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WOODSTOCK, July 12th, 1898.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Ontario, assembled in Annual Convention in the Court House, of the County of Oxford, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor Ironside, at nine o'clock a.m.

Present, the following Grand Officers :—

R. IRONSIDEGrand Chancellor.
W. H. MURCHGrand Vice-Chancellor.
G. H. MITCHELLGrand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACEGrand Master of Exchequer.
W. A. CATESGrand Master at Arms.
J. L. LITTLEGrand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALEGrand Outer Guard.

And—

F. J. FITZGERALDSupreme Representative.
R. H. McCONNELL " "
J. B. DAVIDSONPast Grand Chancellor.
THOS. ELLIOTT " "

The Grand Prelate being absent Representative Jones, of No. 18, was appointed to act in his stead.

The roll of lodges being called the following were represented :

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 30, 31, 36,
37, 42, 45 and 49.

A quorum of lodges being present the Grand Lodge was opened in regular form.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Grand Representatives J. G. Wilson, of No. 20, F. Harding, of No. 2, and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald, to fill vacancies on Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the credentials of Representatives and Past Chancellors, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Representative J. G. Wilson, of No. 20, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Thos. Davis.....	of No.	1
R. H. Reid.....	"	3
D. A. Bedwell, Jr.....	"	10
F. M. Miller.....	"	11
James Hall.....	"	12
A. E. Domville.....	"	12
A. H. Brown.....	"	13
Morris Lintz.....	"	16
Bruce Dunlop.....	"	17
L. Rosenthal.....	"	18
D. Smeaton.....	"	22
J. Madill.....	"	25
J. W. Peaker, M.D.....	"	30
H. Morris.....	"	31
J. M. Shaw.....	"	33
G. R. Roughley.....	"	37
G. H. Thompson.....	"	47
J. T. Clarke.....	"	49
J. Dickinson.....	"	49
J. O. Doran.....	"	49
L. T. Delcomyn.....	"	49
F. W. Hill.....	"	49

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. WILSON, of No. 20.

FRED. HARDING, of No. 2.

F. J. FITZGERALD, Sup. Rep.

The Grand Master-at-Arms retired and introduced the following Past Chancellors on whom the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred :

H. J. Widden	of No. 10
E. S. Brown	" 12
A. E. Domville	" 12
Morris Lintz	" 16
A. W. Bryan	" 18
H. R. Hamilton	" 20
H. Morris	" 31
R. A. Broomfield	" 36
L. T. Delcomyn	" 49

Representative Wilson, of No. 20, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report which was adopted :

REPORT No. 2, OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that from the Official Record of last Convention, or from Certificates in proper form presented at this Convention, it finds the Past Chancellors in the first column are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge as Grand Representatives for the year ending December 31st, 1898, and from the certificates submitted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Past Chancellors in the second column are also entitled to seats as Grand Representatives, their respective lodges being entitled to additional representatives under the provisions of section 219, Grand Statutes.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Year ending Dec. 31st, 1898.	Additional
Mystic Lodge, No. 1	Chas. Deverall	
Myrtle " " 2	T. A. Parkinson	Fred. Harding.
Red Cross " " 3	M. Weston	J. P. Mcleod.
Prospect " " 10	H. J. Widden	
Algoma " " 11	E. Biggings	
Rathbone " " 12	A. E. Domville	E. S. Brown
Aurora " " 13	J. J. Wells	
Olive " " 14	W. H. Wickett	
Marmion " " 15	H. Robinson	
Friendship " " 16	W. R. Andrews	Morris Lintz.
Petrolia " " 17	C. Endress	John Read.
Queen City " " 18	L. M. Jones	A. W. Bryan.
Amicus " " 20	J. G. Wilson	H. R. Hamilton.
Mizpah " " 22	R. Poulton	D. Smeaton.

Toronto Lodge, No. 30	W. G. Haynes	T. G. Soole.	
Bismarck	31	A. R. Whyte	
Calanthe	36	R. A. Broomfield	
Columbia	38	E. H. Johnson	
Johnson	40	A. E. Savage	
Hamlet	42	F. J. Corrie	
Victoria	44	W. J. Woollard	Oscar Rempel.
Woodstock	45	C. Rapson	
Renwick	47	R. Ellerbeck	
Rainbow	49	L. T. Delcomyn	

Respectfully presented,

JAS. G. WILSON, of No. 20.

FRED. HARDING, of No. 2.

F. J. FITZGERALD, Sup. Rep.

The Grand Chancellor made the following announcements :

Hours of business : morning session, 9 to 12 o'clock ; afternoon session, 2 to 6 o'clock ; evening session, 8 to 10 o'clock.

Official press reporter, Past Grand Representative Bicknell of No. 45.

On roll being called the following Grand Representatives were found to be present :

Mystic,	No. 1	Chas. Deverall.
Myrtle,	2	T. A. Parkinson, Fred. Harding.
Red Cross,	3	M. Meston, J. P. Macleod.
Prospect,	10	H. J. Widden.
Rathbone,	12	A. E. Domville, E. S. Brown.
Olive,	14	W. H. Wickett.
Marmion,	15	H. Robinson.
Friendship,	16	W. R. Andrews, M. Lintz.
Petrolia,	17	C. Endress, J. Read.
Queen City,	18	L. M. Jones, A. W. Bryan.
Amicus,	20	J. G. Wilson, H. R. Hamilton.
Mizpah,	22	R. Poulton, D. Smeaton.
Toronto,	30	W. G. Haynes, T. G. Soole.
Bismarck,	31	A. R. Whyte.
Calanthe,	36	R. A. Broomfield.
Columbian	37	E. H. Johnson.
Hamlet,	42	F. J. Corrie.
Victoria,	45	C. Rapson.
Rainbow,	49	L. T. Delcomyn.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proceeded to read the minutes of last session, when on motion of Supreme Representative McConnell, the further reading of the same was dispensed with, and the Official Record as printed, was approved.

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

JUDICIARY.

J. P. Macleod, of No. 3 ; W. G. Haynes, of No. 30 ; C. Deverall, of No. 1.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

A. E. Domville, of No. 12 ; *T. G. Soolo*, of No. 30 ; M. Meston, of No. 3.

FINANCE.

J. Read, of No. 17 ; A. R. Whyte, of No. 31 ; *H. Robinson*, of No. 15.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

A. W. Bryan, of No. 18 ; W. R. Andrews, of No. 16 ; C. Endress, of No. 17.

GRIEVANCES.

T. A. Parkinson, of No. 2 ; R. Poulton, of No. 22 ; E. H. Johnston, of No. 37.

REPORTS.

L. M. Jones, of No. 18 ; *W. H. Wickett*, of No. 14 ; *R. A. Broomfield*, No. 36.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS.

C. E. Rapson, of No. 45 ; *M. Lintz*, of No. 16 ; *H. R. Hamilton*, of No. 20.

CREDENTIALS.

J. G. Wilson, of No. 20 ; *F. Harding*, of No. 2 ; *F. J. Fitzgerald*, *Sup. Rep.*

PRINTING.

W. A. Murrell, of No. 20 ; W. J. Cluff, of No. 18 ; G. H. Mitchell, G.K.R.S.

Also a Special Committee on Distribution ;

T. Elliott, P.G.C. ; H. J. Widden, of No. 10 ; L. T. Delcomyn, of No. 49.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the semi-annual reports of lodges for the year 1897, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

The reports of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer 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 Domain of Ontario :

BRETHREN,—We have been permitted by the Supreme Chancellor of the Universe to meet again, on this our 27th annual convention, to legislate and to enact laws for the welfare of our beloved order, and I trust that all matters coming before this convention pertaining to its welfare will receive earnest and careful deliberation, and that all our acts and thoughts will be guided in the Path of Wisdom, and be blessed by the All-Wise God to whom we look for guidance and in all our teachings we endeavor to serve.

Before proceeding further in my report, kindly permit me to thank you one and all for the honor you conferred upon me at your last convention in electing me unanimously to the office of Grand Chancellor. I can assure you that, although I appreciated the honor highly, it was undeserved, and while I have endeavored to fill the position in a fitting manner, I at times felt unworthy and fear my efforts were not as successful as could be wished for.

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to devote more time and energy to the development of our beloved order, but force of circumstances prevented me from carrying on the work as I should like to have done, but I sincerely trust that the little energy and time I have devoted to the order will not be unavailing and that my efforts will be of some benefit to the order in this domain. Many reasons have been given by preceding Grand Chancellors as to our lack of growth and interest in Pythianism in Ontario. All these reasons, including the organization of cheaper societies, and the financial stringency of the past few years, have no doubt retarded our growth, but yet the fault is mainly with ourselves. We have for some reason, to a very large extent, neglected the fraternal portion of our order and have endeavored to compete with the cheaper sick benefit societies. This is not as it should be, and I think truly that, if more stress were laid on the fraternalism of the Knights of Pythias and more joined for that reason only, we would be a better society every way and that our membership would be of a higher class. In a great many instances our desire to obtain more than we pay for, in the way of sick benefits, has caused us to drift away from true Pythian principles, and we have interested ourselves in orders much inferior to the Knights of Pythias, and it therefore behooves us to awaken and energetically work for the Pythian cause, and I would ask every Representative present to imbue the Pythian spirit into his heart and soul and cast aside the dross of cheaper societies and fight for our noble order and its true principles.

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DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

The following deputies were appointed by me, some of whom I have found to be very efficient and others (well, there are the others):—

No. 1	District.....	W. A. Cates, Walkerville.
" 2	"	P. D. McKellar, Chathar (pro tem).
" 3	"	F. S. Brown, St. Thomas.
" 6	"	L. T. Delcomyn, Niagara Falls.
" 7	"	C. Endress, Petrolea.
" 8	"	T. A. Parkinson, London.
" 9	"	Court Curtis, Woodstock.
" 10	"	R. A. Broomfield, Brantford.
" 11	"	M. Meston, Hamilton.
" 13	"	A. R. Nopper, Stratford.
" 14-16	"	W. J. Woollard, Berlin.
" 22	"	H. E. Wiley, Toronto.
" 35	"	G. C. Fowlie, Smith's Falls.
" 45 ^a	"	E. Biggins, Sault Ste. Marie.
" 45 ^b	"	W. R. Smyth, Bruce Mines.
" 46	"	J. J. Wells, Fort William.

On August 16th, 1897, J. A. Smiley resigned and Chas. Endress was appointed to fill his place. No Deputy was appointed for District No. 35, County of Lanark, as I received no answer from Bro. G. C. Fowlie as to who was chosen as his successor. I regret to say that some of the Deputy Grand Chancellors have not been courteous enough to acknowledge their commissions. I might have remarked that it is not very encouraging to the Grand Chancellor to have aids of this kind. Probably if the Deputies were chosen on account of their fitness for office and not because most of them are "*hail fellows well met*," there would be a change and the work in this domain be improved. There is nothing in my opinion that will kill a lodge quicker than having an inefficient Deputy in that district, and the sooner the Past Chancellors of this domain awaken to that fact and nominate a thorough Pythian for the office the sooner our society will move ahead.

Whilst not wishing to individualize the work of the Deputy Grand Chancellors, I take this opportunity of thanking all of these who so ably assisted me during my term, and especially Bro. H. E. Wiley of District No. 25, Toronto who has proven himself an able and efficient officer, painstaking, thorough and prompt, and in all respects an ideal Deputy. My earnest wish to my successor in office is that all his deputies will be "*Wileys*."

NEW LODGES.

Through the untiring efforts of L. T. Delcomyn, an ex-member of Red Cross Lodge No. 3, of Hamilton, a lodge was organized at Niagara Falls

under the name of Rainbow Lodge No. 49. On November 18th in company with D.G.C. Meston and the officers and members of Red Cross third Rank team, who kindly gave their services gratis, I proceeded to Niagara Falls and instituted the new lodge and installed their officers. To all appearances this lodge has a bright future and I trust that, as a rainbow is the promise of clearing weather, and bright skies, that Rainbow Lodge, Niagara Falls, is the dawn of a bright era in Pythianism in Ontario. Too much credit cannot be given the Hamilton Knights for the efficient manner in which their work was performed.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

On November 1st, 1897 the consolidation of Friendship Lodge, No. 16 and Royal Lodge, No. 48 was completed through the efforts of Bro. W. A. Cates and is now known as Friendship Lodge, No. 16.

On April 11th, 1898, London Lodge, No. 43, and Prospect Lodge, No. 10, were consolidated, and is now known as Prospect No. 10. This consolidation was a wise move and has strengthened the order in London considerably. Bro. T. A. Parkinson is entitled to the thanks of the order for his work in this matter.

On June 4th the necessary approval was given to the agreement between Amicus, No. 20, and Ontario, No. 25, Toronto, for consolidation. Amicus, No. 20, taking over Ontario, No. 25, their assets, liabilities and members, and in all probability the consolidation will be completed by Grand Lodge meeting Bro. H. E. Wiley has this matter in hand and there is not the least doubt but it was the wisest course to follow in regards to strengthening the order in Toronto.

These consolidations I consider will be a help to the order at large as now instead of having six weak lodges, we have now three strong and living lodges.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted the following dispensations:

To E. G. Niles, Chairman Committee of Ways and Means, Rathbone Memorial Temple to circulate petition for subscriptions in this Domain.

To Victoria Lodge, No. 44, Berlin, to adjourn from August 2nd to Sept. 6th, 1897.

To Amicus, No. 20, to hold an "At Home."

To Toronto, No. 30, to change place of meeting and to change night of meeting from the 1st and 3rd Fridays to the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

To Toronto, No. 30, to hold public installation and entertainment on February 3rd, 1898.

To Myrtle, No. 2, to change hour of meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd, from the usual hour to four o'clock p.m.

To Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, to meet in I.O.O.F. Hall, instead of their Castle Hall, on the evening of Monday, February 21st, 1898.

To Bismarck, No. 31, to change their night of meeting from every Friday to the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.

To Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, to hold an excursion to Detroit, on June 28th, 1898

To Calanthe Lodge, No. 36, to change night of meeting from every Thursday evening to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

To Palmer Lodge, No. 20, K. of P., of St. Clair, of the Grand Domain of Michigan to receive the application of one Jno. Rudolph, of Paris, Ont., who was desirous of joining the order (there being no lodge in Paris) and who had friends in Palmer Lodge, to be careful and take every precaution that the said Rudolph was a fit and proper person to become a Knight of Pythias.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

I had only one occasion to issue an official circular and that was at the request of the Supreme Chancellor re-Rathbone Monument. I trust that in this case, the subordinate lodges responded heartily to the call, and that this Grand Domain has given its share to erect a fitting tribute to the beloved memory of the founder of the order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I have, as far as I have been able, given the closest attention to the correspondence and have endeavored to be prompt and courteous in my answers, probably sometimes I have been dilatory, but not often. It is needless to say that the correspondence was numerous, at times voluminous and also highly entertaining.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I regret that I cannot report on a much better state of affairs than exist, but honestly and conscientiously the state of the order in Ontario is not what it should be. There has been several places mentioned to me as likely to be good fields to work in, but it all requires time and application, of which you all must be aware, Grand Lodge Officers seldom can afford; and just when you feel like starting to work, a report comes to hand from one of your deputies stating that Pythianism is dead in his town, and you hold off, not willing to start another lodge that will die in a year or so after its institution. Blenheim was one of the places I tried, by correspondence, and the outlook was so bad in that prosperous place that it dampened all the ardor I had for instituting lodges in small towns. I have on the other hand heard of favorable reports as to the resuscitation of Wallaceburg and Ridgetown. Marmion

Lodge, Chatham, has had an awakening and bids fair to become the banner lodge in Western Ontario. Galt Lodge, I am afraid, is nil or nearly so, and from a letter received from Deputy Grand Chancellor Woollard, Berlin is also in a lethargic state. This district has been a great disappointment to me, as I had received very favorable reports from my Deputy Woollard at the beginning of my term in which he stated that ten or more lodges could be started there, and at the last moment he resigns his commission and states that the lodges are all dead or nearly so.

At all other points, as far as I am aware (with probably the exception of Smith's Falls), affairs are in a fairly satisfactory state.

SUGGESTIONS.

There are a few suggestions I would like to make in addition to my previous remarks.

I think that the incoming Grand Chancellor should have a sufficient sum, say \$1,000, placed to his credit so as to enable him to visit when and where he deems advisable and to expend what he considers necessary in extending and strengthening the order in this domain. There is not the least doubt but that it would help the Grand Chancellor materially to know that a certain sum was set aside for his use and that he was in no danger of depleting the funds of the Grand Lodge. He would not then be harassed or disturbed by the cry "Economy," and that his expenses were greater than his predecessor's. Personally I think that this Grand Lodge has been pursuing a penny-wise and pound-foolish policy in not placing a sum at the disposal of the Chief Executive. Far better this than employing another professional organizer at \$1,600 per annum to rob subordinate lodges and whose only desire would be to get what there is in it. On the other hand, a Grand Chancellor who is elected by this Grand Lodge would be without doubt a man of sterling worth and fixed integrity, and he could, with the advice of his Executive, judiciously expend the amount set aside at his command to the welfare and prosperity of this noble order.

I would also suggest that in future that the Printing Committee in receiving tenders for the printing, etc., of Grand Lodge Reports, etc., ask the several offices in Hamilton and London besides the Toronto offices to tender. This I am almost sure would affect a saving to the Grand Lodge annually, as I have been informed by practical men that we are paying (not to say anything against the Printing Committee) a higher rate than we should.

I would also suggest that steps be at once taken to have an official journal of the order published in Ontario, and that the cost thereof be paid by the subordinate lodges per capita, and that a copy be mailed to each member monthly. This I honestly believe is necessary for the existence of the order, and will furnish a most desirable advertisement.

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ENDOWMENT RANK.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge instruct its incoming Executive to make a special effort in inducing our members to join the Endowment Rank and placing it in a favorable light before applicants about to join our order. This is a branch of our order that is almost totally neglected in Ontario, and if the members would only interest themselves they could easily see its advantages. It is without doubt one of the best fraternal insurance societies in existence and run on strictly business principles. If we could only induce the members to join they would have that much more interest at stake, and while keeping their insurance paid up would make more steadfast members and less liable for suspension for N. P. D.

I herewith submit statement of the status of the Endowment Rank in Ontario for the year ending June 1st, 1898. I trust that every Representative present will so interest himself in this Branch that at the close of the coming term there shall be a large increase in membership, and that the order in Ontario will become greatly strengthened thereby.

STATUS OF THE ENDOWMENT RANK IN ONTARIO.

JUNE 1ST 1898.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name of Secretary.	No. of Members.	Amt. of Endowment.
54	Toronto	S. E. Hall	37	\$61,000
570	Windsor	C. H. Ashdown	13	26,000
688	Sault Ste Marie	Edwn. Biggings	7	13,000
774	Hamilton	Robert C. Pettigrew	25	49,000
825	London	S. A. Webb	19	29,000
975	Chatham	Henry Robinson	3	6,000
1405	Petrolia	Edward Burt	4	4,000
2423	Bruce Mines	T. J. McCort	7	8,000
3642	Woodstock	J. S. Mackay	7	4,000

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections	9
Number of Members	112
Amount of Endowment	\$200,000

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK.

Total Membership	52,551
Insurance in force	\$98,001,000
Assets	\$468,000
Paid to beneficiaries of deceased members	\$12,162,000
Sections in operation	3,600

OFFICIAL VISITS

On January 23rd, accompanied by D.G.C. Thos. A. Parkinson and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald, I visited Mizpah, No. 22, London, and installed their officers elect, after which a few remarks were made by the Supreme Representative and others present.

On February 21st I visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, at which place I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of our American brethren from Port Huron, who exemplified the Rank of Knight in the long form in a highly creditable manner. These Port Huron Knights are a jolly lot and are splendid entertainers. I also take much pleasure in thanking the Petrolia Knights for their magnificent reception. Much of the credit of which was due to their energetic C. C. Bro. Ed. Burt. On March 15th I visited a union reception of the Toronto Lodges. I was much pleased with my visit and have not the least doubt but Pythianism is in good hands there. At the Banquet speeches were delivered by Supreme Representative McConnell, Grand Vice Chancellor Murch, myself and others, and a most enjoyable time was spent in song and sentiment.

I visited Rathbone, No. 12, St. Thomas on March 29th, and was most cordially received. I had, I am glad to say, the pleasure of again seeing the Rank of Knight conferred by the St. Thomas team. To say the least the work was simply perfect and to my mind could not be improved on. Those taking part deserve the greatest credit. After the Rank was conferred an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where the inner man was regaled with a bountiful feast. Song, story and speech were indulged in and an enjoyable hour or two was spent.

I cannot but highly recommend the officers and members of Rathbone Lodge for the great interest they take in their work, and a special word of praise is due Bro. Domville, who came up from Buffalo that evening for the express purpose of taking part in the work. It is such interest as this that places a lodge among the leaders.

On May 2nd I visited Chatham and was greatly pleased to instal the officers elect. Marmion has now an energetic set of officers, and is in a good position financially, and I look forward to a prosperous term for this lodge. Its members include the best men of Chatham and there is no reason why it should not make rapid strides.

On May 11th I visited Woodstock and found the lodge in a healthy condition, there being a good turnout of members and a live interest shown in the proceedings.

These were all the visits I was able to make as time and pressure of business prevented me. It was my intention to pay more visits but my affairs shaped themselves in such a manner that it was simply impossible. No one regrets this more than myself, and I can assure you that it was a bitter disappointment to me. I trust that my successor in office will have more time and liberty to devote to the office than I had, and I also trust that the Grand Lodge will follow out my recommendation, and vote a sum sufficient for his needs in carrying out our glorious work.

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I desire to thank the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and the members in general for their kind and courteous treatment of me during my term, and I trust that sometime in the near future I will be able to devote more time to the work and give effective assistance to those who are in office. I now cheerfully relinquish the reins of government and will go back to my subordinate lodge rich in experience and with a strong desire in my heart to promote its growth, not only in numerical strength, but also in the spirit of Pythianism.

Again thanking you, brothers, for the honor conferred on me,

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

ROBT. IRONSIDE,
Grand Chancellor.

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

W. A. CATES, D.G.C., District No. 1.

I would recommend that during the early fall a good man be sent up to Essex and Leamington where there is a field for good lodges.

I have much pleasure in submitting the name of Past Chancellor Morris Linz who has been recommended for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor. He is a hard worker and has the interest of the order at heart.

Sandwich, July 4th, 1898.

E. S. BROWN, D.G.C., District No. 3.

Herewith I send my statistical report of Rathbone, No. 12, the only lodge in this district. Past Chancellor A. E. Domville has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

St. Thomas, July 5th, 1898.

L. T. DELCOMYN, D.G.C., District No. 6.

Rainbow Lodge, No. 49, was only instituted last November but is doing very well. From my statistical report it will be seen that the officers and members are taking an interest in the work and I look for a bright future for the lodge.

I called a meeting of the Past Chancellors as required by the Grand Statutes and although I would have preferred to have had someone else nominated I was again recommended for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor should it meet with the approbation of the Grand Chancellor.

Niagara Falls, July 2nd, 1898.

CHAS. ENDRESS, D.G.C., District No. 7.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, I am pleased to state, is making substantial headway and the new members are taking an active interest. Of Johnston, No. 40, Sarnia, I am sorry to state that they are in a very inactive condition but have great hopes that new life will soon be infused as my successor is an enthusiastic Knight and will be located there. I could not get a quorum of Past Chancellors but interviewed them individually and by unanimous consent Bro. Frank Smiley, of Sarnia, was recommended as my successor.

Petrolia, July 5th, 1898.

T. A. PARKINSON, D.G.C., District No. 8.

I have visited the different lodges several times and find them progressing slowly but steadily. Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, still keeps to the front and has a good set of officers. They have a number of Past Chancellors who keep up their interest in the lodge which is very encouraging to the younger members. They have had a lot of sickness this year which drew heavy on the benefit fund but their finances are in good shape. Prospect, No. 10, and London, No. 33, have amalgamated and have elected an enthusiastic set of officers. There were some good workers in each lodge and they have taken hold and are going to push the lodge into the front rank. They have the best lodge room in the city and a good bank account. Mizpah, No. 23, have not made the progress this year that I would like to see. The lodge is strong both financially and numerically and is the strongest lodge in the district. Bro. Farnan is still looking after the finances and he lets no one be suspended for want of asking him for his dues. Columbus, No. 37, has suffered this year on account of a number of their members being sent on the Klondyke expedition. They are in a sound condition financially and have the right kind of officers.

I called a meeting of the Past Chancellors on June 7th, and Supreme Representative F. J. Fitzgerald was unanimously nominated for Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing term. As you are aware Bro. Fitzgerald is one of the main props of the order in London and I feel sure he will put new life into all the lodges as he is an enthusiastic Knight and a hard worker.

London, June 22nd, 1898.

COURT CURTIS, D.G.C., District No. 9.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, while not adding many to their number are still very much alive and can be relied on to keep the ball rolling. The officers all commit their work to memory.

At a meeting of Past Chancellors I was again nominated for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Woodstock, June 23rd, 1898.

R. A. BROOMFIELD, D.G.C., District No. 10.

As will be seen from my statistical report, No. 36 is not in as good a shape as it ought to be considering the material it is composed of and I hope to see an improvement before long. It can be made.

Past Chancellor Fred. Ryerson has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the coming year.

Brantford, July 2nd, 1898.

MALCOLM MESTON, D.G.C., District No. 11.

There are in this district two lodges, Red Cross, No. 3, and Bismarck, No. 31, each of which has its Castle Hall in this city. Both lodges are doing excellently at present. While the finances of Red Cross show a steady increase I regret to report the suspension of a considerable number of members for non-payment of dues during the past year. The major portion of these, had they been properly looked after, could have been saved to the order and as soon as this fact became apparent to a majority of the members they were not long in applying a remedy. When the opportunity presented itself a radical change was effected with the most gratifying results, and now Red Cross enters upon its 27th year with an enthusiastic staff of workers who have the utmost confidence in its future prosperity.

Bismarck Lodge has made substantial progress during the past twelve months and although they have reverted to the old calendar of meeting twice a month, instead of weekly, this is by no means a step backward, but is simply done on the score of economy. The best of feeling exists between the members of both lodges and they unite in a friendly rivalry with the certain result that Pythianism is the gainer.

I have officially visited both lodges, installed their officers, and communicated the S.A.P.W. I found the entire staff of officers of Red Cross Lodge working all the ranks without the use of the ritual, and the leading officers of Bismarck Lodge doing equally as well.

On the 11th of September, 1897, the members of this district turned out for the funeral of Past Chancellor Rev. Frederick Ghent, of Royal Lodge, No. 48, Walkerville, Ont. The deceased brother was a Past Grand Prelate and as a native of this city, he was held in the highest esteem both by the knights and the citizens generally.

On the 26th of the same month one of the "old guard" of Pythianism in Hamilton passed away after a very severe and protracted illness, borne with Pythian fortitude. I refer to Past Chancellor C. W. Attwood. This brother was one of the most enthusiastic members we had in the city, belonging to Red Cross Lodge and the Endowment and Uniform Ranks. Up to the time he was compelled, through physical weakness, to remain at home, he seldom or ever missed a convention of Red Cross Lodge and was always ready and willing to perform any duty that might be assigned to him, either inside or outside our Castle Hall. He was indeed a knight without fear and without reproach.

Under the auspices of Red Cross Lodge a very successful and enjoyable At Home was held on the evening of April 27th. This was participated in by the members of both city lodges and their personal friends. A very pleasant time was spent in listening to songs and recitations, discussing dainty refreshments and tripping the light fantastic, while the elder and more staid sought entertainment in parlor games. In addition to the enjoyment we had we have received very desirable acquisitions to our membership which are directly traceable to this pleasant social function.

In company with yourself, as Grand Chancellor, about twenty members of this district went down to Niagara Falls, Ont., on November 18th and instituted Rainbow Lodge, No. 49. Several members from the other side of the river assisted in the ceremonies and the Page, Esquire and Knight ranks were conferred on about twenty candidates. After the work was completed an adjournment was made to Bro. Dickenson's hostelry where a very pleasant time was spent until the small hours of the morning.

The Endowment Rank, under the careful and energetic care of Bro. Pettigrew, is progressing very favorably. The deaths we have had recently have demonstrated to our members its real practical benefit and its absolute security.

The Uniform Rank has been in a state of collapse for some time. About three years ago an effort was made to galvanize it into life but the attempt was a lamentable failure.

I regret very much to report that neither yourself nor any member of the Executive of the Grand Lodge has seen fit to exert a fostering influence by officially visiting either of the lodges in this district during the past year.

There may be very good reasons for this neglect of a very obvious duty but in a comparatively weak district this course would almost certainly have had a very disastrous effect. It speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the knights in this city that notwithstanding this apparent slight they have worked with unabated vigor in the interests of their respective lodges.

To the officers and members of Red Cross and Bismarck Lodges I extend my warmest thanks for the many courtesies I have received at their hands as Deputy Grand Chancellor.

In conclusion I can safely predict a continuation of success as long as the destinies of the lodges are in the hands of the present workers.

A meeting of the Past Chancellors was held this evening, July 6th, 1898, at which P. C. Bro. Harry Morris, of Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, was recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year. I courteously endorse the recommendation.

Hamilton, July 6th, 1898.

W. J. WOOLLARD, D.G.C., District No. 14.

The closing up of Galt Lodge, No. 38, during the past year is to be regretted as the order has lost many good members but I trust that my successor may be able to do something to interest the members in that town and induce them to reopen the lodge. I am of the opinion that a paid officer should be appointed who could give his time and attention to all weak lodges as the regular officers have not the time at their disposal and cannot go out and work for the order like one paid for it could do.

Past Chancellor Alex. Watson has been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Berlin, June 23rd, 1898.

H. E. WILEY, D.G.C., District No. 22.

The circular of questions regarding the various lodges in this district is herewith returned with answers. The only matter of importance has been the consolidation of Ontario, No. 25, with Amicus, No. 20, which took place on June 7th, 1898.

At a meeting of the Past Chancellors, called as required by the Grand Statutes, Past Chancellor James G. Wilson, of Amicus Lodge, No. 20, was recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Toronto, June 30th, 1898.

G. C. FOWLIE, D.G.C., District No. 35.

I have been in regular attendance at Dufferin Lodge, No. 28, but as no returns have been sent in I have had no occasion to pay an official visit.

For some reason or another, I know not why, the members seem to have lost interest in the work and it has been almost impossible to do anything. I think if a visit had been paid by the Grand Chancellor some life would have been infused and I trust that such will be done in the near future.

Smith's Fall, July 4th, 1898.

E. BIGGINGS, D.G.C., District No. 45a.

It is the experience in Algoma Lodge, No. 11, that the graded scale of dues is detrimental to the lodge. We have thirteen other lodges here of various orders and competition is keen and very active and it is the wish of the members to return to the old rule of \$1.50 per quarter dues regardless of age or employment.

I would like to again meet the members of Grand Lodge but fear the time cannot be spared and would make the suggestion that it is a mistake to have the delegates running all over the country. Why not make Toronto the permanent place of meeting as it is easy to reach and has excellent accomodation?

I have again been recommended as Deputy Grand Chancellor but would prefer the Grand Chancellor should commission some other Past Chancellor as his deputy. I think I have held this position too long.

Sault Ste. Marie, June 28th, 1898.

W. R. SMYTH, D.G.C., District No. 45b.

Olive Lodge, No. 14, has suffered the loss of several members during the past year. These having moved west evidently forgot their duty to themselves and the lodge as they did not remit their dues and had to be suspended. Otherwise the lodge is in a very flourishing condition. I have again been recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year.

Bruce Mines, June 24th, 1898.

Deputies who have failed to report :—

P. D. McKellar, Chatham (pro tem), District No. 2.

A. R. Nopper, Stratford, District No. 13.

J. J. Wells, Fort William, District No. 46.

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, JULY 11th, 1898.

P.P. XXXV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Brethren,—In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Statutes I present for your consideration the twenty-sixth annual report of the work of this office and which completes a service of a quarter of a century as your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

In this connection I regret to have to report a small decrease in our membership which is mainly due to the business depression which continued to exist throughout last year. Competition has also been a prime factor for we have had to contend with many associations whose principal attraction is cheap insurance and these have in many instances reduced their entrance fees to a minimum in order to secure members.

The order at large has felt the pressure and for the first time in nineteen years the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal reports a decrease. He says; "This, however, is not cause for discouragement; taking into consideration the unprecedented financial stringency through which the country has been passing, and from which it has not yet entirely emerged, we may congratulate ourselves that we have escaped with a loss of less than one-fourth of one per cent. of our membership."

During the past year several consolidations have been effected, viz., Windsor, No. 33, and Royal, No. 48, with Friendship, No. 16; Ontario, No. 25, with Amicus, No. 20, and London, No. 33, with Prospect, No. 10, but the official documents of this latter have not as yet been filed in this office. In each of these cases it is believed that the move has been made in the best interests of the order in each locality.

The following lodges are still in the same position as reported by me last year: Ivanhoe, No. 4, Toronto; Rokeby, No. 9, Wallaceburg; Meniss, No. 19, Chappleau; Perseverance, No. 23, St. Catharines; Inglewood, No. 29,

Owen Sound ; Trafalgar, No. 43, Guelph, and Napanee, No. 46, Napanee. These together with Renwick, No. 47, Renwick, should have some definite action taken regarding them at this convention.

Ivanhoe, No. 4, has, for a considerable time, been endeavoring to consolidate with some other lodge, but its members are so apathetic that there is no encouragement for any lodge to absorb it. It has a few good members who are anxious to affiliate with some other lodge and I would recommend that its charter be taken up so that they may be able to obtain Grand Lodge cards.

In each of the other cases I believe the Grand Chancellor, or someone deputized by him, should personally visit each lodge and find out what the prospects are for a revival, and if, in his judgment, there is no future success likely to be attained, that he be empowered to call in the charters.

Galt Lodge, No. 38, Galt, I regret to say, has surrendered its charter and its effects are in the possession of Bro. Röbl, of Galt, awaiting my orders.

The other lodges on our roll with perhaps one or two exceptions are all energetic and active, and with the apparently brightening commercial prospects of the near future we may look for a corresponding influx of life and vigor in our Pythian field of labor.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

To the thoughtful and investigating members this branch of our order commends itself, and if our lodges desire to keep pace with those of kindred associations they will require to pay a great deal more of attention, in the future, to this important feature than what has been done in the past. We need only to look over the missing members of lodges which were once on our roll to realize the fact that had the members of such lodges been holders of certificates in the Endowment Rank the present vacancies would not exist. Then look over our present roster and where any one will pick out a weak and struggling lodge there will be found one whose members would be earnest and active were they more closely bound to the order than they are by the ordinary beneficial advantages to be derived therefrom. In view of the fact that in nearly every society now in existence the central idea is insurance, and that I am firmly convinced that membership in this rank will, more than anything I know of, be conducive to the prevention of the numerous suspensions for non-payment of dues, I earnestly recommend it to the serious consideration of every member who has the future prosperity of our order at heart. The following will show its present standing :

Total membership	52,500
Certificates in force	\$98,000,000 00
Total death benefits paid	12,000,000 00
Invested for revenue	470,000 00

REBATE OF DUTIES AND COST OF SUPPLIES.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Committee on Finance of last convention, as contained in its report No. 3, I drafted the following circular:

TORONTO, October 1st, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge,
Grand Domain of,.....

Brothers,—In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario I beg to present for your favorable consideration two extracts from my report as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, submitted to that body at its recent convention, together with the report of the Committee on Finance thereon.

In the matter of the one entitled "Rebates and Duties" you are, doubtless, all aware that between the United States and Canada there are customs regulations which impose a duty on goods passing from one country into the other and this applies to all the supplies which the various Canadian Grand Lodges are compelled to obtain from the Supreme Lodge. The consequence is that such supplies cost us, on an average, about thirty per cent. more than what is paid by the Grand Lodges in the United States.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Supreme Lodge at its convention in Indianapolis, 1878, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a deduction be made on all charges for supplies furnished the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario equivalent to the customs duties imposed on importation thereip.

At that time the Grand Lodge of Ontario was the only Grand Lodge outside of the United States, and, in 1888 the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal drew attention to the fact that other outside Grand Lodges, which had been instituted since the passing of the above resolution, did not enjoy this privilege, and the Committee on Finance of the Supreme Lodge submitted the following which was adopted:

"In reference to the subject of furnishing Ontario supplies 'duty free' we recommend its continuance, and ask its extension to all other foreign jurisdictions."

With this was a reprint of that portion of my report bearing on these subjects together with the report of the Committee on Finance. I mailed a copy to each Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and from several domains I received requests for extra copies. I am pleased to report that from the Official records of a number of the Grand Lodges which have come to hand the document was duly presented and, so far as it relates to the rebate of duties, instructions were given to their Supreme Representatives to assist us in obtaining the necessary legislation.

I would recommend that our Supreme Representatives be instructed to use every legitimate and honorable effort in the Supreme Lodge to secure an amendment of the Supreme Statutes so that all domains outside of the United States shall have a deduction made on all charges for supplies obtained from the Supreme Lodge equivalent to the customs duties imposed on importation thereof.

In regard to the question of supplies I would suggest that our Supreme Representatives be requested to co-operate with any movement that may be made towards abolishing the sale of supplies for revenue purposes and substituting a per capita system or to take the initiative and endeavor to secure what, I believe, is the only just and equitable method of meeting the expenses of the Supreme Lodge.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

There has been somewhat of an improvement last year in the forwarding of these reports, especially in those for the term ending in December, but I regret to say there are several delinquents. I do not know whether the new legislation relating to representation has had anything to do with it, but it is peculiar that the three most distant lodges which were represented last year have so far failed to make returns, viz., Nos. 5, 13 and 28, and I have not received any replies to letters sent them.

BENEFIT FUND.

It is gratifying to note the fact that this fund shows an increase of \$1180 over last year, and that the percentage of benefits paid has dropped a few points having averaged for the year a little under 31 per cent. of the dues. I would recommend that the present rate of 33½ per cent. be continued.

THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

During the past year it has been my pleasant duty to reply to several letters of inquiry regarding papers published in the interest of the order. In each case I have sent a list of the various journals together with copies of such as I had on hand at the time and no doubt for some of them a subscription was sent. These papers are a medium of information and instruction which can be obtained in no other way and enable us to keep posted on the progress being made throughout the whole Pythian domain. This office has, as such, been in receipt of the various papers issued and the appreciation of such courtesies is hereby acknowledged.

OBITUARY.

Since our last convention four members of the Grand Lodge have been taken from their earthly abode to their eternal rest.

PAST CHANCELLOR W. C. MORRISON.

Bro. Morrison was a charter member of Mystic Lodge, No. 1, and the first Grand Chancellor of this domain.

PAST CHANCELLOR WM. MORRISON.

In 1886 this brother had the Grand Lodge rank conferred upon him and for several years continued to represent his lodge, Mystic, No. 1, serving on the various committees to which he was appointed with credit to himself and profit to the order.

PAST CHANCELLOR CHAS. ATTWOOD.

Bro. Attwood was a member of Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, and represented it at the convention of 1887.

PAST CHANCELLOR REV. F. R. GHENT.

Bro. Ghent was a member of Royal Lodge, No. 48, and represented his lodge in 1895, at which convention he was elected Grand Prelate. Last year he was with us and died shortly after his return home.

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR WM. WARD.

Death is no respecter of persons and levels his shafts at all alike, and in claiming Bro. Ward the order has lost one of its most loyal members. He was elected Supreme Chancellor in 1888 and in electing him to the office the Supreme Lodge not only honored a deserving knight but conferred an equal honor upon itself.

To the families and friends of our deceased brothers we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1897.....	\$ 241 20
Received from all sources during the year	1475 60
Total	<u>\$1716 80</u>
Expenditure for all purposes	1602 36
Balance in hands of G. M. of E., May 31st, 1898.....	<u>\$114 44</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of Convention, 1897	\$541 80
Expenses of Grand Chancellor Elliott.....	59 64
Expenses of Grand Chancellor Ironside	27 10
Salary of G. K. R. S.....	300 00
Supreme Lodge, Representation Tax and Supplies.....	218 90
Printing Official Record.....	148 25
Rent of Grand Lodge Room.....	35 00
Sundry Printing.....	21 55
Supplies	12 00
Carried forward.....	<u>1364 24</u>

Brought forward	1364 24
Express, Duty, Postage, Insurance	32 42
Renewal of Registry	25 00
Expenses of Deputy Grand Chancellor	7 95
Printing Grand Statutes	159 05
Refund on account of Oil Springs Lodge	13 70
Total	<u>\$1602 36</u>

My vouchers for these will show the transactions.

Accompanying this report are statements showing the totals of the debit and credit sides of all accounts in the ledger, and the balances May 31st, 1898, the profit and loss thereon, and also our assets and liabilities, together with statements of the membership and finances of the subordinate lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. H. Mitchell

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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STATEMENT

Showing the totals of the Debit and Credit sides of all Accounts in the Ledger
and the Balances, May 31st, 1898.

Folio.	ACCOUNTS.	Face of Ledger.		Balances, May, 31st, 1898.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
1	Stock		\$854 54		\$854 54
4	Cash	\$1716 80	1602 36	114 44	
19	Supplies	536 95	211 05	325 90	
51	Mdse. Expenses	1298 71	1298 71		
60	Per Capita	1318 50	1318 50		
80	Profit and Loss	1393 96	1393 96		
92	R. Ironside	1 25		1 25	
92	T. G. Soole	159 05	159 05		
94	Supreme Lodge	218 90	259 85		31 95
100	Mystic "	67 53	56 50	11 03	
107	Myrtle "	85 00	82 50	2 50	
112	Red Cross "	168 50	162 75	5 75	
118	Ivanhoe "	51 45		51 45	
122	Crusader "	16 25	8 50	7 75	
126	Rokeby "	41 30		41 30	
130	Prospect "	81 65	37 00	44 65	
134	Algoma "	45 80	46 45		65
138	Rathbone "	87 85	84 00	3 85	
142	Aurora "	78 00		78 00	
146	Olive "	56 70	53 35	3 35	
150	Marmion "	37 88	37 38	50	
154	Friendship "	119 25	118 25	1 00	
158	Petrolia "	70 00	68 75	1 25	
162	Queen City "	51 69	49 75	1 94	
166	Meniss "	58 35		58 35	
170	Amicus "	51 25	51 07	18	
172	Mizpah "	84 25	83 50	75	
176	Perseverance "		26 95		26 95
180	Ontario "	28 20	28 20		
184	Dufferin "	25		25	
186	Inglewood "	23 53		23 53	
188	Damon "	50	50		
192	Toronto "	126 50	127 00		50
196	Bismarck "	45 00	46 50		1 50
200	London "	64 50	64 50		
204	Windsor "	1 50	1 50		
208	Calanthe "	44 25	41 75	2 50	
210	Columbian "	49 89	48 10	1 79	
212	Galt "	21 50	21 35	15	
214	Syracuse "	8 95		8 95	
216	Johnston "		30		30
220	Hamlet "	36 75	36 75		
222	Trafalgar "	44 38		44 38	
224	Victoria "	85 80	54 50	31 30	
226	Woodstock "	40 00	26 50	13 50	
228	Napanee "		13 40		13 40
230	Renwick "	1 50		1 50	
232	Royal "	10 50	10 50		
234	Rainbow "	122 75	76 00	46 75	
		8653 07	8653 07	929 79	929 79

DR. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT CR.

FOLIO		\$	c	FOLIO		\$	c
35	Cash.....	13	70	18	Supplies.....	75	46
51	Mdse. Expenses.....	1298	71	60	G. L. Tax.....	1318	50
1	Stock.....	81	55				
		1393	96			1393	96

DR. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CR.

FOLIO	ASSETS.	\$	c	FOLIO	LIABILITIES.	\$	c
D. B.							
287	Stock on hand.....	325	90	94	Supreme Lodge..	31	95
L.				134	Algoma " " ..	65	
4	Cash.....	114	44	176	Preseverance " " ..	26	95
92	R. Ironside	1	25	192	Toronto " " ..	50	
100	Mystic Lodge..	11	03	196	Bismarck " " ..	1	50
106	Myrtle " " ..	2	50	216	Johnston " " ..	30	
112	Red Cross " " ..	5	75	228	Napanee " " ..	13	40
118	Ivanhoe " " ..	51	45	1	By Stock	854	54
122	Crusader " " ..		75				
126	Rokeby " " ..		41				
130	Prospect " " ..		44				
138	Rathbone " " ..		3				
142	Aurora " " ..		78				
146	Olive " " ..		3				
150	Marmion " " ..		50				
154	Friendship " " ..		1				
158	Petrolia " " ..		1				
162	Queen City " " ..		1				
166	Meniss " " ..		58				
170	Amicus " " ..		18				
172	Mizpah " " ..		75				
184	Dufferin " " ..		25				
186	Inglewood " " ..		23				
208	Calanthe " " ..		2				
210	Columbian " " ..		1				
212	Galt " " ..		15				
214	Syracuse " " ..		8				
222	Trafalgar " " ..		44				
224	Victoria " " ..		31				
226	Woodstock " " ..		13				
230	Renwick " " ..		1				
234	Rainbow " " ..		46				
		929	79			929	79

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MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of members, January 1st, 1897.....	1755
Initiated during the year.....	113
Admitted by card	4
Reinstated	15
Total	<u>1887</u>

From which deduct :

Withdrawn during the year	27
Suspended	147
Died	8
	<u>182</u>

Total number of members, Dec. 31st, 1897

1705

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	14
Past Chancellors.....	236
Knights	1420
Esquires	22
Pages	13
Total as above	<u>1705</u>
Rejected during the year	1

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

RECEIPTS:

Balance, Dec. 31st, 1896	\$12,897 30
Received from all sources during the year.....	9,983 71
	<u>\$22,881 01</u>

EXPENDITURE:

Expended for relief.....	\$2,988 30
Expended for other purposes.....	6,413 88
	<u>9,402 18</u>

Balance, Dec. 31st, 1897

\$13,478 83

ASSETS:

Benefit Fund	\$12,221 39
General Fund.....	2,239 98
Lodge Property	6,929 61
Paraphrenalia	5,454 81
	<u>\$26,845 19</u>

Liabilities

967 66

Net Assets, December, 31st, 1897

\$25,877 53

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75 46
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1897.

No.	Balance Dec. 31st 1896	Receipts.	Expended.	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1897.			Value of Furniture.	Paraphernalia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
				Benefit Fund.	General Fund.	Total.					
1	\$343 52	\$471 12	\$572 96	\$181 94	-\$ 11 45	\$181 94	\$1901 25	\$150 00	\$2233 19	\$11 45	\$2221 74
2	340 69	742 36	672 08	382 96	28 08	410 97	400 00	200 00	1010 97	1010 97
3	2067 25	1081 25	852 72	1889 10	466 68	2295 78	800 00	3095 78	3095 78
4	89 37	83 32	6 05	89 37	89 37	89 37
5	523 02	355 83	167 19	523 02	455 00	25 00	1003 02	1003 02
6	491 33	84 82	80 00
9	78 20	233 54	44 66	278 20	100 00	378 20	378 20
10	301 70	748 49	648 73	352 62	18 43	319 35	910 05	175 00	1357 97	18 43	1339 54
11	524 42	139 20	164 10	454 89	44 63	499 52	175 00	125 00	799 52	40 00	759 52
12	932 38	518 80	306 45	1059 74	84 99	1144 73	56 20	48 00	1144 74	1144 73
13	180 47	112 77	67 70	180 47	78 00	338 47	338 47
14	375 17	304 40	188 60	404 52	86 45	490 97	100 00	168 55	659 52	659 52
15	652 75	585 96	66 89	652 75	60 00	90 00	802 75	802 75
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR 1897.—Continued.

No.	Balance Dec. 31st 1896	Receipts.	Expended.	BALANCES DEC. 31ST, 1897.			Value of Furniture.	Paraphernalia.	Total Assets.	Liabilities.	Net Assets.
				Benefit Fund.	General Fund.	Total.					
33	268 99	166 03	147 80	245 98	42 14	288 72	78 35	366 47	366 47
35	155 57	47 45	49 49
36	283 16	291 37	249 90	263 63	39 23	322 86	216 85	539 71	539 71
37	205 18	325 15	214 92	236 79	78 62	315 41	160 00	415 41	415 41
38	230 79	141 30	145 32	177 09	23 13	200 22	95 10	295 32	295 32
39	68 13	63 02	5 11	68 13	5 00	135 00	208 13	31 80	176 33
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42	50 80	325 85	300 08	13 00	63 57	76 57	18 60	91 84	187 01	187 01
43	87 20	87 20	-72 23	87 20	587 54	126 51	801 25	422 23	379 02
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45	142 24	170 75	138 93	134 31	39 75	174 06	107 00	281 06	281 06
46	121 13	59 13	62 00	121 13	82 72	203 85	203 85
47	87 63	37 09	50 54	87 63	64 92	152 55	152 55
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REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

I herewith submit for your consideration the report of this office for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1898.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. PEACE, G. M. of E.

RECEIPTS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.	
1897.	Balance from last term				241 20
July 1	—Toronto	30	\$63 00		
" 1	—Mystic	1	26 00	\$4 00	
" 7	—Columbia	37	20 60		
" 8	—Myrtle	2	39 00		
" 8	—Olive	14	25 50		
" 9	—Woodstock	45	12 50		
" 9	—London	33	12 50		
" 12	—Crusader	5	8 50		
" 12	—Algoma	11	18 50		
" 12	—Petrolia	11		1 25	
" 14	—Petrolia	17	37 50		
" 16	—Mizpah	22	41 50		
" 19	—Petrolia	17		1 75	
" 28	—Calanthe	36		75	
" 28	—Bismarck	31	22 00		
" 29	—Rathbone	12	38 00		
Aug. 2	—Myrtle	2		2 25	
" 4	—Royal	48	10 50		
" 9	—Red Cross	3	73 00		
" 12	—Victoria	44	28 50		
" 23	—Queen City	18	24 00		
" 26	—Amicus	20	24 87		
Sep. 6	—Hamlet	42	18 00		
" 13	—Galt	38	16 35		
" 21	—Columbian	37		2 50	
" 24	—Hamlet	42		2 25	
	Carried forward		560 32	14 75	241 20

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.
	Brought forward			
Oct. 2	—Friendship	16	50 32	14 75 241 20
" 2	—Myrtle	2	50 50	
" 2	—Amicus	20		1 00
" 23	—Calanthe	36		50
" 23	—Myrtle	2	22 00	
Nov. 1	—Mystic	1		50
" 10	—Red Cross	3		1 00
" 11	—Prospect	10	23 50	6 00
" 11	—R. Ironside			65 00
" 16	—Marmion	15		75
Dec. 4	—Marmion	15	18 63	
" 10	—Calanthe	36		50
" 27	—Ontario	25		3 00
Jan. 3	—Toronto	30	62 50	
" 6	—Myrtle	2	37 00	
" 11	—Columbian	37	20 50	4 50
" 11	—Red Cross	3	69 50	
" 11	—Algoma	11	17 50	
" 14	—Mystic	1	25 50	
" 15	—Mizpah	22	40 50	1 50
" 15	—Queen City	18	24 50	
" 17	—Woodstock	45	14 00	
" 17	—Rathbone	12	37 50	
" 17	—Bismarck	31	23 00	
" 19	—Victoria	44	26 00	
" 20	—Friendship	16		3 75
" 22	—Rainbow	49	11 00	
" 22	—Bro. Nelson			2 00
" 22	—Amicus	20	24 00	
" 25	—London	33	11 00	
" 27	—Petrolia	17	28 25	
" 28	—Friendship	16	62 50	
" 28	—Hamlet	42	16 50	
Feb. 11	—Queen City	18		1 25
" 11	—Rathbone	12		6 00
" 11	—Galt	38		5 00
" 11	—Olive	14	25 50	
" 12	—B. Juffs, Grand Lodge Card			2 00
" 16	—Calanthe	36	18 50	
" 21	—Bismarck	31		1 50
	Carried forward	1260	20	120 50 241 20

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	Capita Tax.	Supplies.
	Brought forward		\$1260 20	120 20 241 20
Mar. 1	—Ontario	25	24 50	
" 19	—Rathbone	12		1 00
" 22	—Prospect	10	13 50	
" 25	—Olive	14		2 35
" 28	—Myrtle	2		75
Apr. 1	—Red Cross	3		3 00
" 4	—Amicus	20		50
" 4	—Myrtle	2		2 00
" 12	—Red Cross	3		10 00
" 13	—Toronto	30		50
" 22	—Marmion	15	18 00	
May 30	—Toronto	30		50
" 30	—Rathbone	12		1 50
" 30	—Algoma	11		6 80
	Totals		\$1,326 20	\$149 40 \$241 20

EXPENDITURE

1897.	PAID TO.	On Account of	Order No.	Amount
July	1—Ontario Government	Renewal of Registry	522	\$25 00
"	13—Thos. Elliott	Expenses as G. C.	523	59 64
"	13—W. D. Card	Expenses as D. G. C.	524	7 95
"	13—G. L. Officers & Reps	Expenses Convention	525	460 30
"	13—St. Thomas Team	Expenses Exemption	526	75 00
"	13—W. J. Woollard	Rent of Hall	527	6 50
Oct.	1—Blackhall & Co.	Supplies	528	18 40
"	1—Geo. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	529	75 00
"	1—Supreme Lodge	Supplies	530	104 01
Dec.	9—D. J. Peace	Postage, etc.	531	12 16
"	9—R. Ironside	Postage and travelling	532	15 00
"	9—Geo. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	533	75 00
"	9—Geo. H. Mitchell	Insurance, etc.	534	7 50
"	31—W. McBean	Rent of G. L. Room	535	35 00
1898.	31—Thos. G. Soole	Printing Grand Statutes	536	159 05
"	31—Thos. G. Soole	Printing Official Record	537	138 25
"	31—John Read	Overpaid Oil Springs Lodge	538	13 70
"	31—Blackhall & Co.	Journal Cover, etc.	539	16 26
Mar. 25	—Geo. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	540	75 00
"	25—R. L. C. White	Supreme Lodge Tax and Sup.	541	114 89
Apr. 18	—R. Ironsides	Travelling and Postage	542	12 10
May 10	—Thos. G. Soole	Printing	543	21 55
"	31—Geo. H. Mitchell	Salary as G. K. R. S.	544	75 00
	Balance on hand			114 44

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Do officers commit work to memory?

Partly Yes Yes

No No Yes

No Partly Yes

Partly Yes

Some Partly

Partly Yes

Yes Yes No

Yes Yes

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Do officers commit work to memory?	How is the work rendered?	Are the officers regular in attendance?	Do members exhibit interest in lodge?	What is the average attendance?	Are any members in Endowment Rank?	Can you state how many?	What amount of fire insurance?	State number of rituals by actual count?	Are rituals and secret work properly secured?	Is paraphernalia in good order?	Are the books of officers well kept?	How does lodge stand as compared with other societies in your locality?	How often have you officially visited lodge?
Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	11	\$1000	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	2
Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	1	\$400	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	3
Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	17	Yes	24	\$800	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best	2
No	Fair	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	12	\$1000	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	.....
No	None	Some	Little	7	Yes	7	\$400	5	Yes	Fair	Fair	Fair	3
No	Good	Yes	Yes	20	No	0	\$500	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best	1
No	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	7	.....	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best	6
Partly	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	14	\$650	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	5
Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	20	Yes	2	\$500	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	5	\$250	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	.....	\$300	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	1
Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	15	Yes	4	\$600	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
Some	Fair	No	No	8	No	0	\$300	5	Yes	Fair	Yes	Fair	0
Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	25	Yes	4	\$500	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	1
Partly	Fair	Yes	Yes	9	No	.....	.....	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	5	None	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good	4
Yes	Fair	No	Little	1	No	.....	\$400	5	Yes	A1	Yes	Fair	1
No	Fair	Yes	Yes	10	Yes	1	\$100	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
Yes	Good	No	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fair	2
No	Poor	Yes	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yes	Good	No	Some	7	No	0	\$500	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	1
Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	9	Yes	6	None	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair	2
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Where blanks appear the D.G.C. has not sent the required details.

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The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

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

Dear Sirs and Bros.,—I wish respectfully to call your attention to the position of Ivanhoe Lodge. It is two years since we have had any kind of a meeting, and it is impossible to get another. All the members, except three or four, have ceased taking any interest in the order whatever. Those three or four still pay their dues to Bro. Bemister. I have been a member of the order for about 21 years and it certainly is hard that I should be debarred from benefit and fellowship, because I thought it my duty to stick to Ivanhoe Lodge. Trusting that you will find some means of placing us in a proper position.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Toronto, July, 1898.

S. E. HALL.

GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI,

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 26th, 1898.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—At the last convention of the Grand Lodge of this Domain, the following resolution was adopted :

“Whereas, It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that owing to the existing conditions in the Supreme Lodge, in the maintenance of a Judiciary Tribunal, the Supreme Lodge is unnecessarily and unwisely overtaxed for the good accomplished by such Tribunal; and

Whereas, The Supreme Chancellor, with proper power and authority, can without injury to said Supreme Lodge or the various Grand Lodges throughout the Supreme Domain, discharge all the duties of said Tribunal without additional expense, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to communicate with the various Grand Lodges throughout the Supreme Domain asking their co-operation in the abolition of the Supreme Tribunal and the enactment of a law vesting the power to construe the Constitution and Statutes in the Supreme Chancellor.”

In conformity with same, please present this to the Grand Lodge at its next Convention.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. HOLMES,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA,

NEW ORLEANS, La., August 5th, 1897.

To the Officers of the Supreme Lodge and Sister Domains :

Dear Sirs and Bros.,—I herewith send an extract from the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented at the Grand Lodge Convention, held in Mandeville, May, 1897 :

“On the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Your committee regard with a feeling of approaching consternation, that according to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, there were 1,033 members suspended during last year for non-payment of dues, and 218 withdrew by withdrawal card, and that our membership is 724 less than it was this time last year. This is but a repetition of the history of the order in this Grand Domain during the preceding year, during which there was a net decrease in membership of nearly 600, the suspensions for non-payment of dues being 1,002.

“Unless the tide is turned this condition of affairs will prove disastrous. It may be difficult to ascertain all the causes of this falling off in membership, but we do not have to look very far to pick out at least some of them.

“While the generally depressed condition of business throughout the country, has been, without doubt, a prolific cause of withdrawals and suspensions, we must look further for the sources of the evil, as all orders have been equally effected by the general depression of affairs. All have not suffered to the same extent as we have. We believe that one of the operating causes for so many suspensions for non-payment of dues, is the law requiring the payment of all indebtedness up to the beginning of the current semi-annual term, as a condition precedent to the receiving the S.A.P.W.

“We may learn from the past experience of our order, and also from the custom of other fraternal orders, that it is not the disposition of the average member to pay, at the very moment it is due, their obligations to the Lodge. No organization can, with safety, adopt a law which reverses a principle established by a general consent of similar organizations, as the best rule to insure the payment of dues, viz. : That a reasonable time be granted a member for the settlement of his indebtedness to his lodge. As a rule men are not prepared to settle their indebtedness to the lodge at the very moment such indebtedness becomes due and a requirement that all indebtedness shall be settled before the S.A.P.W. can be received strikes the average Knight as too stringent a provision, and if he is compelled, as some are, to leave the lodge room without securing the new S.A.P.W., he feels as though he has been unreasonably dealt with, and is an alien to the Friendship which is a fundamental principle of our order. Even those who can and do pay up at the first meeting

in many instances, feel that the Lodge has been very exacting. No good comes to the order from knights feeling in this way, and the influence of such a feeling is irresistible and far reaching.

"Under the old law, that a Knight who was not more than six months in arrears, was entitled to the S.A.P.W., the order was built up and prospered. Such a provision was reasonable, and your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That our Supreme Representatives be instructed to make an effort to have the law changed, so as to entitle a knight who is not more in arrears than the amount of six months' dues, entitled to the S.A.P.W."

"Another cause we believe which has operated to bring about the present condition of affairs, is the numerous recent changes in ritual and law governing the order. Men who had become, after much labor and study, familiar with the law and ritual lost much interest when called upon to begin again, as it were, their Pythian life under an entirely new system of teaching. We believe that this cause will grow less each year as members become more and more familiar with the ritual and the Grand and Supreme Constitution and Statutes.

"Though your Committee cannot but regret that under the present system it is impossible for the average Pythian to acquire a correct knowledge of the vast mass of Grand and Supreme Lodge law with which the order is inflected, the complaint raised of "too much law," we believe to be well founded, not to mention other matters which substantiate this assertion. We might mention the one fact, that while the former Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitution and By-laws contained about twenty-five thousand words, the present Grand Constitution and Statutes contain over forty-five thousand words. One of the baneful effects of the present system is the tendency to create what may be termed a class of Pythian lawyers to whom it is considered necessary to appeal for a correct interpretation of the law, thereby causing almost endless discussion and fine spun technical distinctions. Still another cause is the adoption of sumptuary laws by the Supreme Lodge as enacted in Section No. 424, of Supreme Lodge Statutes, which has alienated many independent men who repel any effort to control and regulate their private life and restrict their individual liberty.

"Your Committee would also recommend that a certified copy of this report be sent to the Supreme Lodge and that our Supreme Representatives be requested to bring the matter before the Supreme Lodge, also a copy to all other Grand Domains and urge corrective legislation in the premises."

JOS. H. SPEARING,
THOS. O. BENTON,
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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, as recorded in the Official Journal of 1897, of the Grand Domain of Louisiana.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. A. McLEAN,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

[Seal.]

R. IRONSIDE, ESQ., *Grand Chancellor, K. P.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have been requested to write you about a matter which troubles us a good deal, and for which we get but little help or sympathy, even from the Supreme Lodge. We are desirous of forming a Grand Lodge here and have asked repeatedly for a special dispensation to do so with five lodges instead of ten. This they will not listen to, but insist on us having the full compliment; now to do this without an organizer seems almost hopeless, and we thought you might give us a little more attention and advice on the matter. Do you employ an organizer? Would it be constitutional for us to join your body? Or could you hand over a lodge or two to us? What do you think of one Grand Lodge for Canada? Is the Order booming in Ontario? Can you give me the name of a good live paper in the K. P. interests? If you would kindly give us the benefit of your experience it would oblige a large number of the cranks down here. Things are pretty lively with us. Expect to start a new lodge in about a month.

Yours in F., B. and C.,

Montreal, March 21st, 1898.

J. R. BAIN, *D. D. G. C.*

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT No. 1—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary begs to report that it has had referred to it during the interim of Grand Lodge sessions the following:

A new set of By-laws for Prospect Lodge, No. 10, of London, also the same for Petrolea Lodge, No. 17, of Petrolea, both of which were approved of, after a few corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MACDONALD, of No. 30.

C. DEVERALL, of No. 1.

W. G. HAYNES, of No. 30.

Past Grand Chancellor Thos. Elliott, of No. 36, 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, begs to report and recommend :

1. That so much of the report of the Grand Chancellor as refers to "Deputy Grand Chancellors," "New Lodges," "Consolidation of Lodges," "Official Circulars," "Correspondence," "State of the Order," "Suggestions Nos. 1 and 3" and "Official Visits," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

2. That so much as refers to "Dispensations Granted" be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

3. That so much of the report as is contained in Suggestion No. 2 be referred to the Committee on Printing.

4. That so much of the report as refers to the "Endowment Rank" be referred to a Special Committee composed of delegates in that rank.

5. That the reports of the various Deputy Grand Chancellors and the table of lodge inspection, now in the hands of the G. K. of R. and S., be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

6. That so much of the report of the G. K. of R. S., as refers to "Condition of the Order," "Benefit Fund," "Pythian Press," "Membership and Finances of Subordinate Lodges," be referred to the Committee on State of the Order; that the portion relating to "Endowment Rank" be referred to a Special Committee mentioned in clause No. 4, of this report.

7. That so much of the report as refers to "Rebate of Duties," "Cost of Supplies," "Finances of the Grand Lodge," "Statement of accounts in the Ledger," "Profit and Loss, etc.," and the "Financial Statements" be referred to Committee on Finance.

8. That so much as refers to "Semi-Annual Returns" be referred to the Committee on Reports.

9. That the portion under the head of "Obituary" be referred to a Special Committee.

10. That the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer be referred to Committee on Finance.

THOS. ELLIOTT, *P. G. C.*, *Chairman.*

L. T. DELCOMYN, *P. C.*

H. J. WIDDEN, *P. C.*

Representative Whyte, of No. 31, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 1—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that it has examined the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Master of Exchequer, and have compared them with the accounts and vouchers and find them correct, viz. :—

We find on hand June 1st, 1897	\$ 241 20	
Received from per Capita Tax.....	1,326 20	
Received for Supplies, etc	149 40	
		\$1,716 80
From which has been paid by warrants.....		1,602 36
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Balance on hand May 31st, 1898		\$114 44
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Respectfully submitted,

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

JNO. READ, " 17.

Woodstock, 12th July, 1898.

The Grand Inner Guard announced that Mayor Bro. McKay and County Councillor Nesbitt were in the ante-room accompanied by the Reception Committee.

A recess was ordered by the Grand Chancellor and the delegation ordered to be admitted.

Mayor McKay and Councillor Nesbitt were then introduced to the Grand Lodge, and Mayor McKay stated on behalf of the town of Woodstock that he was pleased that the Grand Lodge had honoured the town by meeting here this year. He hoped that our visit would be a pleasant and profitable one, that our deliberations would redound to the credit of the Order, and that the freedom of the town would be entrusted to us during our stay. Councillor Nesbitt also made a few well chosen remarks.

The Grand Chancellor, in replying, thanked the Mayor and Council for their good wishes and hospitality, and pledged the members that they would not abuse the freedom so graciously extended to them.

A short time was then given up to social intercourse.

The deputation then withdrew and Grand Lodge was called to order.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary :

ALGOMA LODGE NO. 11, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT., July 4th, 1898.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, ESQ., *G. K. of R. & S., Toronto.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—At the last regular meeting of Algoma Lodge No. 11, held June 27th, it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the K. of R. & S. be instructed to write the G. K. of R. & S., requesting that the Grand Lodge bestow the rank of Past Chancellor on Bro. W. H. Hill, who is entitled to this honour by reason of having served the Lodge as Master of Finance for a period exceeding five years, without remuneration of any kind, to the satisfaction of all the members of this lodge."

In pursuance of my instructions, I beg to request that you will have this application brought before the Grand Lodge through the proper channel.

Yours fraternally,

W. CAMPBELL,

A. of R. S.

[Seal.]

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 16, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

WINDSOR, ONT., July 11, 1898.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, ESQ., *G. K. R. S.*

Friendship Lodge would wish a decision upon the following :

Is a member who, at the time of his death, is three months or more in arrears for dues (but who is not suspended), entitled to any funeral or death benefits, there being a section in our By-laws stating that a member who is three months or more in arrears, is not entitled to any benefits.

Fraternally submitted, in F. B. C.,

[Seal.]

WM. CALLAN, *K. R. S.*

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

Moved by James Wilson, seconded by H. R. Hamilton, of Amicus Lodge No. 20, that at least one month prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge the G. K. R. S. should send an official circular to each subordinate lodge notifying them of the chief business likely to be brought before the Grand Lodge, in order that each subordinate lodge may discuss the matter, and instruct their representatives in regard thereto.

Grand Representative Hamilton, of No. 2c, asked through the Grand Chancellor, if any applications were received by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to institute new lodges, and if so what steps had been taken in the matter.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal replied that none had been received, except Niagara Falls.

It being the hour of 12 o'clock, the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock, and on roll call the following answered their names :

R. IRONSIDE	Grand Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
G. H. MITCHELL	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. A. CATES	Grand Master at Arms.
J. L. LITTLE	Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALE	Grand Outer Guard.

And—

F. J. FITZGERALD	Supreme Representative.
R. H. MCCONNELL	“ “
J. B. DAVIDSON	Past Grand Chancellor.
THOS. ELLIOTT	“ “

And Grand Representatives Deverall, of No. 1; Parkinson and Harding, of No. 2; Meston and Macleod, of No. 3; Widden, of No. 10; Domville and Brown, of No. 12; Wickett, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Lintz, of No. 16; Read, of No. 17; Jones and Bryan, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Poulton and Smeaton, of No. 22; Haynes and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte, of No. 31; Johnston, of No. 37; Corrie, of No. 42; Rapson, of No. 45; Delcomyn, of No. 49.

Representative Smeaton, of No. 22, being in waiting, was introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Rank.

Representative Whyte, of No. 31, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 2—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred those portions of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, relating to "Rebate of Duties" and "Cost of Supplies" beg leave to report:

That in regard to both of these questions, the report of the former Committee of Finance having been acted upon by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and a large number of replies having been received by him in answer to his circular, all of which are in favor of the legislation asked for, we recommend, as before, that our Supreme Representatives be instructed to submit the views of their respective Domains to the Supreme Lodge at the coming convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

HV. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

J. W. READ, of No. 17.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, from the Committee on Printing, presented the following report, which, after a good deal of discussion, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Your Committee on Printing begs to report that, in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Statutes, tenders were asked for the printing of 700 copies of the Official Record, including the advance reports of officers for this convention. Responses were received from several responsible offices, and your Committee found that the tender of Mr. Thos. G. Soole was the lowest, and the contract was accordingly awarded to him.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MORRELL, of No. 20.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, G.A.R.S.

Prospect Lodge No. 10 presented an account for expenses of Representatives to Grand Lodge last year.

Referred to Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Representative McLeod, of No. 3, from the Committee on Judiciary, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT No. 1—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Your Committee on Judiciary begs to report that it has had referred to it the following during recess of Grand Lodge :

That we endorse the dispensations granted by the Grand Chancellor during his term of office.

The following received from Friendship Lodge No. 16, Windsor :

" Is a member who at the time of his death is three months or more in arrears for dues, (but who is not suspended), entitled to any funeral or death benefits ? There being a section in our By-laws stating that a member who is three months or more in arrears is not entitled to any benefits."

Your Committee, reporting on above, state that according to section 256, chapter 16, Grand Statutes, which reads : " The lodge shall pay upon the death of any beneficial or non-beneficial member thereof in good standing a funeral benefit of not less than \$20, said sum to be paid to his nearest competent relative." And section 314, chapter 4, Grand Statutes, states " that a member (Page, Esquire or Knight) shall be considered to be in good standing in the lodge in which he is a member if he is not under suspension from membership for non-payment of arrearages or for other causes."

Your Committee, therefore, find that the brother, not under suspension, is entitled to the funeral benefit allowed by his lodge."

In reference to application of Algoma Lodge requesting the Grand Lodge to confer the rank of P.C. on Bro. H. H. Hill for service as M. of F. for five consecutive years, we refer you to clause 211, chapter 10, of the Grand Statutes setting forth that the rank can only be attained by a C. C. who shall have served to the end of his term or by those who are chosen to receive that honour at the institution of a lodge.

We, therefore, recommend that the request be not entertained and that the attention of Algoma Lodge be called to above clause.

Yours respectfully,

J. P. MACLEOD, of No. 3.

CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.

WALTER HAYNES, of No. 30.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Representative Deverall, of No. 1 ; Widden, of No. 10, and Robinson, of No. 15, as the Special Committee on Endowment Rank.

And also appointed Past Grand Chancellor Elliott, Supreme Representative McConnell, and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald, as a Special Committee on Obituary.

Representative Delcomyn, of No. 49, read the following telegram, which had been received by him during the noon recess :

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., July 12th, 1898.

ROBT. IRONSIDE, Esq.,

Care of L. T. DELCOMYN, Woodstock.

Niagara Falls sends greeting, and would be glad to welcome the Order here next year.

FRED. W. HALL, *Mayor*.

Representative Delcomyn then offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of Ontario, that the next convention of the Grand Lodge be held in the town of Niagara Falls.

Representative Corrie, of No. 42, then offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of Ontario, that the next convention of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Stratford.

On a vote being taken, the town of Niagara Falls was the choice for the next place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the date was made for the second Tuesday in July.

Representative Whyte, of No. 31, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT No. 3—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Suggestion No. 2, of the Grand Chancellor's report, with reference to tenders for printing, beg leave to report :

That they think a lower rate could be secured by asking tenders from different offices, without specifying certain locations for such tenders, only that they shall be asked for from localities interested in the welfare of our order.

A. R. WHYTE, of No. 31.

H. V. ROBINSON, of No. 15.

J. NO. READ, of No. 17.

The following amendment was moved by Representative Macleod, of No. 3, seconded by P. G. C. Davidson :

That tenders be asked from all the master printers belonging to the order, in good standing, for the printing of the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

On a vote being taken, the above was carried.

Representative Domville, of No. 12, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on State of the Order, begs leave to submit :

1. We desire to report that we are heartily in accord with the report of the G.C. relating to the appointment of D.G.C.s, and would recommend that not only the P.C.s of each district, but also the representatives of G.L., should make it their imperative duty to see that the nominee for the position of D.G.C. for each district should be a Knight distinguished for his enthusiasm in Pythianism.

2. Your Committee commends the work of Red Cross Lodge and D.G.C. Meston, also Bro. Delcomyn, for their assistance in establishing the new lodge at Niagara Falls, and hope that these efforts, rendered gratis as they were, may be an example to other Knights and Lodges to push the establishment of new lodges wherever there is an opening.

3. Your Committee further heartily concur in the remarks of the G.C. in reference to the consolidation of lodges and the action taken thereon, as we believe this consolidation in the best interests of the order to have one strong and flourishing lodge rather than two weak lodges.

4. In reference to the official circular issued by the G.C., your Committee think that the circular was properly issued in this case, but urge upon the Executive of the Grand Lodge the necessity of scrutinizing all requests from any quarter for permission "to canvass the territory" for any purpose.

5. Referring to correspondence, your Committee, while regretting that there is a great deal of useless correspondence poured in upon the G.C., would recommend that the G.C. and other Grand Officers, should be careful not to endeavour to perform all work by correspondence, as there are very many matters arising which require the personal visit of the officer addressed.

6. Your Committee are glad to note that, generally speaking, the affairs of the order are in a fairly satisfactory state, and we indorse what is said *re* "State of the Order" in regard to particular localities, and would recommend

with regard to these localities (referred to also by the G. K. R. S.) that the incoming G. C. should personally visit each lodge and find out what the difficulty is and what the prospects are for revival, and if, in his judgment, there is no future success likely to be attained, then call in the charters and take possession of the paraphernalia and property. In this connection, your Committee urge that the representatives present at this session of the Grand Lodge go back to their respective lodges and not only urge upon the members but take hold of the work themselves and not rest till their lodge is filled with a strong sense of the value of the order to the citizens of our Province and make each member an enthusiastic apostle of Pythianism, and especially Pythianism in its fraternal aspect.

7. In reference to that part of the "Suggestions" made by the G. C., referred to this Committee, your Committee report that they are in sympathy with the proposal to place a sum to the credit of the incoming G. C. but feel that the Grand Lodge is not financially strong enough to adopt it, but would recommend that the G. C. be permitted to draw upon the M. of E. from time to time for his expenses, as he requires the same.

8. Your Committee are of the opinion that our membership in this Grand Dominion is not numerically strong enough to support an official organ.

9. We note with exceeding regret that the G. C. was unable to visit more of the lodges, and especially the weak lodges, and would urge on the Grand Lodge the necessity of the incoming G. C. personally visiting every lodge in this Grand Domain, because while even the members of the individual lodges may imagine that there is no reason for an official visit, yet your Committee's experience is otherwise.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Grand body.

A. E. DOMVILLE, of No. 12.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

M. MESTON, of No. 3.

It being 4.30 o'clock the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Officers and Representatives were then taken for a drive around the town, as guests of the Reception Committee, and thence to the station to meet Supreme Chancellor, Hon. Philip T. Colgrove, who arrived about 6 p.m. from his home in Hastings, Michigan.

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FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 7.30 o'clock, roll call being omitted.

The Grand Inner Guard announced that Supreme Chancellor Colgrove and Supreme Representatives Fitzgerald and McConnell were in the ante-room. The Grand Chancellor ordered them to be admitted, which was accordingly done, and Grand lodge received them with Supreme honors.

The address of the Supreme Chancellor, which followed the rousing reception given to him, was the grandest exposition of the fraternity and durability of the Knights of Pythias that has ever been heard in Canada. His flights of eloquence were so intermingled with plain, common sense talk, that it was hard to tell which one liked best, and his patriotic sentiments, along the lines of Anglo-Saxon unity, touched a very responsive chord in those present. Speaking of the growth of the order he said they were instituting a lodge in Dawson City, there were six in the Hawaii Islands, and although the country was damp and "Dewey" they expected soon to have a lodge in Manila. He was especially eloquent on the benefits of the Knights of Pythias' children, viz., the Endowment Rank, and the Uniformed Rank. For the former he urged the members to do everything in their power to advance its interests, and, in a general sketch of the advantages, brought out the fact that \$300,000 is paid out every ninety days to the widows and dependents of deceased brethren. Out of 900 suspensions in the State of Kansas last year, only about eight were members of the Endowment Rank; and out of average lists of 500 suspensions, which he had had compiled by his Secretary, less than three per cent. were members of the Rank; and also the fact that over half a million of a surplus was in the hands of the Board of Control, and it was continually growing.

He made a strong plea for the Uniformed Rank, which he termed the other child of the order. In his own town of Hastings, Mich., with 2,900 inhabitants, they have a subordinate

lodge of 220 members, and a U. R. of 68 members, and for three times in succession have taken first prize for drill at the Supreme Lodge conclaves. So greatly pleased were the regular army officers, before whom the march past was held at Washington, that they chartered a special train, paid all expenses, and took the Hastings Division to West Point, to show the cadets how to drill. His description of the reception on their arrival home, was that that were met, not by so many thousands of people, but by forty acres of people, and the whole population stayed up all night to welcome them. When a man came to Hastings to live, if he was a fit and proper person to become a Knight of Pythias he became one; or, if he did not, they would not let him live there.

In the matter of benefits, he was very emphatic, and strongly denounced the practice of measuring out benefits with a yard stick like you would calico. The first thing that gave them standing in Hastings was the sending of a young man, whom the doctors said had only twenty-four hours to live (but who subsequently recovered), accompanied by his wife and a committee, to the Alkali Springs, in Dakota, at an expense of \$300. He also quoted various other instances of gratuitous generosity, showing the advantages to be gained by an open handed treatment of those in need. One old lady stayed up all night while they were coming home victorious from Milwaukee, helping to prepare their reception, and when remonstrated with, she refused to retire, saying that nothing was too good for those who had watched over and buried her boy.

He also gave a perfect exemplification of the secret work of the order, and urged the necessity of great care in the use of it.

The closing sentences of his address were devoted to an earnest appeal to the members to go forward and work, and give the order the first place in the ranks of fraternal societies in Ontario, a position which its many advantages entitled it to occupy.

His address lasted for about two and a half hours, and was acknowledged by a vote of thanks, moved by Past Grand

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Chancellor Elliott, and seconded by Supreme Representative McConnell. There was an enthusiastic burst of applause when the speaker resumed his seat.

[In connection with the foregoing remarks of the Supreme Chancellor, regarding the Endowment Rank, I may state here that they have already borne fruit in the Toronto lodges. Each lodge in that city has started a section, and is meeting with unqualified success.

Any lodge desiring to take up a section of this, the most important branch of our order, can obtain full information and literature by applying to Past Chancellor W. J. Robertson, of Amicus Lodge No. 20, 45 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, the duly accredited agent of the Endowment Rank.

WALTER G. HAYNES, G.K.R.S.]

SECOND DAY—JULY 13.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9 o'clock a.m., and on roll call the following answered their names :

R. IRONSIDE	Grand-Chancellor.
W. H. MURCH	Grand Vice-Chancellor.
G. H. MITCHELL	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. J. PEACE	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. A. CATES	Grand Master at Arms.
J. L. LITTLE	Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALE	Grand Outer Guard.
And—	
F. J. FITZGERALD	Supreme Representative.
R. H. MCCONNELL	“ “
J. B. DAVIDSON	Past Grand Chancellor.
THOS. ELLIOTT	“ “

And Grand Representatives Deverall, of No. 1; Parkinson and Harding, of No. 2; Meston and Macleod, of No. 3; Widden, of No. 10; Brown, of No. 12; Wickett, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Lintz, of No. 16; Endress and Read, of No. 17; Jones and Bryan, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Poulton and Smeaton, of No. 22; Haynes and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte, of No. 31; Johnston, of No. 37; Corrie, of No. 42; Rapson, of No. 45; Delcomyn, of No. 49.

Representative Jones, of No. 18, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS.

Your Committee on Reports, having carefully examined the books of the G. K. R. S., and compared them with the semi-annual returns of the various subordinate lodges, finds as follows :

1. No returns have been made by Ivanhoe No. 4, Rokeby No. 9, Meniss No. 19, Perseverance No. 23, Inglewood No. 29, Trafalgar No. 43, Napanee No. 46, Renwick No. 47, Crusader No. 5, Aurora No. 15, Dufferin No. 28, Syracuse No. 39, Johnson No. 40, and the report for Marmion No. 15 has been returned by the G. K. R. S. for correction. All others being correct and agreeing with books.

2. We are unable to detect any error in reports from No. 15 and 22, which were laid over from your Committee last year.

3. We would suggest that some definite action be taken to compel subordinate lodges to make their returns to the G. R. R. S. before a certain time, which would enable him to complete his reports, and would also be more satisfactory to the order at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. M. JONES, of No. 18.

R. A. BROOMFIELD, of No. 36.

W. H. WICKETT, of No. 14.

Representative Hamilton, of No. 2, offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved that on account of the depleted condition of the funds of this Grand Lodge, the delegates receive only the actual cost of transportation in lieu of the usual amount of three cents per mile.

As this affected the Grand Lodge Constitution, it would require a unanimous vote, which was not forthcoming, and, after several of the representatives had spoken, it was decided to leave it to those who wished to accept or reject.

Past Chancellor Elliott, from the Special Committee on Obituary, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Your Committee on Obituary, beg. leave to report as follows :

During the past year there has been removed by the call of death several members of our order, all of whom we deeply regret.

The hand of Providence seems to have been heavily laid upon some who have filled the highest positions in the gift of the order.

We have to mourn the loss of a Past Supreme Chancellor in the person of our late Bro. Wm. Ward, and the loss of the Senior Past Grand Chancellor of this Domain, Bro. Wm. C. Morrison, who was also a charter member of Mystic Lodge No. 1. Also a Past Grand Prelate in the person of Rev. Bro. Ghent, who was a member of Royal Lodge No. 48, and elected Grand Prelate during the session of 1895. Also a Past Grand Chancellor in the person of Bro. Chas. Atwood, of Red Cross, No. 3.

To the families and friends of our deceased Brothers we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence.

In view of the fact of the honorable positions held by our late brothers we would recommend that a memorial page be inserted in the Grand Lodge Journal referring to our late brothers, and the positions held by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. ELLIOTT, Past Chancellor.
R. H. McCONNELL, Sup. Rep.
F. J. FITZGERALD, Sup. Rep.

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PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

ELECTED SUPREME CHANCELLOR 1888.

William C. Morrison

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PAST CHANCELLOR OF MYSTIC LODGE No. 1.

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FIRST GRAND CHANCELLOR OF THIS DOMAIN.

Charles Attwood

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PAST CHANCELLOR OF RED CROSS LODGE, No. 3.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, 1887.

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Representative Robinson, of No. 15, from the Special Committee on Endowment Rank, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of G.C. and G.K.R.S., relating to the Endowment Rank, begs leave to report :

That it fully concurs with all that has been said by these officers on this subject, and cannot impress too strongly upon the membership of this Grand Domain the advantages to be derived through this important feature of our order. And we feel satisfied that every representative to this Grand body, after hearing the grand objects set forth in the address by the Supreme Chancellor, will, on return to their respective subordinate lodges, so impress their brothers with the necessity of becoming members of the most beneficial rank of our order, that there will be a large increase to our membership in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

HV. ROBINSON, of No. 15.
CHAS. DEVERALL, of No. 1.
H. J. WIDDEN, of No. 10.

Representative Soole, of No. 30, from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following reports, which were considered seriatim and adopted :

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the several reports of the District Grand Chancellors, note with pleasure the interest taken by the appointees in each District, and can only repeat, what reports on this matter have heretofore pointed out, that the P.C.s of every District should exercise the greatest care in selecting the most worthy and zealous Knight in the District to fill the position of D.G.C.

Your Committee are of the opinion that wherein the reports of any of the D.G.C.s recommending the change of the present scale of dues, or the appointment of a paid officer to visit lodges, that the same be not followed.

THOS G. SOOLE, of No. 30.
M. MESTON, of No 3.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred parts of the report of the G.K.R.S., beg to report :

1. That part of said report under the caption of "Condition of the Order" is fully covered and provided for by the Report No. 1 of this Committee, including a remedy for Ivanhoe No. 4, and we would recommend that the G.C. call in the charter of this lodge and that G. L. cards be granted the members asking for and entitled thereto.

2. Your Committee further recommend that wherever a charter has already been surrendered the paraphernalia and property of the lodge should at once be assumed by the Grand Lodge, and properly stored and not allowed to remain in the possession of any members of the defunct lodge.

3. Your Committee note with pleasure that the Benefit feature of our Order is in a sound condition, and are of the opinion that no change should be made in the present rate of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

4. As to the membership of subordinate lodges, your Committee regret the large percentage of the membership lost by suspension, and would urge upon all the Representatives present to press on their respective lodges the very efficient remedies given by the Supreme Chancellor for the purpose of preventing lapses in membership, and the Committee trust that the members of this Grand Body will return to their lodges and report the remedies as recommended by the Supreme Chancellor last evening.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

M. MESTON, of No. 3.

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

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows on the communication received from Bro. J. R. Bain, D.S.C., of Montreal: That we are of the opinion that this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction to comply with the request made, as it is a matter that must be taken up and acted upon by the Supreme Lodge.

As to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, your Committee recommend that the Supreme Lodge Representatives from this Domain be allowed to act as they consider in the best interests of the order.

As to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, *re* extension of time from three to six months in payment of dues, would recommend that the matter be also left in the hands of the Supreme Representatives.

In regard to resolution as to circular from G.K.R.S. giving synopsis of

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. SOOLE, of No. 30.

M. MESTON, of No. 3.

Representative Bryan, of No. 18, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to submit the following report :

We find 39 representatives present at Grand Lodge.

Per diem amounts to	\$142 00
Mileage	158 50
Total	\$300 50

As against a total of \$460.30 last year, being a saving of \$159.80. Regarding the account presented by Prospect Lodge No. 10, for expenses to Grand Lodge last year, your Committee recommend that it be not entertained, as we understand that the representatives did not arrive until the Grand Lodge had been closed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. BRYAN, of No. 18.

W. R. ANDREWS, of No. 16.

CHAS. ENDRESS, of No. 17.

There being no other committees to report, the Grand Chancellor stated he would proceed with the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Supreme Representatives Fitzgerald and McConnell were appointed scrutineers.

For the office of Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice-Chancellor Murch was nominated, and being the only nominee, a ballot was cast by the Grand Master-at-Arms, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Master-at-Arms Cates, and Representatives Mackay, of No. 45, and Whyte, of No. 31, were nominated.

The ballot finally resulted in a tie vote between Cates and McKay.

With the permission of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Master-at-Arms Cates withdrew in favor of Representative McKay, and the latter's election was made unanimous.

For the office of Grand Prelate, Representative Jones, of No. 18, and Grand Master-at-Arms Cates were nominated, but Representative Jones declined in favor of Grand Master-at-Arms Cates. A ballot was then cast by the Grand Master-at-Arms, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the Office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Representatives Haynes, of No. 30, and the present incumbent, G. H. Mitchell were nominated. The ballot resulted in favor of Representative Haynes, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, Representative Macleod, of No. 3, and the present incumbent, D. J. Peace, were nominated. The ballot resulted in favor of Representative Macleod, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, Grand Inner Guard Little, and Representatives Wilson, of No. 20, Meston, of No. 3, Endress, of No. 17, and Parkinson, of No. 2, were nominated.

Representatives Endress and Parkinson declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Grand Inner Guard Little, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the Office of Grand Inner Guard, Grand Outer Guard Barnsdale, and Representatives Parkinson, of No. 2, Delcomyn,

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Jones, of No. 15, and Whyte, of No. 20, were nominated.

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of No. 49, Meston of No. 3, and Wilson, of No. 20, were nominated.

Representative Wilson declined the nomination.

The ballot resulted in favor of Representative Parkinson, and the Grand Chancellor declared him duly elected.

For the office of Grand Outer Guard, Representatives Hamilton, of No. 20, Meston, of No. 3, and Grand Outer-Guard Barnsdale were nominated.

The ballot resulted in favor of Grand Outer-Guard Barnsdale, and the Grand Chancellor declared him re-elected.

A vote of thanks was duly tendered to the scrutineers.

It being 12 o'clock the Grand Chancellor declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 o'clock, and on roll call the following answered to their names :

R. IRONSIDE.....Grand Chancellor.
 W. H. MURCHGrand Vice-Chancellor.
 G. H. MITCHELLGrand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 D. J. PEACEGrand Master of Exchequer.
 W. A. CATESGrand Master-at-Arms.
 J. L. LITTLEGrand Inner Guard.
 E. K. BARNSDALE.....Grand Outer Guard.

And—

F. J. FITZGERALD.....Supreme Representative.
 R. H. MCCONNELL " " "
 J. B. DAVIDSON.....Past Grand Chancellor.
 T. ELLIOTT " " "

And Grand Representatives Deverall, of No. 1; Parkinson and Harding, of No. 2; Meston and McLeod, of No. 3; Widden, of No. 10; Brown, of No. 12; Wickett, of No. 14; Robinson, of No. 15; Andrews and Lintz, of No. 16; Read, of No. 17; Jones and Bryan, of No. 18; Wilson and Hamilton, of No. 20; Poulton, of No. 22; Haynes and Soole, of No. 30; Whyte, of No. 31; Johnston, of No. 37; Rapson, of No. 45, and Delcomyn, of No. 49.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gave notice of his intention to resign the Chief Agency of the Endowment Rank between the Supreme Lodge and the Ontario Government.

Past Grand Chancellor Elliott addressed the Grand Lodge in respect to the salary of the incoming Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, advocating a reduction.

The Grand Chancellor overruled same, stating that all official business had been completed.

It was, however, moved and seconded that Grand Lodge refer back to Miscellaneous order of business.

This question was then put to Grand Lodge and carried.

Representative Jones of No. 18 then moved :

That the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be fixed at the sum of \$300 for the ensuing year.

Past Grand Chancellor Elliott moved in amendment :

That the amount be \$200, and that the incoming Grand Chancellor expend the difference of \$100 in visiting lodges in this Domain.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

Supreme Representative McConnell moved a vote of thanks, which was carried unanimously, to the Mayor and County Council of the town of Woodstock for their kindness in granting us the use of their beautiful Council Chamber, and also to the Officers and Members of Woodstock Lodge No. 45, for their courteous treatment of this Grand Body during the convention of same.

Supreme Representative Fitzgerald moved that the sum of \$5 be donated to the Janitor. Carried.

A fitting response was made by Grand Vice-Chancellor-elect Mackay.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Lodge, being ready for the installation of its officers, Past Grand Chancellor Elliott, assisted by Supreme Representative McConnell (Grand Prelate), and Supreme Representative Fitzgerald (Grand Master-at-Arms), proceeded to perform that duty.

The following were reported as having been elected and who were present :

W. H. MURCH, of No. 12.....	Grand Chancellor.
J. S. MACKAY, of No. 45.....	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. A. CATES, of No. 16.....	Grand Prelate.
W. G. HAYNES, of No. 30.....	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
J. P. MACLEOD, of No. 3.....	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. L. LITTLE, of No. 30.....	Grand Master-at-Arms.
T. A. PARKINSON, of No. 2.....	Grand Inner Guard.
E. K. BARNSDALE, of No. 42...	Grand Outer Guard.

They were then duly and regularly installed as the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the ensuing year, and were each called upon for a few words.

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 Official Record.

Representative Bryan, of No. 18, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, presented their final report, which was adopted and warrant ordered in favor of the Grand Master of Exchequer for the amount :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	OFFICE OR LODGE.	NO. OF DAYS.	MILES	PER DIEM.	MILEAGE	TOTAL
R. Ironside	G.C.	2	54	\$4 00	\$1 60	\$5 60
W. H. Murch	G.V.C.	2	68	4 00	2 05	6 05
G. H. Mitchell	G.K.R.S.	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
D. J. Peace	G.M.E.	2	95	4 00	2 85	6 85
W. A. Cates	G.M.A.	2	280	4 00	8 40	12 40
J. L. Little	G.I.G.	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
E. K. Barnsdale	G.O.G.	2	45	4 00	1 35	5 35
F. J. Fitzgerald	S.R.	2	54	4 00	1 60	5 60
R. H. McConnell	S.R.	2	68	4 00	2 05	6 05
Thos. Elliott	P.G.C.	2	72	4 00	2 15	6 15
J. B. Davidson	P.G.C.	2	68	4 00	2 05	6 05
C. Deverall	1	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
F. Harding	2	2	54	4 00	1 60	5 60
T. A. Parkinson	2	2	54	4 00	1 60	5 60
M. Meston	3	2	95	4 00	2 85	6 85
J. P. Macleod	3	2	95	4 00	2 85	6 85
H. I. Widden	10	2	54	4 00	1 65	5 65
A. E. Domville	12	1	68	2 00	2 05	4 05
E. S. Brown	12	2	68	4 00	2 05	6 05
W. H. Wickett	14	2	833	4 00	25 00	29 00
Hy. Robinson	15	2	182	4 00	5 45	9 45
W. R. Andrews	16	2	280	4 00	8 40	12 40
M. Lintz	16	2	280	4 00	8 40	12 40
C. Endress	17	1	136	2 00	4 10	6 10
Jno. Read	17	2	136	4 00	4 10	8 10
L. M. Jones	18	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
A. W. Bryan	18	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
J. G. Wilson	20	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
H. R. Hamilton	20	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
R. Poulton	22	2	54	4 00	1 60	5 60
D. Smeaton	22	½	54	1 00	1 60	2 60
W. G. Haynes	30	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
T. G. Soole	30	2	176	4 00	5 30	9 30
A. R. Whyte	31	2	95	4 00	2 85	6 85
R. A. Broomfield	36	2	72	4 00	2 15	6 15
E. H. Johnston	37	2	54	4 00	1 60	5 60
F. J. Corrie	42	½	45	1 00	1 35	2 35
L. T. Delcomyn	49	2	182	4 00	5 45	9 45
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Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BRYAN, of No. 18.

W. R. ANDREWS, of No. 16.

C. ENDRESS, of No. 17.

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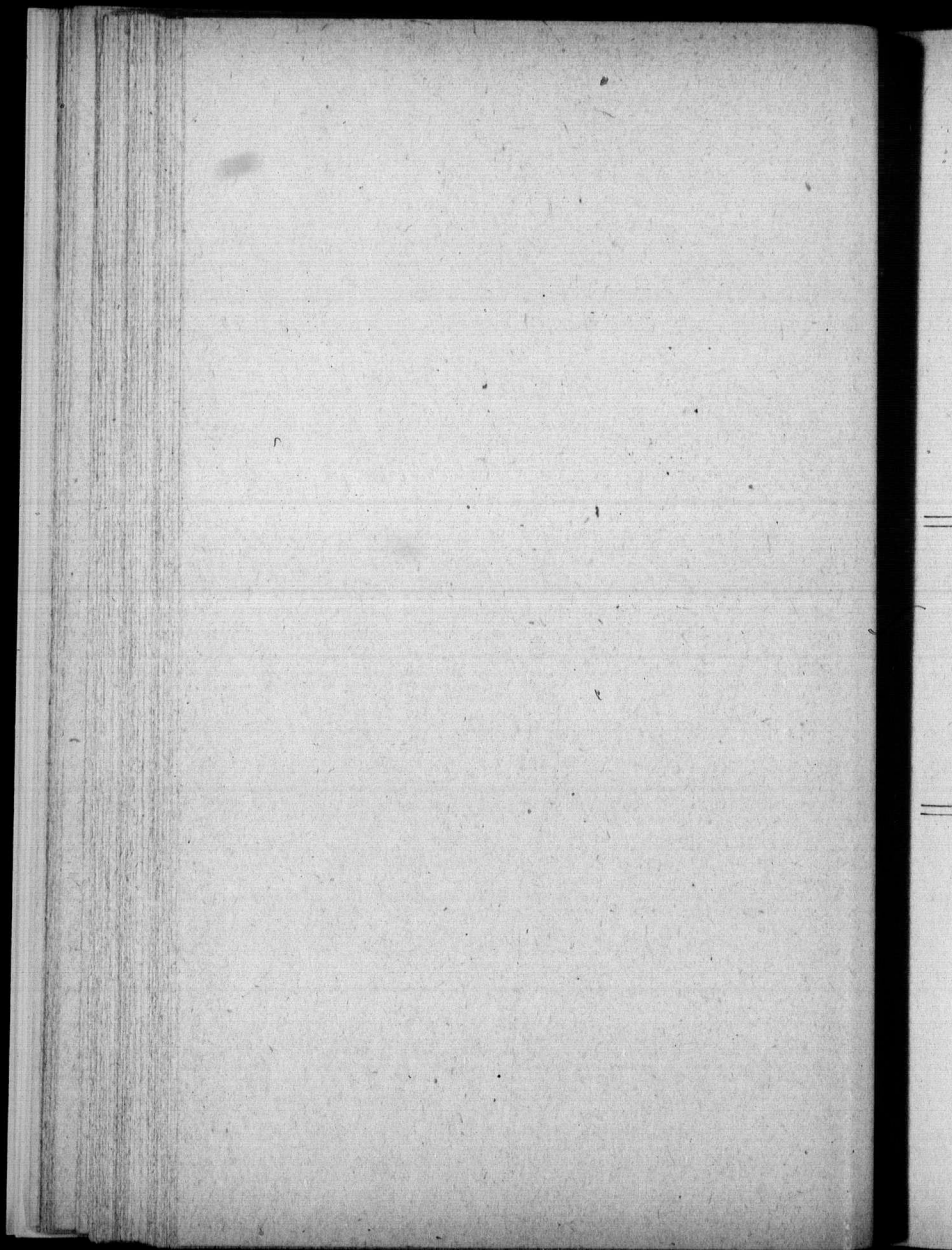
The Grand Lodge was then closed in regular form at 5.30 o'clock p.m., to meet in the Town of Niagara Falls, on the second Tuesday in July, 1899.

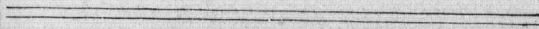
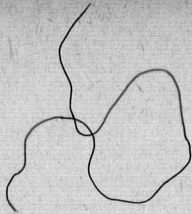
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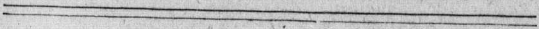


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REPORT.

OF THE

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES



REPORT OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

WM. H. MURCH, Esq., *Grand Chancellor,*

Dear Sir and Brother—The twentieth convention of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was duly opened on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898, and continued in session till the evening of September 1st, at the City of Indianapolis. On the opening of the session, which was held at the Hall of Representatives at the State House, addresses of welcome were delivered by Bro. Mount, Governor of the State; Bro. Taggart, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, and Grand Chancellor Hunt, of Indiana. In the afternoon the parade of the Uniformed Rank and members of subordinate lodges took place, and it was estimated that 22,000 members of the order were in line, and it proved to be without doubt the most magnificent parade ever held by any organization on this continent, as expressions of surprise and admiration were heard on all sides of the wonderful display made. The next session of the Supreme Lodge will be held at the City of Detroit, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1900, and as the subordinate lodges are requested to take part in the great parade, your representatives are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge should use every endeavor to have a good representation of our members from Ontario present on that occasion clothed in the same style of dress, which can be procured at a small outlay, and by so doing, would afford our members an opportunity of coming in closer contact with the great membership in our beloved order. We desire to explain our regret that such wilful, malicious and slanderous reports should be sent broadcast over the country respecting the honor and integrity of some of the officers of the Supreme Lodge. We desire to state most emphatically that there is not one tittle of truth in any report where the honor of any officer of the Supreme Lodge is attacked.

The revenue of the Supreme Lodge has not been sufficient to meet the expenditure during the past two years, but this state of affairs is not due to any man, as it is simply owing to the falling off of receipts from the sale of supplies. However, we believe that the Supreme Lodge has now adopted the only just and equitable method of meeting the expenses of that body.

Your representatives, in reference to the duties imposed on supplies, offered the following proposed amendment to the Supreme Statutes:

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Document 34, respectfully report that we approve of the amendment proposed, but as the

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same is not in proper form we herewith present a substitute prepared by the proposer, and recommend that it be adopted :

A proposition to amend section 37, Title I., Chapter IV. of the Supreme Statutes, entitled "Relating to the Revenue of the Supreme Government—Penalties."

Be it enacted by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, that Section 37, Title I., Chapter IV., of the Supreme Statutes, be amended to read as follows :

Section 37. The prices of supplies enumerated in Section 31 shall be fixed by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and said prices shall be such as to yield a reasonable percentage of profit to the Supreme Lodge, but lodges situated outside of the United States shall receive a rebate equal to the duties actually paid.

Signed by the Committee.

Action on this matter was deferred until the report of the Committee on Ways and Means was acted upon.

Legislation was not enacted in report of the Committee on Ways and Means, for the creation of a Committee on Printing and Supplies, all of which are to be purchased from the Supreme Lodge as in the past, but shall be sold to Grand Lodges at prices to be fixed by the Committee on Printing and Supplies, which shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. profit upon their actual cost.

Section 26, Chapter IV., of the Supreme Statutes was amended so as to read as follows :

The revenue of the Supreme Government shall be derived from a per capita tax, fees for warrants and the sale of supplies.

Section 27, Chapter IV., was amended to read as follows :

Section 27. That each Grand Lodge shall pay to the Supreme Lodge semi-annually, on the first days of April and October, each year, such per capita tax as may be determined by resolution at each biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge, for each member in good standing on the 31st day of December next preceding, and the first semi-annual payment of the per capita tax herein provided shall be due and payable on or before the first day of October, 1899.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the 31st day of December, 1898.

By resolution of the Supreme Lodge, the per capita tax for the next two years was declared to be 16 cents, or four cents per semi-annual term.

In view of the foregoing, legislation as to the revenue of the Supreme Government, the proposed amendment offered by your representatives in reference to duties was not further pressed, as we were asking a rebate of 33 per cent. on supplies furnished at a profit of only 25 per cent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following Supreme Lodge Officers were duly elected and installed :

Supreme Chancellor	Thomas G. Sample, of Pennsylvania..
“ Vice-Chancellor	Ogden H. Feathers, of Wisconsin.
“ Prelate	James Moulson, of Maritime Provinces.
“ Keep. of Records and Seal	R. L. C. White, of Tennessee.
“ Master of Exchequer	Thomas D. Meares, of North Carolina.
“ Master at Arms	Harry H. Bigelow, of Washington.
“ Inner Guard	Wm. Simmons, of Delaware.
“ Outer Guard	John W. Thompson, of Dist. of Columbia.

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the election of Bro. Moulson to this high office, as it is but the second occasion on which a Canadian has been thus honored.

Under this head, we have no hesitation in saying that the custom of allowing speeches extolling all the virtues of the different nominees for office in the Supreme Lodge is wrong in principle, and should be prohibited in the future, as no good can emanate therefrom, and many hours of valuable time is unduly wasted.

We do not believe that it is necessary to make any further extended remarks in this report as to the legislation of the Supreme Lodge, as the daily journals have been placed in the hands of Grand Chancellor, Bro. Murch, who will undoubtedly, if he deems it of sufficient importance, cause an official circular to be issued.

Your representatives were favored with the presence of our Grand Chancellor at Indianapolis during the first week of the convention, and it is safe to say that there is not a more enthusiastic Pythian within our ranks to-day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. J. FITZGERALD,
R. H. McCONNELL,

September 10th, 1898.

Supreme Representatives.

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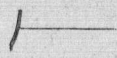
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APPENDIX.



Roster of the Grand Lodge, 1898-99.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- W. H. Murch, of No. 12, St. Thomas.... Grand Chancellor.
- J. S. Mackay, of No. 45, Woodstock.... Grand Vice-Chancellor.
- W. A. Cates, of No. 16, Windsor Grand Prelate.
- Walter G. Haynes, of No. 30, Toronto... Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
- J. P. Macleod, of No. 3, Hamilton Grand Master of Exchequer.
- J. L. Little, of No. 30, Toronto..... Grand Master-at-Arms.
- T. A. Parkinson, of No. 2, London..... Grand Inner Guard.
- E. K. Barnsdale, of No. 42, Stratford... Grand Outer Guard.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

- F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22, London Term ending December 31st, 1899.
- R. H. McConnell, of No. 12, St. Thomas. Term ending December 31st, 1901.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

(In Order of Seniority.)

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| *Rt. Rev. R. B. Usher, of No. 1. | R. H. Jarvis, of No. 25. |
| G. H. Mitchell, of No. 1. | F. J. Fitzgerald, of No. 22. |
| J. S. King, M.D., of No. 20. | J. B. Davidson, of No. 12. |
| A. J. Rattray, of No. 4. | W. E. Rispen, of No. 15. |
| J. Chapman, of No. 3. | R. H. McConnell, of No. 12. |
| D. J. Peace, of No. 3. | A. G. McWhinney, of No. 10. |
| P. D. McKellar, of No. 15. | T. Elliott, of No. 36. |
| P. H. Drayton, of No. 20. | R. Ironside, of No. 22. |

* Illinois, 1873.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

- No. 1, District. County of Essex Morris Lintz, Windsor.
Comprising Lodge No. 16.
- No. 2, " County of Kent
Comprising Lodge No. 15.
- No. 3, " County of Elgin G. A. Ingram, St. Thomas.
Comprising Lodge No. 12.
- No. 6, " County of Welland L. T. Delcomyn, Niagara Falls.
Comprising Lodge No. 49.
- No. 7, " County of Lambton Frank Smiley, Sarnia.
Comprising Lodge No. 17.
- No. 8, " County of Middlesex F. J. Fitzgerald, London.
Comprising Lodges No. 2, 10, 22, 37.
- No. 9, " County of Oxford Court Curtis, Woodstock.
Comprising Lodge No. 45.
- No. 10, " County of Brant Fred. Ryerson.
Comprising Lodge No. 36.
- No. 11, " County of Wentworth Harry Morris, Hamilton.
Comprising Lodges No. 3, 31.
- No. 13, " County of Perth A. R. Nopper, Stratford.
Comprising Lodge No. 42.
- No. 14, " County of Waterloo
Comprising Lodges No. 38, 44
- No. 16, " County of Wellington
Comprising Lodge No. 43. } Alex. Watson, Berlin.
- No. 18, " County of Grey
Comprising Lodge No. 29.
- No. 22, " County of York J. G. Wilson, Toronto.
Comprising Lodges No. 1, 18, 20, 25, 30, 39.
- No. 30, " County of Lennox
Comprising Lodge No. 46.
- No. 35, " County of Lanark G. C. Fowle, Smith's Falls.
Comprising Lodge No. 28.
- No. 45, Algoma District (a) E. Biggins, Sault Ste. Marie.
(b) W. R. Smyth, Bruce Mines.
(c)
- Comprising (a) Lodge No. 11, (b) Lodge No. 14, (c) Lodge No. 19.
- No. 46, Thunder Bay District J. J. Wells, Fort William.
Comprising Lodges No. 5, 13.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.

JUDICIARY.

C. Deverall, of No. 1; H. R. Hamilton, of No. 20; A. W. Bryan, of No. 18.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

F. Harding, of No. 2; H. Robinson, of No. 15; E. S. Brown, of No. 12.

FINANCE.

A. R. Whyte, of No. 31; T. G. Soole, of No. 30; D. Smeaton, of No. 22.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

C. Endress, of No. 17; O. Rempel, of No. 44; L. T. Delcomyn, of No. 49.

GRIEVANCES.

J. A. Parkinson, of No. 2; M. Meston, of No. 3; W. H. Wickett, of No. 16.

REPORTS.

H. J. Widden, of No. 10; C. Rapson, of No. 45; W. R. Andrews, of No. 16.

WARRANTS AND CHARTS.

J. Burns, of No. 3; E. Biggings, of No. 11; M. Lintz, of No. 16;

CREDENTIALS.

E. H. Johnston, of No. 37; F. J. Corrie, of No. 42; R. Poulton, of No. 22.

PRINTING.

J. G. Wilson, of No. 20; L. M. Jones, of No. 18; W. G. Haynes, G. K. R. S.

CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

Institution	Toronto	April 9th, 1872.
Special	Toronto	May 30th, 1872.
Second	Hamilton	June 25th, 1873.
Third	Chatham	" 3rd, 1874.
Fourth	Toronto	" 2nd, 1875.
Fifth	London	" 7th, 1876.
Sixth	Sarnia	" 12th, 1877.
Seventh	Hamilton	" 11th, 1878.
Eighth	Windsor	" 10th, 1879.
Ninth	London	" 8th, 1880.
Tenth	Toronto	" 14th, 1881.
Eleventh	St. Catharines	" 13th, 1882.
Twelfth	Hamilton	" 12th, 1883.
Thirteenth	Windsor	" 10th, 1884.
Fourteenth	London	" 9th, 1885.
Fifteenth	Toronto	July 12th, 1886.
Sixteenth	Hamilton	June 14th, 1887.
Seventeenth	Owen Sound	" 5th, 1888.
Eighteenth	Chatham	July 2nd, 1889.
Nineteenth	Smith's Falls	June 10th, 1890.
Twentieth	London	" 9th, 1891.
Twenty-first	St. Thomas	" 14th, 1892.
Twenty-second	Petrolia	" 13th, 1893.
Twenty-third	Windsor	Aug. 21st, 1894.
Twenty-fourth	Hamilton	July 9th, 1895.
Twenty-fifth	Toronto	" 14th, 1896.
Twenty-sixth	Berlin	" 13th, 1897.
Twenty-seventh	Woodstock	" 12th, 1898.

ROLL OF LODGES AND PAST CHANCELLORS.

Those in Italics have not received the Grand Lodge Rank.

Mystic Lodge, No. 1, Toronto.

Instituted Feb 22nd, 1872. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday. P.O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Armstrong, Jos.	Leslie, J. E.	<i>Parker, T. Y.</i>
Caiger, R. H.	McConkey, Thos.	Sparks, A. J.
Deverall, Chas.	Oliver, Robt.	Villiers, R. J.
<i>Davis, Thos.</i>		

Myrtle Lodge, No. 2, London.

Instituted Feb. 23rd, 1872. Meets every Tuesday.

Bloomgarden, Samuel	Harding, Fred.	<i>Reid, R. H.</i>
Brown, Wm.	<i>Horsman, Ed.</i>	Williams, Jno.
<i>Cadwallader, R.</i>	Kidner, Chas.	<i>Willis, H. A.</i>
Carrothers, R. A.	Parkinson, T. A.	<i>Wray, Jno. D.</i>
Galpin, E. B.		

Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, Hamilton.

Instituted Feb. 26th, 1872. Meets every Monday. P.O. Address, 219 Main St. E.

Aitchison, A. W.	Dunnett, Geo.	Meston, M.
Beasley, Thos. S.	<i>Faulkner, R. J.</i>	Midgley, Geo.
Bedwell, D. A., Jr.	<i>Ford, W. H.</i>	<i>McLean, Hugh</i>
Brown, J. L.	Irwin, R.	Pedlar, Thos.
Burns, John	Johnson, Hy.	<i>Phibbs, Geo. D.</i>
Childs, W. H.	Lumsden, W. W.	<i>Schultz, E.</i>
Curtis, C.	Macleod, J. P.	

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 4, Toronto.

Instituted March 20th, 1872. Meets and 4th Wednesday. P.O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Bemister, W. L.	Scholes, J. F.	Smith, G. B.
Campbell, F. H.	<i>Sheridan, S. J.</i>	Thomson, A. S.
<i>Dean, R. W.</i>	Simpson, J. D.	Thomson, Geo.
<i>Gerald, W.</i>		

Rokeby Lodge, No. 9, Wallaceburg.

Instituted March 22nd, 1888. Meets every Thursday.

<i>Dobie, D.</i>	<i>McFarland, Geo.</i>	Wooliver, W. S.
<i>McDonald, W. J.</i>	<i>Parker, E. E.</i>	

Prospect Lodge, No. 10, London.

Instituted June 23rd, 1889.

Meets every Monday.

Belton, J. C.	Noble, B.	Smith, W.
Holland, E.	Plastow, H. A.	Southcott, L. J.
Miller, F. M.	Shaw, J. N.	Webb, S. A.
Moffatt, W. J.	Sipple, I.	Widden, H. J.

Algoma Lodge, No. 11, Sault Ste. Marie.

Instituted August 2nd, 1875.

Meets every Monday.

Biggings, E.	Du Bois, H.	Jenkins, Ivo.
Brown, W.	Hall, I.	Taylor, Geo. H.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, St. Thomas.

Instituted Feb. 10th, 1890.

Meets every Tuesday.

Address P.O. Box 801.

Baker, M. J.	Brown, E. D.	Murch, W. H.
Bell, J. A.	Domville, A. V.	Robertson, J. S.
Broderick, T. L.	Ingram, G. A.	Stacey, J.

Aurora Lodge, No. 13, Fort William.

Instituted at Silver Islet, Feb. 7th, 1876.

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Mapledoram, W. C.	Reaveley, R. R.	Wells, J. J.
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Olive Lodge, No. 14, Bruce Mines.

Instituted May 20th, 1890.

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Fleming, Wm.	Smyth, W. R.	Wickett, W. H.
Knight, John	Snider, Fred.	Wightman, W.

Marmion Lodge, No. 15, Chatham.

Instituted May 23rd, 1876.

Meets every Monday.

Douglas, G. B.	Morton, J. A.	Robinson, W. H.
Mercer, H.	Richards, W. G.	Stephenson, S.
Mercer, R.	Robinson, Hy.	

Friendship Lodge, No. 16, Windsor.

Instituted Oct. 26th, 1876.

Meets every Monday.

P.O. Box 203.

Andrews, W. R.	Forsch, John H.	McWhinney, Thos.
Ashdown, C. H.	Grosscup, J. A.	Neal, Fred.
Bangham, R.	Howard, F.	Robinson, C. H.
Cates, W.	Ironside, J. W.	Young, H. S.
Elliott, A. H.	Lintz, M.	Spiers John
Fleming, A. H.	Leavitt, A.	

Petrolia Lodge, No. 17, Petrolia.

Instituted Jan. 17th, 1891.

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

<i>Dunlop, B.</i>	Read, John	<i>Smiley, F. A.</i>
Endress, C.	Sanson, Wm.	Van Tuyl, B. S.
Pitkin, G. S.		

Queen City Lodge, No. 18, Toronto.

Instituted July 31st, 1891.

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

P.O. Address, Pythian Hall.

Bryan, A. W.	Cluff, W. J.	<i>Rosenthal, L.</i>
Carkeek, W. J.	Jones, L. M.	Shannessey, W. M.

Méniss Lodge, No. 19, Chapeau.

Instituted Dec. 12th, 1891.

Meets every Wednesday.

Gillie, A. A.	<i>McTavish, D.</i>	Tilley, C. C.
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Amicus Lodge, No. 20, Toronto.

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1893.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

P.O. Address, St. George's Hall.

Armstrong, A. B.	Huffman, M. P.	<i>Van Winckell, W. G.</i>
Bowie, S. F.	<i>Madill, J.</i>	Wilson, J. G.
Fox, W. H.	Murrell, W. A.	<i>Ziller, W. S.</i>
Hamilton, H. R.	Robertson, W. J.	

Mizpah Lodge, No. 22, London.

Instituted Feb. 19th, 1884.

Meets every Friday.

Case, S. B.	Hill, Wm.	Poulton, R.
Carroll, W. B.	Ironside, R.	Smeaton, D.
Childs, H. J.	<i>Jarvis, C. E.</i>	Whittaker, F.
English, W. M.	<i>Mitchell, T. F.</i>	

Dufferin Lodge, No. 28, Smith's Falls.

Instituted Feb. 15th, 1887.

Meets every Thursday.

Bennett, R. A.	Fowle, G. C.	<i>Spencer, Geo.</i>
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Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, Owen Sound.

Instituted March 9th, 1887.

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday.

Ingles, Geo.	<i>Strathy, R. L. F.</i>	Tate, L. E.
Lepan, Jr., Fred.		

Toronto Lodge, No. 30, Toronto.

Instituted Sept. 29th, 1887. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday. P.O. Address, Box 583.

Alexander, A. A.	Gray, J. F.	Peaker, J. W.
Bedingfield, Geo.	Haynes, W. G.	Sooles, Thos. G.
Clarke, E. F.	Little, J. L.	Stutchbury, W. H.
Elliott, A.	Macdonald, W. C.	Wiley, H. E.
Flett, Fred. W.		

Bismarck Lodge, No. 31, Hamilton.

Instituted April 21st, 1887.

Meets 2nd and 4th Friday.

Belz, Adam	Ferguson, Robt.	Morris, H.
Belz, Hy.	Lackner, A. E.	Whyte, A. R.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 36, Brantford.

Instituted Dec. 5th, 1892.

Meets every Thursday.

Bloomfield, R. A.	James, W. T.	Smith, C. L.
Elliott, T.		

Columbian Lodge, No. 37, London.

Instituted Dec. 16th, 1892.

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Bonney, R.	Johnston, E. H.	Roughley, G. R.
Case, J.	McRobert, E. J.	Simmons, J.
Cooper, A. T.		

Syracuse Lodge, No. 39, Toronto Junction.

Instituted March 29th, 1893.

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Clemmer, A. H.	Leigh, R. J.	Pears, Wm.
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Hamlet Lodge, No. 42, Stratford.

Instituted August 16th, 1894.

Meets every Wednesday.

P.O. Box 415

Barnsdale, E. K.	Hodgins, Elijah	McWhinney, W.
Corrie, Fred. J.	Nopper, A. R.	

Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, Guelph.

Instituted March 4th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

Davidson, J.	Dunbar, C. A.	Stubbs, W. H.
Dowler, F.	Pettiford, C.	

Victoria Lodge, No. 44, Berlin.

Instituted March 15th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

<i>Rumpel, O.</i>	<i>Watson, A. H.</i>	<i>Woollard, W. J.</i>
<i>Von Pirch, Rev. R.</i>		

Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, Woodstock.

Instituted May 14th, 1895.

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

<i>Bicknell, A.</i>	<i>Rapson, C. E.</i>	<i>Tisdale, W. M.</i>
<i>Mackay, J. S.</i>		

Napanee Lodge, No. 46, Napanee.

Instituted June 25th, 1895.

Meets every Monday.

<i>Anderson, J. E.</i>	<i>Hinch, S. P.</i>	<i>Perry, W. H.</i>
<i>Ginders, J.</i>	<i>Morden, G. W.</i>	

Renwick Lodge, No. 47, Renwick.

Instituted June 25th, 1895.

Meets every Tuesday.

<i>Ellerbeck, R. A.</i>	<i>Tarr, N.</i>	<i>Williams, M. B.</i>
<i>Joyce, M.</i>	<i>Thompson, G. H.</i>	

Rainbow Lodge, No. 49, Niagara Falls.

Instituted Nov. 18th, 1897.

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

<i>Dickenson, James</i>	<i>Doran, J. O.</i>	<i>Hill, F. W.</i>
<i>Delcomyn, L. T.</i>	<i>Clark, J. T.</i>	

Lodges are requested to examine the foregoing list and notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of any errors. The omission of any Past Chancellor who should be included will be due to the fact that he has not been reported by his lodge, and until a duly authenticated certificate has been filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal no one can be recognized as being entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME LODGE, AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF ONTARIO,
FROM INSTITUTION, 1872, to 1898 INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.	GRAND CHANCELLORS.	VICE-CHANCELLORS.	GRAND PRELATES.
1872-3	W. D. Kennedy	W. C. Morrison	J. B. How	Geo. W. Cooley
1873	"	"	Geo. Midgley	J. P. Dinsmore
1874	Geo. H. Mitchell	Colin H. Rose	W. Hawthorne	Geo. Midgley
1875	"	"	"	Jas. Smith
1876	"	John S. King	P. D. McKellar	F. Meager
1877	"	"	Geo. H. Lumsden	E. H. Johnston
1878	"	"	"	H. Bryant
1879	"	W. F. Taylor	A. J. Rattray	F. Sanagan
1880	"	J. H. Lumsden	F. Sanagan	P. A. Aikman
1881	"	A. J. Rattray	J. Chapman	D. I. Peace
1882	"	Jesse Chapman	R. Dadds	W. Dougan
1883	"	Geo. H. Leslie	D. I. Peace	W. J. Vale
1884	"	"	W. Townsend	"
1885	"	P. D. McKellar	W. J. Vale	R. Baugham
1886	Jesse Chapman	W. J. Vale	R. Baugham	F. J. Fitzgerald
1887	"	J. S. King	J. W. Higginbotham	L. E. Tate
1888	"	P. H. Dwyer	L. E. Tate	W. F. Sorley
1889	"	P. D. McKellar	R. H. Jarvis	J. P. Macleod
1890	"	John S. King	J. Blackwood	W. F. Morphy
1891	"	Geo. H. Mitchell	F. J. Fitzgerald	I. B. Davidson
1892	D. J. Peace	John S. King	W. E. Rispen	W. M. English
1893	John S. King	Geo. H. Mitchell	W. E. Rispen	W. C. Macdonald
1894	"	"	B. S. Van Tuyl	W. Hill
1895	"	F. D. McKellar	W. C. Macdonald	"
1896	F. J. Fitzgerald	A. G. McWhinney	"	Rev. F. R. Gibert
1897	"	Thomas Elliott	R. Ironside	W. H. Murch
1898	"	W. H. Murch	W. H. Murch	Rev. R. Von Firch
	"	R. H. McConnell	J. S. Mackay	W. A. Cates

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YEAR.	GRAND K. E. S.	GRAND M. OF E.	GRAND M. AT A.	GRAND I. G.	GRAND O. G.
1872.	John Richmond.	J. B. How.	T. A. Robinson.	R. Matthews.	J. J. Brown.
1873.	Geo. H. Mitchell.	"	Jas. Rough.	J. G. Brown.	J. McPherson.
1874.	"	"	J. M. Smith.	A. J. Rattray.	L. Hamberger.
1875.	"	"	A. J. Rattray.	W. H. Rooks.	H. Finlay.
1876.	"	"	W. H. Rooks.	J. Chapman.	C. Frink.
1877.	"	"	J. A. P. Thompson.	W. Williams.	W. Smellie.
1878.	"	"	P. A. Aikman.	J. Rombough.	J. P. Secord.
1879.	"	"	D. J. Peace.	G. W. Plastow.	E. H. Harris.
1880.	"	Jas. Smith.	F. Campbell.	Geo. Patey.	R. Deeds.
1881.	"	"	W. J. Vale.	P. Burroughs.	J. McDonald.
1882.	"	"	S. E. Hall.	F. J. Fitzgerald.	F. J. Fitzgerald.
1883.	"	"	R. Bingham.	John Key.	John Key.
1884.	"	"	F. J. Fitzgerald.	J. D. Simpson.	T. S. Beasley.
1885.	"	"	T. S. Beasley.	J. H. Chaperton.	J. H. Chaperton.
1886.	"	"	B. G. Davis.	Jas. Bradley.	Jas. Bradley.
1887.	"	"	J. Blackwood.	Bradley.	A. McNaughton.
1888.	"	"	H. F. Duck.	G. C. Fowle.	H. Mercer.
1889.	"	"	G. C. Fowle.	J. Fitzgerald.	R. L. Hall.
1890.	"	D. J. Pence.	J. Carkeek.	W. C. Mapletoram.	W. C. Mapletoram.
1891.	"	"	W. C. Mapletoram.	Wm. Smith.	E. W. Pyke.
1892.	"	"	A. A. Alexander.	R. Foulton.	K. P. Lyon.
1893.	"	"	J. Slacey.	H. E. Young.	H. E. Young.
1894.	"	"	H. E. Young.	S. Macky.	J. J. Walks.
1895.	"	"	W. A. Cates.	J. L. Little.	J. C. Wilson.
1896.	"	"	Jackson L. Little.	T. A. Parkinson.	E. K. Barnsdale.
1897.	Walter G. Haynes.	J. P. Macleod.			E. K. Barnsdale.
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