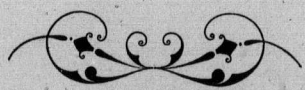




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ST. THOMAS, June 14th, 1892.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of Ontario, assembled in the Castle Hall of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor Fitzgerald at 9.15 o'clock a.m.

Present, the following Grand Officers :—

- R. H. JARVIS.....Past Grand Chancellor.
- F. J. FITZGERALD.....Grand Chancellor.
- J. B. DAVIDSON.....Grand Prelate.
- D. J. PEACE.....Grand Master of Exchequer.
- G. H. MITCHELL.....Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
- G. C. FOWLIE.....Grand Master-at-Arms.
- W. C. MAPLEDORAM.....Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor, W. F. Morphy, being absent on account of having had to go to Los Angeles, Cal., for the benefit of his health, the Grand Chancellor appointed Representative Bennett, of No. 28, to fill the vacancy.

The Grand Inner Guard, R. Irwin, being absent on account of having to attend Civil Service examinations, Past Grand Chancellor Gardner, of No. 10, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A quorum of lodges not being present the Grand Chancellor appointed Representatives Paul, of No. 33, Bennett, of No. 28, and Baker, of No. 12, as the Committee on Credentials and Returns, with instructions to report at once on the Credentials of Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the Credentials of Representatives and Past Chancellors, and the semi-annual reports of lodges, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report:—

REPORT No. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the following Past Chancellors, and find that they are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank:

NAME	No. of Lodge
Wm. Brown	2
Court Curtis	3
W. S. Wooliver and E. Stevens	9
A. D. F. McIntosh	10
A. L. Friedman and Hy. DuBois	11
R. H. McConnell	12
Thos. Graham	13
Wm. H. Robinson	15
C. H. Robinson	16
A. K. Sturgeon, M.D.	17
W. J. Carkeek, A. Knox, and W. J. Cluff	18
J. Cowie, D. McTavish, C. C. McIntyre and D. Stevenson	19
Wm. Hill	22
J. G. Little	24
John A. Washburn	28
Wm. Smith, Jno. E. Avann, E. Holland and S. J. Southcott	29
A. A. Alexander	30
W. Crawford, D. McCormick, J. Norris and T. H. Hiscock	32

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PAUL, of No. 33.  
R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.  
M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

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Representative Paul, of London Lodge, said he desired to take exception to the number given to his lodge by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The Grand Chancellor stated that as the question of the number of London Lodge and Oil Springs Lodge would come before the Grand Lodge later on, they could in the meantime be recognized by their name instead of number.

The report of the Committee, on this understanding, was then adopted.

The Grand Master-at-Arms retired and introduced the following Past Chancellors who were obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Rank :

S. Bloomgarden .....	of No. 2
Court Curtis .....	" 3
Geo. Hodder and W. P. Cooke .....	" 5
A. F. Oakley .....	" 6
W. S. Wooliver and E. Stevens .....	" 9
R. H. McConnell .....	" 12
W. J. Carkeek, A. Knox and W. J. Cluff .....	" 18
Wm. Hills .....	" 22
A. A. Alexander .....	" 30
J. H. Hiscock .....	" 32
Wm. Smith and J. E. Avann .....	of London Lodge

The Grand Lodge was opened in regular form.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT No. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report that from the Journal of last session, or from certificates in proper form presented at this session, they find the Past Chancellors in the first column are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1892, and from the certificates submitted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Past Chancellors in the second column are entitled to seats as Grand Representatives for the term ending December 31st, 1893.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Year ending Dec. 31, 1892.	Year ending Dec. 31, 1893.
Mystic Lodge, No. 1	Thos. Shortiss	J. E. Leslie.
Myrtle " "	2..... E. B. Galpin	R. A. Carrothers.
Red Cross " "	3..... J. P. Macleod	W. W. Lumsden.
Ivanhoe " "	4..... S. E. Hall	A. J. Rattray
Crusader " "	5..... Geo. Hodder	W. P. Cooke.
Damon " "	6..... S. W. Baker	E. W. Pyke.
Rokeby " "	9..... W. S. Wooliver	E. Stevens.
Prospect " "	10..... Geo. Taylor	W. S. Rhycard.
Algoma " "	11..... John Jenkins	E. Biggings.
Rathbone " "	12..... J. B. Davidson	Jas. A. Bell
Aurora " "	13..... W. C. Mapledoram	Thos. Graham.
Olive " "	14..... Fred. Snider	John Knight.
Marathon " "	15..... A. McNaughton	W. E. Rispen.
Friendship " "	16..... Fred. Neal	Thos. McWhinney.
Petrolia " "	17..... G. E. VanTuyl	G. S. Filkin.
Queen City " "	18..... W. J. Carkeek	A. A. Knox.
Meniss " "	19..... D. C. McTavish	
Mizpah " "	22..... T. Hetherington	W. M. English, M. D.
Rienzi " "	24..... J. A. Dart	J. A. Mackellar.
Ontario " "	25..... Theo. Jorgenson	John S. King.
Dufferin " "	28..... J. A. Lindsay	R. A. Bennett.
London " "	—..... John Paul	Wm. Smith
Toronto " "	30..... W. C. Macdonald	Thos. G. Soole.
Bismarck " "	31..... Aclam Belz	L. E. Hatzfield.
Sicily " "	32..... W. Crawford	J. H. Hiscock.

Your Committee further find the following Past Chancellors entitled to seats as Grand Representatives for the terms and reasons stated :

C. H. Wallis, Mystic Lodge, No. 1, for term ending December 31st, 1893, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Jas. E. Leslie.

F. T. C. Richardson, Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, for term ending December 31st, 1892, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of E. B. Galpin.

M. J. Baker, Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, for term ending December, 31st, 1892, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J. B. Davidson.

Wm. Hill, Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, for term ending December 31st, 1892, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of T. Hetherington.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PAUL, of London Lodge.  
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M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

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The Roll of Representatives was then called and the following found to be present:—Baker, of No. 6; Baker, of No. 12; Bennett, of No. 28; Carkeek, of No. 18; Cooke, of No. 5; English, of No. 22; Hill, of No. 22; Hiscock, of No. 32; Hodder, of No. 5; Jorgenson, of No. 25; King, of No. 25; Macdonald, of No. 30; McWhinney, of No. 16; Paul, of London Lodge; Pitkin, of No. 17; Pyke, of No. 6; Rattray, of No. 4; Richardson, of No. 2; Smith, of London Lodge; Soole, of No. 30; Stevens, of No. 9; Van Tuyl, of No. 17; Wallis, of No. 1; Wooliver, of No. 9; and

Past Grand Chancellor Gardner, of No. 10.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following Standing Committees, the names appearing in italics being appointed to fill vacancies:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### LAW AND SUPERVISION:

<i>W. C. Macdonald</i> .....	of No. 30
<i>R. A. Bennett</i> .....	" 28
<i>E. W. Pyke</i> .....	" 6

##### APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:

<i>G. S. Pitkin</i> .....	of No. 17
<i>W. P. Cooke</i> .....	" 5
<i>W. S. Wooliver</i> .....	" 9

##### FINANCE:

<i>W. M. English</i> .....	of No. 22
S. E. Hall.....	" 4
<i>C. H. Wallis</i> .....	" 1

##### STATE OF THE ORDER:

G. E. Van Tuyl.....	of No. 17
<i>John S. King</i> .....	" 25
<i>M. J. Baker</i> .....	" 12

##### PRINTING:

Theo. Jorgenson.....	of No. 25
S. W. Baker.....	" 6
W. C. Macdonald.....	" 30



## Also, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION :

T. Jorgenson .....	of No. 25
J. H. Hiscock .....	" 32
W. Hill .....	" 22

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the minutes of last session, when, on motion of Grand Master of Exchequer Peace, the further reading of the same was dispensed with, and the Journal as printed was approved.

The reports of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were presented in printed form, and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario :*

Brethren,—I herewith submit a report of my official acts during the year, and trust that it will be approved by you.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Immediately after entering upon my official duties I commissioned the following Past Chancellors as my District Deputies :

No. 1	District, County of York .....	Thomas Soole, Toronto.
No. 2	" County of Wentworth .....	J. P. Macleod, Hamilton.
No. 3	" County of Middlesex .....	W. M. English, M. D., London.
No. 4	" County of Kent .....	W. E. Rispen, Chatham.
No. 5	" County of Essex .....	Wm. Bushell, Windsor.
No. 6	" Eastern Algoma .....	W. Turner, Sault Ste. Marie.
No. 7	" Western Algoma .....	W. C. Mapledoram, Ft William
No. 9	" County of Elgin. ....	Jas. A. Bell, St. Thomas.
No. 12	" Counties of Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont, Glen- garry, and South half of Lanark County .....	Geo. C. Fowle, Smith's Falls.
No. 14	" Counties of Renfrew, Carlton, Russell, Prescott, and North half of Lanark County ....	R. C. Smith, Smith's Falls.
No. 15	" County of Lambton .....	Geo. E. Van Tuyl, Petrolia.
No. 16	" Counties of Huron and Bruce..	Walter Crawford, Wingham.

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To P. G. C. Alex. Gardner I issued a commission as Special Deputy for the Province.

In No. 6 District the office became vacant, and I appointed P. C., E. Biggings to the position.

In No. 12 District Bro. G. C. Fowlie resigned and I appointed P. C., R. A. Bennett to fill the vacancy.

I am under obligations to the D. D. G. C.'s for the assistance they have given me during the year. I would not attempt to report each and every act as there are many little matters that could not be specified, but as the D. D. G. C.'s have reported fully you will be able to form an idea of the work done.

#### DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

1. Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia, to change night of meeting from first and third Monday to every Tuesday.
2. Prospect Lodge, No. 10, London, to change place of meeting to hall corner Dundas and Clarence Sts.
3. Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, London, to change place of meeting to hall corner Dundas and Clarence Sts.
4. Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, Toronto, to change night of meeting to second Saturday in each month.
5. Oil Springs Lodge, No. 34, Oil Springs, to initiate Geo. Yates and D. Whitehead, each being over fifty years of age.

#### NEW LODGES.

I am pleased to report the institution of the following lodges :

Queen City Lodge, No. 18, Toronto. This lodge was instituted by myself on July 31st, 1891, assisted by G. V. C. Morphy; G. K. of R. and S. Mitchell; D. D. G. C. Soole; Past Chancellors Abbott, Pyke, Shortiss, Wallis and a large number of members of the city lodges. To P. C. Pyke is due the credit of working up this lodge.

Meniss Lodge, No. 19, Chapleau. This lodge was instituted Dec. 12th, 1891, by P. C. Cooke, of Crusader Lodge, No. 5, Port Arthur, who was assisted by members of his own lodge and Aurora Lodge, No. 13, of Fort William.

Sicily Lodge, No. 32, Wingham. P. G. C. Gardner, the organizer of this lodge, instituted it Dec. 8th, assisted by myself and others. This is a small lodge but gives promise of a good future.

London Lodge, No. 33, South London. P. G. C. Gardner was also the organizer and instituting officer of this lodge, the institution taking place on March 2nd, 1892.

Oil Springs Lodge, No. 34, Oil Springs. D. D. G. C. Van Tuyl was the organizer of this lodge and instituted it on April 21st.

#### BY-LAWS.

I have approved the by-laws of Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, and Queen City Lodge, No. 18, and also certain amendments to the by-laws of Prospect Lodge, No. 10, and Toronto Lodge, No. 30.

#### LODGES VISITED.

My first visit was to my own lodge, on the evening of June 25th. There was a large attendance of the three city lodges. The members of the order in London were pleased at having one of their number elected to the office of G. C.

Visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 28, Smith's Falls, on the evening of January 21st, 1892, and installed the officers, assisted by D. D. G. C. Fowle, and P. C., R. C. Smith. The attendance was good and the lodge is in good condition. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening spent.

Paid visits to Mystic Lodge, No. 1, Toronto, on January 25th and February 16th, accompanied by G. K. of R. and S. Mitchell, and D. D. G. C. Thos. Soole. The attendance was fair on both occasions.

Met the members of Damon Lodge, No. 6, Toronto, on January 27th, with P. G. C. Jarvis, and D. D. G. C. Soole. This is one of the solid lodges, composed of a good class of members and with the watchful eye of Bro. Ed. W. Pyke over them they will be all right.

On January 29th I went to St. Catharines, a special meeting was held and we had a fair attendance. They had held no meeting for months, but as the members promised to go to work again, I expected that their report and per capita tax would have been received before this as I understand the lodge ordered them sent some time ago, but I hope the matter will be attended to before the meeting of Grand Lodge and that we will have their representatives with us at that time.

I visited Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, and Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, Hamilton on February 1st. There was a good attendance of members, among whom were G. M. of E. Peace; D. D. G. C. Macleod; P. G. C's Vale and Chapman, and Bro. Belz, C. C. and C. J. Dixon, K. of R. and S. of Bismarck. Both lodges are progressing favorably.

Visited Queen City Lodge, No. 18, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 17th. The attendance was fair. The Second Rank was conferred on two Pages and the Third Rank on two Esquires. This lodge is doing good work and is about to hold special meetings to confer Ranks.

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Met the members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Toronto, on February 18th, accompanied by the D. D. G. C. This is a good lodge.

Attended banquet on Friday, February 19th, under the auspices of the Toronto lodges. It was a success in every way and with Bro. A. A. Alexander in the chair you may know it was well managed.

Visited Prospect Lodge, No. 10, London, on February 22nd. This is a good lodge and will try to keep first place in London.

February 23rd, was the date of my visit to Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, St. Thomas, in company with P. G. C. Gardner, G. P. Davidson, D. D. G. C. Bell and Bro. H. Bates, V. C. of Mizpah Lodge, No. 22. A large number of members were present and they are very enthusiastic over the work. After the meeting, tables were laid in the lodge room, a splendid repast was provided and after a couple of hours were spent in discussing the good things and listening to the music, singing and speeches, we could hardly tell in what the Rathbone members excelled as they are perfectly at home in the lodge work as well as in entertaining visitors.

Paid a visit to members of Rienzi Lodge, No. 24, Ridgetown, on February 24th, accompanied by P. C. Jas. Dart. This lodge has been unfortunate, having lost a number of members, who have left the country, and they felt discouraged. We had a good meeting and after discussing the position and prospects the members decided to try to keep the lodge going, and they will succeed. Their report has been received.

On Thursday, February 25th, in company with P. G. C. McKellar, D. D. G. C. Rispin and Bro. C. Crofts, of Mizpah Lodge, I visited Marmion Lodge, No. 15, Chatham. I found this lodge in good condition and with a good staff of officers.

Friday, February 26th, was the date of my visit to Wallaceburg, in connection with Rokeby Lodge, No. 9. This lodge was instituted on the 22nd of March, 1888. They were reported in good working-order as they had paid the per capita tax, but on looking over the minute book I found no record of a meeting since P. G. C. Jarvis visited them on January 27th, 1891, and, although three letters had been sent saying that I would visit them on the 26th of February, the members had no notice of my visit. I tried to get a meeting on Friday and failed, but succeeded on Saturday night, and after discussing the position and prospects the members promised to go to work and build up their lodge. I then decided to re-organize, after which they elected and immediately installed their officers, in whom I have full confidence, and am satisfied that it will be as good a lodge as we have. They are meeting with great success and expect to close the term with nearly 100 members.

Met the members of Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia. There was a large attendance of members and work in the several ranks. This is a good lodge, is growing well and has a good staff of officers.

London Lodge, No. 33, has been visited by me twice and it is doing very well. They have a good field in which to work and judging from the class of members they have they will certainly bring no discredit to the Order.

I have had the pleasure of visiting Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, London, on several occasions and, although it has not a large membership, it has furnished a great number of the workers in the Order who have been the means of starting lodges in other places. They have good officers this term and there are prospects for an increase in membership.

Met the members of Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, my own lodge, a number of times and can safely say there is no lodge in Ontario that has officers who are more attentive to their duties. They are noted for looking after their sick brothers and for paying sick and funeral benefits promptly.

I desire to return thanks to all the brethren I met on my visits for the kind treatment they have accorded me on all occasions.

#### PYTHIAN RECORD.

I would recommend this paper to the members of the Order. It is published by Aston & Murdoch, Windsor, Ont.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I would recommend that the *per capita* tax be reduced at once.
2. I would recommend that the resolution passed at last Grand Lodge meeting, *re* amount to be paid a member organizing a lodge, be changed to something more definite.

#### CONCLUSION.

Upon accepting the office of Grand Chancellor I was well aware of the importance of attending to the duties, and I have tried to fill the requirements. How well I have done so I will leave you to judge. I am sure you will be gratified with the progress made by the Order during the year. I thank you for the honor conferred upon me and trust you will give me credit for doing the best I could in the interest of the Order, and any mistake that I have made I would ask you to view it in as charitable a light as possible.

I now return to your hands the trust confided to me, hoping that our meeting will be productive of much good to the Order, that we will continue to grow in numbers and usefulness and that the blessings of Our Father in Heaven may rest upon our labors.

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

F. J. FITZGERALD,

*Grand Chancellor.*

LONDON, June 14th, 1892.

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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report for District No. 1, comprising the City of Toronto and County of York, and trust it will meet with your approval:—

Pythianism has made considerable progress in Toronto during the past year and we can now lay claim to six lodges, viz.: Mystic, No. 1; Ivanhoe, No. 4; Damon, No. 6; Queen City, No. 18; Ontario, No. 25, and Toronto, No. 30. The membership, as far as I can learn, has been steadily increasing during the past year, more especially in Damon, No. 6, Toronto No. 30, and Queen City, No. 18. The latter lodge was instituted on the evening of Friday, July 31st, 1891, with a charter list (including three by card) of twenty-one, and since that time initiations have been the rule at every meeting until now their membership is about forty. I have had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at almost all its meetings since the institution and, although the members were unaccustomed to ritualistic work, they have made good headway and you need not be surprised to hear of Queen City becoming one of the foremost lodges in the Province in the near future.

Damon Lodge, No. 6, has been very successful during the past year and is now looked upon as being second to no other lodge in this District in the matter of attendance and ritualistic work. I understand they were the first in Ontario to receive the order for the semi-annual pass-word, and the banquet which they held on the occasion of the installation of their officers bears ample testimony of the good standing of its members and the general prosperity the lodge enjoys.

During the past winter Toronto Lodge, No. 30, has held a number of very successful smoking concerts and it is gratifying to know that the attendance at lodge meetings has been the best in the city. The lodge still maintains its reputation of going in for quality and not quantity, and the increase in membership has been very satisfactory. Definite action has been taken toward getting up the Amplified Rank and the team is at present working on their respective parts.

Mystic Lodge, No. 1, is getting along in their usual quiet way, and although there have not been many initiations it is holding its own, and is generally looked upon as containing the Pythian constitutional puritans of the city.

Ontario Lodge, No. 25, has increased its membership somewhat, has a very efficient set of officers for this year, and good results are anticipated, as they are all workers.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, has been in a state of suspended animation for some time, owing principally to the fact that a large percentage of its members



are employed as compositors on morning newspapers and are unable to attend the meetings. I understand a committee is at present engaged in trying to effect an amalgamation with Queen City Lodge, and I trust their efforts will prove successful, as I believe it will prove beneficial to both lodges should such a result be accomplished.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors held on April 26th, 1892, Bro. A. A. Alexander, of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, was nominated for the office of District Deputy for the ensuing year, and I have much pleasure in recommending his appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.

THOMAS SOOLE,

*D. D. G. C. of District No. 1.*

Toronto, May 2nd, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In obedience to law I beg leave to submit my report on the state of the Order in No. 2 District.

Steady progress has marked the efforts of the members of both lodges in this city during the past twelve months. The enthusiasm begotten of the early half of 1891 has been continued through the Pythian year just drawing to a close. The membership has been increased in both lodges, and a more active and intelligent interest taken in their affairs. Knights have vied with one another in gaining a thorough knowledge of the practical working of our institution, and animated discussions have been characteristic of not a few of our meetings.

There has been a successful effort made in both lodges to conduct their financial business on a more systematic basis, the outcome of which has been that the funds are now placed in regularly chartered commercial banks, drawing compound interest, with the added advantage and facility of paying all accounts by cheque.

Red Cross Lodge is in very fair shape at present, having a zealous staff of officers, a plentiful supply of candidates, and a firm determination to maintain the position No. 3 has so long held, that of the premier lodge of this jurisdiction. During the close of 1891 this lodge determined to discard its old Amplified outfit and procure one more in keeping with its financial standing—one that would more effectively exemplify the work and teaching of this instructive and interesting rank. Along with this was ordered a lantern and a set of slides for illustrating the lecture of the first rank. For the proficiency which has now been attained in the working of the Amplified Third, Red Cross is under

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lasting obligations to P. G. C. Chapman, who has acted as preceptor and instructor to the team, and to P. C. Irwin is the lodge deeply indebted for the successful manipulation of the lantern and slides. An evening cannot be more profitably and pleasantly spent than witnessing the conferring of ranks within the castle hall of Red Cross Lodge.

Bismarck Lodge is also advancing in numbers, and is on a sound financial basis, having in P. C. Hatzfeld, a thorough financier for its Master of Exchequer. The admission of the English speaking element has had a most beneficial effect on the progress of No. 31. It has increased the field from which candidates can be drawn, has facilitated general business and has allowed members of sister lodges to take an intelligent interest in its proceedings. In the death of P. C. Hugo Kleinstieber, Bismarck Lodge lost a valuable member, who, in addition to being a first-class organist, took an active and prominent part in all its concerns.

From Section No. 774, Endowment Rank, the efficient secretary-treasurer, P. G. C. Peace, reports twenty members, with an aggregate life insurance of \$37,000. The average age is 33, and the average monthly payments \$34.05. There has been but one death since its institution, in 1887.

Alpha Division, No. 1, is still in a state of inactivity, the members evidently contenting themselves with giving vent to their enthusiasm for the Order in the work of the subordinate lodges.

At a meeting of the Past Chancellors, held on Monday, May 2nd, Bro. Court Curtis was unanimously recommended for the position of D. D. G. C. for this District for the ensuing year.

I have the honor to be,

Yours, in F., C. and B.,

J. P. MACLEOD,

*D. D. G. C. of District No. 2.*

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the pleasure of herewith submitting my report for District No. 3.

The lodges are working harmoniously together, and a good-natured rivalry is stimulating them to earnest endeavors to increase their several standings numerically and financially.

In November last a new Castle Hall, centrally situated, was fitted up by Prospect Lodge in a most comfortable and complete manner, and is now the meeting place of their and Mizpah Lodges.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 2.—This lodge continues to hold its own, and has made a slight increase in membership. The new officers are active and energetic and bid fair to materially increase their membership during their term of office.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 22.—This, the second oldest of the Pythian lodges in London, since moving into the centre of the city, has added to its membership many good and faithful Knights. Though a severe drain has been made upon its funds by the very prevalent sickness during the past few months, and the death of two faithful members—Brother Wm. A. Fox, who died in Detroit, Mich., and whose remains were taken charge of by Olympic Lodge, No. 1, of Detroit, and buried with full Pythian honors; and Brother J. E. Goldnee, one of the most active and earnest workers of his lodge, whose sad death occurred in Woodstock, and who was buried with full Pythian honors by the members of Mizpah and the other city lodges—yet the lodge is financially sound and has a fair bank account.

Prospect Lodge, No. 10.—As previously intimated, this lodge has undertaken a large risk in renting a whole flat and fitting up in an elaborate and most complete manner what I believe to be one of the finest Pythian halls in the west. The year with them has been a most successful one, and their financial and numerical standing has materially increased.

London Lodge, No. 33.—Through the instrumentality of Bros. Alex. Gardner, P.G.C., and John Paul, P.C., this lodge was organized within my District, on March 2nd, last. They have been most fortunate in obtaining a splendid outfit in regalia, etc., and the prospects of their successful and rapid growth are good; the officers are rapidly qualifying themselves for their important duties.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors, Bro. Wm. Hill, of Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, was unanimously nominated as D.D.G.C. for the ensuing term. He is one of the most active and energetic Knights in the District, and I am assured will make a most efficient officer. His address is 290 Dundas Street.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.

W. M. ENGLISH,

*D.D.G.C. of District No. 3.*

London, 5th May, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In compliance with your request I beg to submit my report for this District.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Pythianism, which has been rather dormant for the past two years, has, within three months, made rapid strides.

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Rokey Lodge, No. 9, Wallaceburg, has done wonders in the way of recusitation and now has a membership of over one hundred good citizens.

Rienzi, No. 24, of Ridgetown, has made a fresh start with excellent material for officers and bids fair to again assume that excellent standing for efficient work which formerly characterized this lodge and gave them a rank second to none in the jurisdiction.

Marmion Lodge, No. 15, of Chatham is doing good work and there are two or three candidates for the different ranks at nearly every meeting.

Hoping to meet you at Grand Lodge, I am,

Fraternally yours, in F., C. and B.,

W. E. RISPEN,

*D. D. G. C. of No. 4 District.*

Chatham, June 8th, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—We have not much to report for this district at present but promise to let you hear from us shortly after the Grand Lodge meeting. At present the order is holding its own in membership and increasing its finances. Several improvements have been made in the Lodge here, one being the doing away with the widow's yearly allowance and giving a lump sum instead. This matter has been agitated for a long time and at last gained sufficient ground to pass at the last meeting without a dissenting vote. Some members years ago predicted that we would have to come to this but with several hundred dollars of a fund on hand the majority of the members could see no danger and said there would be time enough to alter it when the funds diminished, and they have diminished from one of the highest rated lodges in your jurisdiction as you will notice in our next semi-annual report. The cause and the cure for this will occupy a large space in the next and double sized issue of the *Record* this month. The outlook for the lodge is growing brighter day by day, and we promise you a different report from this for the next Grand Lodge meeting, a difference that will be brought about by hard work against large odds, but it will come—it must come and it shall come.

I enclose you copy of our change in by-laws for your puerusal and consent.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. ASTON, K. of R. and S.,

*in lieu of D. D. G. C. Report for No. 5 District.*

Windsor, June 10th, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have much pleasure in presenting to you my official report for District No. 6.

Immediately after receiving your instructions of the 22nd February, I put myself in communication with the two lodges in this District, and installed the new officers, Olive Lodge, at Bruce Mines, on the 2nd March, and Algoma Lodge at Sault Ste. Marie, on the 7th of that month.

The resignation of the C. C. of Olive Lodge shortly after installation, necessitated my making another trip of 100 miles, the expense being met by the lodge.

As your representative I received the utmost courtesy and kindness from all concerned.

Olive Lodge returned forty-five members for last year; one has withdrawn and one has died. Fifteen new members this year, with a fair prospect of more inspires the officers and members with hope. Financially the lodge has done well. After expending some \$300 in the attempt to save the life of a brother, they have on hand \$241.06. A good standing for a two-year-old.

The death of Past Chancellor Bro. Frank Prout was a severe blow to Olive Lodge, as he was looked upon as its guiding star. The attention of the brethren during his long illness, and their affectionate care of his widow and her fourteen children, will always stand as a proof of the strength of Pythian friendship. The name and fame of the Order are safe in the hands of Olive Lodge, and the record has established their right to wear the badge of F. C. B.

Algoma Lodge, No. 11, Sault Ste. Marie, labours under the disadvantages of a fluctuating population, and hence the work done by it for Pythianism is not seen except by referring to the records from 1875 to the present year. During that time hundreds of sterling men have gone from this Castle Hall to do battle for mankind in the ranks of Pythianism. Unfortunately a fire destroyed the lodge records, and I am unable to give you the correct figures.

Since their installation on the 7th of March, the new officers have been diligent in duty, the C. C. being always on hand, and consequently the attendance has been fairly good but there is room for improvement. Some of the members have delivered interesting addresses upon live subjects, and others have supplied vocal music as a means of keeping up the interest in the meetings, all of which has had an effect in killing that old lodge-killer, monotony, and awakening new interest in the proceedings. We are now trying to abolish the rituals.

Three initiations, one admitted by card, and two reinstated, against two withdrawals and fourteen suspensions for non-payment of dues, is not a very encouraging state of things.

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The moneys of the lodge have been loaned in a very loose manner, so that about \$350 is out of reach. All of which adds another proof to the long chapter showing that business and personal friendship do not work well together.

In all other respects Algoma Lodge is above par and highly creditable to the enterprise and ambition of its members.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient Servant,

E. BIGGINGS,

*D. D. G. C. of No. 6 District.*

Sault Ste. Marie, 31st May, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I enclose you my report for the District of Algoma West, and am happy and proud that I am enabled to send you such a good one.

Crusader Lodge, No. 5.—I visited them often during my term and found them doing good work. They have added sixteen to their numbers this year, and their finances are sound and well invested in real estate. They are about forming an endowment rank, and I think they are in a very healthy and flourishing condition; much more so than ever before. Their officers are all shrewd business men, and conduct their lodge on those principles. Although they have furnished members to nearly every state in the Union and the Canadian Pacific Coast, their membership still keeps increasing, and they number fifty-seven at the present time.

Aurora Lodge, No. 13.—This lodge has now ninety members. Their addition of new members is twenty, and their finances are in good shape. They are the third lodge in Ontario for membership, which is a remarkable showing for so young a lodge. They are committing the ritual work to memory, and I have firmly impressed upon them the necessity for so doing, as it lends a greater solemnity and impressiveness to the work.

A good natured rivalry has existed between Crusader and Aurora lodges which I think accounts for their great success. When you come to consider the great distance we are away from the Grand Lodge and we can form nearly two hundred Knights in line, you can see that my meed of praise is not exaggerated. Aurora Lodge had its annual church parade Sunday, 13th April, when over sixty Knights formed in procession. A very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. Bro. Simpson. It has recarpeted its lodge room and has now one of the most comfortable halls in the District. Its officers are well chosen and efficient men.



Meniss Lodge, No. 19, Chapeau.—This lodge was instituted on Dec. 12th, 1891, by Past Chancellor Cooke, assisted by members from Crusader and Aurora Lodges. According to your instructions I visited this lodge and communicated the S.A.P.W., and was very agreeably surprised at the progress they had made in so short a time. They have a safe repository for their outfit, and a very creditably furnished lodge. They number about thirty and their finances are in good condition. I cautioned them as to the kind of members they should take into their midst, and urged them to commit the ritualistic work to memory as soon as possible. I had the pleasure of conferring the rank of Page on a candidate, and found the officers and members full of enthusiasm.

On my return to Port Arthur, I installed the officers of Crusader Lodge at an open meeting, assisted by C.C. Ross as G.P., and P.C. Cooke as G.M.-at-A. After the ceremonies were completed a banquet was given by the lodge in honor of the occasion.

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Trusting that my report will show that I have performed my work to your satisfaction, and hoping to meet you at Grand Lodge.

I remain, yours in F., C. and C.,

W. C. MAPLEDORAM,

*D.D.G.C. of No. 7 District.*

Fort William, May 14th, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I beg to submit the following annual report of the state of the Order in this District.

As there is only one lodge in this District, my duties have not been very heavy. I am glad to say that Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, is progressing very favorably. There is a steady increase in membership and the regular attendance is good. The brothers are enthusiastic and take a genuine interest in the affairs of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. A. BELL,

*D.D.G.C. of No. 9 District.*

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F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—The report for this District cannot be called satisfactory. Dufferin Lodge having lost some of its most energetic members by removal, we are not increasing in numbers as rapidly as I would wish. We are, however, endeavoring to hold our own. New members are coming in slowly, partly on account of the general financial depression prevailing, but more particularly on account of the limited number of eligible candidates and the efforts of our sister societies in securing as many of these as possible. Our finances are in a fairly good condition and our bank account on the increase.

The anticipated extension of our Order to Winchester, Picton and Kingston as mentioned in Bro. Fowlie's report of last year, have not yet materialized. I am, however, in receipt of encouraging news from Bro. Wakefield, who is now in Kingston, and who expects to have sufficient names and arrangements completed for the early institution of a lodge in the Limestone City.

Hope to meet you and hear a good general report at Grand Lodge on 14th prox., and trust we may have a large increase in attendance over previous years.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and B.,

R. A. BENNETT,

*D. D. G. C. of No. 12 District.*

Smith's Falls, May 25th, 1892.

F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have much pleasure in submitting to you my final report of the state of the Order in No. 15 District.

When you honored me with the appointment of District Deputy I had but one lodge to look after, but, as you are already aware, I have added one more and have several others in progress.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, has made good steady progress during the past year, quality having been looked after in preference to quantity.

On April 21st, I instituted a lodge at Oil Springs, which is about eight miles from Petrolia. We left Petrolia at nine o'clock on a special train of the Michigan Central and arrived at Oil Springs about a quarter past ten. I had with me the Past Grand Chancellors McKellar, of Chatham, Gardner, of London, and a number of members of Petrolia Lodge, and at Oil Springs we were joined by Past Chancellors Goodman and Eichhorn, Chancellor Commander Kuhn and members of Teutonic Lodge, No. 17, and Past Grand Chancellor Millis and members of Charter Lodge, No. 18, of Port Huron. Altogether nearly one hundred were present for the institution, and as soon as we arrived

at the hall work was at once proceeded with. Although the application had about 23 names I found that from one cause and another some could not attend that evening and only 11 presented themselves for initiation. After the first and second ranks had been conferred a recess was taken for refreshments, and before returning to work short speeches were made by Bros. McKellar, Pitkin, Gardner and myself. We then returned to the lodge room and conferred the Knight rank on the eleven Esquires, completing the work just in time for Bro. McKellar to catch the 5.30 a.m. train. The election and installation of officers then took place and the lodge was formally declared instituted at seven o'clock. Three weeks later I again visited them and conferred the three ranks on five applicants. If the character of the applicants and the zeal of the officers are any criterion I can confidently predict a successful future for Oil Springs Lodge. I understand that ten applicants will present themselves for initiation at their next meeting.

I have an application in Wyoming, which has at present fifteen signatures, but I desire to get at least twenty as the population of this town is small in comparison to the number of societies in it. The list bears the names of some of the best citizens and I hope to be able to present it to you before the Grand Lodge meeting.

I have also applications in progress at Watford and Forest, both of which are in good hands, and I feel assured that both will be completed in the near future. Watford, especially, I am convinced will soon follow Wyoming.

In regard to Sarnia, which I began to work up last year, I decided to let it stand in abeyance until more lodges were started in its vicinity, and then with them, and Port Huron opposite, I think it will have to surrender. The fact that a lodge was once there and went under is an obstacle in the way and one difficult to contend against.

In conclusion I think the prospects for an early extension of our Order in this District are remarkably good for there is not a town but knows about the Knights of Pythias of Petrolia and Oil Springs, and the work of the Deputy for the coming year should be comparatively easy.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

G. E. VAN TUYL,

*D. D. G. C. of District No. 15.*

PETROLIA, May 23rd, 1892.

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F. J. FITZGERALD, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Chancellor for No. 16 District, comprising Counties of Huron and Bruce.

This District has been but recently opened to Pythianism, a lodge being started in Wingham on Dec. 8th, 1891, named Sicily Lodge, No. 32, with twelve charter members; since that time we have conferred the Knight's rank on three more, and four applications for admission have been received to date.

The growth of our lodge has not been as great as we expected, owing to the fact that we have not finished the compilation of our by-laws, and as nearly every intending candidate wishes to see a copy before applying for membership, our growth has been somewhat smaller than it otherwise would have been with a copy of printed by-laws to show.

However, we are in a very good condition as the prospects are first-class for a flourishing lodge. We are all very young in the Order at present but very enthusiastic, and that is almost a sufficient guarantee for the future progress of the lodge.

Since January we have given three dramatic entertainments with amateur local talent, many members of the lodge taking part, and under the auspices of Sicily Lodge, which has had a tendency of advertising us as well as adding funds to our treasury which is at present in a splendid condition.

We have some of the best material that can be had in Wingham, consequently the future prospects are good, and we trust that we may be able to start a uniform division some time in the near future.

I am making an effort to start a lodge in Kincardine, and hope that I may meet with success in that direction.

There is a splendid territory in this District for the spread of Pythianism, the only drawback being the lack of a special deputy to go over the ground and organize lodges. Many of the towns have never heard of the Knights of Pythias, and it is my opinion if such a special deputy were appointed for the purpose, our Order would rival even the strongest society in point of numbers and influence in a very short time.

At a meeting of the Past Chancellors of this District, P. C. J. H. Hiscocks, of Sicily Lodge, No. 32, was nominated for the office of District Deputy for the ensuing term, and I have much pleasure in recommending his appointment.

I have the honor to be yours in F., C. and B.

WALTER CRAWFORD,

*D.D.G.C. of No. 16 District.*

F. J. FITZGERALD, Esq., *Grand Chancellor of Ontario.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In fulfilment of the duties assigned me I respectfully submit my report for the year ending May 31st, 1892, and it will, I am sure, afford you, as it does myself, sincere gratification to know that the several lodges I have instituted have been made up with the best men in their respective localities.

On Tuesday, December 8th, 1891, I went to Wingham, in company with Bros. W. F. Crawford, S. A. Webb, and yourself, to institute Sicily Lodge. On arriving at the town we were escorted to the Oddfellows Hall, and lost no time in getting to work, and conferred the three ranks upon thirteen candidates, completing the work of institution at five o'clock Wednesday morning.

On March 2nd, 1892, I organized London Lodge, No. 33, in London South, with fifteen charter members. They have received upwards of fifteen applications and have conferred the three ranks on five of that number since institution. I have visited this lodge every meeting since organization and believe it will hold the highest esteem in the city.

On April 21st, 1892, I went to Oil Springs and assisted Bro. G. E. Van Tuyl, Deputy of Lambton County, to organize Oil Springs Lodge, No. 34, which was instituted with fifteen charter members and a number of propositions on hand. I have visited this lodge once since organization and find them getting along nicely.

I have now given you a brief report of my work and trust that it will prove satisfactory.

Yours fraternally, in F., C. and B.,

ALEX. GARDNER,

*S. D. D. G. C.*

London, May 30th, 1892.

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## REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,  
GRAND LODGE K. OF P., OF ONTARIO,  
TORONTO, June 14th, 1892.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:*

I beg to submit for your consideration the twentieth annual report of this office for the year ending May 31st, 1892.

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

The numerical and financial statements show a continued increase in members and receipts, the total of the former being  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. over last year and the latter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. The expenditure is in excess of last year but is more than counterbalanced by an increase of 11 per cent. in the amount on hand and invested. To supply all the information required by the Supreme Lodge it became necessary for me to add a new item to the semi-annual returns, viz. ; "value of lodge property," and the amounts reported aggregate \$7,938.75

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

Minerva Lodge, No. 7, and Native Valley Lodge, No. 27, are still in the same position as last year, and repeated communications both from the Grand Chancellor and myself have failed to elicit any reply. I think steps had better be taken to have their properties returned.

## NEW LODGES.

During the year the following lodges have been instituted :

- Queen City, No. 18, at Toronto, July 31st, 1891.
- Meniss, No. 19, at Chapleau, December 12th, 1891.
- Sicily, No 32, at Wingham, December 8th, 1891.
- London, No. 29, at South London, March 2nd, 1892.
- Oil Springs, No. 26, at Oil Springs, April 21st, 1892.

Full particulars of the institution of these lodges will, no doubt, be given by the Grand Chancellor in his report.

It will be noticed that the numbers of some of these do not agree with the dates of institution, and as the matter is likely to come before you at this session some explanation will be necessary.

The application of No. 19 was received and the Dispensation sent before No. 32, but the latter was instituted first.

No. 32, the highest blank number on our roll of a defunct lodge, was given to Sicily Lodge at the request of the Grand Chancellor.

For London South the organizers, Bros. Paul and Gardner, requested me to number it 33, but as I could not go outside the blank numbers I gave them the next highest, viz., 29.

For Oil Springs Lodge the organizer, Bro. Van Tuyl, desired to have it numbered 34, but for the same reason as in the case of London Lodge, I gave it No. 26, which by the way is the number it would have received had the others been numbered in rotation as received.

I made out and signed Dispensation according to the numbers given but on the application of London Lodge being returned to me I found the number had been changed from 29 to 33 and was informed that the lodge had been instituted with that number. I immediately wrote the K. of R. and S. informing him that the legal number was 29 and to have the lodge seal and printed matter prepared only in accordance therewith as that was the number under which the lodge was registered, but I received no reply.

The application of Oil Springs Lodge was not returned to me until June 1st, six weeks after institution, and I found it changed from 26 to 34. In this case I received the application from the Grand Chancellor who had approved it, and the same day received a note from him desiring me to number the lodge as 34, but in the meantime I had made out and sent him the Dispensation as No. 26.

Personally it is immaterial to me what number a lodge has but when the Grand Lodge has placed itself on record I consider it part of my duties to govern my action in accordance with its expressed desire, and in regard to the numbering of lodges I have ever since carried out your instructions. I would also draw your attention to the fact that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is the only one, under your law, who can legally prepare a Dispensation and if incorrectly made out it should be returned to him and a new one prepared in proper form.

#### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' INSURANCE ACT.

Under the provisions of this Act, which passed the Ontario Legislature on April 11th, and received the Royal Assent and became law on April 14th, all societies which undertake any form of insurance, are required to make and complete applications for registration on or before June 30th, 1892.

On calling upon the Registry Officer to obtain information in regard to what action was required to be taken to secure registration for our Order I found that it would be necessary to obtain a power of attorney from the

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Supreme Lodge (as our Grand Lodge is not an incorporated body) authorizing myself, as your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to act as chief executive officer for Ontario within the meaning and provisions of the Act. When I went to the Registry Office I did so simply for the purpose of obtaining information to lay before the Grand Lodge and was considerably surprised when he informed me that if the matter was delayed until this meeting that we would find ourselves put to extra expense in order to obtain an extension of time, if not entirely out of legal existence as an order. He strongly advised me to take the responsibility of immediate action, pointing out the great interests at stake to the ordinary members as well as to those holding policies of insurance. Past Grand Chancellor Vale, of Red Cross Lodge, who has been appointed Assistant Registry Officer, also urged me not to delay, so I determined to accept the responsibility and have forwarded the necessary papers to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. The cost for registration is: 1st, application for initial registry, \$5; 2nd, certificate of registry, \$25; 3rd, filing power of attorney, \$5, in addition to which there will be some incidental expenses for forms, affidavits, etc.

#### ENDOWMENT RANK.

Although this rank does not come under the supervision of Grand Lodge yet its importance to, and intimate connection with our Order impels me to continue to draw your attention to it, and I would refer you to my remarks of last session upon the subject. I then said "that the tendency of all societies is towards insurance, and it should not be forgotten or overlooked that we have one of the best, safest and most reliable forms of insurance of any organization in existence." This statement is an absolute fact and cannot be controverted yet, I regret to say, that very few of our Past Chancellors could give any information concerning it. Many a member, not knowing that we could give him insurance, has sought and found it elsewhere and if not entirely lost to our Order yet his interest is divided.

The Endowment Rank is a branch of the Order created and incorporated by the Supreme Lodge. It is the only insurance feature authorized by the Order.

On April 1st, 1892, the rank numbered over fourteen hundred sections, and nearly twenty-nine thousand members, with sixty million, seven hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars (\$60,751,000) insurance in force, and a net cash surplus of one hundred and twenty-three thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars (\$123,915.00).

The funds of the rank are carefully guarded, being daily deposited with the Endowment Rank Depository which pays 4½ per cent. interest on daily balances, credited semi-annually, thus securing interest to the rank on all moneys from the day it is received until disbursed for death losses, the earnings for the year 1891 being \$8,500.00.

This is a splendid showing but I regret to say that our Jurisdiction can claim but a very slight share of the credit of helping to make it what it is. I trust that during the coming year a greater interest will be manifested in this important branch of our Order and if such is done it will be found that a greater interest in lodge work will be the result.

## SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

The following statement shows the dates on which I received the semi-annual reports from lodges :

NAME OF LODGE.	Term ending June 30th, '91.	Term ending Dec. 31st, '91.
Mystic, No. 1	July 31st	February 16th
Myrtle, No. 2	Aug 14th	February 12th
Red Cross, No. 3	July 4th	January 7th
Ivanhoe, No. 4	September 8th	February 29th
Crusader, No. 5	July 20th	February 16th
Damon, No. 6	July 28th	December 30th
Rokeby, No. 9	No report	No report
Prospect, No. 10	August 4th	February 3rd
Algoma, No. 11	July 16th	January 22nd
Rathbone, No. 12	July 31st	January 8th
Aurora, No. 13	July 11th	January 12th
Olive, No. 14	July 7th	January 30th
Marmion, No. 15	October 30th	April 6th
Friendship, No. 16	September 30th	February 4th
Petrolia, No. 17	August 7th	January 12th
Queen City, No. 18	New lodge	January 23rd
Meniss, No. 19	New lodge	January 30th
Mizpah, No. 22	July 20th	January 22nd
Perseverance, No. 23	No report	No report
Rienzi, No. 24	March 28th	March 28th
Ontario, No. 25	July 12th	January 28th
Dufferin, No. 28	August 22nd	January 2nd
Toronto, No. 30	August 18th	January 16th
Bismarck, No. 31	July 18th	January 13th
Sicily, No. 32	New lodge	January 22nd

From the above it will be seen that Red Cross Lodge was the first to send in their returns for the July term and Damon Lodge broke all previous records by getting in their report for the January term two days before the term had actually expired. Taken as a whole the returns were made much better during the past year than heretofore, but I can see no reason why every lodge should not report within at least two months of the close of the term. If such were done my reports to the Supreme Lodge would be complete and correspond with the one I make to Grand Lodge and save a great amount of extra

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labor to this office in having to make up the deficiency the following year. I have so repeatedly called attention to the trouble and annoyance caused by delay in this respect that I suppose it is almost useless in asking lodges to try and be more prompt. Possibly a rebate of a certain percentage of the *per capita* tax to those received within the first month might be productive of good results.

## FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1891.....	\$ 196 48
Received from all sources during the year.....	2063 82
Total .....	<u>\$2260 30</u>
Expenditure for all purposes .....	2111 24
Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1892.....	<u>\$ 149 06</u>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of officers attending last session.....	\$ 71 51
Expenses of Grand Chancellor Jarvis.....	48 54
Expenses of Grand Chancellor Fitzgerald.....	52 75
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Chancellors.....	15 90
Expenses Instituting Lodges.....	45 50
G. K. of R. and S., Salary, 1891-2.....	100 00
Supreme Lodge, Representative tax and supplies.....	245 40
Printing Journal of Proceedings.....	153 75
Sundry Printing.....	20 25
Rent of Grand Lodge Room.....	60 00
S. L. Reception Committee.....	1112 13
Supplies.....	76 30
Express and Duty.....	49 75
Sundry expenses, postage, insurance, etc.....	59 46
	<u>\$2111 24</u>

My vouchers for these will show the transactions.

For statements showing the totals of the debit and credit sides of all accounts in the ledger, and the balances May 31st, 1892; the profit and loss thereon, and also our assets and liabilities, together with detailed and tabulated statements of the membership and finances of the subordinate lodges, see appendix.

Fraternally submitted,

*Geo. H. Mitchell*

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



## REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Hamilton, June 1st, 1892.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.*

I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration my annual report for the fiscal year just closed, which shows the receipts and disbursements since last Grand Lodge meeting.

The business of this office has largely increased, as is shown by the following statement.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the members for their choice of me as one of the Executive.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties devolving on me promptly and to the best of my ability, and trust my efforts have been satisfactory to the Order in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. PEACE,  
*Grand Master of Exchequer.*

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## D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

## RECEIPTS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1891.					
June	11—To Balance brought forward .....				\$ 196 48
"	4—Perseverance .....	23	11 90		
"	5—Red Cross .....	3		6 00	
"	9—A. Thompson, Jewel .....			1 25	
"	9—Rathbone, Charter Fee .....	12		5 00	
"	9—Olive, " " .....	14		5 00	
"	9—Prospect " " .....	10		5 00	
"	9—A. Gardner, Jewel .....			6 25	
"	12—Algoma .....	11		1 20	
"	30—Red Cross .....	3	84 70		
July	2—Aurora .....	13		1 25	
"	2—Ontario .....	25		1 00	
"	6—Olive .....	14	39 20		
"	9—Petrolia .....	17		31 00	
"	11—Aurora .....	13	46 20		
"	11—Ontario .....	25	14 00	3 50	
"	16—Bismarck .....	31	23 80		
"	18—Ed. W. Pyke .....			50 00	
"	18—Mystic .....	1		2 00	
"	18—Algoma .....	11	52 50		
"	20—Mizpah .....	22	37 80		
"	20—Crusader .....	5	26 60		
"	27—Damon .....	6	11 90		
"	31—Mystic .....	1	75 60		
Aug.	1—Rathbone .....	12	16 45		
"	1—Prospect .....	10	42 00		
"	6—Petrolia .....	17	18 90	9 00	
"	13—Myrtle .....	2	23 10		
"	18—Damon .....	6	5 60		
"	19—Toronto .....	30	41 30		
"	24—Dufferin .....	28	30 80		
"	27—Petrolia .....	17	12 60		
Sept.	4—Bismarck .....	31		50	
"	12—Petrolia .....	17	6 30		
"	28—Prospect .....	10		20 25	
"	30—Friendship .....	16	51 80	1 50	
Oct.	3—Toronto .....	30		3 25	
"	7—Petrolia .....	17		2 00	
	Carried forward .....		\$673 05	\$154 95	\$196 48

## D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

## RECEIPTS.—Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.
1891.	Brought forward .....		\$673 05	\$154 95 \$196 48
Oct. 31—	Marmion .....	15	31 50	
"	6—Friendship .....	16		4 10
Nov. 6—	Bismarck .....	31		7 25
"	27—G. H. Mitchell .....			50 00
"	27—A. Gardner .....			50 00
Dec. 9—	Queen City .....	18		13 50
"	9—Red Cross .....	3		6 25
"	22—Meniss .....			13 50
"	22—Thos. Soole .....			6 00
"	29—Red Cross .....	3	88 90	
"	31—Damoh .....	6	23 10	
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Jan. 7—	Rathbone .....	12	18 20	
"	9—Dufferin .....	28	32 20	
"	9—Bismarck .....	31	25 90	
"	12—Petrolia .....	17	44 10	
"	13—Queen City .....	18	22 40	
"	15—Aurora .....	13	51 10	
"	16—Algoma .....	11	42 00	
"	16—Mizpah .....	22		1 00
"	18—Toronto .....	30	39 20	
"	20—Friendship .....	16		3 00
"	22—Petrolia .....	17		2 00
"	22—Mizpah .....	22	38 50	
"	26—Queen City .....	18		6 00
"	28—Rathbone .....	12	35 00	
"	28—Friendship .....	16	46 20	
"	29—Ontario .....	25	17 50	
Feb. 1—	Olive .....	14	42 00	
"	2—B. J. Leubsdorf .....			1 50
"	3—Prospect .....	10	52 50	
"	3—Prospect .....	10		3 00
"	3—Petrolia .....	17		25
"	4—A. Gardner .....			50 00
"	8—J. V. Murdoch .....			4 00
"	11—Aurora .....	13		8 00
"	12—Myrtle .....	2	24 50	
"	12—Mystic .....	1	62 30	
	Carried forward .....		\$1410 15	\$384 30 \$196 48

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## D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

## RECEIPTS.—Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1892.	Brought forward .....		\$1410 15	\$384 30	\$196 48
Feb.	13—Crusader.....	5	30 80	3 25	
"	18—Prospect.....	10		3 00	
Mar.	2—Ontario.....	25		4 00	
"	7—Inglewood.....	29			18 47
"	8—Mizpah.....	22		1 00	
"	15—J. Y. Murdoch.....			1 50	
"	24—Prospect.....	10		1 50	
April	2—Myrtle.....	2		1 25	
"	2—Rienzi.....	24	26 60		
"	9—Olive.....	14		1 50	
"	13—G. E. Van Tuyl.....			50 00	
"	14—Ivanhoe.....	4	39 20		
"	15—Queen City.....	18		50	
"	15—Marmion.....	15	29 40		
"	19—Crusader.....	5		10 55	
"	21—A. B. Taylor.....			2 25	
"	22—Mystic.....	1		5 10	
May	3—Mizpah.....	22		1 00	
"	10—Thos. Soole.....			5 50	
"	12—Queen City.....	18		4 00	
"	18—Red Cross.....	3		5 50	
	W. F. Morphy.....			1 25	
	Olive.....	14	14 00	3 00	
	Rathbone.....			2 25	
	Algoma.....			3 00	
			\$1550 15	\$495 20	2045 35
					<u>\$2260 30</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

DATE	PAID TO	On Account of	Order No.	Amount
1891				
June	10—R Carrothers.....	W. Walker, Janitor.....	358	\$ 4 00
"	10—R. H. Jarvis.....	Expenses as G.C.....	359	48 54
"	10—R. H. Jarvis.....	Expenses of H. F. Duck. .	360	11 00
"	10—D. J. Peace.....	Expenses of G.L. Officers... 361		71 51
"	10—D. J. Peace.....	Postage, etc., as G.M.E.... 362		6 76
July	21—G. H. Mitchell.....	Services as G.K. of R. & S. 363		25 00
	Carried forward.....			\$166 81

## D. J. PEACE, G. M. OF E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE.

## EXPENDITURE.—Continued.

DATE	PAID To	On Account of	Order No.	Amount
1891.	Brought forward			\$166 81
July 21	G. H. Mitchell	Plating Jewels and Rent	364	11 00
"	21—J. P. Macleod	Printing Post Cards	365	2 00
Aug. 8	G. B. Smith	S.L. Reception Com	366	106 55
Oct. 3	G. B. Smith	S.L. Reception Com	367	56 20
"	30—G. H. Mitchell	S.L. Reception Com	368	17 50
"	30—D. J. Peace	Duty on Jewels	369	7 25
Nov. 17	G. B. Smith	S.L. Reception Com	370	200 83
"	26—G. H. Mitchell	Rent of G. L. room \$15.00; Services as G. K. R. S. \$25..	371	40 00
Dec. 12	G. H. Mitchell	S.L. Reception Com	372	50 00
"	22—G. H. Mitchell	Insurance G. L. property	373	3 60
Dec. 22	G. H. Mitchell	Express, Duty, etc	374	33 10
"	22—G. H. Mitchell	Printing Journal, \$126.75; Sundry Printing, \$10.25..	375	137 00
"	22—G. H. Mitchell	Supplies	376	20 00
"	22—E. W. Pyke	Instituting Queen City L'ge.	377	20 00
"	28—Alex. Gardner	Instituting Sicily Lodge	378	10 50
1892.				
Feb. 1	G. B. Smith	S.L. Reception Com	379	543 15
"	16—G. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	380	25 00
"	16—F. J. Fitzgerald	Expenses as G. C.	381	30 00
"	19—G. B. Smith	S.L. Reception Com	382	120 40
"	19—G. H. Mitchell	Expr's and Duty on Supplies	383	11 65
"	20—Miller & Soole	Sundry Printing, \$5.75; bal. Printing Journals, \$27.00..	384	32 75
Mar. 25	D. J. Peace	Tax to S. L., \$100.00; G. Munro, re Inglewood, \$2.50	385	102 50
April 6	F. J. Fitzgerald	Expenses visiting Lodges	386	22 75
"	16—Alex. Gardner	Instituting London Lodge	387	15 00
"	16—G. H. Mitchell	Supplies, \$44.00; S.L. Re- cep, Com. Int. Note, \$17.50	388	61 50
May 18	D. J. Peace	Supreme Lodge Supplies	389	145 40
	F. J. Fitzgerald	Exp's D. D. G. C. Biggings	390	4 90
	G. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	391	25 00
	C. H. Wallis	Rent G. L. room	392	40 00
	G. H. Mitchell	Postage and Duty, \$36.60; Supplies, \$12.30	393	48 90
	Balance, Cash on hand			149 06
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Representative King, of No. 25, offered the following, which was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Chancellor Rattray be and is hereby requested to act as official reporter during the session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of preparing and furnishing to the press such portions of the proceedings as may be of interest for publication.

Also, the following, which was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extends its cordial and fraternal greetings to the High Court, Canadian Order of Foresters, now in session at Stratford, and expresses the hope that its area of usefulness and magnitude of numbers and influence may continuously increase.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to wire the sense of the resolution and also a similar one to the Grand Lodge of Canadian Order of Oddfellows, now in session at St. Catharines.

Grand Prelate Davidson, on behalf of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to an excursion to Cartwright, at three o'clock, which was accepted.

The Grand Inner Guard announced that Alderman Gilbert, representing the City Council, and Chancellor Commander Stacey, of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, were in waiting to extend a welcome to St. Thomas. The Grand Chancellor requested Grand Prelate Davidson and Representatives Baker and McConnell, of No. 12, to retire and introduce the delegation and declared the Grand Lodge at recess. The committee retired and escorted Ald. Gilbert and Chancellor Commander Stacey to the altar amidst the hearty applause of the members of Grand Lodge, who had been called to their feet by the Grand Chancellor.

Grand Prelate Davidson formally introduced them to the Grand Lodge and stated that Ald. Gilbert, in the absence of His Worship, the Mayor, desired to extend a welcome and the freedom of the City to the Grand Lodge and that Chancellor Commander Stacey would speak the greetings of the members of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12.

Grand Chancellor Fitzgerald : " On behalf of the Grand Lodge I desire to say that we are very much pleased to have one of the City Fathers and the presiding officer of Rathbone Lodge here to welcome us and trust that as a result of our visit we will hear good reports of our conduct from the citizens and brother Knights of St. Thomas."

The visitors were then escorted to seats on the right and left of the Grand Chancellor.

Ald. Gilbert, who was received with loud applause, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :—

*" Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias :*

" I have been deputed by the Mayor, in his absence, to welcome you to our city. We are very glad at all times to have meetings of this kind among the friendly societies in our midst.

" We consider ours peculiarly a society city. We have a large number of them here, and they have been of great benefit to the city. There is not a person here but who has had ocular demonstration of the great benefits our citizens have derived from them.

" This being a railroad city, a great number of accidents have happened from time to time, and in almost every case the widows and families have had a nice little sum left them through the medium of some secret society.

" I hope, Grand Chancellor and gentlemen, that your sojourn in our city will be a pleasant one, and have no doubt the brother members of the societies in general will pay you every attention.

" I am very sorry that the Mayor is not able to be present to-day, but in his absence I extend to all a hearty welcome to the City of St. Thomas."

The Grand Chancellor requested Past Grand Chancellor King to respond, which he did as follows :

" We appreciate very fully, Mr. Alderman, the reception you have given us, also the kind mention you make of friendly societies. We are, in a great measure, in a position to endorse those remarks. The conjoined forces of these institutions amount to something enormous. Our order alone comprises a mighty army of 400,000 men, and has paid (through its branch insurance) over \$6,000,000. Its influence for good is incalculable. There is not one agent of more perfect utility than that to which you refer. We all agree that here we are meeting in a city of energy and ambition. You speak, Mr. Alderman, of accidents ; I trust that no accident will befall the membership of the Grand

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Lodge while here. We are pleased to know, however, that in the event of any mishap we are in a city where we will be well cared for. In conclusion permit me to say that your kindly welcome will not be abused and that we shall all endeavour to merit the confidence you have reposed in us and carry away the respect and good wishes of your citizens."

The Grand Chancellor then called upon Chancellor Commander Stacey, who said :—

*"Grand Chancellor and Brethren :*

"On behalf of Rathbone Lodge No. 12, I have great pleasure in welcoming you here. We are more than pleased to have you with us. We are proud of our lodge as being named after the founder of the order.

"I trust that your business will be conducted in a manner pleasing and satisfactory to yourselves, and that you will all leave here with good feelings towards Rathbone No. 12. I trust that you will have a pleasant time."

Past Grand Chancellor Jarvis responded as follows :—

"I am, like my brother, Past Grand Chancellor King, pleased to hear the kind words already spoken.

"While I had the honor of presiding over you as Grand Chancellor I was very much struck while on my official visit here with the enthusiasm displayed and the noble example of Pythianism shown by the members of Rathbone, No. 12. In fact so pleasant are my recollections of that time that I seem to recognize, on this my second visit, the streets, buildings, and even the very pavements of your city.

"I trust, Mr. Alderman, that you will be lenient with us, and give instructions to your Chief of Police to that effect, and the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias, will promise to behave itself, to take care of the city and return it to you in good condition."

The visitors then retired and the Grand Lodge was called to order.

The roll of lodges being called for presentation of business : Representative Wallis, of No. 1, presented the following, which was referred to the Supreme Representatives to lay before the Supreme Lodge :—

MYSTIC LODGE, No. 1, K. OF P.,  
TORONTO, June 7th, 1392.  
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*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario :*

Can Pages and Esquires of sister lodges be admitted under Section 507, Official Digest ?

Can a Chancery Commander communicate the S. A. P. W. on an official order outside of the lodge room?

GEO. WILKIE, C. C.

[SEAL.]

T. E. ROBINSON, K. R. S.

Representative Pyke, of No. 6, presented the following application for a Charter, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:—

DAMON LODGE, No. 6, K. OF P.

*To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Ontario:*

The undersigned, by authority and on behalf of Damon Lodge, No. 6, of Toronto, working under a dispensation, dated March 19th, 1891, would respectfully report, that our lodge is in good working condition and that its future prospects of permanency are also good. The officers are punctual in the performance of their duties and the attendance of members is regular. The membership now numbers 45, being an increase of 30 since institution, and we have \$100.89 in the treasury. We therefore pray that your Grand body will grant the lodge a Charter in lieu of the Dispensation, and enclose herewith the fee of five dollars.

Dated the 14th day of June, 1892.

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[SEAL.]

A. F. OAKLEY, C. C.

ED. BEETON, K. of R. and S.

Representative Biggings, of No. 11, presented the following which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:—

ALGOMA LODGE, No. 11, K. OF P.

SAULT STE. MARIE, April 8th, 1892.

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*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario:*

The following resolutions were passed by this lodge:—

*Resolved,* That this lodge is dissatisfied at the treatment received from the Grand Lodge in not having any representative from that body visit this lodge, and more especially when they passed through Sault Ste. Marie to visit other lodges in this district.

*Resolved,* That all possible means shall be used to have the present high rate of taxation reduced.

*Resolved,* That our Representative extend an invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold its next session in Sault Ste. Marie and it is the opinion of this

lodge, should this town be honoured by the convention assembling here next June, that it would be the means of organizing two or three new lodges in this district and unite those lodges already established with stronger links of friendship to the Grand Lodge.

Signed, on behalf of the lodge,

WM. BROWN, C. C.

[SEAL.]

DAVID M. BRODIE, K. R. S.

Representative Baker, of No. 12, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision :—

*To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Ontario :*

In the matter of the double per capita tax.

The petition of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, humbly sheweth :

1. That at the session of your Grand body, held at Owen Sound, in 1888, the per capita tax on members of subordinate lodges, for Grand Lodge purposes, was, by resolution, placed at 70 cents, being double that mentioned in your constitution.
2. The said resolution was passed for the purpose of assisting the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee in paying off a deficit resulting from the expenditure necessary to entertain the Supreme Lodge in Toronto, in 1886.
3. Your petitioner was instituted on the 11th day of February, 1890.
4. Your petitioner took no part in and received no value whatever from the said reception of the Supreme Lodge nor from the expenditure of the money now being drawn from the Exchequer of your Grand body to pay off the said deficit, but on the contrary they humbly submit that damage has resulted herefrom to them.
5. The doubling of the said per capita tax at the said session of your Grand body is illegal in that : (a) it is a tax, and no tax can be imposed by resolution on a subordinate by a Supreme or Grand body ; (b) the said resolution has never received the sanction of the Supreme Chancellor and is therefore invalid as attempting to change the constitution of your Grand body ; and (c) it is not in accordance with the constitution of your Grand body.
6. Your petitioner's members were not aware that the per capita tax was raised to 70 cents before or when it was organized or instituted, but were informed that it was 35 cents and your constitution, which was then exhibited to them, confirmed this and the enforcement of a double per capita tax on your petitioners, under these circumstances, would not only be illegal but a deception and a fraud on them.
7. Your petitioner has paid the extra per capita tax since institution but for the semi-annual terms ending June, 1891, and December, 1891, it did so



under protest and ask that your Grand body do them the justice to return the same to them at once and they will not ask re-payment of the payments of extra per capita tax made prior to June, 1891, as these were made blindly and before your petitioners learned the real facts of the circumstances herein.

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Signed, on behalf of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12,

J. STACEY, C. C.

A. E. DOMVILLE, K. R. S.

Dated at St. Thomas, June 14th, 1892.

[SEAL.]

Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, presented the following:—

FORT WILLIAM, ONT., June 7th, 1892.

W. C. MAPLEDORAM, ESQ.,

*Grand Outer Guard.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—This lodge desires to have the following matters presented at the meeting of Grand Lodge:—

1st. That it is the unanimous opinion of this lodge that could the Grand Chancellor arrange to make an annual trip to this district it would tend to strengthen our ranks and would be conducive to the best interests of Pythianism.

2nd. Has the Supreme Lodge done anything towards accepting members at the age of 19 years.

3rd. A reduction of the capitation tax, as it is excessive when compared with the capitation tax of other fraternal bodies and associations, and whether it would not be better to wipe out the debt by a direct tax on all subordinate lodges.

4th. To place before Grand Lodge the following statement of "Campbell's deficiency," which has been accepted by our lodge as correct, and urge a speedy settlement of the same:

To money collected on institution .....	\$135 00
By orders—J. Simmons, hire .....	\$ 5 09
“ Campbell, freight .....	1 80
“ “ hire .....	5 00
“ “ freight .....	1 40
“ W. P. Cooke, bible .....	9 80
“ Miller, Martin & Co. ....	2 40
“ Rochon & Co., supplies .....	20 00
“ Coates, lodge furniture .....	30 00
“ Cullen, advertising .....	4 00
“ W. C. Mapledoram .....	1 90
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	\$81 30
Total amount of shortage .....	\$53 70

[SEAL.]

GEORGE ROSS, C. C.

D. W. MITCHELL, K. R. S.

Paragraph 1 was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 were referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.

Paragraph 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Van Tuyl, of No. 17, presented credentials of Brothers S. Jackson and W. Lawson, as Past Chancellors and Representatives of Oil Springs Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Representative Jorgenson, of No. 25, from the Special Committee on Distribution, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

Your Special Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Lodge Officers, would report and recommend :

1. That so much of the Report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to "District Deputy Grand Chancellors," "New Lodges," "Official Visits," and "Pythian Record," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
2. That so much as refers to "Dispensations," "By-Laws" and the first recommendation, be referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.
3. That the second recommendation, re "Organizer," be referred to a Special Committee.
4. That the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Chancellors be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
5. That so much of the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to "State of the Order," "New Lodges," "Membership of Subordinate Lodges," "Numerical and Financial Statements," and "Finances of Subordinate Lodges," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.
6. That so much as refers to "Friendly Societies' Insurance Act" and "Endowment Rank," be referred to a Special Committee.
7. That so much as refers to "Semi-Annual Returns," be referred to Committee on Credentials and Returns.
8. That so much as refers to "Finances of Grand Lodge," "Statement of all Accounts in Ledger," "Details of Profit and Loss Account," and "Detailed Financial Statement," be referred to Committee on Finance.

9. That the Report of the Grand Master of Exchequer be referred to Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. JORGENSEN, of No. 25.

J. H. HISCOCKS, of No. 32.

W. HILL, of No. 22.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Distribution the Grand Chancellor appointed the following Special Committees :—

On Organizer—Representatives Van Tuyl, of No. 17; Pyke, of No. 6, and Jorgenson, of No. 25.

On Insurance Act—Representatives English, of No. 22; Stevens, of No. 9, and Biggings, of No. 11.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

REPORT No. 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns, to whom was referred the certificates presented by D.D.G.C. Van Tuyl, of District No. 15, relating to Past Chancellors and Representatives S. Jackson and Wm. Lawson, of Oil Springs Lodge, recommend that these Past Chancellors be received, the Grand Lodge rank conferred upon them and that they be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives of Oil Springs Lodge, the first named for two years and last named for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PAUL, of London Lodge.

R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

The Grand Master-at-Arms retired and introduced Past Chancellors Jackson and Lawson who were obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Rank.

The Grand Chancellor presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :—

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WINDSOR, ONT., June 10th, 1892.

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*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario,  
Knights of Pythias :*

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—It is now six months since the *Canadian Pythian Record* has been under the present management, and in that time, if we are to believe the numerous letters we have received, the paper is meeting with success and approbation. This has not been accomplished without a large amount of toil on our part. The former managers complained that the paper was not patronized to a sufficient extent. We have no such complaint to make, as we fully realize that it will be patronized only to the extent that it deserves. At the present time we have a larger list of paid subscribers than the paper had of all kinds before and we are happy to say that it is now on a paying basis. We think it is unnecessary to set forth to your intelligent body the advantages to be derived from a properly conducted paper in the interests of our order, but we wish to say a few words on that behalf, and to that end we will quote from an exchange; "A prominent mason has said that the members of his order were the most liberal in the support of their newspapers and herein lies the secret of its widespread popularity. He further averred that, perhaps, there was not a single close-fisted member in the entire order. No doubt he was perfectly correct in both statements and what is so of the masons is, to a large degree of the Knights. With a long and varied experience, and believing thoroughly in our competence to judge, we assert and do not fear contradiction, that nowhere, under the sun, is there a more liberal, whole-souled, companionable organization than the order of the Knights of Pythias; yet, it must be confessed, that the first essential mentioned by our masonic friend, the order in this vicinity is a little, just a little, backward in swtnging into line. But that in time neglect of this sort does not preclude the possibility of being the grandest order of its character in the world, but it does preclude the possibility of a general public finding it out. The secret of all great successes are traceable to the foundation laid in printers ink. So it is that the newspapers gain prominence to lodges which invariably entails increased membership."

We have had a large number enquiring when we would increase the size of our publication. We realize that we are badly cramped for room, too much so to do full justice to the articles we would like to publish, to do which it would require an outlay on our part, for press, type, etc., of at least \$500, and we would ask your honorable body to assist us to the extent of one hundred and fifty dollars. In doing so we wish to say that is is no experiment for the success of the paper is already assured. Nor do we ask this without expecting to give a good return, for we will publish in every issue the principles of the organization, a list of the Grand Lodge officers, instructions of how to organize,

and mail the paper to the Grand Lodge gratis, besides sending large numbers of copies for distribution.

We leave this matter in your hands satisfied that you will act for the best interests of the order and we will willingly abide by your decision whatever it may be.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and B.

ASTON & DOBSON, *Publishers.*

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented copies of appeals filed in his office, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:—

MITCHELL *VS.* TORONTO LODGE, No. 30.

MORPHY *VS.* TORONTO LODGE, No. 30.

COPY NOTICE OF APPEAL OF G. H. MITCHELL.

TORONTO, July 16th, 1891.

*To the Chancellor Commander, Officers and Members Toronto Lodge, No. 30 :*

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—At a meeting of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, held last Friday evening, 10th inst., the result of the Sorley Investigation was considered, and after hearing the charges and a considerable portion of the evidence read, the Committee were unanimous in the opinion that the verdict of the lodge was not in accordance with the evidence and that an appeal should be taken to Grand Lodge.

In view of the fact that Grand Lodge has assumed the debt incurred by the Committee the members feel that they would be derelict in their duties as trustees of the Order in Ontario were they to let the matter rest in its present shape without a protest on their part, and the Chairman, Bro. Dr. G. B. Smith, and myself were requested to see that an appeal be taken to Grand Lodge in order to let that body see that the Committee were not unmindful of its interests, as well also, that it may be made acquainted with some of the difficulties with which the Committee have had to contend, and that the case may be fairly and impartially decided upon its own merits.

I therefore give notice that under the provision of the Constitution which gives every member an unquestionable right of appeal, and having carefully read the entire evidence, I will appeal to the Grand Lodge against the verdict of your lodge finding Bro. W. F. Sorley "not guilty" of certain charges which had been preferred against him; I will do this on the grounds that said verdict was not in accordance with the evidence and thereby a grave and gross injustice

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has been done to myself as well as to the entire Order in Ontario. The appeal will be presented in proper form at your next regular meeting.

Fraternally yours,

G. H. MITCHELL,

*A member of Mystic Lodge No. 1, K.P. and of  
the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee.*

COPY NOTICE OF APPEAL OF W. F. MORPHY.

*To the C.C., Officers and Members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30., K.P.:*

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular meeting of your lodge the undersigned will appeal against your decision in the matter of the investigation of the charges against Past Chancellor Wm. Francis Sorley given at last meeting of your lodge on the ground that such decision is contrary to the evidence taken by the trial committee.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1891.

WM. FRANKLIN MORPHY,

*P.C. of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4.*

Filed in duplicate on date.

JACKSON L. LITTLE, *K. of R. and S.*

GEO. H. MITCHELL,.....*Appellant,*  
AND  
TORONTO LODGE, No. 30, K.P....*Respondents.* } APPEAL.

*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias:*

Brethren,—I appeal to your honorable body against certain portions of the findings of the Trial Committee and the verdict of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, K.P., in the trial of Past Chancellor W. F. Sorley for certain charges which are fully set forth in the proceedings of the trial herewith submitted.

Charge 1.—Page 1, report of proceedings of trial.

Charge 2.—Pages 1 and 2, report of proceedings of trial.

Finding of Committee.—Page 26, report of proceedings of trial.

The Committee in their findings have combined charges 1 and 2, which I submit was wrong inasmuch as they are separate and distinct one from the other and a separate finding should have been brought in on each. By combining the two the Committee misled themselves and went outside of their duties in attempting under the second charge to justify the defendant for acts of which they had found him guilty under the first charge.

The verdict of the lodge was "not guilty" by a vote of ten to three.

I appeal against this verdict on the grounds that it is not in accordance either with the evidence or the finding of the Trial Committee, in so far as that finding bears any relation to the charges and which relation is only contained in the following portion of the finding, viz: "Your Committee find that Brother Sorley did retain certain moneys unknown to the S.L.R. Committee while acting as Secretary of the Concert Sub-Committee of the S.L. Reception Committee."

I appeal against the balance of the said finding of the Trial Committee on charges 1 and 2 on the grounds that it is

1st. False and misleading from the fact that the charge reads "wrongfully retaining money" while the Trial Committee substitute the word "wilfully" and as no such charge was made they therefore could find no evidence in relation to it and thus misled the lodge.

2nd. The Committee overstepped their duties in attempting to justify what they had already found, and what the evidence abundantly proved, to be a wrongful act. By making these two grave errors the Committee certainly could not have thoroughly understood the nature of the charges or their duties as a Trial Committee, and without doubt, though I believe unintentionally, thereby led the members into rendering a verdict not at all in accordance with the evidence.

That my appeal on the grounds of the verdict being contrary to the evidence is well sustained, I submit the following facts which are entirely taken from the evidence given by the defendant Sorley in relation to the first charge. He says :

1st. "Concert Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose of raising money to meet the deficit of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee."

2nd. "Was appointed, and accepted the position of Secretary of Sub-Committee."

3rd. "As such kept cashbook and entered receipts and disbursements."

4th. "Duties as Secretary, were to pay over 'all moneys to Treasurer.'"

5th. "As far as he knew he paid pretty closely up but never went over cashbook to see how much on hand at date of payments to Treasurer."

6th. "His intention in making payments was never to retain more than about \$50.00."

7th. "I want you to understand that I relied entirely on the castings which I never checked over; I had no way of checking accounts if additions were wrong; I never thought I had more than \$50 or \$60 at one time; by just casting up accounts I could see what was on hand."

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8th. "By casting up account at time I paid money over, presuming the casting in book to be correct, I could tell exactly how much I had on hand after making each payment."

9th. "Dr. King's duties as I understand them, were to receive all moneys from me and pay them out on order of committee."

10th. "Dr. King and other members were constantly wanting to know what moneys were on hand; the largest balance I had to show at any time was \$200 or \$300, kept a few dollars on hand to meet cheques and drafts which had been sent me in case they were returned by Bank."

From the foregoing facts it will be seen that the charge of wrongfully retaining money is fully established by the defendant's own evidence, and he freely admits that although he knew his duty as Secretary required him to pay all moneys received to the Treasurer, it was his intention to always keep at least \$50 in his possession without the knowledge or consent of the Committee. That he fully acted up to his intention is shewn from the following statement of payments to Treasurer King:

1887	PAID.	ON HAND.
March 21	\$ 59 89	\$111 15
" 28	100 00	190 21
April 4	225 00	293 15
" 11	100 00	210 85
" 18	200 00	289 90
" 26	115 00	108 60,
" 29	50 00	78 70
May 5	50 00	95 10
" 9	75 00	114 75
" 14	125 00	181 65
" 23	100 00	157 80
" 30	56 00	111 95
June 6	75 00	99 45
" 13	25 00	50 85
" 30	30 00	54 60
July 23	10 00	53 60

It will thus be seen that from the very first he was deceiving the Sub-Committee and that this was not only done wrongfully but also wilfully and knowingly as is admitted by himself in his plainly expressed intention of keeping money on hand, although informing both Bro. Dr. King and myself that all receipts were paid over from time to time.

This latter evidence is not denied by him but, on the contrary, is admitted to be correct, for he says he was being continually asked what moneys were on hand. It will be observed that up to April 26th the average amount kept

back was about \$80.00 but the payment made at this date was \$7.00 more than he had on hand and that afterwards the average amount kept back dropped to \$40.00. It is a peculiar co-incident that he should have at this time made an error in his castings of \$101.00 in his own favor.

As a consequence of this wrongful and concealed retention of moneys the evidence shows that four accounts—three from J. Bruce and one from the *World*—amounting to \$31.35 had to be settled by the S.L.R. Committee although belonging to the Concert Committee. In connection with the Bruce accounts the defendant wrote me as follows: "I got the enclosed note when I returned to the office. We don't want any more law suits and I have written Villiers a line asking him to try and keep Bruce quiet for a while longer to give us a chance to get the money." (See Exhibit 6.)

In view of the fact that he knew he had more than sufficient funds on hand to meet those accounts and also that the S.L.R. Committee was hard pressed, I think that that portion of charge 1 which says: "And allowed accounts of Concert Sub-Committee to be paid out of the funds of the General Committee," is fully established by the evidence.

From the foregoing it will be seen that charge 1, taken as a whole or subdivided, is fully proved by the evidence of the defendant himself and that the verdict of the lodge was not in accordance with the evidence.

Charge No. 2.—Pages 1 and 2, Report of Proceedings of Trial.

On May 23rd, 1887, Defendant Sorley presented his account in the Lockington suit (Exhibit 20) to the S.L.R. Committee, the amount of balance due being shewn as \$430.58. On Nov. 14th, 1887, an agreement was made between the S.L.R. Committee and Defendant Sorley by which he agreed to accept \$275.00 in full of account. At this time he had on hand \$47.60 belonging to the Concert Sub-Committee, although, as already shown under charge 1, he repeatedly informed members that he had paid all receipts to the Treasurer, and when the settlement as above was made he still concealed the fact of having any balance on hand, nor did he at any subsequent period give the Committee credit for such balance. It was not until July, 1889—two years afterwards—that the Committee succeeded in getting a report from him as Secretary of the Concert Committee, and then we found to our surprise that he had all the time been concealing the fact that he had held money on hand. In addition to this there was an error of \$101.00 in simple addition and \$138.50 in three different amounts that he forgot to give the Committee credit for and which, altogether, made him indebted to the Committee instead of the reverse.

In view of these facts, which are amply borne out by the evidence, the Trial Committee of Toronto Lodge combine the second charge with the first in order to try and justify the retaining of money which the Defendant never at any time admitted he had on hand, and which the S.L.R. Committee never

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knew he had, but which, on the contrary, he continually concealed from the Committee and gave them to understand that all he was receiving was being paid over to the Treasurer although all the time he knew he was doing a wrongful act and which he swears it was his intention from the first to do.

On the strength of the misleading report of the Trial Committee the lodge returned a verdict of "not guilty" by a vote of 10 to 3, and from such verdict I submit I have shown ample justification in appealing.

Charge No. 3.—Page 2, Report of Trial Proceedings.

The Trial Committee found as follows: "Your Committee find that the evidence does not sustain the charge and that as it is laid it is misleading."

The verdict of the lodge was "not guilty" by a vote of 9 to 4.

Against this finding and verdict I appeal and will show that the charge of excessive charges in the bill of costs rendered and followed by vexatious correspondence and threats of legal proceedings if such bill was not paid, is fully corroborated by the evidence.

Exhibit 23 is the bill of costs as amended, and the following is the

STATEMENT AS PER MASTERS' CERTIFICATE:

DR.		
Nov. 14, 1887—Settlement <i>vs</i> Lockington <i>vs</i> King.....	\$275	00
Feb. 13, 1888—Discount on Note of \$95 .....	1	97
July 2, 1889—Bill of Costs, Betts <i>vs</i> Smith .....	689	49
		<u>614 70</u>
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Nov. 14, 1887—By Cash .....	\$40	00
July 26, 1889—By Cash balance Con. Sub-Committee .....	176	25
" 13, 1888—By Note paid Sorley.....	95	00
May 26, 1888—By Cash paid Sorley.....	80	00
By Taxed off by Master.....	177	25
By allowed on amended costs.....	5	10
By Costs Taxation charged against Sorley..	41	10
		<u>614 70</u>
Certificate given by Master for.....	\$351	76

It is hardly necessary to go further into the charge of "excessive charges," as the above certificate fully proves it; but if further evidence were needed it was supplied by the defendant's reply to his own counsel, in which he says:

"The amount of the bill rendered was \$689.49, it was taxed at \$512.24, having taxed off difference, Master saying it was excessive." In order to let himself down light after such an admission he goes on to say: "the chief reduction was taken off for counsel fees; sometimes he is very liberal and some-



times he is not; solicitor's work is regulated by tariff." From an examination of the bill of costs as taxed, we find the amounts taxed off as follows:

	AMTS. CHARGED.	AMTS. OFF.
First Counsel, Mr. Bigelow .....	\$ 30 00	\$15 00
Second Counsel, Mr. Sorley.....	171 00	68 00
Solicitor's work.....	128 20	94 25
Totals.....	\$329 20	\$177 25

From which it will be seen that the chief reduction was not for counsel fees but for solicitor's work regulated by tariff. Thus, by his own evidence, does he admit having endeavoured to actually wrong the Committee out of \$94.25 by excessive illegal charges. Of this amount, \$47.80 is composed of thirty-nine various items which were entirely taxed off, and there was \$15.00 taxed off charges made for attending committee meetings of which he was a member. This is proved by Exhibit 15.

In regard to the charge of vexatious correspondence and threats of legal proceedings, I appeal to Exhibit 6, which, taken in conjunction with the oral evidence given at the trial, will, I think, fully establish this portion of the charge.

I submit I have fully established the ground of my appeal on Charge 3, and in the face of the foregoing facts am at a loss to understand how the said Committee could find no evidence to sustain this charge if they gave any consideration whatever to the evidence and exhibits.

Charge No. 4.—Page 2, Proceedings of Trial.

The Trial Committee found "That this charge is not sustained by the evidence produced."

The verdict of the lodge was "not guilty" by a vote of 8 to 5.

Against this finding and verdict I appeal and submit the following evidence to prove that neither were rendered in accordance therewith.

Exhibit No. 7.—Mr. East's affidavit, especially Sec. 5 thereof, in which reference is made to payments to the defendant, under dates of January 28th, 1887, for \$38.50; May 30th, 1887, for \$50.00, and October 8th, 1887, for \$50.00; amounting in all to \$138.50. The payment of \$50.00 on May 13th was duly credited and was shewn to have been included in the statement of Mr. East through some oversight.

The defendant Sorley in Exhibit 8 swears that he never received the above mentioned amounts except the \$50.00 under date of October 8th, which he claims was a private loan from Bro. Townsend and had nothing to do with the Committee. Owing to this false oath the Taxing Master refused to allow the claim made for these credits and the Committee were made liable for extra costs.

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I now desire to draw attention to the date of Sorley's affidavit, viz. February 18th, 1890, and will proceed to shew sufficient evidence to prove that he had ample time to satisfy himself in regard to the correctness of these claims, and not doing so, that he must have wilfully sworn to that which he knew was not true.

1st. \$38.50 January 28th, 1887. Exhibit 38, date November 29th, 1889, shows this amount claimed before Taxing Master; defendant swears then that he can't say whether he received it or not and declines to go behind the settlement of November 14th, 1887.

In June, 1889, the Treasurer of Committee submitted a report (Exhibit 5) and swears in his evidence that defendant Sorley assisted him in making up said report and that it included this amount. The defendant in his evidence does not deny this. The defendant in his evidence admits that he was served with a surcharge on November 25th, 1889, in which this item was included.

2nd. \$50.00 May 30th, 1887. In regard to this amount, whatever he might claim for the others, there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt. The minutes of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, May 30th, 1887, shew that he asked for \$50.00 on account of law costs; that Committee decided to ask the Concert Sub-Committee to pay over that amount; that Concert Sub-Committee, as per their minutes, did so; that defendant Sorley as Secretary of such Committee drew the order for payment; that he received cheque for same from Bro. Townsend, Treasurer, (Exhibit 10), and endorsed the same; the Treasurer's report which defendant assisted to make out included this amount, (Exhibit 5), sworn to by Townsend and not denied by defendant. Surcharge of November 25th, 1887, including same admitted by defendant, (Exhibit 38), November 28th, 1889, shews claim before Taxing Master which defendant does not deny, but says: "If received at all was under the Lockington settlement, behind which he declines to go."

3rd. \$50.00 October 8th, 1887. This amount was included in the report of the Treasurer, which defendant assisted to make out, as sworn by Bro. Townsend and not denied by defendant, and claimed in surcharge of November 25th, 1889, as well as before the Master on November 29th, 1889; the evidence of Bro. Townsend shews that he informed the defendant that he had been charged with the amount. The evidence of the defendant shews that while the amount was at first received as a loan subject to the approval of the Committee, there was a subsequent conversation in regard to it between the Treasurer and himself in which he was willing to "let it stand as it is at present."

The evidence of Bro. Wallis goes to shew that so far as the defendant was concerned the amount could continue "to stand" for in making an account against Bro. Townsend no credit had been given to him for it.

In view of these facts regarding the three amounts, I submit the defendant had ample opportunity and time to satisfy himself in regard to the justness of

the claim before he took upon himself the serious responsibility of making a solemn affidavit that he had never received such amounts and which, within a short time after, he was forced to admit and allow.

And now, Brethren, my appeal is in your hands. I have taken it because I think a gross injustice has been done not only to myself as a witness in the case, but also to the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, and through them the Order in this jurisdiction; for the Committee in this matter are practically the trustees of the Order. I submit it to your serious and careful consideration and shall cheerfully and willingly accept your verdict knowing that it will be justly and impartially rendered.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.

G. H. MITCHELL.

MORPHY VS. TORONTO LODGE, No. 30.

*To the C. C., Officers and Members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30., K. P.:*

Pursuant to notice given at the last regular meeting of your lodge, being the meeting next after that in which the closing proceedings in the investigation of the charges against Past Chancellor Wm. Francis Sorley took place, I now appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario against your decision in the said investigation, on the ground that such decision is contrary to the evidence taken by the Trial Committee.

So that the grounds of my appeal may the more clearly appear, portions of the evidence on which I intend to rely are hereinafter stated side by side with the portions of the charges which it is contended that they substantiate:—

Charge No. 1.

(A). Bro. Sorley was appointed Secretary of the Concert Sub-Committee on 25th February, 1887, and Bro. John S. King was appointed Treasurer of such Sub-Committee at the same meeting.

(B). As such Secretary Bro. Sorley received a considerable sum of money,

(A). This is admitted by the defendant in his evidence at page 13.

(B). Evidence of Bro. Wallis at page 7, "When getting cash book Mr. Sorley said 'I had better balance it first,' at the same time he said he had \$30 or \$40 on hand; he balanced account at that time and he found a balance of \$62.60." Then Bro. Wallis goes on to mention omitted entries amount-

(c). which he wrongfully retained in his hands instead of paying same over to the Treasurer of the Sub-Committee,

(D). While so retaining and using same *concealed* the fact that he had such moneys,

ing to \$17.75 which Sorley entered at the foot of cash book when pointed out to him, (see page 39), and the "error" of \$101.00 in addition, page 7 of cash book, (see page 37). These are all admitted by Sorley (see pages 17, 18 and 24), so on his own shewing he had \$176.25 which he never paid over.

(c). Sorley says in evidence at page 22, "my duty was to pay over to Dr. King all moneys," and at page 15, "Dr. King's duties, as I understood them, were to receive all moneys from me and pay them out on order of Committee." (See also clause F below.)

(D). First, by denying that he had money, (see evidence of Bro. Mitchell at page 4), "Sorley's bill (Lockington suit) received November, 1887, and a settlement was arrived at by which he agreed to accept \$275 in full account, but he did not then tell us he had in hand any money of the Concert Sub-Committee," and on same page, "Sorley reported that he had paid over all money to the Treasurer; it was the general order at the time that all money should be paid over to the Treasurer. He stated to me that he had no money. About the time he paid the \$10 to Dr. King—23rd July, 1887—he gave the Committee to understand that he had no money on hand." Dr. King says (page 7), "July 23 is the date on which the last sums of money were received from Sorley; I remember Sorley stating that he had handed me all the funds received. May 31st, 1888, handed my books to Rattray and Smith, Auditors; previous to this Sorley stated he had no moneys on hand." Sorley says, (page 14), "Dr. King and other members were constantly wanting to know what moneys were

on hand," and at page 21, "The question was asked from time to time how much I had on hand." See also his letter to Mitchell 20th September, 1887, at page 48, "I have written to Villiers a line asking him to try and keep Bruce quiet for a while longer *to give us a chance to get the money.*" Further evidence of concealment lies in the fact that he tried to cover up these false statements by refusing to give up his books for audit until forced to do so, as to which see evidence of Bro. Wallis at page 10: "Sorley said that these did not belong to the Reception Committee but private; he objected to give them up; Secretary asked Sorley for report; that is the way they got report; I believe Bro. Morphy made application to Sorley for papers; Sorley replied that if the latter stated more definitely what papers were wanted he would forward same; I took the answer to be in regard to Supreme Lodge Reception Committee; previous to July 26th I asked for these papers; he got out the papers and claimed they were private papers; Bro. Smith went with me and he (Smith) stated what we wanted; he knew the authority we had to demand these papers; I think the reason he would not hand over the papers was so that we could not audit his account, because he did not want it audited." Sorley says (page 16) "Bro. Dr. Smith and Bro. Wallis came into my office about ten o'clock one morning and asked me first for papers relating to Bro. Townsend's account and when I said I had none, asked me for my own books and papers as Secretary of the Concert Subcommittee; if I remember rightly I declined to give these up until Dr. Smith explained to me that the auditors



(E). and allowed accounts of the Concert Sub-Committee to be paid out of the funds of the General Committee,

(F) notwithstanding the direction of the Sub-Committee that all moneys in hand be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Committee.

were auditing the account of the General Committee; Bro. Wallis received and got all he would take at that time."

(E). See three accounts of J. Bruce (page 46) certified by Sorley. Mitchell, at page 4, says: "The three of Bruce's accounts were paid by the Treasurer of the General Committee under the impression that the Sub-Committee had no money in hand; Sorley reported he had paid over all moneys to the Treasurer;" These accounts bear Sorley's signature and Sorley, under cross-examination, says (page 23): "I returned money to Franklin Lodge, because I think Bruce refused to fill any more orders; in the fall or winter of 1887 there may have been money owing to Bruce and on that account he refused to fill any more orders; this was principal reason for refusing, namely that he was not paid;" and at page 24 he says: "in reference to Bruce's letter, 20th July, 1887—in which he writes to Sorley asking for cheque to cover account of June 27th, \$18.20, and July 9th, \$5.20, contract calling for weekly settlement (page 64)—"assuming additions to be correct I had a balance of \$49.50."

(F) See resolution of Sub-Committee (page 45), "That all available funds in the hands of the Treasurer of this Committee be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Committee to pay off McLaren & Co." In regard to this Sorley says, at page 23: "Minutes of Sub-Concert Committee (exhibit No. 3), 20th June, 1887, is in my hand writing and signed by me; in pursuance of the resolution above on June 28th, I paid Dr. King \$30." Reference to the cash book (pages 37, 38 and 39) will show that he had at that time much more money than he paid to Dr. King.

(G) This occurred at a time when the General Committee was carrying large sums under discount and was much in need of money to meet pressing obligations as was well known to Bro. Sorley.

(H). Such moneys were never in fact paid over by Bro. Sorley but after nearly three years were applied finally by the Taxing Master towards settlement of the balance due Bro. Sorley for costs.

As to Charge No. 2.

(A) Bro. Sorley acted as solicitor for the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee in defending an action brought against some of the members of the Committee by one Lockington.

(B) About the 14th day of November, 1887, it was agreed between Bro. Sorley and the Committee that the balance due him for costs was \$275. At the time of this agreement Bro. Sorley made no disclosures to the Committee of the amount he had in hand.

(C) Nor yet of the amounts which had been received by him from the Treasurer, and for which

(G). Sorley, at page 15, says: "I knew the General Committee was pressed for money, as I was liable as the rest of the Committee for \$2000, or in that neighborhood."

(H). See clause (b) above and the evidence there set forth.

(A) Sorley, in his letter of 21st May, 1887 (page 48), says, "*re* Lockington vs. King et al. I enclose you my bill of costs for professional services rendered the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, amounting to the sum of \$890.60, etc."

(B) See minute book of Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, 14th November, 1887, at which Sorley was present (page 47): "The Secretary read the report of the Special Committee on account of Bro. Sorley, which, in their opinion, should be reduced to \$195. Bro. Sorley offered to reduce his account to \$275 in full of account rendered. Hall—Townsend: That offer be accepted. Carried. Villiers—Diver: That \$40 be paid on account. Carried." Bro. Mitchell at page 4 says: "Sorley's bill, received November, 1887, and a settlement arrived at by which he agreed to receive \$275 as a balance. *He did not then tell us he had in hand any money of the Concert Sub-Committee.*"

(C) The \$50 cheque of the 30th May, admitted by Sorley at page 20; the \$50 of 8th October, which he men-

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tions on same page but tries to explain away; the \$38.50 paid him by Townsend at Palmer House (see page 8), and the \$80 admitted by Sorley at page 18.

As to Charge No. 3.

Bro. Sorley acted as Solicitor for the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee in an action brought against this Committee by one Betts, and rendered the Committee a bill of costs amounting to \$680.49, following the same with much vexatious correspondence and threatening to commence legal proceedings against the members of the Committee unless his demands were complied with. The Committee deemed the charges excessive, and had recourse to the courts of law to ascertain the amount to which Bro. Sorley was justly entitled. After much delay the Taxing Master issued a certificate to Bro. Sorley finding in his favor on the whole account a balance of \$351, instead of \$964.49, which was the amount claimed by him. Of this large reduction \$41.10, were awarded against Bro. Sorley as costs of the taxation.

Sorley says in his evidence at page 17: "The amount of bill rendered was \$689.49; it was taxed at \$512.24, having taxed off difference, the Master saying it was excessive," and at page 18, "I had to pay the costs of taxation, amounting to \$41.10," and on same page, "I claimed on taxation and the Master upheld my claim that I was entitled to apply all moneys received by me, first, in payment of the balance due me on the Lockington bill, and second, if there were any balance left, in payment on account of Bett's Bill; that was the disposition made of these items; this was the way the matter stood. Taxing Master issued certificate March 4th, 1890, shewing balance in my favor \$351.76."

See also page 61, exhibit 12, letter from Sorley to Secretary of Committee demanding "\$351.76 by to-morrow, or will place execution in Sheriff's hands," and see the vexatious correspondence in exhibit No. 6, pages 48 to 58.

STATEMENT FROM MASTER'S CERTIFICATE.

DR.		SUPREME LODGE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.	
Nov. 14, 1887—Settlement <i>vs</i> Lockington <i>vs</i> King			\$275 00
Feb. 13, 1881—Discount on Note of \$95			1 97
July 2, 1889—Bill of Costs, Betts <i>vs</i> Smith			689 49
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Nov. 14, 1887—By Cash, credited		\$40 00	
Feb. 13, 1888—By Note, not credited		95 00	
May 26 1888—By Cash, not credited		80 00	
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Carried forward		\$215 00	\$966 46

Brought forward .....	\$215 00	\$966 46
July 26, 1889—By Cash, Concert Sub-Committee, not reported .....	176 25	
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By Master Taxed off .....	177 25	
By Costs of Taxation ordered to be paid by Sorley .....	41 10	
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Masters' Certificate for .....		\$351 76

And notwithstanding these figures, the Lodge votes the defendant "not guilty" 9 to 4.

#### As to Charge No. 4.

In the course of these proceedings in the Courts an affidavit was made by Mr. East, then acting for the Committee, in which he claimed on their behalf credit for certain sums of money alleged to have been paid to Bro. Sorley, and for which no credit had been given.

(B) Bro. Sorley's attention was thus drawn to the payments, the dates and amounts of which were stated ;

Exhibit No. 7 (page 59) is admitted by Counsel for Defendant to be a copy of Mr. East's affidavit referred to in charge. See page 3.

(B) Sorley's attention was drawn to this particular payment at various times and in various ways, as follows, so that it was morally impossible for him to have so far forgotten it as he tries to make out.

1. Mitchell says at page 4 : " Was present at a meeting May 30th ; Sorley was present, and requested a payment of \$50, and a resolution to pay it was made."

2. The minutes of Concert Sub-Committee, 30th May, Sorley being present, shew that Treasurer was ordered to pay General Treasurer \$50.

3. Order of Chairman of Concert Committee to pay \$50 to General Treasurer was signed by Sorley as Secretary.

4. Then Sorley paid Dr. King \$50. See Exhibit 24, Kings' receipt.

5. Sorley's entry in cashbook of Concert Sub-Committee as paid to Dr. King, 30th May, 1887.

6. Entry of 30th May in General Treasurer's Report, \$50 received from Dr. King, also payment of \$50 to Sorley on same date. Townsend says at page 8, that Sorley and he went over this account together, including October 8th, 1887.

7. Sorley received this cheque and endorsed it, receiving the money. And thus the \$50 is traced around from *Sorley, Secretary of Concert Sub-Committee*, to *Sorley, Solicitor for the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee*. It comes out of one pocket and goes into the other.

8. Then we have the surcharge in the Master's office, as to which Sorley says (page 23): "My attention was first drawn to cheque of May 30th, when surcharge was put in."

9. The stub of Townsend's cheque book, shewing the particulars of the cheque of the 30th of May was produced at the taxing office, and Bro. Wallis says at page 12: "There was quite a controversy at the taxing office about these cheques." Sorley, at page 20 says: "I repeatedly asked for production of cheque of May 30th. Cheque was never produced. I requested production of cheque many times while bill was in taxing office before I made affidavit."

10. And then Sorley says that he read a copy of East's affidavit before making his own. Compare these affidavits at pages 59 and 60.



(C) and in an affidavit made by him in reply thereto *he falsely swore* that he had not received the amounts stated.

(C) These affidavits are admitted by Defendant's Counsel, and Sorley says at page 23: "Saw a copy of Mr. East's affidavit before making my own affidavit;" and at page 24: "And as that \$50, of May 30th, had been paid, it left a real balance," etc.

(D) On the strength of this false affidavit the Taxing Master refused to give credit to the Committee for the following amounts:

May 30th . . . . .	\$50 00
Oct. 8th . . . . .	50 00

(D) See the figures as allowed by Taxing Master in statement under charge No. 3.

(E) Afterwards certain cheques were produced, which, as they bore Bro. Sorley's endorsement and proved the payments of these amounts in contradiction of his affidavit, he was forced to admit as credits.

(E) Sorley admits the endorsement of the cheque of May 30th. At page 20, he says: "Cheque never produced in taxing office. I believe Mr. McGill saw it after taxation was closed at Mr. Wallis' house; was thunderstruck when he told me cheque was there."

(F) The amount allowed by the Taxing Master was further reduced and finally settled for the sum of \$208.26.

(F) Sorley says at page 19: "Subsequently to the settlement with Mr. Thom, I gave credit for \$38.50; *cannot very well explain how I gave it*; Mr. McGill arranged the matter for me. He had authority to settle accounts for me, if it was at 50c. on \$.

See also Auditor's report at page 42, and read in connection therewith Sorley's letter of 25th March, 1890 (without comment), at page 43.

With the above as an index to evidence, and containing many, but by no means all of the important portions of the evidence, I submit this matter to the consideration of Grand Lodge, before which body I feel satisfied it will receive the careful and impartial consideration which a matter of this importance deserves.

Dated 6th August, 1891.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

WM. FRANKLIN MORPHY,  
Of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, Toronto.

## ANSWER TO APPEAL OF G. H. MITCHELL.

TORONTO, 15th October, 1891.

*To the Chancellor Commander, Officers and Members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias.*

In the matter of appeal by George H. Mitchell against the decision of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, given on the second day of July, 1891, in the matter of the charges laid against Past Chancellor, William Francis Sorley.

Your Committee appointed to draw an answer to the above appeal beg leave to report that the following answers be made :

1. That the said George H. Mitchell has not complied with the provisions of Sections 126, 127, 128 and 129 of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution of the Knights of Pythias as the same was passed and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ontario Knights of Pythias.

2. That as the proceedings against Past Chancellor Sorley were analogous to a criminal proceeding in the ordinary Courts of Justice, and as there is no right to appeal vested in the Crown against the decision of a Court of Law in a criminal proceeding, this lodge submits that in analogy there should be no right to appeal vested in any member of the Order in any proceeding against any other member of the Order which are of the nature of criminal proceedings.

3. If it should be held that Bro. Mitchell has complied with the said sections of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, and that appeals will lie in cases of this nature, then this lodge says :

4. As to Charge 1—Like Bro. Morphy's appeal, this is also composed of extracts from the evidence, but this lodge submits that the evidence is not fairly culled, and that when the evidence is read as a whole the Grand Lodge will concur in the findings of the Trial Committee and the verdict of this lodge.

Bro. Mitchell states that Sorley retained large sums of money, and allowed four accounts, viz., three from J. Bruce and one from *The World* to be paid by the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee. There is nothing in evidence to shew that *The World* account was paid by the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee.

Bro. Mitchell has forgotten to state, as appears in evidence, that at the time Bruce's accounts were paid by the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, that the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee was very largely indebted to Brother Sorley for costs in both the Lockington and Betts suits, and that Bro. Sorley had at that time paid out a very large sum of money for disbursements in the Betts suit, and which disbursements had not been repaid to him by the

Committee, so that in any event, admitting the retention of these sums, as alleged, Bro. Sorley was justified in so doing, as he was still out of pocket for moneys paid out for the benefit of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee.

5. As to Charge 2—The same general remarks as to the culling of evidence apply to this as are made in reply to Charge 1.

On the 14th November, 1887, as appears from the evidence, Bro. Sorley had disbursed of his own funds \$116.86 in the Betts suit, and which disbursements had not been recouped to him in any shape or manner, added to which his bill of costs for fees for work done as a Solicitor in the Betts suit amounted at that time to \$231.85, on which nothing had been paid him; and the \$275.00 settlement only referred to the Lockington Bill.

6. As to Charge 3—The same general remarks as to the culling of evidence apply to this as were made in regard to Charge 1. This charge was very misleading, in that it would appear from the charge as laid that the bill referred to had been reduced by taxation on account of excessive charges from \$964.49 to \$392.86, which latter amount, the charge states, was further reduced by \$41.10, costs of taxation awarded against Bro. Sorley, instead of, as the fact is, being so reduced by payments on account.

It appears from the Master's certificate that the total claim of Sorley against the Committee for costs, etc., was \$966.46, and of this amount only \$175.25, or a trifle over one-fifth of the total charges and not one quarter of the bill of costs in the Betts case was taxed off, and of the \$177.25 which was disallowed on taxation \$33.40 of this was disallowed off the Solicitors' fees because the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee denied having retained Bro. Sorley to do that portion of the work to which these charges refer. It appearing in the evidence that where there is a dispute between a solicitor and his client as to a retainer, the benefit of the doubt is always given to the client unless the solicitor has corroborative evidence, and in this case Bro. Sorley, although positively swearing before the Taxing Master that he was retained to do the work, had no corroborative evidence.

It appears from the evidence as set forth by Bro. Mitchell in his appeal that the Taxing Master has unlimited control of counsel fees, whilst he is bound by a fixed tariff as to allowances for solicitors work; and from Bro. Mitchell's statement of the amount taxed off, we find that \$83, or almost one-half of the total amount taxed off, was taken from the counsel fees, whilst only \$94.25, or a little over one-half of the amount taxed off, and less than one-tenth of the total charges was taken by the Master off the charges in the bill for Bro. Sorley's work as solicitor, and of this \$94.25 the sum of \$33.40 was taken off the solicitor's fee for work done by the solicitor, and for the doing of which work the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee denied having retained Bro. Sorley. Bro. Mitchell states that the total counsel fees amounted to \$201, and of this amount \$83 as taxed off, whilst (still taking

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Bro. Mitchell as our authority) only \$94.25 was taxed off \$488.49 charged for solicitor's work, and the evidence shews that of \$94.25 taxed off solicitor's work, \$33.40 was taxed off because the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee denied having given a retainer for the work represented by these charges.

7. As to Charge 4—The same general remarks as to culling of evidence apply to this charge as to Charge 1.

In regard to East's affidavit which, when read by Grand Lodge, will shew an item of \$50 for which credit had been duly given, had been included, and Mr. East's affidavit being sworn on information and belief, and being wrong admittedly in one particular, was just as likely to be wrong in every other particular, and this lodge submits that if in the interests of justice such an affidavit was required to be made the same should have been made by a member of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee who could have sworn positively to the alleged facts therein stated, instead of by an outsider who was not even a member of the Order, on information and belief.

As to the dates.

1. \$38.50, 28th January, 1887. This item is claimed by the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee to have been paid to Bro. Sorley by a cheque drawn by Bro. Townsend in favor of J. C. Palmer for \$36, and a cash payment by Townsend to Sorley of \$2.50. Townsend in his evidence stating that this amount of \$38.50 was to pay a hotel bill for witnesses attending the Lockington trial, and he also swears this amount was paid the day witnesses left Toronto. On the other hand Bro. Sorley swears that on the 19th day of January, 1887, being nine days prior to the date claimed for this alleged payment, he paid the hotel bill for the witnesses and paid the witnesses their witness fees, and that they left for home on the 19th day of January, 1887, and in corroboration of his statement he produces Mr. Palmer's receipt for the hotel bill and also the receipt of the witnesses for the amounts paid them, all of such receipts bearing date the 19th day of January, 1887. The only evidence Bro. Townsend produces in corroboration of his statement is the stub of his cheque book, in which it appears that the only check written by him for \$36 during that month payable to Palmer was written on the 28th day of January, 1887, and no other cheque book is produced.

Bro. Townsend also produces his bank book for the months of January and February, 1887, and the only cheque for \$36 charged in the bank book appears some time in February. The cheque itself has never been produced.

As to the report of the Treasurer of the Committee presented in June, 1889 (Exhibit 5), Bro. Sorley and Bro. Townsend both swear that Bro. Sorley assisted in making up the first part of the report, and not, as would appear from Bro. Mitchell's appeal, the whole of the said report, and on

which he lays such stress, and neither Sorley nor Townsend are able to fix the date at which Sorley left off and Townsend went on alone.

2. \$50, 30th May, 1887. Sorley, in his evidence, and it is not contradicted, says that at every meeting before the Taxing Master from the time the surcharge was made until he made his affidavit in February, 1889, he (Sorley) requested production of the voucher for the payment, and was met by constant refusals to produce same, and this lodge submits that in view of these facts the said affidavit of Bro. Sorley could not have been made otherwise than with a bona fide belief as to its truth, and not as alleged by the Appellant herein, as a wilful perjury on the part of Bro. Sorley.

3. \$50, 8th October, 1887. The evidence shews that this amount was originally a loan from Bro. Townsend to Bro. Sorley, and that some time after the loan had been made Sorley and Townsend had a conversation in regard to it during which Townsend said that he would try and get the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee to allow it as a payment on account of law costs, and that it was arranged that it should so stand until Townsend reported again to Sorley, and that Townsend made no report whatever to Sorley about this, and Sorley consequently considered the matter on its original footing as a loan.

As to Bro. Wallis' evidence of having pried into Bro. Townsend's private account, this lodge does not feel bound to accept this evidence (which was taken subject to objection as to its admissibility) Sorley having for some years been Townsend's solicitor, and it was extremely probable that he had delivered many accounts to Townsend, many of which were produced at the trial.

This lodge would again call attention to the fact that Bro. Sorley only assisted in the preparation of a portion of the Treasurer's report of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, and not the whole of it, so that it is by no means clear, as the appellant would have it appear, that Bro. Sorley was cognizant that these items were charged against him in said report.

This lodge submits that the findings of the Trial Committee and the verdict of this lodge were strictly in accordance with the law and the evidence taken at the trial and to which evidence and exhibits, therein referred to, this lodge craves leave to refer.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.

FRED. W. FLETT, A. A. ALEXANDER, WM. FRANCIS SORLEY,	}	Committee.
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## ANSWER OF LODGE TO APPEAL OF W. F. MORPHY.

TORONTO, 15th October, 1891.

*To the Chancellor Commander, Officers and Members of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias.*

In the matter of the appeal by William Franklin Morphy against the decision of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, given on the second day of July, 1891, in the matter of the charges laid against Past Chancellor William Francis Sorley.

Your Committee appointed to draw an answer to the above appeal beg leave to report that the following answers be made :

1. That the said Wm. Franklin Morphy has not complied with the provisions of Sections 126, 127, 128 and 129 of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution of the Knights of Pythias as the same was passed and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias.

2. That as the proceedings against Past Chancellor Sorley were analogous to a criminal proceeding in the ordinary Courts of Justice, and as there is no right to appeal vested in the Crown against the decision of a Court of Law in a criminal proceeding, this lodge submits that in analogy there should be no right to appeal vested in any members of the Order which are of the nature of criminal proceedings.

3. If it should be held that Bro. Morphy has complied with the said sections of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, and that appeals will lie in cases of this nature, then this lodge says that the appeal as presented is a synopsis of portions of the evidence which are merely culled out for the purpose of proving the particular points alleged to have been proved by Bro. Morphy, but that a forced construction has been placed thereon, and undue prominence given to weak parts of the evidence, whilst due weight has not been given to many of the stronger parts of the evidence which bear more fully on the charges, and which are wholly in favor of the said William Francis Sorley, which will more fully appear by the evidence and exhibits which are already in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and to which this Lodge craves leave to refer on the hearing of this appeal.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and B.

FRED. W. FLETT, A. A. ALEXANDER, WM. FRANCIS SORLEY,	}	Committee.
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## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF LODGE.

June 18th, 1891.—An official communication was presented and filed from the G. K. R. and S. re the matter of appeal of Bros. Alexander and

Carkeek, notifying this lodge that the Grand Lodge had decided that Toronto Lodge erred in not having the evidence taken before the Trial Committee read to the Lodge, and ordering that the verdict of Toronto Lodge be set aside and evidence and exhibits be read at a regular meeting appointed for that purpose within sixty days, due notice to be given to all members, and that after the reading of the said evidence and exhibits the lodge shall give its decision in accordance to Sub-Section 6 and 7, Sec. 123 of Subordinate Lodge Constitution. It was moved by Bro. P. C. Macdonald, seconded by Bro. Flett, and adopted, that the first meeting of this lodge in July be appointed as a special meeting for the purpose of considering the report of committee in the Sorley case, and the hearing of the evidence and exhibits taken before the Committee.

It was moved by Bro. Little, seconded by Bro. Flett, that a circular be sent to every member notifying of the same. Carried.

July 2nd, 1891.—At 8.30 o'clock Bro. P. C. Soole commenced reading the evidence in the Sorley matter, followed by Bros. Little, Haynes and Shortiss, after which Bro. Morphy for the plaintiff, and Bro. Roaf for the defendant, spoke twice; Bros. T. Shortiss, Robt. Sharpe and F. Oakley were appointed scrutineers; ballot being taken on all four charges resulted as follows:—

On 1st charge, Guilty, 3; Not Guilty 10.
“ 2nd “ “ 3; “ “ 10.
“ 3rd “ “ 4; “ “ 9.
“ 4th “ “ 5; “ “ 8.

Bro. Sorley being acquitted on all charges.

Bro. Carkeek, through his lawyer, Bro. Morphy, presented a notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge against the verdict of this lodge in the Sorley case, on the grounds that such verdict was contrary to the evidence. Bro. Carkeek was not present at any time during this evening.

July 16th, 1891.—A communication was received from Bro. G. H. Mitchell of Mystic Lodge and member of Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, giving notice that at our next regular meeting he will appeal to the Grand Lodge against the verdict of this lodge finding Bro. W. F. Sorley not guilty of certain charges which had been preferred, on the grounds that said verdict was not in accordance with the evidence, and that a grave and gross injustice had been done to him, as well as the entire order in Ontario. This was received and filed.

Also a communication from Bro. W. Franklin Morphy, P. C. of Ivanhoe Lodge, giving notice that at the next regular meeting of this lodge he will appeal against the decision of this lodge in the matter of investigation of charges against P. C. W. F. Sorley, given at last meeting of this lodge, on the ground that such decision is contrary to the evidence taken by the Trial Committee. This was also received and filed.

August 6th.—The appeals *re* the Sorley case, of which notices were given at last regular meeting, of Bros. G. H. Mitchell and W. F. Morphy, were presented. After part of that of Bro. Mitchell had been read, Bro. Sorley said that the notice of appeal was not in time. Considerable discussion took place after which it was decided that the appeals be held over until our next meeting.

August 20th.—The matter of appeals of Bros. Mitchell and Morphy laid over from the last meeting was then taken up. Bro. Sorley asked that the matter be laid over until our next meeting, as he did not feel well, and the hour was late. The Chancellor Commander replied that he thought the matter had better be disposed of now as he had made up his mind and it would only take a few minutes. He then decided that the notices of appeal had not been sent in time, and therefore the lodge had nothing more to do in the matter. Bro. Morphy of Ivanhoe Lodge rose to speak of the matter of his appeal in the Sorley matter; Bro. Sorley rose to a point of order and objected to Bro. Morphy being heard. The Chancellor Commander said that it was only ordinary courtesy to a visiting member that he should be heard and gave Bro. Morphy leave to speak. Bro. Morphy then said that it was quite immaterial to him how the lodge dealt with his appeal, as it would be heard in the Grand Lodge anyway, but he would like this lodge to keep its proceedings regular, so that the matter might be properly disposed of and would suggest that this lodge appoint a committee to answer the appeal, even if the answer did not go into the merits of the case, but only to the technical objection as to the notices; he asked that in any case the K. of R. and S. be instructed to forward the appeal to the G. K. R. and S. with a memo. of the Chancellor Commander's decision, and an abstract of minutes relating to the matter. This was decided to be done.

On motion of Bros. Flett and Macdonald the decision of the Chancellor Commander was confirmed by the lodge.

September 3rd.—A communication was received from Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell appealing from the ruling of the Chancellor Commander to the D. D. G. C. in the matter of appeal *re* the Sorley matter, and asking that this lodge forward such appeal to him for his decision.

Moved by Bro. Macdonald, seconded by Bro. Flett, that the communication be received and that the request be granted.—Carried.

A communication was received from Bro. W. F. Morphy of Ivanhoe lodge, No. 4, giving notice that at our next regular meeting he will appeal to the Grand Chancellor against the action of this lodge at its last regular meeting in declining to read the grounds of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, against the verdict of Toronto Lodge in the Sorley investigation.

It was moved and seconded that the communication be received and filed and a committee consisting of Bros. J. F. Gray, J. W. Peaker, W. F. Sorley and the Chancellor Commander be appointed to answer the appeal.—Carried.

September 17th.—The committee appointed to answer the appeal of W. Franklin Morphy report progress.

October 1st.—The committee appointed to answer the appeal of W. F. Morphy *re* the Sorley matter report progress.

The matter of appeal was again taken up, when the Chancellor Commander stated that he had erred when he decided that the notice of appeal of Bro. G. H. Mitchell had not been sent in on time, and the reading of the appeal was resumed and finished; the appeal of Bro. W. F. Morphy having been read, on motion of Bros. Soole and Fralick, a committee consisting of Bros. Flett, Sorley and Alexander were appointed to answer both.

A communication was received from Bro. D. D. G. C. Soole in answer as to whether the notice of appeal of Bro. G. H. Mitchell was in time or not. He decided that the Lodge had no power to refuse the appeal of Bro. Mitchell on the ground of the time having expired for receiving such appeal.

October 15th.—Bro. Alexander, on behalf of committee to answer the appeals of Bros. Morphy and Mitchell *re* the Sorley matter presented a report. It was moved by Bro. Soole, seconded by Bro. Bedingfield, that the answers be received and filed and a copy forwarded to the Grand Lodge.  
—Carried.

TORONTO LODGE, NO. 30, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

I certify that the foregoing pages which bear the Seal of the Lodge contain correct copies of the minutes and papers filed in this lodge in the matter of the appeals of Bros. G. H. Mitchell and W. F. Morphy against the action of this lodge in the Sorley investigation.

JACKSON L. LITTLE,  
*K. of R. and S.*

[SEAL]

Representative Jorgenson, of No. 25, from the Committee on Printing, presented the following Report which was adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

*To the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias:*

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that tenders have been received for printing 700 copies of Journal of this Session, 1000 copies Grand Lodge Constitution, and 5000 copies of a pamphlet containing the aims and objects of our Order, and finding the tender of Messrs. Miller & Soole the lowest instructed the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to forward them the

advance reports. We hereby attach the various tenders for examination if desired.

Fraternally submitted,

THEO. JORGENSEN, of No. 25.

S. W. BAKER, of No. 6.

WM. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.

On motion of Grand Master of Exchequer Peace, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in evening session on return from the excursion, provided the hour was not too late.

### SECOND DAY, JUNE 15TH, 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order and the session opened with prayer by the Grand Prelate.

On roll call the following answered to their names :—

R. H. JARVIS.....	Grand Chancellor.
F. J. FITZGERALD.....	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
J. B. DAVIDSON.....	Grand Prelate.
D. J. PEACE.....	Grand Master of Exchequer.
G. H. MITCHELL.....	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
G. C. FOWLIE.....	Grand Master-at-Arms.
ALEX. GARDNER.....	Grand Inner Guard, acting.
W. C. MAPLEDORAM.....	Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Representatives :—Baker, of No. 6, Baker, of No. 12, Bennett, Biggins, Carkeek, Carrothers, Cooke, English, Hill, Hiscock, Hodder, King, Knox, Lawson, Macdonald, McWhinney, Pitkin, Pyke, Rattray, Rispen, Richardson, Smith, Soole, Stephens, Wallis, Webb, Wooliver, and Past Grand Chancellors Gardner and McKellar.

Representative Baker, of No. 6, was appointed to act as Grand Vice-Chancellor, and Past Grand Chancellor Gardner as Grand Inner Guard.

Representative Bell, of No. 12, being announced in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank was introduced, obligated and instructed.

Representative Van Tuyl, of No. 17, presented the following which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :—



PETROLIA, June 7th, 1892.

*To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Ontario :*

The undersigned, by authority and on behalf of Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, working under a dispensation, dated 27th of January, 1891, would respectfully report that our lodge is in good working condition and that its future prospect of permanency are also good. The officers are punctual in the performance of their duties and the attendance of the members is regular ; the membership now numbers sixty Knights, being an increase of thirty-eight since institution, and we have \$250.00 in the treasury. We therefore pray that your Grand Body will grant this lodge a Charter in lieu of the Dispensation, and enclose herewith the fee of five dollars.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1892 (P. P. XXIX).

CHAS. ENDRESS, C. C.

[SEAL.]

E. J. DAWSON, K. R. S.

Representative English, of No. 22, from the Special Committee on Friendly Societies' Insurance Act, presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of Registration of this Grand Lodge under the Insurance Corporations Act, 1892, of Ontario, begs leave to report as follows :—

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge, recognizing the supremacy of the Act entitled "The Insurance Corporations Act, 1892," which governs our legal status, do grant all needed authority to Bros. Mitchell and Vale for the proper and due registration of this Grand Lodge in compliance with the full requirements of said Act, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bros. Mitchell and Vale for the steps they have already taken on this most vital question.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. ENGLISH, of No. 22.

E. STEVENS, of No. 9.

E. BIGGINGS, of No. 11.

Representative King, of No. 25, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE  
ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom were referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Chancellor beg leave to report that it has carefully considered the same, and submit the following :

1st. That so much as is contained under the captions "District Deputies," "New Lodges," "Lodges Visited" and "Pythian Record" be approved.

2. Your Committee note with pleasure the Reports of the various District Deputy Grand Chancellors, and it is a source of gratification to learn that there is a marked increase of interest in rank work, this being a most valuable means of securing a regular and better attendance of the members. The reports as a whole exhibit a general revival of interest and more earnest efforts to extend the Order to new points in the districts. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby extended to the District Deputies and the Special Deputy for the past year for their faithful services and personal efforts to secure a wider field of usefulness for the Order ; for encouraging and enforcing close adherence to the ritual in rank work and their watchfulness in maintaining and upholding the good character and reputation of our Order.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

Also from the same Committee, the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE  
ORDER :

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, beg leave to recommend :

1. That so much of said Report as is contained in the first and second paragraphs under the caption "State of the Order," together with that entitled "Membership of the Order," deserves the serious consideration, not only of the Representatives present, but also of the entire Order in Ontario. While the increase of members and receipts is very gratifying, yet it is greatly marred by the stern fact that from the 401 addition to the membership 209 have to be deducted, or in other words for every two members gained there was one lost. The only grain of comfort to be extracted is the knowledge that a

portion of our loss was some other jurisdiction's gain. On the other hand, those suspended for non-payment of dues are almost entirely lost, and your Committee can only account for this yearly drain on the ground that the Masters of Finance do not always use sufficient diligence in endeavoring to collect the dues as they accrue, but allow them to accumulate. In most cases, the members, if looked after, would pay the small amount required each quarter, while they are not able or willing to do so when three or more quarters have been allowed to elapse. Your Committee would recommend as a partial remedy that the incoming Grand Chancellor, as well as the Representatives, to urge the Masters of Finance of the various Lodges to endeavor to collect the dues regularly every quarter, and if this is done your Committee feel satisfied that a greatly diminished number of suspensions will be the result.

2. That before the charters and properties of Minerva Lodge, No. 7, and Native Valley Lodge, No. 27, be asked for, a personal visit be made by the incoming Grand Chancellor or a Special Deputy to endeavor to revive the interest in each place where they are located and resuscitate the lodges. The proud position attained by Rokeby Lodge, which was lately dormant, affords an excellent example of what can be accomplished by an official visit backed with a little energy and determination.

3. In regard to that portion of the report under the caption "New Lodges," referring to the numbering of lodges, your Committee begs leave to recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision, as the subject matter has been acted upon at a previous meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.  
G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.  
M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

Also from the same Committee, the following Report :

REPORT No. 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of a communication from Algoma Lodge, No. 13, begs leave to report :

1. In reference to that portion expressing dissatisfaction at not having had an official visit from any representative of the Grand Lodge, especially in view of the fact of some one or more having passed through Sault Ste. Marie to visit other lodges, your Committee desire to say that a more definite statement should have been made, as it is not aware of any Grand Officer having lately visited that locality, but if such was done it has no hesitation in expressing the

opinion that such officer should have availed himself of the opportunity of meeting the members of the lodge. Your Committee are further of the opinion that it would be to the interest of this Grand Lodge to have all the lodges officially visited once each year; that, if possible, this should be done by the Grand Chancellor in person, but if unable to visit all himself he should specially commission one or more competent deputies to represent him. Official visitations should be made solely and only with the view of leaving a lodge in a better condition than it was prior to the visit, and if this is not done the result is simply time lost and money foolishly expended. Let each lodge be thoroughly examined in ritualistic and secret work, and all irregularities of whatever nature corrected, and end with an address on the duties and responsibilities of the officers and members, pointing out without fear or favour the deficiencies as noted during the evening and praising, without flattering, where such is deserved. If this is done lodges will realize that an official visit, productive of much good, has been made instead of, as is too often the case, wondering what it was for.

Your Committee begs to recommend that the foregoing be taken as the expression of the opinion of the Grand Lodge in regard to official visitations and that future Grand Chancellors govern themselves accordingly, having at all times due regard to the condition of Grand Lodge funds.

2. Your Committee have also had referred to them that portion of the same communication from Algoma Lodge relative to the holding of the next session of this Grand Lodge at Sault Ste. Marie, and begs to report that the subject matter is outside the province of this Committee and will have to be dealt with by the Grand Lodge itself. Your Committee, however, desire to express the opinion that the expense of a Grand Lodge session at Sault Ste. Marie next year would be too great for the lodges, but that in the not far distant future, as our Order develops in numbers, it may do itself the honour of meeting in that romantic and secluded spot which is the home of many brave and true Knights.

3. With reference to the communication from Messrs. Aston and Dobson, publishers of the *Canadian Pythian Record*, asking for financial support from this Grand Lodge, your Committee begs to report:

That the Pythian press is a most valued agent of our Order and an almost indispensable adjunct to a working Knight when presenting the claims of the society to those desiring to connect themselves with it. Heretofore the papers published in the interest of the Order in Ontario have been short-lived and their failure has tended to create a doubt as to permanency of issue of their successors. In the case of the *Canadian Pythian Record* we are pleased to hear that we have a paper that has come to stay, and that the application now made is to increase its size and not on account of financial difficulties. We congratulate the publishers on the improved appearance of the paper and on

the success which has attended their efforts and trust that continued prosperity may be assured by that generous support from the membership which it so justly deserves. In regard to the request for financial aid from this Grand Lodge to enable the publishers to increase their working facilities your Committee feel some diffidence in dealing with a subject which more properly belongs to the Committee on Finance, but the matter having been referred to them they have given it full consideration. If the paper was issued by an incorporated company it is possible your Committee might see its way clear to recommend Grand Lodge to become a subscriber to the stock and thus have a voice and influence in its management, but this not being the case, and in view of the present heavy responsibilities resting on Grand Lodge it cannot recommend that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

The Report was considered *seriatim*.

Sections 1 and 2 were adopted.

Section 3 being under consideration Representative McWhinney, of No. 16, moved to refer back to the Committee for further consideration which, on a division, was lost.—Ayes 16, noes 17.

The report was then adopted.

Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, from the Committee on Law and Supervision, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Grand Chancellor relating to "Dispensations Granted" and "By-Laws," begs leave to report :

1. The dispensations granted by the Grand Chancellor, being at his discretion and in conformity with law, are recommended for approval.
2. In regard to the approval of certain by-laws reported by the Grand Chancellor, your Committee are informed by that officer that the by-laws were approved by him after being passed by the Committee on Law and Supervision, which served during recess, and having confidence in the Grand Chancellor



and in our predecessors, of whom Past Chancellor Macleod, of No. 3, was chairman, we believe we can recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Chancellor.

Your Committee desire, in this connection, to state that the constitution requires a report from every committee, even though the members thereof cease to be representatives (see Sec. 16 Art. VIII., G.L. Cons.), and would recommend that in future this law be enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.  
R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.  
ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

Also from the same Committee the following Report :

REPORT No. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND  
SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal relating to the numbering of lodges, under the caption "New Lodges," begs leave to report :

By reference to the Grand Lodge Journal of 1887, page 242, we find that Grand Chancellor Vale made the following recommendation :

"2. I would recommend that in instituting new lodges the numbers of lodges which have been defunct more than three years be taken up, in order to fill the blanks which now exist in the roster of the Grand Lodge."

This was favorably reported upon by the Committee on Law and adopted by Grand Lodge, as per same Journal, pages 265-6.

The Grand Lodge constitution (Art. XV., Secs. 2 and 3) provides that a lodge having been suspended or dissolved for two years shall forfeit its name and number, and the same may be given to a new lodge.

From this it will be seen that the constitution simply makes it permissive, while the expression of Grand Lodge was to the effect that it should be done. In this your Committee do not see anything antagonistic, and believe it to have been the intention of Grand Lodge that blank numbers should be taken up.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has simply complied with the decision of Grand Lodge, and that the proper numbering of new lodges should be by taking the numbers of defunct lodges in regular order from the lowest unappropriated number.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.  
R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.  
ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

The Grand Chancellor stated that the numbers given to the new lodges was in deference to the wishes of some of the members and the organizers, and read the following decision of the Supreme Chancellor on the subject :

SUPREME LODGE K. OF P. OF THE WOLD.  
OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR,

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., April 8th, 1892.  
P. P. XXVIII.

F. J. FITZGERALD, *Grand Chancellor, London, Ont., Canada.*

Brother Knight,—The Grand Lodge of Ontario having prescribed in its constitution that a lodge that has been suspended or dissolved for two years shall forfeit its name and number, and that such name or number may be given to a new lodge, and a difference of opinion having arisen between the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of your jurisdiction and yourself as to whether the discretionary power thereby given is vested in him or yourself, and you having submitted the question to me for decision, I will say, that the law makes the duties of a Grand Chancellor executive in their nature, while the duties of a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal are only ministerial ; it therefore follows, that where the provisions of a law permit the exercise of discretionary power, that the exercise thereof must necessarily be vested in the officer whose duty it is to execute the law. It is therefore my opinion that in the case recited, and under the law quoted, the authority to say whether the number of a defunct lodge should be given to a new lodge is vested in the Grand Chancellor during recess, or in the Grand Lodge when in session.

Faternally yours,

GEO. B. SHAW,  
*Supreme Chancellor.*

[SEAL.]

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal said it was a matter of perfect indifference to him what numbers were given to lodges, but he had a most decided objection to having numbers changed without his consent after the application had been numbered and the dispensation made out and entered in the Register. He had endeavoured to carry out what he believed to be the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and if such was the case he desired to be upheld. In regard to the decision of the Supreme Chancellor he wished to say that it was evidently given in ignorance of the facts of the case. He also wished to take exception to the statement made in it in reference to a conflict of authority as there never was

any, and in both cases he did not know of the Grand Chancellor's action in regard to the numbers until after the dispensations had been filled out and sent away.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Law and Supervision be not now adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee and the facts as placed before the Grand Lodge be furnished to them, and that it be instructed to bring in a report in conformity with said facts.

Grand Prelate Davidson offered the following as a substitute :

That the Report be not now adopted, but referred back to the Committee with instructions to consider the advisability of recommending this Grand Lodge to sanction the numbering of London Lodge as No. 33, and Oil Springs Lodge as No. 34 ; to leaving the matter of future numbering to the discretion of the Grand Chancellor, and rescinding all resolutions in conflict herewith, so that there may be no apparent antagonism between the Constitution and Grand Lodge enactments on the subject.

Representative Paul withdrew his amendment, and the substitute was adopted.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following telegram, which was ordered to be spread on the minutes :

TORONTO, June 15th, 1892.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, G.K.S.R., St. Thomas.

Am with you in spirit. Wish you a successful meeting.

WILL J. VALE, P.G.C.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock. On roll call the following answered to their names :—

R. H. JARVIS . . . . .	Past Grand Chancellor.
F. J. FITZGERALD . . . . .	Grand Chancellor.
J. B. DAVIDSON . . . . .	Grand Prelate.
D. J. PEACE . . . . .	Grand Master of Exchequer.
GEO. H. MITCHELL . . . . .	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
G. C. FOWLIE . . . . .	Grand Master-at-Arms.
W. C. MAPLEDORAM . . . . .	Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Representatives: Baker, of No. 6; Baker, of No. 12; Bell, Bennett, Biggings, Carkeek, Carrothers, Cooke, Dart, English, Hill, Hodder, Jackson, Jorgenson, King, Knox, Lumsden, Macdonald, McWhinney, Paul, Pitkin, Pyke, Rattray, Rispen, Richardson, Sanson, Smith; Soole, Stevens, Van Tuyl, Wallis, Webb, Wooliver, and Past Grand Chancellors Gardner and McKellar.

Representative Carkeek, of No. 18, was appointed to act as Grand Vice-Chancellor, and Past Grand Chancellor Gardner as Grand Inner Guard.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report which was adopted:

REPORT No. 4 OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg to report that Past Chancellor Webb, of No. 10, has been elected Representative to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Geo. Taylor.

Your Committee also find that A. R. Hanks, of Oil Springs Lodge, is entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PAUL, of London Lodge.  
R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.  
M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

Past Chancellor Hanks, of Oil Springs Lodge, being in waiting was introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

Representative Paul, of London Lodge, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 5 OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS  
AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns, to whom was referred the semi-annual returns of the various lodges, beg leave to report that we find some of the lodges have been very dilatory in making their reports. We also find a number of errors in some that are due to carelessness, and trust that more care will be taken in future. We present the following summary of our review :

*Mystic Lodge, No. 1 :*

1st report received July 31st, 1891. Retiring officers not given ; error of \$4 in addition of " Financial standing."

2nd report received February 16th, 1892. Two suspended Past Chancellors entered as Knights.

Both reports two weeks later than last year.

*Myrtle Lodge, No. 2 :*

1st report received August 14th, 1891, being five weeks later than last year. Correct.

2nd report received February 12th, 1892, one week later than last year ; One re-instated Past Chancellor entered as Knight ; otherwise correct and neat.

*Red Cross Lodge, No. 3 :*

1st report received July 4th, 1891 ; correct. Past Chancellor Leischman admitted by card not on G. L. roster, and will require rank credential to be filed with G. K. R. S.

2nd report received July 7th, 1892. Correct and neat.

*Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4 :*

1st report received September 8th, 1891, a week ahead of last year, but far too late. No officers given, but otherwise correct.

2nd report received February 20th, 1892, a month ahead of last year. Correct.

Both reports badly disfigured by scoring blank spaces.

*Crusader Lodge, No. 5 :*

1st report received July 28th, 1891. No officers given. Otherwise correct.

2nd report received February 16th, 1892. Correct.

Both reports later than last year.



*Damon Lodge, No. 6 :*

1st report received July 28th, 1891. Correct.

2nd report received December 30th, 1891. The first report to hand for this term. Correct, but not neat; badly scored.

*Rokeby Lodge, No. 9 :*

No reports.

*Prospect Lodge, No. 10 :*

1st report received August 4th, 1891. Retiring officers not given and only one representative shewn.

2nd report received February 3rd, 1892. Clerical error in giving number of Knights as 64 instead of 75, but total not affected.

With these few exceptions both reports are correct and very neat.

*Algoma Lodge, No. 11 :*

1st report received July 16th, 1891. Omitted to make deduction for withdrawals, etc., thus increasing number of members four more than it should be. Names of representatives omitted.

2nd report received January 22nd, 1892. Error made in bringing forward totals of invested funds, but afterwards corrected. Both reports neatly made out and in well on time.

*Rathbone Lodge, No. 12 :*

1st report received July 31st, 1891. Three names omitted from roster. Error of one in giving number of initiates; should have been 12 instead of 11 and consequent error of 70c. in per capita.

2nd report received January 8th, 1892. Correct.

Both reports neatly made out.

*Aurora Lodge, No. 13 :*

1st report received July 11th, 1891. Retiring officers not given. Error in bringing forward number of members from previous report as 55 instead of 65; also error in per capita of \$4.90.

2nd report received January 12th, 1892.

Correct and very neat.

*Olive Lodge, No. 14 :*

1st report received July 7th, 1891. Number initiated 20, but counted 22. Balance on hand last report, \$178.48, brought forward as \$153.63. The difference was an error in previous report, but balance should have been brought forward as given before and the error shewn as "error, last report," and deduct accordingly.

2nd report received January 30th, 1892.

Correct and very neatly made out.

*Marmion Lodge, No. 15 :*

1st report received October 30th, 1891. Not signed by C. C. ; otherwise correct and neat.

2nd report received April 6th, 1892.

Correct and neat.

The date of receiving both reports speaks for itself.

*Friendship Lodge, No. 16 :*

1st report received September 30th, 1891. Correct.

2nd report received February 4th, 1892. Correct and very neat, and date of receipt an improvement on the first one.

*Petrolia Lodge, No. 17 :*

1st report received August 7th, 1891. All retiring officers not given otherwise correct and neat.

2nd report received January 12th, 1892. Correct and very neatly made out.

*Queen City Lodge, No. 18 :*

Report received January 23rd, 1892. New lodge and first report. Correct and very neat.

*Meniss Lodge, No. 19 :*

Report received January 30th, 1892. New lodge and first report. Correct, and would be neat but for blanks being scored by crosses.

*Mispah Lodge, No. 22 :*

1st report received July 20th, 1891. Correct and neat.

2nd report received January 22nd, 1892. Correct and neat.

*Perseverance Lodge, No. 23 :*

No reports received.

*Rienzi Lodge, No. 24 :*

1st report received March 28th, 1892. Correct, except for retiring officers left off.

2nd report received March 28th, 1892. Correct and very neat. Hope for an improvement in sending in reports this year.

*Ontario Lodge, No. 25 :*

1st report received July 12th, 1891. Correct.

2nd report received January 28th, 1892. Correct and neat.

*Dufferin Lodge, No. 28 :*

1st report received August 22nd, 1891. Correct and neat.

2nd report received January 2nd, 1892. Correct and neat.

*Toronto Lodge, No. 30 :*

1st report received August 18th, 1891. Correct.

2nd report received January 16th, 1892. Correct.

*Bismarck Lodge, No. 31 :*

1st report received July 18th, 1891. Retiring officers not given, and remark made "none" whatever that means, otherwise correct and very neat.

2nd report received January 13th, 1892. Correct and very neat.

*Sicily Lodge, No. 32 :*

Report received January 22nd. The first report of the lodge, and correct and very neat.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PAUL, of No. 33.

R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following letter from the Grand Vice-Chancellor, which was ordered to be spread on the minutes :

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 7th, '1892.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, ESQ., *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*  
*Grand Lodge of Ontario, Knights of Pythias, St. Thomas, Ont.*

Dear Sir and Bro.—Permit me to thank you for the courtesy of your official circular of 18th ult., which has reached me in this distant land.

I much regret that business connections as well as the distance from place of meeting will prevent my joining you at St. Thomas, to take part in the business of the Grand Lodge. I feel that this meeting will be an enthusiastic one, for I know our boys at St. Thomas are second to none in their devotion to the Order, and will make it pleasant for visiting brethren. May success attend their efforts.

Thanking the members of Grand Lodge for the honour of the office which I have held during the year, I remain in F. B. and C.,

Fraternally yours,

WM. FRANKLIN MORPHY, G.V.C.

Representative Pitkin, of No. 17, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances desired to know, in view of the importance of the appeals before the Committee, if Grand Lodge would

accept a reference of the cases without any recommendation or finding, and deal with them itself.

The Grand Chancellor stated that the Grand Lodge would expect a report from the Committee, founded on the merits of the case, and on its presentation it could be decided what course to pursue.

Representative Pitkin then asked the appellants and defendant or their representatives to appear before the Committee.

The appellants being present, and no counsel having been appointed by the defendant, the Grand Chancellor appointed Representative Soole and Past Chancellor Alexander, of No. 30, to act on behalf of the lodge.

Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, from the Committee on Law and Supervision, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 3 OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision to whom was recommitted their Report No. 2 to consider the advisability of numbering London and Oil Spring's Lodges as Nos. 33 and 34 respectively; to leaving the future numbering of lodges to the discretion of the Grand Chancellor and the rescinding of all resolutions in conflict therewith, beg to report :

1st. Your Committee see no reason to make any alteration in their Report No. 2, as in their opinion it is based on the intention of Grand Lodge, as expressed at a former session, and begs to re-submit it and recommend its adoption.

2nd. In regard to the advisability of numbering London Lodge as 33, and Oil Spring's Lodge as 34, your Committee are informed by the representatives of those lodges that the seals have been procured or ordered and the necessary stationery printed with said numbers, and as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has previously stated in this Grand Lodge that he would not oppose said numbers being given, your Committee therefore recommend that London and Oil Springs' Lodges be numbered 33 and 34 respectively.

3rd. In regard to leaving the future numbering of lodges to the Grand Chancellor, your Committee personally are not in favour of such a course as we consider it properly is part of the duties of the clerical officer, but from the expression of opinion already given by this Grand Lodge we are led to believe

that that is the present desire, and recommend that in future the Grand Chancellor shall instruct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal what the number of any new lodge shall be, and that all resolutions, apparently or directly, in conflict herewith be and are hereby rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.

R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.

ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

Representative Jorgenson, of No. 25, from the Special Committee on Organizer, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZER.

Your Special Committee to whom were referred those portions of the Reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal referring to an organizer for the Order in this jurisdiction, begs leave to submit the following:

Recognizing the necessity of disseminating the principles and objects of our Order throughout this jurisdiction, your Committee have given the subject very careful consideration with a view of determining what would be the best course to recommend in order to meet the desired end. Knowing from experience that new lodges cannot be worked up without considerable expenditure of time and money, and that very few, if any, of our members are in a position to afford this, your Committee begs to recommend:

That on the institution of each new lodge in this jurisdiction the sum of \$25 be paid to the organizer, provided the number of members be not less than fifteen, and for each additional five members the sum of \$5 shall be paid, but in no case shall the amount paid exceed \$40, and members admitted by card shall not be counted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.

THEO. JORGENSEN, of No. 25.

ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

Representative King, of No. 25, offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chancellor appoint a Special Committee to draft a resolution of thanks to the brethren and citizens of St. Thomas for the generous reception extended to this Grand Lodge.



The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Grand Chancellor Jarvis, Grand Master of Exchequer Peace and Representative Biggings, of No. 11, as the Special Committee.

Representative Sanson, of No. 34, presented the by-laws of Sicily Lodge, No. 34, which were referred to the Committee on Law and Supervision.

Representative King, of No. 25, offered the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That in the interests of the business and work of Grand Lodge it is inexpedient to devote any large portion of its time to pleasure, and that the Pythian Reception Committee, at whatever place the Grand Lodge may meet, shall in future consult with the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal before completing final arrangements for entertaining the Officers and Representatives.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the lodge or lodges in the place where the Grand Lodge may in future decide to hold its sessions.

Representative Van Tuyl, of No. 17, offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the town of Petrolia.

Representative Biggings, of No. 11, moved to strike out "Petrolia" and insert "Sault Ste. Marie" in lieu thereof, and, in a very able speech, proceeded to show the advantages to be derived by Grand Lodge and the Order in his locality if the next meeting could be held there.

The amendment was lost : Ayes, 17 ; Noes, 22.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, p.m.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at eight o'clock. On roll-call the following answered to their names :—

R. H. JARVIS ..... Past Grand Chancellor.  
 F. J. FITZGERALD ..... Grand Chancellor.  
 J. B. DAVIDSON ..... Grand Prelate.  
 D. J. PEACE ..... Grand Master of Exchequer.  
 GEO. H. MITCHELL ..... Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.  
 G. C. FOWLIE ..... Grand Master-at-Arms.  
 W. C. MAPLEDORAM ..... Grand Outer Guard.

Grand Representatives:—Baker, of No. 12; Bell, Bennett, Biggings, Carkeek, Carrothers, Cooke, Dart, English, Hill, Hodder, Jorgenson, King, Lumsden, Macdonald, McWhinney, Paul, Pitkin, Pyke, Rhycard, Rispen, Richardson, Smith, Soole, Stevens, Van Tuyl, Wallis, Webb, Wooliver and Past Grand Chancellors Gardner and McKellar.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Representative Carkeek, of No. 18, to act as Grand Vice-Chancellor and Past Grand Chancellor Gardner to act as Grand Inner Guard.

Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, from the Committee on Law and Supervision, presented the following Report :

## REPORT No. 4 OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision, to whom was referred the petition of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, begs leave to report :—

1st.—The statement made in the first clause of the petition, that 70 cents per capita is double that mentioned in the Constitution is quite correct, but the reason for such being the case is fully set forth in the Journal of the Owen Sound Session, June 1888, page 431, and in no wise affects the legality of the 70 cents per capita.

2nd.—The claim made in clause 4 that the petitioner took no part in and received no value from the reception of the Supreme Lodge nor from the expenditure of the money now being drawn from the Grand Lodge to pay off the deficit of said reception, is an assertion which your Committee does not think is justifiable, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge originally made itself responsible by instructing its representatives to invite the Supreme Lodge to

meet in this jurisdiction, and recognized that liability by increasing the per capita to meet the deficit. The Grand Lodge, being composed of representatives from the subordinate lodges, and each lodge being an integral part of the whole, no act of the Grand Lodge can be construed as working an injustice against any portion of itself, and in the expenditure referred to your Committee find it is being made in conformity with law and in the interests of the Order in this jurisdiction, whether considered in a past, present or future light. Furthermore, your Committee are of the opinion that great benefit was derived from the Supreme Lodge having held its session in this jurisdiction, possibly not to any individual lodge, but to the Order as a whole, inasmuch as the influx of thousands of knights and their friends brought the Order into prominence, and directly and indirectly caused a general extension through increased membership and the establishment of new lodges.

3rd.—In regard to the three claims of illegality made in Clause 5, your Committee fail to see on what grounds they are made and they are not correct. We beg to say that we have examined the original copy of the Constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, approved by the Committee on Law of the Supreme Lodge, August 13th, and finally approved by Supreme Chancellor Ward, September 13th, 1888, and said Constitution fixes the per capita as 70 cents semi-annually on each Page, Esquire or Knight.

4th.—In reply to Clause 6, your Committee desires to say that while it is scarcely possible that a lodge at the time of its institution can be conversant with every detail or requirement of the Constitution or have them explained, yet it should not be inferred or asserted that it was wilfully kept in ignorance, or that a deception and a fraud was perpetrated upon it, nor can your Committee believe that Rathbone Lodge desires to convey the meaning in which this clause reads.

5th.—Your Committee, in regard to clause 7, begs to submit that, in view of the facts already set forth in this report, the claim made cannot be entertained.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the petition of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.

R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.

ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

The Report being under consideration, Grand Prelate Davidson moved to amend by striking out all after the words "begs leave to report" and insert the following :

"That the petition of Rathbone Lodge be granted, and an order be drawn by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge in favor of the Master of Finance of the petitioner for the amount of the payments made by the petitioner under protest and referred to in said petition."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Mitchell raised the point of order that the amendment could not be received for the following reasons :

1st.—That it was in conflict with the Constitution, and sought to declare that the per capita tax was illegal.

2nd.—That a similar question was before the Grand Lodge at its last Session when the Grand Chancellor ruled that the per capita was 70 cents, and no appeal had been taken from such decision.

The Grand Chancellor stated that, in his opinion, the amendment had no reference to the per capita tax, and decided the point of order not well taken, and on an appeal to the Grand Lodge the decision of the chair was sustained.

The amendment was declared lost on a division : Ayes, 11 ; Noes, 20 ; and the Report of the Committee adopted : Ayes, 21 ; Noes, 11.

The following amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution were presented and laid over under the rules :

Amend Art. XX., Sec. 1, to read as follows : "Per capita tax on each member (Page, Esquire or Knight) semi-annually, 50 cents."

Amend Sec. 1, Art. XVIII., the first paragraph to read as follows : "The hotel and railway expenses of the Officers and Representatives shall be paid by the Grand Lodge."

Amend Sec. 3, Art. XVIII., by adding the words "and Representatives" after the word "Officers" in second line.

P. MCKELLAR, P.G.C.  
R. H. JARVIS, P.G.C.  
R. A. CARROTHERS, of No. 2.  
THOS. MCWHINNEY, of No. 16.  
W. M. ENGLISH, of No. 22.

The following amendment to the Subordinate Lodge Constitution was presented and laid over under the rules :

Amend Rule 12 by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "semi-annually" and insert the words "June and" before the word "December."

S. A. WEBB, of No. 10.

G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

W. SANSON, of No. 34.

J. A. BELL, of No. 12.

Representative English, of No. 22, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance to whom were referred the Report of the Grand Master of Exchequer and the financial statements of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal begs leave to report :

That we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of these Officers and have much pleasure in stating that they are correct in every particular and neatly and accurately kept.

With the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal are included those of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, they having been given to him in lieu of receipts for payments made to the Committee from the Grand Lodge exchequer. The statement of the account of the Committees is as follows :

Amount outstanding, as reported last year .....	\$1,958 73
Interest .....	103 40
Q.O.R. Band, balance of account stated last year as likely to be annulled and not included .....	35 00
Cr. ....	\$2,097 13
By Cash paid by Grand Lodge as per vouchers .....	1,112 13
Balance outstanding .....	\$985 00

Made up as follows :

Imperial Bank, balance due August 20th ..	\$100 00
Trust Loan, due September 30th .....	500 00
Four Notes .....	300 00
Cash advanced .....	50 00
Q.O.R. Band .....	35 00
	<u>\$985 00</u>



In regard to the statement of "Campbell's deficiency," as submitted by Aurora Lodge, No. 13, your Committee begs to report that the vouchers which said lodge were asked last year to furnish have not been presented, and therefore it is unable to make any recommendation. The report of the Committee on Law of last session was very clear, and it only requires compliance with said Report on the part of Aurora Lodge to have the matter definitely settled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. ENGLISH, of No. 22.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

Representative Pitkin, of No. 17, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following Report :

REPORT No. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances to whom were referred the respective appeals of G. H. Mitchell and W. F. Morphy vs. Toronto Lodge, No. 30, *re* charges against W. F. Sorley, together with the evidence in the case and the answer of the lodge thereto, begs leave to report that they have given the voluminous mass of documents submitted a thorough and exhaustive examination, and find as follows :

1st.—The defendant's answer to the appeal asserts that Sections 126, 127, 128 and 129 of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution have not been complied with, but does not set forth any particulars in proof of the contention. These sections are intended to govern procedure under varied circumstances, and it would be impossible for an appellant in any one case to comply with the provisions of each section combined, nor is it expected that such should be done. An appeal will lie if the requirements of any one of said sections which may govern the case in which an appeal is taken are complied with, and in the opinion of your Committee these appeals are properly before it.

2nd.—As to the right of an appeal being taken against a verdict of "not guilty," your Committee have to decide against the defendant, as Grand Lodge has held that such can be done. (Dec. of King, G. C., Jour. 1879).

This is also the rule in some other jurisdictions, and in *K. of P. Common Law* it says : "It is a question of policy whether such a rule should obtain in our fraternal organization," and after a consideration of both sides of the case the conclusion is arrived at that "it would seem to be, from a full view of the question, the better, if not the safer rule, to give the right of appeal to any member of the lodge in cases where a reasonable showing can be made that merited punishment has been averted."

3rd.—As already stated, your Committee have thoroughly examined all the evidence in the case, giving it careful attention and comparing it with the appeal and the answer of the defendant to the appeal. In view of the fact that this is the first instance in this jurisdiction of an appeal having been taken against a verdict of "not guilty," and the nature of the case being such that it is of interest to every one of our lodges, as showing some of the trials and tribulations of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, it was thought by your Committee that it might, perhaps, more thoroughly satisfy all concerned if the matter was settled on the floor of the Grand Lodge, and it was on this account that the suggestion was made.

As your honourable body did not see fit to adopt this course, your Committee have given it still further and closer consideration, and have heard the arguments of the appellants and defendant.

The facts of the case are briefly as follows :

At Grand Lodge Session of 1890 the Deputy for No. 1 District made mention in his report that the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee were having considerable trouble with one of their members on account of illegal and extortionate charges made while he was acting as solicitor to the Committee, and the Committee on State of the Order, to whom the Report of the Deputy was referred, recommended that the lodge of which the accused was a member be instructed to investigate the matter (see G. L. Jour., 1890, pp. 589, 606-7, 609, 612-614). In compliance with said instructions, Toronto Lodge, No. 30, appointed an investigating committee, which reported "that there is evidence to warrant our preferring, and we do now prefer the following charge :

"That Past-Chancellor William Francis Sorley, a member of this lodge, is guilty of a violation of the cardinal principles of the Order and of Sub-Sections 1 and 6 of Section 115 of the Constitution as hereinafter set forth."

The substance of the specifications were :

1st.—That Past Chancellor Sorley, as Secretary of a sub-committee did wrongfully retain certain moneys which should have been paid to the Treasurer, and concealed the fact of such retention from the Committee.

2nd.—That said Sorley rendered a bill of costs to the Committee which was mutually agreed upon to be settled for a certain specified amount, but at the time of this arrangement he made no disclosure of the fact that he had money on hand which should have been credited to the Committee.

3rd.—That a subsequent bill of costs was rendered by said Sorley for \$964.49, which was deemed excessive, and on reference to the taxing master it was reduced to \$351, the costs of taxation having to be paid by Sorley.

4th.—That in the course of taxation proceedings said Sorley falsely swore that he had not received certain moneys claimed by the Committee, and in consequence they were not allowed, but being afterwards compelled to acknowledge receipt of same, the taxed account was further reduced to \$208.26.

On these charges and specifications the case went to trial, in which 70 type-written pages of evidence were taken, and hundreds of documents submitted as exhibits.

The Trial Committee made the following report, on which the defendant was acquitted, 10 voting "not guilty" and 6 "guilty."

"Charges 1 and 2.—Your Committee find that Bro. Sorley did retain certain moneys unknown to the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee while acting as Secretary of Concert Sub-Committee, but your Committee have no evidence that this was done wilfully. We also find that as solicitor for Supreme Lodge Reception Committee he was justified in retaining moneys because the Committee were indebted to him for a large sum of money which had been paid out in disbursements and had not given him money to cover these disbursements. This also occurred while acting as Secretary, and during such time as the moneys were held back by him."

"Charge 3.—Your Committee find that the evidence does not sustain this charge, and that, as it is laid, it is very misleading."

"Charge 4.—Your Committee find this charge is not sustained by the evidence produced."

"Your Committee would therefore recommend in accordance with above findings that the charges be dismissed and Bro. Sorley acquitted."

At the last Session of Grand Lodge an appeal in this case was before it on account of irregular proceedings, and the lodge was ordered to have the evidence read and a separate ballot taken upon each charge (see G. L. Jour., 1891, pp. 32-34 and 46-47). This was done, and the defendant acquitted on each specification, and the present appeals are taken on the grounds that the report of the Trial Committee and the verdict of the lodge was not in accordance with the evidence.

Your Committee find as follows :

The Trial Committee erred in combining the first and second specifications, notwithstanding there was a similarity between the two, for each should have been considered on its own merits in relation to the evidence adduced and reported upon separately with such recommendations as might be deemed necessary.

The Trial Committee found that the defendant Sorley did retain certain moneys unknown to the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, and with this finding your Committee agree, as it is fully sustained by the evidence, and we

further find that it was "wrongfully retained and knowledge of the fact concealed" by the evidence of the defendant himself.

In regard to the second specification your Committee find that a settlement of an account for a specified amount was mutually agreed upon, and that the defendant Sorley did not then disclose the fact of his having committee money on hand, nor did he at any time of his own free will give credit for the same. This is conclusively proved by the evidence, and the Trial Committee evidently gave it but slight consideration, or they would never have sought to justify the appropriation of money for which no credit or acknowledgement was made.

On the third specification the Trial Committee report no evidence to sustain it, and, that as laid, it is very misleading, but with such report your Committee cannot coincide. The defendant Sorley was a member of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee and had been appointed solicitor for the Committee, and it was to be supposed that, knowing the condition of affairs, he would do all in his power to lighten the burden of the Committee. That he did not do this, but, on the contrary, endeavoured to increase it, the Taxing Master's certificate is ample proof, and he convicts himself when he says in evidence that the reduction was on account of excessive charges made over and above what the tariff allows.

The fourth specification is of so serious a nature that your Committee gave the evidence bearing upon it their most careful attention and examination, and find that the defendant Sorley, by his own admission, was very careless in keeping his accounts, and knowing this, and having had ample notice of the claims made, he was not justified in making a solemn affidavit to a statement which was afterwards proved to be false, and which in at least one particular he could easily have ascertained the fact beforehand.

From a careful and impartial review of the whole case your Committee can find nothing in the evidence to justify the finding of the Trial Committee, and can only come to the conclusion that their recommendation was due to an over-zealous desire to shield an erring brother. While under certain circumstances this might be somewhat of an excusable course to pursue, yet, in the present instance, there was not the slightest pretext to warrant it, and was no doubt the cause of the lodge being led to allow a really guilty member to escape merited punishment.

Your Committee find that there was ample evidence to sustain the charges and specifications, and recommend that the appeals be sustained and the verdict of the lodge reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. PITKIN, of No. 17.

W. P. COOKE, of No. 5.

W. S. WOOLIVER, of No. 9.

Representative Carrothers, of No. 2, desired to know what position the case would be in if the report was adopted, and was informed that it would be necessary for the lodge to fix a punishment. Representative Carrothers said that in view of the action of the lodge as set forth in the Report of the Committee on Appeals, he thought it would be wise for this Grand Lodge to recommend what that punishment should be, and moved that the Report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report a penalty which, in their judgment, would be commensurate with the offence committed, which was adopted.

Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, from the Committee on Law and Supervision, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT No. 5 OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision, to whom were referred the second and third paragraphs of the communication from Aurora Lodge, No. 13, begs leave to report:

1st.—That the question of making eighteen the minimum age of admission to the Order has been before the Supreme Lodge on one or two occasions, but it has refused to make it less than twenty-one years.

2nd.—In regard to reducing the per capita tax, as a notice of an amendment in this direction has been given, we ask to be relieved of any further consideration of the matter.

3.—As the coming year will clear off the entire indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, there is no necessity for any further action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.

R. A. BENNETT, of No. 28.

ED. W. PYKE, of No. 6.

Grand Master of Exchequer Peace, from the Special Committee on "Thanks," presented the following Report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "THANKS."

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject matter of the resolution substituted by Representative King, of No. 25, begs leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:



*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge desires to place on record its grateful appreciation of the very kind and hospitable welcome extended to it by the citizens and Council of St. Thomas as conveyed and expressed by Alderman Gilbert, and it is the hope of every member of this Grand Body that the prosperity and growth of the city may long continue to increase.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby presents its most fraternal acknowledgements to the officers and members of Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, for the royal reception extended to it, and that in their princely entertainment throughout the session, especially the delightful excursion to Cartwright, the sail upon the river and the opportunity of visiting the American shore was evidenced in the highest degree, their efforts to please and gratify and make the session an oasis of pleasure ever to remain as a memento of truly Pythian friendship, and we trust such a firm bond of affection has been cemented between the members of No. 12 and the great throbbing heart of Pythianism that all time will fail to break it.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. PEACE, G. M. of E.  
E. BIGGINGS, of No. 11.  
R. H. JARVIS, P.G.C.

Representative Cooke, of No. 5, from the Committee of Appeals and Grievances, presented the following Report :

REPORT No. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred their former report, with instructions to recommend a penalty in connection therewith, beg leave to report that we have given the matter our most thoughtful consideration, and in view of the fact of Bro. Sorley being a member of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee, with a full knowledge of its heavy indebtedness, his position in the Order as a Past Chancellor and a past officer of this Grand Lodge, your Committee cannot but believe that he acted with a full sense of the responsibilities of a member of the Order resting upon him, and therefore the punishment should be in proportion thereto.

Your Committee begs to recommend the adoption of their former report, and that Toronto Lodge, No. 30, be instructed to suspend the said Past Chancellor, William Francis Sorley, from all the benefits and privileges of the Order for a term of ninety-nine years.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. PITKIN, of No. 17.  
W. P. COOKE, of No. 5.  
W. S. WOOLIVER, of No. 9.

The Report was adopted without a dissenting vote the Representatives of No. 30 being excused from voting.

Representative Paul, of No. 33, offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chancellor be empowered to make such arrangements with the publishers of the *Canadian Pythian Record* as he may deem necessary in order to advance the interests of Pythianism in this Jurisdiction, and that the amount placed at his disposal shall not exceed fifty dollars.

Representative Bell, of No. 12, offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do consent to an appeal being taken by Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, to the Supreme Lodge from the action of this Grand Lodge in sustaining the Report of the Committee on Law and Supervision in the matter of the petition of the said Rathbone Lodge, which was presented at this Session.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following telegrams in answer to fraternal greetings sent to the Grand Lodge of Foresters and Canadian Order of Oddfellows:

S. CATHARINES, June 15th, 1892.

To GEO. H. MITCHELL, *G.K.R.S., K. of P.*

We reciprocate most heartily the fraternal greetings of your Grand Body, and wish you unbounded success.

R. FLEMING,  
*Grand Sec'y, C.O.O.F.*

STRATFORD, June 15th, 1892.

To GEO. H. MITCHELL, *G.K.R.S., K. of P.*

Your fraternal greetings warmly received by our High Court. Accept our hearty good wishes for your continued success.

THOS. WHITE,  
*High Sec'y, C.O.F.*

Representative King, of No. 25, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 4 OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the application for Charters from Damon Lodge, No. 6, Toronto, and Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia, begs leave to report that we have examined the reports of said lodges and find that they have made sufficient progress, both numerically and financially, to warrant Charters being issued, and we therefore recommend that Charters be granted in lieu of the Dispensations under which they have been working.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

G. E. VAN TUYL, of No. 17.

M. J. BAKER, of No. 12.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors Robertson, of No. 12 ; Curtis of No. 3 ; and Alexander, of No. 30, as Scrutineers.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, Grand Prelate Davidson, of No. 12, was nominated.

There being but one candidate for the office, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of Grand Prelate Davidson.

The Grand Chancellor announced that Grand Prelate Davidson having received all the votes cast, was unanimously elected Grand Chancellor.

For the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, Representatives Hill, of No. 22 ; Macdonald, of No. 30 ; Cooke, of No. 5, and Rispen, of No. 15, were nominated.

Representatives Hill and Macdonald declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast.....	40
Necessary for a choice.....	21

Of which—

Representative Cooke, of No. 5, received.....	12
Representative Rispen, of No. 15, received.....	28

And Representative Rispen, of No. 15, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Vice-Chancellor.

For the office of Grand Prelate, Grand Master-at-Arms Fowle and Representatives Dart, of No. 24; English, of No. 22; Macdonald, of No. 30, and Biggings, of No. 11, were nominated.

Representative Dart declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	42
Necessary for a choice .....	22

Of which—

Grand Master-at-Arms Fowle received.....	3
Representative English, of No. 22, received.....	17
Representative Biggings, of No. 11, received.....	5
Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, received.....	11
Spoiled .....	6

No choice.

The name of Grand Master-at-Arms Fowle was withdrawn.

#### SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast .....	41
Necessary for a choice .....	21

Of which

Representative English, of No. 22, received.....	23
Representative Biggings, of No. 11, received .....	8
Representative Macdonald, of No. 30, received.....	10

And Representative English, of No. 22, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Prelate.

For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, the present G. M. of E., D. J. Peace was nominated.

There being but one candidate for the office, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Representatives in favor of G. M. of E. Peace.

The Grand Chancellor announced that G. M. of E. Peace having received all the votes cast, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master of Exchequer.

For the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the present G. K. R. S. Mitchell, of No. 1, and Representatives Paul, of No. 33, and Pitkin, of No. 17, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast .....	40
Necessary for a choice .....	21

Of which—

G. K. R. S. Mitchell, of No. 1 received .....	22
Representative Paul, of No. 33, received .....	10
Representative Pitkin, of No. 17, received .....	8

And G. R. K. S. Mitchell, of No. 1, having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared re-elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, Representatives Carkeek, of No. 18 ; Hodder, of No. 5 ; Pyke, of No. 6, and Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, were nominated.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number votes cast .....	41
Necessary for a choice .....	21

Of which—

Representative Carkeek, of No. 18, received .....	26
Representative Hodder, of No. 5, received .....	3
Representative Pyke, of No. 6, received .....	8
Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 15, received ..	4

And Representative Carkeek, of No. 18, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

For the office of Grand Inner Guard, Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, and Representatives Baker, of No. 6 ; Jorgenson, of No. 25 ; Bennett, of No. 28 ; Pyke, of No. 6, and Hodder, of No. 5, were nominated.

Representatives Pyke and Hodder declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast .....	39
Necessary for a choice .....	20



Of which—

Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, received..	18
Representative Baker, of No. 6, received .....	4
Representative Jorgenson, of No. 6, received .....	8
Representative Bennett, of No. 28, received.....	8
Spoiled .....	1

No choice.

The name of Representative Baker was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast .....	39
Necessary for a choice .....	20

Of which—

Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, received..	23
Representative Jorgenson, of No. 25, received .....	9
Representative Bennett, of No. 28, received .....	7

And Grand Outer Guard Mapledoram, of No. 13, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Inner Guard.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, Representative Richardson, of No. 2 ; Pyke, of No. 6 ; Baker, of No. 12 ; Bennett, of No. 28 ; Jorgenson, of No. 25, and Cooke, of No. 5, were nominated.

Representative Jorgenson declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast .....	39
Necessary for a choice .....	20

Of which—

Representative Richardson, of No. 2, received.....	8
Representative Pyke, of No. 6, received.....	15
Representative Baker, of No. 12, received.....	7
Representative Bennett, of No. 28, received .....	3
Representative Cooke, of No 5, received .....	6

No choice.

The name of Representative Bennett was withdrawn.

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes cast .....	39
Necessary for a choice .....	20

Of which—

Representative Richardson, of No. 2, received .....	9
Representative Pyke, of No. 6, received .....	21
Representative Baker, of No. 12, received.....	6
Spoiled .....	3

And Representative Pyke, of No. 6, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Grand Outer Guard.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Scrutineers.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Lodge being ready for the installation of its officers, Past Grand Chancellor Jarvis, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor McKellar, as Grand Prelate, and Past Grand Chancellor King as Grand Master-at-Arms, proceeded to perform that duty.

The following were reported as having been elected, and who were present :—

F. J. FITZGERALD, of No. 22.....	Past Grand Chancellor.
J. B. DAVIDSON, of No. 12.....	Grand Chancellor.
W. E. RISPEN, of No. 15 .....	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
W. M. ENGLISH, of No. 22 .....	Grand Prelate.
D. J. PEACE, of No. 3 .....	Grand Master of Exchequer.
GEO. H. MITCHELL, of No. 1.....	Grand Keeper of Record and Seal.
W. J. CARKEK, of No. 18 .....	Grand Master-at-Arms.
W. C. MAPLEDORAM, of No. 13....	Grand Inner Guard.
E. W. PYKE, of No. 6 .....	Grand Outer Guard.

They were then duly and regularly installed as the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chancellor announced that he would appoint the standing committees and furnish the names to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for publication in the Journal.

Representative English, of No. 22, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report on Expenses of Officers and Representatives :—

## REPORT No. 2, OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following Report on Expenses of Officers and Representatives :

NAMES.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	No. OF DAYS.	HOTEL.	RAILWAY.	TOTAL.
R. H. Jarvis.....	P.G.C.	3	\$4 50	\$4 90	\$9 40
F. J. Fitzgerald.....	G.C.	3	4 50	60	5 10
J. B. Davidson.....	G.P.	3	.....	.....	.....
D. J. Pence.....	G.M.E.	3	4 50	3 40	7 90
Geo. H. Mitchell.....	G.K.R.S.	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
G. C. Fowle.....	G.M.A.	3	4 50	18 00	22 50
Alex. Gardner.....	G.I.G.	3	4 50	60	5 10
W. C. Mapledoram.....	G.O.G.	3	4 50	30 00	34 50
S. W. Baker.....	6	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
M. J. Baker.....	12	3	.....	.....	.....
J. A. Bell.....	12	3	.....	.....	.....
R. A. Bennett.....	28	3	4 50	18 00	22 50
E. Biggings.....	11	3	4 50	18 00	22 50
W. J. Carkeek.....	18	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
R. A. Carrothers.....	2	3	4 50	60	5 10
W. P. Cooke.....	5	3	4 50	30 00	34 50
J. A. Dart.....	24	2	3 00	2 35	5 35
W. M. English.....	22	3	4 50	60	5 10
Wm. Hill.....	22	3	4 50	60	5 10
J. H. Hiscock.....	32	2	3 00	.....	3 00
Geo. Hodder.....	5	3	4 50	30 00	34 50
S. Jackson.....	34	3	4 50	2 00	6 50
T. Jorgenson.....	25	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
Jno. S. King.....	25	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
A. A. Knox.....	18	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
W. W. Lumsden.....	3	2	3 00	3 40	6 40
W. C. Macdonald.....	30	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
T. McWhinney.....	16	3	4 50	4 47	8 97
Jno. Paul.....	33	3	4 50	60	5 10
G. S. Pitkin.....	17	3	4 50	2 20	6 70
E. W. Pyke.....	6	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
A. J. Rattray.....	4	2	3 00	4 90	7 90
W. S. Rhycard.....	10	1	1 50	60	2 10
W. E. Rispen.....	15	3	4 50	.....	4 50
F. T. C. Richardson.....	2	3	4 50	60	5 10
Wm. Smith.....	33	3	4 50	60	5 10
Thos. Soole.....	30	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
E. Stevens.....	9	3	4 50	6 25	10 75
Wm. Sanson.....	34	3	4 50	2 00	6 50
G. E. Van Tuyl.....	17	3	4 50	2 20	6 70
C. H. Wallis.....	1	3	4 50	4 90	9 40
S. A. Webb.....	9	3	4 50	6 25	10 75
W. S. Wooliver.....	10	3	4 50	60	5 10
			\$171 00	\$243 32	\$414 32

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. ENGLISH, of No. 22.

C. H. WALLIS, of No. 1.

The Report was adopted, and a warrant ordered for the expenses of Officers and Certificates ordered to be furnished to Representatives.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in regular form at 1.30 o'clock a. m., to meet in the Town of Petrolia, on the second Tuesday in June, 1893.

*Geo. H. Mitchell*

*Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,*



TOTAL.

\$9 40  
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## APPENDIX.

### *Roster of the Grand Lodge, 1892-93.*

#### GRAND OFFICERS.

J. B. Davidson, of No. 12, St. Thomas... Grand Chancellor.  
F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22, London..... Past Grand Chancellor.  
W. E. Rispen, of No. 15, Chatham..... Grand Vice-Chancellor.  
W. M. English, of No. 22, London..... Grand Prelate.  
D. J. Peace, of No. 3, Hamilton..... Grand Master of Exchequer.  
Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1, Toronto..... Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.  
W. J. Carkeek, of No. 18, Toronto..... Grand Master-at-Arms.  
W. C. Mapledoram, of No. 13, Ft. William. Grand Inner Guard.  
E. W. Pyke, of No. 6, Toronto!..... Grand Outer Guard.

#### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

D. J. Peace, of No. 3, Hamilton..... Term ending December 31st, 1895.  
Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1, Toronto..... Term ending December 31st, 1893.

#### PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Geo. H. Mitchell, of No. 1.	A. J. Rattray, of No. 4.
A. Gardner, of No. 10.	Jesse Chapman, of No. 3.
W. C. Morrison, of No. 1.	P. D. McKellar, of No. 15 <sup>a</sup>
D. J. Peace, of No. 3.	W. J. Vale, of No. 3.
Rt. Rev. B. B. Ussher, of No. 1,	P. H. Drayton, of No. 25.
John S. King, M.D., of No. 25,	R. H. Jarvis, of No. 25.
	F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22.



**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.**

- No. 1 District, County of York.....W. C. Macdonald, Toronto  
 No. 2 " County of Wentworth...Court Curtis, Hamilton.  
 No. 3 " County of Middlesex....Wm. Hill, London.  
 No. 4 " County of Kent.....W. H. Robinson, Chatham.  
 No. 5 " County of Essex.....J. C. Murdoch, Windsor.  
 No. 6 " Algoma.....E. Biggings, Sault Ste Marie.  
 No. 7 " Thunder Bay.....G. Hodder, Port Arhurt.  
 No. 9 " County of Elgin.....J. S. Robertson, St. Thomas.  
 No. 12 " Counties of Leeds, Gren-  
 ville, Dundas, Stormont  
 Glengarry, and South  
 half of Lanark County..R. A. Bennett, Smith's Falls.  
 No. 14 " Counties of Renfrew,  
 Carlton, Russell, Pres-  
 cott, and North half of  
 Lanark County.....G. C. Fowlie, Smith's Falls.  
 No. 15 " County of Lambton.....Geo. E. Van Tuyl, Petrolia.  
 No. 16 " Counties of Huron and  
 Bruce.....J. H. Hiscock, Wingham.  
 No. 17 " Nipissing.....Wm. Ogilvie, Chapleau.  
 No. 18 " Welland.....Wm. Shaw, St. Catharines.  
 Alex. Gardner, P.G.C., London, Special Deputy.

**GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1892-1893.****LAW AND SUPERVISION :**

A. J. Rattray, of No. 4 ; R. A. Bennett, of No. 28 ; Jas. A. Bell, of No. 12.

**APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES :**

G. S. Pitkin, of No. 17 ; W. P. Cooke, of No. 5 ; W. S. Rhyard, of No. 10.

**FINANCE :**

C. H. Wallis, of No. 1 ; E. Stevens, of No. 9 ; E. Biggings, of No. 11.

**STATE OF THE ORDER :**

John S. King, of No. 25 ; J. H. Hiscock, of No. 32 ; L. E. Hatzfield, of No. 31.

**CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS :**

R. A. Carrothers, of No. 2 ; W. W. Lumsden, of No. 3 ; Wm. Smith, of No. 33.

**PRINTING :**

Theo. Jorgenson, of No. No. 25 ; A. A. Knox, of No. 18 ;  
 W. C. Macdonald, of No. 30.

## ROSTER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF K. OR R. AND S.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Mystic .....	1	Toronto .....	E. B. Galpin, 264 King St. ....	Tuesday.
Myrtle .....	2	London .....	Thos. Pedlar, 20 Nighthale St. ....	Tuesday.
Red Cross .....	3	Hamilton .....	E. J. Dean, 76 Amelia St. ....	Monday.
Ivanhoe .....	4	Toronto .....	Geo. Hodder .....	2nd Saturday.
Crusader .....	5	Port Arthur .....	E. Beeton, Box 20, Parkdale. ....	Tuesday.
Damon .....	6	Toronto .....	W. O. Reed .....	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Minerva .....	7	Orillia .....	W. S. Rhycard, 468 Dufferin St. ....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Rokeby .....	9	Wallaceburg .....	W. E. Sharpe, Box 137 .....	Thursday.
Prospect .....	10	London .....	A. E. Donville .....	Monday.
Algoma .....	11	Sault Ste Marie. ....	D. W. Mitchell, Box 84 .....	Monday.
Rathbone .....	12	St. Thomas .....	S. A. Marks .....	Tuesday.
Aurora .....	13	Fort William .....	W. G. Richards .....	Tuesday.
Olive .....	14	Bruce Mines .....	Fred. Neal .....	Wednesday.
Marmion .....	15	Chatham .....	E. J. Dawson .....	1st and 3rd Monday.
Friendship .....	16	Windsor .....	G. T. Scheibe, 31 King St. W. ....	Monday.
Petrolia .....	17	Petrolia .....	Henry Farnan, 950 Dundas St. ....	Tuesday.
Queen City .....	18	Toronto .....	Geo. F. Robinson .....	1st and 3rd Wednesday.
Mizpah .....	22	London .....	E. Porter .....	Friday.
Perseverance .....	23	St. Catharines .....	Geo. F. Robinson .....	Friday.
Rienzi .....	24	Ridgetown .....	Hy. Haney, 196 Duchess P. O. ....	Friday.
Ontario .....	25	Toronto .....	C. G. Murray, Esqueving P. O. ....	2nd and 4th Friday.
Native Valley .....	27	Georgetown .....	H. A. Crate .....	2nd and 4th Wednesday.
Dufferin .....	28	Smith's Falls .....	Geo. W. McKay, Dom. Exp. Coy. ....	Thursday.
Toronto .....	30	Hamilton .....	C. J. Dixon, 9 George St. ....	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Bismarck .....	31	Chapleau .....	S. J. Hungerford .....	1st and 3rd Thursday.
Meniss .....	19	Wingham .....	W. J. Fleury, Box 249 .....	Wednesday.
Sicily .....	32	South London .....	W. S. Partridge, 292 Simcoe St. ....	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
London .....	33	Oil Springs .....	J. E. Westcott .....	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
Oil Springs .....	34	Oil Springs .....	J. E. Westcott .....	1st and 3rd Tuesday.



## DR. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT CR.

FOLIO		\$	c	FOLIO		\$	c
155	Mdse. Expenses.....	729	36	178	G. L. Tax.....	1607	90
160	S. L. Reception Com	1112	13	180	Supplies.....	88	40
				112	Stock.....	145	19
		1841	49			1841	49

## DR. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CR.

FOLIO	ASSETS.	\$	c	FOLIO	LIABILITIES.	\$	c
D. B.							
181	Stock on hand.....	296	40	124	Minerva Lodge..	9	52
L.				125	Marmion " ..	1	00
79	Aurora Lodge.....	17	10	128	Oshawa " ..	48	70
105	Mystic " M. J. . .	12	05	131	Inglewood " ..	15	97
	George H. Leslie...	4	00	138	Maple " ..	1	78
114	Persever'ce Lodge..	10	45	150	Mizpah " ..		05
116	Rienzi " ..	48	40	152	Supreme " ..	101	15
117	Friendship " ..		10	154	Olive " ..		1
126	Native Vally " ..	48	80	162	Algoma " ..		2
129	Dufferin " ..	37	80	112	By Stock .....	611	04
130	Almont " ..		4				
134	Rokeby " ..		5				
139	Cash " ..	149	06				
148	Rathbone " ..		4				
151	Mystic " ..		6				
153	Damon " ..		57				
165	Red Cross " ..		2				
167	Ivanhoe " ..		85				
170	Myrtle " ..		20				
172	Prospect " ..		4				
		793	36			793	36

## MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

*Taken from the Numerical Statements attached to this Report.*

Number of Members, January 1st, 1891 .....	1096
Initiated during the year .....	363
Admitted by card during the year.....	24
Reinstated during the year.....	14
Total .....	1497

*From which deduct:*

Withdrawn during the year .....	36
Suspended .....	166
Died .....	7
	<u>209</u>
Total number of Members, December 31st, 1891.....	1288

## RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors .....	12
Past Chancellors .....	183
Knights .....	1041
Esquires .....	22
Pages.....	30
Total .....	1288
Rejected during the year .....	17

## FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

*Taken from the Financial Statements attached to this Report.*

Received from all sources during the year.....	\$11,092 57
Expended for Relief .....	\$1,739 05
Expended for other purposes.....	8,472 55
	<u>\$10,211 60</u>
Amount on hand and Invested December 31st, 1891:	
Cash on hand.....	3,897 04
Cash invested.....	4,019 70
Lodge property .....	8,078 75
	<u>\$15,995 49</u>
Increase of Receipts over last year.....	\$586 21
Increase of Expenditure over last year.....	680 56
Increase of Amount on hand and Invested over last year.....	771 67



NUMERICAL STATEMENT, FOR THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1891.

LODGES.	No.	LOCATION.	No. of Members last Report.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Present No. of Members.	RANK.					Total.	Rejected.	
				Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Died.		Total.	P. G. C.	P. C.	Knights.	Esquires.			Pages.
Mystic	1	Toronto	99	19	1	1	12	2	1	3	108	3	21	91	2	1	108	1
Myrtle	2	London	34	2	2	2	15	2	3	3	33	3	6	27	1	1	33	1
Red Cross	3	Hamilton	170	10	2	3	15	4	4	3	121	3	19	96	2	1	121	1
Ivanhoe	4	Toronto	54	2	2	2	3	2	2	8	56	1	19	34	2	1	56	1
Crusader	5	Port Arthur	43	2	2	1	3	2	6	3	38	3	4	13	2	2	38	1
Damon	6	Toronto	23	2	2	2	25	2	2	2	35	4	3	13	2	2	35	1
Minerva	7	Orillia	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	22	3	4	14	1	4	25	1
Rokely	8	Wallaceburg	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	6	4	1	1	13	1
Perspect	9	London	47	14	1	1	15	2	2	2	60	1	9	47	2	4	60	3
Algonia	10	Sault Ste. Marie	70	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	71	9	42	62	1	4	71	1
Rathbone	11	St. Thomas	38	12	1	1	12	1	1	1	48	5	42	65	2	2	73	1
Aurora	12	Fort William	64	9	9	9	2	2	2	0	73	4	41	8	1	1	73	1
Olive	13	Bruce Mines	34	20	1	1	8	9	9	9	54	4	41	8	1	1	54	1
Marmion	14	Chatham	37	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	1	8	35	1	1	45	1
Friendship	15	Windsor	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	12	61	61	1	1	74	1
Petrolia	16	Petrolia	49	5	5	5	54	3	3	1	54	4	41	3	3	6	54	2
Mizpah	17	London	56	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	54	9	42	1	2	54	1	
Persuance	18	St. Catharines	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	33	5	28	28	1	2	33	1
Rienzi	19	Ridgetown	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	38	3	31	2	2	38	1	
Ontario	20	Toronto	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	20	3	3	14	2	2	20	1
Oshawa	21	Oshawa	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	29	3	2	27	1	1	29	1
Native Valley	22	Georgetown	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	6	38	38	1	1	29	1
Dufferin	23	Smith's Falls	45	5	2	2	7	1	1	13	44	6	49	49	1	1	44	1
Toronto	24	Toronto	65	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	59	6	27	27	1	1	59	1
Bismarck	25	Hamilton	33	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	34	6	27	27	1	1	34	1
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