

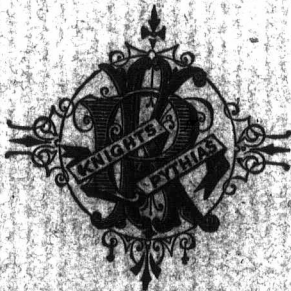
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THE MARITIME PROVINCES



ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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## Declaration of Principles.

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Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

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*J. M. Deacon*

Grand Chancellor.

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*(Elected for Second Term August, 1897.)*

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Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the  
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HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
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Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual convention this day in Pythian Hall, and was called to order at 7.30, p. m., by Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon.

The following officers were present at roll call :

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
W. S. VAUGHAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Chancellor stated that the Grand Prelate, Brother Whiteway, had left the country and was unable to be present. He appointed Brother E. Woodworth, of No. 13, to fill the vacancy; and owing to the absence of Grand Inner Guard, Brother Morrison, Brother A. H. Robinson, of No. 8, was selected to fill said position.

There were also present Supreme Master-at-Arms James Moulson, Supreme Representatives Murray Fleming and W. C.

H. Grimmer, Past Supreme Representative George Craig, Past Grand Chancellors Jas. D. Fowler and Frank L. Peers, Grand Trustee R. H. Cooper and Representatives from all lodges except Nos. 15, 16 and 17.

The reading of the minutes of last annual convention was omitted and upon motion the same were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Grand Master-at-Arms reporting Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge rank, by order of the Grand Chancellor introduced the following on whom were conferred said rank according to prescribed ritual:

William A. Stewart,	Union Lodge No. 2.
Hill M. Grimmer,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
A. L. Somers,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
H. G. Murray,	do do
H. V. Moores,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
B. F. DeWolfe,	Seaside Lodge, No. 9.
R. E. Armstrong,	do do
G. F. Chamberlain,	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
Hon. Geo. H. Murray,	Halifax Lodge, No. 12.
J. A. Gass,	do do
H. L. Cole,	do do
W. L. Ogle,	do do

Arrangements having been made for an exemplification of the secret work of the order by rank teams from New Brunswick and Union Lodges, the Grand Lodge took recess till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.



## SECOND DAY.

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Grand Lodge re-convened at 9.00, a. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
E. WOODWORTH,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
A. H. ROBINSON,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. S. VAUGHAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials, was read, received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

### Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
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*To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces;*

Your Returns and Credentials Committee, after examination of returns of Subordinate Lodges, find the following Past Grand Chancellors and Officers of this Grand Lodge entitled to admission and to vote in this Grand Lodge :

#### PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

James Moulson,  
Murray Fleming,  
Frank L. Peers,

John R. Armstrong,  
W. C. H. Grimmer,  
Jas. D. Fowler,  
H. V. Cooper.

George Craig,  
J. Fenwick Fraser,  
W. B. Nicholson,

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

J. M. Deacon, M. D.,	F. A. Godsoe,	W. T. Whiteway,
John C. Henry,	H. J. Logan, M. P.,	J. F. Gilroy,
J. W. Morrison,	W. S. Vaughan,	R. H. Cooper,
R. J. Rosborough,	J. W. Whithead.	

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several subordinate lodges and find that the following brothers and Past Chancellors, in good standing, were duly elected as Representatives or Alternates, and that their certificates are in proper form, and we would recommend that they be recognized as Representatives and Alternates as follows :

*New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.*

## Representatives.

S. Tufts,  
W. E. Dummer,  
F. S. Merritt,  
John Beamish.

## Alternates.

J. S. Brown,  
P. M. Day,  
Geo. McKee,  
Thomas B. Donohue.

*Union Lodge, No. 2.*

W. A. Stewart,  
Eustace Barnes,  
Al. Dodge,  
Wm. White,  
LeBaron Wilson.

Robt. S. Sime,  
Wm. McAddo,  
J. Fred Sullivan,  
Geo. A. Troop,  
James Duffell.

*Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.*

W. E. Sherard,  
John Bedford,  
Alex. P. Tait.

K. A. McLean,  
R. P. Dickson,  
J. G. Wran.

*Frontier Lodge, No. 4.*

Parker Grimmer,  
J. Bert. Polley,  
John Ryder.

W. S. A. Douglas,  
R. W. Grimmer,  
W. E. Smith.

*Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.*

A. L. Somers,  
H. G. Murray.

H. A. McKnight,  
W. C. Black.

*Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.*

Jas. A. Reid,  
Jas. D. Fowler.

W. S. Fisher,  
H. T. Smith.

*Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.*

G. L. Holyoke,  
H. V. Moore.

Thomas A. Lindsay,  
J. C. Hartley.

*Border Lodge, No. 8.*

## Representatives.

W. H. Laughlin, M. D.,  
R. W. Whitlock.

## Alternates.

H. C. Eye,  
J. W. Graham.

*Seaside Lodge, No. 9.*

B. F. DeWolfe,  
R. E. Armstrong.

T. R. Wren,  
Albert Thompson.

*Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.*

Rev. D. T. Porter,  
A. W. Atkinson.

David Loomer,  
H. C. Jenks.

*Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.*

G. T. Chamberlin,  
C. A. McQueen, M. D.

J. M. Curry,  
W. A. Hanright.

*Halifax Lodge, No. 12.*

H. L. Cole,  
W. H. Huggins.

*Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.*

E. Woodyoth,  
Jules Choiset.

Alfred Nichols,  
Alfred Holmes.

*Far East Lodge, No. 14.*

R. L. Smith,  
J. C. Orner.

*Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15.*

Dougald Stewart, M. D.,  
C. S. Marshal, M. D.

A. J. McDougall,  
W. W. Bent.

*Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16.*

DuVernet Jack, M. D.,  
C. G. Folkins.

P. P. Russell,  
Frank Ingersoll.

*Victorian Lodge, No. 17.*

A. H. Hatfield.

Perry Hatfield.

We have examined the returns of subordinate lodges and find the following Past Chancellors entitled to admission and seats in this Grand Lodge :

*New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.*

James Moulson,  
William Quigley,  
C. Nevins,  
J. Fen. Fraser,  
J. S. Brown,  
Thos. Armstrong,  
Wm. E. Dummer,

J. Beamish,  
Samuel Tufts,  
W. S. Vaughan,  
C. R. Machum,  
W. S. Morrison,  
F. S. Merritt,  
P. M. Daye,

J. E. Fraser,  
E. P. Leonard,  
George R. Day,  
A. P. Barnhill,  
George A. Hetherington,  
S. W. Wilkins,  
George McKee.

*Union Lodge, No. 2.*

John R. Armstrong,	H. V. Copper,	Frank Fales,
Andrew J. Armstrong,	John A. Ewing,	R. O'Shaughnessy,
William McAduo,	A. L. Rawlins,	A. S. Pattison,
J. Fred. Sullivan,	George A. Troop,	LeBaron Wilson,
Park A. Melville,	A. Dodge,	Frank A. Godsoe,
A. W. Adams,	J. H. Vanzile,	Frank E. Hofman,
Wm. White,	Eustace Barnes.	

*Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.*

Murray Fleming,	W. T. Sands,	K. A. McLean,
H. B. Fleming,	J. H. Wrان,	Joseph Barton,
G. M. Jarvis,	John Bedford,	H. D. Charters,
Alex. P. Tait,	W. R. Parker,	George Craig,
A. S. Coleman,	W. Crowhurst,	D. I. Welsh,
J. W. Whitehead,	J. P. Weir,	C. W. Bradley,
William Capson,	W. E. Sherard,	Hugh Wright,
R. P. Dixon,	F. B. Wood.	

*Frontier Lodge, No. 4.*

John Ryder,	W. C. H. Grimmer,	Alex. Murray,
John C. Henry,	William E. Smith,	F. S. Hutchinson,
George J. Clarke,	R. J. Rosborough,	Parker Grimmer,
W. S. A. Douglas,	H. M. Webber,	J. B. Pooley.

*Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.*

George Dunn,	F. F. Noiles,	J. F. Gilroy,
Frank L. Peers,	David Conn,	G. H. Gass,
R. H. Cooper,	E. A. Potter,	George Cameron,
I. G. Phelan,	H. A. McKnight,	W. C. Black.

*Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.*

Harry Beckwith,	Alonzo Staples,	Samuel Macky,
James D. Fowler,	A. D. Macpherson,	A. J. Fowlie,
C. H. Thomas,	W. S. Fisher,	T. A. Wilson,
G. R. Perkins,	G. W. Adams.	

*Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.*

W. B. Nicholson,	S. S. Street,	J. C. Hartley,
James H. Wilbur, jr.,	H. P. Baird,	T. A. Lindsay.

*Border Lodge, No. 8.*

A. H. Graham,	B. H. Kerr,	J. M. Deacon, M. D.,
R. W. Whitlock,	J. W. Graham,	W. H. Laughlin, M. D.,
F. P. Maxwell,	H. C. Eye,	J. E. C. McAllister,
A. H. Robinson,	W. S. Robinson.	

*Seaside Lodge, No. 9.*

A. Thompson,	E. A. Cockburn.
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*Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.*

Rev. D. T. Porter,	W. E. Blenkhorn,	S. R. Canning.
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*Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.*  
 C. A. McQueen, M. D., H. J. Logan, M. P., J. W. Morrison,  
 W. A. Hanright.

*Halifax Lodge, No. 12.*  
 W. T. Whiteway, W. M. Black.

*Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.*  
 E. Woodworth, Alfred Holmes.

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several subordinate lodges and find that the following Past Chancellors are in good standing, that their certificates are in proper form and that they are entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor in this Grand Lodge.

*New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.*  
 William Shaw, J. A. Watson, C. R. Scott,  
 Fred. Sandall, A. W. Smith, W. N. Scott,  
 Thos. B. Donohue, E. C. B. Brown.

*Union Lodge, No. 2.*  
 Alex. M. Nichol, A. M. Duff, S. J. Smith,  
 W. R. May, W. A. McGinley, James Duffell,  
 Robert S. Sime, Jas. A. Ewing, Edwin B. Nixon,  
 Wm. A. Stewart, J. Fred. Johnston.

*Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.*  
 G. R. Sangster, C. O. Rowe, J. G. Wran,  
 Joseph McClure, J. E. Bedford, G. J. McLean,  
 W. M. Weldon, Archie Anderson.

*Frontier Lodge, No. 4.*  
 H. W. Broad, R. W. Grimmer, N. E. Sederquest,  
 A. A. Laffin, C. A. Laubman, H. M. Grimmer.

*Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.*  
 A. H. McLeod, John Wylie, Wm. Reese,  
 A. C. McKinnon, H. G. Murray, Joseph Moss,  
 Geo. Oulton, Selden Hunter, Arthur Somers.

*Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.*  
 Jas. W. Waterman, A. G. Robinson, Jas. A. Reid,  
 H. T. Smith, Chas. L. French.

*Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.*  
 Geo. L. Holyoke, Geo. E. Balmain, H. V. Moores,  
 Thos. McLean.

*Border Lodge, No. 8.*  
 Rev. W. Williams, Harrison McAllister, A. H. Hiltz.

*Seaside Lodge, No 9.*

R. E. Armstrong,  
N. Treadwell,

M. N. Cockburn,  
B. F. DeWolfe,  
R. Worrell.

F. H. Grimmer,  
T. R. Wren,

*Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.*

H. C. Jenks,  
Nathan Duff,

Jas. A. Knowlton,  
F. H. P. Dewis,  
Percy L. Spicer.

E. W. Fillimore,  
A. W. Atkinson,

*Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.*

John M. Curry,  
J. M. Currie,

C. H. Main,  
G. F. Chamberlin,

J. M. Lusby,  
Renwick McCloskey.

*Halifax Lodge, No. 12.*

W. H. Huggins,  
W. L. Ogle,

J. A. Gass,  
Alex. McDougall,

Hon. Geo. H. Murray,  
Hy. L. Cole.

*Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.*

Alfred Nichols,  
R. W. Mosher,

Christopher Proctor,  
Jules Choisset.

Albert Mills,

*Far East Lodge, No. 14.*

E. W. Lyons,

N. S. Fraser, M. D.,  
R. L. Smith.

J. C. Orner,

*Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15.*

W. W. Bent,

C. S. Marshall, M. D.,  
A. J. McDougald.

Dugald Stewart, M. D.

*Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16.*

Delhi McLaughlin,  
Frank Ingersoll,

P. P. Russell,  
DuVernet Jack, M. D.

Clarence G. Folkins,

*Victorian Lodge, No. 17.*

A. H. Hatfield,

Perry Hatfield,  
J. W. Cochrane.

J. C. HENRY, Ch.,  
S. TUFTS,  
H. J. LOGAN,  
R. W. WHITLOCK,  
LEBARON WILSON,

Committee.

On motion the Reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

### Report of Grand Chancellor.

HALIFAX, AUGUST 10, 1897.  
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*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.*

BRETHREN,—To you and through you to the constituencies which you represent I submit this synopsis of my official acts. When you elected me Grand Chancellor of this domain, I determined to show my appreciation of the honor conferred by careful attention to the duties of the office. How well I have succeeded remains for you to say.

I have learned, however, that the care, responsibility and amount of time required for a conscientious discharge of the manifold duties of the office are very much greater than I had even conceived, and largely interfere with a proper attention to private pursuits. Your Grand Chancellor must either neglect his own business or the order. There is no middle road; he cannot serve two masters.

#### SICKNESS.

I have labored under great disadvantages this year. Naturally well and active, with a healthy wife and two young and robust boys, we scarcely knew what sickness, in our family, meant; yet within a fortnight after my election my wife came down with typhoid fever, epidemic in the town, and had a protracted illness. I almost immediately met with an accident that for ten weeks confined me to my room and for nearly three months prevented the performance of even ordinary duties. Before either was convalescent, the youngest boy came down with the fever, and I returned from my trip through Nova Scotia in January to find my eldest boy sick with the same disease. From August, 1896, until the middle of February, 1897, we had practically continuous sickness.

#### NEW LODGES.

It has been my privilege to add to the number of lodges in our domain Southern Cross, No. 16, Grand Manan, N. B., instituted December 2nd, 1896; Halifax, No. 12, Halifax, N. S., reorganized

(actually instituted) January 7, 1897; and Victorian, No. 17, Port Greville, N. S., instituted January 8, 1897.

Brother Delhi McLaughlin, now Deputy Grand Chancellor, then a member of Seaside, No. 9, was active in the formation of Southern Cross Lodge. In order to reach Grand Manan and institute the lodge within a reasonable number of days at that season of the year, it was necessary to charter a steamboat. I was accompanied and assisted by Supreme Representative Grimmer, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry and a number of St. Stephen, Milltown and Eastport knights, to each of whom I am personally indebted.

As you will remember, at our last Grand Lodge session, Brother Whiteway, Grand Prelate, volunteered to establish a lodge of our order in Halifax. At one time a lodge existed in this city, but it did not prove a success and soon surrendered its warrant. To Brother Whiteway, then, assisted by Brothers Cole and Huggins, belongs the credit of starting the flourishing lodge located here and in whose beautiful castle hall, second to none in the domain, we now have the pleasure of meeting. The lodge was reorganized on the evening of January 7, 1897, by myself, assisted by Supreme Representative Fleming, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, with knights from Springhill, Amherst, Bridgewater and many other places.

Previous to leaving home for Nova Scotia in January, I had tried to arrange for instituting the lodge at Port Greville on that trip, but it seemed impossible. However, when in Parrsboro on Tuesday, the 5th, Brothers Jenks and Spicer, of Myrtle lodge, drove all the way from Advocate, 32 miles, in pouring rain, with the roads almost impassable from mud, although it was winter, to see me and learn if I would institute the lodge, provided they could hurry the arrangements. We agreed that I should cancel my proposed visit to Westmoreland lodge, Moncton, on Friday the 8th, and on my return from Halifax, institute Victorian lodge at Port Greville. This I did, assisted by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, Brother Woodworth, Past Grand Prelate, and many knights from Parrsboro and Advocate. While, no doubt, other knights deserve mention in connection with the formation of this promising lodge, I cannot refrain from again calling attention to the praiseworthy enthusiasm exhibited by the two loyal members of Myrtle lodge mentioned above.



To all the knights who labored with me both to establish and to institute these lodges I offer my heartfelt thanks, for it was done in nearly every instance at great personal sacrifice of time and comfort and at their individual expense.

## DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

I have mentioned the formation of new lodges in advance of the appointment of Deputy Grand Chancellors, in order that I may name them all in the same column. With the exception of Halifax, No. 12, the lodges, at my request, named a Past Chancellor who would be acceptable to them for me to appoint as Deputy Grand Chancellor, and the only reason for the exception was the necessity of appointing without delay a successor to the one who had removed from the city of Halifax. My appointees to the office are as follows :

- New Brunswick, No. 1, George McKee, St. John, N. B.  
 Union, No. 2, Eustace Barnes, St. John, N. B.  
 Westmoreland, No. 3, J. W. Whitehead, Moncton, N. B.  
 Frontier, No. 4, W. S. A. Douglas (resigned), St. Stephen, N. B.  
     do. R. J. Rosborough, do.  
 Cumberland, No. 5, F. L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.  
 Fredericton, No. 6, T. Ames Wilson, Fredericton, N. B.  
 Ivanhoe, No. 7, Thomas A. Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B.  
 Border, No. 8, W. H. Laughlin, M. D., Milltown, N. B.  
 Seaside, No. 9, T. R. Wren, St. Andrews, N. B.  
 Myrtle, No. 10, S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S.  
 Chignecto, No. 11, J. W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.  
 Halifax, No. 12, W. T. Whiteway (resigned), Halifax, N. S.  
     do. W. H. Huggins, do.  
 Kenilworth, No. 13, Christopher Proctor, Parrsboro, N. S.  
 Far East, No. 14, E. W. Lyons, St. Johns, Newfoundland.  
 Bridgewater, No. 15, C. S. Marshall, M. D., Bridgewater, N. S.  
 Southern Cross, No. 16, W. Delhi McLaughlin, Grand Manan, N. B.  
 Victorian, No. 17, T. K. Bentley, Port Greville, N. S.

On April 12th, 1897, Brother Douglas tendered his resignation as Deputy Grand Chancellor of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, alleging as his reason the impossibility of his frequent attendance upon the meetings of the lodge, or the prompt performance of the duties of his office. I asked the lodge to suggest a successor for the position and on April 28th, 1897, after accepting the resignation of Brother Douglas, I had the pleasure of appointing to the office that earnest

and enthusiastic knight, so well and favorably known to you as a trustee of this Grand Lodge, Brother R. J. Rosborough.

Much to my regret I learned in June that Brother Whiteway had left the city of Halifax for Butte, Montana. In the latter part of the month I received his resignation as Deputy Grand Chancellor of Halifax Lodge and, as it would be necessary to instal the officers by the time an appointment could reach the city, I immediately, on June 30th, 1897, at his suggestion, conveyed to me through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, appointed to the vacant position Brother Huggins, a valiant member of the old guard of the previous Halifax Lodge.

I have found the Deputy Grand Chancellors interested in their work, universally courteous and tolerably prompt in the performance of their duties. That there might be an improvement in methods and more promptness in correspondence in individual cases will, I think, be admitted without dispute. For the sake of my successor let me urge all Past Chancellors who may in future be honored with that office to so act, work, write and report that no reasonable criticism may with justice be applied to them.

During their term I have had much correspondence with the Deputy Grand Chancellors. Early in June I sent each one a copy of the following letter :—

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., June 8th, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

I inclose the following figures, from which you will decipher the password for next term by aid of a key that will be forwarded you when you comply with the requirement of Supreme Statute No. 395, and deposit with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a certificate (herewith enclosed) from your lodge that all your dues and other indebtedness has been paid by you to your lodge to the beginning of the current semi-annual term, and that you are in good standing in the lodge.

On behalf of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, I ask you to promptly send him the current semi-annual returns from your lodge as soon as you instal the officers. Try and fill all offices promptly the first night, but send in the returns without waiting for them provided some officers elect furnish an excuse for absence and are not installed.

Remember that it is your duty to make a written report to the Grand Chancellor giving an account of your stewardship, and I ask you to kindly send me your report, with fees collected, not later than the middle of July, that I may have sufficient time to attach it to, or embody it in, my official report.

I depend on you to attend the Grand Lodge meeting at Halifax in August, and I ask you very earnestly to do all that you can to induce every member of your lodge to go.

Yours fraternally,

J. MELVILLE DEACON,

Grand Chancellor.

With the exception of Nos. 1, 2, and 13, whose reports I had received, I wrote again under date of July 22nd.

Office of Grand Chancellor, Milltown, July 22, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly send me your report as Deputy Grand Chancellor for your term of office. My own report must soon be in the printer's hands and I hope it will not be delayed.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. DEACON.

COMMITTEES.

I appointed the following committees:

*Distribution*: James Moulson, W. C. H. Grimmer, F. L. Peers.

*Returns and Credentials*: J. C. Henry, S. Tufts, H. J. Logan, R. W. Whitlock, LeB Wilson.

*Appeals and Grievances*: R. H. Cooper, A. J. Fowlie, E. Woodworth, S. R. Canning, W. T. Whiteway.

*Printing*: J. C. Henry, J. Fen. Fraser, C. A. McQueen, M. D.

*Finance*: A. H. Graham, F. Parker Grimmer, A. Dodge.

*Law and Supervision*: W. C. H. Grimmer, Murray Fleming, James Moulson.

*Fraternal Correspondence*: H. V. Cooper, C. S. Marshall, M. D., J. C. Henry.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I believe it to be the imperative duty of a Grand Chancellor to visit the various lodges in his domain, learn their condition and needs from personal observation, and become acquainted with the members. I believe that such visits are productive of great good, acting as a stimulus to the patient, earnest workers and a spur to those who have become lukewarm. My reception in every lodge was enthusiastic and gratifying, and made me feel that our Knights loyally honored the office, irrespective of the man. In all my after life the recollection of the many pleasant evenings I have spent with the members of the different lodges will stand out like oases in my memory. To mention each one in detail would be superfluous.

I have but one regret, and that is that I have failed to visit Bridgewater Lodge and Far East, Newfoundland. I fully intended to visit these two lodges, but found it utterly impossible. Let me ask now a visit from my successor to Bridgewater, and particularly Newfoundland, even though it should make it necessary for him to pass over some of those that I have this year visited.

DISPENSATIONS.

\*On December 9th, 1896, I granted a dispensation to Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, to hold the regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month.

On May 17th, 1897, I granted a dispensation authorizing Far East Lodge, No. 14, to hold regular meetings on alternate Tuesdays.

In July, 1897, I authorized Union Lodge, No. 2, to change its regular meeting, as requested, for a single night.

The granting of dispensations has, as you know, by authority of our Constitution, largely devolved upon the Deputy Grand Chancellors. The dispensations they have granted appear in their individual reports.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

I have been appealed to privately for an opinion in a number of cases. To each such request I have replied willingly and fully, but the correspondence is voluminous, and, while it might prove interesting, to publish it would needlessly encumber my report. I will therefore confine myself to the two questions alone on which I was asked for a decision by the vote of a lodge.

*Chancellor Commander, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, Moncton, N. B.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last annual convention of the Grand Lodge, you submitted to me the following question:

*Question.*—"In the case of Mr. ———, one of whose legs has been shorter than the other since birth, who has made application for membership in Westmoreland Lodge, must a dispensation be granted by the Grand Chancellor to make him eligible for membership?"

*Answer.*—"No. If an applicant is 'sound in mind and body,' he is eligible, and if he is not 'sound in mind and body,' he is not eligible, and there is no provision for the granting of a dispensation to make him eligible. In case of doubt as to the physical or mental fitness of an applicant, it is the privilege of the lodge to require the certificate of a reputable physician to accompany the application. (Supreme Statute, No. 244.)"

"Whatever may be thought as to the original intention of the sections defining the qualifications necessary for a candidate, and the dispensations which the Grand Chancellor is authorized to grant, the simple fact remains that the word 'maimed' does not cover congenital lesions, but applies alone to such defects or deformities as are the result of accident or design."

Fraternally yours,

J. M. DEACON.

*H. McAllister, Chancellor Commander, Border Lodge, No. 8, Milltown, N. B.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you will remember the following case was referred to me by your lodge for my decision.

At the semi-annual election, in June, 1896, the sitting Chancellor Commander, who was not at the time a Past Chancellor, was elected representative to the Grand Lodge; also, a Past Chancellor was elected his alternate.

*Question.*—"Was this election legal?"

*Answer.*—"The election was not legal. This decision also includes the election of his alternate as well. (Grand Lodge Constitution, Article 3, Sections 1, 3 and 4.)"

J. M. DEACON, *Grand Chancellor.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

At the very beginning of my term I found that it would be an almost hopeless task to properly keep pace with the necessary correspondence of the office, if I continued to depend solely on my pen. I, therefore, at my own expense, invested in a typewriter, which I have found of great service and have used almost exclusively in my official work. A letter book was also procured and, through the kindness of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Henry, I obtained the use of a letter press from the St. Croix Publishing Company, to which company we as an order are indebted for many courtesies extended in the past.

I have sent a great many written, type-written and printed letters from my office (in one week over 1100), and have endeavored to set a good example by promptly answering correspondents. Nearly every case of delay on my part was caused by illness or by absence. How have I been treated in return? I write this in no fault-finding spirit, nor on account of an opportunity and desire to criticise, but with the hope that it may have a beneficial effect for the future; otherwise it would be left unsaid.

While from some lodges and some officers I received recognition of communications and prompt replies, in too many instances no notice whatever, in so far as I was made aware, was taken of what to me seemed most important matters. To get questions answered I have had to write a second and even a third time. It may not appear to that officer that he has needlessly increased the labor of my office, but if he would stop to think and multiply his own case by many others it might begin to dawn upon him that he ought to do as he would himself be done by. To all those officers who have faithfully performed their duty and made my intercourse with them a pleasure, I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks, and to the few who have proved slothful in business, I would kindly say for the sake of the order, of your own lodge, and for the comfort, peace of mind and prosperity of my successor, either take a new departure for the better in your method of conducting Pythian affairs or else resign your office.

## PLACES TO START NEW LODGES.

I have devoted considerable attention to an effort to have our banner unfurled over new Pythian lodges in several desirable places.

I had hoped to have our numbers increased to twenty before the expiration of my term of office. In that I have been disappointed, but seed has been sown that will surely bear fruit. Petitions are now being circulated in six different places, one of which is Charlottetown, P. E. I. I have had some correspondence with Brother Edward Atkinson, Superintendent of Organizers of the Endowment Rank, and I feel that if this Grand Lodge could, under proper restrictions, arrange that a small but reasonable sum would be paid to any worthy knight or organizer who succeeds in placing a good lodge in a desirable locality, Brother Atkinson, in order also to have the Endowment Rank started in the lodge, might arrange that for that part of the work the knight, or organizer, would also receive a fee. By combining forces we might succeed without great expense to either. I made no definite proposal concerning the matter, feeling that I had not that authority; neither is Brother Atkinson pledged to such course. I offer the suggestion as a possible way in which a few new lodges could undoubtedly be started in desirable centres. This we know, that our domain is not favorably located for a rapid, spontaneous growth of the order, and, unless the ground is tilled, its development will be slow. A knight cannot be expected to, and will not, go to a distant town at private expenditure of time and money to work up a lodge, however ripe that field may be for the harvest; neither is a Grand Chancellor able, with the great demand upon his time both in office work and in visiting lodges, to successfully devote enough attention to this matter.

I have been at great disadvantage in trying to impart a knowledge of our order (in assisting those who wanted to know of it thoroughly while engaged in circulating petitions) in that we have no printed pamphlets giving a history of the origin, growth and objects of the society, as adapted to this domain. I trust that the printing committee will be authorized to publish a number of such pamphlets and have them distributed among the members where they will be likely to be used to the best advantage.

In December, so it should reach him about the Christmas season, I sent each brother knight a copy of the following letter, hoping that it would increase his interest in the order, build up his own lodge and possibly be the means of planting new ones. It is

gratifying to know that the letter was kindly received, and I have been assured that it was not altogether without effect :

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., December, 1896.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you both "a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

I anticipate the pleasure of meeting you, in your own Castle Hall, during my term of office.

May the glad New Year come laden with promise for the rapid growth of our noble order, and prove also pregnant with material prosperity for you individually, my Brother.

I will labor to make it a red letter period of Pythian progress in this Grand Domain ; but my humble efforts, however earnest, must prove abortive unless my hands are upheld by *you*. Let us then renew our vow and work together "to disseminate the principles of our order."

During the next Semi-Annual term I ask *you* (1) to attend all the meetings of your lodge ; (2) increase its membership by proposing one candidate for the ranks, or by reclaiming one suspended member ; (3) try honestly and persistently to start one new lodge (by writing and interesting friends or by personal canvass) ; (4) send me the name and address of a desirable person you may know in some town, whom I might approach with reasonable hopes of interesting in the placing of our order there ; and (5) call upon me to assist you, at any time and in any way, to bring your efforts to a successful termination.

"Do this—but this—  
And may the gods themselves build up thy greatness  
As high as their own heavens!"

Fraternally yours,

J. MELVILLE DEACON,

Grand Chancellor.

*Facts to be Remembered :*

Ten eligible persons may petition for a warrant to establish a lodge. The petition must be accompanied by the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The fees for the three ranks of Knighthood shall not be less than \$10.00.

A company of the Uniform Rank (military branch) may now be formed with twenty-one members.

The Endowment Rank (insurance branch) is one of the best features of the order, offering as it does the safest fraternal life insurance at actual cost to the members. Our order presents more good features than any other one fraternal society.

SUSPENSIONS.

The matter of suspensions for non-payment of dues is a burning question. How is it to be prevented? Large numbers of men who are apparently honest in their business transactions permit themselves to be suspended every year, much to the detriment of the order. I sought to do what I could to prevent this steady drain.

Under date of December 11, 1896, I wrote as follows to the Chancellor Commander of every lodge :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Dear-bought experience should induce us to try new methods. If you have lost members for non-payment of dues, in the past,

I ask you this term, after you have exhausted the ordinary methods, to send me the names before you suspend them and see if a personal appeal from me might not save some to your lodge.

Fraternally yours,  
J. M. DEACON.

A number of lodges took advantage of the offer and to each one in arrears, the name of whom had been sent me, I wrote the following letter:—

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., January, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Unless you have paid since I was furnished with the financial statement of your lodge, you are liable to suspension for non-payment of dues.

You cannot afford to let this be done and forfeit all the rights that belong to you as a member of ——— Lodge, No. ———, and of the order; and lose your right to the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, the Sick Benefit, the Funeral Benefit, etc.

I am anxious that no member shall be suspended during my term of office, and that each Knight of Pythias will work with and aid me to both strengthen his own lodge and the order, and make Pythianism in this Grand Domain a living reality and marked success. Will you do it?

If at present for any reason you cannot pay all your dues, I ask you to at once pay at least enough to bring your indebtedness to less than \$5.00, and thus avoid suspension. I am sure your lodge desires it and will treat you as liberally as the Supreme Statutes will allow.

I trust this letter will be received by you in the same brotherly spirit in which it is sent, and that it will not be in vain that I appeal to you to continue a member of the order.

I trust that you will favor me with a reply.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. DEACON, *Grand Chancellor.*

In May, 1897, I wrote suggesting that the lodges should receive the sum of \$5.00 in full payment from all those liable to suspension for non-payment of dues and also re-admit to membership for the same amount all those suspended who were desirable knights and would take advantage of the offer. To all those liable to suspension, whose names were furnished me, I wrote as follows the first, and those already suspended the second, letter:

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., June 26, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Unless you have paid your dues in full to your lodge within the last few days, you are *liable to suspension* for non-payment of dues. It is my desire that no member shall be suspended from your lodge for that reason. Surely you have sufficient pride in your honor and reputation for honest payment of all liabilities incurred, not to permit yourself to be so suspended. If you really desire to withdraw from the order, I feel sure you will do it honorably (if you give the matter a moment's thought) by paying up your dues and then taking a withdrawal card.

However, I trust you have no intention of becoming separated from the order in any manner, and that the present amount of dues owed by you to the lodge has been allowed to accumulate unintentionally—a matter of neglect or oversight.

Your lodge is anxious to have you continue in full membership, and has authorized me to inform you (which it is, I can assure you, a pleasure for me to do)



that the lodge will accept at this time the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) in full payment of all indebtedness to July 1st, 1897.

I sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this generous offer and take an active part in the future management of the lodge and for the best interests of the order.

Believe me, I am,

Sincerely your friend, in F. C. and B.

J. MELVILLE DEACON,  
Grand Chancellor.

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., June 26th, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am informed that you are one of the large number of Pythian Knights that *have been suspended from the order* for non-payment of dues. We have lost some of our best and most desirable members from this cause. I am sure that it is on account of forgetfulness or some sufficient reason that has caused members to permit themselves to get into arrears and become suspended, and not a deliberate desire to withdraw from the order, (particularly in this way.) The Supreme Law makes it the duty of the lodge to suspend for non-payment of dues, so that it is not a personal matter with the lodge, although sometimes a suspended member feels hurt.

Your lodge is anxious to have you in full fellowship and an active member; and has authorized me to inform you that they will accept at this time the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) and reinstate you. This is at my suggestion, and I sincerely hope that you will take advantage of their generous offer and again become an active and honored member of the lodge. We need all good men. Kindly fill in the enclosed application blank for reinstatement, enclose five dollars (\$5.00) and give it to the Keeper of Records and Seal or Chancellor Commander of the lodge and be received as the father received his prodigal son. With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. MELVILLE DEACON,  
Grand Chancellor.

I have been informed that in some cases, at least, my efforts to save members to the order proved successful.

The committee on fraternal correspondence of the grand domain of Michigan invited answers from the Grand Chancellor of every other domain, and from the Supreme Chancellor, to a series of four questions, the first of which was "What can be done to lessen the loss by suspension for non-payment of dues?" The Supreme Chancellor says, "This is one of the difficult problems we have before the order. So serious has this problem become that I have thought of appointing a commission to investigate and report at the next convention of the Supreme Lodge and suggest a remedy for this great evil. It is a remarkable fact that every brother coming into our order meets a brother going out. If this great evil could be stopped but for a period of two years we would surpass numerically every other organization extant."

Grand Chancellor Dunnell of Pennsylvania says suspensions are "of benefit as a general thing to the order, as it rids itself of weak

and indifferent membership which have joined for various selfish motives." His suggestions, however, are in line with those given below, as also are those of Brother Norberg.

Grand Chancellor Norberg of Nebraska says "it has been suggested that there be no suspensions, but when a member fail to pay, he be cited to appear and show cause why he so fails, and if no good reason is given, that he should be expelled." The Supreme Chancellor, however, in mentioning such suggestions, says, "This is a radical departure and undoubtedly would not meet the approval of the Supreme legislative body."

G. C. Oliver of Oregon offered a prize of a Knights of Pythias jewel to each Master of Finance who could report, at each semi-annual term, that all members of his lodge were clear on the books and that none had been dropped for non-payment of dues. This he says had some effect, as it reduced suspensions.

The combined answers may be condensed into five principal suggestions:—

- (1) Reduce the dues to the minimum amount required to cover the expenses of the lodge.
- (2) Make the meetings intensely interesting by superior ritualistic and rank work.
- (3) Have members insured in the Endowment Rank. Where this is done the problem is solved. Encourage the Uniform Rank. Where it is thriving interest is preserved in the subordinate lodge. Encourage Pythian publications. They are fuel to keep the fires ablaze.
- (4) Pay the Master of Finance a commission on dues collected instead of a salary; have him a man centrally located, where members can drop in at any time and pay dues; have dues collected before they accumulate.
- (5) Let the officers of each subordinate lodge keep a list of those about to become delinquent, and give them special attention in the way of mailing them Pythian papers and interesting them in the Order.

To these very excellent suggestions I will add just one of my own, and that is that we legislate that dues hereafter must be paid in advance to entitle a member to benefits.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

\* I received petitions for permission to circulate in this domain appeals for aid from B. F. Hosle, Company No. 13, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Brantford, Conn., "towards defraying the expense of its Castle Hall, now in course of erection;" from Gerrard Lodge, No. 29, Lancaster, Ky., "to erect a neat and substantial Pythian building in this city;" from Stratford Lodge, No. 30, North Stratford, N. H., "to secure a hall;" and from the "Committee of

Forty-Five" of the Grand Domain of the District of Columbia "for the purpose of erecting a Memorial Pythian Temple in this city (Washington) to perpetuate our order, and as a monument to forever mark its birthplace."

While the object of each appeal was worthy, I question the wisdom or propriety of turning our order into a begging institution and of seeking aid outside of their own domain excepting perhaps on some extraordinary occasion. Knowing that the lodges in this domain had enough to do to meet their own financial engagements, and that only two of them were happy owners of a modest castle hall, I did not feel at liberty to endorse the appeals and have them circulated among the members with an apparent recommendation from me that they should contribute. Where I was urged repeatedly to give consent I suggested a compromise by offering to lay the petitions before your honorable body for your direction in the matter. The petitions are on the table of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and an intimation of the feelings of the Grand Lodge as to the best method of dealing, not only with them but also with like appeals in the future, might be of service to the succeeding Grand Chancellor.

One appeal I did willingly, though of necessity, circulate. [See Section 3 of my circular letter of May 27, 1897.] It bore the earmark of Supreme authority and was for the Rathbone Memorial Fund.

#### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

It has been customary for our Supreme Representatives to make their report at the convention of the Grand Lodge following their return from the Supreme Lodge. For good and sufficient reasons that will no doubt suggest themselves, the Grand Lodge constitution requires, Article 6, Section 11, that the Supreme Representatives shall "make a report in writing of their acts and doings, and of such matters and transactions of the Supreme Lodge as affect the well being of the order in general, and transmit the same to the Grand Chancellor immediately on their return from each convention. The Grand Chancellor shall issue the same, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and forward the same to each subordinate lodge in the domain and to the chairman of each of the standing committees of the Grand Lodge." The Supreme Representatives' report, though somewhat delayed, attributable I believe to the sickness

of one of the representatives, was put into my hands on May 26, 1897, promptly printed and circulated as required by the constitution.

I have only words of commendation for our Supreme Representatives and feel that in each we have the right man in the right place.

#### LODGES.

My visits to the different lodges convinced me that we need again and again to encourage the officers to memorize the ritual and take pride in their work. I believe that it would be a good plan for each lodge to occasionally invite the "team" of another lodge to visit them and confer the ranks. A friendly rivalry would be excited that might prove a power for good. Those lodges that were the best equipped for conferring the ranks seemed to be the ones in which the officers and members took the most interest in their work and in the order. I believe that money judiciously expended in lodge furniture and paraphernalia is well invested and will largely tend to increase the interest of the members and assure the success of the lodge.

Space does not permit for specific reference to each lodge in the domain, but I cannot leave the subject without saying that my visits were extremely pleasant. I found every lodge well, and some lodges elegantly furnished, and the members interested and earnest.

#### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

Uniformity in the secret work we do not possess. I have therefore invited New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, and Union Lodge, No. 2, to send the excellent "teams" of the two lodges here with paraphernalia to fully and accurately, as they have the very best opportunity of doing, exemplify the work of the Page, Esquire and Knights rank. I am sure that every knight who has the privilege of seeing their work will return home with renewed interest and increased enthusiasm and that the lodges will vie with each other for perfection in the coming year as they never have done before. We are under a debt of gratitude to the knights who so kindly consent to take part in this School of Instruction.

Brother Moulson, our honored Supreme Master at Arms, is always ready at any time and place to impart information and to aid an earnest brother. The school will be under his supervision and

direction and such success as it may achieve will be largely due to his careful and experienced guidance. He needs no eulogy from me, for he is personally known to all the knights of this domain, who, every one, I know, unite with me in hoping that the Supreme Lodge will continue to honor itself by honoring him.

#### EXPENSES.

During my term I have endeavored to keep the expenses of the office within reasonable bounds. It was unavoidable, however, that I should travel over the same ground and that for long distances more than once. This, together with more lodges to visit, and the large amount of mail matter sent out, necessarily increased the expenses over some preceding years.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

I am pleased to be able to state that our membership still continues to increase. It is slow, but it is a steady growth. We, like other Grand Domains, have felt the depression of the prevailing hard times, but, while some other domains have decreased in membership, we have continued to increase and outnumber the returns of last year by about seven per cent. We are also taking in as members only the best men in the localities where our lodges are planted.

#### HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

A history of the introduction and growth of the order in this domain, however brief, should be written while yet the prime movers in the cause and many members of the first lodge are yet alive and the records to be had, enlarged upon, explained or corrected, not by tradition but by those whose labor makes a history possible and who know the facts. We hold a unique position. In our domain is the first lodge organized outside of the country of the order's birth. Brother John Beamish, the father of the order in this great Dominion of Canada, is alive and well, an active and honored member of this Grand Lodge, and with us here to-day. Brother Moulson, the Hercules of the order here, must also be mentioned in this connection. Will not someone undertake the work while the conditions are so favorable? It need not be elaborate, but would, I am sure, be interesting and certainly pay the cost of publishing now, and in time become valuable.

## FLAG.

Our order teaches loyalty—let us not forget that—loyalty to, our flag and to our country. Let us ever keep this fact in view and continually remember that, while we are members of the best fraternal society in the world we are also citizens of the greatest, most liberal and noblest country. With an empire covering 21 per cent., or nearly a quarter, of the land surface of the globe, and a population of 27 per cent., more than a quarter, nearly a third of all the people on the earth, we have just cause to hold up our heads and say with a feeling of permissible pride that we are loyal citizens of a mighty nation. Then let us keep our country's flag before us, and proudly hang one in each Castle Hall. A study of its gradual growth into its present form, with one cross upon another, is in itself a liberal education and will well repay the time and trouble, and enable us in future, when looking at that flag, to see through it down the vistas of the past the development of the British nation. It will make us better subjects of our Gracious Queen and better members of our order.

## JUBILEE.

Recently we celebrated the "Diamond Jubilee" of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria. On that occasion on the border the knights of Calais, Me., united with the knights in our domain to celebrate the event; a company of Maine's militia, the boys in blue, under arms by permission of the governments at Washington and Ottawa, along with the Canadian militia, took part in the parade. Major W. C. H. Grimmer of the Uniform Rank was chief marshal that day and in his handsome uniform and mounted on a coal black charger did himself and his regiment credit. The Uniform Rank knights preceded by a band and some staff officers mounted, in competition with the militia of two countries and other orders, won many compliments for their smart appearance and steadiness in marching. This event, which was really international, at least on the border between New Brunswick and Maine, has done much to cement the friendly feeling that has already existed. I have spoken of the knights' display at this particular place, for I know of it from personal observation. I have been informed that where in other places the knights took part in the processions they invariably did themselves and the order credit.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

The observation of Memorial Day is one of the truest expressions of the really unselfish purposes of our order. Let it never be neglected. Only those who have lost a near and dear friend or relative can for a moment feel the tender memories and undefined and sad but sweet emotions that are stirred, not alone in the breasts of the friends of our departed dead, but in the breasts of thousands of others whose loved ones lie close by, when they observe that year by year we pay a tribute to departed worth, place flowers on their graves and keep their memory green. Decoration Day is remembered and looked for by many people who have no other connection but this bond of sympathy with our order.

## OFFICIAL CIRCULAR LETTERS.

Many official letters were sent out that were of only local or temporary interest and have no doubt been read in our respective lodges and with the contents of which the members are familiar. I will therefore encumber this report with only two, which contain information directed to be circulated by the supreme officers and will well bear repetition and re-reading.

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., November 26th, 1896.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I desire to call your attention to a synopsis of two Supreme Official Circulars, sent me to enforce as Grand Chancellor. If they effect your lodge kindly take action to set the matter right at once.

*Supreme Circular "B".*—Lodges must procure a sufficient number of knights' jewels for their members; any lodge that persists in using the red collar must have its charter suspended. (Read Supreme Statutes No. 117 and 320).

*Supreme Circular "C".*—"In no instance shall a Master of the Work be installed into his office until the jewel" (of his office) "has been provided."

Dear Brother, let me urge upon you to make my term as Grand Chancellor, and yours as my Deputy Grand Chancellor, a success, by lending me your most loyal efforts to excite enthusiasm in the members of your lodge that they may try honestly and continuously to increase its membership, and also that they will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to start new lodges.

All this can be done, but it means earnest, persistent work.

Fraternally yours,

J. MELVILLE DEACON,  
Grand Chancellor.

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Milltown, N. B., May 27, 1897.

To the Chancellor Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Lodge, No. ———

BRETHREN,—In this letter I address you on a number of subjects and I trust you will give due attention to each one, and that where action is required by your lodge it will be taken promptly. (Let me say right here, not in any fault finding way, but with the hope of expediting this business in each lodge, for I am sending this out as a circular letter, that the labor incident to my office has been much in-

creased, and the prompt and proper performance of my duties rendered difficult or impossible, by the procrastination of some lodges or officers.)

1st. I enclose the Report of our Supreme Representatives, as directed by Grand Lodge Constitution, Article VI, Section 11. This report, which should have been received by me immediately after the Supreme Lodge meeting, was only put into my hands yesterday, May 26th, 1897.

2nd. I have received a lengthy letter from the Supreme Chancellor, from which I quote, and which explains itself :

"I assume that all the Subordinate Lodges have the Supreme Constitution and Statutes as well as their own Grand Constitution and Statutes; but I know the Subordinate Lodges are not in possession of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the order. These decisions are bound in two small volumes and cost 50 cents each. They can be purchased of R. L. C. White, of Nashville, Tennessee, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal of the order. I am very desirous that you should call the attention of the Subordinate Lodges in your domain to these volumes of Pythian law and request each Subordinate Lodge to send to R. L. C. White for the same. They are published by the Supreme Lodge and sold at actual cost, fifty cents per volume."

3rd. I have received a circular letter from the chairman of the Committee on the Rathbone Fund. The object of this fund is as you know to erect a memorial or monument in Utica, N. Y., at the grave of the late Justus H. Rathbone, founder of our order. I am sure so worthy an object will appeal to your generosity and that you will promptly and freely respond; particularly as it is authorized by the Supreme Chancellor, and is the first and only appeal that I have authorized to be circulated in this domain, although I have had frequent applications for such permission. The following extract sufficiently explains the matter :

"In order that the work of gathering the contributions may be systematic and prompt, the committee request (Grand Chancellors concurring) that the several Subordinate Lodges throughout the Supreme Domain forward the amount, equal to ten cents per member, to the Grand Master or Exchequer, in their respective domains, and that he forward the combined contributions to Hon. Thomas G. Sample, Treasurer, Allegheny, Penn., who is custodian of the fund, and who will promptly acknowledge all contributions."

4th. As you are aware, numbers of knights are suspended annually from our order for non-payment of dues. For various reasons, perhaps preoccupation and the cares of business, or possibly family afflictions, some of our brightest and best, those who were at one time active in the lodge, have thus fallen behind and the inexorable laws of the order have operated to exclude them from meeting with us, however much we desired to retain them and they regretted to find themselves suspended. I have hoped and tried to have it happen that no member should be suspended for non-payment of dues during my term of office. To that end I wrote each lodge last semi-annual term asking that before a member was suspended his name should be sent to me that I might have an opportunity to make a personal appeal. Some lodges responded, but I regret to say some others took no notice of my request and suspended their delinquent ones without giving me that opportunity to try and save them to the lodge that I requested. The Supreme Statute, No. 326, says the fee for reinstatement shall not be less than the amount of one year's dues nor greater than the minimum fee charged for the ranks of knighthood. Now in most of our lodges the amount of annual dues is \$5.00, and, as the minimum amount charged for the ranks is \$10.00, the fee would of necessity range between those figures. I therefore desire to make this proposition: that each lodge shall at once vote to accept the sum of \$5.00 in full payment of all arrearages from any member liable, at the beginning of next term, to be suspended; also to accept the said sum of \$5.00 from any who have been suspended, who desire and will accept reinstatement, and are of course desired by the lodge. I ask you to give me the opportunity of making this proposition to each member in arrears and each member suspended. Send me two lists, one with the name and address of all liable to suspension, with amount of dues that will have accrued by July 1st, and a second list of all who have been suspended, and whom the lodge would receive back, with name and address and amounts for which suspended. Enclose a sufficient number of application forms for reinstatement, so that I can fill one out for each member, that his work may be made easy and that all he will have to do will be to enclose his \$5.00 with the application to your lodge. If you



have not the blanks, however, I will secure them from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. I hope in this way to save to your lodge some members and, possibly, restore to you others. I trust you are as much in earnest in this matter as I am, and that you will at once send me a full list as above indicated. If more attention is not paid to this letter than was given my last on this subject, I shall certainly feel that there is a serious lack of interest in this matter of suspension. If the trouble is with the lodge, let the lodge wake up; if the trouble is with the officer, let the lodge wake that officer up. See to it that officers do their duty, and if they draw pay, see to it that they do not draw their pay and at the same time neglect their duties.

5th. Make an honest effort to increase the membership of your lodge. Make one more effort to start a new lodge before August. This order has conferred an honor and a benefit on each member whom it has accepted into the Pythian family and made him co-equal with, and given him a claim upon, 500,000 of the best and brightest men in all the walks of life on this continent. What have you done for it? Have you honestly done your duty to your lodge and to your Grand Domain? Have you tried in the slightest measure to aid your Chancellor Commander to increase the numbers in your own lodge? Have you made the slightest effort to aid your Grand Chancellor to increase the number of lodges in this Grand Domain? If not, why not?

6th. The Grand Lodge will meet in Halifax on the second Tuesday of August next. The Uniform Rank will meet at Halifax on the same date. Rumors have reached me that for some reason, in some lodges, there seems to be an uncertainty about this matter. I want it now distinctly understood, once and for all, that the matter was settled, both for the Grand Lodge and for the Uniform Rank, at Moncton, in August of last year, that the meeting of the Grand Lodge and field day of the Uniform Rank would be held in Halifax this year, and in Halifax they will be held. I want this matter distinctly understood, so that no uncertainty may exist, but that from this date each one may look toward Halifax and make preparation for that meeting. I want to see every member of the Uniform Rank in line in Halifax, and let us make, even in that military city, a demonstration to be proud of—a demonstration that will do credit to the Knights of Pythias and not bring it into contempt. I desire to see every Past Chancellor in attendance upon the meetings of the Grand Lodge. Every Past Chancellor should be there, has a right there, is eligible for any office and can take part in all proceedings, discussions, etc. The object of sending delegates is simply to equalize the strength of lodges when a motion is put to a vote. I want to see the officers of every lodge at the meeting in Halifax. They should be there, to learn all they can about the order, the secret work, and the proper manner of conferring ranks. Every officer who appreciates his office and has the slightest interest in the order will be there. I hope to see every member of the Subordinate Lodges in Halifax at the School of Instruction. I want him to take a pleasant holiday trip, that will be at the same time profitable and also demonstrate in that magnificent city something of the size and importance of our order in this domain.

The Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and the Major General of the Uniform Rank have accepted my invitation to be present at said Grand Lodge convention. This is a most important event in the history of our order in the Maritime Provinces, and I trust that nothing will be left undone, under such circumstances, to make that meeting a success. An opportunity is thus offered for each member to see and meet the leaders, the chief men of the order, of whom we read so much.

It is my purpose, where such a grand opportunity offers, to have a School of Instruction, where every Subordinate Lodge member can be addressed by the Supreme Chancellor and Major General, and instructed in the secret work, so that henceforth it may be uniform in this domain, and where we can have the three ranks exemplified by competent and well instructed teams. I am sure that if the members of all lodges in this domain will aid me, we can and will have at

Halifax the best meeting in every sense of the word that this domain has yet seen. We owe it to the lodge there, we owe it to the domain and we owe it to ourselves.

In conclusion, Brethren, I ask you to give each subject mentioned your careful consideration, and where action is necessary thereon let that action be taken promptly. The time is short, and we have much to do in the next two months to bring this official year to a successful termination. I have tried to perform my duties faithfully, but have fallen far short of the ideal I have kept in view. Let us, then, unite to make the best use of the few weeks that are left, in which we can work together. If I can aid any lodge or any brother, I am at your service. If you can aid me, (and you can aid me very much by acting on some of the suggestion, offered,) I trust, in fact I feel assured, that you will do so.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

J. MELVILLE DEACON, *Grand Chancellor.*

#### UNIFORM RANK.

This is a most important feature and deserves every encouragement at our hands. It is of the greatest service in advertising our order, and attracts the most active and enthusiastic of the knights. These men go to increased expense, devote extra time for military training, and stand ready for escort duty, parades, rank work and other service, many times at great personal inconvenience. Do we sufficiently appreciate, encourage and foster this branch of our fraternity? Do we accord it that enthusiastic support it so justly receives in many other Grand Domains? And if not, then why not? It is not too late to go to the rescue of those earnest, worthy knights who have labored to keep the present companies alive and make this branch of the order a success. Let us recognize their presence and encourage their assembling at the time of the Grand Lodge convention by offering prizes for competitive drills and other inducements of a tangible character. Let us encourage every lodge, whose membership will warrant it, to form a company of the rank. It will not only draw new members into the lodge, but tend to hold them when they get there.

#### ENDOWMENT RANK.

I have said so much about life insurance and the Endowment Rank in the different lodges that it seems almost superfluous here. It stands to protect from hunger and want our loved ones when the strong arm of the husband and father has been removed. Will any thoughtful knight neglect that first duty to his home? Where the Endowment Rank is properly encour-

aged and guarded there will be few suspensions for non-payment of dues.

VISIT OF SUPREME OFFICERS.

Early in December, 1896, I invited the Supreme Chancellor and the Major-General to visit this domain and meet with us in our Grand Lodge convention in Halifax. Both promptly and kindly accepted the invitation. Under date of July 24th, 1897, however, the Supreme Chancellor, Brother Colgrove, wrote me as follows: "I did not relinquish the hope of being with your provinces at its next convention until a few weeks ago. If your domain meets, as I have no doubt it will, in August, 1898, I shall visit your domain the last one before attending the Supreme Lodge at Indianapolis."

Under date of July 31st, 1897, the Major-General wrote me as follows: "When I received your invitation to attend your Grand Lodge I was in earnest in telling you that I would be at the Grand Lodge convention, and knew nothing different until the middle of June. The Supreme Chancellor requests me to say to you, and, through you, to the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, that he would arrange his programme for next year so that if the Grand Lodge convention of the Maritime Provinces would convene the first week of August, 1898, he would arrange his affairs and mine so that we, together, shall be at your Grand Lodge convention. It will be necessary to hold that convention the first week in August if the Supreme Chancellor attends, so that he can return in time to complete his final work for the convention of the Supreme Lodge."

These extracts from the letters of the Supreme Chancellor and Major-General hardly do those officers justice, for their reasons for the change of programme are fully stated and entirely satisfactory, and confirm a previously formed opinion that they are earnestly laboring to accomplish the almost impossible task of giving each of the Grand Domains a full share of their attention. Let us in charity wish them every pleasure and comfort to be derived from their trying but noble work, with health and strength to persevere until the very end.

We will all heartily regret that they cannot be with us this year; but let us now look hopefully to the meeting of 1898, determined to work together with a single aim to make the

coming year and next convention the grandest success that the Maritime Provinces have ever seen; and get our lodges, members and Uniform Rank companies in line to give those officers a royal welcome and make their visit here a pleasure to themselves and a red-letter day in the history of our domain.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted for your consideration:—

1. That a charter be issued to Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16, Grand Manan.
2. That a charter be issued to Victorian Lodge, No. 17, Port Greville.
3. That the fees for the issuance and deposit of a transfer card shall be one dollar. (Supplement to Supreme Statute, No. 274. The fixing of fees in such cases does not seem to be a power reserved to the Supreme Lodge by its constitution, and that no question may arise I make this suggestion).
4. Provide by law that the the last order of business of a subordinate lodge shall be as follows; "The counting of the rituals by the Master-at-Arms and his report to the Chancellor Commander." (Supplement No. 392).
5. That the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge for 1898 be fixed, as suggested by the Major General, for the first week in August.
6. That the constitution of subordinate lodges shall provide for a fund separate from the General Fund, to be known as a Special Fund, and to be used for providing entertainments, or other purposes that would reflect credit upon the order. Such fund to consist of donations that may be made to it, and the profits of entertainments given by the lodge.

(Authority would be Supreme Statute No. 330).

#### COURTESIES ACKNOWLEDGED.

I would be false to all feelings of gratitude should I close my official work without taking this opportunity of acknowledging the uniform kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me by the lodges and members of this domain. Their many evidences of friendship and confidence I fully appreciate and will gratefully remember. To name them all in detail would be impossible, but to the Supreme Master-at-Arms, the Supreme Representatives and past grand officers I am much indebted. I have been loyally supported and greatly aided in my work by each of the Grand Lodge officers, but particularly by the Grand Master of Exchequer, Brother Logan, M. P., and by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Henry. Especially am I indebted to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for his many favors,

great assistance and untiring efforts to aid me in the discharge of my duties. To him in a large measure belongs the credit for such success as may have crowned the humble efforts of this administration.

## CONCLUSION.

My report has become much longer than I anticipated that it would be when I commenced to write, and yet I have left unsaid much that I would like to say. My labor as Grand Chancellor has far exceeded even my remotest conception of what it would be, and yet I have left undone much that ought to have been done; much that I would have liked to do. I have sought to do my duty, tried to do it just and right; and if, in my inexperience or zeal, I "have left undone those things which I ought to have done, or done those things which I ought not to have done," I assure you that it was an error of the head and not of the heart. I return the jewel of office, I hope untarnished, I trust a little brighter. I thank you for the honor you conferred upon and the confidence you reposed in me. And now may the Giver of every good gift speed the order and richly shower His blessings upon its every member. I have the honor to be,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

*J. M. DeLoach*  
Grand Chancellor.

### Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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St. Stephen, N. B., August 9, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv

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

BRETHREN,—It is once more my duty, according to the requirements of the constitution, to render to you a report of the work and business of this office.

During the past year, notwithstanding the continued evidence of dull times, our order has maintained its former growth. I am much pleased to state that at the close of the term ended June thirtieth, the semi-annual reports of lodges show an increase in membership of eighty over the previous year. This increase, however, as you will notice by the tables which form the bulk of my report, is largely due to the addition of three new lodges.

While the membership of lodges existing one year ago shows only a very slight increase, the assets of these lodges are more than satisfactory. The increase over that of last year is over twenty-five hundred dollars.

The benefits paid by lodges during the year amounted to eight hundred and forty-four dollars and thirty-four cents.

During the past year our loss, by death, numbered eight. Among those who have thus left us forever is one, at least, whose cheery countenance and friendly grasp, the members of this Grand Lodge will long remember. Past Chancellor William Robb, one of the oldest members of New Brunswick lodge, St. John, was indeed one of the most conscientious of men, and as a friend was ever ready to do his utmost to care for the sick and sorrowing and thus exemplify the teachings of our order.

The following table has been prepared with the view of giving

members of this domain an idea of our growth since Grand Lodge was instituted :

Grand Chancellor.	No. Lodges.	Date.	Members.	Increase for year.	Total Am't Benefits p'd.	Gross Assets.
James Moulson....	5	June 30, '86	333	..	\$ 255.12	\$3,596.15
James Moulson....	5	do. '87	397	64	736.97	3,998.21
James Moulson....	6	do. '88	418	21	522.54	7,624.52
Murray Fleming....	6	do. '89	467	49	896.10	8,697.69
W. C. H. Grimmer..	*8	do. '90	578	111	1229.12	9,510.69
E. A. Powers.....	9	do. '91	701	123	1540.21	10,718.14
J. Fenwick Fraser..	10	do. '92	834	133	1470.40	12,234.80
Frank L. Peers....	12	do. '93	959	125	1566.63	14,295.54
James D. Fowler... W. B. Nicholson....	14 †13	do. '94 do. '95	1051 1115	92 64	1511.73 1855.96	16,516.50 17,437.31
Hedley V. Cooper..	14	do. '96	1193	78	2174.05	18,510.78
J. Melville Deacon..	17	do. '97	1273	80	1844.34	21,508.74

\* Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, instituted August 27, 1889 during Brother Fleming's term as Grand Chancellor.

† No. 12 handed in their charter during Brother Nicholson's term, which properly ought to have been surrendered during Brother Fowler's term, as said lodge had ceased to meet as required by constitution.

It will thus be seen that, during our eleven years existence as a Grand Lodge, the sum of fifteen thousand, six hundred and three dollars and seventeen cents have been paid for relief by subordinate lodges; our membership has increased from three hundred and thirty-three to twelve hundred and seventy-three; and lodge assets from three thousand, five hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifteen cents to twenty-one thousand, five hundred and eight dollars and seventy-four cents.

I beg to offer for your consideration a synoptic report of

#### THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

Membership June 30, 1896,		1193
Admitted during the year,	124	
Admitted by card,	18	
Reinstated,	11	
Total additions,		153
		1346
Number of members suspended during the year,	38	
Do do withdrawn by card,	27	
Do do deceased,	8	
Total deductions,		73
Membership June 30, 1897,		1273

## RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors,	-	-	10	
Past Chancellors,	-	-	227	
Knights,	-	-	1027	
Esquires,	-	-	7	
Pages,	-	-	2	
				1273

## SUBORDINATE LODGE FINANCES.

Assets June 30, 1896,	-	-	-	\$18,510 78
Cash receipts for year,	-	-	-	7,808 42
Increased value of lodge property,	-	-	-	3,163 21
				\$29,482 41
Cash paid for sick benefits,	-	-	\$1,544 34	
Do funeral benefits,	-	-	300 00	
Do current expenses,	-	-	6,129 32	
				7,973 66
Assets June 30, 1897,	-	-	-	\$21,508 75
Amount of Widow and Orphan fund, (included above)	-	-	-	5,588 17
Net gain for the year,	-	-	-	2,997 96

## GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Cash on hand August 10, 1896,	-	-	-	665 18
Receipts for year ended August 9, 1897,	-	-	-	915 16
				\$1,580 34
Paid out as per warrants,	-	-	-	773 97
				\$806 37
Cash balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	-	-	-	61 00
Cash value of supplies in Grand Lodge office,	-	-	-	135 00
Value of Grand Lodge furniture,	-	-	-	
Total assets of Grand Lodge,	-	-	-	\$1,002 37

So far as I know there are no bills due by Grand Lodge, and as usual subordinate lodges have settled in full amounts due by them.

The following table shows the amounts contributed by the several lodges during the year :



Lodge.	Per Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Dispensa- tions.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1	\$88 75	\$17 30	.....	\$106 05
Union, No. 2	101 75	21 30	\$4 00	127 05
Westmoreland, No. 3	54 75	12 10	.....	66 85
Frontier, No. 4	52 50	8 25	4 00	64 75
Cumberland, No. 5	45 25	7 90	.....	53 15
Fredericton, No. 6	41 50	10 90	.....	52 40
Ivanhoe, No. 7	44 00	5 50	.....	49 50
Border, No. 8	30 75	7 00	.....	37 75
Senside, No. 9	17 75	4 40	1 00	23 15
Myrtle, No. 10	34 25	8 45	3 00	45 70
Chignecto, No. 11	32 00	6 65	.....	38 65
Halifax, No. 12	8 25	13 05	.....	21 30
Kenilworth, No. 13	23 75	7 70	2 00	33 45
Far East, No. 14	19 00	.....	.....	19 00
Bridgewater, No. 15	9 25	.....	.....	9 25
Southern Cross, No. 16	5 25	76 98	.....	82 23
Victorian, No. 17	4 50	70 43	.....	74 93
Total	\$613 25	\$277 91	\$14 00	\$905 16
Grand Lodge Cards issued to Members of No. 12	.....	.....	.....	10 00
				\$915 16

The receipts, as above, have been paid over as usual to the Grand Master of Exchequer, and I hold his receipts for same.

#### A SUGGESTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF GRAND LODGE.

There is a matter to which I desire to call the attention of Grand Lodge, and which, if acted on, would greatly facilitate the getting out of our journal of proceedings. It has been customary for the Grand Chancellor, as one of his first duties after installation, to request lodges to name a Past Chancellor in good standing to act as his deputy. Some lodges promptly respond to the call, while many put off the matter from week to week, and before all have replied, six or eight weeks have elapsed. Grand Lodge constitution, article vi, section 3, defining the duties of the Grand Chancellor, provides that he "shall at the annual convention immediately following his installation, appoint a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge." If lodges attended to this matter of making a selection of a Past Chancellor for this purpose at the time they elect Grand Lodge Representatives, the delay in publishing journal of proceedings would be overcome.

#### CONCLUSION.

I cannot close my report without referring to the promptness of the several lodges in answering correspondence from this office,

and the kindness and consideration shown me by brother knights during the eight years I have held the responsible position of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

While the work of this office becomes greater year by year, as we continue to grow in membership, these duties are much easier to accomplish when it is my privilege to have such an able pilot as you saw fit to elect at the last convention of Grand Lodge. Grand Chancellor Deacon is too well known to the membership of our domain to require any word of praise from me. His works speak for his Pythian zeal.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. HENRY,

*Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

## Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

Amherst, N. S., August 9, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.*To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:*

I have the honor to submit the eleventh annual report of receipts and detailed statement of expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ended August 9, 1897.

		<i>Receipts.</i>		
1896.	To balance per annual report August 10, 1896,	....	\$665 18	
1897.	Cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.	....	915 16	
			\$1580 34	
		<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Nov. 9.	By chk. 137, Supreme Lodge, supplies to date	\$70 89		
Dec. 26.	Do 138, J. M. Deacon, on account expenses	25 00		
	Do 139, J. C. Henry, on account salary	75 00		
1897.				
Jan. 5.	Do 140, R. S. Daggett, stationery	1 75		
Feb. 27.	Do 141, St. Croix Courier, printing journals	58 65		
Mar. 1.	Do 142, J. Vroom & Co., stationery	2 85		
	Do 143, Postage on Grand Lodge journals and freight and postage on Supreme Lodge journals	9 86		
	Do 144, St. Croix Courier, printing and stationery	32 50		
	Do 145, Supreme Lodge, tax and supplies to date	150 00		
	Do 146, Insurance Grand Lodge property (\$200 for 3 years)	2 40		
8.	Do 147, J. M. Deacon, on account expenses	25 00		
May 24.	Do 148, R. Heans, binding Grand Lodge journals	6 00		
	Do 149, Supreme Lodge, supplies to date	24 64		
July 16.	Do 150, J. M. Deacon, on account expenses	60 00		
	Do 151, Supreme Lodge, supplies to date	40 45		
31.	Do 152, J. C. Henry, postage, expressage, telegrams and rent of P. O. Box	32 23		
Aug. 2.	Do 153, St. Croix Courier, printing and stationery	17 75		
	Do 154, J. M. Deacon, balance of expenses for term	39 00		
	Do 155, J. C. Henry, balance salary and office rent	100 00		
	Balance on hand	806 37		
			\$1580 34	

Fraternally yours,

H. J. LOGAN,

*Grand Master of Exchequer.*

## Supreme Representatives' Report.

HALIFAX, AUGUST, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—Your representatives, in company with Supreme Inner Guard James Moulson, attended the convention of the Supreme Lodge, held at Cleveland, Ohio, in August last. As the daily proceedings were sent to each Past Chancellor each day during the convention, and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal promptly supplied the Grand and Subordinate Lodges with copies of the proceedings, it will be unnecessary to refer to them all at this time.

### SUPREME CHANCELLOR RICHIE.

Supreme Chancellor Walter B. Richie, who discharged his responsible duties so nobly, is only known to be loved, honored and respected by everyone with whom he comes in contact.

During the afternoon session of the first day, Brother Richie presented to each member of the Supreme Lodge, with his compliments, a "Pythian Album," containing half-tone portraits of every member of the Supreme Government, printed on plate paper and handsomely bound in blue cloth.

No gift ever bestowed was more appreciated than this one was by the members of the Supreme Lodge. An extract from Brother Richie's report in re the German question is worthy of reproduction, as it lays aside that feeling of "America for the Americans." The extract is as follows:

"Wherever found, the true Knight of Pythias is loyal to his country and the laws of the land.

"Everyone recognizes that the highest type of citizenship can only exist with some knowledge of the language of the country in which he lives.

"The Order of Knights of Pythias, standing for country, for law and for good citizenship, simply asks that its membership familiarize themselves with the language of the country where they reside.

"It is no war on foreigners, it is no reflection on foreign lands or the tongue of foreign countries, for to cast such reflection would be a reflection upon the ancestors of all of us, for no one can go back many generations without finding his ancestors resident of some one of the lands beyond the sea."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to December 31st, 1895, shows 6,494 subordinate lodges, a gain of 496 since December 31st, 1893, and the number of members to be 464,539, a gain of 20,924 since December 31st, 1893, and, by reports sent by the different Grand Keepers of Records and Seal to the Supreme Chancellor, gives the increase from December 31st, 1895, to June 30th, 1896, to be more than 9,000.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Receipts for the year ending March 31st, 1895, during which time the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal received all moneys due the Uniform Rank, were \$75,531.76, and for the year ending March 31st, 1896, during which time the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal received no money from the Uniform Rank, the receipts were \$79,009.45, an increase of 3,477.69, without the receipts from the Uniform Rank. Cash balance on hand March 31st, 1896, \$35,897.29. The expenditure for relief in the year 1895 was \$1,250,696.43.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The membership in this domain shows little increase over the two years just past. The following is from the report of the Board of Control:

“At the convention in Washington in 1894 we reported all debts paid and a balance on hand of \$35,400.89, but it is still more gratifying for us to report at this convention a membership of 45,136, with an endowment of \$88,434,000, an increase of 10,452 in membership and of \$14,366,000 in endowment, over the statement of two years ago, with a surplus on hand of \$130,827.33.”

This should inspire all those contemplating placing any insurance on their lives for the benefit of their loved ones to the necessity of insuring in the Endowment Rank, as it is safe and sure, and in Brother John A. Hinsey, President of the Board of Control, has no equal.

UNIFORM RANK.

The Major General and Supreme Council of the Uniform Rank presented a new ritual for the rank, it being read by the Major General, and was adopted by the Supreme Lodge with some changes. But after the Supreme Lodge closed its convention in Cleveland the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal took action with the Supreme

Chancellor and Major General, before the Supreme Tribunal, on the ground that the vote taken on the adoption of the new ritual was not sufficient for the Supreme Chancellor to declare the ritual adopted. The ground taken by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal has been sustained by the Supreme Tribunal and we will continue to work under the old ritual.

#### CONDITION OF THE RANK.

The report of the Major General shows a steady increase in the rank. On March 31st, 1894, there were 1,107 divisions, with a membership of 43,036, and on March 31st, 1896, there were 1,174 divisions, with a membership of 44,960.

#### SUPREME CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES.

The Supreme Constitution and Statutes were amended in some particulars, where they were found not in conformity with law.

#### GRAND LODGES.

A large number of grand domains have not adopted the judiciary department—that of a grand tribunal, allowed by the Supreme Lodge—and we do not recommend its adoption in this domain.

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Any legislation in regard to the subordinate lodges did not materially alter previous legislation, except that Section 397, Chapter 1, Title VIII, of the Supreme Statutes, in re semi-annual password.

“Be it enacted by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, that section 397, Chapter 1, Title VIII, of the Supreme Statutes be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current semi-annual password to any member of the order who has attained the rank of knight, whose indebtedness to the lodge is paid to the beginning of the term for which such password is issued and who is otherwise in good standing in the subordinate lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this statute.”

#### RATHBONE SISTERS.

The Rathbone Sisters held their biennial convention in Cleveland at the same time as the Supreme Lodge, and are a credit to the order.

#### GERMAN QUESTION.

The German ritual question came up again for a good deal of discussion, but the statute passed in Kansas City in 1892 and con-

firmed again in Washington in 1894, was again concurred in, and only the English ritual will be allowed.

#### RATHBONE MONUMENT.

The special committee appointed by the Supreme Lodge to solicit subscriptions for a monument to the founder of our order, report progress, that they have about \$6000, but will require \$10,000 before a start can be made.

#### APPROPRIATION TO DAUGHTERS OF THE FOUNDER.

The annuity of thirty dollars a month to the daughters of the founder was continued.

#### SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS.

Past Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry installed the officers of the Supreme Lodge as follows :

PHILLIP T. COLGROVE, Supreme Chancellor, Grand Domain of Michigan.

THOMAS G. SAMPLE, Supreme Vice Chancellor, Grand Domain of Pennsylvania.

ALBERT STEINHART, Supreme Prelate, Grand Domain of Alabama.

ROBERT L. C. WHITE, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Domain of Tennessee.

THOMAS D. MEARS, Supreme Master of Exchequer, Grand Domain of North Carolina.

JAMES MOULSON, Supreme Master-at-Arms, Grand Domain of Maritime Provinces.

HARRY A. BIGELOW, Supreme Inner Guard, Grand Domain of Washington.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, Supreme Outer Guard, Grand Domain of District of Columbia.

JOHN A. HINSEY, President of the Board of Control, Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Major General of the Uniform Rank, Indianapolis, Ind.

Your representatives are pleased to record the name of our esteemed Brother James Moulson of this Grand Domain as Supreme Master-at-Arms, it being a just and fitting promotion to one who has labored earnestly and well for the cause of Pythianism since its inception into any other country than the United States. We believe the Grand Lodge and the membership throughout this Grand Domain will join with their representatives in their appreciation of his promotion.

The next biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1898.

Fraternally submitted.

MURRAY FLEMING,

W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER,

*Supreme Representatives.*

On behalf of the Committee on Distribution, Brother Henry read their report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

### Report of Committee on Distribution.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

Your Committee on Distribution of Reports beg leave to suggest that the report of Grand Chancellor and the recommendations contained therein be taken up and considered by this Grand Lodge, and the report published in the Journal of Proceedings, and that the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

JAMES MOULSON,  
W. C. H. GRIMMER,  
F. L. PEERS,

*Committee.*

Report of Finance Committee read, which was on motion received and adopted.

### Report of Committee on Finance.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., AUGUST 9, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Having examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, we find them correct and properly vouched for.

Balance on hand per last report, .....	.....	.....	\$665 18
Received for year ending August 9, 1897, .....	.....	.....	915 16
	Grand Total, ✓	.....	1580 34
Less disbursements for year, .....	.....	.....	773 97
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, .....	.....	.....	806 37
Supplies on hand in office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, .....	.....	.....	61 00
Cash value Grand Lodge furniture, .....	.....	.....	135 00
Making grand total of Grand Lodge assets, .....	.....	.....	\$1002 37

We wish to express our appreciation of the correct manner in which we found the accounts kept and the vouchers therefor, and



trust the above showing will be appreciated by the members of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

A. H. GRAHAM,  
PARKER GRIMMER,  
A. DODGE,  
*Committee.*

Past Grand Chancellor Cooper read report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, which was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [Report will be found in Appendix.]

The Grand Inner Guard reported past chancellors in the ante-room desiring to receive the Grand Lodge rank, and the Grand Master-at Arms, by order of the Grand Chancellor, retired and introduced the following brothers :

Thomas B. Donohue,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
H. C. Jenks,	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
P. L. Spicer,	do do
A. W. Atkinson,	do do

It was moved, seconded and carried that Brother R. E. Armstrong, of No. 9, be appointed official reporter for the Grand Lodge convention.

On the calling of roll of lodges for communications, etc., Brother G. F. Chamberlain, of Chignecto lodge, inquired as to the standing of a brother who was six months in arrears, which was answered by the Grand Chancellor. There was nothing further brought forward from any other lodge.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows, and the report was received, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes :

#### Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have to report that no questions have come before us during the past year.

R. H. COOPER,  
E. WOODWORTH,  
A. J. FOWLIE,  
S. R. CANNING,  
R. E. ARMSTRONG,  
*Committee.*

The report of Printing Committee was next read. The same was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

### Report of Committee on Printing.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

Your Committee on Printing beg to report that they have had printed during the year the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and officers including the Journal of Proceedings of last convention. The work has been done at the lowest cost and the bills all paid.

J. C. HENRY,  
F. L. PEERS,  
C. A. McQUEEN, M. D.,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted their report. The same was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

### Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

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

Your Committee on Law and Supervision beg leave to report that we have had no business to transact during the interval, nor questions submitted for our consideration.

W. C. H. GRIMMER,  
JAMES MOULSON,  
MURRAY FLEMING,  
*Committee.*

Past Chancellor J. C. Orner, of Far East Lodge, No. 14, St. Johns, Newfoundland, was reported in the ante room. The Grand Master-at-Arms retired and introduced the brother on whom the Grand Lodge rank was conferred in ritualistic form.

Grand Chancellor Deacon stated that in bringing paraphernalia from St. John for exemplification of long form rank work he had incurred a small debt for insurance, freight, etc.

It was moved, seconded and resolved that an order be drawn on the Grand Master of Exchequer for the amount.

The election of officers being the next order of business, the

Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for the several offices.

Past Grand Chancellor Fowler and Grand Representative W. H. Laughlin, M. D., were appointed tellers.

Nominations were made as follows :

For Grand Chancellor—J. M. Deacon, of No. 8 ; F. A. Godsoe, of No. 2.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—F. A. Godsoe, of No. 2.

For Grand Prelate—W. E. Dummer, of No. 1 ; J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5.

For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. C. Henry, of No. 4.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—H. J. Logan, of No. 11.

For Grand Master-at-Arms—W. E. Sherard, of No. 3 ; W. C. Black, of No. 5.

For Grand Inner Guard—H. L. Cole, of No. 12.

For Grand Outer Guard—W. S. Vaughan, of No. 1 ; Rev. D. T. Porter, of No. 10.

A ballot for the office of Grand Chancellor gave Brother Deacon a majority of votes ; the Grand Prelate's office was voted to Brother Gilroy ; while the offices of Grand Master-at-Arms and Grand Outer Guard were awarded to Brothers Sherard and Porter.

There being but one nomination for each of the offices of Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Inner Guard, the presiding officer instructed the Grand Master-at-Arms to deposit a ballot for each of the nominees, which he did.

The returns of the tellers being handed in, the Grand Chancellor declared the following elected officers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,

F. A. GODSOE,

J. F. GILROY,

J. C. HENRY,

H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,

W. E. SHERARD,

H. L. COLE,

REV. D. T. PORTER,

Grand Chancellor.

Grand Vice Chancellor.

Grand Prelate.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Grand Master of Exchequer.

Grand Master-at-Arms.

Grand Inner Guard.

Grand Outer Guard.

For the office of Grand Lodge Trustee, Representatives S. Tufts,

of No. 1, and R. E. Armstrong, of No. 9, were nominated. Brother Armstrong was elected.

Nominations for the office of Supreme Representative were made as follows: James D. Fowler, of No. 6; Murray Fleming, of No. 3, and Hedley V. Cooper, of No. 2. Brother Fowler was elected on the fourth ballot.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 1 o'clock, to meet again at 3 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 11, 1897.  
Pythian Period xxxiv.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 3 o'clock, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
E. WOODWORTH,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
A. H. ROBINSON,	Grand Inner Guard.
W. S. VAUGHAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced Brother W. H. Huggins, of No. 12, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge rank according to prescribed ritual.

The following resolution, presented by Representative R. E. Armstrong, seconded by Grand Master of Exchequer Logan, was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, representing the Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, recognizing the blessings that have followed the long and beneficent reign of our most gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria — blessings in which the members of this order have shared in common with other loyal subjects of Her Majesty — desires to place on record the deep sense of attachment and devotion it feels towards her crown and person, and at the same time to give expression to the heartfelt wish that a merciful Providence will spare her for many years to come to reign over a loving and loyal people.

*And Further Resolved*, That this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Grand Lodge convention.

The recommendation made by Committee on Distribution on Grand Chancellor's address was next taken up.

The reference made in Brother Deacon's report to the appointment of an organizer was referred to a special committee of Representatives R. E. Armstrong, W. Stewart and F. L. Peers, and Grand Chancellor, *ex officio*, to report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Supreme Representative Grimmer, Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were appointed a committee to prepare and have printed two thousand pamphlets setting forth the objects and aims of Pythianism, for the purpose of circulating the same in localities where the order is unknown or imperfectly understood.

The portion of Grand Chancellor's report referring to Washington, D. C., was ordered to lay on table.

A motion was passed to eliminate part of report beginning with the words "I want to call" to the words "Uniform Rank."

The recommendations of the Grand Chancellor were taken up and disposed of as follows :

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. No. 6 referred to Committee on Law and Supervision, to report at next convention of Grand Lodge.

It was finally resolved that the report of the Grand Chancellor, as amended, be adopted as a whole.

At the request of Brother Deacon, Supreme Master-at-Arms Moulson, with the assistance of Representative Woodworth, as Grand Prelate, and Past Grand Chancellor Murray Fleming, as Grand Master-at-Arms, installed the following into their respective offices :

J. M. DEACON, M. D.,	Grand Chancellor.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Prelate.
J. C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
H. J. LOGAN, M. P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. E. SHERARD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
H. L. COLE,	Grand Inner Guard.
REV. D. T. PORTER,	Grand Outer Guard.

Upon the invitation of Representatives from Frontier Lodge, No. 4, it was unanimously resolved that the next convention of Grand Lodge be held in the town of St. Stephen, on the first Tuesday in August, 1898.

Resolved that the salary of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be the same as last year — \$150.00, with \$25.00 for office rent.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Halifax Lodge for

generous hospitalities extended to Grand Lodge, which was gracefully acknowledged by Grand Representative H. L. Cole on behalf of No. 12.

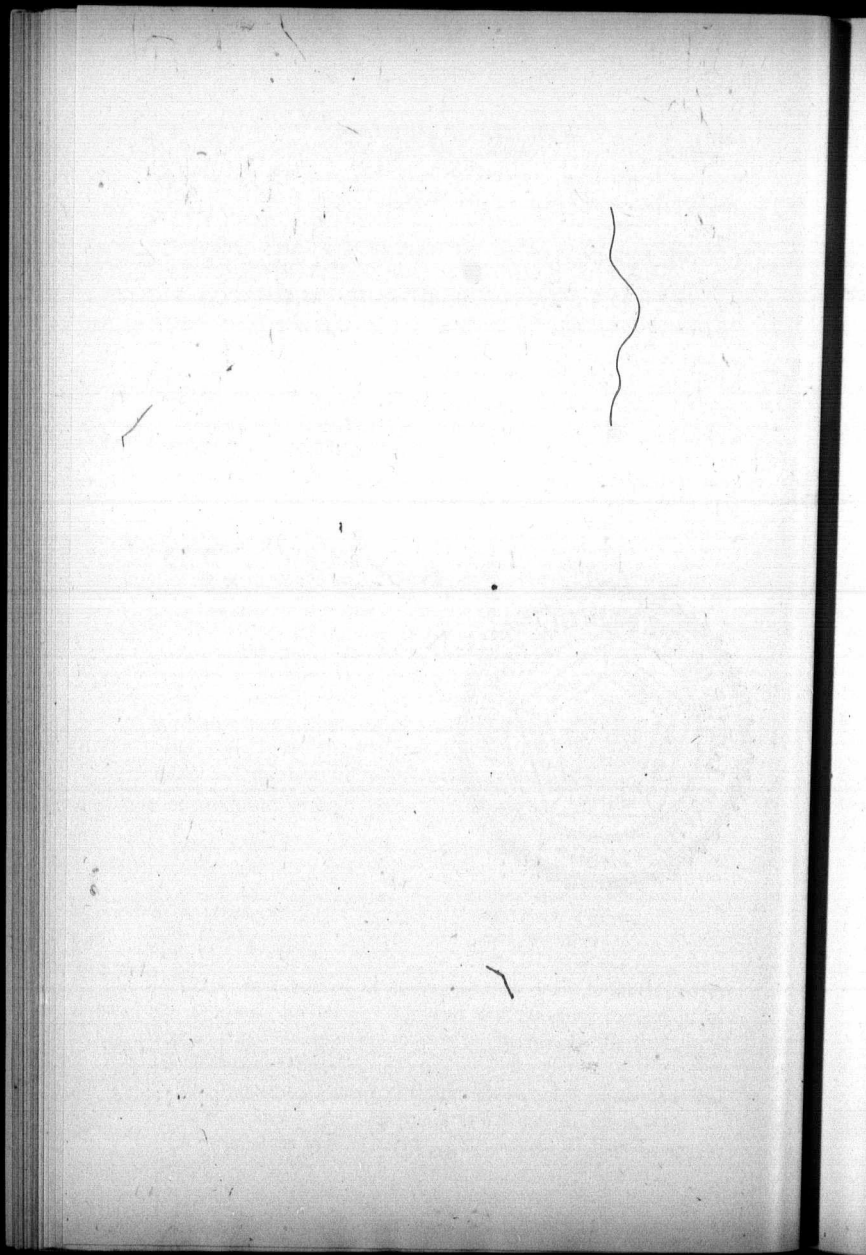
Votes of thanks were likewise tendered rank teams from New Brunswick and Union Lodges of St. John, replied to by Grand Vice Chancellor Godsoe; to Representative R. H. Cooper for able assistance rendered the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal during present convention; and to Representative R. E. Armstrong for discharging the duties of official reporter.

There being no further business presented, at 6.30, p. m., Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the first Tuesday in August, 1898, Pythian period xxxv, when its next annual convention will be held in the town of St. Stephen, N. B.

*J. C. Henry*

G. K. of R. and S.







## APPENDIX



## APPENDIX

### Cash Account of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 9, 1897.

	<i>Dr.</i>	
1895.		
Aug. 11.	To Cash, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	\$ 2 50
	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, .....	1 75
Oct. 10.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, .....	15
14.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, .....	2 15
	Do Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	15
19.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	15
Dec. 3.	Do Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16, .....	70 53
1897.		
Jan. 5.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8, .....	15 50
8.	Do Halifax Lodge, No. 12, .....	13 05
9.	Do Victorian Lodge, No. 17, .....	15 00
12.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	26 75
13.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4, .....	25 75
15.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, .....	22 00
18.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, .....	16 75
19.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	50 25
	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	9 00
20.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, .....	22 50
23.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	1 20
25.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, .....	16 25
	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, .....	44 25
Feb. 2.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, .....	11 50
3.	Do Victorian Lodge, No. 17, .....	53 08
	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, .....	22 25
	Do Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15, .....	4 50
24.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	1 00
25.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14, .....	10 00
Mar. 25.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, .....	6 50
April 15.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, .....	4 25
	Forward,	\$468 71

1897.		Brought forward,	\$468 71
April	30.	To Cash, Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, .....	3 40
May	1.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, .....	6 30
	3.	Do Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16, .....	1 25
	10.	Do Victorian Lodge, No. 17, .....	60
	20.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, .....	80
June	11.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	8 25
	15.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	6 90
	20.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	1 00
	28.	Do Victorian Lodge, No. 17, .....	1 75
July	7.	Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	9 35
	9.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, .....	17 50
	10.	Do Bridgewater Lodge, No. 15, .....	4 75
	12.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, .....	15 75
		Do Victorian Lodge, No. 17, .....	4 50
	14.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8, .....	21 15
		Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, .....	15 75
	15.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8, .....	1 10
	16.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, .....	55 50
	17.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4, .....	28 75
	19.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, .....	26 50
		Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, .....	21 75
		Do Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	51 50
		Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, .....	28 00
	20.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	14 25
	22.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, .....	6 70
		Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, .....	21 50
		Do Halifax Lodge, No. 12, .....	8 25
	28.	Do Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16, .....	6 25
	30.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4, .....	6 25
		Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, .....	6 65
July	30.	To Cash, Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	1 80
Aug.	2.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14, .....	9 00
	3.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, .....	5 50
	4.	Do Southern Cross Lodge, No. 16, .....	4 20
		Grand Chancellor Deacon, Cash received by him from his Deputies for Dispensations as follows :	
		Frontier Lodge, No. 4, .....	4 00
		Seaside Lodge, No. 9, .....	1 00
		Union Lodge, No. 2, .....	4 00
		Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13, .....	2 00
		Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, .....	3 00
		Five Grand Lodge Cards to members of old Halifax Lodge, .....	10 00
			<hr/>
			\$915 16
1897.		By Cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer during the year, .....	\$915 16

## Grand Lodge Furniture.

1 Grand Lodge Seal	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$12 00
1 Do Chromatic Seal	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
2 Electrotypes do	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Lot of Grand Lodge Journals, 1886-1896	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Grand Officers' Books	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
1 Trunk	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
1 Set Grand Lodge Jewels	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
1 Letter Press and attachments	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 90
1 Bookcase for holding proceedings of Grand Lodges	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25
3000 Blanks (Reports of M. of F., M. of E. and Past Chancellors' and Representatives' Credentials)	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
811 Semi-Annual Reports	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 35
					<u>\$135 00</u>

## Grand Lodge Supplies.

1500 Official Reports	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 9 00
500 Orders for S. A. P. W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
250 Delinquent Notices	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 89
750 Application Cards (A. B. C. and D.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50
22 Withdrawal Cards	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
10 Transfer Cards	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
20 Travelling Shields	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
1 Past Chancellor's Honor Certificate	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
2 Carnahan's Tactics, (latest edition)	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
2 Service Books	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
2 Grand Lodge Charters	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
1 Grand Representative's Jewel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
6 Grand Lodge Cards	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
286 Second Rank Blanks	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 86
					<u>\$61 00</u>

### Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1896.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total
New Brunswick	1	180	..	..	..	180	3	..	..	3	177	2	28	145	1	1	177
Union.....	2	205	2	..	1	208	2	4	1	7	201	2	29	169	..	..	201
Westmoreland	3	103	3	..	3	109	2	..	..	2	107	2	30	75	..	..	107
Frontier.....	4	105	3	..	..	108	..	4	1	5	103	1	17	84	..	..	103
Cumberland	5	94	4	..	..	98	1	8	..	9	89	1	20	68	..	..	89
Frederickton	6	82	..	..	1	83	3	..	1	4	79	1	16	62	..	..	79
Ivanhoe.....	7	92	5	..	..	97	3	4	..	7	90	1	13	76	..	..	90
Border.....	8	62	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	62	..	13	49	..	..	62
Seaside.....	9	36	1	..	..	37	..	1	..	1	36	..	9	27	..	..	36
Myrtle.....	10	66	1	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	67	..	10	57	..	..	67
Chignecto.....	11	65	1	..	..	66	1	..	..	3	65	..	9	55	1	..	65
Kenilworth	13	45	4	..	..	49	1	2	..	3	46	..	7	37	1	..	46
Far East.....	14	40	2	..	..	42	2	..	..	2	40	..	4	35	..	..	40
Bridgewater	15	18	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	18	..	3	15	..	..	18
Total.....		1193	26	..	5	1224	18	23	3	44	1180	10	208	959	3	5	1180

Abstracts of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31, 1896.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.	Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount of W. and O. Fund.		Total Assets at End of Term.	
		\$	c	\$	c		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c
New Brunswick.	1	2910	75	455	75	3366	50	792	96	1455	45	172	50	150	00	76	48	1176	93	4442	62
Union	2	4766	44	701	32	5527	76	1067	37	2602	41	130	00	150	00	402	14	1921	17	4920	39
Westmoreland.	3	2589	05	372	04	2961	99	329	04	1935	66	40	00	105	00	697	29	537	04	2632	95
Frontier	4	1185	03	181	00	1366	03	237	10	471	95	53	00	7	48	471	45	471	45	1128	93
Cumberland.	5	965	08	223	54	1190	62	221	05	556	13	4	00	13	44	13	44	140	12	969	57
Frederickton.	6	1546	64	209	64	1756	28	177	87	358	44	16	00	58	94	58	94	338	24	1578	41
Ivanhoe.	7	1038	30	276	96	1315	26	192	69	300	80	84	00	91	52	300	80	300	80	1122	57
Border	8	1097	49	103	00	1202	49	181	74	233	37	84	00	40	00	40	00	333	37	1070	01
Sensile	9	370	69	76	00	446	69	65	51	102	45	65	00	92	13	102	45	102	45	382	08
Myrtle	10	592	20	130	75	722	95	183	44	173	13	65	00	46	38	46	38	156	29	539	51
Chignecto.	11	345	38	103	00	498	38	73	84	100	00	8	00	104	54	104	54	16	20	424	54
Kenilworth	12	475	00	193	77	668	77	115	52	9	00	9	00	103	70	103	70	10	00	497	76
Far East	13	504	01	109	00	613	01	138	77	160	00	9	00	177	81	177	81	10	00	467	81
Bridgewater.	14	123	82	40	00	163	82	18	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	21	47	21	.....	.....	107	21
Total.	15	18510	78	3289	77	21800	55	3795	57	8438	59	581	50	150	00	2059	21	5404	06	20284	96

### Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1897.

[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Treat Off.	Treat at End of Term.	P. G. Cs.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	177	4	1	1	182	3	..	1	4	178	2	28	145	2	1	178
Union	2	201	7	..	1	209	1	..	2	3	206	2	31	173	..	..	206
Westmoreland	3	107	4	..	1	112	..	..	..	1	112	2	31	78	1	..	112
Frontier	4	103	2	..	3	108	1	..	..	1	107	1	17	89	..	..	107
Cumberland	5	89	2	..	1	92	..	..	..	..	92	1	21	70	..	..	92
Frederickton	6	79	11	..	..	90	1	..	2	3	87	1	17	69	..	..	87
Ivanhoe	7	90	..	..	..	90	..	4	..	4	86	1	8	77	..	..	86
Border	8	62	..	..	..	62	1	..	..	1	61	..	14	47	..	..	61
Seaside	9	36	..	..	..	36	1	..	..	1	35	..	9	26	..	..	35
Myrtle	10	67	3	..	..	70	..	..	..	2	70	..	10	59	..	..	70
Chignecto	11	65	18	15	..	65	1	1	..	2	63	..	10	52	1	..	63
Halifax	12	18	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	2	33	..	6	26	..	..	33
Kenilworth	13	46	5	..	..	51	..	2	..	8	49	..	7	42	..	..	49
Far East	14	40	4	..	..	44	..	8	..	8	36	..	5	30	1	..	36
Bridgewater	15	18	1	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	19	..	4	14	1	..	19
Southern Cross	16	..	19	2	..	21	..	..	..	..	21	..	5	16	..	..	21
Victorian	17	..	18	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	18	..	4	14	..	..	18
Total	..	1180	98	18	6	1303	9	15	5	29	1273	10	227	1027	7	2	1273



Abstracts of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1897.  
 [SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.	Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount of Fund. and O.		Total Assets at End of Term.		
		\$	c	\$	c		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$
New Brunswick	1	4442	62	700	99	5143	61	664	41	1500	88	95	00	158	75	10	00	69	13	1169	58	4486	70
Union	2	4920	39	947	15	5867	54	661	75	3128	96	125	00	150	00	310	99	310	99	1919	51	5340	70
Westmoreland	3	2632	95	376	70	3009	65	287	07	1935	66	78	00	78	00	76	74	786	02	537	04	2646	33
Frontier	4	1128	93	216	00	1344	93	220	23	446	45	79	00	79	00	25	00	28	35	446	45	1124	70
Cumberland	5	969	57	190	34	1159	91	166	45	556	08	34	00	34	00	34	00	37	38	140	12	993	46
Fredericton	6	1578	41	400	25	1978	66	267	72	388	24	63	00	63	00	141	47	141	47	476	00	1710	94
Ivanhoe	7	1122	57	282	50	1405	07	223	58	419	80	17	00	17	00	31	44	31	44	360	80	181	49
Border	8	1070	61	80	50	1151	11	85	34	233	37	15	00	15	00	35	25	20	95	268	02	1015	77
Seaside	9	382	08	81	45	463	53	54	76	200	00	13	00	13	00	10	00	59	43	111	74	420	96
Myrle	10	539	51	146	71	686	22	133	66	173	13	72	00	72	00	13	06	13	06	190	26	353	06
Halifax	11	424	54	99	00	523	54	170	48	120	00	17	00	17	00	23	41	23	41	109	01	190	26
Chignecto	12	242	50	242	50	485	00	131	49	109	01	32	26	32	26	17	00	17	00	54	2	525	67
Kenilworth	13	497	76	166	21	663	97	223	30	320	00	13	70	13	70	54	2	54	2	10	00	514	42
Far East	14	467	81	124	05	591	86	118	63	210	00	12	64	12	64	12	64	12	64	86	73	200	00
Bridgewater	15	107	21	41	25	148	46	75	82	12	64	5	00	5	00	12	64	12	64	86	73	115	64
Southern Cross	16	237	25	237	25	474	50	150	52	150	52	5	00	5	00	12	64	12	64	86	73	200	00
Victorian	17	185	00	185	00	370	00	159	62	159	62	5	00	5	00	25	38	25	38	150	00	150	00
Total	202	284	96	4517	85	24802	81	3736	24	9466	48	616	00	150	00	308	75	1796	87	5588	17	21556	00

## Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Lodge.	No.	Date of Institution.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick	1	Oct. 28, 1870.	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday.	T. B. Donohue, Erin St., St. John, N. B.
Union	2	Mar. —, 1874.	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday.	H. B. Robinson, box 326, St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland	3	May 19, 1875.	Moncton	Tuesday	Alex. P. Tait, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier	4	Sept. 14, 1875.	St. Stephen	2nd and 4th Tuesday	C. A. Lauthman, box 210, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland	5	July 16, 1883.	Springhill	Thursday	R. H. Cooper, Springhill, N. S.
Fredericton	6	May 4, 1888.	Fredericton	2nd and 4th Tuesday	James A. Reid, box 230, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe	7	Aug. 27, 1889.	Woodstock	1st and 3rd Monday	G. H. Holyoke, Woodstock, N. B.
Border	8	April 9, 1890.	Milltown	1st and 3rd Monday	J. W. Graham, Milltown, N. B.
Seaside	9	June 19, 1891.	St. Andrews	1st and 3rd Monday	Albert Thompson, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle	10	Oct. 6, 1891.	Advocate	Monday	Rev. D. T. Porter, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto	11	July 27, 1892.	Amherst	Tuesday	John E. Roach, Amherst, N. S.
Halifax	12	Feb. 21, 1893.	Halifax	2nd and 4th Thursday	J. G. Dewar, 227 Brunswick St., Halifax, N. S.
Kentworth	13	Aug. 22, 1893.	Parrsboro	Tuesday	E. Woodworth, Parrsboro, N. S.
Far East	14	June 26, 1894.	St. Johns	Every alternate Wednesday.	W. E. Bearnse, Duckworth St., St. Johns, N. F.
Bridgewater	15	Mar. 30, 1896.	Bridgewater	1st and 3rd Monday	C. J. Cragg, Bridgewater, N. S.
Southern Cross	16	Dec. 2, 1896.	Grand Harbor	2nd and 4th Thursday	D. I. W. McLaughlin, Grand Manan, N. B.
Victorian	17	Jan. 8, 1897.	Port Greville	Friday	S. J. Soley, Fox River, N. S.

## Conventions of Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886,	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Convention,	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 8, 9, 1891,	Fifth Annual Convention,	Springhill, N. S.
September 20, 21, 1892,	Sixth Annual Convention,	Fredericton, N. B.
July 19, 1893,	Special Convention,	St. John, N. B.
September 19, 20, 1893,	Seventh Annual Convention,	Woodstock, N. B.
August 21, 22, 1894,	Eighth Annual Convention,	Amherst, N. S.
August 20, 21, 1895,	Ninth Annual Convention,	Milltown, N. B.
August 11, 12, 1896,	Tenth Annual Convention,	Moncton, N. B.
August 10, 11, 1897,	Eleventh Annual Convention,	Halifax, N. S.

## Past Grand Chancellors.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888-89.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889-90.
- E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890-91.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891-92.
- FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892-93.
- JAMES D. FOWLER, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, service as Grand Chancellor, 1893-94.
- WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, service as Grand Chancellor, 1894-95.
- HEDLEY V. COOPER, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1895-96.
- J. MELVILLE DEACON, of Border Lodge, No. 8, service as Grand Chancellor, 1896-97.

## Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1897.

	Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Master- at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886	James Moulson..	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. J. Armstrong.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	George Craig.	John Beamish
1887	James Moulson..	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	A. W. Adams.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	John P. Weir.	John Beamish
1888	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	A. W. Adams.	T. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	J. W. Whitehead.	R. J. Kosborough
1889	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	George Dunn.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	Jas. H. Wrang.	Jas. D. Fowler
1890	E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson
1891	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	W. B. Nicholson.	W. R. Parker.	Frank Fales
1892	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	K. A. McLean.	J. M. Deacon.	LeBaron Wilson
1893	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	T. Armstrong.	G. W. Cameron.	John Beamish.	K. A. McLean
1894	W. B. Nicholson.	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	K. A. McLean.	John Beamish.	J. F. Gilroy
1895	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	John Beamish.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	E. Woodworth.	F. B. Wood.	F. S. Merritt
1896	J. M. Deacon.	F. A. Godsoe.	W. T. Whiteway.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	J. F. Gilroy.	J. W. Morrison.	W. S. Vaughan
1897	J. M. Deacon.	F. A. Godsoe.	J. F. Gilroy.	John C. Henry.	H. J. Logan.	W. E. Sherard.	H. L. Cole.	Rev. D. T. Porter

### Report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

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

Your committee beg to report that they have reviewed all journals received, viz., forty, and submit the following report. We crave you to be lenient in your purusal as the task, besides being difficult, was rendered more so by our having to follow in the wake of one of the most talented and critical correspondents on whom the sun of Pythianism ever shone, one whose report was eagerly looked for and faithfully read from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the frozen north to the sunny south, and whose criticism was always fair and impartial. You all know him — Brother Powers. In this, our maiden effort, we have done the best we could, but it is not what we would like to bring before you, but it is a report, and will at least fill the place in the Journal which was unfortunately neglected last year.

We find that in the west the order has suffered by the general business depression and presidential election. The suspensions still continue large, and seem to be the report from nearly every domain, but it is as yet a problem still to be solved. However, in spite of these serious drawbacks, the order has flourished and increased in membership.

Before closing we would like to address a word to the fraternal correspondents of several Grand Domains, and that is regarding the too frequent allusion to "Old Glory." Remember, brothers, there is another flag under which Pythianism flourishes, and which is never alluded to. It is called the "Union Jack." A flag that waves its folds over (perhaps) as many people and amount of territory as "Old Glory." So let us in future sink allusion to matters which are liable to raise a little feeling.

We thank the Grand Chancellor for our appointment. The work has been a pleasure to us and the time gladly given. We have

not reviewed the journals as extensively as has been done in some domains, but, as we before mentioned, have done our best.

Fraternally submitted.

H. V. COOPER,

*Chairman.*

St. John, N. B., August 9th, 1897.

ALABAMA.—Twenty-fourth annual convention held at Montgomery, May 5, 6, 1896. Journal reached our domain December 5, 1896, seven months after session. The late chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Brother Bowes, called Brother Adler's attention to the lateness of arrival of former journals and advised him to "get a hustle on." Evidently he has not hustled.

We gather from a report made by Credential Committee who were instructed to examine semi-annual reports received by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal from subordinate lodges that 148 of them were incorrect. There are 158 lodges. Strange.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows that ten new lodges have been added during the year. One lodge seceded to join what is erroneously called the Improved Order of the Knights of Pythias. Needless to say the Grand Chancellor promptly dealt with the matter and expelled them from the order. There are 141 lodges in good standing. The membership is 7233, an increase of 230 over last year. There were initiated, 793; reinstated, 180; by card, 162; suspended, expelled, etc., 1105. We note that some 26 were expelled for causes injurious to the order, and which, if attended to in every domain as it is in this, would be of an immense benefit to the order.

Expended for relief, \$12,655.65. Assets, \$77,127.53.

Next session to be held at Huntsville, first Tuesday in May.

JOHN H. DONOHOE, G. C., Talladeya.

LOUIS J. ADLER, G. K. R. S., Uniontown.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee. Journal for 1897 not yet received.

ARKANSAS.—Sixteenth annual convention held May 19, 20, 21, 1896, at Hot Springs. Journal received September 20, 1896.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is rather meagre. He alludes to a number of questions answered, his appointment of deputies, and several circular letters; says nothing about visiting any lodges in his domain, although we trust this simply an omission, as that is an important duty; states that at this session they will be called upon to formulate and adopt a new constitution and by-laws — this was referred to a special committee and their report adopted.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows that financial depression is still abroad in their domain. He says that, "While the foregoing conditions are to be deprecated, the number of accessions to our lodges has been

### Officers of the Grand Lodge for the Year 1897-98.

J. M. DEACON, M.D.,	Grand Chancellor.
	MILLTOWN, N. B.
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
	ST. JOHN, N. B.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Prelate.
	SPRINGHILL, N. S.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
	BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
H. J. LOGAN, M.P.,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
	AMHERST, N. S.
W. E. SHERARD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
	MONCTON, N. B.
H. L. COLE,	Grand Inner Guard.
	HALIFAX, N. S.
REV. D. T. PORTER,	Grand Outer Guard.
	ADVOCATE, N. S.

#### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAS. D. FOWLER,	For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1901.)
	FREDERICTON, N. B.
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1899.)
	ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

#### TRUSTEES.

R. E. ARMSTRONG,	For Three Years.
	ST. ANDREWS, N. B.
R. H. COOPER,	For Two Years.
	SPRINGHILL, N. S.
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For One Year.
	ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

The next Convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of St. Stephen, N. B., on the First Tuesday in August, 1898.

## Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1897-98.

George McKee, St. John, N. B.	New Brunswick, No. 1
A. S. Pattison, St. John, N. B.	Union, No. 2
J. W. Whitehead, Moncton, N. B.	Westmoreland, No. 3
Hill Grimmer, St. Stephen, N. B.	Frontier, No. 4
Frank L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.	Cumberland, No. 5
T. Amos Wilson, Fredericton, N. B.	Fredericton, No. 6
Thomas A. Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B.	Ivanhoe, No. 7
W. H. Laughlin, M. D., Milltown, N. B.	Border, No. 8
T. R. Wren, St. Andrews, N. B.	Seaside, No. 9
S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S.	Myrtle, No. 10
John W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.	Chignecto, No. 11
H. L. Cole, Halifax, N. S.	Halifax, No. 12
R. W. Mosher, Parrsboro, N. S.	Kenilworth, No. 13
E. W. Lyon, St. Johns, N. F.	Far East, No. 14
C. S. Marshall, M. D., Bridgewater, N. S.	Bridgewater, No. 15
Delhi McLaughlin, Grand Manan, N. B.	Southern Cross, No. 16
T. K. Bentley, Port Greville, N. S.	Victorian, No. 17

## Standing Committees for 1897-98.

<b>Distribution.</b>	
James Moulson	New Brunswick, No. 1
W. C. H. Grimmer	Frontier, No. 4
F. L. Peers	Cumberland, No. 5
<b>Returns and Credentials.</b>	
J. C. Henry	Frontier, No. 4
S. Tufts	New Brunswick, No. 1
H. J. Logan, M.P.	Chignecto, No. 11
R. W. Whitlock	Border, No. 8
LeBaron Wilson	Union, No. 2
<b>Finance.</b>	
A. H. Graham	Border, No. 8
F. Parker Grimmer	Frontier, No. 4
A. Dodge	Union, No. 2
<b>Law and Supervision.</b>	
W. C. H. Grimmer	Frontier, No. 4
Murray Fleming	Westmoreland, No. 3
James Moulson	New Brunswick, No. 1
<b>Appeals and Grievances.</b>	
R. H. Cooper	Cumberland, No. 5
A. J. Fowle	Fredericton, No. 6
E. Woodworth	Kenilworth, No. 13
S. R. Canning	Myrtle, No. 10
Wm. Stewart	Union, No. 2
<b>Printing.</b>	
J. C. Henry	Frontier, No. 4
R. W. Whitlock	Border, No. 8
C. A. McQueen, M.D.	Chignecto, No. 11
<b>Fraternal Correspondence.</b>	
H. V. Cooper	Union, No. 2
C. S. Marshall, M. D.	Bridgewater, No. 15
J. C. Hartley	Ivanhoe, No. 7



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CONNECTICUT.—Twenty-eighth annual convention held at Bridgeport, October 20, 21, 1896. Journal received December 12, 1896.

Grand Chancellor Potter instituted four new lodges during the year, dedicated a new castle and visited thirty-eight lodges. He says he endeavored to visit the smaller lodges in his domain, deeming them in more need of advice and encouragement, leaving the larger and more prosperous lodges to take care of themselves. He alludes to the depression in manufacturing interests which has had a great deal to do with increase of membership. But a net gain of 350 is more than creditable under the circumstances and shows that "some one" must have labored earnestly.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Case shows that he has not only attended to that duty well but has in addition visited over half the lodges in the domain, and more, at his own expense. We have no doubt he is among the members who have "labored so earnestly." The net number of lodges is 58, a net gain of 4. Membership, 5998, a net gain of 352. Initiated, 654; suspended, 291; cash assets of lodges, \$44,527.32; Grand Lodge balance, \$482.01.

Chairman Koch of Fraternal Correspondence Committee has faithfully attended to his duties. He says that Grand Chancellor James D. Fowler's report is a nice, short document, and gives a paragraph from the concluding part thereof. Look at the report again, Brother Koch, and you will find you are in error. The report is by Grand Chancellor Wm. B. Nicholson and the sentiments contained therein are his.

Next convention at New Haven, October 19, 1897.

VINCENT M. KING, G. C., Danbury.

HORACE O. CASE, G. K. R. S., Hartford.

ERNEST KOCH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Darien.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Thirty-second annual convention held at Washington, February 19-25, 1897. Journal received April 24, 1897.

This domain shows a slight loss during the term. We presume politics was the cause. The Grand Chancellor's report contains a great many "circulars," a very good thing to fill up a report with. He visited every subordinate lodge.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says his work has been largely routine, and no new features have been undertaken. There are 14 lodges with a membership of 1284 a decrease of 87. Initiated, 48; suspended, 121. Expended for relief, \$5,368.75; subordinate lodge assets, \$26,976.12. Grand Lodge has a cash balance of \$93.70.

The Committee on *Foreign Correspondence* make a fair report but unfortunately they "bunched their bits" and left the Maritime Provinces in the gloom. Why were we not recognized?—and you have always been treated well by our committee. Remember! we have a flag. It is called the "Union Jack."

Next convention at Washington, February 21, 1898.

R. D. CRUPPER, G. C., Washington.

GEO. W. BANMAN, G. K. R. S., Washington.

N. BUNCH, Fraternal Correspondent, Washington.

FLORIDA.—Twelfth annual session held at Jacksonville, May 12, 13, 1897. Journal received July 9, 1897.

This domain shows quite a gain in membership in spite of, as the Grand Chancellor says, "The presidential election, general business depression, and the great 'freeze.'"

He visited about one half of his lodges and has attended to his other duties as well as his time and abilities would allow. Three new lodges were instituted, a very creditable showing considering the causes above set forth.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is simply a statistical one, but leaves nothing to be desired. He shows the number of lodges to be 49, a net gain of 4. Membership, 2,494, a gain of 119. Initiated, 487; suspended, 292. Subordinate lodge assets, \$24,650.00; expended for relief, \$2,547.81; education of orphans, \$214.98; cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$1,157.73.

The fraternal correspondence report is good reading, not too critical. As an evidence of that fact he lets the Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Provinces off very light indeed, only accusing him of "boiling down" his report too much.

The balance of journal is taken up with Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions.

Next convention at Jacksonville, second Wednesday in May, 1898.

H. M. PAPWORTH, G. C., Sanford.

W. H. LATIMER, G. K. R. S., Tavares.

A. HEWITT HILL, Fraternal Correspondent, Eustis.

GEORGIA.—Twenty-second annual convention held at Americus, May 19, 20, 1896. Journal received August 11, 1896.

We are pleased to learn by the Grand Chancellor's report that the order has made such rapid strides in this domain. This is largely due to the work, care and watchfulness of the Grand Chancellor, although he seems very modest and does not ascribe this condition of affairs to any acts of his, but he states he has labored day and night to bring such condition about. He has succeeded in adding eight lodges to his domain, all of the best material and, what is more gratifying, has held what he had. We trust the era of prosperity which has dawned in this domain may ever continue.

By the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we find that there are 78 lodges, a gain of 8; 5,726 members, an increase of 348. There were initiated the large number of 844; suspended, 544. Expended for relief, \$10,333.37; assets of subordinate lodges, \$58,387.72; cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$1,974.10.

The fraternal correspondence report is dealt with by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in a statistical manner only. We would like to have seen a more extended report.

Next session at Savannah, May, 1897.

C. HENRY COHEN, G. C., Augusta.

WM. T. LEOPOLD, G. K. R. S., Savannah.

INDIANA.—Twenty-ninth annual convention held at Indianapolis, June 1, 2, 1897.

by no means small, and the financial condition of our subordinate lodges is certainly a matter for congratulation under the prevailing circumstances."

The total number of members is 4362, a decrease from last year of 617—I should think hardly a matter for congratulation, no matter what the circumstances. There were two new lodges instituted during the year and two forfeited charters, thereby showing no increase. Expended for relief, \$8240.39. Subordinate lodge assets, \$65,725.78.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is a redeeming feature of the journal and reflects great credit upon Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Fowler. He notices the Maritime Provinces at considerable length and pays a glowing tribute to Brother Powers.

Next session third Tuesday in May, 1897, at Hot Springs.

GEO. P. TAYLOR, G. C., Forest City.

CHAS. F. FOWLER, G. K. R. S. and Fraternal Correspondent, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Eighth annual convention held at New Westminster, May 11, 12, 1897. Journal received June 29, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor says, "In presenting my report for the term during which I have occupied the position of the head of the order in this province, I feel that I have fallen far short of filling the position as I know it could be filled. I have not visited many of the subordinate lodges and have not rendered them the advice and assistance which they have a right to expect from the Grand Chancellor, and in many ways have I been unable to serve you as I would have liked. As you are well aware, I did not come into the position by election in the regular way, but was forced into it by the resignation of Brother F. W. Dowling." Politics is again responsible for neglect of another domain.

The former Grand Chancellor did the wisest thing possible when he resigned, increase of his private business being the reason assigned. We trust the domain will be more fortunate in their selection in future.

After contending with all these barriers, the membership only suffered a loss of 68. Evidently the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal did more than his share at keeping the figures down to such a low percentage of loss. The membership is 1206. Initiated, 140; suspended, 281; number of lodges, 19. Expended for relief \$6655.20; assets of subordinate lodges \$31,379.16. Grand Lodge has a balance of \$703.48.

No fraternal correspondence report.

Next session Kamloops, second Tuesday in May, 1898.

J. E. EVANS, G. C., Vancouver.

EMIL PFERDNER, G. K. R. S., Victoria.

J. L. BROWN, Fraternal Correspondent, Kamloops.

CALIFORNIA.—Twenty-eighth annual convention held at San Francisco, May 18, 1896. Journal received September 1, 1896.

The Grand Chancellor says in his report, "Let us work for the advancement and benefit of the order, so that we may gather into the fold the intelligence, the youth, the manhood of California, and prove to the world that the order of

Knights of Pythias is founded upon eternal truths that live in the hearts of those who are marching under its tri-colored banner of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence"—noble sentiments. He states that he has visited four-fifths of the lodges in his domain. This is a very creditable showing indeed and shows that the Grand Chancellor has faithfully attended to one of the most important duties of his office. He alludes to the financial depression, which seems to be general in the west, which accounts for no increase in the number of lodges.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is short, but contains all information needed. Number of lodges instituted, 5; revived, 1; surrendered, consolidated and revoked, 6, leaving lodges same as last year, 174. Membership, 10,342, a decrease of 76. Expended for relief \$62,291.57; subordinate lodge assets, \$222,115.32; assets Grand Lodge, \$7044.89.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee is short but to the point. No criticisms are made, the chairman having received orders to be brief and use due economy, but he is nevertheless able to say a kind word for the Maritime Provinces.

Next convention at Hanford in May, 1897.

C. F. McGLASHAN, G. C., Truckee.

HERMAN SCHAFFNER, G. K. R. S., San Francisco.

F. M. RUTHERFORD, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Truckee.

COLORADO.—Twenty-first annual convention held at Durango, September 8th, 1896. Journal received December 11, 1896.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is very lengthy and complete in every particular, covering some ninety pages, and shows a vast amount of work. He says he has devoted all his time to Pythian duties, and the report certainly shows it. He had visited every lodge in his domain, (an example which should be followed by every Grand Chancellor,) and has been rewarded by a large increase of membership. Seven new lodges have been added, the personnel of which has been most cautiously selected.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows the total number of lodges 85, a net gain of 6, and a net gain in membership of 371. There has been expended for relief during the year \$23,332.13; assets of subordinate lodges, \$120,405.76; assets of Grand Lodge, \$5005.58.

The fraternal correspondence has been well looked after by the chairman, Brother Webb, who says that "Individual opinion on the proceedings of a Grand Lodge should not be substituted for what the Grand Lodge is entitled to have credit for." He makes a kindly reference to the Maritime Provinces, and alludes to the unexplained absence of the Grand Chancellor. We might here state that the unexplained absence could and should have been explained. Business duties kept him from the convention. This domain, like the majority, (being small,) does not have a salaried Grand Chancellor, and "bread and butter" must be looked after.

Next convention at Colorado Springs, second Tuesday in September, 1897.

CLYDE C. DAWSON, G. C., Canon City.

W. S. O'BRIEN, G. K. R. S., Salida.

JOHN F. ERDLEN, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Salida.

When we come to a domain like Indiana we naturally expect something out of the ordinary, but we are doomed to disappointment. We have no patience with a domain which will present no report of one of its most important committees, viz., the Fraternal Correspondence, whose report is always sought after by members who have this fine chance of learning how the order is progressing.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says: 429 lodges, a net gain of 8; members, 36,928, a net gain of 711; initiated, 2,985; suspended, 2,235. Expended for relief, \$92,574.76; assets subordinate lodges, \$772,241.31; Grand Lodge assets, \$32,587.05.

Next convention at Indianapolis, first Tuesday in October, 1898.

UNION B. HUNT, G. C., Winchester.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., Indianapolis.

GEO. L. ROBERTS, Fraternal Correspondent. Is this in name only?

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Seventh annual convention held at Wagoner, May 5, 1896. Journal received September 2, 1896.

Although this is a young Grand Domain, still the order, in spite of hard times, is flourishing, and shows a large net increase in membership. There are 33 lodges, one being added during the year.

The Grand Chancellor regrets that he has been unable to visit all the lodges in his domain, misfortune in business preventing him. He recommends that a Grand Lecturer should be elected to visit all lodges and see that the ritual is thoroughly memorized; also to act as an organizer, and recommends that the per diem of Grand Lodge members should be abolished and devoted to salary of such an official. We agree with him, especially in domains where the Grand Chancellor is not a salaried officer.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows the total membership to be 1491, a gain of 240. Expended for relief, \$3,408.53; cash assets subordinate lodges, \$6,579.55; Grand Lodge assets, \$756.25.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says in his report that he has not filled the office to his own satisfaction. The report of Grand Chancellor shows that this is no fault of Brother Evans, but mainly owing to sickness. Try again, Brother Evans, and cover yourself with glory, or "Old Glory."

The report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee is a very good one and quite interesting. They complain that they did not receive any notice from our former chairman. This we think was their own fault, as no journal was received. We trust this notice will put them in better humor.

We note that the sum of \$50.00 was voted to Brother Walker for services as Fraternal Correspondent. "Good! It is worth it."

Next convention at Hartshorne, Choctaw Nation, first Tuesday in May, 1897.

JOE M. LAHAY, G. C., Ardmore.

C. H. THOMAS, G. K. R. S., Muskogee.

IOWA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention held at Oskaloosa, August 12, 13, 1896. Journal received October 20, 1896.

Grand Chancellor Hanley's report is a very elaborate one, covering some fifty

pages. Under the heading "Lodges instituted," he makes allusion to the fact that "Too much attention has been given in the past to the institution of new lodges, and too little attention to strengthening old ones." He says, "I shall discourage the institution of small or weak lodges, believing that the time is at hand when more good can be accomplished for the order by strengthening existing lodges and increasing their membership and efficiency, than in instituting small lodges with little strength or vitality and no reasonable prospect of a permanent existence." This is an example that should be carefully followed by every Grand Chancellor, as truth is conveyed in every word of Brother Hanley's quotation.

For these reasons the Grand Chancellor made no effort to institute new lodges. But in spite of no effort 13 new lodges were instituted, all of the best material, and in good localities. In this domain they have a state deputy whose duty is to visit lodges and instruct them in work of ritual and numerous other duties, and it is mainly owing to his attention that the order is in an improved condition in this domain. In his report he says he visited and instructed over 275 lodges, which shows a vast amount of work.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives 417 lodges, a net gain of 10. The membership is 23,969, net gain of 632. Expended for relief, \$20,377.78. Subordinate lodge assets, \$273,052.31; Grand Lodge cash assets, \$6,721.65.

There is a very excellent report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, for which they were voted the sum of \$100.00—in fact it is the best report that we have reviewed.

Next convention at Clinton, August, 1897.

L. E. BAKER, G. C., Toledo.

H. D. WALKER, G. K. R. S., Mount Pleasant.

JOHN SPRINGER, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Iowa City.

KANSAS.—Twenty-sixth annual convention held at Wichita, May 18, 19, 1897. Journal received June 22, 1897.

A special session was held the day previous for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge rank—a departure to be commended.

The Grand Chancellor says "Brotherly love and good fellowship prevail throughout the domain. Hundreds and almost thousands of letters are written and must be answered that seem to the Grand Chancellor entirely superfluous." He says, "I have found it impossible to officially visit many of the lodges, owing to the business in which I am engaged, but have endeavored to condone in part by attending promptly to correspondence." Won't do, my brother. Has been tried in this domain. You must give up everything when you take the office,—business, home and your future welfare.

There has been a continual decrease in this domain from 1894. Present number of lodges 229; decrease 9. Membership 11,674; decrease 695. Initiated 1104; suspended 1613. Expended for relief \$16,323.83 Assets of lodges \$198,710.19. Cash assets of Grand Lodge \$8,542.94.

The introductory remarks of the Fraternal Correspondent are "above par." Would that I could give his report in full, but space will not allow. I agree with him that dignity has taken the place of good old times, and that the "irrigation" committee is not now abroad. We would like to second your amendment that the correspondence be henceforth called "Report of the High Kicker and Fraternal Correspondent." Only a slight criticism on Maritime Provinces.

Next convention at Fort Scott, third Tuesday in May, 1898.

W. A. S. BIRD, G. C., Topeka.

GUS. J. NEUBERT, G. K. R. S., Kansas City.

S. O. MCDOWELL, Fraternal Correspondent, Columbus.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-eighth annual convention held at Barington, September 15-17, 1896. Journal received November 20, 1896.

The report of the Grand Chancellor shows the order to be in a flourishing condition. Owing to an unfortunate accident he was not able to visit the number of lodges that he had intended, having only visited eighteen. He, however, managed to conduct a voluminous correspondence, having written over two thousand letters, thus keeping himself in touch with the lodges. He rendered a number of important decisions and made some valuable recommendations, with which we do not consider we have any right to meddle.

By the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we find that there are 105 lodges, a gain of 4; 5,905 members. Initiated, 584; suspended, 556. Expended for relief, \$11,326.62. Assets of subordinate lodges, \$99,777.37; assets of Grand Lodge, \$4,664.94.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee is a good one although, like this one, written by a novice. But we notice as he gets deeper into his work he warms to it and his reviews are more lengthy than at the start. We are pleased to learn he has been reappointed.

Next convention at Frankfort, September, 1897.

STANLEY ADAMS, G. C., Louisville.

WADE SHELTMAN, G. K. R. S., Louisville.

JOHN C. THOMASSON, Fraternal Correspondent, Henderson.

MAINE.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, May 20, 1896, at Portland. Journal received December 12, 1896.

The Grand Chancellor's report is short for such a large domain, but it is a good one, and shows that although sickness and an accident were his portion during the first part of the term, still he was able to devote a great deal of time to the duties of his office. He visited over eighty lodges, travelling some 8000 miles, and instituted eight new lodges. He recommended that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the question of providing funds to pay a competent instructor to visit lodges and exemplify the work.

A new constitution and by-laws was adopted at this convention.

The journal, among other reports quite lengthy, has reports from Deputy Grand Chancellors in nearly all the districts.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in his report, says that there is not

the slightest ruffle of disaffection among the 106 lodges in this Grand Domain. This is indeed a pleasing prospect and one for which the Maine Knights should ever be proud. Good and true officers must be over them or such would not be the case. May it ever remain calm and peaceful. The number of lodges is 105, a net gain of 10. Membership 11,055, net gain 696. Initiations 1056; suspensions 317. Expended for relief \$28,915.02. Assets subordinate lodges \$27,847.45. Assets Grand Lodge, \$3,410.88.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report is beyond our humble criticism. It shows a vast amount of work in the statistical department, and is written by one who appears to have Pythian law and everything belonging to the order thoroughly committed to memory. We trust he may long be spared to continue the good work, and at the same time we congratulate him on being such a worthy successor to Brother M. L. Stevens.

Next convention at Portland, third Wednesday in May, 1897.

EDWIN PARSONS, G. C., Kennebank.

WESLEY G. SMITH, G. K. R. S., Old Orchard.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Fraternal Correspondent, Portland.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.—Fifth annual convention held at Portage la Prairie, August 3, 1896. Journal received October 20, 1896.

We find by Grand Chancellor's report that the order has been prosperous the past year. We note that he has been called upon to straighten out dissensions in several of the lodges. Happily he has succeeded, and has been ably assisted by the Grand Vice Chancellor. He says they were prevented from making a larger increase in membership owing to the excitement caused by the election contest, which lasted for some six months. He has visited nine out of twelve lodges in his domain. This is a very creditable showing, in view of the fact that distances are so far between, and also he was compelled to pay his own expenses. This shows the need of a salaried organizer or instructor and is greatly required in more domains than Manitoba.

Membership June 30, 1896, 500, an increase for the year of 178. Number of lodges 12. Expended for relief \$571.35. Assets subordinate lodges \$4741.60.

No committee appointed for Fraternal Correspondence: surely this is an oversight.

Next convention at Winnipeg, August, 1897.

C. A. TURLEY, G. C., Brandon.

ALBERT E. JOHNSON, G. K. R. S., Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-ninth annual session held at Baltimore, February 9-11, 1897. Journal received March 13, '97.

The report of the Grand Chancellor says: "Every effort has been made to encourage the formation of new lodges, but owing to the long period of depression in business, lack of employment and scarcity of money, we have, with all our labors, succeeded in instituting but one and reinstating another. Considering all difficulties, we feel highly gratified at the result. As our membership has slightly decreased



in numbers, it is but justice, however, for me to state that the lodges are in a healthy condition, and that in the aggregate their financial condition has improved during the past year.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 104 lodges, "more than we have had during our existence;" 7172 members, a loss of 86. Funds to credit of subordinate lodges, \$210,286.56. Expended for relief, \$38,829.19. Cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$5,934.26.

The Fraternal Correspondence is well written. Due notice is taken of the Maritime Provinces, and the Grand Chancellor thereof is let down very easy. But we must call the committee's attention to the fact that "Bacon" is a scarce commodity in our market at present. Our Grand Chancellor's name is Dr. J. M. Deacon—quite a difference.

Next convention at Baltimore, second Tuesday in February, 1898.

LEWIS REITZ, G. C., Baltimore.

JAMES WHITEHOUSE, G. K. R. S., Baltimore.

A. J. SCHULZ, chairman Fraternal Correspondence, Baltimore.

MICHIGAN.—Twenty-fourth annual convention held at Detroit, May 12, 13, 1897. Journal received July 10, 1897.

This Domain shows a small increase. Five new lodges were instituted, making the number 170. There are 10,983 members, a gain of 46. Initiated 1107; suspended 915. Expended for relief \$4855.63. Assets subordinate lodges \$112,675.45. Grand Lodge balance \$4,012.67.

Next convention at Port Huron, second Wednesday in May, 1898.

DAN. P. McMULLEN, G. C., Cheboygan.

MILES S. CURTIS, G. K. R. S., Battle Creek.

W. E. HAMPTON, Fraternal Correspondence, Charlevoix.

MINNESOTA.—Twenty-fourth annual convention held at Minneapolis, September 22, 23, 1896. Journal received November 30, 1896.

The report of Grand Chancellor says, "Fortunately, I have been so situated that I have been enabled to devote most of my time and personal attention in that direction, having visited nearly every portion of the domain." Would that we were all able to have his time. He says, "I have had the pleasure of advancing to the Pythian altar in an official capacity in one hundred and five lodges, and have traveled nearly 17,000 miles." Six new lodges have been instituted in the domain. He alludes to the great blow sustained by the Order in the change of the Supreme Lodge convention, especially to the Uniform Rank, so much so that an independent reunion and encampment had to be held to offset the disappointment, and which turned out to be a great success.

Number of lodges, 123; net gain, 6. Membership June, 1896, 6,910; net gain, 415. Initiated, 565; suspended, 222. Expended for relief, \$6,665.53. Subordinate lodge cash assets, \$17,499.77; Grand Lodge cash assets, \$2,624.39.

There is a very excellent report from the Supreme Representatives. The Grand Lodge was honored with a visit from Supreme Chancellor Colgrove, who delivered a magnificent address.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a very good report, but unfortunately the "Maritime Provinces journal was not received in time for review." Too bad—and our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal so punctual. But there were sixteen others, so the committee had an easy time.

Next convention at St. Paul, fourth Tuesday in September, 1897.

ROBT. STRATTON, G. C., Minneapolis.

FRED. E. WHEATON, G. K. R. S., Minneapolis.

JOHN V. I. DODD, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.—Twenty-fourth annual convention held at Vicksburg, May 11, 12, 1897. Journal received July 22, 1897.

Vainly we have searched through the journal for a report by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, but have not been rewarded with a glimpse of that very important document. The absence thereof may be explained by the words of the Grand Chancellor: "It is a source of regret to me, however, to be forced to state that since our last meeting the physical condition of Brother Maganos, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, has been such that he has not been able to give the affairs of his office that close, punctilious care and attention which has hitherto characterized him." The Grand Chancellor visited eight lodges.

Cash balance, Grand Lodge, \$3,986.54.

Next convention at Vicksburg, second Tuesday in May, 1898.

We note that the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was very much sought after, there being no less than eight candidates in first ballot and it required six ballots to make a selection.

P. B. POWELL, G. C., Yazoo City.

H. B. LACEY, G. K. R. S., Okolona.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

MISSOURI.—Twenty-sixth annual convention held at Sedelia, October 20-22, 1896. Journal received December 3, 1896.

The journal opens up well with a Latin quotation, "Be thou perpetual." We miss from it, however, a most important report, that of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. We are aware how difficult it is to get a brother to undertake this task, but surely in such a large domain some one can be induced. We trust to see it in next report.

The Grand Chancellor opens his report with—"In retiring from the office of Grand Chancellor, with its perplexities and multitudinous duties, I do so not merely with a feeling of relief from the cares of office, but with the pleasure derived from the knowledge that the Grand Domain of Missouri has passed through the financial and fraternal distress of the year with great credit to the order."

It has been the most trying year we have experienced, because of the general financial depression, but notwithstanding this the order has made a gain in membership.

Of the lodges that have surrendered their charters the majority were in small

towns that were scarcely able to support a good lodge. It seems to have been the custom in former years to organize as many lodges as possible, regardless of the ability of the community to support a good working body.

The Grand Chancellor has been able to hold schools of instruction in places that have not before been visited by a Grand Lodge officer, and altogether has exemplified the unwritten work to the representatives of more than one hundred lodges.

A large number of important decisions were given, one of which was:—  
(Q.) Is a wholesale liquor drummer eligible for membership? (Ans.) Yes.

The Grand Chancellor refers very feelingly to the loss the domain suffered by the death of Grand Prelate Stanley B. Walker. "He was beloved by all his acquaintances both in the order and out of it. The record of his years of faithful work for Pythianism will stand as a monument to his zeal and integrity."

Supreme Chancellor Colgrove was present at this convention.

Number of lodges, 268; net gain, 3. Membership, 21,371; net gain, 373. Subordinate lodge assets, \$335,564.55. Expended for relief, \$37,290.45. Cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$9,999.99.

Next convention, Springfield, Tuesday, October 19, 1897.

W. T. ROLSTON, G. C., Cape Girardeau.

JOHN H. HOLMES, G. K. R. S., St. Louis.

No-Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-ninth annual convention held at Lincoln, October 13, 14, 1896. Journal received December 28, 1896.

The report of the Grand Chancellor shows that he has labored zealously for the advancement of our order, and should feel that he is fully entitled to the honor of Past Grand Chancellor. He has only instituted two new lodges, and says he made no endeavor to form new lodges, but devoted his time to strengthening weak ones. He concludes his report with: "The duties of the office of Grand Chancellor have reached such vast proportions that the position should be filled by one who is gifted with all the elements that proclaim energy, zeal and untiring devotion, to advance every department of the order, and who is willing to give his entire time to promote its every interest."

We note a report from Grand Vice Chancellor Norberg, who has ably assisted the Grand Chancellor by visiting lodges, travelling over seven thousand miles, and at his own expense.

Number of lodges, 156, a decrease of 2. Membership, 6,048, a decrease of 566. Initiated, 323; suspended, 926. Expended for relief, \$6,224.99. Subordinate lodge assets, \$14,667.82, some \$5,000 less than in 1895. Cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$1,839.09.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee pay a "glowing tribute" to Brother Powers on his retirement from a like committee. I myself miss him.

Next convention at Lincoln, October, 1897.

GUS. NORBERG, G. C., Holdrege.

WILL H. LOVE, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

JOHN L. GOSS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence.

NEVADA.—Twenty-fourth annual convention held at Winnemucca, June 11, 12, 1896. Journal received August 28, 1896.

The journal is principally taken up with grand and subordinate lodge constitutions and grand statutes.

Grand Chancellor Hummel says: "It has been my fortune to serve you in a year of 'general depression,' or 'business depression,' or 'mining depression' or 'condition of depression,' but I was almost in a state of 'total depression' to find that I could not do so without plagiarizing from the reports of nearly all my predecessors for ten years past. The Pythian star is in the ascendant, and the grand domain of Nevada during the past year has helped it toward the Zenith."

By the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we learn that no new lodges have been instituted, the number remaining the same as last year, viz., 15. The membership is 816, a net loss of 15. There were initiated 34; suspended 46. Expended for relief \$3,710.92. Assets subordinate lodges \$22,277.22. Grand Lodge cash assets \$568.12.

Next convention at Elka, second Thursday in June, 1897.

No Fraternal Correspondence report. Wake up, gentlemen! You are behind the times.

J. D. TORREYSON, G. C., Carson City.

A. B. STODDARD, G. K. R. S., Virginia City.

E. E. WINFREY, Fraternal Correspondence, Winnemucca.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-sixth annual convention held at Manchester, October 21, 1896. Journal received February 4, 1897.

This domain shows a large increase in membership, and we commend the work of Grand Chancellor Buswell, who has labored so well and earnestly in the Pythian field. We trust his successor may keep up the good work.

The journal contains an excellent portrait of Major McKinley, whom we had the pleasure of meeting in St. John on July 13. He is a "grand old man."

The convention was visited by Past Supreme Chancellor W. B. Richie and Major General Carnahan.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a gain of 11 lodges during the year, making the total 61. Membership 4,801; a gain of 684. Initiated 755; suspended 178. Subordinate lodge assets \$68,151.27. Relief \$4637.96.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee very "briefly" notices the Maritime Provinces. Do better next time, brothers, there will be more to report on.

Next convention at Portsmouth, third Wednesday in October, 1897.

DAVID M. CURRIER, G. C., Newport.

CHAS. B. SPOFFORD, G. K. R. S., Claremont.

WM. E. MOORE, Fraternal Correspondence; Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.—Thirtieth annual convention held at Trenton, February 17, 1897.

This domain also shows quite an increase in membership. The Grand Chancellor says: "The lodges are working together with the best of feeling. Peace

and happiness prevails. Of course there is a difference of opinion as to ways and means, but in this difference of opinion Friendship sits upon the throne and such differences are always harmonized."

The journal contains portraits of the Grand Lodge officers.

Number of lodges 151. Membership 13,162—a net gain of 779. Initiated 918; suspended 572. Expended for relief \$64,065.97. Subordinate lodge assets \$327,606.56. Cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$1,847.85.

The report of Brother Donath of the Fraternal Correspondence committee is well executed. Grand Chancellor Cooper is very "properly roasted" for his "unexplained absence." Well, he will take it kindly; the unfortunate part thereof is that he has to write his own epitaph. But his absence *was* explained, but unfortunately omitted from the records.\* Chairman receives \$25.00.

Next convention at Trenton, third Wednesday in February, 1898.

DANIEL S. ROCKAFELLER, G. C., Somerville.

Geo. E. PIERSON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

RALPH DONATH, Fraternal Correspondence, Jersey City.

NEW YORK—Twenty-eighth annual convention held at Canandaigua, July 28-30, 1896. Journal received August 31, 1896.

The Grand Chancellor deserves great praise for the stand he has taken in refusing to grant warrants to lodges in localities where, as he says, "an extra lodge would be no benefit to us" on the contrary would eventually result in more weak lodges, consequently a detriment to the order. He has followed along the lines that it is better to strengthen weak lodges than to institute new ones; the result being a larger consolidation of lodges. Notwithstanding he instituted four new lodges. He visited 178 lodges and travelled 12,851 miles, and personally wrote 3,169 letters. It can readily be seen that when a Grand Chancellor accepts office in the domain of New York he must give up his legitimate business altogether.

The number of lodges is 268—a loss of 1. Membership 21,007—a loss of 748. There were 2,081 initiations and 2,795 suspensions. Expended for relief \$61,283.23. Subordinate lodge assets \$315,585.32. Cash assets of Grand Lodge \$4,8c8.60.

The report of Brother Calkins of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is a "corker." It is beyond praise. The language is beautiful, poetry sublime and sentiments truly Pythian; in fact we think the poetry compares very favorably with that in our own journal.

Next convention at Utica, Tuesday, July 27, 1897.

H. C. HANSKI, JR., G. C., New York city.

JOHN J. ACKER, G. K. R. S., Albany.

N. A. CALKINS, Fraternal Correspondence, Coxsackie.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-sixth annual convention held at Asheville, June 16, 1896. Journal received August 26, 1896.

\* [This is the first intimation which the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has had that any explanation was made at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the absence of the Grand Chancellor. Certainly there was no telegram, no letter, no verbal communication offered concerning it. If the explanation was "unfortunately omitted from the records," it was because no such explanation was made in open lodge.]

The convention was opened with public exercises, the Grand Lodge being welcomed in a very flowery, though at the same time perhaps a little slangy, address by Past Chancellor L. P. McCloud.

The Grand Chancellor says in his report: "During the year very few official visits were made by your Grand Chancellor or other Grand Lodge officers for several reasons, the most important of which is that the subordinate lodges, with two or three exceptions, are in a healthy, prosperous condition, and hence did not, strictly speaking, demand such visits; and secondly, because of certain circumstances, with which you will be hereafter acquainted, I decided after consultation with other Grand Lodge officers not to make any official visits except where absolutely necessary."

We do not agree with the Grand Chancellor. Probably there were certain circumstances, but we fail to find where the members were made "hereafter acquainted." Notwithstanding, eleven new lodges were instituted, a very good record.

Number of Lodges 64, a gain of 9. The membership is 3317. Expended for relief \$2354.59. Assets subordinate lodges \$25,536.24.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present an admirable report, but why call it "Foreign?" Please change.

Next convention at Durham, third Tuesday in June, 1897.

WASHINGTON CATLETT, G. C., Wilmington.

C. D. BENBOW, G. K. R. S., Greensboro.

W. W. WILSON, Fraternal Correspondence, Raleigh.

OKLAHOMA.—Sixth annual convention held at Norman, October 13, 14, 1896. Journal received December 5, 1896.

A special convention was held at Oklahoma City, December 11th, 1895, to receive report from committee on supervision of subordinate and Grand Lodge constitutions. The report was adopted.

This domain appeared to be at last fortunate in the selection of a Grand Chancellor. Brother Holt has made an excellent one and may well lay claim to the title of Past Grand Chancellor.

There are 16 lodges, a net gain of three. Membership 689, net gain 75. Initiated 196; suspended 165. Expended for relief \$475.92. Assets subordinate lodges \$6730.50. Cash assets Grand Lodge \$525.44.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is a model of neatness.

No report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, but we note with pleasure that, as a reward for his previous labors, Past Grand Chancellor Holt has been appointed; and we have no doubt his report will be as good as his work in the Grand Chancellor's chair. But you will have work, brother.

Next convention at Enid, October 12, 1897.

L. P. ROSS, G. C., Oklahoma.

J. S. CALLIN, G. K. R. S., Guthrie.

M. W. J. HOLT, Fraternal Correspondence, Stillwater.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention held at Gettysburg, August 18-20, 1896. Journal received October 21, 1896.

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The annual convention was held in the Court House, where previous to opening they were welcomed by the chief burgess, Mr. R. E. Wible.

There is very little in the report of the Grand Chancellor for such a large domain. He concludes by saying: "No vexed questions have arisen in my administration to mar the harmony or prosperity of the order, and I yield the gavel with the consciousness of having performed my duty as far as time and opportunity would allow."

In his report the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal congratulates the Grand Lodge that the decrease in membership has been stayed to 913, as against 1920 last year. Number of lodges 487; net decrease 1. Membership 43,256; decrease 913. Initiated 3996; suspended 3841. Subordinate lodge assets \$895,559.42. Expended for relief \$233,484.05. Cash assets Grand Lodge \$4966.68.

No Fraternal Correspondence.

Next convention at Scanton, third Tuesday in August, 1897.

H. H. DUNNELL, G. C., Scanton.

GEO. HAWKES, G. K. R. S., 1027 Race street, Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-sixth convention held at Providence, February 9, 1897. Journal received April 12, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor says: "The even tenor of our Pythian way has been pursued amid the besetting difficulties of a continued business depression, but our earnest members have faltered not, strong in the faith that history in repeating itself will not fail to restore to us an epoch of gain and growth such as our veterans have at least twice noted in the past quarter of a century."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 34 lodges, same as last year. One instituted and one surrendered charter. Membership 3234, a loss of 232. Subordinate lodge assets \$60,665.22. Expended for relief \$12,737.56. Initiated 147; suspended 298. Cash assets Grand Lodge \$1135.61.

Supreme Chancellor Colgrove visited and addressed Grand Lodge at "some length."

No Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next convention at Providence, second Tuesday in February, 1898.

LEVI S. WINCHESTER, G. C., Riverside.

WILLIAM A. WILSON, G. K. R. S., Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Eleventh annual convention held at Anderson, May 18, 19, 1897. Journal received July 10, 1897.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is not very lengthy, but contains enough to show that he has labored zealously for the advancement and has been rewarded. He says "the proper appreciation of an honor conferred is the performance of the attendant duties imposed." Five new lodges were instituted.

The membership is 4731, a net increase of 284. Initiated 622; suspended 280. Expended for relief \$9,754.71. Subordinate lodge cash assets \$20,980.82. Cash assets Grand Lodge \$6,958.36.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is, we think,

rather contracted, but we forgive them, as they make a flattering report of two lodges in St. John. Yes, they are "hard to beat."

Next convention at Newberry, May 17, 1898.

D. C. HEYWARD, G. C., Waterboro.

D. J. AULD, G. K. R. S., Sumter.

J. J. HULL, Fraternal Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Seventh annual convention held at Yankton, June 3, 4, 1896. Journal received August 29, 1896.

The report of the Grand Chancellor shows that this domain has suffered by the "hard times" and has also suffered a slight loss of members, but not so great in proportion with other domains. He appears to have labored hard to keep the weak lodges "above water," but has only met with a fair degree of success.

Membership 1898; net loss 95. Initiated 184; suspended 279. Number of lodges 49. Appears to be too large a number of lodges for such a small total membership. Expended for relief \$1,495.60. Subordinate lodge assets \$29,042.09. Cash assets Grand Lodge, \$929.63.

There is a very creditable report from the "Foreign" Correspondence Committee. But we do not understand why so many domains call it by that title. Why not Fraternal Correspondence?

Next convention at Sioux Falls.

CHAS. N. HERRIED, G. C., Eureka.

C. E. WARNER, G. K. R. S., Faulkton.

A. D. KELLER, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

TENNESSEE.—Twenty-sixth annual convention held at Nashville, May 12-14, 1897. Journal received July 5, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor's report is short. Does not contain a host of circulars which almost every Grand Chancellor seems to deem it his bounden duty to insert in report.

He made very few official visits, business engagements demanding his daily personal attention. Nevertheless he calls attention to a slight gain in membership.

Number of lodges 137; net gain 3. Membership 8661; gain of 142. Expended for relief \$11,464.36. Subordinate Lodge assets \$123,599.85. Cash assets of Grand Lodge \$7,321.81.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next convention at Nashville, Monday, May 9, 1898.

CHAS. H. SANDERS, G. C., Nashville.

ALEX. ALLISON, G. K. R. S., Knoxville.

UTAH.—Thirteenth annual convention held at Salt Lake City, June 16-18, 1896. Journal received August 30, 1896.

From far off Utah, the "Land of the Mormons," comes a neat little journal, admirably printed and arranged. The report of the Grand Chancellor says that



he has told the sweet story of Damon and Pythias in every castle hall, and in two or three towns in "public places." His only regret was that the year did not have thirteen months. He should have been re-elected. He replied to a number of questions, the majority of which, in our opinion, should never have been asked. As an example: "Can the members of a lodge, after adjournment, use beer or liquors in the lodge room?" The answer of course is known to every member of the order.

Number of lodges 15; gain of 3. Membership 1229; gain 269. Initiated 254; suspended 89. Expended for relief \$1366.75. Assets subordinate lodges \$14,215.51. Grand Lodge assets \$381.51.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee report. What has become of Brother McDaniel?

Next convention at Park City, June 17, 1897.

WALTER B. WEDELL, G. C., Ogden.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

VERMONT.—Eighth annual convention held at St. Albans, October 14, 15, 1896. Journal received January 5, 1897.

This is another domain which has suffered, so the Grand Chancellor says, "by the dark clouds of financial depression," but in spite of such discouragement he labored hard, and succeeded in increasing the membership 249, the largest increase ever recorded in the history of this domain. He lays down work for the incoming Grand Chancellor, as he calls for an increase of 400 by June, 1897.

Present number of lodges 17, an increase of 4. Membership 1081. Initiated 302; suspended 62. Assets subordinate lodges \$8,539.20. Expended for relief \$1,001.33. Cash assets of Grand Lodge, \$1000.56.

Major General Carnahan was present at this convention and reviewed the Uniform Rank.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is excellent, every domain being well looked after, and is gone into more fully than the majority of correspondence. If this is your first attempt, Brother Tinker, your next will be beyond compare. Thanks for the kindly allusion to our "G. O. M.," Brother Moulson. We hope to see him Supreme Chancellor. Don't agree with you in reference to paying mileage. Domain too small.

Next convention at Rutland, first Wednesday in October, 1897.

A. H. GEORGE, G. C., St. Albans.

J. M. CADY, G. K. R. S., Bellows Falls.

A. E. RANDALL, Fraternal Correspondence, St. Johnsbury.

WASHINGTON.—Fourteenth annual convention held at Vancouver, May 18-20, 1897. Journal received July 26, 1897.

Supreme Chancellor Colgrove was present at the opening and exemplified the secret work and made an eloquent address.

Financial depression is accountable for losses also in this domain. Member-

ship decreased 153; present membership 4043. Initiated 308; suspended 534. Expended for relief \$12,711.44. Subordinate lodge assets \$115,913.02. Grand Lodge has a cash balance of \$7,098.57.

No Fraternal Correspondence report, but instead there appears what is called a "directory," giving place of meeting and names of Grand Chancellors and Grand Keepers of Records and Seal of all domains.

Next convention at Tacoma, third Tuesday in May, 1898.

R. C. McCROSKEY, G. C., Garfield.

A. BEAMER, G. K. R. S., Spokane.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention held at Point Pleasant, October 13, 14, 1896. Journal received January 16, 1897.

The Grand Chancellor opens his report with a poetical effusion:

"True to the animal instinct in men,  
True to the custom which has always been,  
Like Damon, returning, true to his friend,  
We submit our acts from beginning to end."

He says the growth of the order has been very satisfactory, but not what he hoped for. One reason which has worked against a larger growth was the agitated condition of the people over the great political campaign. He says he met with great difficulty in instituting new lodges, always being met with the reply: "Oh wait until after election." But in the face of these difficulties he succeeded in instituting 11 new lodges. He visited but very few lodges, mainly devoting his time to "looking after weak lodges." One recommendation which he makes is a good one, but in our opinion he would have great difficulty in bringing it to a successful issue—viz.: "That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of conferring with the proper railroad officials of all the railroads in this domain, and secure passes over each of said roads to be used by the Grand Chancellor in discharging his official duties." May the committee succeed!

The venerable (by his portrait) Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says: "During the year eleven lodges have been instituted, leaving 112 working lodges (one having surrendered its charter) with a membership of 6588, a net gain of 745 members." The assets of subordinate lodges have passed the one hundred thousand dollar mark, while those of the Grand Lodge amount to \$4553.60. Expended for sick benefits \$12,511.59. The initiations were 990; suspensions 415.

There is a very able report from Supreme Representative Connelly.

There is a committee on what is called Fraternal Review, but "Where, oh! where" is the report? Wake up, gentlemen!

Next convention at Charleston, second Tuesday in October, 1897.

WM. E. WEST, G. C., Huntington.

MANER JENKINS, G. K. R. S., Piedmont.

JOHN W. MATHER, Fraternal Review, Parkersburg.

WISCONSIN.—Twenty-fifth annual convention held at Fond du Lac, May 12, 13, 1896. Journal received August 28, 1896.

The Grand Chancellor's report is a very elaborate affair. Sorry that our

time is so limited that we cannot review it in full, as we can see that it contains some valuable information and important recommendations. It covers 104 pages. He says: "As the chosen representatives of the Knights of Pythias of Wisconsin, you will ask me: How did you find our interests? What did you do in our interests? What matters of interest to our Wisconsin Pythians have you to report to us, at the end of your administration? What has the harvest been?"

He replies fully and shows that their interests were most zealously guarded. He visited every lodge in his domain, and held schools of instruction—a vast amount of work, considering the number of lodges.

The journal is embellished with portraits of the Grand Lodge officers, and to say that they are a handsome lot of Pythians is but putting it mildly, and every one has "blood in his eye."

There are 117 lodges, with a membership of 8,200, an increase of 4 lodges and 282 members. Assets subordinate lodges \$110,185.54. Expended for sick benefits \$3,539.30. Cash assets Grand Lodge \$2,641.72.

No Fraternal Correspondence report, but we notice that as a reward for his services, Past Grand Chancellor Schroeder has been appointed, and if his G. C. report is a criterion we must prepare ourselves for something out of the ordinary.

Next convention at Janesville, second Tuesday in May, 1897.

GEO. R. BAILLEY, G. C., Milwaukee.

FRANK BARRY, G. K. R. S., Milwaukee.

JOSEPH SCHROEDER, P. G. C., Chairman Fraternal Correspondence, Racine.

WYOMING.—Thirteenth annual convention held at Sheridan, September 7, 8, 1896. Journal received December 25, 1896.

Only three Grand Lodge officers present, and no excuse seems to be given for their non-appearance. Truly this is a "record-breaker" and makes you shudder. The Grand Chancellor's report is brief and contains very little of any importance. He visited nine lodges and intended visiting two more.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports that he has received no reports from three of the lodges. There appear to be 11 lodges in good standing, with a membership of 675, a gain of nine. Assets of subordinate lodges \$21,885.31. Expended for relief \$1,394.85. Grand Lodge has a balance \$179.34.

The Fraternal Correspondence report is the main feature of the journal and is admirably prepared.

Next convention at Laramie, first Tuesday in September, 1897.

E. S. JOHNSTON, G. C., Cheyenne.

PERCY J. GOSDEN, G. K. R. S., Laramie.

W. E. CHAPLIN, Fraternal Correspondence, Laramie.

#### LODGES UNDER CONTROL OF SUPREME LODGE.

From the report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal we find:—

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—Four lodges; membership 243, a gain of 12; expended for relief \$1566.00; assets \$10,960.07.

MEXICO.—Three lodges; membership 167, a gain of 22; expended for relief 394.74; assets 2624.73.

QUEBEC.—Three lodges; membership 181, a gain of 11; expended for relief \$368.45; assets \$2108.54.

We note with pleasure that one of the above lodges in Quebec was instituted in the city of Montreal, with a membership of 38, by old friend and brother Past Grand Chancellor Powers. His interest in the order does not appear to wane in the least. Keep up the good work, Brother Powers, and perhaps "some day" the Supreme Lodge may get it into their "wise heads" that "the orphans" should be visited at least once in a century, and not neglected as they are. Yes, you are right, Powers, "their only desire is to sell supplies and pay big wages."

From the following domains no journals were received:—

Arizona.	New Mexico.
Delaware.	North Dakota.
Illinois.	Ohio.
Louisiana.	Ontario.
Massachusetts.	Oregon.
Montana.	Texas.
Idaho.	Virginia.

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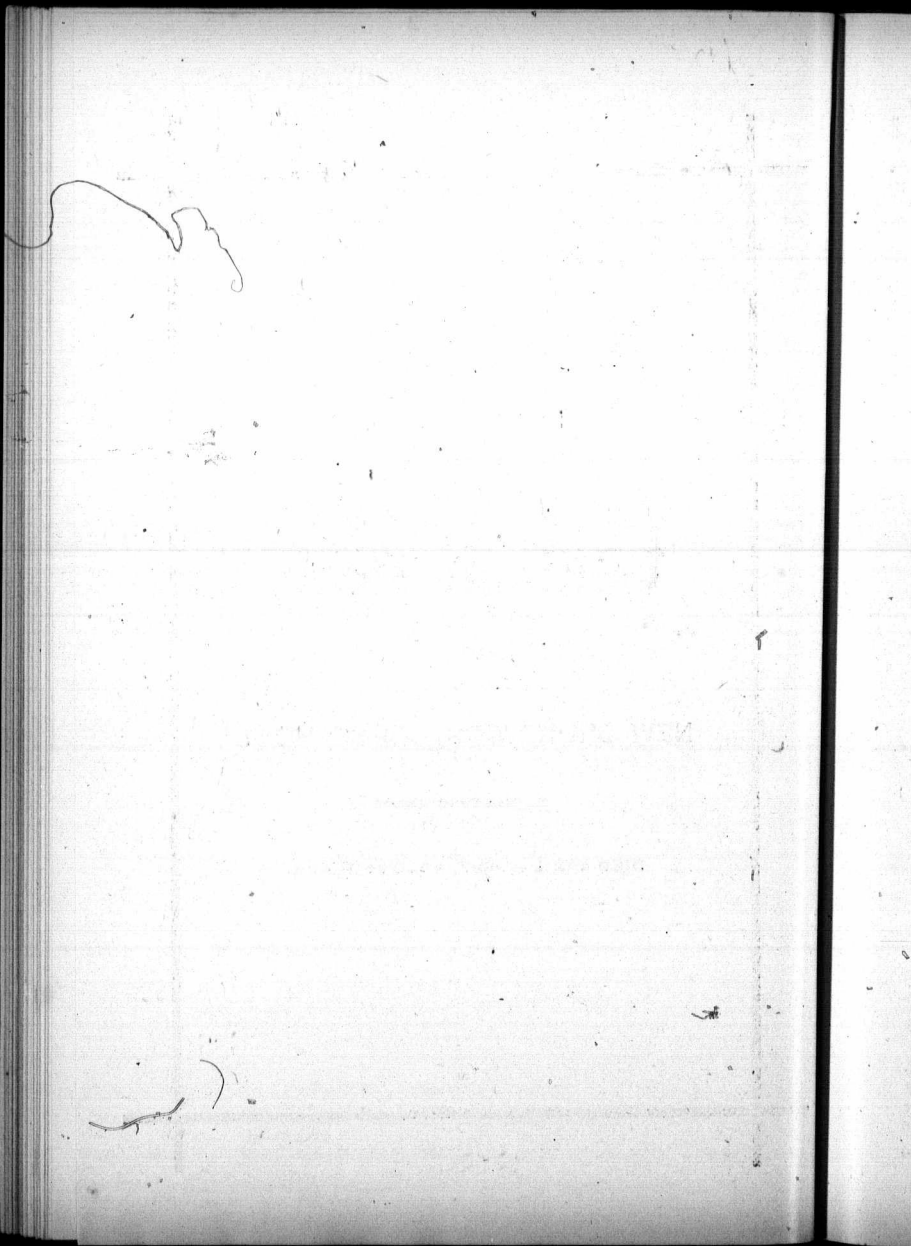
**William Robb,**

**D. G. R.**

**NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.**

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**DIED APRIL 9, 1897, AGED 55 YEARS.**



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## Price List of Supplies.

The following supplies can be obtained only through the Grand Keeper of

Records and Seal:—	
Subordinate Lodge Ritual, per set of five .....	\$20 00
Question Book .....	1 50
Installation Book, per set of four .....	2 50
Service Book, containing funeral, memorial, decoration day and dedica- tory services .....	75
Music Book, (odes with notes,) each .....	40
Supreme Constitution and Statutes, each .....	55
Ode Cards, each .....	10
Withdrawal Cards, each .....	50
Transfer Cards, each .....	50
Grand Lodge Card for member of defunct Lodge .....	2 00
Travelling Shield .....	10
Past Chancellor's Rank of Honor Credential .....	50
Second Rank Blanks, in pads of 50 .....	50
Official Receipts, with name and number of Lodge .....	1 00
Official Receipts, blank .....	60
Order for S. A. P. W., with name and number of Lodge .....	1 00
Order for S. A. P. W., blank .....	60
Application Cards, with name and number of Lodge, per 100 .....	1 00
Application Cards, blank .....	60
Master of Exchequer Receipts, printed with name of Lodge, per 100 .....	1 50
Master of Exchequer Receipts, blank .....	1 00
Master of Exchequer Orders, printed with name of Lodge, per 100 .....	1 50
Master of Exchequer Orders, blank .....	1 00
Delinquent Notices, per 100 .....	75
Jewels for Subordinate Lodge, per set .....	11.00, 16.00, 21.00, 36 00
Single Jewel for any Officer .....	1.25, 1.75, 2.25, 3 75
Knights' or Past Chancellors' Jewels, each .....	1.25, 2.25, 4 25
Grand Representatives' Jewels, each .....	1.75, 2 75
Past Grand Representatives' Jewels, each .....	1.75, 2 75
Jewel Cases, each .....	50c. or 1 00

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## Officers of the Grand Lodge for the Year 1897-98.

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J. M. DEACON, M. D.	Grand Chancellor.
MILLTOWN, N. B.	
F. A. GODSOE,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.	
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Prelate.
SPRINGHILL, N. S.	
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Box 282, St. Stephen, N. B.	
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
AMHERST, N. S.	
W. E. SHEKARD,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
MONCTON, N. B.	
H. L. COLE,	Grand Inner Guard.
HALIFAX, N. S.	
REV. D. T. PORTER,	Grand Outer Guard.
ADVOCATE, N. S.	

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### SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAS. D. FOWLER,	For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1901.)
FREDERICTON, N. B.	
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1899.)
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	

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### TRUSTEES.

R. E. ARMSTRONG,	For Three Years.
ST. ANDREWS, N. B.	
R. H. COOPER,	For Two Years.
SPRINGHILL, N. S.	
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For One Year.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.	

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\* The next Convention of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of St. Stephen, N. B., on the First Tuesday in August, 1898.