodge No. 30 :—

That this Grand Lodge do accept, as far as practicable, the kind invitation of Brock Lodge to attend their annual Pic-Nic to-morrow. Carried.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned until half-past one P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, Aug. 4th, 1870.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met at 1.30 P. M. Roll called. Present: All the Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, and all the Representatives.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

An account from the M. W. Grand Master, for expenses incurred in visiting Lodges, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The M. G. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Correspondence :—

I. O. O. F.

[SEAL]

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. I. U. S.,
BALTIMORE, July, 5th, 1870.

To Thomas Partridge, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ontario :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has been represented to me that in some of the State jurisdictions thoughtless and inconsiderate brethren have used the Subordinate Lodge Rooms for the purpose of conferring DEGREES, SO CALLED, having no connexion whatever with the Order, and if not positively indecent and contrary to good morals, certainly of an unbecoming and discreditable character, one of which is known as the degree of "The Oriental Order of Humility."

As such practices are in gross violation of our laws and calculated to bring the Order into disrepute, you are hereby required to suppress them promptly within your jurisdiction, if any such should exist, and to take such measures as may be proper and necessary to give to this circular general publicity.

Yours Fraternally,

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
Grand Sire.

Rep. Thos Brown, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim* :—

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Gore Lodge No. 34, and beg to recommend their approval. At the same time we have to report that the said proposed amendments came before us in a defective shape ; they not being authenticated by the signature of the Noble Grand, as required by Art. 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Second—As to the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, your Committee beg to report that the said proposed amendments are neither submitted in duplicate, nor authenticated by the signature of the N. G., and Seal of the Lodge, as required by Art. 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges. We therefore refrain from reporting upon such amendments until further instructed by this Grand Lodge.

Third—As to the proposed By-Laws of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, your Committee beg to report that the said By-Laws are submitted in the usual pamphlet form, and we believe them to be the By-Laws adopted by said Lodge ; they are, however, not submitted in duplicate, nor are they authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, or the signature of the N. G. and Secretary, as required by Art. 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

We have, however, examined the same, and would recommend their approval, except as to clauses 6 and 43 thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

THOMAS BROWN.
WM. FIZSIMMONS,
H. GRIFFITH.
J. F. McDONALD.

Clause 1 adopted.

On motion to adopt Clause 2, Rep. Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, made the following amendment, which prevailed :—

That so much of the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, as refers to the amendments made by Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report their rejection or approval.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Supplementary Report and Resolutions, which were considered *seriatim*, and adopted :—

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Finance have examined the various accounts referred to them, and submit the following resolutions by way of report upon the same :—

Resolved—That the request of the Grand Encampment of Ontario asking a renewal of the loan of One Hundred Dollars made last year, be granted.

Resolved—That the account of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting to \$331 00, American currency, for Rep. Tax and Supplies, be paid.

Resolved—That the account of Union Lodge No. 16, for Representatives expenses attending the first Session of this Grand Lodge, and an adjourned meeting of the same, amounting to \$128, be paid, less \$10 00.

Resolved—That the account of Gore Lodge No. 31, for Rep. expenses attending the first Session of this Grand Lodge at Brockville, amounting to \$40 00, be paid.

Resolved—That the account of the Grand Master, for travelling expenses in visiting Lodges, and for telegrams and expenses, amounting to \$85 03, be paid.

Resolved—That the account of the London Post Office against this Grand Lodge, amounting to \$8 50, be paid.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM.
JOHN HUNTER.
JOHN ATKINS.
G. W. PONTINE.

Rep. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted :—

Report of Committee On Correspondence.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

With regard to the communication from the R. W. G. Sire to the R. W. G. Master, about the subject of conferring certain so called Degrees in the Lodge Rooms having no connection with our Order, more especially the Oriental Degree of Humility,

Resolved—We would recommend that the M. W. G. Master instruct the R. W. G. Secretary to furnish each Subordinate Lodge with a copy of the communication from the M. W. G. Sire, and to instruct the Lodges to conform to its requirements.

Having examined the correspondence of the M. W. G. Master, we find it to have been ably and efficiently attended to.

HARPER WILSON.
H. NICHOLSON.
ISAAC HOGG.
WM. FERGUSON.
ROBT. TAYLOR.

Rep. John Richmond submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Moved by Rep. John Richmond, seconded by Thos. McAdam.—That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be and are hereby instructed to compute the Mileage of the Officers and Representatives at this Session, at cents per mile each way, and the per diem at two dollars per day.

On motion the word “four” was ordered to be inserted in the blank, in the above resolution.

The Report of the Committee on Revision was then again taken up and considered. The proposed amendments to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clauses 2, 3, 4.—Lost.

First amendment by Frontier Lodge No. 45, to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clause 2, adopted.

First amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clause 2, adopted.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 3, adopted.

Proposed amendment to strike out Clause 5, adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 6, adopted.

Proposed amendment to Clause 6, adopted.

Proposed amendment to Clause 8, lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 9, adopted.

Art. 3, Sec. 2.—Proposed amendment to Clause 1, adopted.

The first part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 1, adopted.

The last part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 1, lost.

The proposed amendments down to, and including Clause 6 of Art. 3, Sec. 4, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Art. 3, Sec. 4, Clause 4, adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 5, lost.

Proposed amendments to Clauses 6 and 7, adopted.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge to Clause 11, adopted.

Proposed amendment to strike out Clause 12, adopted.

All the proposed amendments down to and including Clause 2 of Art. 5, Sec. 1, were adopted.

Proposed amendment to Clause 3, lost.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 4 of Sec. 1, Art. 5, adopted.

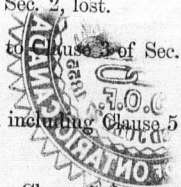
Amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Sec. 2, lost.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 3 of Sec. 1, Art. 7, adopted.

All the proposed amendments down to and including Clause 5 of Sec. 2, Art 7, adopted.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 5, lost.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to same Clause, lost.



The amendment by both Covenant Lodge, No. 52, and Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 6 of Sec. 1, Art. 7, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Clause 7, was lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 1, Sec. 2 of Art. 7, was adopted.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 3, was lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 6, adopted.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to clause 6, was lost.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 2 of Sec. 2, Art. 8, was adopted.

The proposed amendments to Clauses 1 and 3 of Sec. 2, Art. 9, were adopted.

The amendments by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to new Art 10, and to new Clause 4, were adopted.

The proposed new Art. 10, Clauses 1, 2, 3, addition to Clause 3, and Clause 4, were adopted.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as amended, was then adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The amendment by Gore Lodge, No. 34, to 2nd Order, adopted.

The amendments by Gore Lodge, No. 34, and Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to the 17th, were adopted.

The Order of Business, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Rep. E. Beltz, the vote adopting the amendment to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clause 2, was re-considered.

When the amendment proposed by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to above was considered, and lost.

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RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, as proposed by the Committee, on revision, were adopted.

On motion of Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., seconded by Rep. M. E. Snider, it was

Resolved—That the Constitution, Order of Business, and Rules of Order, of this Grand Lodge, as amended, be adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

All the amendments as proposed by the Revision Committee, were adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Clause 1 of Sec. 1 Art. 2, was considered and adopted.

The amendment by above Lodge to Clause 5, was not adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Clause 7, was adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to strike out clause 8, was not adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 9, adopted.

The amendment proposed by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 1 of Sec. 3, Art 2, considered and adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Clause 2, Sec. 1, Art. 3, was considered and adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, to Clause 3, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 2 of Sec. 2, Art. 3, considered and adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge, to Clause 3, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 2, of Sec. 1, Art. 4, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Clause 5 of Sec. 2, Art. 5, considered and lost.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to same Clause, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge, to Clause 5, Sec. 1, Art. 6, lost.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Clause 6, adopted.

The first part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge, to Clause 2, Sec. 2, Art 6, was adopted, and the last part not adopted.

The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as amended, was then adopted.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned to meet at 7.30 p.m.

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EVENING SESSION.

7.30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called to order, and resumed business.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the Afternoon Session was dispensed with.

Rep. Thos. Brown, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates then submitted their report, amended, which was considered and adopted.

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, beg leave to report:—That we have examined the same, and recommend their approval, with the exception—

First—Of that part of the proposed amendment to Clause 9, which authorizes the striking out of the words "balloting for membership."

Second—And with the exception of the whole of the proposed amendment to Clause 10.

Third—And with the further exception of the whole of the proposed amendment to Clause 42.

Fourth—And with the further exception of the last of said amendments, and numbered 17.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

Yours in F. L. & T.,

THOMAS BROWN.
WM. FIZSIMMONS,
H. GRIFFITH.
JAMES F. McDONALD.
ALFRED HAY.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted their report, with Clause referring to the appeal of Chas. Lee, amended, as follows:—

Report of Committee on Appeals.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

CHAS. LEE
vs.
THE GRAND MASTER AND AVON LODGE. }

That your Committee on the case of the appeal of Bro. Lee, of Avon Lodge against the decision of Grand Master, T. Partridge, beg leave to submit the following:—That the decision of the Grand Master being verbal renders the appeal informal, and cannot be entertained, as a Brother cannot appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, unless the question is asked in writing and answered in the same manner.

On the appeal of Bro. Lee against the action of Avon Lodge in the donating money to the widow of the late Bro. Chidley, your Committee beg leave to report:—That it being laid down as a principle by the G.L., U.S., and State Grand Lodges, not to interfere with Subordinate Lodges in the disposition of their funds for other than general purposes not defined by the By-Laws, we therefore recommend that this Grand Body do not entertain the appeal, but leave the matter entirely in the hands of Avon Lodge.

PAST GRAND BROWN }
vs.
EUREKA Lodge,
In re MCINTYRE. }

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Thos. Brown against Eureka Lodge, concerning the payment of benefits to late Bro. Alexander M'Intyre, your Committee find that from the evidence before them, said Brother having paid his dues previous to sickness, that after the expiration of six weeks from such payment the said A. M'Intyre was entitled to all benefits from that date. We therefore respectfully report that the appeal aforesaid be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

SAML. G. DOLSON.
WM. D. KENNEDY.
R. MATHISON.
HY. ROBERTSON.
W. S. CAMPBELL.

On motion to adopt the Clauses relating to the appeal of Bro. C.

Lee, of Avon Lodge, in regard to the \$100 grant to Widow Childley, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. H. C. Bingham moved, seconded by Rep. Mowatt, that the appeal of Bro. Chas. Lee be sustained, and the action of the Lodge reversed. Lost.

On motion duly seconded, the vote on which the Clauses of the Committee's Report was reversed, was reconsidered.

Moved by Rep. C. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay:

That all after the word "that" in Clause 2 of Report of Committee be stricken out, and the following inserted, "while this G. L. freely acknowledges that the action of Avon Lodge was based on that spirit of generosity characteristic of Odd Fellowship, yet it was evidently against the letter of the law; but, under the circumstances, we advise the Lodge to let the matter rest, and make no efforts to recover the money already paid to Mrs. Childley."

Carried.

On the motion to adopt the last Clause of the Report, in reference to the appeal in the case of Bro. McIntyre, it was moved, in amendment, by Rep. John Hunter, seconded by Rep. Samuel Atkins:—

That the Report of the Committee on Appeals in the case of the late Bro. McIntyre be not concurred in, and that the action of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, be sustained.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the Clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

Fred. D. Stewart, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. Masters Jas. Woodyatt, Jas. Smith and H. McAfee a Committee to wait upon and introduce the distinguished visitor, who was received with the Honors of the Order.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following supplementary report:—

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Report of Committee on State of the Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order submit the following resolutions in answer to the following questions :—

LODGE ROOM, Aug. 4th, 1870.

Wm. Barley, Rep. Bissell Lodge :

When does a member become in arrears ?

Resolved,—That it depends wholly upon the By-Laws of a Lodge.

Rep. Campbell, Dominion Lodge, No. 48 :

Must a candidate for admission into the I. O. O. F., be initiated a second time, if he has no documentary evidence of his first initiation, but can prove himself an Odd Fellow by the possession of the secrets of the Order? If not, in what manner can he join?

Resolved,—That the ceremony of initiation is unnecessary in the case mentioned, and he may be admitted in the same manner in other respects as new applicants, by regular ballot and the payment of fees according to his age and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM.
HENRY McAFEE.
W. MOWAT.
JOHN MURRAY.
WM. BISSELL.

Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Supplementary Report :—

Report of Committee on Legislation.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, of Ontario., I.O.O.F.

We your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred that part of the M. W. G. Master, report with regard to neglect of a large number of the D. D. G. Masters to send in their reports, beg leave to say, that before they had time to make out their report the Revision Committee as recommended by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, proposed and had adopted by this Grand Body an article for that purpose.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.
W. F. ROOME, M.D.
RICHARD WIGMORE.
CHAS. F. HANSON.
JOHN GIBSON.

Jas. Smith, P. G. M., asked permission from the Grand Lodge to appeal to the G. L., U. S., against its action on the appeal of Rep. M. D. Dawson. Granted.

The Lodge then proceeded with the nomination and election of Officers.

Upon motion of Jas. Smith, P.G.M.,

It was resolved, that the election for each office be had immediately upon the close of the nomination for such office.

The Chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Woodyatt and Wm. Bissell, as Tellers.

The nominations for Grand Officers are as follows :—

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Rep. M. E. Snider,	nominated	Rep. T. Healey.
“ W. Bissell	“ “	H. C. Bingham.
P. G. M. Jas. Smith	“ “	Thos. Partridge.
Rep. John Smith	“ “	W. N. Ford.

Thos. Partridge declined.

Rep. W. N. Ford elected on second ballot.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. H. Griffith	nominated	Rep. Jno. Gibson.	
“ C. T. Campbell	“ “	E. Beltz,	declined.
“ W. Bissell	“ “	J. J. Ramsay,	“
“ R. Wigmore	“ “	Hy. Robertson	“
“ Jas. Smith	“ “	W. Fitzsimmons	“
“ J. N. Mathews	“ “	M. Blume	“
“ T. Healey	“ “	J. B. M'Intyre	“
“ H. M'Afee	“ “	Geo. Irwin	“
“ W. Fitzsimmons	“ “	Jno. Wright	“
“ J. Smith	“ “	A. Purves.	“
“ W. F. Roome	“ “	Jno. Murray.	“
“ R. Wigmore	“ “	M. E. Snider.	“
“ H. Wilson	“ “	Geo. Wales	“
“ J. Taylor, jr.	“ “	W. R. Roberts	“
“ M. Blume	“ “	J. Schneider	“
“ Jno. Hunter	“ “	C. F. Hanson	“
“ W. R. Roberts	“ “	Jas. Henry	“

Rep. Jno. Gibson, elected on first ballot.

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

P. G. M. Jas. Smith nominated Rep. A. Purves.

Rep. Wm. Bissell, nominated	Rep. J. J. Ramsay.	
“ W. D. Kennedy	“ “ Jno Murray.	
“ H. Nicholson	“ “ M. Blume.	
“ J. Atkins	“ “ H. E. Buttery,	declined.
“ R. Wigmore	“ “ J. N. Mathews	“
“ H. E. Buttery	“ “ J. B. M'Intyre.	
“ M. E. Snider	“ “ J. Taylor, jr.,	declined.
“ J. Richmond	“ “ R. Mathison	“
“ J. A. Mathews	“ “ Jno. Richmond	“
“ M. Blume	“ “ W. R. Roberts.	

Rep. J. J. Ramsay elected on second ballot.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

Rep. M. E. Snider nominated J. B. King.

Elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

P. G. M. Jas. Smith nominated	Rep. Geo. Irwin.
“ H. C. Bingham	“ “ A. D. Clement.
Rep. H. Wilson	“ “ Geo. Wales.
“ C. T. Campbell	“ “ Jno. Wright, declined.

A. D. Clement elected on first ballot.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE TO G. L. U. S.

Rep. M. E. Snider nominated	P. G. M. Thos. Partridge.
“ Jas. Smith	“ “ H. M'Afee.
“ J. B. M'Intyre	“ “ S. G. Dolson.

P. G. M. Thos. Partridge elected on first ballot.

Jas. Smith, P.G.M., moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do so to meet in the town of Stratford, on the 1st Wednesday in August, 1871.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, that the word Stratford be struck out, and Toronto substituted.

Rep. Alfred Hay moved as amendment to the amendment that Toronto be stricken out, and Windsor inserted.

After some discussion, the last amendment, was by consent, withdrawn.

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment of Rep. Ramsay, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the motion as amended was adopted.

Rep. Jno. Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, gave notice that at the next Session of the Grand Lodge, he will move to amend the Constitution of Subordinates by striking out Clause 5, Sec. 2, Art 5.

Rep. E. C. Campbell moved, seconded by Rep. E. Beltz, That the Grand Secretary prepare a list of Lodges, with the Officers, for publication in the Canadian Almanac. Carried.

On motion of Jas. Smith P.G.M., it was resolved that 500 copies of the Journal 1870, and 500 copies of the Constitution, as amended, be printed.

Rep. J. Atkins, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, submitted two questions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons, of Prince Arthur Lodge, asked the following question:—Are the Working Books included in the Charter Fees of \$30, say thirty dollars, for the institution of a new Lodge?

The Grand Master answered, No. (See Constitution.)

On motion of Rep. T. Healy, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Scrutineers, viz., Jas. Woodyatt and W. Bissell.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following supplementary Report and Resolution, which was considered and adopted.

Report of the Committee on State of the Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following questions, by Rep. John Atkins, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, viz. :—

Is it legal to confer the Rebecca Degree on the widow of a deceased Brother who was in good standing at the time of his death, if he was not a member of the Scarlet Degree.

Also,—

If a widow removes out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of United States, while in receipt of benefits from a Lodge, can she legally claim said benefits.

To the first we would answer—No.

To the last we answer—Yes.

We therefore submit the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
HENRY McAFEE,
WM. BISSELL,
W. MOWATT,
JOHN MURRAY.

The Grand Master appointed P.G.M.s Bingham and Dolson as a Committee, to introduce the Grand Officers elect for installation, who thereupon introduced the several Officers elect, with the usual formalities, each of whom was duly installed, as follows:—

W. N. Ford	.....	M. W. Grand Master.
Jno. Gibson	.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. J. Ramsay	.....	“ “ Grand Warden.
J. B. King	.....	“ “ “ Secretary.
A. D. Clement	.....	“ “ “ Treasurer.

On motion, the Bond of J. B. King, late Grand Treasurer, was ordered to be cancelled.

The Bond of A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer, was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. T. Healy, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

Third Day's Proceedings.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 5, 1870.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain), and all the Representatives.

The minutes of last Evening Session read and confirmed.

Rep. J. N. Mathews, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was adopted :—

Report of the Committee on Printing.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

BROTHERS,—We, your Committee on Printing, beg to report, that there is nothing requiring their immediate attention, the printing of the Journal being in the hands of the Grand Secretary. We would, however, suggest that tenders be called for by the Grand Secretary for printing the Journal and Revised Constitution.

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted.

J. N. MATHEWS.
LOUIS DORR.
WM. BARLEY.
J. B. KING.

On motion of Thos. Partridge, Rep. it was

Resolved,—That the stock at present held by this Grand Lodge, be converted into cash.

Rep. Jas. Henry, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, table, and resolutions, which were adopted :—

Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to submit the following table and resolutions, viz :—

Table of Mileage and per Diem.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Number of Miles Travelled.	No. of Rejs.	Rate per Mile.		Amount of Mileage.		Number of Days.		Rate per Diem.		Total Mileage and per Diem.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
				\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts	\$	cts		
Brock.....	9		2	4				3	2			12 00	W. M. Seaton, Jno. Taylor, Jr.
Union.....	16	553	3	4	66	96	3	2	2	2	2	84 36	L. Dorr, H. Wilson, G. Wales.
Clatham.....	29	774	2	4	61	92	3	2	3	2	2	73 92	John Schneider, W. N. Smith.
Eureka.....	30	646	4	4	103	36	3	2	2	2	2	127 36	S. Atkins, J. Atkins, J. Hunter, T. Brown.
Erie.....	33	668	1	4	26	72	3	2	3	2	2	32 72	Geo. W. Prentice.
Gore.....	34	556	2	4	44	48	3	2	3	2	2	56 48	W. S. Campbell, R. Mathison.
Samaritan.....	35	608	2	4	48	64	3	2	3	2	2	60 64	J. F. McDonald, T. Simmons.
St. Marys.....	36	616	2	4	49	28	3	2	3	2	2	61 28	J. McLean, W. N. Ford.
Forest City.....	38	646	4	4	103	36	3	2	2	2	2	127 36	Wm. Bissell, E. Beltz, H. E. Buttery, C. F. Hanson.
Avon.....	41	594	3	4	71	28	3	2	3	2	2	89 28	J. Gibson, T. T. Irving, Wm. Mowatt.
Excelsior.....	44	494	2	4	39	52	3	2	3	2	2	51 52	J. Richmond, H. Griffith.
Frontier.....	45	868	3	4	104	16	3	2	3	2	2	122 16	A. Hay, T. Reid, W. Ferguson.
Mt. Zion.....	46	720	1	4	28	80	3	2	3	2	2	34 80	W. F. Roome.
Unity.....	47	494	2	4	39	52	3	2	3	2	2	51 52	J. Smith, W. D. Kennedy.
Dominion.....	48	646	2	4	51	68	3	2	3	2	2	63 68	I. Hogg, C. T. Campbell.
Canada.....	49	416	2	4	33	28	3	2	3	2	2	45 28	W. R. Roberts, R. Taylor, J. J. J.
Otter.....	50	638	1	4	25	52	3	2	3	2	2	31 52	J. N. Mathews.
Bissell.....	51	618	1	4	24	72	3	2	3	2	2	30 72	W. Barley.
Covenant.....	52	416	2	4	33	28	3	2	3	2	2	45 28	J. J. Ramsay, M. E. Snider.
Niagara Falls.....	53	580	1	4	23	20	3	2	3	2	2	29 20	John Murray.
Collingwood.....	54	606	2	4	48	48	3	2	3	2	2	60 48	Jas. Henry, H. Robertson.
Fidelity.....	55												No Representative present.
Queen City of Ontario.....	56	416	1	4	16	64	3	2	3	2	2	22 64	Richard Wigmore.
Maple Leaf.....	57	504	1	4	20	16	3	2	3	2	2	26 16	Thos. McAdam.
Howard.....	58	686	1	4	27	44	3	2	3	2	2	33 44	Henry Nicholson.
Prince Arthur.....	59	96	1	4	3	84	3	2	3	2	2	9 84	Wm. Fitzsimmons.
Wardsville.....	60	726	1	4	29	04	3	2	3	2	2	35 04	Wm. Irving.
Corinthian.....	61	348	1	4	14	00	3	2	3	2	2	20 00	C. S. ALICE.
Huron.....	62	350	1	4	28	48	3	2	3	2	2	34 48	H. C. Bingham.
Barrie.....	63	548	1	4	21	92	3	2	3	2	2	27 92	E. K. Carpenter.
G. OFFICERS PRESENT.													
Grand Master.....	646	1	4	25	84	3	2	3	2	2	2	31 84	Thos. Partridge.
D. G. Master.....	558	1	4	22	32	3	2	3	2	2	2	28 12	T. Healy.
G. Warden.....	1					3	2	3	2	2	2	6 00	J. Wright.
G. Sec. & Treas.....	556	1	4	22	24	3	2	3	2	2	2	28 24	J. B. King.
G. Rep.....	556	1	4	22	24	3	2	3	2	2	2	28 24	Jas. Woodyatt.
Do.....	868	1	4	34	72	3	2	3	2	2	2	40 72	H. McAfee.
G. Marshall.....	616	1	4	24	64	3	2	3	2	2	2	30 64	Geo. H. Marlatt.
G. Conductor.....	416	1	4	16	64	3	2	3	2	2	2	22 64	M. Blume.
G. Ground.....	558	1	4	22	32	3	2	3	2	2	2	28 12	J. B. McIntyre.

The foregoing table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at four cents per mile, and two dollars per Diem.

Your Committee beg to make the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favour of the Officers and Representatives.

JAMES HENRY.
E. R. CARPENTER.
JOHN RICHMOND.
THOS. McADAM.
M. BLUME.
JOHN SCHNIDER.

The following resolution was considered and adopted.

Moved by H. M'Afee, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Jno. Smith, and

Resolved—That the sum of six dollars be paid Mr. Jno. Grant, for services as Messenger to the Grand Lodge for the present session.

The following resolution was considered and adopted.

Moved by Rep. W. Mowatt, seconded by Rep. R. Mathison, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be and the same are hereby tendered to the Brothers of Brock Lodge, for the use of their handsome and commodious Lodge Room during the present sitting of this R. W. G. Lodge.

The following resolution was considered and adopted.

Moved by H. M'Afee, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Jno. Smith,

That the sum of thirty dollars be set apart to pay the incidental expenses of this session, and that a Committee of three be appointed to carry out the requirements of this resolution.

The Chair named as the Committee:—H. M'Afee, P.G.M., and Reps. W. Mowatt and Thos. Brown.

The following resolution was adopted.

Moved by Rep. H. Griffith, seconded by Rep. J. Smith, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Officers for their valuable services during the year.

The following resolution by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Wm. Mowatt, was adopted :—

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Resolved—That in future no further moneys be voted for incidental or other expenses, when it is inconsistent to have the object of the appropriation made known to this Grand Lodge.

The following resolution by Rep. W. Mowatt, seconded by Rep. R. Mathison, was adopted :—

That the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to Thos. Partridge, Past Grand Master, for extra incidental expenses incurred in visiting the Subordinate Lodges, during the past year.

The following was resolved in the negative.

Moved by Rep. W. D. Kennedy, seconded by Rep. R. Wigmore,

That a Committee be appointed to make selection of some suitable central point for the meeting of this grand body ; which point upon being decided upon shall be considered as the permanent place of meeting for three consecutive years, and report at next G. L. meeting.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, viz. :—

Rep. Thos. Reid, of Frontier Lodge, R. W. Grand Marshall.

“ W. D. Kennedy, Unity “ “ “ “ Conductor.

“ A. M’Phail “ “ “ “ Guardian.

“ C. F. Hanson, Eureka “ “ “ “ Chaplain.

“ M. Blume, Canada “ “ “ “ Herald.

Who at once assumed their respective places.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters :—

Rep. Frank Young -----	} Brock -----	No. 9	
		Prince Arthur -----	“ 59
“ Louis Dorr -----	Union -----	“ 16	
“ W. N. Smith -----	Chatham -----	“ 29	
	} Eureka -----	“ 30	
“ John Hunter -----		Forest City -----	“ 38
		Dominion -----	“ 48
“ Geo. W. Pontine -----	Erie -----	“ 33	
“ W. S. Campbell -----	Gore -----	“ 34	
“ J. F. McDonald -----	Samaritan -----	“ 35	
G. M. W. N. Ford -----	St. Mary’s -----	“ 36	
Rep. Henry Gibson -----	Avon -----	“ 41	

Rep. John Smith	{ Excelsior	" 44
	{ Unity	" 47
" Alfred Hay	Frontier	" 45
" W. F. Roome	Mt. Zion	" 46
Hugh Blain	{ Canada	" 49
	{ Covenant	" 52
	{ Queen City of Ontario	" 56
" J. N. Matthews	Otter	" 50
" Wm. Barley	Bissell	" 51
" John Murray	Niagara Falls	" 53
" Henry Robertson	{ Collingwood	" 54
	{ Barrie	" 63
" Henry Nicholson	Howard	" 57
" Thomas McAdam	Maple Leaf	" 58
" Wm. Irving	Wardsville	" 60
" C. S. Male	Corinthian	" 61

On motion duly seconded, the Grand Lodge closed in the G. L. Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Fred. D. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, by desire of the Grand Lodge, proceeded, to exemplify the Secret Work.

After which the Grand Lodge closed in the Scarlet and opened in the G. L. Degree.

When a vote of thanks to Bro. Stewart for his very valuable services was passed.

The business of the Session being completed, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die.*, at 12 o'clock, on the third day of the Session.



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Grand Secretary.

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APPENDIX.

ERRATA.

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION.

Article 3, Clause 2, to read as follows: "These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, *after previous nomination*, such *nomination* and election to take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and on the second day of the session, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

Article 3, Clause 22—After Grand Master in ninth line insert "*at least two weeks.*"

SUBORDINATE LODGE CONSTITUTION.

Article 3, Clause 10. —For "nominated," in third line, read "*appointed.*"

AND

CONSTITUTION, [&c.,

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.]

Rep. John Smith	}	Excelsior	44
		Unity	47
“ Alfred Hay		Frontier	45
“ W. F. Roome		Mt. Zion	46
	}	Canada	49
Hugh Blain		Covenant	52
		Queen City of Ontario	56
“ J. N. Matthews		Otter	50
“ Wm. Barley		Rissell	

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APPENDIX.

I. O. O. F.

Constitution; Rules of Order

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

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Constitution of the U. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, it has been found expedient, and of the utmost importance to the well being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations;

THEREFORE, THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, of the INDEPENDENT ORDER of ODD FELLOWS, with a view of ensuring a co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and Heaven-born principles, of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain, declare and establish, the following Articles as the CONSTITUTION for the government thereof.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

TITLE.

CLAUSE 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS."

POWERS.

CLAUSE 2.—This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within that section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as Ontario, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

CLAUSE 3.—No Lodge can be formed, nor continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 4.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper cause; of

receiving, hearing and determining, appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein; of regulating the means of its own support; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land, or the regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

CLAUSE 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the Usages and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but for Legislative purposes it shall be purely a representative body.

CLAUSE 2.—Any Past Grand on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

CLAUSE 3.—No Past Grand shall be admitted as a representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 4.—Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and all elective officers in this Grand Lodge, shall have the power of debating and making motions.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CLAUSE 5.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall, at its first meeting, in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows: that is to say, one Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding semi-annual report, shall be 50 or less, one Representative; and if over 50 and under 100, two Representatives; and if over 100, three Representatives, and so on.

CLAUSE 6.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified P. G., may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

CLAUSE 7.—In all ballotings, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—The resignation by any member of his office of Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G. of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and

either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient, and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

CLAUSE 9.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a Committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to this G. Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—Should the Committee report such charges unfounded, or as not having been proved, such Report shall be accepted as final, and the charges dismissed.

CLAUSE 11.—Should the Committee report the charges as proved in whole or in part, the Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged, in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

CLAUSE 12.—In case the Committee shall find the charges proven in whole or in part against an Elective Officer, (the Grand Lodge not being in session) they shall communicate the fact to the other Elective Officers; should such Officers deem it advisable, they shall convene a Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of proceeding as provided in Clause 11 of this Article.

CLAUSE 13.—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be :

The Most Worthy Grand Master.
 “ Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
 “ “ “ Grand Warden.
 “ “ “ Grand Secretary.
 “ “ “ Grand Treasurer.
 “ “ “ Grand Representatives.

To be elected by ballot.

CLAUSE 2.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, such election to take place at the annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and on the second day of the Session, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

CLAUSE 3.—At each Election the presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present as Tellers, who shall *preside* at the ballot box, and allow each member as his *Lodge* is called by the Grand Secretary, to deposit his ballot, and when the balloting is completed, shall examine the same and report the result.

CLAUSE 4.—Each Elective Officer, the G. Representatives excepted, shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present; and after each ballot the name of the Candidate who shall have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

CLAUSE 5.—The Elective Grand Officers, except the Grand Representatives, shall be installed, according to the Grand Lodge order of business, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next annual Session, and until the installation of their successors.

CLAUSE 6.—The sitting Grand Master or any P. G. Master, or the highest Officer present, shall instal the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter instal the other Officers.

CLAUSE 7.—Should any Officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for that ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the members present shall forthwith proceed to fill the same by a new election, the successful Candidate at which shall be immediately installed. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the Officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time, and in such manner as the G. Lodge may then specially direct.

CLAUSE 8.—The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Grand Lodge of the U. S.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 9.—The appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be—

The Worthy Grand Marshall.			
“ “	“	“	Conductor.
“ “	“	“	Guardian.
“ “	“	“	Chaplain.
“ “	“	“	Herald.

To be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, nominate, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a Right Worthy Grand District Deputy, for each District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

CLAUSE 11.—Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, R. W. G. Warden, R. W. G. Secretary, or R. W. G. Treasurer, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a person to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers, provided always that the person so chosen shall serve only until the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, when in the event of term of the vacant office being still unexpired, the Representatives present shall elect by ballot a person to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 12.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in the election of officers; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, the Pass-Word received from the Grand Lodge of the U. S.; he shall *ex officio*, be a member of all Committees of this Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he shall have power in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand District Deputy, to appoint a qualified P. G., to open newly chartered Lodges, instal their officers, and present their Charters; and he shall, in person, or by Deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings, and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, once in each year, or oftener if he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests; the necessary expenses incurred in making such visit to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 13.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall *ex officio*, become Grand Master, until the next regular Session thereafter, and shall receive the Honors of the office.

CLAUSE 14.—The R. W. G. Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master,

have charge of the Lodge Room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And in the event of a vacancy in the office of R. W. D., Grand Master, he shall, *ex officio*, become Deputy Grand Master until the first regular Session thereafter.

CLAUSE 15.—The duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary shall be to attend, in person, every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent shall transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of this Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and files all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, pay over to him forthwith all monies coming into his hand on account of this Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge; and submit the same to the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge, if in Session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States a regular report of the Order, made up to the 30th day of June, in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular Session of this Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence; and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty. He shall have his books properly closed by the first day of August in each year, and shall have a sufficient number of his Financial Statement and Statistical Table printed for the use of each Officer and Representative of the Grand Lodge; and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each Annual Session.

CLAUSE 16.—The R. W. G. Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the monies of this Lodge, depositing the same in some Chartered Banking Institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest, after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, and legible manner, exhibiting in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular session, and submit them thereto to this Grand Lodge, and shall execute, in favor of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, in trust, a satisfactory Bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

CLAUSE 17.—The R. W. Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and act thereat on behalf of the various Lodges within this jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with Certificates of election in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of

the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Sessions thereof attended by them.

CLAUSE 18.—The R. W. G. Chaplain shall, when present, open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge with prayer.

CLAUSE 19.—The R. W. G. Marshal shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

CLAUSE 20.—The R. W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, he shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge Room; he shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him the semi-annual P. W.; he shall receive the Cards of Travelling Brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 21.—The R. W. Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

CLAUSE 22.—Each R. W. Grand District Deputy shall act as the organ of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly, and to instal the Officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent Officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District; he shall report to the Grand Master, previous to each regular Session, such Dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit to the Grand Secretary all Dues, Dispensations, Charges, and other Funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge, as soon after receipt of the same as may be.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Grand Officers shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 2.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each Annual Session to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge :—

Committee on Credentials ;

- “ “ Returns ;
- “ “ Finance ;
- “ “ Laws of Subordinates ;
- “ “ Appeals ;
- “ “ Printing ;
- “ “ Legislation ;
- “ “ State of the Order ;
- “ “ Mileage and Per Diem ;
- “ “ Petitions and Correspondence.

CLAUSE 3.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their credentials.

CLAUSE 4.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three members, and shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

CLAUSE 5.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against this Grand Lodge, previous to their being ordered for payment ; to examine, at each regular Session, all financial books and accounts of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may find to be expedient and necessary.

CLAUSE 6.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of five members, of whom three shall form a quorum, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this Grand Lodge,) or which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary ; provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any appeal to which he may be himself a party.

CLAUSE 7.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, sent in for approval, on which they shall report at the earliest opportunity, pointing out all regulations therein (if any,) which may violate or conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order, and generally, as to all such matters relative thereto, as they may deem expedient.

CLAUSE 8.—The Committee on Printing shall consist of three mem-

bers, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge, and the necessary correction and condensing of material for the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge previous to publication.

CLAUSE 9.—The Committee on Legislation shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of Laws.

CLAUSE 10.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master during the recess, all questions relating to the interpretation of the Laws and usages of the Order in this Province, and all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.

CLAUSE 11.—The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time, fixing the rate of such Mileage and Per Diem.

CLAUSE 12.—The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all Petitions and Correspondence.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

CLAUSE 13.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, unless provided for by special vote, and shall report at the next meeting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 14.—The reports of all Committees must be made in writing.

ARTICLE V.

SESSIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in August in each year, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding Session thereof.

CLAUSE 2.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, whenever and wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Odd Fellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and the importance of the subject matters for consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always, that three weeks notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.

CLAUSE 3.—At the Annual Session, the Returns and Reports of the several Subordinate Lodges, as required by the Constitution, shall be presented; the newly elected Representatives shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand Officers shall be elected and installed; and all manner of business, within the powers and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in due form.

CLAUSE 4.—At any special meeting of the Grand Lodge; no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.

CLAUSE 5.—At all Regular and Special Meetings, the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time as may be found expedient.

CLAUSE 6.—To constitute a Regular Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

WORKING:

CLAUSE 7.—All the business of this Grand Lodge during its Sessions shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree.

CLAUSE 8.—All the Representatives present shall vote upon, and a majority thereof shall decide all questions before the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided by law, and the Yeas and Nays, if called for and seconded, shall be regularly recorded on the minutes.

CLAUSE 9.—No Representative shall be entitled to a vote in this Grand Lodge while any semi-annual Report, percentage, or account is due this Grand Lodge by the Lodge he represents.

RETURNS.

CLAUSE 10.—This Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at least twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the latter, a Return up to the 30th June then last past, containing full information as to the work of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, for the then preceding year, their present state, prospects, and all such other particulars as may be required by the Form of Annual Return which the Grand Lodge of the United States may from time to time prescribe.

CLAUSE 11.—Such Returns shall be accompanied by the amount of dues accruing to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE VI.

REGALIA, JEWELS, ETC.

REGALIA.

CLAUSE 1.—Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

CLAUSE 2.—The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges, shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 3.—The jewel for a Past Grand Master is a sun, with a hand and heart; for a Grand Master, a sun, with the scales of justice impressed thereon; for a Deputy Grand Master, a half moon; for a Grand Warden, crossed gavels; for a Grand Conductor, a Roman sword; for a Grand Guardian, crossed swords; for a Grand Marshal, a baton; all of white metal.

CLAUSE 4.—The jewel of a Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative, is a medal three inches in diameter, having on one side the coat of arms of his State, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. (*For Regalia of Subordinates, see Constitution of Subordinates.*)

ARTICLE VII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

INSTITUTION.

CLAUSE 1.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall transmit to this Grand Lodge, a written application to that effect, accompanied by their Cards of Clearance, or the Certificate of the Grand District Deputy of the District, that the same are in his possession, and by Certificates of their having attained the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 2.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five Brothers of the Scarlet Degree, and be accompanied by the sum of thirty dollars, being the Charter Fee. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten Brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

CLAUSE 3.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter, as above required, the Grand Master may issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

CLAUSE 4.—Every application for the Establishment of a Lodge, shall as soon as possible, be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall report the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 5.—The necessary Charges and Lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge, to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The travelling expenses of the Instituting officer shall also be payable by the Lodge instituted.

CLAUSE 6.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary's Degree, and the first V. G.

shall be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree, in addition to the Degrees acquired by actual service.

GOVERNMENT.

CLAUSE 7.—This Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, a Form of Constitution and Rules of Order. Provided always, however, that copies of the form of Constitution so to be issued, and of all resolutions enacting, amending, or repealing the same or any part or Clauses thereof, shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; one of such duplicate copies to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be.

CLAUSE 8.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-Laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 9.—No Public Celebration of any kind, shall be held by Lodges under this jurisdiction, nor any controversy entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master, or in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master.

CLAUSE 10.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in any Subordinate Lodge, nor hold Membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time; and no Lodge shall, by remission or otherwise, exempt any of its members from the payment of the dues levied by law.

CLAUSE 11.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official, unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal affixed, of which seal an impression in lead shall be furnished to this Grand Lodge, as soon as may be.

CLAUSE 12.—This Grand Lodge shall divide the Province of Ontario under its jurisdiction, into Districts, making such arrangements thereof from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

CLAUSE 13.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue Dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the Returns and pay the Dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

CLAUSE 15.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds, and other property of said Lodge.

CLAUSE 16.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear of the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to this Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card of Clearance under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a Card of Clearance regularly granted. Provided always that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from its Subordinates as follows: not less than 8 per cent on the gross amount received for Degrees and Initiations, and when the Quarterly Dues amount to \$4 per annum, 12 per cent; \$5 per annum, 10 per cent; and \$6 or over per annum, 8 per cent on amount received for such dues except on the proportion thereof set apart for the Widows and Orphans Fund.

CLAUSE 2.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of members in good standing in each Lodge according to its last semi-annual Report.

EXPENDITURE.

CLAUSE 3.—All claims against this Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and be by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

CLAUSE 4.—Claims reported correct shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and if then approved, the Grand Master shall issue his warrant for the payment of the same, on the Grand Treasurer, which shall be attested by the Grand Secretary, and shall be

duly entered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Treasurer.

CLAUSE 5.—In cases of urgency, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, issue such warrant, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the general laws, principles, or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 2.—Copies of all such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, one of such duplicate copies to be retained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the other to be returned to this Grand Lodge certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

CLAUSE 3.—All By-Laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 1 of this Section, may be annulled by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 4.—This Constitution or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, and upon notice being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges, of the proposed alteration; except in a case where a Committee has been regularly appointed to report alterations of any kind, in which case it shall be lawful to take immediate action upon the changes proposed by said Committee.

ARTICLE X.

CLAUSE 1.—The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the Laws of the Order, held only

in trust for charitable purposes, and must be applied solely to these purposes, and the donating or in any manner dividing them among the members individually is a violation of the trust and the law, the penalty of which is expulsion. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.

CLAUSE 2.—Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender, or forfeiture of its Charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed Officers and Members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge to assign, transfer, and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or the D. D. Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same, and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any Officer or Member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

CLAUSE 3.—All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under the previous Clauses of this article shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust; first for the benefit of any Brother and Widow or Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same, and the balance, if any, to be restored should such Subordinate Lodge ever be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that in the event said Lodge should not be restored to fellowship within three years the funds and properties of said Lodge shall be disposed or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or to such other charitable purpose as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

CLAUSE 4.—Upon the application of five or more members of an extinct Lodge, to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in Clause 3 of this Article.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st.—The Members will clothe themselves in their appropriate Regalia.
- 2nd.—The Guardian will close the door.
- 3rd.—The Officers will take their respective Chairs.
- 4th.—The Grand Master will make *pro tem* appointments if needed.
- 5th.—The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. and Semi-Annual Pass-Word.
- 6th.—The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.
- 7th.—The Grand Lodge will rise according to usage, and the Grand Marshal will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.
- 8th.—The Grand Secretary will read the Credentials of Representatives and new members.
- 9th.—The Grand Master shall appoint the Committee on Credentials, which shall report with as little delay as possible.
- 10th.—The Reception and adoption of the Report of the Credential Committee.
- 11th.—The Reception of new Members and Representatives, and the calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.
- 12th.—The Reading and Adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Session, and of all Special Meetings of the year past.
- 13th.—The Reading and Reference to Appropriate Committees of the Reports of the Grand Officers.
- 14th.—The Appointment of all Regular Committees.
- 15th.—The Reception of Petitions, Communications and Appeals, and the reference of the same to Committees.
- 16th.—The Roll of Lodges shall be called for the presentation of Questions, and Business, and proper reference of the same.
- 17th.—The Nomination and Election of Officers.
- 18th.—Unfinished business in order of its priority.
- 19th.—The Reports of Committees shall be read and considered.
- 20th.—The Installation of Officers.
- 21st.—The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business.
- 22nd.—The closing of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1st.—After each adjournment the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.

Rule 2nd.—During the continuance of the Session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows :—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Members.
 - 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
 - 3.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Credentials, on claims for admission as Representatives.
 - 4.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new Members.
 - 5.—The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last meeting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
 - 6.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Returns, relative to the Returns from Subordinate Lodges, and the reading of such Returns as may be reported correct.
 - 7.—The reading and referring of Accounts presented.
 - 8.—The reading, consideration and disposal of Petitions from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.
 - 9.—The reading and referring of Appeals from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.
 - 10.—The reading, consideration and disposal of other Communications.
 - 11.—The receiving of any Reports from the other Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, in the following order :—Committee on Finance ; Committee on Grievances ; Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
 - 12.—The receiving of any Reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
 - 13.—Unfinished Business, in order of priority at previous meetings.
 - 14.—New Business.
 - 15.—Closing, or Adjournment, (as the case may be,) of the Grand Lodge.
- Rule 3rd.*—All motions shall be submitted in writing.
- Rule 4th.*—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.
- Rule 5th.*—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the Chair ; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—
- 1.—To adjourn ;
 - 2.—To lay on the table ;
 - 3.—To put the previous question ;

- 4.—To postpone ;
 5.—To refer ; or
 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule 6th.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Grand Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "Shall the question be now put?" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

Rule 7th.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon.

Rule 8th.—Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

Rule 9th.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next meeting of the then Session, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule 10th.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule 11th.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule 12th.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any three members.

Rule 13th.—Every member present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

Rule 14th.—Any member, intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

Rule 15th.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member desirous of speaking shall have had an opportunity of doing so—nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule 16th.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed.

Rule 17th.—Any member called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall such member speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule 18th.—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the Chair.

Rule 19th.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—"Most Worthing Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,"—and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith

20 to consider and vote upon the question :—"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?"

Rule 20th.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain and apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule 21st.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule 22nd.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a meeting may at any time be carried by a two-thirds vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such order of business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule 23rd.—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule 22nd), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, in the same mode as required in Article IX., of the foregoing Constitution.

Constitution and Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the CONSTITUTION of all SUBORDINATE LODGES working under its immediate jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the

Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, "_____ Lodge, No. _____, I. O. O. F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 1.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge must be 21, and not over 50 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and a resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

CLAUSE 2.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next Meeting.

CLAUSE 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

CLAUSE 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

CLAUSE 6.—Every Member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

CLAUSE 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission, more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for Membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

CLAUSE 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection;

and no person who has been twice rejected on application for Membership in this Lodge, shall again be proposed as a Candidate.

DEGREES.

CLAUSE 10.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

CLAUSE 11.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

CLAUSE 12.—No certificate for Degree shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 15.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a Member of this Lodge and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge

may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

CLAUSE 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees ; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G. ; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and has attained to the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 3.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

CLAUSE 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named ; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or has sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

CLAUSE 6.—The Election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

CLAUSE 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation ; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election ; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 9.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G. I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S. ; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 10.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his Installation ; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

CLAUSE 11.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. and O. G., I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 12.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint

as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

CLAUSE 13.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

CLAUSE 14.—Any Vacancy in Office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 15.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 16.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SESSIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws; provided always that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights service be required as the term of office.

CLAUSE 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

CLAUSE 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSE 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the whole.

TERMS.

CLAUSE 6.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively: should the D. M., P. S. or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

CLAUSE 7.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

CLAUSE 8.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Semi-Annual Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

CLAUSE 9.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being eight per cent on all sums received for Initiation and Degrees, and at the following rate on the amount received for dues:—12 per cent, where the annual dues are Four Dollars; 10 per cent, where the annual dues are Five Dollars; and 8 per cent, where the annual dues are Six Dollars and over; always excepting the proportion set apart for the Widow and Orphans' Fund, and any sums donated to the Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—A Fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 11.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be

known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

CLAUSE 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than Five Dollars.

CLAUSE 3.—The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar for each of the Five Degrees; and all monies received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 4.—The Contributions of each Member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than One Dollar per Quarter; one-fifth of whatever may be the Quarterly Contribution to the Benefit Funds shall be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining four-fifths to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such Fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund), as may be determined by the By-Laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

CLAUSE 7.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than Twenty Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

CLAUSE 8.—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 7 of this Article.

CLAUSE 9.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress; Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars.

CLAUSE 10.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit; Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

ARTICLE VI.

PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

PENALTIES.

CLAUSE 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

CLAUSE 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8. of this Article.

CLAUSE 3.—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

CLAUSE 4.—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

CLAUSE 5.—Notice of every suspension, expulsion, or re-instatement, shall forthwith be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province.

CLAUSE 6.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

TRIALS.

CLAUSE 7.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 8.—Any charge or charges, so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 9.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

CLAUSE 11.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

CLAUSE 12.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

APPEALS.

CLAUSE 13.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 9 of this Article; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

CLAUSE 14.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the Members present shall determine.

CLAUSE 15.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this article.

ARTICLE VII.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

CLAUSE 1.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow, and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Soene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 2.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardian, crossed swords; all to be of white metal.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

CLAUSE 3.—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may at their discretion, permit the ordinary Regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia.

CLAUSE 4.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree the wearer has attained.

CLAUSE 5.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other Members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken.—(BY-LAWS G. L. U. S., Art. 24.)

CLAUSE 6.—The Encampment Regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS) can only be worn in an Encampment; but Members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree, may wear the Colors of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.**BY-LAWS, &c****BY-LAWS.**

CLAUSe 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient; Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSe 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

DISPENSATIONS.

CLAUSe 3.—The Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

CLAUSe 4.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSe 5.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows:—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.
- 8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.
- 9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.
- 10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
- 11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.
- 12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former Meetings; and *secondly*, New Business.
- 13.—The closing of the Lodge.

Rule III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1.—To adjourn;
- 2.—To lay on the table;
- 3.—To put the previous question;
- 4.—To postpone;
- 5.—To refer; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following:—“*Shall the question be now put?*” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule IX.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two Members having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII.—Every Member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any Member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XV.—In all cases where a Member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“*M. N., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge;*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—“*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*”

Rule XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge, may, at any time, require all Members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing.

Rule XVIII.—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—No Brother shall retire, while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.) by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

 LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*THOS. REYNOLDS, M. D.....	BROCKVILLE, 1856 to 1858.
†CHAUNCEY YALE.....	ST. CATHARINES, 1859.
S. G. DOLSON.....	do 1860.
WM. BISSELL.....	LONDON, 1861.
H. C. BINGHAM.....	BRANTFORD, 1862.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	do 1863.
JAMES SMITH.....	LONDON, 1864.
JAMES D. TAIT.....	SF, CATHARINES, 1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE.....	LONDON, 1866.
HENRY McAFEE.....	WINDSOR, 1867.
JOHN BARK.....	HAMILTON, 1868.
THOS. PARTRIDGE.....	LONDON, 1869.

* Died, 14th September, 1859.

† Died, 15th April, 1866.

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