

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

OF MINNESOTA

AT ITS

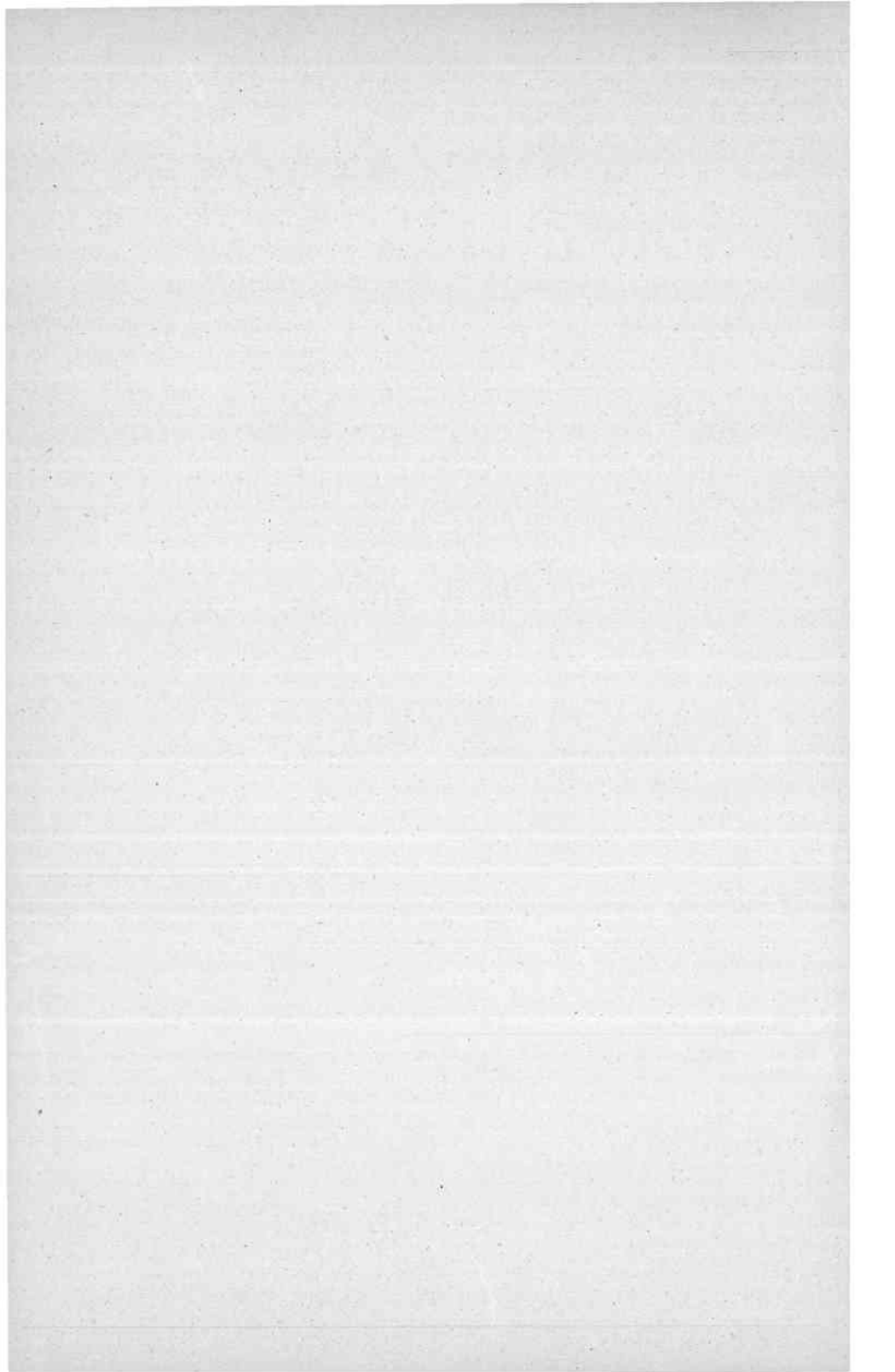
FORTIETH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD IN
THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, JAN. 11 AND 12,

1893.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

M. W. Wm. F. DICKINSON, Grand Master, Redwood Falls.
R. W. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

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FORTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1893.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota met in Grand Annual Communication in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Wednesday, Jan. 11, A. D. 1893, A. : L. : 5893, at 12 M.

The Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges and reported one hundred and seventy-nine represented out of one hundred and ninety on the roll.

A majority being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Irving Todd (7) as his assistant during the session.

On motion of Bro. Charles Griswold (3), all Master Masons in good standing were permitted to occupy seats as visitors.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. A. J. Edgerton (11) and Bro. S. E. Adams (19) were appointed as the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of all brethren entitled to attend, members and proxies present were noted, and in a short time the following report, as amended, was submitted, accepted and the committee continued:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials report that there are present the following members:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. ALPHONSO BARTO.....	Grand Master.
R. W. WM. F. DICKINSON.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. CALVIN L. BROWN.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM B. PATTON.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	Grand Secretary.
W. H. J. PECK.....	Grand Orator.
W. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. J. D. MARKHAM.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE N. DAY.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. E. P. CASE.....	Grand Marshal.
W. A. D. COUNTRYMAN.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. C. W. GILMORE.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. GEO. B. BOWER.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W. R. H. SANDERSON.....	Junior Grand Steward.
W. B. F. ASHELMAN.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JEAN C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

CHARLES W. NASH.....	Past Grand Master.
CHARLES GRISWOLD.....	Past Grand Master.
EDWARD W. DURANT.....	Past Grand Master.
HENRY R. WELLS.....	Past Grand Master.
HENRY R. DENNY.....	Past Grand Master.
R. H. GOVE.....	Past Grand Master.
JACOB A. KIESTER.....	Past Grand Master.
W. T. RIGBY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
GEO. H. DAVIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
THOS. LOMBARD.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
SAMUEL E. ADAMS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
LUTHER Z. ROGERS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.

CHAS. D. BOYCE.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM LEE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
E. P. BARNUM.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
A. J. EDGERTON.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
C. H. SMITH	Past Junior Grand Warden.
ALBERT MARDEN.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
A. LA DUE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
H. C. SHEPARD	Past Junior Grand Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Thos. H. Warren, W.: M.:
Cataract, No. 2.....	F. W. Campbell, W.: M.:
	E. S. Prince, S.: W.:
	F. B. Stoneman, proxy for J.: W.:
St. Paul, No. 3.....	James F. Lawless, W.: M.:
	Henry W. Heine, S.: W.:
	Fred T. Myers, J.: W.:
Hennepin, No. 4.....	J. G. Houghton, W.: M.:
	Wm. P. Roberts, proxy for S.: W.:
	A. Y. Davidson, proxy for J.: W.:
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....	Chas. W. Nitterauer, W.: M.:
	Frank H. Ribler, S.: W.:
	And. P. Swanstrom, proxy for J.: W.:
Dakota, No. 7.....	M. H. Sullivan, W.: M.:
	Irving Todd, proxy for J.: W.:
Red Wing, No. 8.....	Dwight M. Baldwin, W.: M.:
	Hugo Herder, S.: W.:
Faribault, No. 9.....	Walter Birch, W.: M.:
	W. B. Hawley, J.: W.:
Mantorville, No. 11.....	Chas. A. Miller, W.: M.:
	A. A. Culver, proxy for S.: W.:
Mankato, No. 12.....	George W. Mead, W.: M.:
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	W. L. Lewark, W.: M.:
	Joseph Brisson, proxy for J.: W.:
Monticello, No. 16.....	J. M. Comaford, W.: M.:
	Henry Kreis, proxy for S.: W.:
Hokah, No. 17.....	L. T. Lyon, W.: M.:
Winona, No. 18.....	J. R. Morton, W.: M.:
	H. J. Willis, S.: W.:
	H. W. Clarke, proxy for J.: W.:
Minneapolis, No. 19.....	W. B. HIXSON, W.: M.:
	Geo. S. Greenleaf, S.: W.:
	H. M. Myers, proxy for J.: W.:
Caledonia, No. 20.....	W. G. Drowley, J.: W.:
Rochester, No. 21.....	Henry R. Hymes, W.: M.:
	John J. Fulkerson, proxy for S.: W.:
	A. T. Stebbins, proxy for J.: W.:

Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....	O. H. Page, proxy for W.: M.: Wm. Ayshford, S.: W.:
North Star, No. 23.....	J. H. Lufkin, W.: M.: W. J. Coffin, J.: W.:
Wilton, No. 24.....	John Elmore, W.: M.: Geo. Hofield, proxy for S.: W.:
Western Star, No. 26.....	F. M. Crane, S.: W.: F. B. Fobes, proxy for J.: W.:
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27.....	Andrew Milne, proxy for W.: M.:
Clearwater, No. 28.....	W. V. Davee, W.: M.:
Morning Star, No. 29.....	R. Remp, W.: M.: Joseph Robillard, proxy for S.: W.:
Anoka, No. 30.....	O. L. Cutter, proxy for W.: M.: H. O. Hilton, proxy for S.: W.:
King Hiram, No. 31.....	C. S. Houston, J.: W.:
Sakatah, No. 32.....	Barkley Varner, W.: M.: H. E. Blair, W.: M.: S. J. Johnson, S.: W.:
Star in the East, No. 33.....	A. Greene, J.: W.:
Oriental, No. 34.....	George D. Holden, W.: M.: C. W. Burdic, proxy for S.: W.:
Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....	Andrew McKenzie, W.: M.: Foster B. Seager, S.: W.:
Preston, No. 36.....	W. S. Tuttle, W.: M.:
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	F. A. Tinkham, W.: M.:
Washington, No. 38.....	Chas. L. Parham, W.: M.:
Fidelity, No. 39.....	Myron H. Gilbert, W.: M.: S. A. Emerson, W.: M.: N. F. Earl, S.: W.:
Carnelian, No. 40.....	C. L. West, proxy for J.: W.:
Hermon, No. 41.....	J. C. Dougherty, W.: M.:
Hope, No. 42.....	D. B. Schofield, W.: M.:
Harmony, No. 43.....	Luther W. Gilbert, W.: M.: Charles V. Corson, S.: W.:
King Solomon, No. 44.....	R. S. Miles, proxy for J.: W.:
Union, No. 45.....	D. M. King, W.: M.:
Evergreen, No. 46.....	O. W. Hunt, proxy for J.: W.:
Concord, No. 47.....	J. G. Newell, W.: M.:
Social, No. 48.....	W. H. Fisher, W.: M.:
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	W. E. Walker, W.: M.:
	Corlett Hill, W.: M.:
	Geo. Davis, proxy for S.: W.:
	B. F. Elwood, J.: W.:
	F. L. White, W.: M.:
	H. W. McChesney, S.: W.:
	A. W. Smith, W.: M.:

Watertown, No. 50.....	Frank S. Coffin, W.: M.:
Acacia, No. 51.....	Irving T. Morey, W.: M.:
	Edward J. Whitbred, S.: W.:
Cannon River, No. 52.....	George Molm, W.: M.:
	J. W. Jackson, proxy for J.: W.:
Nicollet, No. 54.....	E. S. Pettijohn, W.: M.:
	Wm. H. Hall, proxy for S.: W.:
Zion, No. 55.....	L. W. Folsom, proxy for lodge.
Meridian, No. 56.....	Wm. W. Murphy, W.: M.:
	C. G. Holden, proxy for J.: W.:
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	G. F. Constans, W.: M.:
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	T. O. Kilburn, W.: M.:
	B. F. Farmer, proxy for J.: W.:
Temple, No. 59.....	W. W. Sivright, W.: M.:
Star in the West, No. 60.....	L. R. Barto, proxy for W.: M.:
	J. C. Jacobi, S.: W.:
	G. C. Ingram, proxy for J.: W.:
Ashler, No. 61.....	A. F. Rockwell, W.: M.:
	F. H. Russell, S.: W.:
Star, No. 62.....	Not represented.
Illustrious, No. 63.....	G. R. Hall, W.: M.:
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	J. K. Tanner, W.: M.:
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	H. C. Tyler, J.: W.:
Madelia, No. 66.....	J. T. Furber, proxy for W.: M.:
	Elden J. Cook, S.: W.:
Corinthian, No. 67.....	J. M. D. Craft, proxy for lodge.
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	Geo. W. Rockwell, W.: M.:
Paynesville, No. 71.....	A. L. Elliott, W.: M.:
Lansing, No. 72.....	H. M. McIntyre, W.: M.:
Brownsville, No. 73.....	E. M. Winslow, proxy for W.: M.:
Eureka, No. 75.....	C. A. Roy, W.: M.:
Joppa, No. 76.....	Lysander Cook, W.: M.:
	L. S. Terry, proxy for S.: W.:
	J. G. Graham, proxy for J.: W.:
Tuscan, No. 77.....	E. C. Clemans, S.: W.:
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	John Q. Briggs, W.: M.:
Palestine, No. 79.....	J. E. Cooley, proxy for W.: M.:
	Wm. E. Covey, S.: W.:
	Wm. G. Ten Brook, proxy for J.: W.:
Henderson, No. 80.....	E. L. Welch, W.: M.:
	T. W. Blaising, proxy for S.: W.:
	H. A. Seigneuret, J.: W.:
Constellation, No. 81.....	Noah P. Ward, W.: M.:
	F. B. Van Hoesen, proxy for S.: W.:
	Wm. B. Mittson, J.: W.:
Howard, No. 82.....	E. Y. Chilton, W.: M.:

Huram Abi, No. 83.....	Henry W. Brown, W.: M.: John Angus, S.: W.: Edgar S. Fry, J.: W.:
Orient, No. 84.....	I. H. Goodwin, proxy for lodge.
High Forest, No. 85.....	C. Converse, proxy for W.: M.:
Tyrian, No. 86.....	E. F. Hopkins, S.: W.:
Doric, No. 87.....	J. P. Burke, proxy for lodge.
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Christian Bertleson, W.: M.: Wm. E. Von Kuster, J.: W.:
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Henry J. Hoovel, S.: W.:
Antiquity, No. 91.....	M. E. Powell, proxy for W.: M.: E. D. French, proxy for S.: W.: M. E. Powell, proxy for J.: W.:
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Wm. Cordiner, W.: M.:
Unity, No. 93.....	L. L. Sartell, S.: W.:
Keystone, No. 94.....	L. C. Hanson, W.: M.:
Sherburne, No. 95.....	Wm. H. Shorey, S.: W.:
Libanus, No. 96.....	W. H. Rowe, W.: M.: G. W. Hiles, S.: W.: E. A. Gibbs, J.: W.:
Prudence, No. 97.....	George M. Laing, W.: M.:
Charity, No. 98.....	John F. Crowell, W.: M.: Joseph A. Eckstein, S.: W.: John Larson, J.: W.:
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	A. Brandenburg, W.: M.: O. C. Chase, S.: W.:
Aurora, No. 100.....	Geo. M. Day, proxy for W.: M.: Martius K. Swartz, J.: W.:
Fraternity, No. 101.....	Frank R. Durfee, W.: M.: I. P. Durfee, proxy for S.: W.: C. W. Smith, proxy for J.: W.:
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	W. R. Robinson, W.: M.:
Sharon, No. 104.....	F. G. Handy, W.: M.:
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	Geo. C. Bush, S.: W.: C. W. Dix, J.: W.:
Relief, No. 108.....	G. W. Ballard, W.: M.: J. W. Rhodes, S.: W.: J. D. Derby, J.: W.:
Sunset, No. 109.....	Wm. Dunbrack, W.: M.:
Pickwick, No. 110.....	Robert W. Armstrong, J.: W.:
Carver, No. 111.....	Jabez S. Barnard, W.: M.: Oswald C. Brunius, S.: W.:
Khurum, No. 112.....	Edward J. McMahon, W.: M.: Jas. Elwin, proxy for S.: W.: A. C. Clausen, J.: W.:

Excelsior, No. 113.....	O. C. Meaker, W.: M.:
	W. R. Willard, S.: W.:
Ben. Franklin, No. 114.....	Jens O. Helgeson, W.: M.:
Elgin, No. 115.....	R. L. Wood, S.: W.:
Lafayette, No. 116.....	C. Erickson, W.: M.:
Granite, No. 117.....	Alfred R. Rowe, W.: M.:
Newport, No. 118.....	John D. Carroll, W.: M.:
	John Weeks, S.: W.:
	J. R. McIntosh, proxy for J.: W.:
Delta, No. 119.....	Ed. L. Healey, W.: M.:
	J. B. Gibbons, S.: W.:
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....	Wm. H. Bentley, W.: M.:
Kellogg, No. 122.....	L. O. Cook, W.: M.:
Prairie, No. 123.....	Chas. W. Treat, proxy for lodge.
Janesville, No. 124.....	D. J. Dodge, W.: M.:
	F. H. Miner, S.: W.:
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	Chas T. Wadsworth, S.: W.:
Moorhead, No. 126.....	F. H. Petersen, W.: M.:
Josephus, No. 128.....	W. H. Davis, W.: M.:
Swift, No. 129.....	A. D. Aldrich, W.: M.:
	E. R. Aldrich, proxy for S.: W.: and J.: W.:
Arcturus, No. 130.....	Fred Otto, S.: W.:
	P. N. McRostie, proxy for J.: W.:
Alma, No. 131.....	W. F. Cobb, proxy for lodge.
Humboldt, No. 132.....	A. F. Truwe, W.: M.:
	Chas. A. Lambert, S.: W.:
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	Wm. C. Bickwell, W.: M.:
	O. C. Hanson, proxy for S.: W.:
	John D. Good, proxy for J.: W.:
Cokato, No. 134.....	Frank Griffith, proxy for W.: M.:
Nelson, No. 135.....	Thos. Hellier, W.: M.:
Walnut, No. 136.....	Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137.....	H. E. Maxwell, W.: M.:
	J. M. Peckinpaugh, proxy for S.: W.:
	A. D. Countryman, proxy for J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138.....	E. A. D. Salter, proxy for lodge.
Verndale, No. 139.....	D. J. Rosebrook, J.: W.:
Little Falls, No. 140.....	Not represented.
Crookston, No. 141.....	Not represented.
Currie, No. 142.....	Not represented.
Lake View, No. 143.....	P. H. Foote, W.: M.:
Bird Island, No. 144.....	F. T. Puffer, W.: M.:
	Ammond Dahl, J.: W.:
Melrose, No. 145.....	Not represented.
Benton, No. 146.....	J. H. Hanson, W.: M.:
	Grant Matthews, J.: W.:

- Canby, No. 147.....Chas. H. Gatfield, W.: M.:
John G. Lund, S.: W.:
- Quarry, No. 148.....Geo. McGillivray, proxy for lodge.
- Guardian, No. 149.....R. S. Donaldson, W.: M.:
Allan Wilson, J.: W.:
- Warren, No. 150.....L. Lamberson, W.: M.:
J. P. Easton, S.: W.:
- Chaska, No. 151Not represented.
- Frontier, No. 152.....Peter Hansen, W.: M.:
John C. Nolan, S.: W.:
- Kodahya, No. 153.....A. S. Crossfield, W.: M.:
- Norman, No. 154.....Louis Hintze, S.: W.:
E. B. Larson, J.: W.:
- Tracy, No. 155.....F. S. Brown, proxy for W.: M.:
- Wadena, No. 156L. W. Babcock, W.: M.:
George E. Trent, S.: W.:
- Perham, No. 157.....J. L. Berthold, W.: M.:
- Hector, No. 158.....H. B. Ostrander, W.: M.:
- Long Prairie, No. 159Dana A. Tufts, W.: M.:
- Plymouth, No. 160.....Leander O. Merriam, W.: M.:
G. R. Chipman, proxy for S.: W.:
John Chadwick, J.: W.:
- Sincerity, No. 161.....F. M. Churchill, S.: W.:
- Prescott, No. 162.....R. P. Wells, W.: M.:
- Summit, No. 163.....M. L. Countryman, W.: M.:
Robert C. Hine, S.: W.:
- Jasper, No. 164.....Geo. R. Lawrence, W.: M.:
- Minnehaha, No. 165.....Chas. H. Goodwin, W.: M.:
- Garnet, No. 166.....David Hanna, W.: M.:
Adam K. Getty, S.: W.:
John E. Extrand, J.: W.:
- Agate, No. 167.....Not represented.
- Braden, No. 168.....Wm. Densmore, W.: M.:
Geo. Brookins, S.: W.:
- Pierson, No. 169Robert Patterson, proxy for lodge.
- Fulda, No. 170.....Geo. D. Taylor, W.: M.:
Luther L. Rewalt, S.: W.:
H. P. Lewis, J.: W.:
- Shekinah, No. 171Edward L. Fales, W.: M.:
Robert T. McAdam, S.: W.:
Wm. A. Peterson, J.: W.:
- Marietta, No. 172.....Fred B. Smith, S.: W.:
- Plumb Line, No. 173.....David W. Fowler, W.: M.:
- Valley, No. 174.....C. L. Peterson, W.: M.:
- Roman Eagle, No. 175.....J. C. Becker, S.: W.:
A. M. Feathers, J.: W.:

Ark, No. 176.....	Hiram W. Foote, W.: M.:
Rough Ashler, No. 177.....	John W. Cottier, S.: W.:
Anchor, No. 178.....	George E. Estey, W.: M.:
	Wm. Dragoo, proxy for S.: W.:
King David, No. 179.....	H. Taylor, W.: M.:
Osakis, No. 180.....	George R. Babbitt, W.: M.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	Frank R. Redfield, proxy for lodge.
Fair Haven, No. 182.....	C. E. Kimble, proxy for lodge.
Pelican Rapids, No. 183.....	Not represented.
Shell, No. 184.....	Geo. D. Mandigo, W.: M.:
Midway, No. 185.....	William T. Rich, W.: M.:
	Richard D. Bloomfield, S.: W.:
	R. K. Evans, proxy for J.: W.:
Ionic, No. 186.....	Sheldon L. Frazer, W.: M.:
	Geo. N. La Vaque, proxy for S.: W.:
Arcana, No. 187.....	George A. Todd, W.: M.:
	Dan. C. Brown, J.: W.:
Fortitude, No. 188.....	R. Stewart, W.: M.:
	A. J. McGee, proxy for S.: W.:
Traverse, No. 189.....	S. W. Frasier, W.: M.:
Triune, No. 190.....	Albert C. Clausen, W.: M.:
	John Fishel, proxy for S.: W.:
Mizpah, No. 191.....	J. F. Baker, W.: M.:
Crow River, No. 192.....	Peter A. Olsen, S.: W.:
Amboy, No. 193.....	C. M. Green, W.: M.:
Canton, No. 194.....	R. N. Vail, W.: M.:
Renville, No. 195.....	Not represented.
Geneva, No. 196.....	H. L. Hayden, W.: M.:
Vermillion, No. 197.....	W. N. Shepherd, proxy for lodge.
Euclid, No. 198.....	G. J. Mallory, W.: M.:
	Geo. H. Wright, S.: W.:
	Samuel Wells, J.: W.:
Murray, No. 199.....	J. H. Low, W.: M.:
	Henry C. Grass, proxy for S.: W.:
Zenith, No. 200.....	Jacob C. Rothenburg, W.: M.:
	John B. Schmid, S.: W.:
Kenyon, No. 201.....	M. H. Silvernale, W.: M.:
	H. H. Blinn, proxy for S.: W.:
	P. L. Kramer, J.: W.:
Venus, No. 202.....	Alvin M. Crowell, W.: M.:
Stewartville, No. 203.....	Freeman B. Horton, W.: M.:
	W. L. Humason, S.: W.:
	Harry S. Prince, J.: W.:
St. Elmo, No. 204.....	Herbert D. Jenckes, W.: M.:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

R. W. CHARLES D. BOYCE.....	for British Columbia.
M. W. EDWARD W. DURANT.....	for Canada.
M. W. ALPHONSO BARTO.....	for Colon and Cuba and Michigan.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	for Colorado.
M. W. CHARLES GRISWOLD.....	for Connecticut.
M. W. HENRY R. DENNY.....	for Delaware and Washington.
R. W. EDWARD P. BARNUM.....	for Florida and Idaho.
W. A. Y. DAVIDSON.....	for Illinois.
R. W. WILLIAM S. COMBS.....	for Indiana, Kentucky and N. Carolina.
R. W. R. H. GOVE.....	for Indian Territory and Utah.
M. W. HENRY R. WELLS.....	for Iowa, N. Dakota and S. Dakota.
R. W. C. L. BROWN.....	for Kansas.
M. W. CHAS. W. NASH.....	for Louisiana.
R. W. L. Z. ROGERS.....	for Maine.
R. W. WILLIAM LEE.....	for New Hampshire.
R. W. JOSEPH H. THOMPSON.....	for New Jersey.
M. W. JACOB KIESTER.....	for New York, Nova Scotia and Texas.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....	for Ohio.
R. W. Wm. B. PATTON.....	for Pennsylvania.
R. W. A. J. EDGERTON.....	for Rhode Island.
R. W. Wm. F. DICKINSON.....	for Tennessee.
R. W. SAMUEL E. ADAMS.....	for Vermont.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
A. J. EDGERTON,
SAM. E. ADAMS,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, Jan 11, 1893.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at three o'clock. Officers and members as at opening session. The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Bros. George H. Davis (100), Dwight M. Baldwin (8), F. W. Campbell (2).

FINANCE.

L. Z. Rogers (32), Chas. Griswold (3), James F. Lawless (3), F. B. Von Hoesen (81).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

H. R. Wells (36), Chas. Griswold (3), E. W. Durant (1), H. R. Denny (111), J. A. Kiester (57).

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

Chas. W. Nash (7), Wm. Lee (7), C. H. Smith (101), W. T. Rigby (28), S. A. Emerson (39).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

J. A. Kiester (57), E. W. Durant (1), Chas. D. Boyce (2), H. C. Shepard, A. Brandenburg (99).

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. R. Wells (36), H. R. Denny (111), E. P. Barnum (60).

LODGES U. D.

E. W. Durant (1), R. H. Gove (21), Geo. H. Davis (100), O. H. Page (22), L. Lamberson (150).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), E. P. Barnum (60), W. H. Bentley (121).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

R. H. Gove (21), W. B. Hixon (19).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Chas. Griswold (3), M. E. Powell (91).

Grand Master Barto then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The year just passed has been one of peace and prosperity within our jurisdiction. Political turmoil has disturbed the land and parties have vied with each other for the control of the government under which we live, yet Masonry has quietly held its way. "The attentive ear has received the sound from the instructive tongue" and the craft has been prosperous and happy. No discord or confusion has disturbed the workmen, and we meet once more in annual communication.

LODGES CONSTITUTED AND CHARTERS DELIVERED.

The Grand Lodge at its last session granted charters to five new lodges, which were constituted as follows:

Zenith Lodge, No. 200, at Springfield, Brown county, was constituted and its charter delivered, Feb. 20, 1892, by R. W. Bro. A. Marden acting as my proxy.

Kenyon Lodge, No. 201, at Kenyon, Goodhue county, was constituted and its charter delivered by me, Feb. 22, 1892. In the evening following, its officers were publicly installed and a literary and musical program given to a fine audience.

Venus Lodge, No. 202, at Dawson, Lac qui Parle county, was constituted and its charter delivered, Feb. 24, 1892, by R. W. Bro. A. D. Countryman, acting as my proxy.

Stewartville Lodge, No. 203, at Stewartville, Olmsted county, was constituted and its charter delivered, March 3, 1892, by R. W. Bro. Joseph Underleak, acting as my proxy.

St. Elmo Lodge, No. 204, at Jasper, Pipestone county, was constituted and its charter delivered, Feb. 4, 1892, by R. W. Bro. C. W. Gilmore, acting as my proxy.

I would acknowledge my obligation to the brethren who so kindly acted as my proxy in the discharge of these duties.

The District Deputies for the several districts in which these lodges are situated report them all prosperous and doing good work.

On Feb. 29, 1892, R. W. Bro. R. S. Miles, acting as my proxy, restored the charter to Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, presided at their election, and installed their officers.

I learn from reliable sources that this lodge may yet become prosperous and influential. There are some good Masons connected with Bird Island Lodge who are determined to place it upon a high plane among the lodges of the state.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS EXAMINED AND APPROVED.

During the year I have examined and approved the by-laws of the new lodges constituted at our last session and examined and approved amendments to the by-laws of some twenty lodges besides.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES ISSUED.

By action of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, the dispensation to Wayzata Lodge, U. D., was renewed.

Feb. 29, 1892, I issued dispensation to Fosston Lodge, U. D., at Fosston, Polk county: Rev. G. E. Northrup, W. M.; Edward Ruud, S. W.; and Lewis Lohn, J. W. This dispensation was returned not used, and a request, signed by all the original petitioners, for a new dispensation in favor of W. B. Sheffield, W. M.; G. E. Northrup, S. W.; and Lewis Lohn, J. W. For sufficient reasons a new dispensation was issued to these brethren March 11, 1892.

By the authority of the Grand Lodge a dispensation was issued, March 17, 1892, to Staples Lodge, U. D., at Staples, Todd county, to open and establish a new lodge with B. F. Hartshorn, W. M.; Charles E. McMullen, S. W.; and Fred Davis, J. W.

July 20, 1892, dispensation was issued to Itasca Lodge, U. : D. : , at Grand Rapids, Itasca county, with H. R. King, W. : M. : ; Frank Carson, S. : W. : ; and Fred A. King, J. : W. :

The report of Brother Ten Brook, District Deputy for that district, speaks in high praise of the work of this lodge and its prospects.

These lodges will bring up their work for inspection and if approved I hope charters may be authorized.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED.

Special dispensations have been granted to different lodges during the year for the following purposes:

To elect Worshipful Master in case of vacancy by death; to elect Worshipful Master in case of vacancy (brother elected refusing to serve); to install Secretary at other time than that prescribed by the by-laws; to receive and act on petition at same meeting in case of great emergency; to rent lodge rooms to other societies under proper restrictions; to elect and install Senior Warden and fill vacancies; to elect and install Junior Warden and fill vacancies; to elect officers at time other than that prescribed by the by-laws, for sufficient reason; to confer F. : C. : and M. : M. : degree in one evening in case of great emergency; to move lodge from one hall to another; to install Treasurer; to open lodge before the time prescribed by the by-laws, due notice being given to all brethren; to appear in regalia at public installation of chapter; to confer E. : A. : on more than five at the same time; to hold annual election at special time after due summons of all brethren.

Special dispensations have been refused to receive petition of candidates on less than one year's residence; to join in Memorial Day services; to take part in Columbus Day exercises and for many things that were not in accord with masonic usage.

DECISIONS RENDERED.

I. QUESTION. Can a lodge appropriate money from its funds by unanimous vote to assist in building a bridge?

ANSWER. No. Lodge funds can only be used for masonic purposes.

II. *Statement.*—Charges were preferred against a member of a lodge by Junior Warden, and a committee was appointed to investigate such charges; the committee reported at a communication of the lodge as follows: "No witness has been procured, nor has the committee, nor any member of it, been apprised of any evidence available, to be taken in support of the charges made, and the committee request that the report be accepted and the committee discharged." The accused objected to any report being received from the committee on the ground that the lodge had not been regularly summoned, which objection was overruled by the Master, the report of the committee received, the committee discharged, and the charges dismissed.

Q. Did the Master err in receiving the report of the committee at a meeting which had not been summoned for that purpose, and at which a majority of the resident members were not present?

A. No.

Q. Did the Master err in dismissing the charges without summoning his lodge?

A. No. The Master was authorized to receive the report of any committee of his lodge at any stated communication, and the report of that committee showing nothing upon which the lodge could act, he was justified in dismissing the charges.

III. Q. Referring to the Grand Lodge decision where it is held that a lodge of Master Masons cannot be opened for any purpose whatever when there are less than seven Master Masons present, is it necessary that the seven shall all be members of one particular lodge or may visiting brethren help to make the necessary quorum?

A. In order to do the business of any lodge there must be seven Master Masons of that particular lodge present; but visiting brethren may help to make a quorum for the purpose of work.

IV. *Statement.*—A brother is elected Master of a lodge, and at a meeting for installation of officers when the Master is about to be installed a brother objects, for the reason, that the Master had been doing all he could to injure him.

The Master, who was about to install the Master-elect, demanded that the complaining brother prefer charges at once against the Master-elect or state when he would be prepared to prefer charges.

The complaining brother answered that he was not ready to prefer charges and did not know when he should be, but thought before long. The Master then informed him that unless he would name some definite time when he would be prepared to prefer charges against the Master-elect he should proceed to install him. The complaining brother made no reply.

Q. What ought the Master to do?

A. Install the Master-elect at once, as the objection was evidently without foundation and merely made to embarrass the lodge.

GRAND LECTURER.

At the session of the last Grand Lodge, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect be and he is hereby requested to make such recommendations in his address regarding a Grand Lecturer or the best methods of securing uniformity of work, as he shall deem advisable.

There is no doubt but the proper and efficient method of disseminating the work is through a Grand Lecturer. The expense to this Grand Lodge would be not less than one thousand five hundred dollars per annum. I would recommend for the consideration of this Grand

Lodge, the raising of our Grand Lodge dues from forty to fifty cents per capita; this increase, with a membership as we now have of fourteen thousand, would give a return of one thousand four hundred dollars per annum and the expense of the Grand Lecturer would be borne by the lodges with little inconvenience, and a small outlay to the Grand Lodge. That the incoming Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Grand Lecturer and define his duties. To my mind this is proper and necessary and I would urge its adoption.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Twenty of the thirty-four District Deputies have made reports in time, some of them very commendable and of value to the craft, and assistance to the Grand Master. Should the Grand Lodge authorize the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, I would still recommend that the District Deputies be continued as necessary assistants to the Grand Master, and aids to the Grand Lecturer.

LODGE ROOMS DESTROYED.

On Oct. 22, 1892, Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, of Fergus Falls, was again burned to the ground. The lodge lost records, charter, books and everything belonging to it. This is the second time within five years that this lodge has passed through the fiery ordeal. I immediately issued dispensation under which they might work until this meeting of the Grand Lodge and directed the Grand Secretary to furnish such books and Grand Lodge reports as were at hand for their use. I recommend the issuance of a duplicate charter to them without fee and the remission of their Grand Lodge dues for this year.

MASONIC HOME.

This subject has been in the hands of an able committee for the past year, who will be ready to report to this Grand Lodge their investigations and conclusions, and the whole subject matter may be considered in open lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year I have issued commissions to the following brethren as Grand Representatives:

- John H. Spencer, to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
- W. R. Montgomery, to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Commissions have been received and delivered for brethren as representatives near this Grand Lodge, as follows:

- M. : W. : Henry R. Denny, from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.
- M. : W. : Henry R. Wells, from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

- R. : W. : J. E. Finch, from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
 R. : W. : William Lee, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
 R. : W. : Willam B. Patton, from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
 R. : W. : E. P. Barnum, from the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

DEATHS AND OBITUARIES.

Notice has been received of the death of the following distinguished craftsmen during the past year:

- Shadwell Clarke, Grand Secretary of England, Dec. 25, 1891.
 Lafayette Van Cleve, Grand Chaplain of Ohio, March 2, 1882.
 Wm. Franklin Baldwin, Senior Grand Warden of Ohio, April 10, 1892.
 William S. Hayes, Grand Secretary of Delaware, May 24, 1892.
 Freeland J. Babcock, Grand Secretary of Oregon, Nov. 2, 1892.
 Christopher Taylor, Past Grand Master of Oregon, June 24, 1892.
 Rockly B. Earhart, Past Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of Oregon, May 11, 1892.
 Miles Jefferson Green, Grand Secretary of Alabama, June 22, 1892.
 William Henry Wilson, Grand Master of Manitoba, July 19, 1892.
 George L. Kimball, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Aug. 29, 1892.
 De Witt C. Dawkins, Past Grand Master for five terms and Grand Secretary for twenty-five years of Florida, Oct. 5, 1892.
 William Taylor Allen, Grand Treasurer of Virginia for five years, Oct. 6, 1892.
 Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary of North Carolina for twenty-five years, Nov. 17, 1892.
 Thomas McFadden Patton, Past Grand Master of Oregon, Nov. 29, 1892.

Edwin D. Hillyer, Past Grand Master of Kansas, Dec 11, 1892.

Among the members of our own Grand Lodge death has taken three, as follows:

Silas R. Merrell, who was Junior Grand Warden in 1866 and Senior Grand Warden from 1867 to 1869 of this Grand Lodge, died at Evanston, Ill., Feb. 23, 1892. George A. Camp, who was Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1879 and Grand Treasurer from 1874 to 1877 inclusive, died at his home at Minneapolis, May 4, 1892. Since learning of the death of these brethren I have been unable to obtain the proper data for the notice due to such eminent craftsman, and I would recommend that this subject be referred to a committee, to prepare proper obituary notices to be printed in our proceedings for this year.

Bro. Charles N. Daniels, died at Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 15, 1892.

Brother Daniels was born at Leon, Cattaragus county, New York, Nov. 26, 1828. He moved to Minnesota in 1852 and settled at St. Paul; he removed to St. Anthony in 1855 and Fairbault in 1862, where he remained until 1880, when he removed to Fargo, N. D., and in 1884 took up his residence in Tacoma, Wash., where he remained until his death.

He was initiated and passed in Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minneapolis, and raised in Faribault Lodge, No. 9, March 8, 1856. He was elected Worshipful Master of Faribault Lodge, No. 9, Dec. 26, 1870, and served for three years. He was again elected in 1874 and again in 1878.

He received the chapter degrees in St. Anthony Falls Chapter, No. 3, and was created a Knight Templar in Zion Commandery, No. 2, both of Minneapolis.

He was Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge for the year 1878, Senior Grand Warden, 1879, and was appointed District Deputy for the Fourth district for a term of three years, Dec. 5, 1867, and continued to discharge the duties of that office while that system had an existence in this jurisdiction and, when superseded by a Grand Lecturer, Brother Daniels' knowledge and devotion to the interests of the craft at once pointed him out as the proper man to fill that important office. He was the first and only Grand Lecturer in this jurisdiction, was appointed by Grand Master C. W. Nash in 1869 and continued until the office of Grand Lecturer was abolished. He was of great skill and ability and in his death the fraternity has lost one of its most active and useful members and a zealous and devoted Mason; the circle in which he moved a true and warm-hearted gentleman; and his family an affectionate and devoted husband and father.

"His work was not done, yet his column is broken,
Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherished his worth;
Let every tear-drop be sympathy's token,
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the Earth."

I am indebted to Past Grand Master C. W. Nash for material he has been at great pains to collect and he has prepared a complete and elaborate history of Brother Daniels' masonic life which he intends to file with the Grand Secretary.

HALLS DEDICATED AND CORNER STONE LAID.

On the fifteenth day of February I authorized Bro. J. S. Hillmer to dedicate the new hall of Rising Sun Lodge at St. Charles. The brethren of this lodge had seen their lodge room with all its contents, including lodge furniture, jewels and charter, entirely destroyed by fire, but had themselves, like good Masons, risen above the calamity and rebuilt their building even better than before.

Brother Hillmer reports that February 22d he performed the duty assigned him and that the occasion was a happy and profitable one to the craft. A banquet was served to nearly four hundred, and all adjoining lodges were well represented, including a delegation of thirty-eight from Winona Lodge.

My thanks are due to Brother Hillmer for his able and efficient work on that occasion.

DULUTH.

June 9, 1892, I received an invitation from those who were in charge of the new government building at Duluth to lay the corner stone of that edifice on the twenty-fifth of that month. I immediately accepted the invitation and appointed Bro. W. B. Patton, J.: G.: W.:; Bro. W. G. Ten Brook, D.: D.:, and P.: M.: Geo. La Vaque, as a committee on the part of the Grand Lodge to make all local arrangements for the ceremonies. I invited the Grand Commander of Knights Templar to furnish an escort, which he very cheerfully accepted and provided a very beautiful guard of honor for the occasion. Bro. H. J. Peck, G.: O.:, upon very short notice, attended and gave an entertaining and instructive address.

I shall ever feel grateful to all these brethren and Sir Knights for their promptness, efficiency and kindness in making this occasion a complete success.

In the evening following, a literary and musical entertainment was given at the Temple Opera House, which no brother can describe who has not partaken of the hospitality of the brethren of that unparalleled city.

True masonic hospitality always abides with them and at every opportunity; it not only takes in the whole State of Minnesota, but bubbles over and embraces our sister jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

THE GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA.

I have had several letters from the president of this association, Bro. J. Ross Robinson, Grand Master of Canada, and also from its secretary, Bro. L. Cabell Williamson of Washington, D. C., whom I had the pleasure of meeting this summer while in the East.

The objects of the association are to protect the craft against impostors and all persons who are practicing fraud upon the charities of the masonic fraternity. A small per capita fee is charged of one-half of one per cent per annum and a monthly circular is issued to all lodges, giving a description of all frauds and impostors that have been discovered during the month.

I would recommend that this matter go to one of our standing committees or a special committee who shall examine into the advisability of this Grand Lodge affiliating with said association and report at as early an hour as practicable.

The correspondence is with the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The library and records of this Grand Lodge have become too valuable to be kept in a building that is not practically fireproof. Many of the books and documents, if destroyed, could never be replaced and if

preserved and increased, as it should be, by a small outlay annually, it would be an interesting place for any intelligent Mason to pass a leisure hour and many masonic authors and students would make a pilgrimage to study its rare and valuable contents. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge request the Board of Trustees to take immediate steps to secure fireproof accommodations for the library and Grand Secretary's office if they can be had for a reasonable rental.

CONCLUSION.

Whatever of success has attended my administration of this important trust has been largely due to those eminent brethren who have preceded me, and have been always willing to counsel and advise with me for the welfare of the craft, and to the subordinate officers who have been ready to second every suggestion of mine for the advancement of Masonry.

This Grand Lodge has now within its jurisdiction two hundred lodges and nearly fourteen thousand masons.

To have been elected to preside over the destinies of such a body for two successive years should fill the ambition of any Mason.

I shall be content if I can serve this Grand Lodge, while I live, in the capacity of an humble member, for

"Although our past achievements we with honest pride review,
As long as there's Rough Ashlers there is work for us to do;
We still may shape the Living Stones with instruments of love
For the eternal Mansions in the Paradise above;
Toil as we've toiled in ages past to carry out the plan—
Tis this:—the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man."

ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address for subdivision and reference:

W. . Bro. H. J. Peck of Shakopee then delivered the oration, which will be found in the Appendix.

Bro. O. H. Page (22) submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing who have been representatives of subordinate lodges to this Grand Lodge for twenty years, shall thereafter, by virtue of such attendance, become permanent members of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, with all the rights and privileges of Past Grand Wardens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. ., of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodge Returns beg leave to submit herewith an abstract of the returns of the lodges, and to recommend that the Grand

Secretary be directed to charge the accounts of the several lodges with the amounts herein reported as their fees and dues for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892. The following is a summary of the work reported, viz.:

Initiated.....	1,056
Passed	961
Raised	943
Joined.....	323
Restored	43
Total increase.....	1,309
Withdrawn.....	437
Stricken from the roll.....	176
Suspended or expelled.....	10
Died	142
Total decrease.....	765
Net gain.....	544
Present membership.....	13,444
Total fees and dues reported.....	\$7,712.80

The following is a statement of the errors noted, viz.:

Cataract, No. 2. Report 6 withdrawn, take credit in account for only 5; overpaid 40 cents.

Hennepin, No. 4. Report 30 initiated, pay for 29; owe \$1; report 12 joined, account for only 11; omit lodge seal; starting number next year, 440.

Ancient Landmark, No. 5. Report starting number 471; last year showed membership 478. The Secretary has explained error satisfactorily to Grand Secretary.

Red Wing, No. 8. Report for the first time this year three degrees which were conferred in 1891.

Faribault, No. 9. Report 4 withdrawn, take credit in account for only 3; overpaid 40 cents.

Mantorville, No. 11. Starting number wrong; overpaid 40 cents; omit lodge seal.

Rochester, No. 21. Report those raised as joined also, which is incorrect, "joined" column being only for affiliates.

Blue Earth Valley, No. 27. Starting number 66, should be 68; owe 80 cents.

Anoka, No. 30. Omit lodge seal.

King Hiram, No. 31. Starting number 37, should be 36; overpaid 40 cents.

Sakatah, No. 32. Starting number 75, should be 69; account for 1 dimitted and 5 stricken from roll reported last year from roll; account for 1 restored, do not give name or number; do not give time of meeting; omit lodge seal.

Star in the East, No. 33. Report 1 restored; omitted from summary.

Oriental, No. 34. Starting number 51, should be 50; overpaid 40 cents.

- Mt. Moriah, No. 35. Omit lodge numbers.
- Preston, No. 36. No heading; age, occupation and birthplaces omitted; one accounted for in summary as joined, but not reported by name, etc.; due 80 cents. (Since paid.)
- Fidelity, No. 39. Omit lodge numbers.
- King Solomon, No. 44. No heading; no lodge numbers.
- Nicollet, No. 54. Fail to make report in full of those raised.
- Star in the West, No. 60. No lodge numbers; starting number should be 84 instead of 83; owe 40 cents.
- Brownsville, No. 73. Starting number should be 20, given as 19; owe 40 cents.
- Eureka, No. 75. Report 5 initiated; give names of only 4.
- Constellation, No. 81. Starting number should be 70 instead of 69; owe 40 cents; lodge numbers not inserted.
- High Forest, No. 85. Report 1 initiated and 1 passed who were reported last year also; overpaid \$2.
- Tyrian, No. 86. Starting number 65, should be 62; omit lodge numbers; overpaid \$1.20.
- Doric, No. 87. No heading, seal or lodge numbers; starting number should be 42, given as 38; owe \$23. (Paid since—GRAND SECRETARY.)
- Fraternal, No. 92. Starting number 57, should be 47; overpaid \$4.
- Prudence, No. 97. Starting number 81, should be 84; owe \$1.20.
- Aurora, No. 100. Overpaid \$1.20.
- Lebanon, No. 102. No seal; report 3 dimitted, 1 joined, give no names or numbers; starting number next year, 21; owe \$1.20.
- Sharon, No. 104. Give no lodge numbers; error in calculating dues; owe 20 cents.
- Relief, No. 108. Wrong starting number; omit lodge numbers; do not give the name of the lodge from which one that joined had dimitted from; owe 40 cents.
- Excelsior, No. 113. Starting number should be 63, given as 53; report 2 joined, but give no names or dates; owe \$4.
- Newport, No. 118. Report 3 withdrawn; give no names, dates or numbers; owe \$1.20.
- Delta, No. 119. Omit lodge numbers.
- Prairie, No. 123. Starting number 31, should be 32; owe 40 cents.
- Josephus, No. 128. Overpaid \$1.
- Alma, No. 131. Starting number 51, should be 54; owe \$1 20 for dues and \$2 for fees on 2 passed in 1891 but not reported before 1892.
- Humboldt, No. 132. Starting number 25, should be 30; owe \$2.
- Nelson, No. 135. No lodge numbers given.
- Verndale, No. 139. Starting number 25, should be 32; owe \$2.80. (Since paid.)
- Currie, No. 142. Starting number 24, should be 28; owe \$1.60.
- Bird Island, No. 144. Starting number 23, should be 26; do not account for 1 initiated in 1891; owe \$2.20. (Since paid.)
- Benton, No. 146. Report 1 withdrawn without giving number.

Quarry, No. 148. Not headed; starting number should be 72 instead of 68; owe \$1.60.

Warren, No. 150. Pay for 10 initiated, but only give the names and dates of 8; report 9 raised, but only give names, etc., of 8; overpaid 60 cents; starting number should be 50, not 49.

Long Prairie, No. 159. Report 2 initiated, give name of but 1; start with 41, should be 42; due 40 cents.

Agate, No. 167. Account for 5 initiated, but report only 3 names and dates; overpaid \$2.

Marietta, No. 172. Give no lodge numbers.

Plumb Line, No. 173. Starting number given as 32, should be 33; owe 40 cents.

Roman Eagle, No. 175. Starting number 24, should be 25; error in calculation; overpaid 60 cents.

Ark, No. 176. Omit lodge numbers for all losses.

Rough Ashler, No. 177. Report 1 initiated, but give no name or date.

Anchor, No. 178. Report 1 dimitted, give no name or date.

King David, No. 179. Starting number 30, should be 29; overpaid 40 cents.

Shell, No. 184. Report 7 initiated, account for only 5; owe \$2.

Arcana, No. 187. Pay on 2 joined present year; overpaid 80 cents.

Amboy, No. 193. No heading.

Geneva, No. 196. Account for 4 withdrawn, but give no names or dates; report work done in 1891, which should have been reported that year; owe \$1.60.

Zenith, No. 200. Returns not headed; 6 Entered Apprentices and 3 Fellow Crafts not reported by name, occupation, etc.; add 5 to starting number without showing where obtained; overpaid \$2.

The following lodges failed to make returns in time, viz.: Nos. 64, 76, 89, 136, 143, 145, 151, 183, 191 and Fosston, U.: D.:

The following lodges have not made returns or paid dues, viz.: Melrose, 145; Chaska, 151; Pelican Rapids, 183; and Fosston, U.: D.:

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. DICKINSON,

J. S. NELSON,

J. F. LAWLESS,

Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis (100), from special committee on Grand Lodge register appointed last year, presented a report signed only by himself as chairman, the consideration of which was postponed until to-morrow morning to enable the committee to meet and confer on the subject.

On motion of Bro. W. T. Rigby, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for to-morrow at 3 P. M.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M.:

I herewith submit my financial report for the past year:

J. H. THOMPSON, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota.

RECEIPTS.

1892.

Jan. 14.	Cash on hand as per last report.....	\$3,434.60
Jan. 14.	Cash received from Grand Secretary	7,770.00
	Total.....	\$11,204.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Order No. 1.	Bro. Alphonso Barto, Grand Master's expenses, 1891.....	\$300.00
Order No. 2.	Bro. Irving Todd, Foreign Correspondence report.....	250.00
Order No. 3.	Bro. M. M. Clark, Assistant Grand Secretary..	25.00
Order No. 4.	Bro. J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler.....	25.00
Order No. 5.	Bro. Thomas Montgomery, contingent expenses of office.....	175.00
Order No. 6.	Bro. Thomas Montgomery, salary for October, November and December, 1891.....	312.50
Order No. 7.	Bro. E. B. Stanley, W. M. Alma Lodge, No. 131, for dues remitted for 1891.....	21.60
Order No. 8.	Funds of Grand Lodge transferred to the widows' and orphans' fund.....	1,000.00
Order No. 9.	Bro. Moses Emery, W. M. of Caledonia Lodge, No. 20, for relief widow of Bro. Aeken.....	25.00
Order No. 10.	Bro. C. W. Gilmore, W. M. Quarry Lodge, No. 148, for overpaid dues.....	1.60
Order No. 11.	Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson, appropriation, first month.....	60.00
Order No. 12.	Pay roll Grand Lodge, session 1892.....	1,977.84
Order No. 13.	Bro. A. A. Whitney, W. M. Melrose Lodge, No. 145, relief Bro. A. Joseph.....	50.00
Order No. 14.	Bro. L. D. Colby, Secretary, overpaid dues...	2.60
Order No. 15.	Bro. J. W. Bryant, W. M. Elgin Lodge, No. 115, relief of Bro. Chas. B. Blair.....	50.00
Order No. 16.	Bro. G. W. Rockwell, W. M. Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69, relief Emerline A. Hitchcock	30.00
Order No. 17.	Bro. N. B. Patten, W. M. Nicollet Lodge, No. 54, relief for widow of C. D. Colby.....	50.00

Order No. 18. Bro. Wm. J. Berner, Secretary Rising Sun Lodge, No. 49, fees and dues remitted	45.80
Order No. 19. Bro. O. H. Phillips, W. M. Relief Lodge, No. 108, for relief Mrs. C. Fairbanks.....	50.00
Order No. 20. Bro. F. M. Curtis, W. M. Harmony Lodge, No. 43, relief Bro. Jacobs, \$25; relief Bro. Haas, \$25.....	50.00
Order No. 21. Bro. J. F. Durst, Secretary Tracy Lodge, No. 155, dues and fees remitted.....	41.60
Order No. 22. Overpaid dues by lodges—returned to them..	8.20
Order No. 23. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 24. Printing Grand Lodge proceedings, etc.....	450.00
Order No. 25. Office rent, Grand Secretary's office.....	125.00
Order No. 26. F. Guetekuntz, for phototypes.....	49.50
Order No. 27. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 28. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 29. Weed & Lawrence, insurance.....	54.00
Order No. 30. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 31. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 32. Thomas Montgomery, six months' salary.....	625.00
Order No. 33. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 34. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 35. Thomas Montgomery, salary July and August	208.34
Order No. 36. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 37. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 38. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 39. Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	60.00
Order No. 40. Thomas Montgomery, salary September, October, November and December.....	416.66
Order No. 33. J. A. Johnson, Secretary Doric Lodge, No. 87..	1.40

\$7,141.64

1893.

Jan. 11. Cash on hand..... 4,062.96

\$11,204.60

Debit account forward, \$11,204.60.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

J. H. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

1893.

Dr.

Jan. 11. To cash on hand per report of Jan. 13, 1892..... \$815.75

1892.

Jan. 19. To cash sale of \$10,000 State of Minnesota bonds at par..... 10,000.00

Jan. 14.	To cash received Grand Lodge, Order No. 8.....	1,000.00
April 1.	To cash interest six months at 4 per cent on \$11,000 City of Minneapolis bonds.....	220.00
Oct. 1.	To cash interest six months at 4 per cent on \$11,000 City of Minneapolis bonds.....	220.00
		\$12,255.75
1892.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 20.	By purchase \$11,000 City of Minneapolis bonds.....	\$11,000.00
Jan. 20.	To cash interest earned from Oct. 1, 1891, to Jan. 20, 1892.....	134.42
	To cash express on old State of Minnesota bonds to New York.....	19.57
1893.		
Jan. 11.	To cash on hand.....	1,101.76
		\$12,255.75

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

1893.		
Jan. 11.	To cash on hand.....	\$1,101.76
	City of Minneapolis 4 per cent interest-bearing bonds	11,000.00
		\$12,101.76

The interest on \$11,000 bonds at 4 per cent from Oct. 1, 1892, to Jan. 11, 1893, earned and collectible on April 1, 1893—\$125.62.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Treasurer Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Grand Secretary then read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

At the close of another busy year I have the honor to submit my fourth annual report as Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

One thousand two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication, with the accompanying tables and report on correspondence, were printed with the utmost dispatch consistent with accuracy and given the usual distribution within six weeks after the session closed. The proceedings of the present communication will probably be in your hands in even less time. In this connection it is my duty to inform you that the proceedings of 1874 and 1875 are exhausted and should be reprinted in order to supply the demand. The expense of printing three hundred copies in full, including the reports on correspondence, would be about six hundred dollars, while if only the proceedings proper were printed one hundred and fifty dollars would suffice.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

The five charters granted last year were duly prepared and severally placed in the hands of the brethren designated by the Grand Master to constitute these new lodges, together with a letter of authority and specific instructions in each case. The Grand Master in his address gave you the names of his proxies and the date each lodge was constituted. Due reports were sent me as required and are now on file. As is now the rule, no charter was delivered until the dimits of petitioners were first obtained and the charter fee paid. The arrested charter of Bird Island Lodge, No. 144, was returned through Bro. R. S. Miles, D. : D. : G. : M. :, February 29th last, by order of the Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

The dispensation to Wayzata Lodge was renewed January 25th by indorsement on original, without fee. Other dispensations were issued by order of the Grand Master, as follows, the requirements of the office having first been met:

March 11th, to Fosston Lodge, U. : D. :, at Fosston, Polk county.

March 17th, to Staples Lodge, U. : D. :, at Staples, Todd county.

July 20th, to Itasca Lodge, U. : D. :, at Grand Rapids, Itasca county.

The records and other books of these lodges are now in my hands for examination. Each lodge respectfully petitions for a charter. Owing to the destruction of their charter by fire a dispensation was issued October 29th, permitting Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, at Fergus Falls, to meet as heretofore until this session of the Grand Lodge. The dispensation to Witoka Lodge, U. : D. :, at Witoka, Winona county, having expired by limitation and their petition for a charter having been denied, I directed the late Master to send me such lodge property as they possessed. A small box arrived in July containing some jewels, aprons and other property, which, with some property of the late Centennial Lodge, had better be sold at the first opportunity.

COMMISSIONS ISSUED.

On the twenty-fifth of January I issued commissions to the thirty-four District Deputy Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Master, assigning each his field of labor and defining his duties. I also, by order of the Grand Master, issued Grand Representatives commissions as reported in his address.

THE WASHINGTON APRON.

Appreciating the honor done this Grand Lodge by Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 91, of West Virginia, in permitting an exhibit of one of the elegant aprons once worn by Washington, as recorded last year, our worthy brother and Past Senior Grand Warden, L. Z. Rogers, conceived the idea of preparing and presenting to our Grand Lodge for presentation to said lodge a beautiful cherry case or frame for the same. This was sent me by express in March, and I at once sent it on to Bro. W. Lemen, a mem-

ber of said Lodge No. 91, then in possession of the apron and residing at Angus, Minn. The Most Worshipful Grand Master directed me to procure a suitable silver plate, properly inscribed, to be attached to the case, which was duly attended to, he defraying the expense of same. Learning that the apron and case would be in Minneapolis at my disposal on a certain day, I arranged for its exhibit to the Masons of our neighboring city. It was also, through the courtesy of Brother Lemen, exhibited at Waterville, the home of Brother Rogers, the following day. To describe the magnificent case with its carved masonic emblems and plate-glass front, its elegant design and exquisite workmanship, would occupy too much space in this report. Photographs and full description were published at the time in the *Voice of Masonry* and other masonic journals, and the fact of the exhibit of the apron before this Grand Lodge chronicled by the various Grand Lodge correspondents. Brother Rogers is entitled to the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his elegant and costly gift. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I addressed a letter to Mt. Nebo Lodge expressive of our appreciation of the honor done us in permitting us to see the apron here, and requesting their acceptance of the afore-mentioned case. To this I received the following reply:

HALL OF MT. NEBO LODGE, No. 91, A. F. & A. M.
SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA., April 27, 1892.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Minnesota:

BRETHREN: At a communication of Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., held on the eighteenth inst., a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered your Grand Body for the beautiful frame in which you placed the Washington apron, of which Mt. Nebo is the fortunate owner.

By order of the lodge.

Truly and fraternally yours,

J. S. FLEMING,
Secretary.

By direction of the Grand Master, on June 16th I issued notices to the officers of the Grand Lodge, inviting them to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new government building at Duluth, June 25th, also requesting an escort of Knights Templar from the Grand Commander. It was my privilege to be present and assist in the ceremonies.

LIBRARY.

In addition to the usual exchange of Grand Lodge proceedings sent us in pamphlet form, I have received bound proceedings from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and New Jersey; also, a beautiful presentation volume of the "History of Freemasonry in Quebec," from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and several other masonic works from other sources. During the coming year a number of volumes of proceedings can be bound. I heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that better security against fire should be provided for our constantly

accumulating library books and pamphlets, and the books, papers and other property in the Grand Secretary's office. That veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin of Iowa, told me last year when here that if I wanted to make a record for myself I must give my Grand Lodge no peace until I secured funds sufficient to erect a fireproof library building similar to the one at Des Moines. Brother Bowen, the Grand Secretary of Nebraska, takes pride in his fireproof building at Omaha. A brick building was erected by the Grand Lodge, at a moderate expense, with a fireproof annex. in which is kept their library and other valuable books and papers. The trustees of this Grand Lodge are fully competent, however, to decide on this important question without advice from me.

I am pleased to state that elegant Grand Representatives' jewels have been received from New York and Utah, which M. W. Brothers Kiester and Gove are at present respectively entitled to wear. They are intended to be the official jewel of the representative for the time being.

Three out of the seven Worshipful Masters intrusted with funds last year for charitable purposes have made due report of their disbursement as required by the Grand Lodge. I mention it here that others may be reminded to do likewise.

REDUCTION IN RAILROAD FARE.

All the railroads in Minnesota have kindly responded to our request for the usual reduction in railroad fare to the members attending this communication of the Grand Lodge.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

Out of the one hundred and ninety active chartered lodges and four U. D. S., all have made returns except Nos. 145, 151, 183 and Fosston, U. D. S. Allowing two days for transmission through the mail 166 returns were in my hands on time, viz., January 4th; twenty-seven were delinquent this year and nine of these had not arrived yesterday morning. Some four or five presented valid excuses. The Committee on Returns convened at my office on January 7th and they as well as the Grand Secretary were seriously handicapped in their work by the non-arrival of these returns on time. It especially embarrasses the Grand Secretary, who cannot properly close up his tables and report until the last minute before the Grand Lodge opens, and is very apt to be the cause of errors in accounting for money received. I beg of the brethren present to endeavor to be on time in this matter. Surely where eighty-five per cent are on time the other fifteen per cent can be as prompt if they but try. I will say for your encouragement, however, that by a comparison with last year the delinquents were fewer this year by eighteen. The Grand Lodge meets this year less than a week after the returns are due. Of the returns received before the first of the month I found time to examine many of them, and by correspondence with the Secretary had such errors corrected as appeared. If the Grand

Secretary had a month or even three weeks after the returns were due before Grand Lodge met all material errors could be detected and corrected, such as mistakes in membership and finances, dilatory lodges could be spurred up and complete and corrected returns be ready to submit to the Grand Lodge when it met. I deem this matter of such importance and so vital to the interests of the Grand Lodge from a common sense and business standpoint that I respectfully commend to your consideration the propriety of changing the time of holding our annual communication from the second Wednesday after the first Monday in January to the last Wednesday in January. This change can be effected by a two-thirds vote in its favor at this session.

FINANCIAL.

I have received the following funds during the past year:

For charter fees five lodges.....	\$125.00
For dispensation fees three lodges.....	60.00
For fees and dues from lodges including arrears.....	7,716.80
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Total in my hands and ready to be turned over to the Grand Treasurer.....	\$7,901.80

A detailed statement of the above is found in the Grand Secretary's cash book.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

It was ordered, on motion, that that portion recommending a reprint of the proceedings of 1874 and 1875 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, that portion relating to a change of the time of holding our annual communications to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and the remainder to the Committee on Finance.

RELIEF.

A number of applications were made for relief from the funds of the Grand Lodge, all of which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Bro. H. R. Denny proposed the following amendment to the constitution:

Add at the end of section seventy-six, title second, the following words: "*Provided*, That no part of the principal of the widows' and or-

phans' fund which has been or may be hereafter created shall ever be expended or appropriated except in accordance with a provision of this constitution therefor."

Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The following from the Committee on Appropriations was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in session:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations make its report for the consideration of the Grand Lodge not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of each communication, and that no appropriation be made from the funds of the Grand Lodge at any communication thereof after that hour unless it be by unanimous consent.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
E. P. BARNUM,
Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Bros. Wm. T. Rich and R. D. Bloomfield (185), was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That in cities where lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a rejected candidate in one lodge cannot petition for the degrees in another lodge without the consent of the lodge in which rejected.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Jan. 12, 1893.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 A. M., officers and members as before.

The Committee on Address reported as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for subdivision and reference would respectfully recommend—

1. That so much as relates to dispensations for new lodges be referred to the Committee on Lodges U. : D. :

2. That so much as relates to special dispensations granted and refused and decisions rendered be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

3. That so much as relates to a Grand Lecturer and to District Deputies be referred to a special committee of three.

4. That so much as relates to lodge rooms destroyed be referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. That so much as relates to deaths and obituaries be referred to a special committee of three.

6. That so much as relates to halls dedicated and corner stones laid be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

7. That so much as relates to the Grand Lodge library be referred to the Committee on Finance.

8. That so much as relates to the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be referred to a special committee of three.

9. That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
F. W. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master appointed the following special committees as provided for in the report of the Committee on Address:

3. Brothers Chas. Griswold (3), George W. Mead (12), H. R. Denny (111).

5. Brothers C. W. Nash (7), S. E. Adams (19), Thos. Montgomery (54).

8. Brothers A. Marden (98), H. R. Wells (36), M. H. Sullivan (7).

9. Brothers S. E. Adams (19), Chas. A. Lambert (182), A. S. Crossfield (153).

Bro. H. A. Seigneuret (80) offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge rescinds the following section of the proceedings of 1872, at page 36, viz.:

“*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge, in view of the many perplexing questions arising from the matter of non-payment of dues, recommend the life membership system for adoption by subordinate lodges in place of the system of annual dues.”

Bro. H. R. Denny read the report of the special committee on masonic home appointed last year. (For report, see Appendix.)

The report was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered the chairman for his very able and exhaustive report.

The following resolution on the same subject, prepared by the committee and offered by Bro. H. R. Denny, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a masonic home is not necessary in this jurisdiction at the present time, and that masonic charity can be more satisfactorily, economically and equitably dispensed by the methods at present existing in this jurisdiction.

The Committee on New Register submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your committee on the proposed new Grand Lodge Register have duly considered the subject, and fraternally report as follows: They are of the opinion that such a register as has been repeatedly recommended by the Grand Secretary is most desirable. It seems to offer the only feasible method of preserving in the Grand Secretary's office a clear, accurate and convenient record of the various lodges constituent to this Grand Body, and as the number of lodges multiply and the membership increases and changes, the necessity for such a record becomes more and more manifest.

They are of the opinion that the preparation of such a register is a legitimate and proper part of the work to be expected of the Grand Secretary, and that the salary now paid the Grand Secretary is amply sufficient to compensate him for all labors performed for this Grand Lodge, including that incident to such preparation.

They therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to procure the necessary books for such proposed registration and to make or cause to be made such a register at the earliest possible date, and that no extra compensation be allowed by this Grand Lodge for the same in excess of the necessary cost of the blank books and forms required therefor.

G. H. DAVIS,

Chairman;

W. F. DICKINSON,

J. M. D. CRAFT.

The report provoked considerable discussion, Brothers Wells, Markham, McMahon and others thinking it unfair to ask the Grand Secretary to undertake such a stupendous job without compensation for necessary assistance; but, as the Grand Secre-

tary expressed his earnest desire to have such a register and his willingness to perform the work, as soon as practicable, without extra compensation therefor, rather than not have the register, and had to that end so informed the committee before the report was signed, the report was adopted without further objection, and that portion relating to the purchase of books and blanks was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. .

COPY OF LODGE REGISTERS.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Markham (164), it was ordered that the secretaries of the several subordinate lodges who have not already done so be required to furnish the Grand Secretary with a complete roster of the members of their respective lodges from organization up to the end of 1892, together with all data connected with same now required to be entered on their lodge registers or annual returns, on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary for that purpose, and that said rolls of membership be sent to the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st next, unless he extends the time for sufficient cause shown.

A bill of the Grand Tyler for expenses in attending the cornerstone laying at Duluth was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Irving Todd, for the committee, submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered published as an appendix to the proceedings.

FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The following, read by Brother Todd, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Illinois has accepted the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for a fraternal congress to be held at Chicago in August next, and extends a cordial invitation to all grand lodges in fraternal correspondence to be represented on that occasion; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the interchange of opinions at such a gathering of the prominent Masons of the country will prove of permanent benefit to the great body of the craft; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby authorized to appoint a suitable number of delegates to represent the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at said congress, to serve at their own expense.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,
THOS. MONTGOMERY.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

By recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the application of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition and an exchange of Representatives was granted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

At the last communication of this Grand Lodge your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was instructed "to report upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to the position of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden in this Grand Lodge, and who then leaves this jurisdiction, takes a dimit, becomes a member in another Grand Jurisdiction and again returns to this jurisdiction and joins some lodge therein."

"Also, upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to any of the above named positions in any other Grand Jurisdiction and afterwards becomes a member in this jurisdiction," and the committee was granted time until the present session to report.

Your committee, having duly considered said several subjects, now fraternally report upon the same as follows:

First—A brother who has held a masonic office, either in the Grand or a subordinate lodge of this or any other jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, and is a member of a subordinate lodge here or elsewhere, never, while in good standing in the fraternity, loses his right to the honors due to the highest office which he has held, and he is entitled to be hailed and recognized in all proper places according to such rank.

Second—In this jurisdiction Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge (General Regulations, Sec. 64) are, while members in good standing of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction (General Regulations, Sec. 65), permanent members of this Grand Lodge, and entitled to vote therein and receive certain pay on attending the communications of this Grand Lodge; and such Past Grand Officer who removes from this jurisdiction, taking a dimit from his local lodge, and becomes a member of a lodge, or not, in another jurisdiction, loses not the honors due his masonic rank, but ceases to be a member of this Grand Lodge. (General Regulations, Sec. 65.)

Third—If such Past Grand Officer of this jurisdiction returns to this jurisdiction and again becomes a member of a subordinate lodge therein, he at once resumes all his former rights and privileges as a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, according to the rank he formerly held, whatever official rank he may have attained to in any other jurisdiction.

Fourth—As to the second paragraph above, we report that the status of a brother in good standing who has attained to any of the above named offices in any other jurisdiction, and whether a member of a lodge here or elsewhere, is entitled to be accorded the honors due his rank, just as though he had obtained such rank in this jurisdiction; but he is not because of such official standing and lodge membership here, a member of this Grand Lodge, such membership, in the opinion of your committee, being confined to the Past Grand Officers of this jurisdiction named above. (General Regulations, Sec. 64.)

Your committee further reports, as applicable to an existing instance in this jurisdiction and in accordance with the above views, that a Past Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Warden of this jurisdiction who has dimitted and removed from the jurisdiction and attained to the office of Grand Master in another jurisdiction, and then returns to this jurisdiction and becomes a member of a subordinate lodge again therein, is entitled to the honors due a Past Grand Master, but resumes his membership in this Grand Lodge as a Past Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, as the fact may be.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. KIESTER,
H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution providing for non-acceptance of applications for degrees in lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, where the applicant has been rejected by a sister lodge, having duly considered the same, fraternally recommend that said resolution be not adopted.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Concurred in.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to decisions and special dispensations, having duly considered the same, fraternally report that, in the opinion of your committee, said decisions and action are in accordance with masonic law and usage, and recommend their approval.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary relating to a change of the time for the opening of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge to a later date, having duly considered the same, fraternally recommend that such change be not adopted.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
J. A. KIESTER,
Committee.

Concurred in.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution for repeal of the Grand Lodge regulation relating to life membership in subordinate lodges (adopted, page 36, proceedings 1872), fraternally report that they have considered the same, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

H. R. WELLS,
J. A. KIESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
Committee.

Concurred in.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the widows' and orphans' fund, respectfully report a substitute therefor as follows:

Add at the end of section forty-two (42), title sixth (6th), the following words:

“Provided, That no part of the principal of the widows’ and orphans’ fund which has been, or may hereafter be, created shall be appropriated or expended, but shall be deemed a permanent fund.”

H. R. WELLS,
E. W. DURANT,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,

Committee.

Adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Geo. H. Davis, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That in the event of the suspension or expulsion of a Mason by any subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, the Secretary of such lodge is hereby directed to at once notify the Grand Secretary of such action, and the Grand Secretary is required to at once issue a circular to the various lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction informing them of the facts, which circular shall be read in open lodge and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge was called off until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M.

REPORT ON GRAND LECTURER.

Bro. Chas. Griswold read the following report:

To the Grand Lodge now in session:

Your special committee, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master’s address as relates to the question of creating a Grand Lecturership, would respectfully submit that, in their opinion, the recommendations of the Most Worshipful Grand Master touching this matter are worthy of our careful consideration. Years ago, we, as a Grand Lodge, adopted a uniform work, but for want of proper supervision, uniformity in work has long since disappeared, and

in its place has arisen a heterogeneous, kaleidoscopic, patchwork state of affairs that may be interesting to contemplate, but is by no means to our credit.

In the opinion of your committee we need the services of a competent Grand Lecturer.

We would therefore recommend that the office be created and that the incoming Grand Master be directed to secure the services of some competent brother for that position, at a salary not to exceed two thousand dollars, including traveling expenses, the work of said brother to be wholly under the supervision of the Grand Master.

We would also recommend that, in order to meet the extra expense thus to be incurred, the per capita tax in this jurisdiction be raised to fifty cents.

CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. W. P. Roberts (4), that portion of the report recommending an increase of the per capita tax to fifty cents was stricken out. On motion of Bro. Jas. F. Lawless (3), the report was laid on the table.

REPORT ON LODGES U. · D. ·

To the Grand Lodge now in session:

Upon examination of the books of Wayzata Lodge, U. · D. ·, the committee recommend that a charter be granted.

Upon examination of the books of Itasca Lodge, U. · D. ·, we recommend the granting of a charter. We further recommend that the keeping of the minutes be changed in the following particulars: On page No. 25 the minutes should state that the lodge had been opened in form on the degree on which it was opened (this was omitted and should always appear); also, when a petition is received, records should show by whom recommended.

Upon examination of the books of Fosston Lodge, U. · D. ·, we recommend that a charter be granted. The report of committees on petitions should not be noted as favorable or unfavorable on the records, but that they had simply reported and committee discharged, or continued, as the case may be.

Upon examination of the books of Staples Lodge, U. · D. ·, we recommend that a charter be granted. Report has been received by your committee that certain persons who have received the degrees in Staples Lodge, U. · D. ·, have taken and received degrees (so called) which are prohibited by this Grand Lodge, but there is no evidence before your committee for us to act upon further than to recommend that Sta-

ples Lodge, when constituted, investigate the reports of which it has knowledge, and if found true, to discipline any and all persons who may be found guilty of such unmasonic conduct, and if report be found untrue, to dismiss the proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. GOVE,
G. H. DAVIS,
O. H. PAGE,
L. LAMBERSON,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The Committee on Finance will deal only with facts, with no intent to cast reflections on any one.

Finances are simply hard facts, and unless properly handled no institution can stand on a sound business basis.

The receipts of this Grand Lodge from 1879 to 1892 inclusive were eighty-one thousand dollars, for which we have to show cash in Grand Treasurer's hands \$4,062.96, and have placed in widows' and orphans' fund \$10,025. Interest increases latter amount considerably.

The Grand Lodge has no income other than the per capita tax, fees for charters and dispensations and one dollar for each degree conferred. The committee during the short time allowed while attending this Grand Lodge session cannot go into the bottom facts, and can only report on the matters placed before it by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. No bills or vouchers have been placed in our hands for examination—simply the cash books.

We report that the Grand Secretary's books agree with his report, and the Grand Treasurer accounts for all balances as per his report and produces vouchers for each disbursement.

The Grand Secretary has time, and it is his duty, to write up and perfect the work of the office. If necessary, we can commence a new blank book of the Grand Lodge registry with the present year, keep that up regularly and promptly and bring up year by year the three years' interregnum. The Grand Secretary has had time to make full and complete rosters, or registers, for many subordinate lodges, for which he receives personal recompense.

The Grand Secretary tells this committee that the present Grand Lodge registry is incorrect. We have no assurance that in ten years from now a new one would, by reason of change in Grand Secretaries, be any more accurate.

As regards the Grand Lodge library, we recommend that for the present the trustees of the Grand Lodge be authorized to purchase a large safe, if necessary, which can be used to good advantage, and, if properly purchased, can be resold without loss. This is the best that can be done, unless good rooms with vault accompaniments can be secured at a rental within our means. While on this subject of library, it might be well that the contents thereof be catalogued. We regret to say that the greater portion of our library consists of books and pamphlets which can be replaced at an expense of postage and expressage.

The Grand Lodge is no insurance company. Charity begins at home. Insurance costs so little to each lodge that it is the duty of all to insure their property, and not come to the Grand Lodge and ask an allowance of the annual dues, which is much in excess of the cost of insurance. Nevertheless, we recommend replacing the charter, without fee, to any lodge losing the same by fire.

It seems to this committee that we are paying too much for printing; in fact, more than business concerns would pay for the same work. The average has been two dollars and fifty cents a page for the past eight years. The Committee on Printing, if we have such, should use their *best* judgment in getting work done for the Grand Lodge as cheap as any one else can do.*

We recommend, under the present circumstances, that no greater appropriation be made for services of Assistant Secretary than \$12.50; same amount for Tyler; seventy-five dollars contingent fund Grand Secretary's office, or as much thereof as needed, detailed statement to be hereafter furnished Finance Committee; one hundred dollars for Foreign Correspondence report, the money to be paid directly to the chairman. We do not mean to dictate to the Appropriation Committee, but the finances of the Grand Lodge having been submitted to us, we do not think we go beyond our province when we recommend an ample, yet economical but not penurious, disbursement of its funds.

This committee realizes the trouble made by the delegates concerning errors in returns and the demands they make upon the time of the Grand Secretary. Delegates must realize that errors can creep in by the Secretary of subordinate lodges, and delays in making returns cannot be allowed to take up the time of the Grand Secretary and thus delay the work of the Grand Lodge, making it cost the Grand Lodge more than the amount of the errors to try and rectify them. Let the Secretaries send in their reports accurately made out and *on* time, or the

*The present Grand Secretary is heartily in favor of an economical administration of Grand Lodge affairs, and will always co-operate with any committee to that end. He has had the Grand Lodge proceedings printed far cheaper than ever done before. After soliciting bids he contracted with the Pioneer Press Company at two dollars and twenty-five cents per page for twelve hundred and fifty copies, a bid as low as any offered, and about the average paid for many years for one thousand copies. It should be noticed also that much more matter, on an average, appears on each page now than formerly. The committee evidently charged the *proceedings* with the cost of *all* the printing bills.

delegates must accept all errors and have them corrected by correspondence between their Secretaries and the Grand Secretary later; and if not corrected during the year, the Grand Secretary's reports must stand as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Z. ROGERS,
J. F. LAWLESS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
F. B. VAN HOESEN,
Committee on Finance.

Adopted.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the election of officers, Bro. R. H. Gove, P. : G. : M. :, was requested to preside, and after taking the chair appointed tellers as follows:

Brothers Albert Marden (98), H. C. Shepard (18), O. L. Cutter (30), R. C. Hine.

The result of the balloting was that

Bro. WM. F. DICKINSON (91) was elected M. : W. : Grand Master.
Bro. C. L. BROWN (133) was elected R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. C. L. WEST (39) was elected R. : W. : Senior Grand Warden.
Bro. J. D. MARKHAM (164) was elected R. : W. : Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. J. H. THOMPSON (19) was elected R. : W. : Grand Treasurer.
Bro. THOS. MONTGOMERY (54) was elected R. : W. : Grand Secretary.

As soon as the election of Brother Dickinson as Grand Master was announced, a committee of Past Grand Masters escorted him to the Grand East, where he was received with the honors due his rank, and in a few appropriate remarks thanked the brethren for the high honor conferred.

While the ballots were being counted during the election, several items of business were transacted, as follows:

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances fraternally report that no appeals, grievances or other matters have been submitted to them at this session.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. KIESTER,
E. W. DURANT,
C. D. BOYCE,
H. C. SHEPARD,
A. BRANDENBURG,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The Grand Secretary read a second communication from Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 91, West Virginia, thanking this Grand Lodge and Bro. L. Z. Rogers for the handsome cherry case containing the Washington apron, heretofore alluded to.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Markham, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted Bro. L. Z. Rogers for the same splendid gift.

PRINTING.

The following, offered by Bro. E. W. Durant, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master on printing.

Bros. E. W. Durant (1), J. F. Lawless (3) and L. Z. Rogers (32) were appointed such committee.

RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Residue of the Grand Master's Address beg leave to report that due search and strict inquiry have been made for said residue among the archives of the Grand Secretary; that all of that able address had been previously given out, and hence your committee find their vocation gone.

Your committee therefore solicit an honorable discharge.

SAM. E. ADAMS,
CHAS. A. LAMBERT,
A. S. CROSSFIELD,

Committee.

Concurred in.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Bro. H. R. Wells read the following report of the Committee on Appropriations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your Committee on Appropriations fraternally recommend that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of the Grand Lodge for expenditures for the purposes stated, to-wit:

For expenses of Grand Master Barto, 1892.....	\$300.00
For salary of Grand Secretary, 1893.....	1,250.00
For chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00
For Bro. Irving Todd, Assistant Grand Secretary	12.50
For Bro. J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler.....	12.50
For contingent expenses Grand Secretary.....	75.00
For office rent Grand Secretary.....	125.00
For insurance of Grand Lodge property.....	75.00
For printing Grand Lodge proceedings, etc., 1893.....	600.00

For amount of pay roll.....	2,500.00
For Lodge No. 69, relief of widow of Bro. G. H. Hitchcock.....	50.00
For Lodge No. 108, relief of widow of Brother Fairbanks	50.00
For Lodge No. 54, relief of widow of Bro. C. D. Colby.....	50.00
For Lodge No. 83, relief of widow of Bro. J. P. Rodman	50.00
For Lodge No. 100, relief of widow of Bro. C. H. Treglanney...	100.00
For Lodge No. 113, relief of family of Bro. O. H. Deniais.....	50.00
For Lodge No. 179, relief of Bro. H. Higley.....	75.00
For Lodge No. —, relief of Katie Campbell.....	100.00
For Lodge No. 30, relief of Bro. Milton Roberts.....	100.00
For expenses Grand Tyler to Duluth, corner stone laying	8.50
For reprint of proceedings of 1874 and 1875	150.00
For Grand Secretary, for new register and blank report sheets	50.00
For relief of Mrs. E. C. Pierson, payable monthly.....	720.00

H. R. WELLS,

H. R. DENNY,

Committee.

Adopted.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, from Committee on Pay Roll, reported progress and was granted permission to disburse the funds at the evening session and to complete his report after the Grand Lodge closed and then to file same with Grand Secretary.

(For complete report and pay roll, see Appendix D.)

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported their approval of the resolution of Bro. G. H. Davis with reference to notices of suspensions and expulsions, and their report was adopted.

REPORT ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks respectfully and fraternally report that there has not been anything submitted to said committee that demands consideration or report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. NASH,

WILLIAM LEE,

C. H. SMITH,

W. T. RIGBY,

S. A. EMERSON,

Committee.

Bro. C. W. Nash, from the Committee on Obituaries, asked permission to file his report with the Grand Secretary after the close of the session. Granted. The report is as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to deceased brethren during the past year in this and sister jurisdictions, fraternally and respectfully submit the following report:

On account of the brief time given your committee, we have been unable to gather or obtain the requisite and important information respecting the personal and masonic history of R. : W. : Bro. Silas R. Merrell, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, who died at Evanston, Ill., Feb. 23, 1892, and R. : W. : Bro. George A. Camp, Past Grand Junior Warden and Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, who passed away at his home in Minneapolis, May 4, 1892.

Your committee is in communication with the relatives and friends of said deceased brethren, and this information we entertain the hope of obtaining from these sources, in addition to the official records of the different masonic bodies of which they were worthy and honorable members. We are confident that a more meritorious and satisfactory report can be made in the future respecting the true worth, life, services and masonic character of our said deceased brethren. That this may be done, your committee respectfully and fraternally ask to be permitted to make more detailed report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee desire to adopt the most appropriate tribute to the fraternal departed in this and sister masonic jurisdictions. We append the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota has heard with profound regret and sorrow of the death of the eminent and distinguished craftsmen during the past year in other jurisdictions, as referred to in the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Resolved, That, as an evidence of the fraternal and high appreciation in which the memories of R. : W. : Silas R. Merrell, R. : W. : George A. Camp and R. : W. : Charles N. Daniels are held, esteemed and cherished in this jurisdiction, that the Grand Secretary be directed to set apart an appropriate page to each, inscribed with his name, age, masonic rank and date of his death, to commemorate the worth of these departed brethren.

Resolved, That a copy of the printed proceedings of this annual session be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the families of the said deceased brethren.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

C. W. NASH,
SAM'L E. ADAMS,
THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge called off until 8 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 P. M.

The elective Grand Officers were duly installed by Grand Master Barto, who also installed the following appointed Grand Officers—Bro. J. M. D. Craft acting as Grand Marshal:

Bro. JAMES F. LAWLESS (3).....Grand Orator.
 Bro. REV. L. D. BOYNTON (2).....Grand Chaplain.
 Bro. O. H. PAGE (22).....Senior Grand Deacon.
 Bro. G. N. DAY (100).....Junior Grand Deacon.
 Bro. GEO. W. ROCKWELL (69).....Grand Marshal.
 Bro. O. C. MEAKER (113).....Grand Standard Bearer.
 Bro. CHAS. W. SMITH (101).....Grand Sword Bearer.
 Bro. GEO. B BOWER (112).....Senior Grand Steward.
 Bro. H. W. BROWN (83).....Junior Grand Steward.
 Bro. S. W. FRASIER (189).....Grand Pursuivant.
 Bro. JEAN C. FISCHER (3).....Grand Tyler.

Bro. O. H. Page brought up the matter of his resolution relating to life members, now in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence, asking that it be reported on next year.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge was voted, on motion of Bro. G. H. Davis, to the St. Paul Masonic Union for the free use of Masonic Hall for the present communication. A vote of thanks was also extended to the various railroads for reduction in fare granted.

Grand Master W. F. Dickinson appointed the following standing committees as required by our regulations:

ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

Bros. L. R. Barto (60), J. M. D. Craft (67), A. D. Countryman (137).

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Irving Todd (7), Thos. Montgomery (54), E. P. Barnum (60).

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at 9:30 P. M., with fervent prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

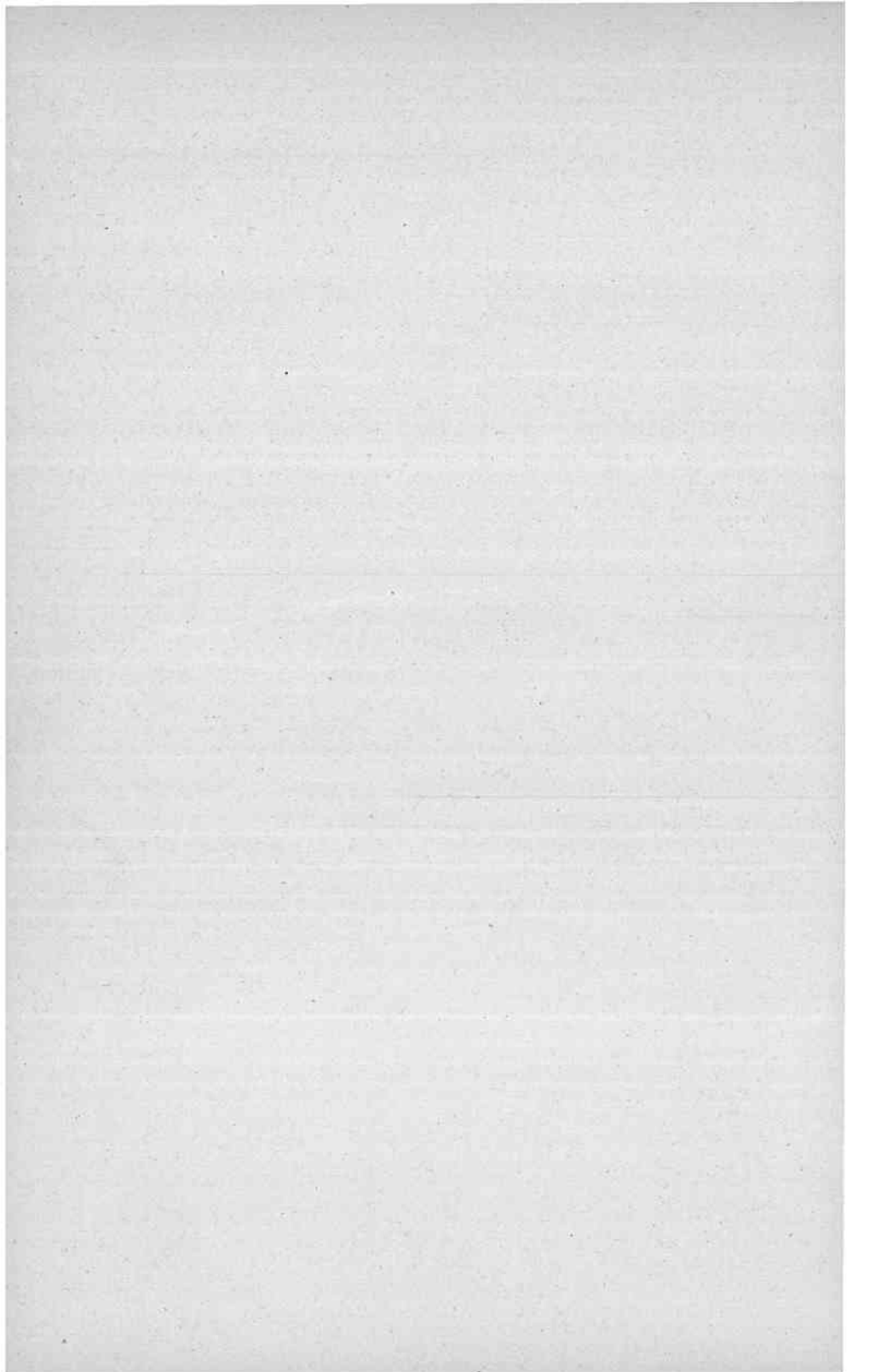
WM. F. DICKINSON,
Grand Master.



Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOME.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in his annual address, called the attention of the craft to the subject of the establishment of a masonic home in this jurisdiction, and recommended that a committee of five brethren be appointed "to investigate the establishment and support of masonic homes throughout the country and to report at the next (the present) meeting of the Grand Lodge as to the practicability of establishing and maintaining a masonic home in this jurisdiction." The Committee on Reference of the Address recommended that so much thereof as related to the subject of a masonic home be referred to a special committee of five, to report at the present communication, which being concurred in by the Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint as such committee the following named brethren, in the order herein stated: Bros. J. A. Kiester, H. R. Denny, W. F. Dickinson, A. T. Stebbins and G. B. Bower.

Your committee having had the matter submitted to them under consideration during the recess and since the opening of the present session, now submit a report of such facts and figures relative thereto as have been attainable, with certain suggestions which the committee deemed it proper to offer.

Your committee take great pleasure in reporting the splendid enthusiasm and liberality of sentiment which animates our whole fraternity, both in our own and foreign lands, on this subject of the relief of the distressed among our number, wherever found, and the vast disbursements made in this behalf, bearing abundant testimony of the inspiration of our brethren by the plain, direct and impressive teachings of our ancient fraternity, as to our duties to our neighbor.

In the opinion of your committee, the primary or original and universal duty existing among Masons, to relieve the distressed who are of our household, is and may be expressed as the obligation to help, aid and assist to the extent of our ability, all distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, as their necessities may require, they applying for such relief and we deeming them worthy. The ancient charges enact that when we discover "a true and genuine brother in want, we must relieve him if we can, or else direct him how he may be relieved," but we are not charged to do beyond our ability. (Art. 6, Sec. 6.)

Our Grand Lodge constitution, in section 8 of title 2d, enumerates among the ancient constitutions having the force of ancient landmarks

the declaration, "that charity is the right of a Mason, his widow and orphans, when poor and destitute, to demand, and the duty of his prosperous brother to bestow."

In these definitions are found the original idea and method of granting masonic relief. And all this, it should be observed, is wholly a matter between individuals, and we, as individuals, are the sole judges of the ability on the one hand and the necessities and worthiness on the other, and are answerable only to God and our own consciences, and with this primary and individual method of dispensing masonic relief—"a privilege which to every Mason is sacred, that of giving needed service or aid to any fellow being who may be in affliction or want," neither the fraternity at large nor the lodge has anything to do whatever.

And this is not only the original, but the only covenanted duty of charity, in the sense of assistance or relief which exists among Masons, unless further duties are assumed; and this duty is of perpetual obligation upon all Masons everywhere, whether they are members of lodges or not, for it rests upon an obligation, knowingly, deliberately and voluntarily assumed, as to all worthy, distressed Masons, their widows and orphans, and can never be repudiated or laid aside.

The first extension of the methods of granting masonic relief is found in the aid and assistance furnished distressed brethren by lodges, either from their general funds or from a charity fund provided for the purpose. But we may remark here that the disbursement of relief to the distressed is not even one of the objects for which lodges are organized.

Neither the masonic order nor its lodge organizations are pecuniary benefit societies or life and health insurance institutions, in which want or distress is relieved in accordance with the amount which must have been first contributed by the beneficiary. A *quid pro quo* is a purchased benefaction, but is not true charity or benevolence and is not masonic charity. A lodge of Masons acting only upon the original purposes of lodge institution has no right to exact anything from its members for pecuniary aid to the distressed and owes no one anything as a lodge, for that purpose, until required by the Grand Lodge to make such provisions, or by its own official and regular action, it creates for itself such power and duty, which every lodge can do under our constitution, and should do.

Some of the lodges in our jurisdiction provide a separate fund, known as the Charity Fund, accumulated in various ways and disbursed as necessity may require. Lodge charity funds are common among the lodges of all masonic jurisdictions. And here we desire to call the attention of the brethren to the fact that it is the duty of all lodges in this jurisdiction to provide for both charity and contingent funds. This was so determined in a decision rendered as early as 1865 on the subject of assessments, as may be seen by reference to the Grand Lodge proceedings of that year, and also to Todd's Digest, page 42. It was also decided that

such funds should be provided by a regular system of dues and not by assessments, the intention being substantially that a part of the regular dues and fees should be set apart as a permanent charity fund.

By section 40 of title 6 of our constitution, to be quoted more fully hereafter, it is enacted that "every brother in good standing and the wife, widow and minor children of such have a claim to charitable relief from the funds" of the subordinate lodges.

Subordinate lodges are undoubtedly authorized to appropriate from their funds reasonable sums for charitable purposes, and this power is frequently exercised. Showing further what lodges can do and are doing in this respect in our jurisdiction, we may state that a great majority, if not all of them, provide for cases of emergency in granting relief, by a clause in their by-laws, declaring the Worshipful Master and Wardens a standing committee on charity, to attend to the necessities of members of the lodge and widows and orphans, and the committee are empowered to draw on the funds of the lodge at any time for a limited sum for immediate charitable purposes.

A further extension of the methods of granting relief to distressed brethren is found in the disbursement of pecuniary aid by Grand Lodges, either from the general funds or from a charity fund, or from both. We are happy in assuring the brethren that our Grand Lodge has not been dilatory in this great matter of charity. In the constitution adopted at the organization of this Grand Lodge in 1853, section 1 of article 4 declared that "The grand charity fund shall consist of all the moneys in the treasury," after defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge.

Our brethren are already familiar with the fact that quite a number of years ago our Grand Lodge established what is known as the widows' and orphans' fund, and that at the present time it amounts to about twelve thousand dollars, safely invested in prime interest-bearing securities, and that this fund is growing from year to year by additions of from one thousand to two thousand dollars, appropriated from the general funds of the Grand Lodge. And we take this opportunity of stating that this cherished fund may be increased at any time by gift or bequest made by any good brother who may desire to enlarge it.

Your committee beg leave here to call the attention of the brethren of the Grand Lodge to certain provisions of our present constitution which have been apparently almost forgotten.

Section 40 of title 6 enacts that "Every brother in good standing, and the wife, widow or minor children of such, have a claim to charitable relief from the funds of the Grand Lodge, or any of its subordinates, upon presenting satisfactory evidence of their masonic character or relations and that they are in necessitous circumstances."

Section 41 provides that "when such claim shall be made upon the funds of the Grand Lodge when in session, it shall be referred to the Grand Stewards and Grand Treasurer, who shall report thereon to the Grand Lodge at the same session."

Section 42 provides that, "When such claim shall be made in the recess, it shall be presented to the Grand Master, his Deputy, the Grand Wardens or the Grand Secretary, who shall select three brethren, Past Masters, Master or Wardens of lodges, who shall be a committee to examine and report thereon, and the Grand Treasurer shall pay any draft upon him for such relief made by them and countersigned by the Grand Officer appointing them, not exceeding fifty dollars for any one object."

We thus see that we have in this jurisdiction three methods of disbursing charitable aid to the needy, and that each is plain and easily pursued, and we also learn what are our existing regulations and conditions as to charity funds; and we now state what we believe to be the proper order and sequence of disbursing charitable aid in our jurisdiction: When a brother is applied to for relief in a proper case it is his obligated duty to grant it if he can do so without injury to himself, of which fact he must be the judge; but if he cannot grant it, then it is his duty, if he can, to "direct the distressed brother how he may be relieved," and, if no other way is open, to take him to the proper officers of the local lodge, and it is their duty in every proper case to grant the relief needed if in their power or that of the lodge or of the brethren to do so, but if they cannot do so or the burden is too great for the lodge in whole or in part, then application shall be made to the Grand Lodge, if in session, or if during the recess, to the proper Grand Lodge officers as above stated.

It is not the intention, nor is it masonic, for a brother to cast his personal duty upon the lodge when he is able to perform it, nor for the lodge to cast its duty upon the Grand Lodge, unless it be necessary to do so.

Having made these preliminary remarks for the purpose of defining our duties and obligations as Masons in the matter of the relief of the distressed, as your committee understands the same and the methods already provided in our jurisdiction for dispensing masonic charity in the sense of aid to the needy, we come to the consideration of the subject of masonic homes, the last, and in some respects the most extensive (not to say most expensive), development in the methods of performing such charitable duties.

As your committee understand the term masonic home, it implies suitable structures erected and maintained by the fraternity, where the worthy distressed among our brethren, or their widows and orphans, may reside and be comfortably supported, either permanently or for such periods as may be necessary. And the term may, in a more general sense as a masonic charity, include hospitals, orphan asylums, schools and colleges, and is frequently so used.

Among the great charities established at various times and places in America under the patronage of Grand Lodges, have been schools and colleges, in reference to which much enthusiasm existed among the fraternity some years since.

Such institutions existed at one time in Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina and Florida, and perhaps in a few other jurisdictions, but most of them, if not all, have long since, for various reasons, been discontinued, or have been merged in some other institutions.

Probably the greatest masonic charities in the world are to be found in England, the oldest and richest of masonic jurisdictions. The names of these splendid institutions and the sums contributed for their support during the year 1890-91 are as follows:

The Royal Masonic Institute for Girls.....	\$108,800
The Royal Masonic Institute for Boys.....	61,300
The Royal Benevolent Institution.....	106,500
The Board of Benevolence.....	38,500
Total.....	\$315,100

The aggregate contributions during the past seven years to the first three of the above named institutions amounted to about two million dollars.

Your committee here present a statement in reference to our American masonic jurisdictions which have established or have taken some action in relation thereto, Grand charity funds, or masonic homes or kindred institutions, with interesting facts and figures relating to the same.

Arizona has established a widows' and orphans' fund.

California has determined to establish a masonic orphans' home. Boards of relief exist in this jurisdiction and disbursed in charity \$14,697 in 1891. Of this sum the Grand Lodge contributed seven thousand six hundred dollars. The state aids orphan asylums. The home fund now amounts to sixty thousand dollars.

Connecticut has a charity fund under the control of a corporation organized under a charter granted by the state. The fund amounts to about twelve thousand dollars and was contributed by the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges and from life memberships. Mite boxes for contributions were placed in the lodge rooms but did not prove much of a success. A home is in contemplation, but no action has been taken.

Idaho has an orphans' and indigent fund amounting to about fifteen thousand dollars.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, at the session of 1891, adopted the following resolution: "It is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that a masonic home is not necessary in this jurisdiction at the present time, and that masonic charity can be more satisfactorily, economically and equitably disbursed by the constituent lodgès, as now done."

Illinois has a home, managed by a board of trustees, which will accommodate about one hundred inmates. During the year 1890 thirty-four inmates were cared for. The buildings and grounds are valued at fifty thousand dollars. Its support is derived from life and annual memberships, donations and bequests.

Kentucky established the first masonic home. It is managed by a corporation. Besides being a home for the infirm poor, it has an employment department in which those of the inmates who can labor may do so. Children are taught trades. It conducts a shoe factory, a chair factory and a stocking factory. It has also a printing office and publishes a paper. It provides for the education of the children committed to its care. The capacity of the institution is two hundred and fifty persons, and cost of maintenance about one hundred dollars per inmate per annum. The support of the home is derived from the income of an endowment fund, the annual contributions of the Grand Lodge of three thousand five hundred dollars, obtained by a per capita tax on the membership of fifty cents, and also from offerings by the lodges and from some other sources. The city of Louisville made a donation to this home of one hundred thousand dollars some years ago and the Grand Lodge has given over two hundred thousand dollars to the home.

Kansas has formulated plans for a home, but we are not informed of what they are.

Louisiana has taken some action in reference to the erection of a home.

Missouri has erected a home. It is a brick building containing about twenty rooms, and is situated on a tract of fifteen acres of land, the whole costing forty thousand dollars. The support of the home is derived from contributions of the Grand Lodge of five thousand dollars per annum, and a certain sum from each lodge. It has an endowment fund of thirty-five thousand dollars. A day in each year, known as "Orphans' Day," is set apart, when contributions are made and entertainments given, from which considerable revenue is derived. There are about twenty inmates of this home.

Michigan has erected a home on a farm of thirty-three acres. The property is valued at fifty thousand dollars. The building is an imposing brick structure of four stories. The Grand Lodge, at a late session, appropriated six thousand dollars toward the completion of the building. It is reported that this institution has, on certain terms and conditions, been turned over to the state.

In Mississippi a board of trustees from the various Grand Bodies has recently been appointed to raise funds for the establishment of a home. The Grand Lodge has heretofore contributed five hundred dollars annually to the Natchez Orphan Asylum, because of the children of Masons cared for therein.

Maryland has instituted a Grand charity fund.

Montana has the matter of establishing a home under consideration.

New Jersey has been considering the building of a home, or the institution of a Grand charity fund. What decision has been reached is not known to your committee.

New York has erected a home and school at Utica. It is built on a tract of one hundred and seventy acres of land, the property of the home,

and is the finest structure of the kind in America. The cost of building was one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The home is supported by an income from certain rents, amounting to about fifty thousand dollars annually. Our German brethren of New York City have a home at Tappan, N. Y., costing twenty-five thousand dollars, and can accommodate forty inmates. There are seventeen inmates. It is supported by the income from the German Masonic Temple and other revenues. The cost of support of the home is four thousand five hundred dollars.

Nebraska has an incorporated company having a board of sixteen trustees and a capital stock fixed at five hundred thousand dollars, designed for the erection and support of a home; but no buildings are to be erected until subscriptions equal to fifty thousand dollars are obtained, and then only the excess of that amount is to be used. The Grand Lodge has an orphans' educational fund of over eighteen thousand dollars, and a masonic home fund.

North Carolina has an orphans' asylum. The Grand Lodge contributes to its support two thousand dollars annually, and the state makes an annual contribution. It has two hundred and sixty children under its care.

Ohio organized a board of trustees for the erection of a home—the funds to be raised by a per capita tax on the membership, donations and honorary membership. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars was to be secured before any buildings were to be erected. The corner stone was laid last October. The city of Springfield presented the institution with one hundred and fifty-four acres of land, valued at twenty thousand dollars, and eleven thousand dollars in money donated by citizens. Its capital fund will be raised mainly by subscriptions. Supposed cost of support from twelve thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars per annum.

Pennsylvania has a home, property and investments valued at fifty-five thousand dollars. It is supported by life and annual memberships and contributions by masonic bodies. The Grand Lodge contributes five hundred dollars. The home has twenty-six inmates, and the cost of maintaining it is between four and five thousand dollars.

South Dakota has instituted a Grand charity fund.

Tennessee has erected a widows' and orphans' home. It owns ten acres of land, on which is built a large four-story building, costing twenty-six thousand dollars. Funds were raised by subscriptions and sale of life certificates, at twenty-five dollars each, to individuals and lodges.

Virginia has a small home. It has forty-four acres of land and buildings valued at ten thousand dollars, and will accommodate fifteen persons. It is supported by contributions of lodges and life memberships.

Marshall Lodge, No. 39, at Lynchburg, Va., established a home and retreat for the sick and wounded in 1866, and it has become an important institution of the city.

In Wisconsin, after a full consideration of the subject, it was resolved, at the communication of the Grand Lodge held in 1890, to indefinitely postpone the establishment of a home, but proceed to create a Grand charity fund.

For much of the information above given in relation to the action had, or contemplated, in the various jurisdictions as to charity funds and homes, we are much indebted to the valuable report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1891.

We should here observe that many of these homes have been the result of many years' unselfish labor. Almost all of them have cost, as we have seen, large sums of money, and are maintained at considerable expense. Many of them are indeed sources of great beneficence and reflect great credit upon the liberality, the perseverance and sense of duty of the brethren in the jurisdictions where these homes exist.

But various views are coming to be entertained on this subject of masonic homes, and we deem it our duty among other matters, to report to you, as embodying the views of many brethren, certain remarks of Past Grand Master Robbins of Illinois, chairman Committee of Foreign Correspondence of that jurisdiction, which are worthy of great consideration. Admitting the probable success of masonic homes in the great masonic Grand jurisdictions, he says:

"The strong tendency now, so far as Grand Lodge charities are concerned, is to the creation of charity funds with which to supplement the benevolence of lodges and individuals, notably in those cases where the long continued aid becomes a burden which the local fraternity cannot bear. One of the considerations which, apart from the conviction of the poor economy of the asylum method in smaller jurisdictions, has been most potent in turning the brethren toward the charity fund method is the recognition of the impolicy of establishing a pauper class—using the word in its gentlest sense—whom all the world shall recognize as being supported by charity. With an expensive home or asylum whose maintenance taxes all the energies of the fraternity, there is nothing left to be devoted to those cases where only slight assistance is needed to tide over a temporary pinch and put the unfortunates in the way to help themselves. The inelastic system makes no provision for this class, nearly self-supporting, without putting them into the ranks of those who are wholly unsupported, while the elastic charity fund system adapts itself to the wants of either."

We have now arrived at that point where it is proper to state these propositions: First, whether the sum of money, or even a considerable less sum, which would be required to erect and maintain a home such as we might conclude to erect, if put at interest, would not furnish an annual income sufficient for all our wants in this respect and do more good for the amount expended; or, in other words, is it not most expedient for us, considering all things, to continue our present Grand Lodge charity fund system, increasing the same as rapidly as possible and, as in duty bound, continue to disburse aid and assistance to our

needy brethren according to the methods now established in our jurisdiction, following in this respect the example of our neighboring jurisdictions of South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and proceeding, not only on the principle of greater economy, but also on that of helping the needy to help themselves and where entire maintenance is required, to support them among their kindred and friends and the plain comforts and familiar companionship of their old homes and associates and associations, rather than adopt some other system?

Second, shall we proceed now to make the necessary arrangements for the building and support of a permanent masonic home.

When the project of erecting a masonic home was first broached, Khurum Lodge, No. 112, in July, 1891, appointed a committee of five brethren to formulate resolutions in reference to this subject, which they did, a copy of which was sent to all the lodges in our jurisdiction, with the request that the several lodges express their views on the subject of a masonic home. Some fifty lodges took action adopting the resolutions and favoring the erection of a masonic home. A copy of the resolutions referred to accompany this report.

Several chapters of the order of the Eastern Star signified that they would be willing to aid in the enterprise.

If the decision is in favor of a home, a pertinent question here is, from whence shall the funds be derived necessary for the erection of buildings? Your committee, after carefully considering this matter, can only say that we have some twelve thousand dollars in our widows' and orphans' fund which can be appropriated by the Grand Lodge to this purpose; and that it is reported that "many brethren have volunteered valuable donations of land and money" for this object.

Methods of raising sufficient funds which have been adopted elsewhere are subscriptions, and taxing the lodges according to their membership a general per capita tax.

Perhaps also some of our wealthy lodges may generously donate for this purpose from their surplus funds, and it cannot be doubted but that the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of our state would render valuable assistance by contributions.

As to the cost of the support of a home your committee can only say what all know, that that will depend largely on the number of inmates, to which must, of course, be added the salary of superintendent, wages of employes, insurance and repairs.

A similar institution is our soldiers home, though on a larger scale than we should need, but yet furnishing much that would be of interest to us to know in many respects. It cost about one hundred thousand dollars, contributed by the state. It provides for an average of one hundred and fifty inmates at a cost of about two hundred dollars per annum each, making a total of thirty thousand dollars, to which must be added the pay of officers and employes, amounting to not less than four thousand dollars per annum.

The institution is supported by the state, with some assistance from the general government. It is probable that the home will eventually be transferred to the general government.

In Pennsylvania the expense of maintenance appears to be about one hundred and eighty dollars per inmate; in Kentucky, one hundred dollars; but this cost depends on so many conditions that these statistics are worth but little.

There seems to be no uniform plan or method by which such institutions are supported, as appears from our report above. Some provide for endowment funds; some are supported by voluntary donations, some by a per capita tax or proportionate contributions of lodges; some by life and annual memberships and many by contributions annually of Grand Lodges, some by a combination of several of these methods; but none of these methods appear to be entirely adequate, certain or satisfactory.

If the Grand Lodge shall decide that it is expedient to erect a home and now wishes to adopt resolutions to that end expressive of its sense on this subject, your committee respectfully submit for consideration the following suggestions:

First—That whatever preliminary action may be taken, no home shall be erected until our necessities require the erection of buildings of such capacity and accommodations as will cost at least forty thousand dollars, for until our necessities arrive at that stage it will be more economical to provide for the distressed as we are now doing, even if quite a number of our brethren shall require constant aid and care.

Second—That no structure be commenced in any event until sufficient funds are secured to pay all expenses of grounds, buildings and furnishings; that no indebtedness whatever shall remain to harass the craft for years, as has been the fact in several jurisdictions; and that some definite and reasonably certain means of support of the institution be provided, following the prudent course adopted by a number of our sister jurisdictions above reported, in these respects.

Third—That if this enterprise is decided upon, it be not undertaken under the authority, management and financial responsibility of the Grand Lodge, but by an association of Masons incorporated under the laws of the state.

It is the opinion of your committee that Grand Lodges, being organized with reference only to the government of the fraternity as it has existed from the beginning of Modern Masonry, are not organically adapted to the management and support of special institutions, as schools, homes, hospitals, which involve special business functions, duties and responsibilities. The Grand Lodge has no officers whose duties and powers as defined by the constitution and regulations enable them to act in such capacities. And a direct and responsible connection of the Grand Lodge with such institution may lead to complications detrimental to the craft, and even dishonorable, perhaps, as has been the fact in several instances in other jurisdictions, which it would be invidious to name

here. The only pecuniary relation which the Grand Lodge can safely have to such an enterprise is that of a wholly voluntary contributor of funds.

Finally, the very pertinent inquiry may be made whether the erection of a masonic home in this jurisdiction is required at this time. If it is, we should at once take action in reference to the subject. There is nothing in which Masons can less afford to be delinquent than in that of charitable aid to their distressed brethren. How many indigent brethren, or the indigent widows and orphans of deceased brethren, have we in our jurisdiction who need or would avail themselves of a masonic home if we had one?

Your committee cannot answer these questions, except in a general way. At the last session of the Grand Lodge there were but nine applicants for masonic relief, and they only for temporary aid, except one, to whom permanent assistance is very worthily granted. At the last convocation of Knights Templar (our brethren) in this jurisdiction, a committee reported that, after diligent inquiry, they had been unable to find a single instance among Sir Knights in which charitable aid was needed.

In the following named large jurisdictions there appears from our report to be in the masonic home of Virginia perhaps fifteen persons; in Pennsylvania, twenty-six; North Carolina, two hundred and sixty children; in Kentucky, perhaps several hundred; in Illinois, thirty-four; in Missouri, twenty.

But these figures are of no particular value so far as we are concerned except, perhaps, inferentially.

There may be more applicants for relief at this session of the Grand Lodge, both temporary and permanent, than there were at the last, but the numbers of both would have, of course, to be greatly increased to warrant us in the erection and maintenance of a masonic home.

But some brother may wisely suggest that our necessities and duties may in the near future demand such home, and that it is wisdom now to prepare for that day. Of our future wants we, of course, know but little now with any degree of certainty.

It has been said, with much truth, that where the population is dense, the masonic membership large, needy brethren, their widows and orphans numerous, the conditions of life severe and the struggle for existence hard, such homes are not only a great blessing, but also a great necessity, and should be promptly provided by the brethren to the extent of their ability.

But in our yet sparsely settled state, the favorable conditions of life here for all, the existence of but little extreme poverty among any class of people, and especially among Masons and the still small number of our brethren in this jurisdiction, and our present ability to provide for our distressed brethren, it is questionable in the minds of many of our brethren if either the present wants or future necessities, at least for many years, indicate the expediency of our taking any action at this time in reference to a masonic home.

Your committee, after-reporting for consideration the foregoing facts and suggestions, deem it unnecessary as a committee to assume to advise the Grand Lodge as to what in their opinion should be its action in the premises, but beg leave to state here that every member of the committee will heartily indorse and coöperate in any action which may be deemed expedient by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. A. KIESTER,
W. F. DICKINSON,
H. R. DENNY,
A. T. STEBBINS,
G. B. BOWER.

Resolutions referred to in above report:

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Master of Khurum Lodge, No. 112, A. S. F. & A. S. M., to formulate and draw up resolutions looking toward the establishment and building of a masonic home in the State of Minnesota for aged and infirm Masons, their widows and orphans; and

WHEREAS, There being now within the borders of this state upwards of twelve thousand affiliated Masons, representing many millions of dollars, with prosperity evidenced by magnificent lodge rooms and temples, although still in masonic infancy, it is deemed advisable that the time has now come when our grand, young, pioneer state should be ranked among the distinguished cluster of states within whose borders are asylums of refuge, dedicated to those beloved brethren upon whom Divine Providence, in its inscrutable wisdom, has laid the heavy hand of misfortune; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the committee has been appointed but a few days, many brethren have volunteered valuable donations of land and money to such an extent that the wisdom of establishing such a home is already manifested and the success thereof assured; therefore be it

Resolved, That we consider such a movement advisable, and recommend that such a home be established, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Grand Master for his approval; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each lodge within the jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota, after approval by the Grand Master, with the respectful request that they be read at the next regular communication after their receipt, feeling assured that the hearty coöperation and support of the Masons throughout the jurisdiction for such a praiseworthy object will be forthcoming.

And we hereby request that the Master and Secretary of each lodge, if the above meets the approval of the members of the same, sign their names, with the seal of the lodge affixed to the copy of the resolutions, and forward same at the earliest possible date to the secretary of the

undersigned committee, Geo. B. Bower, Globe building, Minneapolis, Minn., to be placed on file and presented to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, at its next annual communication in January, 1892.

R. B. LANGDON,
GEO. A. BRACKETT,
E. W. MORTIMER,
GEO. B. BOWER,
E. J. McMAHON,
Committee.

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA, A. F. & A. M.
[GRAND LODGE SEAL] OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.
SAUK CENTRE, MINN., July 28, 1891.

H. J. Altnow, Secretary Khurum Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours inclosing a copy of resolutions adopted by Khurum Lodge, looking to the establishment of a masonic home in Minnesota, is received and meets my hearty approval.

It has long been my cherished hope that the fraternity would some time establish a great charity in this state, and I am convinced that the time has come when the enterprise should be discussed.

With two hundred lodges and twelve thousand Masons (among them some of the most liberal citizens of our state) nothing will fail that they unitedly undertake.

I would recommend that Masters have this matter fully discussed in their several lodges, so that when Grand Lodge convenes in January, they may bring the combined wisdom of the masonic fraternity to the discussion of this subject, and we shall be able to accomplish something that will live after us and be an enduring honor to our beloved order.

Faternally yours,

ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It is not without a full realization of my weakness as a Mason, and my utter inability to properly perform the duty imposed upon me at your last stated communication, that I undertake the task of submitting a few thoughts at this time, invoking in my behalf that greatest of masonic virtues—charity.

We meet to-day as a Grand Lodge of the representative Masons of the State of Minnesota, representing the two hundred lodges within this jurisdiction. The wonderful growth and prosperity of the order in this state is told by the numbers here present better and more certain than words can describe. In common with the progress of the age, in common with the great intellectual and moral growth and advancement of the age, has Masonry progressed, not only in this commonwealth, but throughout the nation. The progress of the order in the United States is only told when we realize that we have within our borders more lodges and more Masons than all the world besides; and while in all parts of the earth, notwithstanding the determined opposition of church and state, where civilized mankind exists, from the farthest Asia and the shores of darkest Africa, and in the city of Jerusalem, almost beneath the pyramids, may be found masonic lodges and devoted brethren.

In no part of the earth has Masonry found its congenial atmosphere as in this country. The reason for this is one of the highest recommendations of the order. It has always been a leader of civilization. It contains within its ritual the great cardinal principles of civilization upon which a nation may rest in safety—freedom of thought, freedom of speech, the brotherhood of mankind and obedience to law. Hence it is that those who have passed through the pioneer period of Masonry in this country can now behold it in its onward strides in the interest of its votaries and mankind.

To the student of masonic history there are valuable lessons to be learned, as he looks back along the pathway Masonry has traveled. There are milestones on the road. It is not strewn with flowers. The opposing and destroying forces which it has encountered in Germany, France, England and America would have overthrown and destroyed any other institution unless its foundation was laid deep in the principles of humanity and in the hearts of its followers. Its antiquity could not have preserved it. For it matters not whether it originated in the Dionysic fraternity of Asia Minor, among the architects and builders,

when the Greeks migrated from Attica, or existed in Tyre among the workmen, and was carried to Jerusalem by the widow's son to employ the architectural genius of the age upon King Solomon's Temple, through the dark ages and subsequent eras of tribulation and oppression its light would have gone down and out had it not been founded in truth, in justice, in humanity.

Kingdoms and empires, creeds, religions and dogmas have arisen and fallen until along their pathway is strewn the remnants of departed greatness and power. They failed because they did not contain the immutable principles of humanity which creates a common brotherhood. When we remember that all through the dark ages of tyranny and oppression in the governments of the world, when the many were slaves to the few, that prince and peasant, the sovereign and the subject, within the sacred precincts of the lodge, met upon the level, and that through all time the great principles of charity and humanity have been taught and practiced within its walls, we can but reverence and love an institution that has preserved to mankind such a history. When we remember that Thomas Jefferson, when he drafted the Declaration of American Independence, was the Senior Warden of a masonic lodge—that all the signers of that immortal instrument, except four, were Master Masons—that Washington and Lafayette and many of the great generals of the Revolution; that Andrew Jackson and most of the great founders of this government, under which we have been so prosperous, had learned the great lessons of charity, philanthropy and the brotherhood of man in the lodge room, and that they worked by the plumb—we are not boasting, but historical. It should enlarge our views, elevate our aims and purposes as men and increase our love for Masonry, its history, its associations and friendships. A correct knowledge of the past is necessary to a proper divination of the future. It is said that the Grecian mothers were wont to gather their children about them at eventide and tell them the story of their fathers, that they might by emulation preserve the liberties their fathers had established, so we should learn the history of Masonry and Masons, that we may seek to emulate their virtues and avoid their mistakes. Masonry has forever been the foe of tyranny and oppression. Its obligations are covenants against fraud and oppression. It is a covenant in favor of humanity in the hour of need. Within its portals all barriers are leveled, and pride and prejudice should not exist. It recognizes a brother in a hovel upon a pallet of straw as readily as in the palaces of the rich. Its great bond of fraternity reaches around the world.

Two of its great cardinal principles and virtues, as handed down to us by the fathers, are justice and charity. The first is the foundation upon which society and all civil government exists. It is the extent and boundary of human rights. It is the line that circumscribes the masonic character. Beyond it masonic action does not lead. For more than three thousand years it has been taught in every language and tongue. In the tents of the workmen camped around the temples of antiquity it was

taught by symbols and example, and is to-day used to regulate the conduct of Masons, and is an important lesson in every lodge room. It makes Masons the enemy of tyranny and the champions of freedom.

The other great principle that goes hand in hand with justice is charity. Charity in its broadest sense is the grandest principle, and the noblest emotion of the human heart. It stirred the breast of Peter the Hermit, and gave eloquence to his tongue until all Europe was aroused and in arms at the sufferings of pilgrims to the Holy Land. It carried Christian steel to the gates of Constantinople. It armed the crusaders and led them to the walls of Jerusalem. It created the order of knighthood, and drove from the Holy Sepulcher the Saracens.

It knows no distinction of race or color where suffering exists. It forgets all wrong, and only remembers a common humanity. It does not exult at a fallen enemy, but sees in him a brother. It strikes the shackles from the slave, and send alms to the fever-stricken sufferers of a nation. It assists the widow and the orphan, and bends over the couch of the suffering with the tears of a brother. An institution that meets you at its portals with the name of brother, and teaches these lessons of charity to mankind, is not created for a day; it should be eternal while civilized man shall exist.

While we love to dwell upon masonic antiquity; while we love its ancient landmarks and its great lessons of charity and brotherly love, handed down to us by its history and traditions, we should remember that in the past we are secure; but what have we to say of the present and the future? There is an ancient French maxim which reads as follows: "Think of the rising generation rather than that which is past." We know that its foundation has been laid deep and strong, that it is true work and square work; but what of the superstructure? Are we as an institution, as lodges and as individuals, carrying out and exemplifying the great principles which we profess? Does the light shine in the east, the west and the south, symbolical of the great characters we represent?

This is an age of avarice and money-getting. It is an era when mankind seem to be engaged in a great struggle for wealth and power. Unlike any other period in the history of this nation, there are new forces and influences which enter into the structure of society. Labor and capital are constantly meeting in combat and struggling for the mastery. The one appeals to the sympathies, to the sentiments, to the hearts of mankind, the other to the law for protection. The great evolutions that are going on in society and in the customs and practices of men are producing conditions unknown before. To the student of history it would seem that we are approaching a second Olympic period in the world's history. Intellectual and physical conditions which we look upon as in accord with the spirit of the age, would have shocked our ancestors. Who can tell what years shall bring forth, what changes may be wrought? Who can foreshadow the future? Who can tell what great mission may be in store for Masonry, what obstacles we may be called

upon to surmount? The strength of our institution and its power for good depends upon its adherence to those principles which have in the past rendered it the oldest, the most intelligent and philanthropic organization on the face of the globe. Masonry should be weighed, not measured or counted. Our strength and power for good does not always depend upon our numbers, but upon character. We should guard well the outer door. The danger is within and not without. Rome, that withstood for four hundred years the armies of the world without defeat, fell a victim to her own internal foes, her debauchery and the ambition of her rulers.

That eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, is not more true in the governmental affairs of the world than it is among the craft.

And while our institution is founded upon those immutable, unchangeable sentiments that find deep root in the human heart, truths and principles that are dear to the Buddhist, the Hindoo and the Pagan, as well as the Christian, emotions of the heart that were as true when Seneca stood before Nero, pleading for Paul and the persecuted Christians, as they are to-day, but when formulated into societies with its exclusive characteristics, it always has been and will be assailed by passion, prejudice and ignorance.

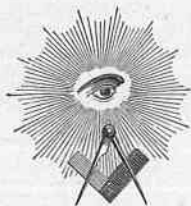
Unlike any other institution among men, its influence is felt, not seen or heard. As the snow-clad mountains of Switzerland are the reservoirs from which flow the streams that fertilize Western Europe, so should there go out from every lodge the results of friendship, morality and brotherly love, that lifts up, cheers and encourages the erring brother, and renders substantial aid to the poor and suffering widow and orphan. When the friendship of the world that is born of success and prosperity, depending upon events and circumstances we cannot always control, shall have abandoned us, and adversity overtaken us and ours, then we should not forget that they have inherited under the bond of brotherhood those rights within the lines of masonic action. To do otherwise, is to turn our backs upon that time-honored masonic rule that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth and honor.

Masonry is not a religious institution. We do not profess religion in the sense in which it is understood in the theological schools, but we do profess charity and philanthropy. Of all institutions it is the most unsectarian, beginning and ending in a reverence for God, and an interest in mankind and the brethren. Following its precepts and teachings, it is almost the philosophy of perfect manhood. The influence we have does not depend upon what we say, but what we do.

The story is told that the Grand Master of Massachusetts once visited a country lodge and found it poorly lighted, small, with miserable furniture, few in numbers, with a general appearance that much surprised the Grand Master, but when he examined the books, and saw the donation that had been made for a sick brother, the flour and wood that had been sent to the widows and orphan children, the tuition that had been

paid for their schooling, and the last quarterly report of the sick committee, he declared there was true Masonry enough in that little room to adorn the finest temple in his jurisdiction. It is the acts which are the results of true masonic character which makes us a great family.

Let us then so adhere to the principles of the institution, as we return to our several homes and lodges, that in the language of the ritual, "the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrow, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence," that our institution may be perpetuated through all time.—*Delivered in Grand Lodge by Bro. H. J. Peck, Grand Orator.*



We are indebted to the "Voice of Masonry" of Chicago for the insert illustration of the Washington apron and case, inserted as a frontispiece.

GRAND SECRETARY.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
1	St. John.	Stillwater.	Washington.	June 9, '52	Thos. H. Warren.	Ellar McKellar.	J. R. Kolliner.	H. S. Smith.	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catact.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	Oct. 5, '52	F. W. Campbell.	E. S. Prince.	F. M. Van Cleave.	Solon Armstrong.	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.	St. Paul.	Ramsey.	Jan. 10, '56	James W. Lavless.	Henry W. Heine.	Fred T. Myers.	A. W. Mortenson.	1 and 3 Fri.
4	Hennepin.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	" 2, '54	J. G. Houghton.	J. H. Steele.	W. F. Pineo.	J. T. Thompson.	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landmark.	St. Paul.	Ramsey.	" 3, '54	C. W. Nutterauer.	Frank H. Ribler.	R. F. Woelfler.	M. T. Emery.	2 and 4 Ths.
6	Dakota.	Hastings.	Dakota.	" 9, '56	D. M. Sullivan.	M. H. Munroe.	Irving Todd, Jr.	Julius Panske.	2 and 4 Wed.
7	Red Wing.	Red Wing.	Goodhue.	" 9, '56	D. M. Baldwin.	Hugo Herder.	Wm. C. Kruse.	G. H. Diepenbrock.	1 Mon.
8	Faribault.	Faribault.	Rice.	Oct. 25, '65	Walter Birch.	D. E. Goodman.	W. B. Hawley.	H. L. Luther.	2 and 4 Mon.
9	Mantorville.	Mantorville.	Dodge.	Jan. 6, '57	Chas. A. Miller.	W. H. Edision.	J. E. Whitney.	W. W. Campbell.	2 and 4 Tues.
11	Mankato.	Mankato.	Blue Earth.	" 6, '57	Geo. W. Mead.	P. W. Pitcher.	M. W. Dady.	Wm. S. Howe.	2 and 4 Sat.
12	Wabasha.	Wabasha.	Wabasha.	" 8, '57	W. L. Lewark.	J. B. Cole.	L. A. Linder.	A. J. Stone.	1 and 3 Mon.
14	Monticello.	Monticello.	Wright.	" 8, '57	J. M. Comaford.	W. Longfellow.	H. A. Irvine.	A. H. Pike.	1 and 3 Sat.
16	Hokah.	Hokah.	Houston.	" 8, '57	L. T. Lyon.	W. H. Dunham.	Jas. D. Becker.	A. J. Snure.	1 and 3 Tues.
17	Winona.	Winona.	Winona.	" 8, '57	J. E. Morton.	H. J. Willis.	E. Stott.	J. J. Hillmer.	1 and 3 Tues.
18	Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	" 7, '58	W. B. Hixson.	Geo. S. Greenleaf.	B. F. Holbrook.	H. M. Myers.	1 and 3 Wed.
19	Caledonia.	Caledonia.	Houston.	" 7, '58	Moses Emery.	L. O. Palmer.	W. G. Drowley.	E. C. Hellickson.	2 and 4 Wed.
20	Rochester.	Rochester.	Olmsted.	" 8, '58	H. R. Hymes.	C. M. Johnson.	N. W. Churchill.	C. A. Whitted.	2 and 4 Wed.
21	Pleasant Grove.	Pleasant Grove.	Olmsted.	" 8, '58	George Logan.	Wm. Ayshford.	James Fettey.	R. H. Russell.	2 and 4 Tues.
22	North Star.	St. Cloud.	Stearns.	" 8, '58	J. H. Lufrkin.	C. T. Fawcett.	W. J. Coffin.	J. F. Wray.	1 and 4 Mon.
23	Wilton.	Alma City.	Waseca.	" 8, '58	John Elmore.	H. E. Gates.	Wm. Thompson.	John Merten.	2 and 4 Tues.
24	Western Star.	Albert Lea.	Freeborn.	Oct. 27, '58	H. A. House.	F. M. Crane.	J. L. Miller.	O. J. Waif.	2 and 4 Ths.
25	Blue Earth Valley.	Clearwater City.	Faribault.	" 27, '58	W. G. Beebe.	W. H. Quiggle.	W. A. Shaw.	W. D. Hill.	2 and 3 Tues.
26	Clearwater.	Clearwater.	Wright.	" 27, '58	L. V. Daves.	C. D. Whittemore.	C. H. Garnsey.	W. T. Rigby.	1 and 3 Tues.
27	Morning Star.	La Crescent.	Houston.	" 26, '59	R. Remp.	A. Welch.	W. M. Selby.	H. D. Gurley.	1 and 3 Sat.
28	Anoka.	Anoka.	Anoka.	" 26, '59	R. Remp.	F. A. Gerrish.	C. S. Houston.	S. C. Page.	* 1 and 3 Sat.
29	King Hiram.	Jordan.	Scott.	" 24, '60	Barkley Varner.	Charles Jackson.	Frank L. Wood.	Wm. H. Bate.	2 and 4 Fri.
30	Sakatah.	Waterville.	Le Sueur.	" 24, '60	H. E. Blair.	S. J. Johnson.	A. Greene.	A. J. Kanne.	1 and 3 Sat.
31	Star in the East.	Owatonna.	Steele.	" 24, '60	Geo. D. Holden.	George R. Kinyon.	H. H. Herrick.	M. B. Chadwick.	2 and 4 Wed.
32	Oriental.	Cannon Falls.	Goodhue.	" 24, '60	A. McKenzite.	Foster B. Seager.	John Barr.	John A. Wilson.	1 and 3 Sat.
33	Mt. Moriah.	Hastings.	Dakota.	" 23, '61	F. S. Tuttle.	Axel Johnson.	A. M. Adell.	W. H. DeKay.	1 and 3 Mon.
34	Preston.	Preston.	Filmote.	" 23, '61	W. A. Tinkham.	Henry Nupson.	Wm. J. Hey.	Julius Johnson.	2 and 4 Wed.
35	Mystic Tie.	Pine Island.	Goodhue.	" 23, '61	Chas. L. Parham.	Geo. W. Swarthout.	Thos. H. Bun.	John W. Hayward.	2 and 4 Wed.
36	Washington.	West Concord.	Dodge.	" 23, '61	M. H. Gilbert.	Perkins G. Barnes.	Henry E. Catlin.	John W. Miller.	2 and 4 Sat.
37	Fidelity.	Austin.	Mower.	" 28, '63	S. A. Emerson.	N. F. Earl.	R. E. Shepherd.	C. H. Wilbour.	1 and 3 Wed.
38	Carnelian.	Lake City.	Wabasha.	" 28, '63	J. C. Doughty.	C. A. Hubbard.	R. C. Warren.	E. J. Manning.	2 and 4 Tues.
39	Heron.	Zumbrota.	Goodhue.	" 28, '63	D. B. Schofield.	F. G. Marvin.	E. Woodbury.	W. W. Kinne.	1 and 3 Tues.

42	Hope	Glencoe	McLeod	Oct 28, '63	L. W. Gilbert	Charles V. Corson	Henry W. Buck	S. Raymond	1 and 3 Sat.
43	Harmony	Lewiston	Winona	" 28, '63	D. M. King	Lewis J. Baldwin	J. F. Madden	Wm. B. Moore	1 and 3 Wed.
44	King Solomon	Shakopee	Scott	" 28, '63	C. G. Newell	H. O. Smith	N. A. Ferguson	C. C. Storor	1 and 4 Wed.
45	Union	Le Sueur	Le Sueur	" 26, '64	W. H. Fisher	Rollen E. Smith	Wm. H. Stewart	Geo. W. Taylor	1 and 3 Sat.
46	Evergreen	Le Sueur	Winona	" 26, '64	W. E. Walker	M. H. Fuller	S. L. Gaskill	W. B. Hesselgel	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Concord	Cleveland	Rice	" 26, '64	Corbett Hill	George Simpson	E. F. Elwood	J. W. Chambers	Evy. oth. Sat.
48	Social	Northfield	Rice	" 26, '64	F. L. White	H. W. McChesney	D. H. Lord	D. H. Lord	1 and 3 Wed.
49	Rising Sun	St. Charles	Winona	" 25, '64	A. W. Smith	A. W. Mowbray	Henry A. Coe	Wm. J. Berner	1 and 3 Ths.
50	Watertown	Watertown	Carver	" 25, '64	Frank S. Coffin	Chas. G. Halgren	Henry A. Coe	M. L. Malsed	1 and 3 Ths.
51	Acacia	Courage Grove	Washington	" 25, '65	Irving T. Morey	Edw. J. Whitbred	A. J. Parvin	Peter Thompson	1 and 3 Ths.
52	Cannon River	Morristown	Rice	" 25, '65	George Moin	F. H. Osterhout	L. J. Cruppen	C. C. Temple	1 and 3 Ths.
53	Nicollet	St. Peter	Nicollet	" 25, '65	E. S. Pettijohn	Frank Ransom	J. A. E. Johnson	N. B. Patten	1 and 3 Tus.
54	Zion	Taylor's Falls	Chicago	" 24, '66	W. X. Folsom	E. E. Blanding	V. L. Johnson	Geo. N. Seymour	1 and 4 Wed.
55	Meridian	Chatfield	Fillmore	" 24, '67	Wm. W. Murphy	H. L. Archison	S. W. Graham	Wm. H. Silsbee	1 and 3 Wed.
56	Blue Earth City	Blue Earth City	Faribault	" 24, '67	G. F. Constanus	C. F. Fride	F. J. Harris	W. Whitfield	1 and 3 Sat.
57	Spring Valley	Hutchinson	Fillmore	" 24, '67	T. O. Kilburn	P. L. Horton	M. H. McKenzie	A. R. Holman	1 and 3 Tus.
58	Temple	Sauk Centre	McLeod	" 24, '67	W. W. Strvight	P. H. White	R. T. Greene	E. J. Stearns	1 and 3 Sat.
59	Star in the West	Eyota	Stearns	" 24, '67	P. Lamb	J. C. Jacob	W. J. Mounster	L. M. Kells	2 and 4 Tus.
60	Ashler	Rockford	Fillmore	" 24, '67	A. F. Rockwell	F. H. Russell	W. J. Mounster	C. W. Matteson	1 and 4 Mon.
61	Star	Wright	Wabasha	" 24, '67	D. R. Thompson	D. W. Ames	W. H. Gupta	Wm. Jacobs	1 and 3 Sat.
62	Illustrious	Plainview	Wabasha	" 24, '67	G. R. Hall	J. W. Mallory	H. A. Weikel	L. D. Colby	1 and 3 Tus.
63	Chain Lake	Fairmont	Martin	" 24, '67	J. K. Tanner	B. J. Dunn	H. A. Weikel	D. G. Henneberg	2 and 4 Tus.
64	Golden Rule	Lakeland	Washington	" 24, '67	R. H. Sanderson	Frank Jackson	Charles Nelson	D. G. Henneberg	1 and 3 Wed.
65	Madelia	Madelia	Watonswan	" 24, '67	M. S. Dossat	Elden J. Cook	C. O. Tyler	H. J. Hansen	1 and 3 Wed.
66	Corinthian	Rushford	Dakota	" 24, '67	E. L. Brackett	M. W. Niederkorn	J. K. Webster	W. W. Murphy	1 and 3 Tus.
67	Mystic Star	Paynesville	Fillmore	Jan 15, '69	G. A. Elliott	C. E. Willmarth	C. O. Wescott	A. L. Needham	1 and 3 Sat.
69	Paynesville	Lansing	Stearns	" 15, '69	H. M. McIntyre	Fred Harper	Wm. Huntington	Albert E. Bugbie	1 and 3 Sat.
70	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	C. David See	Freeman A. Carl	John Thompson	O. C. La Bor	2 and 4 Tus.
71	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	C. A. Roy	Geo. W. Palmer	John F. Brewer	E. M. Winslow	2 and 4 Mon.
72	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	L. S. Swenson	A. A. Handy	A. R. Williams	J. M. Wyckoff	1 and 3 Sat.
73	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	Fred S. Graham	John G. Graham	1 and 3 Sat.
74	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	Walter Child	2 and 4 Ths.
75	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	C. F. Schonlan	2 and 4 Fri.
76	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	C. F. Schonlan	2 and 4 Fri.
77	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Mon.
78	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
79	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
80	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
81	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
82	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
83	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
84	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
85	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
86	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
87	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
88	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
89	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
90	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
91	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
92	Brownsville	Le Roy	Houston	" 15, '69	John O. Briggs	Bird E. Lilly	A. H. Hvambasal	H. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.

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NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
93	Unity.....	Sank Rapids.....	Benton.....	Jan. 10, '72	G. S. Reeder.....	L. L. Sartell.....	C. G. Wood.....	Wayland Miller.....	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye.....	Brown.....	" 10, '72	L. C. Hanson.....	Jesse Palmer.....	J. C. Montgomery.....	J. Lampert, Jr.....	1 and 3 Tus.
95	Sherburne.....	Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	" 10, '72	Andrew J. Davis.....	Wm. H. Storrey.....	A. C. Colson.....	W. F. Chadbourne.....	2 and 4 Tus.
96	Libanus.....	St. James.....	Watsonwan.....	" 15, '73	W. H. Rowe.....	G. W. Hiles.....	E. A. Gibbs.....	H. M. Serkland.....	2 and 4 Tus.
97	Prudence.....	Windom.....	Cottonwood.....	" 15, '73	John F. Crowell.....	A. W. Annes.....	A. F. Strunk.....	W. L. Newton.....	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.....	Brown.....	" 15, '73	John F. Crowell.....	Jos. A. Eckstein.....	John Larson.....	Chas. W. E. Heidemann.....	1 and 4 Tus.
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls.....	Otter Tail.....	" 15, '73	A. Brandenburg.....	C. C. Chase.....	J. T. Johnson.....	C. L. Hilton.....	1 and 3 Tus.
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	Crow Wing.....	" 15, '73	John Lowrey.....	Werner Hemstead.....	M. K. Swartz.....	And. G. Gallup.....	1 and 3 Fri.
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	Nobles.....	" 15, '73	Frank R. Durfee.....	W. S. Webb.....	L. L. McCartney.....	Frank Lewis.....	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Lebanon.....	Lake Crystal.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '73	M. G. Fellows.....	W. V. Bean.....	P. J. Hawley.....	W. W. Wall.....	1 and 3 Mon.
103	Bethel.....	Willmar.....	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '73	F. G. Handy.....	O. W. Williams.....	D. H. Edwards.....	W. R. Barnes.....	1 and 3 Fri.
104	Mt. Tabor.....	Detroit.....	Becker.....	" 14, '74	J. C. Furber.....	Geo. C. Bush.....	Paul H. Roise.....	Fred H. Wold.....	2 and 4 Fri.
105	Relief.....	Dodge Centre.....	Dodge.....	" 14, '74	G. W. Ballard.....	J. W. Rhodes.....	J. D. Derby.....	Cap. Wackman.....	1 and 3 Tus.
106	Sunset.....	Montevideo.....	Chippewa.....	" 14, '74	Wm. Dumbreck.....	Chas. E. Barber.....	Chas. Densmore.....	F. E. Hoard.....	2 and 4 Sat.
107	Pickwick.....	Pelksvick.....	Winona.....	Jan. 13, '75	Geo. Sainsbury.....	Frank Sinclair.....	R. W. Armstrong.....	L. A. Smith.....	2 and last Sat.
108	Relief.....	Carver.....	Carver.....	" 13, '75	Jabez S. Barnard.....	O. C. Brumits.....	Fred Gehl.....	H. C. Stebbins.....	2 and 4 Sat.
109	Khuram.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	E. J. McMahon.....	John Tongue.....	Chas. Densmore.....	L. M. Rutherford.....	1 and 3 Sat.
110	Excelsior.....	Luxerte.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	J. O. Meaker.....	W. R. Willard.....	A. C. Clausen.....	Hakon H. Holm.....	1 and 3 Sat.
111	Ben Franklin.....	Elgin.....	Wabasha.....	" 13, '75	J. W. Bryant.....	Mark N. Svedberg.....	A. C. Clausen.....	R. L. Ball.....	2 and 4 Fri.
112	Elgin.....	Bronsdale.....	Mower.....	" 12, '76	L. C. Erickson.....	R. L. Wood.....	John Kelly.....	R. L. Ball.....	2 and 4 Tus.
113	Lafayette.....	Granite Falls.....	Chippewa.....	" 12, '76	Alfred R. Rowe.....	A. B. Warren.....	W. B. Sleeper.....	John P. Houg.....	1 and 3 Fri.
114	Newport.....	Marshall.....	Washington.....	" 12, '76	John D. Carroll.....	J. K. Stone.....	M. E. Beard.....	W. P. Holton.....	2 and 4 Sat.
115	Delta.....	Grand Meadow.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	Wm. H. Healey.....	John Gibbons.....	O. C. Moody.....	A. T. Hotchkiss.....	1 and 3 Sat.
116	Kelogg.....	Blooming Prairie.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	J. C. Brainerd.....	Philip Schleiger.....	S. N. Henninger.....	Henry A. Durand.....	2 and 4 Wed.
117	Pratise.....	Jamesville.....	Waseca.....	" 12, '76	E. J. Dodge.....	F. H. Minner.....	G. S. Renninger.....	S. N. Harrington.....	2 and 4 Fri.
118	Jamesville.....	Osseo.....	Hennepin.....	" 10, '77	D. H. Peterson.....	Michael Syron.....	E. S. Johnson.....	M. O. Wilsie.....	2 and 4 Sat.
119	Moorehead.....	Moorehead.....	Clay.....	" 10, '77	F. H. Peterson.....	C. T. Wainwright.....	F. G. Asseltine.....	M. K. Wolfe.....	2 and 4 Sat.
120	Josephus.....	Benson.....	Blue Earth.....	" 10, '77	A. D. Aldrich.....	L. J. Lagerson.....	E. H. Johnson.....	Chas. W. Treat.....	2 and 4 Tus.
121	Arcturus.....	Lytle.....	Goodhue.....	" 16, '78	E. F. Gow.....	H. N. Petersen.....	Edgar Boswell.....	Wm. Krueger.....	2 and 4 Wed.
122	Lytle.....	Young America.....	Carver.....	" 16, '78	Ois J. Fluett.....	Chas. A. Lambertl.....	S. S. Elliott.....	Henry W. Alsop.....	1 and 3 Tus.
123	Humboldt.....	Young America.....	Carver.....	" 16, '78	A. F. Truive.....	Chas. A. Lambertl.....	G. W. Oocoback.....	J. E. Brown.....	2 and 4 Tus.

133	Golden Sheaf.....	Morris.....	Stevens.....	Jan. 16, '78	Wm. C. Bicknell.....	Wm. F. Cooley.....	Harvey L. Smith.....	Hugh Whiteley.....	1 and 3 Sat.
134	Cokato.....	Cokato.....	Wright.....	" 15, '79	Frank Griffith.....	Menser Johnson.....	Chas. Phifer.....	A. J. Whittaker.....	1 and 4 Mon.
135	Nelson.....	Buffalo.....	Wright.....	" 15, '79	Thos. Hellier.....	John T. Alley.....	John Noel.....	S. R. Wells.....	1 and 3 Sat.
136	Walnut Grove.....	Walnut Grove.....	Redwood.....	" 15, '80	W. H. Turner.....	A. Evans.....	A. J. Griswold.....	F. F. Goff.....	1 and 3 Sat.
137	Appleton.....	Appleton.....	Swift.....	" 14, '80	H. E. Maxwell.....	J. W. Wright.....	C. F. MacMillen.....	C. C. Curtice.....	1 and 4 Sat.
138	Orion.....	Alwater.....	Kandiyohti.....	" 14, '80	W. M. Sivertson.....	C. E. Macomber.....	C. F. Rosebrook.....	N. J. Walen.....	1 and 4 Sat.
139	Verndale.....	Verndale.....	Wadena.....	" 14, '80	Thos. Farington.....	D. W. Seal.....	Edward Mahan.....	C. Ditmore.....	1 and 3 Tus.
140	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	Morrison.....	" 14, '80	J. H. Rhodes.....	Robert Herrin.....	W. G. Lytle.....	H. R. Robertson.....	1 and 3 Tus.
141	Crookston.....	Crookston.....	Polk.....	" 12, '81	John Cromb.....	R. G. Marlette.....	J. D. Carpenter.....	L. E. Robertson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
142	Currie.....	Currie.....	Murray.....	" 12, '81	Wm. H. Crowl.....	C. A. Chamberlain.....	O. H. Moon.....	Neil Currie.....	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Lake View.....	Ortonville.....	Big Stone.....	" 12, '81	Wm. H. Foote.....	J. M. Bowler.....	A. H. Brown.....	W. R. Brown.....	1 and 3 Sat.
144	Bird Island.....	Bird Island.....	Renville.....	" 12, '81	F. T. Puffer.....	J. M. Bowler.....	Ammond Dahl.....	Albert Brown.....	1 and 3 Sat.
145	Melrose.....	Melrose.....	Stearns.....	" 12, '81	J. H. Hanson.....	John McKenzie.....	G. Matthews.....	Henry Potter.....	1 and 3 Sat.
146	Canby.....	Canby.....	Lincoln.....	" 12, '81	H. H. Gattfield.....	John G. Lund.....	A. W. Chester.....	M. S. Nelson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
147	Lake Benton.....	Lake Benton.....	Yellow Med'ne.....	" 11, '82	C. W. Gilmore.....	M. W. Ware.....	J. C. Goodnow.....	Isaac L. Hart.....	1 and 3 Sat.
148	Pipestone.....	Pipestone.....	Pipestone.....	" 11, '82	R. S. Donaldson.....	Isaac Cowle.....	Allan Wilson.....	Christian Etter.....	1 and 3 Wed.
149	Brownton.....	Brownton.....	McLeod.....	" 11, '82	L. Lamberson.....	J. P. Easton.....	W. A. Case.....	J. A. Noyes.....	1 and 3 Wed.
150	Warren.....	Warren.....	Marshall.....	" 11, '82	F. Grimes Jr.....	M. Melvin.....	E. Saller.....	E. A. Taylor.....	1 and 4 Wed.
151	Chaska.....	Chaska.....	Carver.....	" 10, '83	P. Peterson.....	John C. Nolan.....	H. C. Campbell.....	Wm. C. Hall.....	1 and 3 Tus.
152	Breckenridge.....	Breckenridge.....	Wilkin.....	" 10, '83	A. S. Crossfield.....	W. H. Carter.....	F. C. Larson.....	M. W. Greene.....	1 and 3 Tus.
153	Brown Valley.....	Brown Valley.....	Traverse.....	" 10, '83	B. F. Ashelman.....	Louis Hintze.....	E. B. Larson.....	Wm. W. Green.....	1 and 3 Sat.
154	Tracy.....	Tracy.....	Norman.....	" 10, '83	H. M. Workman.....	N. B. Jacobi.....	O. L. Patridge.....	N. Johnson, Jr.....	1 and 3 Sat.
155	Wadena.....	Wadena.....	Lyon.....	" 16, '84	L. W. Babcock.....	George E. Trent.....	I. W. M. Fuller.....	Thomas Robb.....	1 and 3 Fri.
156	Perham.....	Perham.....	Wadena.....	" 16, '84	L. L. Berthold.....	O. A. Austin.....	F. D. Oman.....	M. Poppler.....	1 and 3 Fri.
157	Hector.....	Hector.....	Otter Tail.....	" 14, '85	H. B. Ostrander.....	E. G. Haggquist.....	H. A. Reed.....	E. E. Cook.....	2 and 4 Sat.
158	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	Todd.....	" 14, '85	Dana A. Tuf s.....	M. F. Canfield.....	C. H. Ward.....	A. S. Straus.....	2 and 4 Sat.
159	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	Hennepin.....	" 14, '85	L. O. Merriam.....	Oliver J. H. Martin.....	John Chadwick.....	George W. Hall.....	1 and 3 Mon.
160	Sincerity.....	Sincerity.....	Pope.....	" 14, '85	A. M. Judkins.....	F. M. Churchill.....	C. W. Judkins.....	L. E. Cantleberry.....	1 and 3 Tus.
161	Prescott.....	Prescott.....	Grant.....	" 14, '85	R. P. Wells.....	A. C. Earsley.....	W. H. Townsend.....	R. W. Snyder.....	2 and 4 Fri.
162	Summit.....	Summit.....	Ramsey.....	" 14, '85	M. L. Countryman.....	Robert C. Hine.....	J. W. Chamberlin.....	K. B. Ware.....	2 and 4 Fri.
163	Lesper.....	Lesper.....	Chicago.....	" 13, '86	J. J. Squires.....	Alvah J. Stowe.....	C. R. Lawrence.....	W. S. Fullerton.....	1 and 3 Sat.
164	Winnepolis.....	Winnepolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '86	C. H. Goodwin.....	A. B. Rand.....	Henry S. West.....	A. J. Palmes.....	2 and 4 Tus.
165	White Bear.....	White Bear.....	Ramsey.....	" 13, '86	David Hanna.....	Adam K. Getty.....	John E. Extrand.....	N. M. Henkel.....	1 and 4 Tus.
166	Campbell.....	Campbell.....	Wilkin.....	" 13, '86	Wm. D. Cross.....	Edward Balentine.....	Julius A. Baker.....	W. J. Champion.....	1 and 4 Tus.
167	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 13, '87	Wm. Densmore.....	C. F. Phillips.....	H. W. Eddy.....	L. J. Hart.....	1 and 3 Tus.
168	Barnesville.....	Barnesville.....	Clay.....	" 12, '87	Frank A. Carlin.....	John F. Chase.....	F. E. Gerrish.....	F. Mackenroth.....	1 and 3 Tus.
169	Fulda.....	Fulda.....	Murray.....	" 12, '87	Geo. D. Taylor.....	Luther L. Revalt.....	Wm. Lauphere, Jr.....	Robert Hyslop.....	1 and 3 Mon.
170	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 12, '88	Chas. J. Orton.....	Robt. McAdams.....	Wm. A. Peterson.....	Chas. C. Sharp.....	1 and 3 Mon.
171	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	Lac qui Parle.....	" 12, '88	D. W. Fowler.....	Fred B. Smith.....	Henry M. Bell.....	Beecher Freeman.....	2 and 4 Tus.
172	Main Prairie.....	Main Prairie.....	Stearns.....	" 12, '88	C. L. Peterson.....	David B. Stanley.....	John M. Baker.....	Martin F. Greely.....	2 and 4 Sat.
173	Plumb Line.....	Plumb Line.....	Pope.....	" 12, '88	A. Rice.....	J. F. Skinner.....	J. F. Skimmer.....	P. M. Ferguson.....	1 and 3 Tus.
174	Valley.....	Valley.....	Nobles.....	" 12, '88	H. W. Flete.....	Frank G. Beck.....	A. M. Feathers.....	Charles C. May.....	1 and 3 Wed.
175	Roman Eagle.....	Roman Eagle.....	Hennepin.....	" 12, '88	Wm. W. Nichols.....	John W. Cottier.....	E. C. Mosher.....	C. A. McCotter.....	1 and 3 Mon.
176	Ark.....	Ark.....	Bellevue.....	" 12, '88	Geo. E. Estey.....	Edward A. Morrill.....	E. C. Chamberlain.....	Edw. E. Chard.....	1 and 3 Wed.
177	Rough Ashler.....	Rough Ashler.....	Scott.....	" 12, '88			Wm. L. Farmens.....	Geo. E. Putney.....	2 and 4 Wed.
178	Anchor.....	Anchor.....	Morrison.....	" 12, '88					2 and 4 Wed.

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		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
179	King David.....	Elmore.....	Faribault.....	Jan. 17, '89	H. Taylor.....	D. L. Owens.....	C. H. Cary.....	M. H. Getz.....	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Oskais.....	Oskais.....	Douglas.....	" 17, '89	Geo. K. Babbutt.....	John H. Rock.....	M. A. Earl.....	Wm. E. Lyons.....	2 and 4 Sat.
181	Dalles.....	Cloquet.....	St. Louis.....	" 17, '89	Albert Cox.....	Frank L. Redfield.....	Peter Connors.....	Leroy A. Fish.....	1 and 3 Ths.
182	Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven.....	Stearns.....	" 16, '90	L. H. Munger.....	G. Gould.....	Levi Larson.....	W. H. Vye.....	1 and 3 Mon.
183	Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	Otter Tail.....	" 16, '90	Geo. R. Irving.....	O. A. Ruddle.....	W. C. Crandall.....	F. P. Percival.....	1 and 3 Tus.
184	Shell.....	Park Rapids.....	Hubbard.....	" 16, '90	G. D. Mandigo.....	R. D. Blossomfield.....	C. N. Malby.....	F. Y. Smith.....	1 and 3 Tus.
185	Midway.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 16, '90	Wm. T. Rich.....	Joseph K. Parsons.....	Edgar O. Parks.....	Ernest L. Allard.....	2 and 4 Fri.
186	Ionic.....	Duluth.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	S. L. Frazer.....	John D. Tolman.....	Dan. C. Brown.....	H. W. Chendle.....	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcuna.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 16, '90	Geo. A. Todd.....	John A. Burke.....	D. Thompson.....	J. M. Kerry.....	2 and 4 Tus.
188	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors.....	Lake.....	" 16, '90	R. Stewart.....	J. T. Cook.....	Lee Cameron.....	Frank Spurbeck.....	2 and 4 Wed.
189	Traverse.....	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	" 15, '91	S. W. Frasier.....	A. Henderson.....	W. D. Madigan.....	Stephen Hopkins.....	2 and 4 Tus.
190	Triune.....	Merriman Park.....	Ramsey.....	" 15, '91	A. C. Clausen.....	A. Henderson.....	L. N. Bryant.....	Joseph C. Henry.....	1 and 3 Tus.
191	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul.....	Dakota.....	" 15, '91	J. F. Baker.....	M. J. Lienau.....	L. N. Bryant.....	J. B. Henley.....	1 and 3 Sat.
192	Crow River.....	New London.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '91	C. Johnson.....	Peter A. Olsen.....	S. H. Stauffer.....	Martin Lindquist.....	1 and 3 Sat.
193	Amboy.....	Canton.....	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '91	C. M. Green.....	Thomas Randall.....	Geo. Buckmaster.....	A. Mallory.....	1 and 3 Wed.
194	Canton.....	Amboy.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '91	R. N. Vale.....	Joseph Capson.....	D. B. Norton.....	J. W. Funk.....	1 and 3 Wed.
195	Renville.....	Renville.....	Kenville.....	" 15, '91	J. T. Brooks.....	J. H. Dale.....	G. S. Humphrey.....	S. M. McIntosh.....	1 and 3 Wed.
196	Geneva.....	Madison.....	Lac qui Parle.....	" 15, '91	H. L. Hayden.....	S. R. Pryor.....	Thos. Halverson.....	Hans E. Wyhre.....	1 and 3 Tus.
197	Vermillion.....	Tower.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	J. C. Moorhead.....	Geo. H. Wright.....	Samuel Wells.....	Sam. H. Owens.....	1 and 3 Tus.
198	Euclid.....	West Duluth.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	J. G. J. Mallory.....	Ralph Lawrence.....	Ed. Elston.....	Ed. Elston.....	1 and 3 Sat.
199	Murray.....	Slayton.....	Murray.....	" 14, '92	J. C. Low.....	J. H. Long.....	A. H. Day.....	A. H. Day.....	1 and 3 Sat.
200	Zenith.....	Springfield.....	Brown.....	" 14, '92	J. C. Rothenburg.....	John E. Schmid.....	G. Leatherman.....	Holden R. Soot.....	1 and 3 Sat.
201	Kenyon.....	Dawson.....	Goodhue.....	" 14, '92	M. H. Silvernale.....	John Holme.....	P. M. Kramer.....	H. H. Blinn.....	2 and 4 Tus.
202	Venus.....	Stewartville.....	Lac qui Parle.....	" 14, '92	A. M. Crowell.....	Colin McNeil.....	Wm. H. Coons.....	Chas. W. Paige.....	2 and 4 Wed.
203	St. Elmo.....	Jasper.....	Olmsted.....	" 14, '92	T. B. Horton.....	W. L. Humason.....	Harry S. Prime.....	A. C. Tichenor.....	2 and 4 Ths.
204	Wayzata.....	Wayzata.....	Pipestone.....	" 14, '92	H. F. Jenckes.....	James H. Taylor.....	Andrew Rae.....	B. G. Campbell.....	2 and 4 Mon.
205	Fosston.....	Wayzata.....	Hennepin.....	Jan. 12, '93	W. F. Favrow.....	L. R. Thorstруп.....	Wm. Bushnell.....	A. C. Campbell.....	2 and 4 Mon.
206	Crescent.....	Fosston.....	Folk.....	" 12, '93	W. B. Sheffield.....	G. E. Northrup.....	Lewis Lohu.....	James Rhodes.....	2 and 4 Mon.
207	Itasca.....	Grand Rapids.....	Todd.....	" 12, '93	B. F. Hartsborn.....	Chas. E. McMullon.....	Fred Davis.....	James Rhodes.....	2 and 4 Mon.
208	Itasca.....	Grand Rapids.....	Itasca.....	" 12, '93	H. R. King.....	Frank Carson.....	Fred A. King.....	A. G. Bernard.....	2 and 4 Mon.

* Saturday preceding full moon.
 † Saturday on or before full moon.
 ‡ Wednesday in week moon fulls.
 § Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.
 ¶ Monday of week moon fulls.
 †† Tuesday on or before full moon

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	No of Members Jan. 1, 1892.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Exmpl.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Fees.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	No. of Members Jan. 1, 1893.	FEES AND DUES	
																		For 1892.	Paid G. Secretary.
1	St. Johns.....	195	1	.....	.....	4	.....	\$4.00	9	8	8	\$22.00	1	3	12	5	172	\$86.00	
2	Catact.....	373	6	.....	1	7	2	142.80	7	7	7	21.00	1	9	9	14	368	164.20	
3	St. Paul.....	205	2	4	.....	8	.....	76.00	48	47	45	40.00	.....	19	65	10	260	218.00	
4	Hennepin.....	418	9	.....	.....	4	.....	160.40	30	28	27	85.00	.....	12	39	17	460	245.40	
5	Ancient Landmark.....	471	24	5	.....	7	.....	174.00	23	24	24	71.00	1	20	45	36	480	245.60	
6	Dakota.....	107	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	41.20	3	2	2	10.00	.....	1	6	8	111	51.20	
7	Red Wing.....	86	4	.....	.....	4	2	30.40	10	10	10	30.00	.....	3	13	9	191	51.40	
8	Faribault.....	136	4	8	.....	4	2	48.86	3	3	3	10.00	.....	1	5	14	127	58.60	60.40
9	Mantorville.....	56	1	2	.....	2	2	19.00	3	3	3	9.00	.....	.....	3	5	54	38.60	60.00
11	Mankato.....	119	3	.....	.....	2	.....	45.00	7	3	3	13.00	6	6	11	5	125	60.60	69.00
14	Wapahasa.....	72	1	.....	.....	1	2	27.20	3	3	3	25.00	2	2	4	4	74	35.80	35.20
16	Monticello.....	56	3	.....	.....	1	.....	26.80	6	6	6	7.00	.....	.....	2	8	44	23.90	139.60
17	Hokah.....	43	7	.....	.....	1	2	16.00	3	3	3	9.00	.....	.....	2	4	62	45.80	43.80
18	Winona.....	218	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	83.20	8	8	10	26.00	.....	4	14	224	199.20	139.60	
19	Minneapolis.....	525	14	1	.....	9	.....	201.60	55	55	58	168.00	1	38	97	21	601	399.80	370.60
20	Caledonia.....	41	1	.....	.....	1	2	14.80	3	3	3	11.00	.....	.....	3	4	42	25.80	25.80
21	Rochester.....	149	6	.....	.....	1	.....	56.80	8	5	5	18.00	.....	4	9	7	151	74.80	74.80
22	Pleasant Grove.....	42	.....	.....	.....	1	2	13.60	1	.....	.....	1.00	2	.....	2	3	38	14.60	44.60
23	North Star.....	130	6	7	.....	1	.....	46.00	9	.....	8	26.00	2	.....	10	13	127	72.00	71.00
24	Wilton.....	35	2	.....	.....	1	2	11.20	1	1	1	3.00	.....	.....	1	5	31	14.20	14.20
26	Western Star.....	109	3	1	.....	2	2	38.40	7	5	6	19.00	3	2	11	11	109	57.40	57.40
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	68	1	.....	.....	1	.....	26.40	5	5	6	16.00	.....	6	6	72	42.40	41.60	
28	Clearwater.....	46	1	.....	.....	.....	2	17.20	2	1	1	4.00	.....	.....	1	4	46	21.20	21.20
29	Morning Star.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.20	1	1	1	3.00	.....	.....	1	2	41	18.20	19.40
30	Anoka.....	150	3	3	.....	1	1	56.80	5	6	5	16.00	2	1	9	7	152	72.80	72.80
31	King Hiram.....	36	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	2	1	1	4.00	.....	2	2	32	16.00	16.40	
32	Sakatah.....	69	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.60	5	5	5	15.00	.....	5	5	71	40.60	40.60	
33	Star in the East.....	95	3	9	.....	1	2	32.00	1	1	1	2.00	1	3	4	13	86	34.00	34.00
34	Oriental.....	50	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.40	4	4	4	12.00	.....	.....	6	4	52	30.80	30.80
35	Mount Moriah.....	85	2	.....	.....	2	.....	32.40	4	4	3	15.00	.....	.....	3	2	86	47.40	47.40
36	Preston.....	105	2	7	1	2	37.20	1	3.00	1	3	10	97	39.40	39.40
37	Mystic Tie.....	48	2	17.20	1	1	1	6.00	3	3	48	23.20	23.20

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																		For 1892.	Paid G. Secretary.
38	Washington.....	44					2	\$12	2	6	4	\$3.00	2			34	\$1.80	\$1.80	
39	Fidelity.....	153		18				50.80	2	6	2	16.00	2	5	11	26	38	62.80	62.80
40	Carnelian.....	78						33.20	2	2	2	6.00		1		1	37	39.20	39.20
41	Hermion.....	65		3		1	1	23.20	7	7	6	19.00		4	16	4	67	39.20	39.20
42	Hope.....	41						22.00	7	7	8	19.00		1	0	16	64	40.00	40.00
43	Harmony.....	41				1	2	14.80	7	7	5	22.00		2	10	0	46	41.00	41.00
44	King Solomon.....	52						26.40	7	7	8	22.00		1	1	2	46	46.80	46.80
45	Union.....	42					2	28.40	4	2	5	14.00		1	2	2	52	32.40	32.40
46	Evergreen.....	23					1	8.00	2	2	2	21.00		1	2	2	27	42.40	42.40
47	Concord.....	28		1				9.20	1	2	5	8.00		1	2	2	26	42.40	42.40
48	Social.....	78				2		36.80	10	3	5	10.00		4	10	3	82	17.20	17.20
49	Rising Sun.....	77		3			2	36.80	10	3	5	21.00		1	3	104	40.40	40.40	
50	Watertown.....	77						30.20	1	2	1	4.00			1	23	57.80	57.80	
51	Acacia.....	44						16.00	1	2	1	4.00			1	43	9.20	9.20	
52	Cannon River.....	44						16.00	2	2	1	4.00			1	43	26.00	26.00	
53	Nicollet.....	102		4				38.00	0	6	2	2.00		1	2	100	18.00	18.00	
54	Zion.....	47						16.80	0	6	2	28.00		1	2	46	40.00	40.00	
55	Meridian.....	139		2				53.60	0	9	9	27.00		4	13	50	44.80	44.80	
56	Blue Earth City.....	71						27.80	1	1	1	2.00			2	149	86.60	86.60	
57	Spring Valley.....	37				3	2	38.80	1	1	1	3.00		1	2	70	29.80	29.80	
58	Temple.....	190						38.80	3	4	2	12.00			3	184	37.80	37.80	
59	Star in the West.....	84		3				31.60	10	4	2	22.00		1	8	94	50.80	50.80	
60	Ashler.....	61		1				22.00	4	3	2	9.00		1	2	59	31.00	31.00	
61	Star.....	39						14.40	3	3	2	5.00			3	41	23.40	23.40	
62	Illustrous.....	69		2		1		26.40	4	3	2	3.00			1	67	29.40	29.40	
63	Chain Lake.....	71						27.20	7	6	10	1.00		12	2	82	50.20	50.20	
64	Golden Rule.....	37						13.60	5	6	6	17.00		1	1	37	14.60	14.60	
65	Madella.....	30		3				10.00	5	6	6	3.00		7	3	34	27.00	27.00	
66	Corinthian.....	52						18.00	4	4	1	11.00		2	3	49	29.00	29.00	
67	Mystic Star.....	53						19.60	4	4	3	5.00		3	3	52	24.60	24.60	
68	Paynesville.....	42						14.80	6	5	2	4.00		2	3	47	38.80	38.80	
71	Lansing.....	24						9.20	1	1	1	3.00		1	2	25	12.20	12.20	

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																		For 1892.	Paid G. Secretary.
124	Janesville.....	46					2	\$17.50	4	3	3	\$10.00		1	4		50	\$27.60	\$27.60
125	Winslow Lewis.....	32	1				1	12.00	4	2	2	7.00		1	2	1	33	19.00	19.00
126	Moorhead.....	29	1			1	1	10.00	4	3	4	11.00		2	6	3	32	21.00	21.00
127	Josephus.....	44	4	6			2	13.60	2	3	4	2.00			10	34	15.60	16.60	
128	Swift.....	50					2	19.20	1	2	4	7.00			4	54	26.20	26.20	
129	Arcturus.....	49					2	18.80	2	1	1	4.00			4	50	22.80	22.80	
130	Alma.....	54	5	9		1		15.60	12	12	12	36.00	1	2	15	54	51.60	48.40	
131	Humboldt.....	32					2	12.00	4	3	3	10.00		1	4	34	22.00	20.00	
132	Golden Sheaf.....	81	1	3			1	30.00	5	3	3	11.00		1	4	81	41.00	41.00	
133	Cokato.....	48				1	1	17.60	4	2	1	8.00		1	2	49	25.60	25.60	
134	Nelson.....	36	3				1	12.80	2	1	2	4.00		1	2	35	16.80	16.80	
135	Walnut.....	23					1	6.40								17	6.40	6.40	
136	Appleton.....	62	1	1			1	23.60	5	4	3	12.00		2	5	65	35.60	35.60	
137	Orion.....	41					1	16.00	3	2	2	7.00			4	43	23.00	23.00	
138	Vermdale.....	32	2				3	11.20	5	5	4	14.00			4	34	25.20	22.40	
139	Little Falls.....	53		2			2	20.40	7	7	3	15.00		4	7	58	35.40	35.40	
140	Crookston.....	102	8				2	37.60	4	3	3	10.00		1	4	98	47.60	47.60	
141	Currie.....	28						9.20								25	9.20	7.86	
142	Lakesview.....	43	1				2	16.80	4	4	4	12.00		7	5	49	28.80	28.80	
143	Bird Island.....	26	6				2	7.20	5	1		6.00		1	6	21	13.20	11.00	
144	Melrose.....																		
145	Benton.....	35	1				2	12.80	10	8	7	25.00		1	8	42	37.80	37.80	
146	Canby.....	45	5				2	16.00	2	2	2	6.00		1	3	43	22.00	22.00	
147	Quincy.....	72	6				1	26.00	1	1	1	3.00		3	4	69	29.00	27.40	
148	Warren.....	31	1				1	12.00	5	4	5	14.00			5	35	26.00	26.00	
149	Warren.....	50	3				1	18.80	10	8	8	26.00		1	9	56	44.80	45.40	
150	Chaska.....																		
151	Frontier.....	48	3					18.00	13	12	10	35.00			10	3	55	53.00	53.00
152	Koduthya.....	31					1	12.00	8	8	8	24.00			8	38	36.00	36.00	
153	Norman.....	27		1			1	9.60	2	3	3	8.00			3	1	29	17.60	17.60
154	Tracy.....	52					1	20.40	5	1	1	8.00		2	4	50	28.40	28.40	
155	Wadena.....							27.20	5	7	8	30.00			10	2	78	47.20	47.20

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																		For 1892.	Paid G. Secretary.
203	Stewartville.....	21	1	\$8.00	4	4	4	\$12.00	1	5	1	25	\$20.00	\$20.00
204	St. Elmo.....	10	2	3.20	10	14	13	37.00	1	14	24	40.20	40.20
U. P.	Wayzata.....	15	7	9	31.00	9	9	31.00	31.00
U. P.	Fosston.....
U. P.	Staples.....	7	0	4	17.00	0	4	17.00	17.00
U. P.	Itasca.....	9	5	5	19.00	5	5	19.00	19.00
	Total.....	12,840	437	176	10	142	193	\$4,752.80	1,036	961	943	\$2,960.00	43	325	1,309	765	13,384	\$7,172.80	\$7,695.40

* Includes \$0.80 arrears.

† Includes \$1.20 arrears.

‡ Includes \$0.40 arrears.

§ Ten dollars paid January 12th.

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL—1893.

GRAND OFFICERS.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
Alphonso Barto, G. M.	\$4.50	\$6.00	\$10.50	Alphonso Barto.
W. F. Dickinson, D. G. M.	6.90	6.00	12.90	W. F. Dickinson.
Calvin L. Brown, S. G. W.	9.40	6.00	15.40	Calvin L. Brown.
Wm. B. Patton, J. G. W.	5.80	6.00	11.80	W. B. Patton.
J. H. Thompson, G. T.	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Thompson.
Thos. Montgomery, G. S.		6.00	6.00	Thos. Montgomery.
J. H. Peck, G. Orator	1.50	6.00	7.50	J. H. Peck.
L. D. Boynton, G. Chap.	4.75	6.00	10.75	L. D. Boynton.
J. D. Markham, S. G. D.	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. D. Markham.
Geo. N. Day, J. G. D.	8.25	6.00	14.25	Geo. N. Day.
E. P. Case, G. M.	2.60	6.00	8.60	H. E. Blair.
A. D. Countryman, G. St. B.	6.70	6.00	12.70	A. D. Countryman.
C. W. Gilmore, G. Sw. B.	8.60	6.00	14.60	C. W. Gilmore.
Geo. B. Bower, S. G. S.	.50	6.00	6.50	Geo. B. Bower.
R. H. Sanderson, J. G. S.	1.00	6.00	7.00	R. H. Sanderson.
B. F. Ashelman, G. P.	11.80	6.00	17.80	B. F. Ashelman.
J. C. Fischer, G. T.		6.00	6.00	J. C. Fischer.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.				
Charles W. Nash, P. G. M.	.50	6.00	6.50	C. W. Nash.
Charles Griswold, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
Edward W. Durant, P. G. M.	1.00	6.00	7.00	E. W. Durant.
Henry R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.50	6.00	12.50	H. R. Wells.
Henry R. Denny, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.79	6.00	9.79	R. H. Gove.
Jacob A. Kiester, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	J. A. Kiester.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.	3.10	6.00	9.10	W. T. Rigby.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	5.50	6.00	11.50	Geo. H. Davis.
Thos. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. Lombard.
Sam'l E. Adams, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	Sam. E. Adams.
Luther Z. Rogers, P. S. G. W.	2.60	6.00	8.60	L. Z. Rogers.
Chas. D. Boyce, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	Chas. D. Boyce.
William Lee, P. J. G. W.	1.00	6.00	7.00	Wm Lee.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	3.00	6.00	9.00	E. P. Barnum.
A. J. Edgerton, P. J. G. W.	8.30		8.30	A. J. Edgerton.
C. H. Smith, P. J. G. W.		6.00	6.00	C. H. Smith.
Albert Marden, P. J. G. W.	4.15	6.00	10.15	A. Marden.
A. La Due, P. J. G. W.	3.65	6.00	9.65	A. La Due.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W.	4.15	6.00	10.15	H. C. Shepard.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
W. F. Dickinson (3 days)		9.00	9.00	W. F. Dickinson.
J. S. Nelson (3 days)		9.00	9.00	J. S. Nelson.
J. F. Lawless (3 days)		9.00	9.00	J. F. Lawless.

PAY ROLL, 1893—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1893.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID	TO WHOM PAID.
1	St. Johns	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	Thos. H. Warren.
2	Cataract .....	.50	6.00	6.50	F. W. Campbell.
3	St. Paul		6.00	6.00	J. F. Lawless.
4	Hennepin .....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. G. Houghton.
5	Ancient Landmark		6.00	6.00	Chas. W. Nitterauer.
7	Dakota .....	.80	6.00	6.80	M. H. Sullivan.
8	Red Wing	1.65	6.00	7.65	Dwight M. Baldwin.
9	Faribault	2.10	6.00	8.10	Walter Birch.
11	Mantorville	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. A. Miller.
12	Mankato	3.25	6.00	9.25	Geo. W. Mead.
14	Wapahasa	2.85	6.00	8.85	W. L. Lewark.
16	Monticello	2.85	6.00	8.85	J. M. Comaford.
17	Hokah	5.30	6.00	11.30	L. T. Lyon.
18	Winona	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. R. Morton.
19	Minneapolis .....	.50	6.00	6.50	W. B. Hixson.
20	Caledonia	6.40	6.00	12.40	W. G. Drowley.
21	Rochester	4.00	6.00	10.00	H. R. Hymes.
22	Pleasant Grove	5.50	6.00	11.50	Wm. Aysford.
23	North Star	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. H. Lufkin.
24	Wilton	3.50	6.00	9.50	J. H. Elmore.
26	Western Star	4.35	6.00	10.35	F. M. Crane.
27	Blue Earth Valley	5.40	6.00	11.40	A. Milne.
28	Clearwater	3.90	6.00	9.90	W. V. Davee.
29	Morning Star	4.90	6.00	10.90	R. Remp.
30	Anoka	1.50	6.00	7.50	O. L. Cutter.
31	King Hiram	1.35	6.00	7.35	B. Varner.
32	Sakatah	2.60	6.00	8.60	H. E. Blair.
33	Star in the East	2.75	6.00	8.75	G. D. Holdin.
34	Oriental	2.40	6.00	8.40	A. McKenzie.
35	Mount Moriah .....	.80	6.00	6.80	W. S. Tuttle.
36	Preston	5.50	6.00	11.50	F. A. Tinkham.
37	Mystic Tie	3.05	6.00	9.05	Chas. L. Parham.
38	Washington	2.55	6.00	8.55	M. H. Gilbert.
39	Fidelity	4.00	6.00	10.00	S. A. Emerson.
40	Carnelian	2.35	6.00	8.35	J. C. Doughty.
41	Hermon	2.75	6.00	8.75	D. B. Scofield.
42	Hope	2.45	6.00	8.45	C. V. Corson.
43	Harmony	4.50	6.00	10.50	D. M. King.
44	King Solomon	1.10	6.00	7.10	J. G. Newell.
45	Union	2.20	6.00	8.20	W. H. Fisher.
46	Evergreen	4.60	6.00	10.60	W. E. Walker.
47	Concord	2.85	6.00	8.85	C. Hill.
48	Social	1.60	6.00	7.60	F. L. White.
49	Rising Sun	4.60	6.00	10.60	A. W. Smith.
50	Watertown	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. S. Coffin.
51	Acacia	1.10	6.00	7.10	Irving T. Morey.
52	Cannon River	2.55	6.00	8.55	Geo. Molm.
54	Nicollet	2.75	6.00	8.75	E. S. Pettijohn.
55	Zion	1.80	6.00	7.80	L. W. Folsom.
56	Meridian	5.10	6.00	11.10	W. W. Murphy.
57	Blue Earth City	5.05	6.00	11.05	Geo. F. Constans.
58	Spring Valley	5.10	6.00	11.10	T. A. Kilburn.
59	Temple	2.80	6.00	8.80	W. W. Siveright.
60	Star in the West	4.70	6.00	10.70	L. R. Barto.
61	Ashler	4.25	6.00	10.25	A. F. Rockwell.
63	Illustrious	7.20	6.00	13.20	G. R. Hall.
64	Chain Lake	5.35	6.00	11.35	J. K. Tanner.
65	Golden Rule	1.00	6.00	7.00	H. C. Tyler.
66	Madelia	4.15	6.00	10.15	F. T. Furber.
67	Corinthian	1.10	6.00	7.10	J. M. D. Craft.
69	Mystic Star	5.50	6.00	11.50	G. W. Rockwell.
71	Paynesville	4.20	6.00	10.20	A. L. Elliott.
72	Lansing	3.90	6.00	9.90	H. M. McIntyre.
73	Brownsville	5.45	6.00	11.45	E. M. Winslow.
75	Eureka	4.60	6.00	10.60	C. A. Roy.
76	Joppa	4.00	6.00	10.00	L. Cook.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1893.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
77	Tuscan.....	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	E. C. Clemans.
78	Mystic Circle.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	J. Q. Briggs.
79	Palestine.....	8.50	6.00	14.50	W. E. Covey.
80	Henderson.....	2.85	6.00	8.85	H. A. Seigneuret.
81	Constellation.....	6.35	6.00	12.35	Noah P. Ward.
82	Howard.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	E. Y. Chilton.
83	Huram Abi.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	H. W. Brown.
84	Orient.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	I. H. Goodwin.
85	High Forest.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	C. Converse.
86	Tyrian.....	4.95	6.00	10.95	E. F. Hopkins.
87	Doric.....	4.65	6.00	10.65	J. P. Burke.
89	Golden Fleece.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	C. Bartelson.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	H. J. Hoovel.
91	Antiquity.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	M. E. Powell.
92	Fraternal.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	Wm. Cordiner.
93	Unity.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	L. L. Sartell.
94	Keystone.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. C. Hansen.
95	Sherburne.....	1.70	6.00	7.70	Wm. H. Shorey.
96	Libanus.....	4.65	6.00	10.65	W. H. Rowe.
97	Prudence.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	Geo. M. Laing.
98	Charity.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. L. Crowell.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	A. Brandenberg.
100	Aurora.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	M. K. Swartz.
101	Fraternity.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	I. P. Durfee.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. R. Robinson.
104	Sharon.....	4.30	6.00	10.20	F. G. Handy.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	Geo. C. Bush.
108	Relief.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	G. W. Ballard.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	Wm. Dunbrack.
110	Pickwick.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	R. W. Armstrong.
111	Carver.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	J. S. Barnard.
112	Khurum.....	.50	6.00	6.50	E. J. McMahon.
113	Excelsior.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	O. C. Meaker.
114	Ben Franklin.....	8.30	6.00	14.30	Gens O. Helgeson.
115	Elgin.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	R. L. Wood.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	Chris Erickson.
117	Granite.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	A. R. Rowe.
118	Newport.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. D. Carroll.
119	Delta.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	E. L. Healy.
121	Grand Meadow.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	W. H. Bentley.
122	Kellogg.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	L. O. Cook.
123	Prairie.....	3.45	6.00	9.45	Chas. W. Treat.
124	Janesville.....	3.50	6.00	9.50	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	.90	6.00	6.90	Chas. T. Wadsworth.
126	Moorhead.....	10.35	6.00	16.35	F. H. Peterson.
128	Josephus.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	Wm. H. Davis.
129	Swift.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	A. D. Aldrich.
130	Arcturus.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	Fred Otto.
131	Alma.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	W. F. Cobb.
132	Humboldt.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	Aug. F. Truwe.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Wm. C. Bicknell.
134	Cokato.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	Frank Griffith.
135	Nelson.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	Thos. Hellier.
137	Appleton.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	H. C. Maxwell.
138	Orion.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	E. A. D. Salter.
139	Verndale.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	D. J. Rosebrook.
143	Lakeview.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	P. H. Foote.
144	Bird Island.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	F. L. Puffer.
146	Benton.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	John H. Hanson.
147	Canby.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	C. H. Gatfield.
148	Quarry.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	Geo. McGillivray.
149	Guardian.....	3.30	6.00	9.30	R. S. Donaldson.
150	Warren.....	13.20	6.00	19.20	L. Lamberson.
152	Frontier.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	Peter Hanson.
153	Kodahya.....	12.30	6.00	18.30	A. S. Crossfield.
154	Norman.....	10.65	6.00	16.65	Louis Hintze.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE 1893.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
155	Tracy.....	\$7.20	\$6.00	\$13.20	F. S. Brown.
156	Wadena	6.55	6.00	12.55	L. W. Babcock.
157	Perham.....	12.25	6.00	18.25	J. L. Berthold.
158	Hector.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	H. B. Ostrander.
159	Long Prairie.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	D. A. Tufts.
160	Plymouth.....	.50	6.00	6.50	L. O. Merriam.
161	Sincerity.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	F. M. Churchill.
162	Prescott.....	7.05	6.00	13.05	R. P. Wells.
163	Summit.....	.....	6.00	6.00	M. L. Countryman.
164	Jasper.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	Geo. R. Lawrence.
165	Minnehaha.....	.50	6.00	6.50	C. H. Goodwin.
166	Garnet.....	.30	6.00	6.30	David Hanna.
168	Braden.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Wm. Densmore.
169	Pierson.....	11.40	6.00	17.40	Robert Patterson.
170	Fulda.....	6.85	6.00	12.85	G. D. Taylor.
171	Shekinah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Edward L. Fales.
172	Marietta.....	1.80	2.60	4.40	Fred B. Smith.
173	Plumb Line.....	2.85	6.00	8.85	David W. Fowler.
174	Valley.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	C. L. Peterson.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	J. C. Becker.
176	Ark.....	.50	6.00	6.50	H. W. Foote.
177	Rough Ashler.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	J. W. Cottier.
178	Anchor.....	3.90	6.00	9.90	G. E. Estey.
179	King David.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	H. Taylor.
180	Osakis.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	G. R. Babbitt.
181	Dalles.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	F. L. Redfield.
182	Fair Haven.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	C. E. Kimble.
184	Shell.....	7.75	6.00	13.75	Geo. D. Mandigo.
185	Midway.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Wm. T. Rich.
186	Ionic.....	5.85	6.00	11.85	J. E. Cooley.
187	Arcana.....	.50	6.00	6.50	Geo. A. Todd.
188	Fortitude.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	R. Stewart.
189	Traverse.....	8.60	6.00	14.60	S. W. Frasier.
190	Triune.....	.30	6.00	6.30	John Fishel.
191	Mizpah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Jas. F. Baker.
192	Crow River.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	P. A. Olsen.
193	Amboy.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	C. M. Green.
194	Canon.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	R. N. Vale.
196	Geneva.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	H. L. Hayden.
197	Vermillion.....	12.40	6.00	18.40	W. N. Shephard.
198	Euclid.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	G. J. Mallory.
199	Murray.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. H. Low.
200	Zenith.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	John B. Schmid.
201	Kenyon.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	M. H. Silvernale.
202	Venus.....	6.50	6.00	12.50	A. M. Crowell.
203	Stewartville.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	Truman B. Horton.
204	St. Elmo.....	8.45	6.00	14.45	H. D. Jenckes.
	Amount Pay Roll.....	\$884.99	\$1313.60	\$2198.59	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Pleasant Grove.....	22	
Anoka.....	30	Guardian.....	149	Preston.....	36	
Acacia.....	51	Garnet.....	166	Paynesville.....	71	
Ashler.....	61	Geneva.....	196	Palestine.....	79	
Antiquity.....	91	Hennepin.....	4	Prudence.....	97	
Aurora.....	100	Hokah.....	17	Pickwick.....	110	
Arcturus.....	130	Hermon.....	41	Prairie.....	123	
Alma.....	131	Hope.....	42	Perham.....	157	
Appleton.....	137	Harmony.....	43	Plymouth.....	160	
Agate.....	167	Henderson.....	80	Prescott.....	162	
Ark.....	176	Howard.....	82	Pierson.....	169	
Anchor.....	178	Huram Abi.....	83	Plumb Line.....	173	
Arcana.....	187	High Forest.....	85	Pelican Rapids.....	183	
Amboy.....	193	Humboldt.....	132	Quarry.....	148	
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Hector.....	158	Red Wing.....	8	
Blue Earth City.....	57	Illustrious.....	63	Rochester.....	21	
Brownsville.....	73	Ionic.....	186	Rising Sun.....	49	
Bethel.....	103	Itasca.....	208	Relief.....	108	
Ben Franklin.....	114	Joppa.....	76	Roman Eagle.....	175	
Bird Island.....	144	Janesville.....	124	Rough Ashler.....	177	
Benton.....	146	Josephus.....	128	Renville.....	195	
Braden.....	168	Jasper.....	164	St. Johns.....	1	
Catacraft.....	2	King Hiram.....	31	St. Paul.....	3	
Caledonia.....	20	King Solomon.....	44	Sakatah.....	32	
Clearwater.....	28	Keystone.....	94	Star in the East.....	33	
Carnelian.....	40	Khurum.....	112	Social.....	48	
Concord.....	47	Kellogg.....	122	Spring Valley.....	58	
Cannon River.....	52	Kodahya.....	153	Star in the West.....	60	
Chain Lake.....	64	King David.....	179	Star.....	62	
Corinthian.....	67	Kenyon.....	201	Sherburne.....	95	
Constellation.....	81	Lansing.....	72	Sharon.....	104	
Charity.....	98	Libanus.....	96	Sunset.....	109	
Corner Stone.....	99	Lebanon.....	102	Swift.....	129	
Carver.....	111	Lafayette.....	116	Sincerity.....	161	
Cokato.....	134	Lakeview.....	143	Summit.....	163	
Crookston.....	141	Long Prairie.....	159	Shekinah.....	171	
Currie.....	142	Little Falls.....	149	Shell.....	184	
Canby.....	147	Mantorville.....	11	Stewartville.....	203	
Chaska.....	151	Mankato.....	12	St. Elmo.....	204	
Crow River.....	192	Monticello.....	16	Temple.....	59	
Canton.....	194	Minneapolis.....	19	Tuscan.....	77	
Crescent.....	207	Morning Star.....	29	Tyrian.....	86	
Dakota.....	7	Mount Moriah.....	35	Tracy.....	155	
Doric.....	87	Mystic Tie.....	37	Traverse.....	189	
Delta.....	119	Meridian.....	56	Triune.....	190	
Dalles.....	181	Madelia.....	66	Union.....	45	
Evergreen.....	46	Mystic Star.....	69	Unity.....	93	
Eureka.....	75	Mystic Circle.....	78	Venus.....	202	
Excelsior.....	113	Mount Tabor.....	106	Verndale.....	139	
Euclid.....	198	Moorhead.....	126	Valley.....	174	
Faribault.....	9	Melrose.....	145	Vermillion.....	197	
Fidelity.....	39	Minnehaha.....	165	Wapahasa.....	14	
Fraternal.....	92	Marietta.....	172	Winona.....	18	
Fraternity.....	101	Midway.....	185	Wilton.....	24	
Frontier.....	152	Mizpah.....	191	Western Star.....	26	
Fulda.....	170	Murray.....	198	Washington.....	38	
Fair Haven.....	182	North Star.....	23	Watertown.....	50	
Fortitude.....	188	Nicollet.....	54	Winslow Lewis.....	125	
Fosston.....	206	Newport.....	118	Walnut.....	130	
Golden Rule.....	65	Nelson.....	135	Warren.....	150	
Golden Fleece.....	89	Norman.....	154	Wadena.....	156	
Good Faith.....	90	Oriental.....	34	Wazata.....	205	
Granite.....	117	Orient.....	84	Zion.....	55	
Grand Meadow.....	121	Orion.....	138	Zenith.....	200	
		Osakis.....	180			

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada.....	Norman.....	154	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	85
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle....	175	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	17
Albert Lea.....	Western Star....	26	Houston.....	Mystic Circle....	78
Alexandria.....	Constellation....	81	Howard.....	Howard.....	82
Alma City.....	Wilton.....	24	Hutchinson.....	Temple.....	59
Amboy.....	Amboy.....	193	Jackson.....	Good Faith.....	90
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	30	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	124
Appleton.....	Appleton.....	137	Jordan.....	St. Elmo.....	204
Atwater.....	Orion.....	138	Jasper.....	King Hiram.....	31
Austin.....	Fidelity.....	39	Kasson.....	Huram Abi.....	83
Belle Plaine.....	Rough Ashler....	177	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	122
Benson.....	Swift.....	129	Kenyon.....	Kenyon.....	201
Bird Island.....	Bird Island.....	144	La Crescent.....	Morning Star....	29
Blooming Prairie.....	Prairie.....	123	Lake Benton.....	Benton.....	146
Blue Earth City.....	Blue Earth City..	57	Lake City.....	Carnelian.....	40
Brainerd.....	Aurora.....	100	Lake Crystal.....	Bethel.....	103
Breckenridge.....	Frontier.....	152	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule.....	65
Browns Valley.....	Kodahya.....	153	Lanesboro.....	Lebanon.....	102
Brownsdale.....	Brownsville.....	73	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	72
Brownsville.....	Lafayette.....	116	Le Roy.....	Eureka.....	75
Buffalo.....	Guardian.....	149	Le Sueur.....	Union.....	45
Caledonia.....	Nelson.....	135	Lewiston.....	Harmony.....	43
Campbell.....	Caledonia.....	20	Litchfield.....	Golden Fleece....	89
Canby.....	Agate.....	167	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	140
Cannon Falls.....	Canby.....	147	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	159
Canton.....	Oriental.....	34	Luverne.....	Ben Franklin....	114
Carver.....	Canton.....	194	Lyle.....	Alma.....	131
Chaska.....	Carver.....	111	Madelia.....	Madelia.....	66
Chatfield.....	Chaska.....	151	Madison.....	Geneva.....	156
Clearwater.....	Meridian.....	56	Maine Prairie.....	Plumb Line.....	173
Cleveland.....	Clearwater.....	28	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	12
Cloquet.....	Concord.....	47	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	11
Cokato.....	Dalles.....	181	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	172
Cottage Grove.....	Cokato.....	134	Marshall.....	Delta.....	119
Crookston.....	Acacia.....	51	Mapleton.....	Josephus.....	128
Currie.....	Crookston.....	141	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian.....	86
Dawson.....	Currie.....	142	Melrose.....	Melrose.....	145
Detroit.....	Venus.....	201	Minneapolis.....	Cataract.....	2
Dodge Centre.....	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	4
Duluth.....	Relief.....	108	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	19
Duluth.....	Palestine.....	79	Minneapolis.....	Khurum.....	112
Elgin.....	Ionic.....	186	Minneapolis.....	Plymouth.....	160
Elk River.....	Elgin.....	115	Minneapolis.....	Minnehaha.....	165
Elmore.....	Sherburne.....	95	Minneapolis.....	Ark.....	176
Excelsior.....	King David.....	179	Minneapolis.....	Arcana.....	187
Eyota.....	Excelsior.....	113	Money Creek.....	Orient.....	84
Fair Haven.....	Ashler.....	61	Montevideo.....	Sunset.....	109
Fairmont.....	Fair Haven.....	182	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	16
Faribault.....	Chain Lake.....	64	Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	126
Farmington.....	Faribault.....	9	Morris.....	Golden Sheaf....	133
Fergus Falls.....	Corinthian.....	67	Morristown.....	Cannon River....	52
Fosston.....	Corner Stone.....	99	New Barnesville..	Pierson.....	169
Fulda.....	Fosston.....	206	New London.....	Crow River.....	192
Glencoe.....	Fulda.....	170	Newport.....	Newport.....	118
Glenwood.....	Hope.....	42	New Ulm.....	Charity.....	98
Good Thunder.....	Valley.....	174	Northfield.....	Social.....	48
Grand Meadow.....	Joppa.....	76	Ortville.....	Lakeview.....	143
Grand Rapids.....	Grand Meadow..	121	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	180
Granite Falls.....	Itasca.....	208	Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis..	125
Hastings.....	Granite.....	117	Owatonna.....	Star in the East..	33
Hastings.....	Dakota.....	7	Park Rapids.....	Shell.....	184
Hector.....	Mt. Moriah.....	35	Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	71
Henderson.....	Hector.....	158	Pelican Rapids....	Pelican Rapids..	183
Herman.....	Henderson.....	80	Perham.....	Perham.....	157
	Prescott.....	162	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	110

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LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37	St. Paul.....	Braden.....	168
Pipestone.....	Quarry.....	148	St. Paul.....	Shekinah.....	171
Plainview.....	Illustrious.....	63	St. Paul.....	Midway.....	185
Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	22	St. Paul.....	Triune.....	190
Preston.....	Preston.....	36	St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	54
Princeton.....	Fraternal.....	92	Taylor Falls.....	Zion.....	55
Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8	Tower.....	Vermillion.....	197
Red Wing.....	Arcturus.....	130	Tracy.....	Tracy.....	155
Redwood Falls.....	Antiquity.....	91	Troy.....	Evergreen.....	46
Renville.....	Renville.....	195	Two Harbors.....	Fortitude.....	188
Rochester.....	Rochester.....	21	Verndale.....	Verndale.....	139
Rockford.....	Star.....	62	Villard.....	Sincerity.....	161
Royalton.....	Anchor.....	178	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa.....	14
Rush City.....	Jasper.....	164	Wadena.....	Wadena.....	156
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	69	Walnut Grove.....	Walnut.....	136
Sauk Centre.....	Star in the West.....	66	Warren.....	Warren.....	150
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity.....	93	Waseca.....	Tuscan.....	77
Shakopee.....	King Solomon.....	44	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	50
Slayton.....	Murray.....	199	Waterville.....	Sakatah.....	32
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone.....	94	Wayzata.....	Wayzata.....	205
South St. Paul.....	Mizpah.....	191	Wells.....	Doric.....	87
Springfield.....	Zenith.....	200	West Concord.....	Washington.....	38
Spring Valley.....	Spring Valley.....	58	West Duluth.....	Euclid.....	168
Staples.....	Crescent.....	207	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	189
Stewartville.....	Stewartville.....	203	White Bear.....	Garnet.....	166
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Willmar.....	Sharon.....	104
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Windom.....	Prudence.....	97
St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23	Winnebago City.....	Blue E'rth V'ley.....	27
St. James.....	Libanus.....	96	Winona.....	Winona.....	18
St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3	Worthington.....	Fraternity.....	101
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St. Paul.....	Summit.....	163	Zumbrota.....	Hermon.....	41



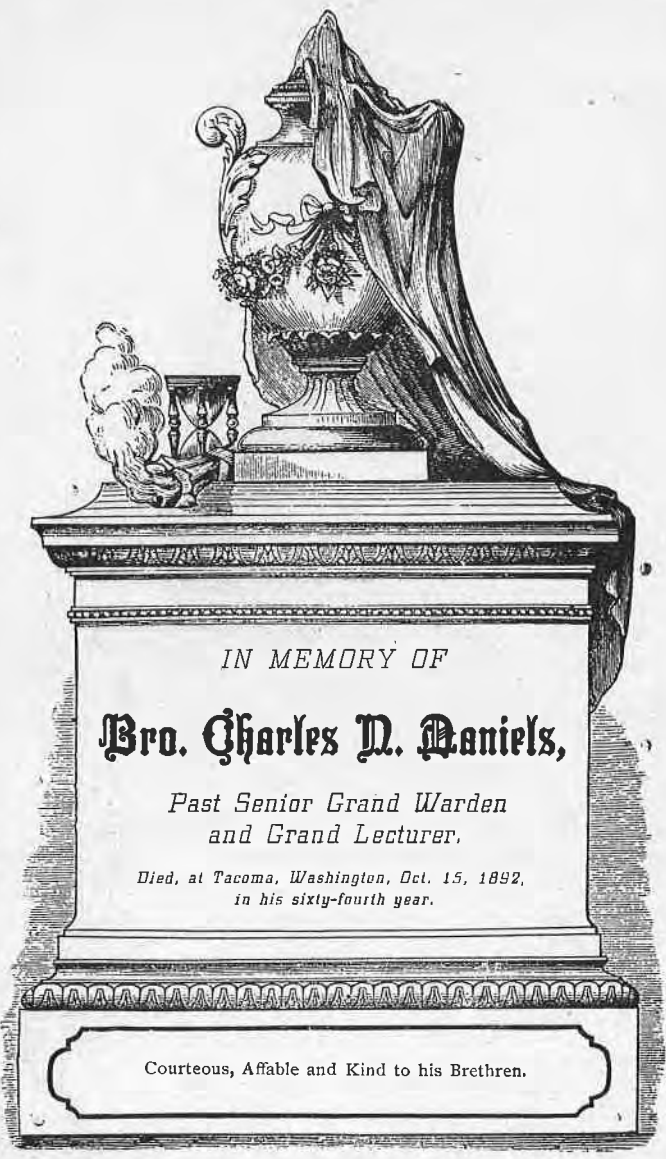
IN MEMORY OF

Bro. Silas B. Merrell,

Past Senior Grand Warden,

*Died Feb. 23, 1892, at Evanston, Illinois, in his
sixty-third year,*

Let him Rest in Peace.



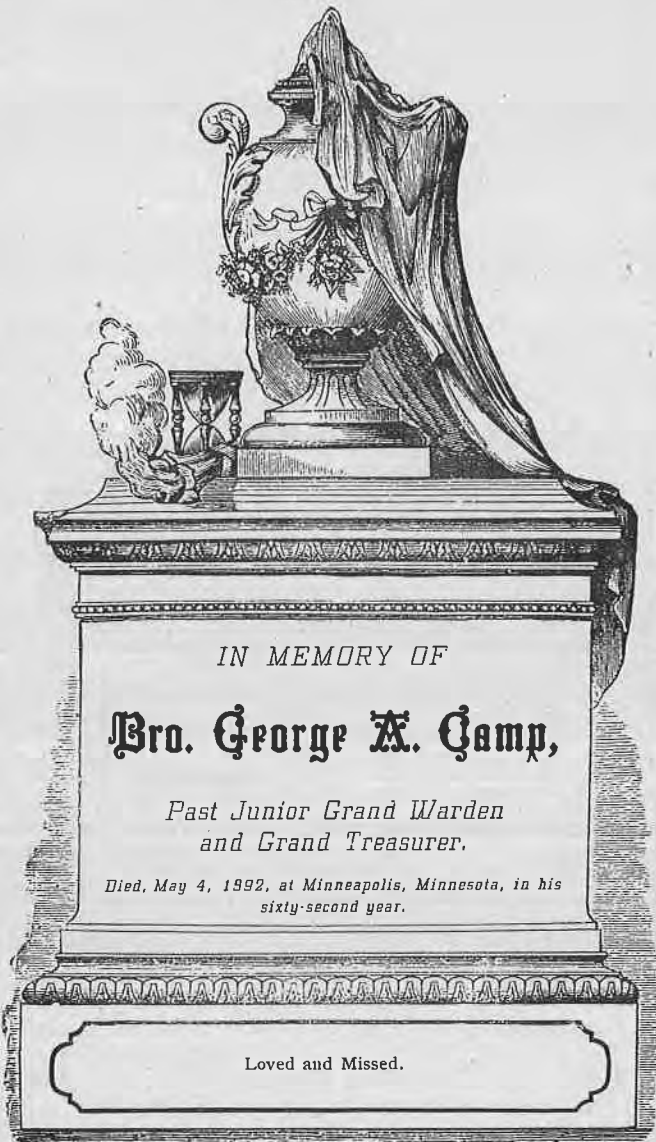
IN MEMORY OF

Bro. Charles M. Daniels,

*Past Senior Grand Warden
and Grand Lecturer.*

*Died, at Tacoma, Washington, Oct. 15, 1892,
in his sixty-fourth year.*

Courteous, Affable and Kind to his Brethren.



IN MEMORY OF

Bro. George A. Camp,

*Past Junior Grand Warden
and Grand Treasurer.*

*Died, May 4, 1892, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in his
sixty-second year.*

Loved and Missed.

APPENDIX G.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
1	St. Johns.....	James Moore.....	Nov. —, 1891.
		Geo. M. Seymour.....	April 11, 1892.
		John A. Halberg.....	May 30, 1892.
2	Cataract	Josiah Staples.....	Aug. 6, 1892.
		Simeon D. Rollins.....	Feb. 18, 1892.
		G. A. Camp.....	May 4, 1892.
		J. S. Bixby.....	May 11, 1892.
		Frank S. Swart.....	May 28, 1892.
		J. C. Lawrence.....	Nov. 25, 1892.
		M. W. Getchell.....	Dec. 6, 1892.
3	St. Paul.....	C. H. Pauly.....	Dec. 13, 1892.
		Bernard Knudsen.....	Feb. 23, 1892.
		Walter McFarland.....	June 18, 1892.
		David E. Swam.....	Oct. 26, 1892.
4	Hennepin.....	Albert Zschokke.....	Nov. 3, 1892.
		C. D. Hammond.....	Jan. 5, 1892.
		C. B. Tirrell.....	May 7, 1892.
		Wm. Frost.....	May 14, 1892.
		F. C. Pillsbury.....	May 15, 1892.
		Jas. Newton.....	May 20, 1892.
		L. N. Patterson.....	May 21, 1892.
5	Ancient Landmark	C. S. Bardwell.....	Nov. 26, 1892.
		Chas. Leonard.....	Jan. 20, 1892.
		Chas. F. Leipke.....	Feb. 19, 1892.
		E. J. McKinley.....	Mch. 19, 1892.
		L. H. Maxfield.....	May 11, 1892.
		Henry Ray.....	June 2, 1892.
		Hogarth Sahlgard.....	July 31, 1892.
7	Dakota.....	A. B. Brackett.....	Sept. 22, 1892.
8	Red Wing.....	G. H. Hawes.....	April 27, 1892.
		William E. Hawkins.....	Feb. 10, 1892.
		Zenas F. Burnel.....	Mch. 9, 1892.
		E. S. Park.....	Feb. 12, 1888.
		F. S. McCart.....	Oct. 13, 1892.
		H. E. Barron.....	Feb. 26, 1892.
9	Faribault.....	Thomas Mee.....	Mch. 28, 1892.
		Joseph Giesler.....	Jan. 11, 1892.
11	Mantorville.....	Amos Jackson.....	Oct. 22, 1892.
		James Cannon.....	Sept. 8, 1892.
		B. F. Smith.....	Dec. 12, 1892.
12	Mankato.....		

APPENDIX G—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
14	Wapahasa.....	Wm. M. Green.....	June 27, 1892.
16	Monticello.....	J. J. McAllister.....	Dec. 19, 1892.
17	Hokah.....	David House.....	Jan. 10, 1892.
18	Winona.....	Robert Gowdy.....	Nov. 30, 1892.
19	Minneapolis.....	Robert I. Williams.....	May 6, 1892.
		C. C. Brand.....	May 2, 1892.
		Geo. Baden.....	Nov. 20, 1892.
		A. H. Mitchell.....	April 27, 1892.
		H. M. Roberts.....	Aug. 31, 1892.
		Walter A. Smith.....	Dec. 23, 1892.
20	Caledonia.....	Miles M. Wooden.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
21	Rochester.....	L. H. Kelly.....	Sept. 25, 1892.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	C. A. Pattridge.....	Oct. 31, 1892.
24	Wilton.....	John Warwick.....	Nov. 23, 1892.
26	Western Star.....	E. F. Kenney.....	Oct. 20, 1892.
		Chas. Levens.....	Nov. 24, 1892.
27	Blue Earth Valley..	Chas. M. Edwards.....	April 4, 1892.
30	Anoka.....	Geo. E. Cotton.....	Jan. —, 1892.
32	Sakatah.....	Fred N. Whitten.....	Nov. 16, 1892.
		A. L. Sutton.....	Mch. 28, 1892.
33	Star in the East.....	Amos Coggswell.....	Nov. 15, 1892.
36	Preston.....	Reuben Wells.....	July 6, 1892.
41	Herman.....	Ole K. Alrich.....	Jan. 15, 1892.
		Thomas P. Kellett.....	Feb. 18, 1892.
		Herbert Reed.....	June 4, 1892.
42	Hope.....	William Chambers.....	Mch. 16, 1892.
43	Harmony.....	Peter Fisher.....	Sept. 16, 1892.
47	Concord.....	William Lancaster.....	Jan. 25, 1892.
48	Social.....	James Morton.....	Feb. 8, 1892.
		J. S. Allen.....	Mch. —, 1892.
50	Watertown.....	Seneca M. Tarvin.....	Nov. 22, 1892.
		Chas. L. Flannegan.....	Oct. 30, 1892.
51	Acacia.....	Joseph A. Pettit.....	Dec. 29, 1891.
52	Cannon River.....	Henry Brown.....	Nov. 13, 1892.
54	Nicollet.....	Francis Dunn.....	Jan. 10, 1892.
55	Zion.....	Joshua H. Dawson.....	Jan. 9, 1892.
		Mathew Henry Arnold.....	Mch. 19, 1892.
56	Meridian.....	Malcolm McCarty.....	Nov. 29, 1892.
57	Blue Earth City.....	Enoch Pulver.....	Mch. 30, 1892.
58	Spring Valley.....	James D. Farmer.....	July 29, 1892.
		Milton J. Viall.....	Dec. 1, 1892.
		Geo. G. Wilder.....	Dec. 16, 1892.
63	Illustrious.....	Seth L. McCarty.....	May 21, 1892.
67	Corinthian.....	H. C. Wing.....	Nov. 13, 1892.
69	Mystic Star.....	Hugh Ferguson.....	Sept. 28, 1892.
71	Paynesville.....	Smith Flanders.....	July 16, 1892.
76	Joppa.....	Eri P. Evans.....	Sept. 26, 1892.
77	Tuscan.....	William Everett.....	June 17, 1892.
79	Palestine.....	James J. Barnes.....	Feb. 24, 1892.
		A. J. Sawyer.....	Mch. 3, 1892.
		Devello P. Smith.....	April 25, 1892.

APPENDIX G—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
81	Constellation.....	Benjamin F. Scriven	Sept. 3, 1892.
83	Huram Abi.....	Wm. Henry Moles.....	Nov. 15, 1892.
		J. P. Rodman.....	July 5, 1892.
86	Tyrian.....	Horace Anthony.....	April 1, 1892.
		Jeremiah Grinnell.....	Feb. 24, 1892.
89	Golden Fleece	L. B. Mathews.....	Oct. 29, 1892.
90	Good Faith.....	Henry J. Lasher	April 25, 1892.
		Chas. Elbert Cutts.....	Aug. 4, 1892.
92	Fraternal	Wilbur S. Kimball.....	Dec. 13, 1892.
93	Unity	E. C. Gile.....	Sept. 7, 1892.
		Clark S. Beal .....	.....
94	Keystone.....	Geo. A. Forrester.....	Nov. 29, 1892.
98	Charity.....	Sam'l B. Morehouse.....	—, 1892.
		Henry A. Roth	Feb. 26, 1892.
99	Corner Stone	William Burghart.....	July 21, 1892.
		J. V. Horning.....	Jan. 20, 1892.
100	Aurora.....	Fred W. Burnham.....	Jan. 25, 1892.
		Dugald McDonald.....	Jan. 28, 1892.
101	Fraternity	Wm. M. Bear.....	Aug. 26, 1892.
		Henry H. Anderson.....	—, 1892.
112	Khurum	David Lee Kenyon.....	Aug. 3, 1892.
		G. H. Schulte.....	—, 1890.
		B. H. Billings.....	Sept. —, 1892.
114	Ben Franklin.....	F. A. Fisher.....	Dec. 13, 1892.
		Dr. Robert O. Crawford.....	May 7, 1892.
116	Lafayette.....	Moses Bolion.....	Mch. 14, 1892.
121	Grand Meadow....	John J. Gilbertson.....	June 9, 1892.
126	Moorhead.....	Samuel Partridge.....	Dec. —, 1892.
131	Alma	Thos. J. Kirby.....	May 7, 1892.
134	Shokato	S. O. Lindgren.....	June 12, 1892.
140	Little Falls.....	Hiram D. Wood.....	Feb. 28, 1892.
		John K. Smith.....	May 25, 1892.
148	Quarry.....	John Stuart.....	Jan. 15, 1892.
153	Kodahya.....	Lee Cunningham.....	Dec. 2, 1892.
160	Plymouth	Lewis C. Doe.....	Sept. 22, 1892.
163	Summit	Fred F. Griffin.....	Aug. 8, 1892.
165	Minnehaha.....	Levering Holgate.....	July 27, 1892.
166	Garnet	Frank Clewett.....	Mch. 22, 1892.
171	Shekinah	William M. Baer.....	Nov. —, 1892.
174	Valley	Mathew Christilan	May 21, 1892.
175	Roman Eagle.....	Alex. G. Mitchell.....	Nov. 29, 1892.
176	Ark	Wm. Tasker.....	Jan. 6, 1892.
		Simon Van Ethen.....	Mch. 8, 1892.
177	Rough Ashler.....	W. H. Tice.....	Oct. 10, 1892.
		Chas. L. Chamberlin.....	Mch. 14, 1892.
188	Fortitude	M. F. Bonham.....	Feb. 12, 1892.
		S. T. Pope.....	April 13, 1892.
190	Twin Cite.....	W. P. Hancock.....	Dec. 19, 1892.
194	Canton	Chas. M. Beach.....	Mch. 4, 1892.
195	Renville	Samuel S. Russell.....	Sept. 10, 1892.

APPENDIX H.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. . F. . & A. . M. ., into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the Right Worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. . W. . ELIAS LINT (36), PRESTON.

Hokah.....	17	Brownsville.....	73
Caledonia.....	20	Pickwick.....	110
Morning Star.....	29	Canton.....	194
Preston.....	36		

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. . W. . M. O. WILSIE (121), GRAND MEADOW.

Spring Valley.....	58	Orient.....	84
Mystic Star.....	69	Lebanon.....	102
Mystic Circle.....	78	Grand Meadow.....	121

THIRD DISTRICT.

R.: W.: S. A. EMERSON (39), AUSTIN.

Fidelity.....	39	Lafayette.....	116
Lansing.....	72	Prairie.....	123
Eureka.....	75	Alma.....	131

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: TRUMAN B. HORTON (203), STEWARTVILLE.

Pleasant Grove.....	22	High Forest.....	85
Meridian.....	56	Stewartville.....	203

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: HENRY C. SHEPARD (18), WINONA.

Winona.....	18	Ashler.....	61
Harmony.....	43	Illustrious.....	63
Evergreen.....	46	Elgin.....	115
Rising Sun.....	49		

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. LA DUE (11), MANTORVILLE.

Mantorville.....	11	Huram Abi.....	83
Rochester.....	21	Relief.....	108
Washington.....	38	Kenyon.....	201

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: G. W. HALL (86), MAZEPPA.

Wapahasa.....	14	Hermon.....	41
Mystic Tie.....	37	Tyrian.....	86
Carnelian.....	40	Kellogg.....	122

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: H. A. BUEL (8), RED WING.

Dakota.....	7	Mount Moriah.....	35
Red Wing.....	8	Arcturus.....	130
Oriental.....	34		

NINTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. M. D. CRAFT (67), FARMINGTON.

Faribault.....	9	Cannon River.....	52
Star in the East.....	33	Corinthian.....	67
Social.....	48		

TENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: E. P. CASE (32), WATERVILLE.

Wilton.....	24	Tuscan.....	77
Western Star.....	26	Janesville.....	124
Sakatah.....	32		

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: ALEX. FIDDES (90), JACKSON.

Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Good Faith.....	90
Blue Earth City.....	57	King David.....	179
Chain Lake.....	64	Amboy.....	193
Doric.....	87		

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: JOHN HUTTON (97), WINDOM.

Prudence.....	97	Ben Franklin.....	114
Fraternity.....	101	Roman Eagle.....	175

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W.: CHAS. A. CHAPMAN (12), MANKATO.

Mankato	12	Libanus.....	96
Madelia.....	66	Bethel	103
Joppa.....	76	Josephus	128

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W.: GEO. W. TAYLOR (45), LE SUEUR.

Union	45	Nicollet	54
Concord	47	Henderson	80

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W.: B. H. WHITNEY (199), SLAYTON.

Currie.....	142	Murray.....	199
Quarry	148	St. Elmo	204
Fulda	170		

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W.: F. S. BROWN (155), TRACY.

Delta	119	Canby	147
Walnut.....	136	Tracy.....	155
Benton	146	Zenith.....	200

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W.: T. J. MURFIN (94), SLEEPY EYE.

Antiquity	91	Marietta.....	172
Keystone	94	Geneva.....	196
Charity	98	Venus.....	202

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. Q. MCINTOSH (118), NEWPORT.

St. Johns.....	1	Newport.....	118
Acacia	51	Jasper.....	164
Zion.....	55	Garnet.....	166
Golden Rule.....	65		

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. P. SWANSTROM (5), ST. PAUL.

St. Paul.....	3	Shekinah.....	171
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Midway	185
Summit	163	Triune	190
Braden.....	168	Mizpah.....	191

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. E. ALLEN (176), MINNEAPOLIS.

Cataract.....	2	Plymouth.....	160
Hennepin	4	Minnehaha.....	168
Minneapolis.....	19	Ark.....	176
Khurum	112	Arcana.....	187

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. S. BARNARD (111), CARVER.

King Hiram.....	31	Chaska	151
King Solomon.....	44	Rough Ashler.....	177
Carver	111		

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: R. S. MILES (42), GLENCOE.

Hope.....	42	Guardian.....	149
Temple.....	59	Hector.....	158
Bird Island.....	144	Renville.....	195

 TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. D. COUNTRYMAN (137), APPLETON.

Sunset.....	109	Appleton.....	137
Granite.....	117	Lakeview.....	143

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: FRANK G. HANDY (104), WILLMAR.

Howard.....	82	Cokato.....	134
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orion.....	138
Sharon.....	104	Crow River.....	192

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. S. CROSSFIELD (153), BROWNS VALLEY.

Swift.....	129	Prescott.....	162
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Agate.....	167
Frontier.....	152	Traverse.....	189
Kodahya.....	153		

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. C. H. ENGEL (30), ANOKA.

Monticello.....	16	Sherburne.....	95
Anoka.....	30	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Star.....	62	Nelson.....	135
Fraternal.....	92		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: T. C. WING (23), ST. CLOUD.

North Star.....	23	Unity.....	93
Clearwater.....	28	Plumb Line.....	173
Paynesville.....	71	Fair Haven.....	182

 TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: F. B. VAN HOESEN (81), ALEXANDRIA.

Star in the West.....	60	Sincerity.....	161
Constellation.....	81	Valley.....	174
Melrose.....	145	Osakis.....	180
Long Prairie.....	159		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: WM. G. TEN BROOK (79), DULUTH.

Palestine.....	79	Vermillion.....	197
Dalles.....	181	Euclid.....	198
Ionic.....	186	Itasca.....	208
Fortitude.....	188		

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: GEO. H. DAVIS (100), BRAINERD.

Aurora.....	100	Anchor.....	178
Little Falls.....	140	Staples.....	207

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: FRANK D. BELL (169), BARNESVILLE.

Corner Stone.....	99	Pierson.....	169
Moorhead.....	126	Pelican Rapids.....	183

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: W. A. WALLACE (150), WARREN.

Crookston.....	141	Norman.....	154
Warren.....	150	Fosston.....	206

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. : W. : O. C. MEAKER (113), EXCELSIOR.

Watertown.....	50	Humboldt.....	132
Excelsior.....	113	Wayzata.....	205

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. : W. : JOHN G. HOWE (156), WADENA.

Mount Tabor.....	106	Perham.....	157
Verndale.....	139	Shell.....	184
Wadena.....	156		

And the said R. : W. : District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. 1893; A. : L. : 5893.

WM. F. DICKINSON,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

TO			FROM	
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	Alabama.....		
G. H. N. Luhrs.....		Arizona.....		
Wm. Henry Gee.....	Dardanelle.....	Arkansas.....		
N. B. Ufford.....	Vancouver.....	Brit. Columbia	Chas. D. Boyce.....	Minneapolis.
Samuel B. Hinckley.....	Riverside.....	California.....	Geo. W. Prescott.....	
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.
Juan Miguel Ferrer.....	Havana.....	Colon and Cuba	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Centre.
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	Chas. Griswold.....	St. Paul.
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	Dist. Columbia		
		England.....		
Angus Patterson.....	Madison.....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
E. H. Reed.....	Waycross.....	Georgia.....		
Fred Epstein.....	Boise City.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
Edward C. Pace.....	Ashley.....	Illinois.....	A. V. Davidson.....	Minneapolis.
		Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson.....	Indian Ter.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Z. C. Luse.....	Iowa City.....	Iowa.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
		Ireland.....		
John H. Spencer.....	Independence.....	Kansas.....	Calvin L. Brown.....	Morris.
Elisha S. Fitch.....	Flemingsburg.....	Kentucky.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
J. O. A. Fellows.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.
John B. Redman.....	Ellsworth.....	Maine.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.
Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....		
Hugh B. Jones.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
		Massachusetts		
		Mexico.....		
John Woodruff.....	Niles.....	Michigan.....	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Centre.
		Minnesota.....		
W. R. Montgomery.....	Cornersville.....	Mississippi.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
Samuel H. Saunders.....	Otterville.....	Missouri.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
N. P. Langford.....	St. Paul.....	Montana.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
Homer J. Allen.....	Kearney.....	Nebraska.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
		Nevada.....		
Thos. Walker, M. D.....	St. John.....	N. Brunswick.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
Albert S. Batchellor.....	Littleton.....	N. Hampshire.....	William Lee.....	Hastings.
John C. Muirhead.....	Pennington.....	New Jersey.....	J. H. Thompson.....	Minneapolis.
		New Mexico.....		
		New S. Wales.....		
John S. Denton.....	Jamaica.....	New York.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
		New Zealand.....		
Eugene Grisson.....	Raleigh.....	North Carolina	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Wm A. Bentley.....	Bismarck.....	North Dakota.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
George A. Velts.....	Digby.....	Nova Scotia.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
Ralph R. Rickley.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	Wm. T. Rigby.....	Clearwater.
O. S. Savage.....		Oregon.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Richard Vaux.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	Wm. B. Patton.....	Duluth.
		Pr. Edward Is.		
John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.....	Quebec.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
John E. Goldsworthy.....	Central Falls.....	Rhode Island.....	A. J. Edgerton.....	Sioux Falls.
		Scotland.....		
		S. Australia.....		
		South Carolina		
J. Q. A. Braden.....	Aberdeen.....	South Dakota.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
		Tasmania.....		
Henry M. Aiken.....	Knoxville.....	Tennessee.....	W. F. Dickinson.....	Redwood Falls.
Philip C. Tucker.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City	Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Edwin Wheelock.....	Cambridge.....	Vermont.....	Samuel E. Adams.....	Minneapolis.
		Victoria.....		
Wm. H. Pleasants.....	Hollins.....	Virginia.....		
Louis Zeigler.....	Spokane Falls	Washington.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.
William Bates, Sr.....	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.....		
Henry L. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisconsin.....		
		Wyoming.....		

APPENDIX J.

NAMES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Geo. M. Morrow.....	Birmingham.....	George A. Joiner.....	Talladega.
Arizona.....	John M. Ormsby.....	Tucson.....	George J. Roskruge.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	R. J. Laughlin.....	Bentonville.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia.....	Wm. Downie.....	Vancouver.....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Victoria.
California.....	Wm Johnson.....	Courtland.....	George Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	J. M. Gibson.....	Hamilton.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colon and Cuba.....	Antonia Govin.....	Havana.....	Joseph F. Pellon.....	Havana.
Colorado.....	William D. Wright.....	Denver.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Hugh Stirling.....	Bridgeport.....	J. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	John B. Book.....	Clayton.....	Benj. F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
Dist. Columb a.....	Fred G. Alexander.....	Washington.....	Wm. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales.....	London.....	A. A. Pendlebury.....	London.
Florida.....	Angus Patterson.....	Madison.....	Wm. A. McLean.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	John S. Davidson.....	Augusta.....	A. M. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	John Henry Myer.....	Placerville.....	Jas. H. Wickersham.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	M. C. Crawford.....	Jonesboro.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	Sidney W. Douglass.....	Evansville.....	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Leo. E. Bennett.....	Muskogee.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Ralph G. Pltels.....	Atlantic.....	Theo. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.....	Dublin.....	Arch. St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	David B. Fuller.....	Eureka.....	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City.
Kentucky.....	J. Speed Smith.....	Richmond.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Chas. Francis Buck.....	New Orleans.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Henry R. Taylor.....	Machias.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....			Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shryock.....	Baltimore.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Richard Briggs.....	Boston.....	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Mexico.....	Juan B. Reyes.....	Vera Cruz.....	Jose J. Munoz.....	Vera Cruz.
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.....	Jeff. S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Wm. F. Dickinson.....	Redw'd Falls.....	Thos. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	W. A. Roane.....	Oxford.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John K. Parson.....	St. Louis.....	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Wm T. Boardman.....	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	S. P. Davidson.....	Tecumseh.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John H. Hubbs.....	Virginia.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	Thos. Walker, M.D.....	Saint John.....	E. J. Wetmore.....	Saint John.
New Hampshire.....	John Pender.....	Portsmouth.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas W. Tilden.....	Jersey City.....	Thos. H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Richard English.....	San Marcial.....	A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New So. Wales.....	Earl of Jersey.....		Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	James Ten Eyck.....	Albany.....	Edw'd M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Nichol.....		Wm. Ronaldson.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	H. A. Gudger.....	Asheville.....	G. Rosenthal.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Albert B. Herrick.....	Lisbon.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Duncan C. Fraser.....	New Glasgow.....	William Ross.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Allen Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	F. A. Moore.....	St. Helens.....	S. F. Chadwick.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	J. Simpson Africa.....	Philadelphia.....	Michael Nisbit.....	Philadelphia.
Prince Ed w'd'd.....	Simon W. Crabbe.....	Charlottet'wn.....	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	Frank Edgar.....	Montreal.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	Stillman White.....	Providence.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....			David M. Lyon.....	Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	Earl of Kintore.....		Jas. H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	Wm. T. Branch.....	Abbeville.....	Chas. Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	Harvey J. Rice.....	Huron.....	Chas. T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Tasmania.....	R. D. P. Harris.....	Hobart.....	J. G. Steele.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	M. D. Smallman.....	McMinnville.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	George W. Tyler.....	Belton.....	Wm. F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah.....	W. N. Shilling.....	Ogden.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Delos M. Bacon.....	St. J'husb'y Ctr.....	Warren G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	W. J. Clarke.....	Melbourne.....	T. H. Lempriere.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Wm. H. Pleasants.....	Hollins.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Alfred A. Plummer.....	Port Towns'd.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	L. N. Tavanner.....	Parkersburg.....	Geo. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Fred Ring.....	La Crosse.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	John C. Davis.....	Rawlins.....	W. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

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APPENDIX K.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received the following grand lodge proceedings for examination:

ALABAMA, 1891.

The seventy-first annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 1st and 2d, M. · W. · G. M. Morrow; Grand Master. Two hundred and sixty lodges represented; three hundred and twenty-two upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present, including our representative.

Thirteen dispensations issued for new lodges; seventeen charters granted, seven revived, and nine declared forfeited. Membership ten thousand, four hundred, and forty-eight; gain six hundred and fifty-two. Receipts \$5,973.65.

The death of Bro. Samuel Thompson, past deputy grand master, was announced.

The following extract from the address is indicative of a gratifying improvement in the condition of the craft in that jurisdiction:

Masonry in Alabama, to-day, is in a happy and prosperous condition. Harmony has been our distinguishing characteristic. No vexed ques-

tions have disturbed the deliberations of any of our constituent lodges; no entanglements nor issues have arisen among the brethren requiring the interposition of the grand master. Our laws and ritual have been held sacred and inviolate; our charities have been unostentatious and far-reaching; and the dignity of masonry has been elevated to the highest plane.

The following are among the approved decisions:

1. A subordinate lodge cannot legally be opened and transact business or confer degrees without the presence of at least seven of its own members.

4. When a member of a subordinate lodge, who stands suspended for non-payment of dues, pays up his dues in full he is reinstated to membership without formal action of the lodge.

5. A petition for initiation must lie over at least thirty days before a ballot can be had, notwithstanding the lodge may hold its stated communications oftener than once a month.

13. An entered apprentice or fellow craft who has received the degree or degrees in a subordinate lodge under this grand jurisdiction, and afterwards removes to another grand jurisdiction and acquires residence therein, cannot be advanced in the lodge which conferred the degree or degrees without the consent of the latter grand jurisdiction.

The other decisions are in accord with our practice and consequently not reproduced; those quoted would not be good law here.

A special committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a masonic home, and report at the next annual communication.

Among the new legislation was the division of the state into nine districts, with a subordinate lecturer for each; deciding that a visitor had a right to demand a sight of the lodge charter before submitting to an examination, and that the temporary removal of the same from the room did not necessitate the cessation of labor; the appointment of a special committee to consider the proposed plan for a national committee on ritual; and authorizing the printing of their new code and digest.

Under existing circumstances there can be no such thing as uniformity of work throughout the United States; the matter is not worth serious consideration.

A gold watch was presented to Bro. H. H. Brown, past grand master, as a testimonial. The custom is a commendable one, still a jewel would have been vastly more appropriate.

The financial committee demurred to binding any of the proceedings of other grand lodges, although their permanent fund amounts to \$22,726.92. Some day this will be proven mistaken economy.

Bro. P. J. Pillans submitted the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota fraternally noticed. We quote:

Among the dispensations issued by him we find several setting aside the by-laws of lodges, and that in each instance they were declared to be "in accordance with the ancient landmarks, customs, and usages of masonry." But among his dispensations we are a little surprised to find one for the election of a senior warden, for we had learned that in case of a vacancy by death or otherwise the junior should fill the position, and that only in case of vacancy in the three offices of master and wardens should the grand master interpose his dispensing power.

Bro. Montgomery was appointed chairman of the committee on correspondence, but finding the duties of grand secretary to which he had but recently been elected too onerous to admit the performance of the duties, Bro. Irving Todd, one of the committee, made the report. It is written as if by one who thinks for himself and expresses his differences courteously and fearlessly. We will give but two extracts for brevity—only regretting that in it we do not find our proceedings.

Having adopted the plan of presenting a printed report to the grand lodge it was necessarily going through the press several weeks before the pamphlet was received. Nothing can be added after Jan. 1st unless way down upon the alphabetical list.

We are surprised to find the following under the head of Indian Territory:

Now we do not see that he is either irregularly made or a clandestine mason, for he was doubtless made in a regularly authorized lodge, working under authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and we presume having fulfilled all the requirements of the laws prevailing there. If so he is without doubt made most regularly, and if legally and regularly made he cannot be clandestine.

The foundation of the American system is jurisdiction acquired by actual residence, therefore a citizen of a state or territory to be recognized as a mason at home must obtain the degrees in conformity with existing rules and regulations. Otherwise he is ir-

regularly made, and must be so considered until duly healed. A majority of these cases invariably prove to be rejected material surreptitiously endeavoring to find place in the temple.

M. W. G. M. Morrow, Birmingham, Grand Master, and R. W. M. J. Greene, Montgomery, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1891.

The tenth annual communication was held at Phoenix, Nov. 10th to 12th, M. W. G. W. Cheyney, Grand Master. Eight lodges represented; nine upon the rolls. Three past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership four hundred and fifty-one; gain twenty-two. Receipts \$704.

The following incident is reported in the address:

Some months since there came to one of the mining camps of the territory a poor widow with three small children. She was an English woman, and had papers to prove that her husband had been made a mason in Hongkong, had dimitted from there and gone to Australia, where he died. Efforts were being made by the brethren within reach to collect a sufficient sum to send her home, but before they succeeded she died. The orphans are destitute and being cared for by the brethren in the vicinity. I reported these facts to the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, R. W. Shadwell Clerke, who, notwithstanding the fact that the deceased brother had voluntarily withdrawn from the order before his death, and by his own act relieved the craft from responsibility, immediately forwarded a generous contribution. Such acts as this are a grateful proof that the most important tenets of our order are still believed and followed, and that though divided by oceans our aims are universal.

Among the approved decisions we find the following:

1. The degree of past master is a custom and not an essential preliminary to installation.
2. Any past master of this jurisdiction has concurrent discretion with the grand lecturer in granting a certificate of proficiency.
7. Deafness is a bar to receiving the degrees of freemasonry.

The application of the Grand Lodge of Hayti for recognition was suspended one year for further information.

A banquet was tendered the grand lodge by the local commandery.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. W. A. G. Oliver, Prescott, Grand Master; R. W. G. J. Roskruge, Tucson, reelected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1891.

An emergent communication was held at Little Rock, March 4th, to lay the corner stone of the new temple, with appropriate ceremonies and an oration by Bro. George Thornburgh, past grand master.

The fifty-second annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 17th and 18th, M. W. W. K. Ramsey, Grand Master. Three hundred and sixty-four lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-three upon the roll. Thirteen past grand masters and our representative present.

Ten dispensations issued for new lodges; one charter arrested and one surrendered. Membership thirteen thousand, one hundred, and ninety-one; gain five hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$10,015.65.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

4. When an accused brother is acquitted on trial, and no appeal is taken, and the time for taking same permitted to elapse, the grand master cannot order a new trial, though in the opinion of the worshipful master and other members of the lodge the cause of masonry was greatly outraged by such acquittal.

6. The vote on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction over a rejected candidate should not be taken at same meeting when presented, but the application should lie over and all resident members notified that such vote would be taken at the next stated meeting.

8. Drawing a pension does not of necessity imply that the beneficiary thereof is unsound in body to the extent of being barred from becoming a mason.

11. A district deputy grand master has no authority to delegate to another the rights, privileges, powers, and prerogatives of his office.

15. The grand master has no authority to grant a change of venue for the trial of an accused brother. Neither has a subordinate lodge.

The trustees of St. John's College reported that the temple was approaching completion, and that the building would also contain a grand lodge hall, library rooms with fire proof vault, a grand secretary's office, etc.

The following pleasing incident is extracted from the proceedings:

After which the lodge was called to refreshment until half past one p. m. While the craft was at refreshment Minnie Brooks, the ward of the masons of Arkansas, was escorted into the hall by Bro. J. H. Van Hoose and introduced to the large number present. It was with surprise and gratification that the brethren witnessed her composure and ease of manner on an occasion well calculated to prove embarrassing, evidencing that their friendly aid in her education had not been misplaced.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was again deferred.

The following report speaks for itself:

Your committee on charity take pleasure in reporting that there has been nothing referred to us at this sitting of the grand lodge, and we infer that in this land of plenty all the needy, if any, have had their wants supplied by the subordinate lodges or by individual masons.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the most worshipful grand master be authorized to appoint a committee of fifty master masons, holding membership in this jurisdiction, of which the grand master shall be chairman, to meet similar committees from other jurisdictions at Chicago, Ill., during the holding of the world's fair, to confer upon the general interests of the fraternity and to promote uniformity in the work and harmony of action.

Resolved, That said committee shall not enter into any arrangement looking to the formation of a national grand lodge.

A school of instruction was held at Little Rock, Jan. 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1892, and the work and lectures as given by the grand lecturer were ordered to be taught and used in the subordinate lodges, and none other.

After a break of five years a report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. S. H. Davidson, a very creditable first effort. The following paragraphs are taken from the review of Minnesota:

Here we find something new in practice, at least new to us. The grand master, assisted by the grand officers present, opens a lodge of

master masons, the grand secretary then calls the roll of lodges, and, a majority being represented, the grand master opens the grand lodge in ample form, at least this was the way it was done in 1891. It is an innovation for which no good reason appears. The grand master should be able to "see a quorum" if present and open the grand lodge at once.

The grand master's address of sixteen pages makes no pretensions towards oratorical display, he does not even tell us that another year is gone, an item of news that no other grand master has omitted to the best of our recollection, but the address is a good, strong, sound business document, a cordial and most fraternal greeting to the master builders and the workmen from the quarries, tempered with sadness for the vacant seats of past grand masters J. H. Brown, C. H. Benton, and A. T. C. Pierson, Bro. G. W. Lamson, past grand orator, and Frederick Joss, past junior grand warden. Yet mourning not the loved and lost without hope, for "masonry has always taught the doctrines of the resurrection and the immortality of the soul."

Our manner of opening has been variously commented upon during the past twenty-five years, but it is not an innovation so far as this jurisdiction is concerned.

M. : W. : C. A. Bridewell, Hope, Grand Master; R. : W. : Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1892.

Two special communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Nanaimo, June 23d and 24th, M. : W. : Marcus Wolfe, Grand Master. His portrait adorns the frontispiece. Eleven lodges represented; thirteen upon the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for new lodge. Membership eight hundred and sixty; gain one hundred and thirty-four. Receipts \$1,647.

The grand master in attempting to secure uniformity of regalia and jewels found one lodge which declined compliance with the constitution, and another which persisted in appointing its secretary instead of electing him. Notwithstanding his recom-

mendations the grand lodge voted that, as these rights and privileges were given at the time of its formation, they should retain them as long as desired.

Among the dispensations issued were four to attend divine service and one to attend a ball, in regalia.

The grand secretary was justly complimented by an increase of salary to \$500 per annum.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized, and action upon that of Hayti laid over until next year.

Among the new legislation was an amendment to the constitution that no jewel shall be worn in grand lodge other than that pertaining to the three degrees of craft masonry, but that members may wear emblems of concordant orders in their own lodges, but not the clothing.

The matter of uniform ritual was referred to a special committee of five, to report at the next annual communication.

A procession was formed for the purpose of attending divine service, and the sermon delivered by Bro. E. D. McLaren, grand chaplain, is given as an appendix.

The usual banquet was tendered by the local brethren.

A compilation of amendments to the constitution and decisions conclude the interesting pamphlet.

No report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : William Downie, Vancouver, Grand Master; V. : W. : W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1891.

A special communication was held at San Francisco, Jan. 1st, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. A. G. Abell, grand secretary and our representative. A fine portrait with the well-known autograph greets the eye upon opening the volume.

The forty-second annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 13th to 17th, M. : W. : A. R. Conklin, Grand

Master. Two hundred and six lodges represented; two hundred and forty-one upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Six dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen thousand, two hundred, and sixty-two; gain four hundred and thirty-one. Receipts \$26,975.07.

Twenty-six decisions were reported, from which we take the following:

8. Lodge funds cannot be used to pay the expenses of a brother in attending meetings of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast. The grand lodge nor subordinate lodges do not or cannot recognize the association, however much brethren may prize and esteem it.

9. An applicant for affiliation must reside within the jurisdiction of the grand lodge and the lodge with which he seeks to affiliate.

The latter was overruled by the committee on jurisprudence, which held that the brother may apply to any lodge in the state.

In response to a special notice sent each secretary the grand secretary states that forty-two lodges reported a total of one hundred and three widows and one hundred orphans in their jurisdictions, ninety-eight had none, and one hundred and one made no report. Also that thirty-six lodges had contributed \$595.05 towards a monument for Bro. L. E. Pratt, past grand master.

The guardian of Master Walter Wilcox, a ward of the grand lodge, submitted an interesting report of the lad's progress towards manhood and useful citizenship.

The six masonic boards of relief reported expenditures for charity aggregating \$17,804.45. Two of the cases were from Minnesota, at \$28.75. An appropriation of \$7,600 was made to these bodies from the general fund.

The committee on widows' and orphans' home made an exhaustive report, estimating the per capita cost for maintenance at \$125 and upwards, of which the state pays \$100 for each whole and \$75 for each half orphan supported at similar institutions. The matter was subsequently referred to a committee of nine for organization, with full power to act.

An appropriate jewel was presented to Bro. M. M. Estee, past grand master.

The grand lodges of New South Wales, Wyoming, and North Dakota were formally recognized, and no action taken upon the requests of Tasmania and New Zealand.

A proposed amendment to the constitution reducing the fees for the degrees to \$30 received a majority in spite of an adverse report from the jurisprudence committee, and lies over until another year.

A monthly annuity of \$100 was voted to Bro. J. D. Stevenson, the first grand master, then nearly ninety-two years of age, and \$40 per month to Bro. J. A. Tutt, another past grand master.

An installation service for the grand lodge, prepared by Bro. J. W. Anderson, grand lecturer, was adopted.

It was voted to take \$10,000 stock in the new masonic temple association, and to sell the three thousand, eight hundred, and eighty-nine shares in the old at not less than \$20 per share.

The following legislation is fraternally recommended to this and sister jurisdictions as worthy of imitation:

WHEREAS, Up to this date no special notice of the death of the past masters of subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction has been taken by this grand lodge, and believing that this much at least is due to those who have done their full share of the work that has been required to make this grand lodge the grand success that it has been and is now; therefore be it

Resolved, That the grand secretary set apart a page, or pages, in the printed proceedings of this grand lodge as a memorial page, wherein to have printed the names of each past master who shall hereafter die a member of any lodge under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, the name of the lodge he was a member of, his age, nativity, date of death, and the name, number, and location of the lodge in which he was initiated.

Resolved, Then when the grand secretary sends out his blank reports to the secretaries of the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, he shall at the same time send out properly prepared blanks therewith to be filled out as above.

Too little recognition, as a rule, is paid these faithful servants who have borne the burthen and heat of the day, and aside from an occasional invitation to a seat in the east they are often looked upon as mere wall flowers and ranked as the have-beens upon the lodge rolls.

Bro. J. M. Ellis presented the report on correspondence, an able and exhaustive document. Under the head of Minnesota is found the following:

The volume containing the proceedings is neatly gotten up, and is graced with the portrait of Grand Master Kiester. If that likeness is a specimen of the men of the northwest they have much to boast of. The portrait of the grand master shows not only a robust, well-featured, good-looking man, but one of marked dignity and intelligence.

The address is a well-written paper, showing excellent judgment and knowledge of the duties of his high office.

Bro. Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence. If it is his maiden effort, we congratulate him on his admirable success in the masterly manner of his quotations and comments. The report covers one hundred and thirty-four pages, and ably reviews fifty-four grand lodges.

We say amen to the Minnesota doctrine, and hope some day to see it universally the practice of every masonic jurisdiction. It is in accord with our humble views of masonic charity. We believe first in the duty of every lodge to care for the wants of their own members and those depending on them. We believe in the utility and vast benefit to masonry of boards of relief as the only practical organized masonic charity deserving the patronage and support of all grand lodges. But we likewise believe that charity is one of the most sacred duties of masons. That it is incumbent on the individual mason to aid and assist the needy of our masonic family, and the individual mason is by no means absolved from that duty by reason of the existence of a lodge or board of relief. In the proper understanding of these duties we hold that a mason is not circumscribed to the boundaries of his lodge. His claims to recognition and to help when in need is on the fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

Under the head of Florida he says:

The report treats largely on cerneauism, a plague which we are thankful not to be afflicted with, and for that reason we have, from the start of our present work, eliminated it from consideration, adhering to the well-established motto, "sufficient to the day is the evil thereof." But we assure our contemporaries that our jurisdiction is loyal to the core, and should cerneauism ever seek to plant itself on our soil our grand lodge will deal with the question fearlessly and in keeping with its known dignity.

The following is taken from under the head of Maine:

There is one point we failed to find in the very able review, that is "Drummond on the brotherhood of man." We have lightly touched on it. While we are far from endorsing the doctrine, we would like to

be able to assert the doctrine of the brotherhood of masonry, not in name, but in fact. We have not read *Looking Backward*, but we are seriously looking forward, and we quietly ask ourselves would not masonry be better if we would look to the real qualifications, and confine masonry to the men who are nearly equals, not in wealth, but in intellect, in knowledge, in goodness of heart. It is this idea that is growing strong and stronger with us every day, perhaps from observation, that there is an essential feature, the ideal of masonry, the brotherhood of it, that is yet far from having asserted itself, and that we should bend our energies to attain to the standard of perfection in this respect. If there is a brotherhood that should exist among masons, it is for us, as masons, to show it, not to the world as an advertisement, but to our own brethren. The stranger and sojourner should be made to feel that he is not among strangers. We should consider it a privilege to aid and assist him, not with a few beggarly dollars, but with brotherly advice when he needs it, with an interested and brotherly admonition when he requires that; to show for him a preference in our employment, all things being equal; to show an especial desire for his welfare; to aid him in any laudable and honorable undertaking. When we boast of our charity, we sometimes confound it with the giving of alms, and with that our duty ceases. Such is not masonic charity. Charity does not consist in the giving alone.

Under the head of Wisconsin he advances a somewhat novel defense of a practice long since discarded by very many grand lodges of the country as a serious waste of time and money:

The brother objects to the bulk of our volume, saying it is taken up with returns of subordinate lodges that seem to him of doubtful utility. It is as one looks at it. It is for the purpose of properly locating a deserving brother, and dislocating the unworthy tramp. If one of our California members in distress would call on Bro. McGregor he would have no difficulty in finding his name on the roll of the lodge, if he is a member. It is more than we can find in the Wisconsin report, and that of other grand lodges (very few) who omit these valuable guides; and we think it of vast utility, not only abroad, but in our own large jurisdiction. It is the means of discouraging the impostor, for he knows how readily he can be found out.

The generally accepted opinion appears to be that, instead of discouraging, it greatly facilitates an impostor by enabling him to select names and locations to suit circumstances. He may claim to day that he is William Napoleon Bonaparte Jenks, junior deacon of Fobestown Lodge No. 50, California, and proves the assertion from the printed record. Unless more cash

is expended in telegraphing than the average pilgrim usually demands his word is taken, the coveted funds provided, and he goes his way rejoicing to turn up in the next town as a weary brother from Kentucky or Texas, with another name and masonic home so generously supplied from long suffering grand lodge treasuries. Economy at the spigot is a good thing, but a square turn at the bung hole is often more efficacious.

M. W. William Johnston, Courtland, Grand Master; V. W. George Johnson, San Francisco, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. H. Edwards, San Francisco, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

CANADA, 1892.

Five special communications were held for the laying of corner stones.

The thirty-seventh annual communication was held at London, July 20th and 21st, M. W. J. R. Robertson, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighty-nine lodges represented; three hundred and forty-four on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered; four lodges consolidated into two. Membership twenty-one thousand, four hundred, and twenty-eight; gain five hundred and thirty-six. Receipts, \$20,359.77.

The grand master reported that during his two years in office he had visited every lodge once and many twice, involving twenty-three thousand miles of travel and ten months of actual time.

A large number of dispensations were issued, among which were thirteen to attend church and five to attend balls.

The board of benevolence reported three hundred and thirty applications, a decrease of sixty-two, of which two hundred and forty-nine, amounting to \$7,075, were recommended and eighty-one rejected. The plan of special investigation seems to have been a marked success.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. Henry Robertson, Minnesota briefly noticed.

M. W. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master; R. W. J. J. Mason reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Hamilton. Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on correspondence.

COLORADO, 1892.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 20th and 21st, M. W. J. M. Maxwell, Grand Master. Seventy-seven lodges represented; seventy-nine on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership six thousand, one hundred, and seventy-four; gain four hundred and fifty-six. Receipts \$5,927.50.

A brief oration was delivered by Bro. J. L. Herron, grand orator.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, providing for district deputy grand masters in addition to the grand lecturer.

Appropriate jewels were voted to the past grand masters, to cost not less than \$100 each.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred until next year.

Seven delegates were appointed to the fraternal congress at Chicago.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf with a cordial greeting of Minnesota, from which the following is taken:

Bro. Irving Todd again presents a most acceptable report on correspondence. Colorado for 1891 receives most favorable consideration.

The usual digest of decisions is appended, concluding with an alleged poem which is respectfully referred to Bro. J. K. Wheeler, of Connecticut. If he suffers it to pass his gate there can be no further question as to the quality of the material submitted.

M. W. W. D. Wright, Grand Master; R. W. E. C. Parmelee reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1892.

An emergent communication was held at Bristol, Oct. 15th, to lay the corner stone of a masonic temple, with an interesting historical address by Bro. Roswell Atkins.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Hartford, Jan. 20th and 21st, M. . W. . Hugh Stirling, Grand Master, whose portrait faces the title page. One hundred and eight lodges represented; one hundred and eleven upon the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two lodges consolidated. Membership fifteen thousand, six hundred, and forty-one; gain one hundred and thirty-six. Receipts \$3,388.25.

The death of Bro. H. B. Ensign, past grand master, was announced.

A lodge in Norwalk was found guilty of unmasonic conduct in placing one of its members in the poor house and refusing to reimburse another lodge for moneys expended in his care and maintenance. Its members were reprimanded by a vote of ninety-eight to two.

The particular regulations were amended so that the action of a lodge in striking a member from the rolls for non-payment of dues may be rescinded at any time within three years, provided he has not become a member of another lodge. The latter clause seems to be irrelevant. A brother stricken from the rolls is certainly not in good standing, and can only be restored by the lodge of which he was a former member. How, then, can any other lodge receive and act upon his petition for affiliation?

An appropriation of \$50 was made to the Masonic Veterans Association, to be used exclusively in the publication of annual reports.

The district deputies were directed to call attention to the Masonic Charity Foundation in their visitations and request contributions for the same, and the master of each lodge to take a special collection at the annual communication. The fund now amounts to \$12,859.

Bro. J. K. Wheeler having completed a series of twenty-five years as grand secretary, a special committee was appointed upon that portion of the grand master's address referring to the same. Their report was unanimously adopted as follows:

That they can add nothing to what has been already justly said in commendation of our grand secretary. His praise is in the mouths, his love in the hearts of all. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be tendered to R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler as a slight testimonial (in such form as the most worshipful grand master may elect) of the high appreciation of the grand lodge of the twenty-five years of his faithful, intelligent, and efficient services as grand secretary, and as an expression of the best wishes of the craft for his health and happiness.

The per capita tax was continued at twenty-five cents per member, with the deductions heretofore noted.

The report on masonic correspondence was again prepared by the grand secretary, who notices Minnesota both fairly and fraternally. We quote:

His address all the way is frank, intelligent, firm, and dignified, and in perfect harmony with the contour of his face, as it appears a frontispiece to the proceedings in a finely executed phototype.

Bro. Todd quotes from our correspondence report, on several topics, approving our views. We find him a very pleasant and intelligent writer.

In reply to a criticism upon the cerneau question he refers us to the following, under the head of Iowa:

We shall not enter the field of discussion, as our views have been expressed some years since, and we have seen no cause for changing them. We then based our conclusions upon the principle of grand lodge sovereignty, recognizing it as the only supreme governing authority within its territorial limits possessing authority to regulate and govern the craft, to pass any law found necessary for the protection and support of freemasonry, and for the enforcement of its authority. The question of legitimacy of the so-called higher masonic bodies does not enter the question, neither does recognition, or non-recognition. It is no part of our business to determine the status of any of these numerous rites, either by recognition, or admission of their regularity, but by holding and exercising jurisdiction over the affairs of freemasonry within our territorial limits, and *over all members subject to the authority of the governing grand lodge.*

This right has been affirmed by the courts on several occasions, including Iowa. Necessity is the *sine qua non* for the enactment of any

law, and the axiom is applicable to masonic jurisprudence. The grand lodge is the sole authority to determine that necessity, and, having acted thereon, its members are in duty bound to abide by its decision. If they cannot serve two masters they can choose which they will serve, and either remain loyal subjects or quit freemasonry.

The above is sound doctrine, in marked contrast to recent utterances from the state of nutmegs and pumpkin pies.

Under the head of Kansas is found the following:

These reviewers hold a responsible position. They are the sentry on the watch towers of masonry, and to their efforts, more than any other, the fraternity is indebted for its standing, influence, and strength as a moral factor in the world. We rejoice to chronicle Bro. Brown in the list of leading "watch dogs."

Under the head of Kentucky he erroneously classes Minnesota as among "at least nine other jurisdictions that have homes already established," a luxury to which as yet we make no pretensions.

The following square knockdown appears under the head of Missouri:

It certainly is a matter of very little concern to the so-called high riters whether Bro. Vincil knows or cares anything for the Northern or Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite. We can assure him that there are very many worthy, intelligent, and zealous freemasons belonging to these bodies who are in every way his peers, both in intellect, moral worth, and standing in the community where they live. His remarks will not detract in the least from their estimable qualities as masons and members of symbolic lodges, where many have served and are still serving with as much zeal and influence as the best of us would gladly concede to his own labors in the same field. Remember "the end of the law is charity."

Under the head of Nevada we take the following anecdote:

This reminds us of the action of a certain judge, before whom a member of the craft was being tried for some offense. Being a mason he thought the judge, who was also a mason, would screen him from punishment. As the judge was about to pronounce sentence upon him he endeavored to attract his attention by some sign, hoping thereby to have the penalty remitted, or at least to make it as light as possible. The judge failing to recognize his signs, he at last spoke out in court. "Judge," said he, "you know that I belong to the masons," "Is that

so?" said the judge. "Yes," said the criminal, "I belong to the same lodge that you do." "Then," said the judge, "I will double your penalty. I was about to sentence you to three months' imprisonment for your offense, but if you are a mason and a member of my lodge I will make it six months, for a mason should never so far forget his duties as to be brought before any court of justice for crime."

M. : W. : Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary, were reelected; the latter continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1892.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 5th and 6th, M. : W. : N. F. Wilds, Grand Master. The twenty-one lodges were reported to be entitled to representation, but whether they were all there or not or the two hundred and seventy past masters and permanent members does not appear. Our representative absent.

Membership eighteen hundred and forty; gain fifty three. Receipts \$1,231.50.

The deaths of Bro. W. S. Hayes, grand secretary for twenty-four years, and Bro. R. B. Jump, who had been sixty-seven years a mason, were announced.

The following new legislation was adopted:

Resolved, That the right of visitation, being a masonic landmark, and therefore inalienable from every mason in good standing, this grand lodge enters its most solemn and earnest protest against the action of the Bristol Lodge No. 25, of Bristol, Pa., supported by the grand master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in denying the right of visitation to Bro. F. L. Carpenter, of Oriental Lodge No. 27, of this jurisdiction, he being in good standing masonically.

This case was referred to in our last report. The right of visitation may be a landmark, speaking in general terms, but a cerneau cannot visit a lodge in Pennsylvania, neither can a visitor be received into a lodge in Minnesota if any member present objects.

An appropriate jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

A condensed report on correspondence was again prepared by Bro. L. H. Jackson. Of Minnesota he says:

Bro. Barto governs the craft well, and has shown good judgment in his refusal to grant special dispensations for a variety of purposes not in accord with masonic teachings.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on correspondence, including a full and favorable review of Delaware for 1891.

The following is taken from under the head of Wyoming:

Permission was asked to confer the degrees of masonry on a minister of the gospel without charge, which was refused. We believe those who pay for their privileges are more likely to appreciate them.

Bro. Jackson being a clergyman and grand chaplain this must be considered an orthodox opinion.

M. : W. : J. B. Book, Clayton, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. F. Bartram, Wilmington, Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, Wilmington, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1891.

A number of special communications were held during the year for various purposes, including one for attending the funeral of Bro. T. P. Chiffelle, past grand master.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 11th, M. : W. : T. F. Gibbs, Grand Master. Twenty-three lodges, all represented. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership four thousand, two hundred, and two; gain three hundred and thirty-two. Receipts \$5,106.

The grand master thus speaks of his visit to the convocation of the General Grand Chapter:

The brethren of Minneapolis and St. Paul made our visit of four days most enjoyable in every way possible, and I found many who expressed a desire to re-visit our city where (to use their own expressions) on former occasions they had been royally entertained by the brethren of this place.

A firebrand from Iowa was introduced, its grand master having officially signified his displeasure at the retention of Bro. E. A.

Guilbert as grand representative near that grand lodge, and intimating that a recall would be agreeable. A portion only of the correspondence is printed with the address, from which the committee on jurisprudence subsequently deduced a voluminous report sustaining their grand master's non action in the premises. Had the entire nine letters as given by Bro. Parvin been placed before the committee possibly a different result might have been arrived at.

As usual, cerneauism is responsible for the strained relations, as it has been for ninety-nine hundredths of the masonic discords of the past decade.

The jewel presented to Bro. A. G. Mackey by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, acquired by purchase from the family of the deceased, was presented to that grand lodge, the grand secretary being instructed to accompany it with a communication explaining the facts connected therewith.

At the installation communication an appropriate jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. R. Singleton submitted a brief report on foreign correspondence, from which the following is extracted:

Bro. Todd writes in a very fraternal manner, and his selections from the various proceedings are very judicious and his comments are courteously expressed.

A valuable digest of decisions and standing resolutions is given in the concluding ninety pages of the proceedings.

M. : W. : F. G. Alexander, Grand Master; R. : W. : Singleton reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

FLORIDA, 1892.

The sixty-third annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 19th, 20th, and 21st, M. : W. : Angus Paterson (our representative), Grand Master. One hundred and six lodges represented; one hundred and twenty-two upon the rolls. Eight past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered. Membership three thousand, nine hundred, and ten; gain one hundred and sixty-six. Receipts \$4,170.

Three pages of special dispensations were reported, sixteen being to advance candidates before the regular time, they being about to leave the jurisdiction, several to fill vacancies in the offices of master and warden, to hold lodges of sorrow, to install officers, etc., etc. How about the prerogatives?

The following are among the approved decisions:

2. A good and bright member may be elected master if there are no master, past masters, wardens, or past wardens who are competent and willing to serve.

5. A dispensation will not be granted to authorize a lodge to confer the degrees upon a man who has lost his right arm.

7. It is not proper for a lodge to petition the state pardoning board to pardon one of its members who has been convicted of a crime, but the members of the lodge may sign the petition as citizens.

29. If a mason takes his dimit and dies during the year it is proper that his remains should be interred with masonic ceremonies.

A jewel was presented to Bro. H. W. Long, past grand master.

A suitable testimonial was voted to be prepared and forwarded to the Prince of Wales, grand master of England, upon the death of his son.

The corner stone of the new masonic temple was laid on the second day, with an address by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator.

Bro. A. J. Russell; grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, having resigned on account of an alleged chastisement at the hands of the Buckeye committee on foreign correspondence for his prominence in the repeal of the cerneau legislation last year, the matter was referred to a special committee, which reported that in its opinion the criticism was unfraternal and unjust, and that the brother acted with a due regard for his own dignity and self-respect. Our recollection of the paragraph in question failed to sustain the brother in his attempt at hari-kari, and it is herewith reproduced as a part of the record in the case:

Whilst perhaps not unusual to find an occasional brother whose views of freemasonry are so narrow, or so warped by prejudice, as to enable him to convince himself that ignorance of aught else is so entailed upon the master's degree as to render him incapable of comprehend-

ing other than the craft degrees, especially that part of freemasonry whose esotery is so disproportionate to its published exoteric history and literature that, in its wide dissemination, even a profane is enabled to readily distinguish legitimate freemasonry from clandestinism; but *it is* surprising that a majority of the members present in grand lodge should entertain the narrow views embodied in that resolution, and by its adoption cast an unwarranted reflection upon the ability and work of a devoted and faithful official, who is not only the peer in masonic knowledge of any brother of that grand lodge, but is its most widely known member, honored in at least every American grand lodge, and whose views upon the subject under consideration are now held by probably nine-tenths of the intelligent masons who have investigated the subject.

As there appears to be a vacancy in the office of grand representative from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee near the Grand Lodge of Florida we would suggest the name of the past grand master from Tallahassee. He would undoubtedly find more congenial company in that jurisdiction.

The standing committee on past master degree reported that they had conferred it upon nineteen candidates during the session. We rather like their plan.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence decided that the proxy of the master had the preference over the senior warden as to compensation as he had in voting, which is not good law and an injustice to the ranking officer present, although their constitution permits it.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, whether on account of last year's resolution reflecting upon the committee or for financial reasons does not appear.

M. : W. : Angus Paterson, Madison, Grand Master, and R. : W. : D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; the latter continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GEORGIA, 1891.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 27th to 29th, M. : W. : J. S. Davidson, Grand Master. Three hundred and thirty-one lodges represented; three hundred and thirty-four upon the roll. Two past grand masters and our representative present.

Twenty-three dispensations for new lodges. Membership fourteen thousand, seven hundred, and three; gain twelve hundred and fifty-three. Receipts \$18,119.01.

Twenty-seven decisions were reported and approved. We quote:

4. A ballot is taken of application for membership. On examination of the box the ballot is declared dark by all of the officers. After closing of the lodge it is ascertained that the wrong end of the box had been examined. Held that there had never been a legal ballot taken, and a ballot could be ordered at the next communication of the lodge on the same application.

6. It is constitutional to install any officer reelected, but it is not necessary to do so. If deemed proper or advisable by the lodge it may be done.

9. If a mason under charges is elected worshipful master he must be tried as if he were a private member, and some worshipful master or past master must preside at the trial.

11. Until a man has actually resided twelve months elsewhere the lodge from whose jurisdiction he removed can entertain his petition for membership without the consent of the lodge within whose limits he actually may be. But if he presents his petition to the latter lodge it must get waiver from the former until twelve months have expired.

12. The worshipful master and wardens of a chartered lodge under the present law of this jurisdiction may be applicants for and office bearers in a lodge under dispensation. They do not lose membership in a chartered lodge until charter organization of the lodge under dispensation. The difficulties and embarrassments which may follow upon this practice suggest the necessity of some legislation to cover the evil, and such is earnestly recommended.

24. In all processions of which masonic lodges form a part the place of such lodge is in the rear; and where different services are performed the masonic services should be the last, except the final religious services, if there be any.

No. 4 is correct, although the occasion for it should never have arisen in any well-governed lodge.

With No. 6 we do not agree. When an officer enters upon a new term he should be re-obligated and re-invested, no matter if he be his own successor.

No. 9 is an anomaly somewhat peculiar to Georgia, growing out of their notion that a member under charges is still in good standing. With us he would not be eligible to any position save that of defendant in a lodge trial, neither could he be granted a

dimit until the charges were disposed of by an acquittal. In this case if the private member were convicted and expelled what becomes of the worshipful master?

No. 11 is a novel phase of the jurisdictional question, one very difficult to reconcile with existing facts. When a man removes from a place he loses his legal residence dating from the day of departure, and does not attain a masonic residence until he has lived a year in his new home. Consequently there is a period of twelve months in which he cannot lawfully apply to any lodge for the degrees.

We consider No. 12 eminently sound, although at variance with a decision approved at the last session of our own grand lodge. Dual membership being prohibited in both jurisdictions dual office bearing should not be permitted as a logical sequence.

No. 24 is reproduced for the especial benefit of Bro. Anthony, of New York.

The following admirable sentiment is taken from the annual address:

This jurisdiction, fully alive to all that concerns the interest or welfare of the brethren, cannot fail of its sympathy with those who need it, or with its congratulations for those who, by faithful service or successful contest, have deserved them. We are, ourselves, only a part of the order universal. While our immediate sphere is bound by the geographical limits of the state and our labors are directed to this part of the vineyard, yet we cannot and do not forget that wherever masonry erects an altar, lifts up its voice in prayer, or raises its arm in succor our hearts abide. We cannot and do not forget that its trials are our trials, its triumph our triumph, and its hopes likewise our own. The hand that smites it in the most distant lands is felt wherever brotherly love prevails; the tongue that slanders or condemns its mission, even beyond the seas, urges into rightful resentment the entire household of the faithful. It is to this universality, not only of purposes but of faith, that we owe the strength of the organization and derive the inspiration which carries conquest on its wings, like as the eagle bears her brood. And while with the order such purposes and faith remain, no adherent need fear disaster and no disciple apprehend decay.

A portrait of the grand master was presented to the grand lodge, with an appropriate address by Bro. W. A. Davis.

A jubilee was held in the evening of the second day in honor of the extinguishment of the temple debt, at which a number of very readable addresses were delivered.

The following new legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That dual membership in lodges subordinate to this grand lodge is not recognized by this body; that a brother cannot be a member of two or more lodges at one and the same time, nor can he, while a member and officer of a chartered lodge, become an applicant and officer of a lodge under dispensation.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was deferred until another year.

It was resolved to dedicate the hall of the grand lodge at the next annual communication, with an address by the grand master.

An interchange of proceedings was ordered with the several grand bodies of the state and of the United States included in the American system, chapter, council, commandery, and supreme councils, and the committee on foreign correspondence directed to include reviews of the same in their annual reports. This *is* an innovation most decidedly, and we apprehend very little good will come of it. The exchange of printed matter is well enough, but the examination and discussion should obviously be confined to committees of a like grade.

The report on foreign correspondence being in triplets, Minnesota again falls to the lot of Bro. W. E. Mumford. He says:

Grand Master J. A. Kiester, whose handsome, robust form and face is shown in a fine steel engraving at the front of the printed proceedings, makes a good address.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—This is a very able report, covering one hundred and thirty-five pages, and is the work of Bro. Irving Todd, for the committee. He gives Georgia three pages. The decision of Grand Master Davidson, that the election of a brother under charges as worshipful master is regular and all right, presuming him innocent before found guilty, regularly, is disagreed to. Bro. Todd holds that a member under charges is not in good standing, therefore he should not be eligible to any office until the charges are disposed of. Is not this a very tenable position?

We think not, that is if the brother alludes to the aforesaid decision in his inquiry. A cloud upon a title is usually considered fatal until removed by due process, and most assuredly a brother

should not be elevated to such an honorable position with an implied stain resting upon his character. Even if proven innocent there is an appreciable degree of humiliation inseparably connected with the procedure; if found guilty his lodge and his brethren are disgraced beyond remedy. This committee was very much surprised at the ruling of 1889, and still more so at its repetition two years subsequently. In our opinion it is a most untenable position.

Under the head of Alabama Bro. Bigham observes:

W. D. C. was initiated and passed by Charity Lodge No. 331. He applied for the master's degree. Several months elapsed without action. He requested the lodge to give him a certificate as a fellow craft or give him the degree or prefer charges against him. It has failed to do either; and upon his application the lodge was directed to prefer charges against him within sixty days. Upon what principle does Bro. J. A. Milner and others of his committee and grand lodge justify this action? Is there nothing but to prefer charges left to Charity Lodge? Who, outside of that lodge, can say they cannot put the black ball to him? Is it possible to put a lodge upon the horns of such a dilemma as this by grand lodge action?

When a profane seeks admission into a lodge he applies for the degrees conferred by that body, not for one or even two of them. If elected he is entitled to all of them if not estopped for cause. Furthermore an entered apprentice or a fellow craft has attained certain masonic rights of which he cannot be deprived except on charges duly preferred and trial had. Charity Lodge (what a misnomer) evidently attempted an evasion of responsibility by doing nothing at all in the premises; an arrest of its charter would have been wholesome discipline.

From the next page we quote:

Bro. Pillans takes issue with us in our defense of the ruling of Grand Master Davidson, to the effect that the presumption of innocence obtains in masonry as in law; and that a brother against whom charges are pending is eligible to be elected master (whether it is desirable or expedient to elect one to so important an office under these circumstances is another question), and asks why that "presumption of innocence will not allow a dimit under similar circumstances?" The premises of the question are not sound. The circumstances are not similar. In the one case of the brother's being elected master he remains con-

veniently subject to trial. In the other a dimit certifies the brother is in good standing and free of the books, and gives him a good plea in bar of trial.

What's that? A master may be tried by his lodge, a non-affiliate may offset his dimit against pending charges, hence an election as worshipful master is not of equal weight with a mere certificate of withdrawal from membership? Such reasoning is hardly worth serious consideration. A mason must be tried by his peers, therefore a master while in office is only amenable to the grand master or to the grand lodge; a non-affiliate may be tried by any lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides. These axioms are everywhere recognized, Georgia excepted.

The concluding portion of the report was prepared by Bro. W. S. Ramsey under very discouraging circumstances, his manuscript having been destroyed by accident with but thirteen days left to re-write a review of twenty-one grand jurisdictions. Under such a pressure the task becomes irksome in the extreme, as some of us know from personal experience. The good brother has done remarkably well.

M. : W. : J. S. Davidson, Augusta, Grand Master, and R. : W. : A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary, were reelected; the committee on foreign correspondence continued.

ILLINOIS, 1892.

An occasional communication was held at Chicago on the anniversary of laying the corner stone of the temple for the purpose of leveling its cape stone.

The fifty-third annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 4th, 5th, and 6th, M. : W. : M. C. Crawford, Grand Master. Six hundred and sixty-eight lodges represented; six hundred and ninety-one on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Eleven dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership forty-six thousand and twenty-one; gain two thousand, one hundred, and thirty-two. Receipts \$36,137.14.

The deaths of Bro. H. G. Reynolds and Bro. T. J. Pickett, past grand masters, were announced. The former served sixteen years as grand secretary, and was the compiler of a History of Masonry in Illinois, now quite rare.

Bro. Henry Robertson, past grand master of Canada, and Bro. M. J. Hull, past grand master of Nebraska, were among the visitors and welcomed with the usual honors.

The reprint 1840-50 ordered last year has been completed and distributed, a handsome volume of eight hundred pages, and a credit to that broad-gauged jurisdiction. It appears also to be a verbatim reproduction of the original matter, not a compilation, and is highly prized by those of us who are preserving complete files of grand lodge proceedings.

An invitation to attend the approaching dedicatory ceremonies of the Columbian Exposition was accepted, and the action of the grand master approved in granting dispensation to the subordinate lodges to participate therein.

The application of the Grand Lodge of Italy for recognition was again declined.

The committee on jurisprudence reported that a blank ballot was not a vote, and should not be counted as such or have any effect upon the result, which report was adopted.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated to the masonic home.

The edict of outlawry against certain lodges in Quebec was withdrawn owing to the prior action of the grand lodge in that jurisdiction.

The committee on fraternal congress reported, accepting the date suggested by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and extending a cordial invitation to the representatives of all grand lodges in fraternal correspondence to meet at Chicago in August, 1893. The report was adopted and delegates and an executive committee appointed, with an appropriation of \$5,000 to defray expenses.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented another of his able and exhaustive reports on masonic correspondence, from which is taken the following:

He gives nineteen samples of questions asked—how many times each is not stated—which might have been answered if the inter-

rogators had turned to Todd's Digest. There ought to be some way of making a horse drink when the water is placed under his nose, but there is none.

The report on correspondence (pp. 96) is again by Bro. Irving Todd, and it is entirely within bounds to say that his admirable, thoroughly pruned, and direct style enables him to get more matter into that number of pages without sacrificing clearness to brevity than any one else we know of.

We did not except to the legislation vesting in grand lodge alone the right to restore an expelled mason, because we agree that it is the only authority that can restore the masonically dead. The suspended mason still has the breath of life in him, and the lodge logically holds the string by which he is suspended. Bro. Todd raises the new question whether the lodge is competent to inflict the death penalty without review and confirmation of the sentence by the grand lodge, and answers it in the negative. We think the old charges clearly recognize the power as residing in the lodge, except in appeal cases; and we don't see how under those charges the question can get before the grand lodge except upon appeal.

This is not a new question in our jurisdiction. Title six of the constitution, revision of 1856, contains the following:

RULE 9. If the verdict be tantamount to *suspension*, and an appeal be duly taken, an attested copy of the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the grand lodge, for examination and final action. If tantamount to *expulsion*, like proceedings shall be furnished grand lodge, and it shall operate as a suspension only, until the affirmance of the grand lodge shall be obtained.

In 1887 the trial code was revised and taken from the constitution and placed among the general regulations. Thus the provision above quoted was dropped, which led to the erroneous legislation referred to last year. As we said then, it "is simply a return to former practice." A strict construction of the ancient charges would perhaps sustain the eminent brother's views, yet our plan does not conflict with them in any essentials.

We have carefully read his review of Maine, to which he refers us for his standing upon the cerneau question, but fail to discover any new light upon the subject. His position, however, may be readily defined; like an Irishman at the fair, whenever he sees a head he hits it. In other words he misses no opportunity of saying something derogatory of the legitimate Scottish Rite organizations of the country, whether it be of the

Southern or the Northern Jurisdictions. Naturally there should be some reason for this other than a supreme love for craft masonry, yet we prefer to avoid useless discussion and accept matters as they are, not as we would like to have them.

Referring to Bro. Parvin he says:

We do not wonder at Bro. Todd's unaffected surprise at finding himself thus yoked up with us, for we do not remember to have seen anything in his former reports that looked like a strawberry mark, but we assure him that had we written the following instead of its coming from his pen it would have been referred to by half a dozen reviewers (he can pick them out) as bristling all over with evidence of sympathy with cerneauism. He will not, we are confident, misunderstand us when we say that we copy it as strongly corroborating his statement that he is not a slave of the holy empire.

The final paragraph is especially complimentary:

We are gratified to find that in the great majority of questions touched upon in Bro. Todd's report we are in accord with his views.

Under the head of Kentucky we note the following:

Down to 1890 no grand lodge of free and accepted masons has ever permitted any bodies save the lodges of its own creation to use its esotery, because down to that time no grand lodge ever assumed to know that they were so using it. It was reserved for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to offer to place in the custody of bodies not of its own creating so much of its heritage as might be necessary to piece out their alleged masonry and perfect their adoption of the three degrees, the exclusive control of which has heretofore made that body in reality as well as in name a grand lodge.

A mere quibble. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has no more lost the control of its three degrees than has the Grand Lodge of Illinois or any other grand lodge where chapters, councils, commanderies, and consistories have existed and will continue to exist, with or without permission. It claims the right and exercises it in the interest of craft masonry to decide which of the bodies styling themselves masonic shall occupy its halls and build upon its foundation. Only this and nothing more.

M. W. M. C. Crawford, Jonesboro, Grand Master, and R. W. L. L. Munn, Freeport, Grand Secretary, were reëlected, and Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

INDIANA, 1892.

The seventy-first annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 24th and 25th, M. · W. · N. R. Ruckle, Grand Master. Four hundred and sixty-two lodges represented; four hundred and seventy on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present.

Membership twenty-five thousand, three hundred, and seventy-six; gain seven hundred and sixty-three. Receipts \$20,867.40.

A fine portrait of the late Bro. William Hacker is given as a frontispiece.

The following are among the approved decisions:

7. * * * A clergyman must pay the full amount of the fee as prescribed for all others; no part of the fee can be rebated, donated, or in any way returned to the payer.

24. The agent of a brewery, entrusted with the distribution of its product and the collection of its bills, is not eligible to receive the degrees.

A delegation of seven was named to attend the fraternal congress at Chicago.

Steps were taken to reorganize the masonic home, which had been shelved for fifteen years by reason of the temple debt, and a committee appointed to report at the next session.

Bro. T. B. Long submitted a carefully prepared report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota receiving due attention. He says:

A pamphlet of ninety-seven pages makes up the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges. It is from the graceful pen of Bro. Irving Todd.

M. · W. · S. W. Douglas, Evansville, Grand Master; R. · W. · W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. B. Long, Terre Haute, continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1892.

The eighteenth annual communication was held at Tahlequah, Aug. 16th, 17th, and 18th, M. W. L. E. Bennett, Grand Master. Forty-one lodges represented; forty-eight on the roll. The six past grand masters all present.

Ten dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand and eighteen; gain four hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$3,135.

The death of Bro. W. P. Leeper, deputy grand master, was announced.

This jurisdiction has also a grand representative ruction, the grand master of New York officially notifying them that the usefulness of their representative near that grand body had ended, and requesting the cancellation of his appointment. Bro. A. B. Price, the official in question, has particularly endeared himself to the Indian brethren by his interest in their welfare and an annual donation of \$10 for their library during the past ten or twelve years, and their grand master politely refused compliance without more definite information. The correspondence is given in detail, but as the real animus does not therein appear your committee is as completely in the dark as Bro. Bennett appears to have been.

A petition from the three lodges in Oklahoma for consent to organize an independent grand lodge in that territory was received and referred to the committee on law and usage, who reported resolutions in substance that the grand master, after correspondence with the masters of the lodges in question, call a convention, and if it is decided that the time has arrived for a separate organization to take the necessary steps by the adoption of a constitution and election of officers, and to install the same. The report was unanimously adopted.

The special committee on revision of constitution submitted the result of their labors, which was adopted and printed as an appendix to the proceedings. The date of the annual communications was changed from August to the first Tuesday in Feb-

ruary. Among the list of officers is a Grand Bible Bearer, which undoubtedly deprives some aged brother of his time-honored prerogative.

The grand master was authorized to appoint ten delegates to the fraternal congress at Chicago, with the express understanding that its action shall have no binding force upon the grand lodge or the masons of its obedience.

The committee on education reported that the schooling of thirty-four orphans had been paid by the subordinate lodges; a record which would put many of the older jurisdictions to the blush.

The customary banquet was tendered by the brethren of the local lodge.

Bro. R. W. Hill, grand orator, was granted leave to print his oration without delivery. It is a highly creditable production.

The record states that a set of grand lodge jewels was unanimously voted "to her Oklahoma daughter when the little lady shall have made her appearance in the masonic world." This is going South Dakota one better.

Bro. J. S. Murrow presented his usual report on correspondence. From the review of Minnesota we take the following:

That distinguished and excellent mason, Past Grand Master R. H. Gove, grand representative of Indian Territory, was present and did active service in the body.

The address of Grand Master Barto is a comprehensive exhibit of faithful work.

The report of Grand Secretary Thomas Montgomery is very full and valuable.

Why do you call it *foreign* correspondence, Bro. Todd? Is Iowa, for instance, very foreign to Minnesota? Well, whether home or foreign, it is good. Bro. Todd clips lots of good things from other proceedings and says lots of original good things. But then he ought to. He is an editor and printer, and thus has a decided advantage. He gives Indian Territory, 1891, three pages of kindly notice. Our territory brethren will be glad to see the fraternal style of so able a reporter as Bro. Todd.

We call it foreign correspondence because that is the old name for it, and we like the familiar term best. If our memory serves us, it is not more than three or four years since the proceedings of Indian Territory contained a similar heading.

The review of Illinois was by Bro. R. W. Hill, who thus responds to Bro. Robbins:

A little side-light, however, may be thrown upon the matter by saying that the only cerneau mason of whom we have any knowledge in our entire jurisdiction was *present at the time*, and he cordially endorsed the report of the committee, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the grand lodge.

Under the head of South Dakota he thus explains:

We *had* a work, Bro. Blatt, a good work. It was satisfactory to ninety-hundredths of our masons. It was promulgated. But a few, a *very* few, wanted it changed, and everything is at sea. The third section of the E. A. O. B. was probably the trouble.

Why not revise that obnoxious third section and stick to the old and tried ritual?

M. : W. : L. E. Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary, were reelected; the latter is also committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1892.

The forty-ninth annual communication was held at Dubuque, June 7th, 8th, and 9th, M. : W. : R. G. Phelps, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and fifty-one on the roll. Nine past grand masters present, including our representative.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-three thousand and sixteen; gain four hundred and seventy-seven. Receipts \$19,543.06.

An excellent portrait of the grand master faces the title page.

From the address it is learned that Bro. John Scott, past grand master, had assumed the crown of martyrdom prior to our last report, his jewel as master of Nevada Lodge having been arrested in October for cause. The matter was subsequently referred to a special committee, to report next year.

The report of the librarian shows a large number of accessions to their collection, a small proportion, however, pertaining to masonry. The miscellaneous departments have exhausted the

capacity of the building, and more ground was purchased upon which to place an addition.

Another attempt was made to repeal the cerneau legislation, the adverse report of the committee on jurisprudence being sustained by a vote of five hundred and sixty-two to five hundred and forty-three.

Bro. T. S. Parvin presented the report on fraternal correspondence, and we congratulate our esteemed frater upon the unusual moderation displayed therein. Indeed we referred a second time to the heading, under the impression that there was a new pilot at the helm. Minnesota is very fraternally noticed.

He positively dissents from the third decision of Bro. Barto, and says:

In all the jurisdictions we have reviewed outside of Minnesota masters of lodges have found their hands quite full enough to discharge the duties of such office in one lodge, without dividing their labors and diluting them for the benefit or amusement of others.

The ruling having been approved by the grand lodge it necessarily becomes a part of the general regulations until rescinded or repealed, therefore not a proper subject of discussion by this committee.

We also note the following paragraphs:

We have the third report of the present grand secretary, which he says is "from the south-east of this magnificent lodge-room;" which is said to be the largest and finest in the United States. So far as we personally know—having visited that and other celebrated lodge halls—we are inclined to concur with the enthusiastic grand secretary in his estimate.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd. * * * These lengthy extracts will show that we have a high appreciation of the ability and good judgment in many things of our brother.

The personal differences still existing between the two committees will be but briefly noticed, it is to be hoped for the last time. They are neither pleasant nor profitable.

We are aware that Bro. Parvin said grand lodges in referring to Missouri, but in adding that "Minnesota stands out alone, the creator only of its own destiny," he seemingly implied that we are the mother of nothing outside of our own territorial limits. Hence the reference to Dakota. Not that it was intended to open

up the old controversy again by any means. It is dead and buried, there let it remain. Our grand lodge was obliged to take the position it did at that time; under similar circumstances it would undoubtedly assume the same decided stand.

As to masonic libraries we are of the opinion that it is not within the province of a grand lodge to maintain a reading room, a large collection of state and national documents, or a museum, particularly in a small town like Cedar Rapids, but that the burden should fall upon the general public for whose benefit they are obviously intended. The great body of the craft in Iowa do not and cannot have access to its shelves, and sooner or later they will rebel at the increasing cost. Already more room is demanded; from past experience they will need a new building every ten years, while the present quarters would accommodate everything pertaining directly or indirectly to masonry and kindred societies for the next generation. The comparison with New York is of Bro. Parvin's own seeking; his facts and figures confirm our views in every particular.

The concluding sentences are wholly imaginary so far as the writer is concerned:

The labors and efforts of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to build up a grand library is deserving, as it receives, the consideration of *all reviewers, that of Minnesota alone excepted*. We are not the man to blow our own trumpet, and when the trumpet of another is blown in a rightful manner we will listen to the music with the greatest of pleasure.

We merely think that the Grand Lodge of Iowa is attempting too much, and are not afraid to say so. That is all. Furthermore, when the inevitable reaction sets in not even the loudest notes of the champion horn blower of this country will be heard amid the tumult.

Under the head of District of Columbia Bro. Parvin gives the entire correspondence between the respective jurisdictions in the grand representative controversy, five letters having been withheld or suppressed in the proceedings of the former grand lodge. A careful reading of both sides must inevitably convince any unprejudiced person that Bro. Phelps was very reasonable in his request for a recall, and that his position will be sustained by

the masonic world. The appointment as grand representative is not confirmed by the grand lodge near which the bearer of the commission resides, he is merely received with the honors supposed to be due the position.

M. : W. : R. G. Phelps, Atlantic, Grand Master, and R. : W. : T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; the latter is also chairman of the committee on fraternal correspondence.

KANSAS, 1892.

The thirty-sixth annual communication was held at Leavenworth, Feb. 17th and 18th, M. : W. : A. M. Callaham, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-two lodges represented; three hundred and forty one on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one revoked. Membership eighteen thousand, four hundred, and twenty-six; net gain three hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$9,293.67.

The death of Bro. Christian Beck, the last of the few present at the organization in 1855 and grand treasurer since 1858, was announced, at the ripe age of eighty-eight years.

Under the head of special dispensations the grand master says:

This evil has grown to an alarming magnitude. If some measure is not adopted to restrict it the time approaches when petitions will be received and acted upon and degrees conferred without regard to time. Within the first ninety days after assuming the duties of grand master I was asked for one hundred and ten special dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular time prescribed by our law. A large proportion of these were to confer the second and third degrees. Their reasons for asking for special dispensations were based upon the same grounds, namely, the candidate was about to leave their jurisdiction, etc.

Instead of an excessive fee as recommended, why not adopt the plan of making proficiency the only requirement? This is the sole restriction as to advancement in Minnesota except for cause, and the lodges and grand master are spared a vast amount of unnecessary trouble.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

1. A lodge does not lose its territorial jurisdiction by reason of its hall and charter having been destroyed, even though the lodge holds no communications. It is the act of the grand lodge that creates the lodge, and the charter is only the external evidence of its existence. The lodge still lives and retains all its rights until the grand lodge revokes its charter.

2. An elected and installed officer of a lodge having permanently removed from this grand jurisdiction, thereby vacating his office, is entitled to a dimit upon application therefor, under the regulations covering the granting of dimits.

While the first decision is correct, yet the explanation as usual is all wrong. A lodge having lost its charter by accident cannot lawfully congregate as a lodge without documentary authority; the organization, therefore, is held in abeyance, and its jurisdiction must be respected accordingly.

The second is technically in accord with Kansas law; the exception consequently is to the regulation and not to the decision interpreting it.

Decision six, that "a worshipful master should receive the past master's degree before being installed," called out a majority and a minority report from the committee on jurisprudence, the former, inserting a recommendation instead of the mandatory should, being adopted after a full discussion.

Bro. B. G. Brown delivered an excellent oration, which was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings by a rising vote.

The special committee appointed at the last annual communication on masonic home made an exhaustive report in its favor, recommending that the constitution be amended so that the grand lodge can lawfully found, organize, and maintain such an institution, with a committee of five to cooperate with similar committees from the other masonic bodies in formulating the necessary plans. The report was unanimously adopted, and the amendment proposed in due form.

The printed proceedings were further abridged by an order to discontinue the lists of those raised, admitted, reinstated, dimitted, and suspended during the year, a saving of some fifty pages of names.

The majority report of the committee on jurisprudence, holding that a certificate of good standing issued to a non-affiliate in Pennsylvania is equivalent to the dimit required for affiliation, was adopted.

A special committee was appointed to report upon the expediency of being represented at the proposed masonic congress during the world's fair.

The report on foreign correspondence is a well-written document of one hundred and ninety pages, prepared of course by Bro. J. H. Brown. We quote from the review of Minnesota:

The address of Grand Master Kiester was a vigorous paper, which entitles him to a place with the ablest of his predecessors.

The reports of our custodians and assistant lecturers made at our last annual gave satisfaction. In view of the remark of Grand Master Kiester, quoted above, as well as the slim provision made for paying your district deputies, we venture to guess you will in the end be obliged to adopt a similar method in order fully to disseminate the work.

As previously explained our system has worked well for over eighteen years, and the only material change proposed was the elimination of the grand master feature of the title, which still slumbers in the hands of the committee on masonic jurisprudence.

Under the head of Florida we find the following:

We think it will be a cool day when representatives begin to report on the proceedings of the grand lodges which they may happen to represent. A few, a very few, have made the attempt, but not with singular success.

M. : W. : D. B. Fuller, Eureka, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. H. Brown, Kansas City, reëlected Grand Secretary and also remains at the head of the committee on correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1892.

An emergent communication was held at New Orleans, Mar. 25th, 1891, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new masonic temple, at which appropriate addresses were delivered.

The eightieth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 8th, 9th, and 10th, M. : W. : C. F. Buck, Grand Master. Sixty-three lodges represented; one hundred and fifteen upon

the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter forfeited and one surrendered. Membership four thousand, five hundred, and ninety; gain two hundred and seventy-six. Receipts, including sale of bonds, \$64,168.40.

The death of Bro. J. G. Fleming, past grand master, was announced.

Five pages of the address are devoted to Bro. Vaux, of Pennsylvania, who had soundly criticised a suggestion of the grand master that the committee on foreign correspondence ascertain whether it is desirable or proper for their grand lodge to establish or renew fraternal intercourse with the grand orients of Europe. The word used was a most unfortunate one; had he said grand lodges or even grand bodies the controversy very likely would never have arisen.

In reply to the question, whether a lodge in their jurisdiction had power to try a brother master mason hailing from another jurisdiction on charges of unmasonic conduct, the grand master held:

1. That the lodge could try the brother, but could inflict no punishment except deny him the privilege of visitation.
2. That at the request of the lodge to which he belonged, and with the consent of the grand master, the lodge might try a sojourning brother.
3. But I earnestly advised against the lodge's burdening itself with the ordeal and frictions of a trial under such circumstances. The lodge could protect itself by simply refusing him admission.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence, however, did not view the matter in the same light, but reported the following modification, which was adopted:

In such cases we hold that where the alleged offenses have been committed within the jurisdiction of a lodge it not only has the power to try the offender, though he belongs to another jurisdiction, but can inflict any penalty upon him that it could upon one of its own members.

The following defense of a manifestly erroneous ruling is somewhat unique:

An entered apprentice lost his left hand above the wrist; could he advance? I considered his case was not different from an original ap-

plicant, and held him disqualified. I know I strike a rock of ages when I say that my personal judgment is not in harmony with all the severest interpretations of the law and usages of our order on this subject. If it were in my power to alter it, I would do so. Is it in harmony with the spiritual mission of masonry? with the great charity it professes? the humanity which is its sublimest attribute? In the advance of modern science the reason for at least parts of our law exists no longer. Might we not, with the lawyers, say *cessante ratione, cessat lex ipsa*? I merely venture a suggestion; time may do something.

The following resolution was laid over until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That the additional office of grand lecturer be and is hereby created for the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. M., the same to be an elective officer and to come after that of grand secretary.

The pledges to devote the surplus revenues of the temple to charitable purposes after the extinguishment of the existing indebtedness were reaffirmed in a lengthy set of resolutions, from which it also appears that in consideration of this clause the legislature has exempted the property from all state and local taxation.

The grand lodge fee for conferring degrees was reduced from \$3 to \$2, and \$1,200 appropriated for a grand lecturer.

A very gratifying report of the masonic institute at Ft. Jesup was presented from Sabine Lodge, under whose auspices the school was founded in 1886.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, prefaced with an apology or rather defense of the form adopted by him six years ago. There is one point to which we take exceptions. With scissors or an assistant to do the copying we would guarantee to make a similar report in a quarter of the time expended in preparing our own; upon the subject of compilation the writer speaks advisedly. Of course it is a great convenience to have such a document among our files for reference, one fully appreciated, still it is believed that the review is preferable, at least in this jurisdiction.

Under appropriate headings liberal extracts are given from

current proceedings; nothing seems to have been found in Minnesota worthy of reproduction.

M. · W. · C. F. Buck, Grand Master, and R. · W. · Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, were reelected, and Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows retained as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1892.

The seventy-third annual communication was held at Portland, May 3d, 4th, and 5th, M. · W. · H. R. Taylor, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-nine lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-one on the roll. The twelve past grand masters all present; our representative absent.

Two lodges consolidated. Membership twenty-one thousand, one hundred, and seventy-seven; gain two hundred and nine. Receipts \$6,375.88.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

Bro. J. H. Drummond, the veteran reviewer, submitted his accustomed report on foreign correspondence. The following is taken from Minnesota:

He has had some discussion with Bro. Parvin in relation to the maintenance of a general library by a grand lodge. We hold with Bro. Todd that, as a very general rule, it is impolitic and really outside of the proper functions of a grand lodge; there are exceptions, but they are few. In our opinion such libraries should be limited to works in relation to masonry, to secret organizations in general, and to the books of reference which are of quite universal use.

Under the head of Colorado we find the following opinion upon a question which was raised last year in our own grand lodge:

There should be no question that a past grand master's rank is not a *local* one, but a universal one, and, wherever affiliated, he should stand on a level with his peers. In olden times a past master was a past master *in masonry*, and not of a particular lodge or a particular state; his rank was recognized universally precisely as in case of a master mason; the change has arisen from local jealousy, which should find no place in masonic polity.

The following paragraphs are taken from a lengthy discussion with Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, upon the Scottish Rite subject:

We see no necessity for a grand lodge to decide upon the legitimacy of these organizations, but only which one it will tolerate and which one it will interdict. Very few grand lodges have undertaken to decide the question of legitimacy; if one does decide it, that decision is law for the members of its obedience. The practical action has been to interdict the existence of more than one of these organizations, with the view of saving the symbolic craft from discussion and strife; and any one fails to read correctly the lesson of current events who does not perceive that this action has already demonstrated its wisdom in preserving peace where it existed and in regaining it, in many cases absolutely, and in others very greatly, the peace that has been interrupted. These events show that it is only a question of time, and a brief time at that, when this action will have had "its perfect work."

* * * The last part of this paragraph contains an assumption of fact, for which there is no foundation; the grand lodge has never claimed (and no one for it until within about ten years in Illinois) that it has such *exclusive* jurisdiction over the secret work, as to prevent its use by other masonic bodies which it has always recognized as such.

M. : W. : H. R. Taylor, Machias, reëlected Grand Master;
R. : W. : Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MANITOBA, 1892.

The seventeenth annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, M. : W. : W. G. Bell, Grand Master. Twenty-five lodges represented; forty-three on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for new lodge. Membership nineteen hundred and ninety-two; gain one hundred and forty. Receipts \$2,508.25.

The following extract from the address refers to a pleasing episode at our last annual communication:

I visited the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at its annual communication in January. As your grand master I was received with every courtesy, and the most worshipful grand master, in introducing me to the grand lodge, spoke in the kindest terms of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had first planted the standard of masonry in our province.

The following decisions were reported:

1. An applicant for the degrees of freemasonry is not debarred through having lost the index finger of his right hand.
2. The committee on character having reported favorably, the worshipful master, if he considers it in the interest of his lodge, can defer the ballot one month.
3. That I could not convene a special communication of this grand lodge to lay one of four corner stones of a church, the other three to be laid by church officials.

The first two would not be good law in Minnesota; the third should be anywhere.

The following is taken from the report of the grand secretary:

With the view of procuring all the facts possible relating to the early history of freemasonry in Manitoba, I have recently opened correspondence with the surviving members of the first lodge established in the Canadian northwest, by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Seven brethren still survive who were at one time members of that lodge, and I feel assured that these brethren could instruct, surprise, and delight the "modern masons" by relating incidents connected with its history. I hope to be in a position to report considerable progress in this direction at our next annual communication. In this connection I desire to thank R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying me with all extracts from his records relating to old Northern Light Lodge.

The name of a charter member of a lodge having been inadvertently omitted from the register the omission was ordered corrected, and his acts as master were legalized and confirmed.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized.

The courtesy of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in changing the date of their annual meeting to facilitate an interchange of visits was duly acknowledged.

The representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made a brief report of masonic affairs in that jurisdiction which was printed in the proceedings, and the committee on grand master's address advanced the long since exploded idea that similar papers from all of their representatives would take the place of foreign correspondence, and save expense. As a rule they are not worth the space; nothing can take the place of the carefully prepared work of a trained committee.

The rank of past district deputy grand masters was formally conferred upon eight brethren who had faithfully discharged the duties of that office.

Eight delegates were elected to the fraternal congress in Chicago.

The question of payment of lodge representatives was referred to the board of general purposes, to report next year.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : J. W. H. Wilson, Portage la Prairie, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. G. Scott, Winnipeg, reelected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1891-2.

A special communication was held at Baltimore, June 22d, to attend the funeral of Bro. Charles Webb, past grand master, whose portrait appears as a frontispiece.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 17th and 18th, M. : W. : T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. The eighty-eight lodges all represented. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-eight; gain three hundred and seventy-seven. Receipts \$10,777.18.

The death of Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe, past grand master and the oldest mason in the state, was announced at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. His portrait is also given in the proceedings.

The grand master refused one dispensation because the lodge was named after himself. He is very sensibly opposed to naming them after any living person.

The grand master was authorized to appoint such delegates to the fraternal congress as his judgment may dictate.

M. : W. : T. J. Shryock, Grand Master and R. : W. : J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Baltimore.

An urgent communication was held at Baltimore, Dec. 16th, to install the senior grand warden elect, and a special, Apr. 28th, to attend the funeral of Bro. J. E. Krebs, deputy grand master.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 10th, M. : W. : T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Eighty-eight

lodges represented. Our representative present. Receipts \$10,716.40.

Bro. E. T. Schultz submitted his accustomed report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota duly noticed.

He approves of Bro. Barto's third decision, but questions its workings in jurisdictions where lodges under dispensation have all the rights and powers of chartered lodges, including the installation of their officers.

Referring to previous discussion of the right of a past master to open and preside over a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens he says:

With us the common practice also "is to frame the charter and hang it up in the lodge room," or to have it in a tin case on the master's pedestal, nevertheless it is in the custody of the master, and in his absence it reverts to the custody of the senior warden, and in his absence to that of junior warden. In the absence of all these officers the charter, *technically* at least, is not there, and consequently the lodge cannot properly be opened (*vide* ancient regulations as well as the rituals), the regulations of Minnesota and a few other grand lodges to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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So far as our examination has extended Minnesota, Kansas, Maine, and New Hampshire are the only jurisdictions which permit, by express regulation, a lodge to be opened by a past master in the absence of the master and wardens.

We thus see that a majority of the grand lodges of our country most wisely prohibit their lodges to open in the absence of the installed officers, the proper custodians of the charter. That this is a wise prohibition all must admit, if they will reflect for a moment upon the irregularity that might result from irresponsible parties having the control of a lodge in the absence of its legal custodians.

It strikes us that if a charter is present it *is* present, technically or otherwise; that the ancient regulations expressly provide that the senior warden can only act as master pro tem in the absence of the master and all past masters, the latter being merely debarred from congregating the lodge, that is appointing the time and place of its usual or occasional forming, which must be done by the master or warden; and that the constitutional provision of our grand lodge is emphatically in line with ancient usage, Bro. Schultz to the contrary, notwithstanding. Furthermore the past masters of Minnesota are not irresponsible persons, and

irregularities are no more liable to result from their casual resumption of the gavel than when in the undisputed possession of it by election and installation.

The concluding pages are upon the proposed fraternal congress. He is of the opinion that little good will result, even if it is held, unless a uniform code of laws are adopted and the landmarks of freemasonry defined. We would like to see the regulations or landmarks which such a mass meeting could ever agree upon. Our idea of this gathering is the extension of personal acquaintance among the leading masons of the country, more beneficial to the craft at large than any legislation which might be formulated, even if the delegates had the power to act, which most assuredly they have not.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1891.

The usual quarterly and stated communications were held, together with a special for constituting a new lodge, M. W. Samuel Wells, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty lodges upon the rolls.

One dispensation for a new lodge; one charter surrendered. Membership thirty-one thousand, seven hundred, and eighty-six, a gain of nine hundred and six. Receipts \$38,341.05, of which \$25,870.50 were from rents.

At the January quarterly an interesting paper upon the First Glimmerings of Masonry in North America was read by the grand secretary.

At the June quarterly the grand secretary announced that he had commenced the preparation of a grand lodge registry, upon the plan of card catalogues used in public libraries. The innovation seems to have been accepted without discussion, at least none is reported in the abstract of the proceedings.

M. W. Samuel Wells, Boston, Grand Master, and R. W. S. D. Nickerson, Cambridge, Grand Secretary, were reëlected.

MICHIGAN, 1892.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held at Detroit, Jan. 26th and 27th, M. W. J. Q. Look, Grand Master. Three hundred and fifty-five lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-six on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated. Membership thirty-three thousand and ninety-eight; gain twelve hundred and thirty-four. Receipts \$12,708.45.

A fine portrait of the grand master faces the title page.

A circular sent out recommending that a special effort be made on St. John's Day for the masonic home was responded to by contributions of \$909.52 from the subordinate lodges.

Twenty-eight decisions were reported, from which we take the following:

13. The grand master cannot compel a lodge to grant a dimit.
14. I am compelled by the decisions of four past grand masters, as adopted by grand lodge, to decide that the loss of an eye, the other being good, disqualifies. I sincerely doubt the soundness of this law.
18. A member who engages in the saloon business is not guilty of a masonic offense. The saloon business is a legalized business.
26. Smoking should not be allowed in a lodge room while the lodge is at work.

The following decisions were disapproved by the committee on jurisprudence:

5. If the worshipful master of Lodge A vouches for a brother to the master of Lodge B, under seal of lodge, and the brother so vouched for is known to the master of Lodge B to be the identical brother vouched for, it is evidence enough.
6. When the committee report a candidate not physically competent for admission, the report should be received and the committee discharged. The worshipful master should declare the applicant rejected for want of physical qualifications, and the secretary should so record it, and the worshipful master should order the secretary to draw an order on the treasurer for the amount of the fee and return same to applicant and notify him of the cause of his rejection.
17. After the commissioners are appointed and testimony being taken the master has no right to dismiss the charges.

An amendment to the constitution providing for the election of

all the grand officers by ballot was duly seconded and laid over until another year; a most reprehensible innovation.

The majority and minority reports on ritual were indefinitely postponed, after the adoption of the latter on the entered apprentice degree.

The special committee reported adversely to becoming a member of the General Relief Association of the United States and Canada, their report being adopted.

The special committee on masonic home declined the tender of that institution to the grand lodge, believing that it could be more satisfactorily and economically carried on under existing management. The report was adopted, including an appropriation of \$3,000 from the grand lodge and an annual assessment hereafter of \$7,500 from the subordinate lodges. These things come high, but we apparently must have them to keep in line.

A resolution to furnish a printed key to the master of each subordinate lodge was indefinitely postponed.

The future annual communications of the grand lodge were extended to three days until otherwise ordered.

Bro. W. P. Innes, having laid down the quill to take up the gavel, presented his last report, for the present at least, on correspondence. We sincerely congratulate him upon the preferment:

The following are taken from the review of Minnesota:

Knowing Bro. Pierson intimately as we did, we believe his lovely and lovable wife fully carried out what would have been his wishes in this direction.

Bro. Todd's reports on correspondence are always interesting. He seems to cull from the garden only the choicest flowers. Many of these reports are reviewed for two years, and make most readable and interesting papers.

Now, Bro. Todd, we have been thinking that way for a long time, and we hope some day our grand master will make a new departure, and only report to grand lodge such decisions as are not definitely settled by our own law. We believe that is what they ought to do. We could never see any real use of a grand master in any jurisdiction reiterating decisions made year after year, that have been settled by the local law of the jurisdiction.

Now that the matter is entirely in his own hands we confidently look for improvement in this direction.

M. : W. : W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and chairman of the committee on correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI, 1892.

The seventy-fourth annual communication was held at Vicksburg, Feb. 11th and 12th, M. : W. : J. M. Ware, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-five lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Nine past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered, one arrested and one restored; two lodges consolidated. Membership eight thousand, nine hundred, and fifty; gain five hundred and sixty. Receipts \$9,242.35.

Of the one hundred lodges reporting their action to the grand secretary upon the proposed per capita tax for the masonic home sixty-six adopted and thirty-four rejected, the vote for or against being in nearly every case unanimous. The assessment of twenty cents per member was subsequently imposed by a vote of three hundred and forty-six to three hundred and ten, rather too large a minority for harmonious action in the future.

The saloon question was disposed of by the adoption of the following rule:

It shall be an offense against masonry, for any mason not now engaged in, to continue in the business of selling intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, after the first day of January next, and the penalty therefor shall be expulsion.

Bro. Frederick Speed, committee on revision of the statutes, reported that the compilation had been printed and distributed. From the well-known industry and ability of the brother there can be no doubt that the onerous work was well done, or the \$250 fairly earned. The latter was an afterthought, due to the appreciative spirit of the grand secretary.

Thirty-one decisions were reported by the committee on law and jurisprudence, of local interest only.

The usual per diem and mileage were allowed two brothers possessing the unique honor of being life members by vote of the grand lodge.

Six masters elect were introduced and installed in the presence of the grand lodge.

Attention was called to the gavel used at this communication, made from a piece of the United States war steamer Star of the West, and the handle from a tree growing on the battlefield of Cane River, Texas.

An eloquent eulogy upon the illustrious dead was pronounced by Bro. Frederick Speed, past grand master, without previous notice.

Reports from the representatives near the grand lodges of New York, Ohio, and Manitoba are given in the appendices.

The report on foreign correspondence was again presented by Bro. A. H. Barkley, Minnesota courteously noticed. We quote:

Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, presents an admirable report.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted a report on correspondence which does him great credit. He writes as he thinks and says what he believes, yet at the same time his opinions and criticisms are in good taste. * * * It affords us pleasure to extend the hand of a *frater* to Bro. Todd, and bid him welcome to sit at the round table with the corps reportorial.

M. : W. : W. A. Roane, Oxford, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. L. Power, Jackson, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, foreign correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1892.

The seventy-second annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 11th, 12th, and 13th, M. : W. : B. H. Ingram, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-two lodges represented; five hundred and fifty-five on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present, our representative included.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; ten charters arrested and four surrendered; two lodges consolidated. Membership twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred, and twenty-four; gain nine hundred and eight. Receipts \$26,926.50.

The deaths of Bro. W. R. Penick and Bro. S. W. B. Carnegy, past grand masters, were announced.

Eight of the charters arrested were for refusal to pay the per capita tax of fifty cents per member voted last year. Nine others only paid dues at the old rate, and a large number failed to make returns. The grand secretary notes that there is a larger amount of outstanding dues than has been shown in his office for fifteen years. These facts, taken in connection with the grand master's statement concerning weak lodges, more than seventy-five having a membership of twenty-five or less, indicate that the assessment plan is somewhat of a failure; far better to have continued the maintenance of the home according to the original idea of voluntary contributions.

No decisions were reported, the grand master very sensibly deeming it unnecessary to encumber the records with questions that had already been passed upon or were local in their character.

The reports from the masonic home indicate a marked improvement in the expense account, sixty-two inmates being reported at an estimated cost of \$100.18 per annum each. As there is no summary, it is impossible to verify these figures.

The revision of the by-laws was adopted by sections. It is a handsome volume of one hundred and twenty-eight pages, including ceremonies and forms.

An official communication from the grand master of Iowa declining to re-commission the representative near that grand body was presented, the following cause being assigned:

I am further directed by the grand master to convey to you assurances of his approval of your official conduct and his personal regards. At the same time to notify you, and through you your grand master, that, until otherwise advised, he will not entertain any proposition for the renewal of your commission, or the appointment of a successor. For the reason that, having well considered the subject (one of custom and not of law), he has been forced to the conclusion that *the system* has, in no single instance, so far as he can learn, been productive of any good. On the contrary great and serious evils have resulted from it, leading in recent years to the strained, and in some cases an entire severance of the fraternal relations between sister grand lodges.

As a consequence the commission of their representative near the Grand Lodge of Iowa was withdrawn. It is understood that all of the Iowa representatives have received documents of like

import, occasioned probably by the controversy with the District of Columbia. The summary action, however, is subject to approval or disapproval of the Grand Lodge of Iowa; its effect upon the system remains to be seen.

From the report of the committee on jurisprudence it is learned that the new code does not recognize non-affiliates of more than one year as eligible petitioners for the formation of new lodges. Why recognize non-affiliates at all?

The committee on arrested charters recommended that when the disobedient lodges discharge their indebtedness in full their charters be restored, the report being adopted.

The recommended transfer of the masonic home to the grand lodge was laid over for further investigation of the legal questions involved.

The matter of Toltec Lodge No. 520, chartered in the City of Mexico some years ago, was referred to a special committee to make suitable recommendations at the next annual session.

Bro. J. D. Vincil submitted his annual report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota alone unnoticed. Instead of waiting so long for missing proceedings why did not our esteemed brother try the efficacy of a postage stamp?

The usual note upon the cover states that the work of mailing the proceedings began two days after the close of the session.

M. : W. : J. R. Parson, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. D. Vincil reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of St. Louis.

NEBRASKA, 1892.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Omaha, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, M. : W. : B. D. Slaughter, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-three lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-five on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership ten thousand, two hundred, and thirty-nine; gain five hundred and twenty-two. Receipts \$13,869.

The trustees of the orphan educational fund reported securities and cash on hand amounting to \$21,008.30.

The committee on jurisprudence recommended that a report of that committee made two years ago be expunged from the proceedings and the overruled decisions approved as being in strict accordance with their law, which report was adopted. The rulings were that the accused could not be present in the lodge while the questions of his guilt or penalty were under consideration, and that the fee of a candidate who answered the constitutional questions in the negative should be returned to him. This action of a standing committee evinces sound judgment as well as moral courage, and is deserving of commendation.

The by-laws were amended so that members of extinct lodges must pay grand lodge dues of \$3 per annum; no dimit to be issued to a brother in arrearages.

An appropriation of \$500 was made to stereotype the proceedings from 1870 to 1873, completing their set of plates from organization. Any desired year can hereafter be reproduced at the cost of paper, press work, and binding; as an investment it is a very profitable one.

A short and sensible oration was delivered by Bro. A. W. Crites, grand orator.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary, the first one printed in ten years. From the very cordial review of Minnesota the following extracts are given:

These proceedings are well printed on good type, with appropriate blue and gold covers, and two phototypes of past grand masters. A lodge of master masons was opened preparatory to the opening of the grand lodge, as we do in Nebraska, much to the amusement of some reviewers.

The grand secretary's report is long, earnest, and interesting; he and his grand master are industriously accumulating a library, to which the widow of our dear Bro. Pierson donated many valuable books.

The review is by Bro. Irving Todd, secular editor, veteran reviewer, and masonic bibliomaniac, who gives Nebraska, 1890, ample notice.

We have spent a pleasant evening with Minnesota and Bros. Montgomery and Todd; nearly as pleasant as the sojourn with them last July.

Under the head of Connecticut he thus alludes to a report of the grand master, who witnessed the conferring of a degree where every office was filled by past masters:

In our own particular lodge the master is a past grand master, the deacons, stewards, and tyler are past masters, and the undersigned serves the refreshments with "credit to himself and pleasure to the craft;" and the master can, from personal observation, tell more about Solomon's temple, the quarries beneath and the ruins of it, than any freemason we ever met, unless it be our old friend, now gone, Bro. Rob Morris.

M. . W. . S. P. Davidson, Tecumseh, Grand Master; R. . W. . W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reelected Grand Secretary and *ex officio* chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEVADA, 1892.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Reno, June 14th and 15th, M. . W. . Frank Bell, Grand Master. Sixteen lodges represented; nineteen on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Membership nine hundred and sixty-six; loss twenty-five. Receipts \$1,663.50.

The following are among the approved decisions:

2. The finding of a commission to try a brother, "that he be expelled from membership in his lodge," expels him from the fraternity.

3. A brother raised to the third degree in a lodge is a member thereof, although not having signed the by-laws.

12. A non-affiliate who restores himself by affiliation should pay six months' dues.

Neither of the three above quoted would be considered sound law in this jurisdiction.

The matter of appointing representatives to the fraternal congress was deferred until next year.

The legislation of 1889 providing for a ballot in the subordinate lodge upon the restoration of a suspended or expelled brother prior to action by the grand lodge was rescinded.

A condensed report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. R. L. Fulton, Minnesota being noticed very courteously. He says:

Bro. Todd has an adequate report on correspondence.

M. : W. : J. H. Hubbs, Virginia, Grand Master; R. : W. : C. N. Noteware, Carson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. R. L. Fulton, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1892.

Special communications were held for the laying of a corner stone and to attend divine service on St. John's Day.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at St. John, June 26th and 27th, M. : W. : Thomas Walker, Grand Master, and also our representative. Twenty-three lodges represented; thirty-two on the roll.

Membership eighteen hundred and eighteen; loss sixty-two. Receipts \$1,720.95.

The deaths of Bro. R. T. Clinch and Bro. James McNichol, past grand masters, were announced. The first named was provincial grand master at the time of organization.

The time of holding the next annual communication was changed to August.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Thomas Walker reëlected Grand Master; V. : W. : E. J. Wetmore reappointed Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1892.

The semi-annual communication was held at Manchester, Dec. 29th, 1891, M. : W. : F. D. Woodbury, Grand Master. The three degrees were exemplified by officers of three subordinate lodges, and a bountiful collation served by the fraternity of that city.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Concord, May 8th, M. : W. : F. D. Woodbury, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight thousand, six hundred, and thirty-one; gain eighty-nine. Receipts \$3,012.73.

A portrait of Bro. H. E. Burnham, past grand master, appears as a frontispiece.

An invitation to dine with the members of the fraternity in Concord was accepted.

The grand secretary reported the reception of the early records, charter, seal, and papers of Jerusalem Lodge No. 4, dormant since about 1846, an invaluable acquisition.

Five delegates were appointed to the fraternal congress at Chicago.

A very interesting and readable report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait, who devotes a liberal share of his space to Minnesota.

In reply to our adverse comment upon the Alabama decision, that a profane has a right to apply to any lodge for the degrees, he says:

Our brother thus seems to regard the rule of lodge jurisdiction, which has been so generally regarded by the American grand lodges, as belonging to the body of masonic principles, and hence that Alabama is bound to adopt it with the rest; in this forgetting that the rule is the creature of mere legislation, adopted from local considerations, quite modern at that, and repudiated in the countries where masonry had its rise. The rule is in no sense a *principle* of the masonic institution, and we think it misleading to speak of it as such.

We used the word principle as signifying a definite rule of action, not as a fundamental truth or a landmark; the American system is neither. No one disputes this fact. No matter how or whence originated nevertheless it is the law of the land, and must be respected accordingly. As we are an American mason, writing of American masonry to American masons, we prefer to speak of the institution as found in America at the present time without indulging in abstract speculations, or comparisons with countries who do not recognize our ideas of lodge government, and probably never will. There is no similarity in the conditions; hence we must agree to disagree. A good man may be a good mason in either England or the United States for all that.

For the reason above given no lengthy discussion of the following rejoinder will be attempted:

Bro. Drummond, of Maine, has put to us a similar inquiry, or rather it is put in the form of a criticism; and we have in reply to him, in

this report, made such explanation as we deem called for. We ask our brother of Minnesota to accept what we have there said as sufficient for the present occasion. There is undoubtedly an "universally admitted power of the grand master or grand lodge to issue edicts and also to enforce them," but it does not follow, by any means, that they have the power, masonically speaking, to do whatsoever they will. They have the power to do what masonry has vested them with the authority to do, and nothing else. The fling at the cerneaus gives no strength to the argument, but it is rather weakened by the confessed necessity of such a reference. Now, to reply specifically to the inquiry put: We do desire to go upon record for every word we have said upon this subject, taken fairly as our words must be understood to mean, and we shall stand to them until we receive better masonic light. We know very well that our expressed views here alluded to are opposed to those held by several very learned and able brethren of this country, notably Bro. Drummond, of Maine, and Bro. Robertson, of Canada; and we must now add to the number our able brother of Minnesota. We are not alone, however, in the opinion we hold, and there are other brethren of equal ability who are in entire accord with us. This assumed right of grand lodges and grand masters to strike down whole states and nationalities of masons, and by a simple edict to deprive them of masonic rights, without pretense of fault, but for some supposed affront of their grand officers or grand lodges, is unknown to masonic principle, is unnatural to the institution, and is only upheld by constraint. Every principle, not only of masonry, but of humanity, cries out against it, and every man ought to do the same.

If we correctly understand Bro. Wait, for we have patiently followed his whole line of argument upon the subject, he seems to admit the power of the grand master or the grand lodge to issue and enforce edicts, but is opposed to the exercise of that power. It is an authority which might be abused, of course, but very rarely is and never to the extent of the supposititious case alleged by him.

Under the head of Alabama he says:

As the matter presents itself to our mind a lodge having once commenced the work by conferring a degree ought to be held to have the right to complete that work by advancing the candidate to the subsequent degrees, regardless of any residence he may afterwards acquire.

Again, under Arkansas:

Some very judicious observations in addition are made by the committee on the evils resulting from this sort of privacy, as they term

this disregarding of the jurisdictional rights of lodges, aside from the mere wrong to the lodges, and views are suggested obvious in themselves, but which are too little heeded, we fear, by the craft at large.

These extracts, in which we coincide as sound reasoning, indicate that Bro. Wait is really in line with the American policy of jurisdiction, notwithstanding his labored defense of the opposite side of the question.

The following is taken from under Colorado:

There is nothing artificial in the masonic institution. It is founded in the nature of man, and grows necessarily out of his social needs and his intellectual and spiritual aspirations. We do not think giants, physical or intellectual, made masonry, but that he who made the universe made it a necessity. We, hence, do not doubt its ancient character, or that it must continue to exist while humanity exists.

M. : W. : John Pender, Portsmouth, Grand Master; R. : W. : G. P. Cleaves, Concord, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1892.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 27th and 28th, M. : W. : T. W. Tilden, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-eight lodges represented; one hundred and sixty on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership fourteen thousand, three hundred, and twenty; gain three hundred and seventy-one. Receipts \$8,931.75.

The deaths of Bro. William Hardacre, past grand master, and Bro. T. H. Morse, the oldest mason in New Jersey, were announced. The latter was born in 1801 and initiated in Connecticut in 1824.

Referring to the healing of Bro. Mercer Young, a resident of Paterson who had been made a mason in Ireland in 1888, the grand master says:

The fact that the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland has thus recognized, by its most worshipful grand master, our jurisdiction over candidates resident within our boundaries, is a subject for fraternal congratulation

The committee on masonic home reported that twenty-three additional lodges had pledged subscriptions, the total to date being \$8,237; that but two lodges had expressed disapproval; that had the object received the support of prominent craftsmen the full sum of \$15,000 would have been raised a year ago. The report was received and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized.

A special annual assessment of five cents per capita was levied upon every member of the subordinate lodges for a grand lodge charity fund, which probably disposes of the masonic home for the present.

The following new legislation was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the secretary of a subordinate lodge, on the presentation of a petition for affiliation, to immediately correspond with the lodge purporting to have granted the dimit accompanying the petition, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the applicant has been a member of said lodge and if the dimit is regular.

It was voted to purchase the remaining volumes of the late Bro. Hough's reprint for \$250, and sell them at \$1 per copy.

The usual tender by the assembly of the privileges of the floor while in session was accepted.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Henry Vehslage; from the review of Minnesota is taken the following:

The report on correspondence, by Bro. Irving Todd, again bears the marks of his familiarity with masonic literature, no less than of the special training which he tacitly admits as having gained in his connection with the newspaper editorship. It is certainly a well-prepared review, and his notice of New Jersey is thoroughly fraternal and courteous.

M. : W. : T. W. Tilden, Jersey City, Grand Master, and R. : W. : T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. Henry Vehslage, Irvington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1891.

The fourteenth annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Nov. 16th, 17th, and 18th, M. : W. : C. H. Dane, Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; seventeen on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Membership nine hundred and sixty-two; loss four. Receipts \$750.

The grand master decided that a candidate for the remaining degrees who claimed to have been initiated in a Nebraska lodge in 1856, the early records of which were destroyed by fire, must proceed as though no degrees had ever been given him; refused two applications for dispensations to initiate candidates who had lost an eye; and held that there was no grand lodge regulation interfering with the making of a saloon keeper a mason.

Owing to the change in by-laws there were two sessions and two pamphlets in 1891, January and November. Another change was made at the latter to the first Monday in October.

Bro. Max. Frost contributed a very readable report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota not included.

Under the head of Maryland he says:

This grand lodge indulges in the luxury of two stated annual communications; but then they can afford it, they have not far to go; there is not a county in New Mexico that is not larger in area than the state of Maryland.

From personal observation we agree with the brother; the miles in New Mexico and Arizona are the longest we ever traveled over.

M. : W. : Richard English, San Marcial, Grand Master; R. : W. : A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max. Frost, Santa Fe, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1892.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at New York, June 7th, 8th, and 9th, M. : W. : William Sherer, Grand Master. Seven hundred and fifteen lodges represented;

seven hundred and twenty three on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership eighty thousand, six hundred, and twenty-three; gain seven hundred. Receipts \$69,635.79.

The death of Bro. John Boyd, past grand treasurer, was announced.

Complaint having been made by the Grand Lodge of Canada at the affiliation by one of the city lodges of a person hailing from the spurious grand lodge in Ontario, the grand master ordered his name dropped and forwarded the dimit to the regular grand body.

The Indian Territory affair is thus alluded to in the address:

The services of the representative of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, being for good and sufficient reasons no longer acceptable, I requested that a new appointment be made. In the correspondence that followed I was invited to assume the attitude of an accuser. This I declined to do; and, the request for a new appointment being denied, I withdrew the accredit, and advised the grand master of Indian Territory that I should no longer recognize the representative of that grand body in his official capacity.

The trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund presented an interesting report of their past year's work, illustrated in the proceedings with their own portraits and a cut of the home and school building at Utica. This is expected to cost over \$200,000, and when completed will accommodate one hundred inmates, at an estimated expense for maintenance of \$5 per week. No other jurisdiction could have accomplished so much in the same length of time.

Bro. C. T. McClenachan, historian, reported the completion of the third volume of his history, and anticipated that the last would be ready by another year.

The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary was recognized, and the applications of the Grand Orient of Italy and the Independent Spanish Grand Lodge at Sevilla referred to the grand master with power to act whenever furnished with satisfactory evidence of their regular and legal formation.

Bro. J. B. Anthony presented the report on foreign correspondence, with his usual fraternal greeting of Minnesota. He says:

The report on correspondence, W. I. Irving Todd, is a good review of the proceedings of fifty-five grand bodies, including New York for 1891.

The question of grand lodge status referred last year to our committee on masonic jurisprudence is thus disposed of:

The answer to the *first* must be apparent at a glance, he resumes his official rank at once; and in relation to the *second*, unquestionably a brother elected to either of these positions carries his rank with him, and should be hailed and acknowledged as such.

Under the head of Arkansas, in order to settle the question of jurisdiction by the establishment of a uniform regulation, he offers the following suggestion to the guild:

Within the jurisdiction of any grand lodge let jurisdiction over rejected candidates be maintained by the lodge in which the rejection took place, as long as the candidate is within its territory. Upon acquiring a residence within the jurisdiction of another lodge in the same state a waiver of jurisdiction to be granted (upon application of the lodge) by a majority vote.

Upon removal from the state jurisdiction over the rejected candidate ceases, and the candidate would then be at liberty to present his petition to the lodge within whose jurisdiction he has acquired a residence, agreeably with the requirements of the grand lodge, which is usually one year. The new petition would have to recite the fact of the previous rejection, when and where, and it would be very easy to obtain information with reference to the candidate from the lodge which originally held jurisdiction.

This is quite a concession, coming as it does from within a grand body which claims perpetual jurisdiction. Our practice is much simpler, however; when a rejected candidate removes from its territorial jurisdiction the lodge has no further claim upon him. So we would hardly agree in cases where the change of residence did not extend beyond the state line. Then again we have concurrent jurisdiction as do very many other grand lodges, a feature overlooked in his calculations. The work of harmonizing all the conflicting legislation upon this much discussed subject would be far greater than the extinguishment of a temple debt.

The following is taken from under the head of Utah:

New York for 1891 has a happy report, and, while extending his congratulations on the Lemm case, objects very decidedly to the requirement that the candidate be healed by the grand master of New York; takes the sound position that, having received the degree in a regular lodge, he was a regular mason. We have no doubt this was done in a spirit of concession, in order to have an amicable settlement of an unfortunate controversy. In thus yielding to a requirement of New Jersey law we do not understand it as establishing a precedent, for in our opinion the principle involved is contrary to generally accepted masonic usage.

According to this theory the person affiliated in New York upon a dimit from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, having been received as a member by a regular lodge, he thereby became a regular mason and should not have been disturbed.

Bro. Charles Sackreuter thoroughly reviewed the foreign grand lodges, a valued and interesting feature of the report.

M. : W. : James Ten Eyck, Albany, Grand Master; R. : W. : E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. B. Anthony chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1892.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 12th and 13th, M. : W. : H. A. Gudger, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-nine lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-five on the roll. One past grand master present.

Twelve dispensations for new lodges; six charters restored. Membership nine thousand and forty-five; gain six hundred and twenty-one. Receipts \$5,124.95.

The death of Bro. D. S. Waitt, grand treasurer, was announced.

Among the decisions is found the following:

5. A man who cannot read or write is eligible to the degrees of masonry, if otherwise qualified.

The reports of the orphan asylum show two hundred and thirteen inmates; disbursements \$23,794.74.

Seven representatives were appointed to the fraternal congress at Chicago.

The special committee on that portion of the address referring to cerneauism reported the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is the sole custodian of the whole system of symbolic masonry in the state of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, After investigation your committee find that the organization known as the *cerneau* body has, in other jurisdictions, been productive of discord and disturbing the peace and harmony of the craft, and interfered with the legitimate jurisdiction of the established grand bodies in other states, and has held communication with the Grand Orient of France, an atheistic clandestine grand body, therefore your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. No lodge in this grand jurisdiction shall recognize or hold communication with the cerneau body or its members, and shall discountenance the establishment of any of its branches in this jurisdiction.

(Paragraph No. 2 not published.)

The words "or with only one eye" were overruled in decision two, referring to physical disqualifications.

Bro. J. C. Martin presented his first report on foreign correspondence, and we are glad to see that it is not to be his last; Minnesota handsomely noticed. We quote:

Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of committee on foreign correspondence, submits a very readable report.

M. : W. : H. A. Gudger, Asheville, Grand Master, and R. : W. : D. W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. J. C. Martin chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1892.

The third annual communication was held at Grand Forks, June 28th and 29th, M. : W. : J. F. Selby, Grand Master. Twenty-seven lodges represented; thirty-four on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership seventeen hundred and thirty-two; gain one hundred and fifty-five. Receipts \$3,028.65.

A fine portrait of Bro. F. J. Thompson, past grand master and grand secretary elect, faces the title page.

Masonic intercourse was forbidden with the so-called grand lodge at Worthington, O.

Bro. T. J. Wilder presented his accustomed report on foreign correspondence, giving over a page to Minnesota. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd furnishes this report, fraternally reviewing the Grand Lodge of North Dakota therein. We have read his report with great interest.

Under the head of Alabama we find the following:

One part of the report we are glad to see, viz., the number of ministers. But stop, we have to add them; don't know as it is so valuable after all. There are, however, some six hundred in this jurisdiction. It reminds us of a few years ago, on returning from St. Paul, of hearing two, who claimed to be ministers, say that they had firmly resolved to go out into the world and put down masonry. We thought then that they had taken a big contract; we are sure of it now.

M. : W. : A. B. Herrick, Lisbon, Grand Master; R. : W. : F. J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary; Bro. T. J. Wilder, Casselton, committee on foreign correspondence.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1891.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Yarmouth, June 10th and 11th, M. : W. : C. J. Macdonald, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; sixty-two on the roll. Our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership twenty-nine hundred and four; gain forty-one. Receipts \$3,065.40.

The officers and members attended divine service in a body, the sermon delivered by Bro. J. A. Logan, grand chaplain, being reproduced in the proceedings.

The grand secretary complained of the small but annoying duty which he has to pay on proceedings from foreign grand lodges, while his own pass free to the United States.

The grand lodges of Tasmania, New Zealand, and South Australia were recognized.

A proposition to allow temperance organizations composed of master masons only, their wives, sisters, daughters, and sons, to use lodge halls was defeated.

An elaborate report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. David Neish, who notices Minnesota in a very fraternal manner. He observes:

Bro. Irving Todd furnishes an able and sensible report on foreign correspondence, extending over one hundred and thirty-four pages.

M. W. C. J. Macdonald, Grand Master, and R. W. William Ross, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. David Neish, committee on foreign correspondence; all of Halifax.

1892.

Three emergent communications were held for the laying of corner stones.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Amherst, June 8th and 9th, M. W. C. J. Macdonald, Grand Master. Forty-two lodges represented; sixty-two on the roll. Our representative present.

Membership twenty-nine hundred and eighty-four; gain eighty. Receipts \$3,110.

After attending divine service, sermon by Bro. V. E. Harris, the corner stone of an academy was laid.

The death of Bro. Samuel Chipman was announced, at the advanced age of one hundred and one years. He was made a mason in 1813, and believed to be the oldest member of the fraternity in the world.

Bro. T. B. Flint presented the report on foreign correspondence; the following extracts are taken from the review of Minnesota:

The address deals in a straightforward and practical way with the business of the past year, and shows a praiseworthy activity to have been characteristic of the grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd. It reviews, in a careful manner, the proceedings of some fifty grand lodges. Nova Scotia is not included.

The 1891 proceedings were not received until several days after the close of our last year's session, which accounts for the omission.

M. : W. : D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow, Grand Master; R. : W. : William Ross, Halifax, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. B. Flint, Yarmouth, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OREGON, 1892.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Portland, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, M. : W. : Brenham Van Dusen, Grand Master. Eighty-seven lodges represented; eighty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, one hundred, and sixty-six; gain two hundred and forty-eight. Receipts \$5,400.17.

Portraits and biographies of three past grand masters adorn the handsome volume of proceedings.

The deaths of Bro. F. J. Babcock, past grand secretary, and Bro. R. P. Earhart, past grand master, were announced.

A valuable gold watch and chain was presented to Bro. S. F. Chadwick on behalf of the brethren of that jurisdiction. He deserved the compliment and the watch too.

Fraternal sympathies were extended to the Prince of Wales upon the death of his eldest son.

The application for recognition by a brother who had been made a mason in a Montana lodge in less than a year from the date of his rejection in an Oregon lodge was denied.

Report upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Hayti for recognition was deferred until another year.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick submitted his twenty-fifth annual report upon foreign correspondence, one of his very best. The following is taken from the review of Minnesota:

These proceedings are embellished with the portrait of the grand master, Alphonso Barto. He is evidently an efficient and noble-hearted man.

The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd. His reviews are brief. He disposes of Oregon in short order. Throws his harpoon into the whole back of our committee on masonic jurisprudence thus, and leaves this jurisdiction for Pennsylvania.

* * * Bro. Todd, come to Oregon; come in June, and place your

plastic hand on the heads of that committee and look wisely into their benign countenance and see if there is a lack of good sense. If you find that they are a little off on this question, it will be well with you. There are five of them, and all take "sugar in theirs."

Our exception was not to the committee, but to an absurd ruling that a lodge had jurisdiction over all profanes until one year after their removal from the state. The last clause, however, is some mitigation of their offense, and if we ever visit Oregon again their case will receive due investigation. We were there the latter part of last May, but our stay was too brief to look up Bro. Chadwick or any one else.

An interesting history of the act of incorporation and the educational fund, by the grand secretary, is given as a final appendix.

M. : W. : F. A. Moore, St. Helens, Grand Master; R. : W. : S. F. Chadwick, Salem, reelected Grand Secretary and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1891.

The December quarterly, the principal business meeting of the year, was held at Philadelphia on the 2d, R. : W. : J. S. Africa, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-six lodges represented; three hundred and ninety-five on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Membership forty-two thousand, four hundred, and twelve; gain twelve hundred and eleven. Receipts \$137,730.69, of which \$3,910 were for dispensations to pass to the chair.

The committee on library reported that they were prepared to receive subscriptions for the second volume of their reprint, bringing the work down to about 1828 or 1830, at a price of \$4. Its early issuance depends on the support of the members of the grand lodge.

Portraits of the grand master and Bro. Robert Clark, past grand master, are given in the proceedings.

R. : W. : J. S. Africa, Grand Master, and R. : W. : Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Philadelphia.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 28th, R. W. J. S. Africa, Grand Master. Seventy-four lodges represented. Five past grand masters present.

The address and installation of officers comprises the transactions, requiring fourteen pages to give a full list of the latter, including committees, commissioners, almoners, stewards, bursars, and district deputies. It's about a standoff between Massachusetts and Pennsylvania as to which can pad out the most with matter which could easily be printed in less than a quarter of the space. These old grand lodges have a decided way of doing things, and so long as their members are satisfied with the abstract of proceedings we certainly have no reason to complain.

The following are among the decisions:

There is no regulation in this jurisdiction by which a member of any particular religious denomination can be debarred from initiation and membership.

An applicant who was rejected by a lodge, presented a second petition, and was approved, can, by a majority vote of the lodge, withdraw his petition and make application to another lodge.

An installed officer of a lodge cannot resign his office. If a worshipful master removes from the jurisdiction, the office thereby becomes vacant. His duties then devolve on the senior warden.

The grand master concludes as follows:

I congratulate the grand lodge upon the harmony that prevails among the craft everywhere within the borders of our jurisdiction; the steady growth in the number of lodges and members; the loyalty everywhere shown towards the grand lodge, and the ready obedience yielded to the official commands of the grand master; the increasing desire to elevate the standard of work done by the lodges; and upon the general material prosperity enjoyed by the lodges. It has indeed been a pleasant and fruitful year.

The report on correspondence was from the graceful pen of Bro. Richard Vaux, our representative near his grand lodge. The following extracts are taken from the fraternal review of Minnesota:

We have been made sensible of the earnest labors of Grand Master Kiester for the real practical, substantial benefit of the craft in his jurisdiction on reading his excellent address.

The right worshipful grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, was unable to prepare the report on correspondence, and was favored

by the aid of right worshipful Bro. Irving Todd, whose report we have read. It is a remarkably clever and well-considered paper. It is neither too short nor too long, too prolix nor too effusive. We rather like the method of our distinguished colleague. He selects with judgment and notices with skill.

We rather believe, from his notice of Pennsylvania, that our dear brother is not learned in biblical history or theology. He criticises our objection to *ladies* being present at masonic ceremonies, "even a banquet." We stated in a former report our objection, and, to relieve the *ladies* from any notion it was as against them, we added that "at the first banquet mentioned in sacred history the 'fruit course' disrupted the harmony, and discord was thus born into the world." In reply to this right worshipful Bro. Todd remarks, "the learned brother prides himself upon being consistent. * * * Would he have the celestial lodge above closely tyled, with admission only by diploma?"

We are convinced that the celestial lodge above is so closely tyled that of the *twelve* virgins only *six* went in to the bridegroom's reception. We hope our learned Bro. Todd will not resent *this* example, supplemental to the "fruit course," as an invidious reference to the ladies who seek admission to "masonic banquets."

We most assuredly disclaim any reflection upon Bro. Vaux's gallantry; his reputation in that direction is too well established for that; yet how does he reconcile this oil story with his peculiar notions, or account for even *six* virgins at the bridegroom's reception? Perchance the celestial lodge above is not conducted entirely upon the Pennsylvania plan.

Under the head of Connecticut he remarks:

So Connecticut has set up a *past master's lodge*. Another *ism*.

And another is Pennsylvania's requiring a dispensation from the grand master to pass to the chair, with a fee for it. The fact is we are all full of isms, only our own seem very different from those of our neighbors. No biblical history or theology about this proposition.

Under the head of Iowa is found the following conundrum:

We would venture to ask, in the greatest humility, what has a spinning wheel of the old fashioned pattern to do with a masonic library?

Spinning suggests petticoats, but out of deference to Bro. Vaux the subject will not be enlarged upon; it's merely a library this time, not a banquet.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1892.

An emergent communication was held at Charlottetown, May 24th, to lay the corner stone of a new masonic temple, with an address by Bro. W. W. Brewer, grand chaplain.

The seventieth annual communication was held at Summerside, June 24th, M. : W. : Donald Darrach, Grand Master. Ten lodges represented; twelve upon the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Membership five hundred and two; loss seven. Receipts \$220.20.

The following questions were answered by the grand master in open session:

Is it necessary that all members of a lodge present shall vote on a petition for initiation? Every member present must vote or retire.

Can a dimitted mason be admitted as a visitor to grand lodge? Yes.

The latter ruling is not good law.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : S. W. Crabbe, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. W. Higgs reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Charlottetown.

QUEBEC, 1892.

An emergent meeting was held to constitute and consecrate a lodge, and an especial communication to lay the foundation stone of a church.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 27th, M. : W. : Frank Edgar, Grand Master. Fifty-three lodges represented; fifty-six on the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership three thousand, one hundred, and forty-one; gain eighty-one. Receipts \$2,262.

Bro. W. P. Chambers, grand chaplain, was unable to be present, but forwarded a short discourse which was printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized, and action on Cuba and Mexico deferred.

The matter of sending representatives to the fraternal congress at Chicago was left over for consideration next year.

The report of the special committee on masonic home, recommending an assessment of twenty-five cents per member to establish a fund for its future erection and support, was received, to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his sixth report on foreign correspondence; Minnesota for 1892 being received in time for an abbreviated review way down at the foot. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd presented a readable report on foreign correspondence of nearly one hundred pages, in which Quebec for 1891 has fraternal notice.

M. · W. · Frank Edgar, Grand Master, and R. · W. · J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Montreal; Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign relations and correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1891.

A special communication was held at Warren, Aug. 15th, to lay the foundation stone of the town hall, at which an address was delivered by Bro. B. M. Bosworth. A cut of the building is given with the record. Another was held on Block Island, Aug. 26th, to lay the corner stone of a masonic building and dedicate a lodge hall.

The semi-annual communication was held at Providence, Nov. 17th.

The one hundred and first annual communication was held at Providence, May 18th, M. · W. · G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master. Thirty-one lodges represented; thirty-five on the roll. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership four thousand, one hundred, and seventy-seven; gain one hundred and eighty-six. Receipts \$2,586.07.

The death of Bro. Benedict Aldrich, the oldest past master and oldest member of the grand lodge, was announced, aged almost ninety-eight years. He was made a mason in 1814.

The committee on reprint reported a delay in the completion of volume two, owing to the difficulty of gaining desired information.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. · W. · G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master, and R. · W. · Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Providence.

The one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the grand lodge was duly celebrated at Providence, June 24th, a reception to the grand master being held the previous evening. The occasion was aptly styled the festival communication in the proceedings. A note appended to the report on credentials says:

There were two hundred and sixty-six permanent members of grand lodge in attendance, without doubt the largest number ever present.

The exercises consisted of a grand procession and several addresses, closing with a banquet, a full report of which is promised in a forthcoming centennial volume. It was truly a proud day for the fraternity of Little Rhody.

A centennial medal has been struck, with a portrait of Bro. Jabez Bowen, first deputy grand master, on the obverse and the arms of the grand lodge on the reverse.

1892.

The semi-annual communication was held at Providence, Nov. 16th, M. · W. · G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized and the request of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand declined.

The special committee on centennial celebration recommended the publication of a memorial volume, to also contain lodge histories, portraits of prominent masons, etc., making an elaborate history of freemasonry in that jurisdiction, with an appropriation of \$1,500 by the grand lodge to help defray the expense, which report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted commending the movement to erect a statue of Robert Burns in Providence.

Special communications were held to constitute a lodge, to attend the funerals of Bro. Nicholas Van Slyck and Bro. Oliver Johnson, past grand masters, and to listen to the report of the special committee on work. The ritual of the three degrees was rehearsed and adopted.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held at Providence, May 16th, M. . W. . G. H. Kenyon, Grand Master. Thirty-two lodges represented; thirty-six on the roll. Two past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership four thousand, three hundred, and thirty-two; gain one hundred and fifty-five. Receipts \$2,546.

For so small a community this grand body puts on heaps of style, the opening ceremonies containing more frills than any other on record. A march is played when the grand officers come in, a te deum sung by the choir, scriptural selections read and prayer offered by the grand chaplain, etc. All that seems lacking is the firing of a gun when the grand master takes his seat.

The committee on Webb monument reported the grounds in excellent condition, but that the superstructure has the appearance of being cracked. A proposition looking toward a more pretentious memorial has been advanced, but no action was taken.

An additional sum of \$200 was appropriated toward the second volume of the reprint.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed, making the deputy grand master an elective officer.

A portrait of Bro. E. L. Freeman, past grand master, was presented by his local lodge.

An expression of kindly regard was ordered forwarded to Bro. Oliver Johnson, past grand master, who was seriously ill from the effects of a recent accident. His death occurred four days subsequently.

A jewel and apron was presented to the retiring grand master, and the centennial medal adopted as the badge of their grand representatives. Bro. A. J. Edgerton is therefore entitled to one.

M. . W. . Stillman White, Grand Master; R. . W. . Edwin Baker re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1891.

Two special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The one hundred and fifteenth annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 8th and 9th, M. W. L. T. Izlar, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-eight lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-one on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; six lodges revived; five charters arrested. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and forty-four; loss seven hundred and fifty-eight. Receipts \$7,633.51.

The grand master has a grievance with Pennsylvania, or at least thinks that he has. In substance Bro. Izlar solicited an interchange of representatives, which was all right, and then proceeded to name them both, which was all wrong. Bro. Africa's replies, when the matter was finally brought to his notice, are models of dignity and maternal courtesy. He offered to commission Bro. Izlar as their representative near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina as suggested, and to nominate a brother to be commissioned as the representative of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Izlar declined the proposition, and his final letter remains unanswered. It would have been far better had it never been written.

No matter what the original practice might have been, the practice of to-day is for the grand master to nominate the brother to be commissioned as grand representative near his grand lodge, and to commission such brethren as are nominated by other grand masters near their respective grand lodges. In one particular it is an improvement, the honors being generally more evenly distributed instead of piled up on one or two individuals; the honor of holding a commission is about all there is to it in our opinion. We are not the representative of any grand lodge and never have been, therefore without bias either for or against the system.

One of the recommendations, to which there will be a very general dissent, was that vacant numbers on the register be given to new lodges. The rank and standing of a lodge is indicated by its number; if vacant it shows that the lodge is extinct; the history of that number should never be disturbed, to say nothing of the injustice to older lodges.

A jewel was presented to Bro. R. F. Divver, past grand master.

The special committee on masonic orphanage recommended that the further consideration of the plan be postponed until the grand lodge is better enabled to undertake its execution, which report was adopted.

A proposed amendment to the constitution, giving a vote and per diem to past grand masters, was indefinitely postponed. Honors don't count in South Carolina.

The committee on foreign correspondence recommended that the grand master, at his leisure, appoint a suitable number of brethren to represent the grand lodge at the fraternal congress, at their own expense.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

An amendment to the constitution was submitted by the committee on jurisprudence, abolishing the district deputy grand masters and substituting a grand lecturer, which lies over until another year.

The retiring grand master presented a beautiful sash to the grand lodge, to be worn by his successors in office.

The grand secretary submitted the report on foreign correspondence. We quote from Minnesota:

Bro. Irving Todd is the accomplished writer of the report on correspondence. He courteously and fairly reviews our proceedings for 1889, liberally quoting from our Grand Master Divver's address. He also quotes from our report on correspondence and speaks kindly of it.

Under the head of Arizona he confesses ignorance as to the Rio Salado, a thoroughfare which was well patronized last fall all along the line.

M. : W. : W. T. Branch, Abbeville, Grand Master; R. : W. : Charles Inglesby, Charleston, reëlected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1892.

The eighteenth annual communication was held at Sioux Falls, June 14th and 15th, M. W. G. A. Johnston, Grand Master. Seventy lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Four past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, seven hundred, and twenty-five; gain two hundred and twenty. Receipts \$3,008.25.

The following decision justly failed of an approval by the committee on masonic jurisprudence:

2. "Upon a favorable report of the committee a ballot was spread upon the petition of a candidate, it was found clear, and I declared him duly elected. After the lodge was called off it was discovered there were no cubes in the ballot box; all the members that were present when the vote was taken expressed themselves satisfied with the result of the ballot, if legal." Held the ballot legal. I thought it was a dangerous precedent to disturb the result of the ballot after it was declared by the worshipful master. I stated to the master in case the cubes were left out purely by mistake, no greater blame than carelessness could attach to any one; but had they been left out by design a masonic offense was committed, and the guilty party or parties, if discovered, should be severely disciplined by the lodge.

The committee was of the opinion that the master should at once have ordered a new ballot.

The special committee upon a monument for Bro. G. H. Hand, past grand master, reported the work about completed. It is of granite, obelisk style, fifteen feet high, weighs nine tons, and cost \$680.

The committee on revision of grand lodge by-laws reported the result of their labors, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered the local brethren for the handsome manner in which they had entertained the members during the session.

Bro. William Blatt again presented the report on correspondence; Minnesota most kindly noticed, from which is taken the following:

The Minnesota law seems to allow petitioners for new lodges to retain membership in the lodge in which they at the time hold the same.

This leads and always will lead first to confusion, second to more or less trouble between lodges and to the grand master in particular. We like our regulation upon this point better.

The committee on appeals and grievances found, like Othello, its occupation gone. This is a felicitous state of affairs upon which the grand lodge may well be congratulated.

We are pleased to note Bro. Irving Todd's position in his review, under Alabama, upon the territorial jurisdiction of particular lodges, under-wit: that it is exactly the same as that of the grand lodge, supreme. We have ever contended for the principle that neither the grand lodge nor the grand master should interfere, or be asked to interfere, with those rights. We deem them inherent ones.

Bro. Todd thus replies to Bro. Robbins, of Illinois: * * * We need add nothing to the above except that Bro. Todd states the case plainly and courageously for other jurisdictions besides Minnesota. We approve the brother's able and interesting report and the position he holds on most subjects.

Bro. Blatt is evidently misled by decision three of last year. Dual membership is prohibited in Minnesota, unless a brother is master or warden of a chartered lodge and also master or warden of a lodge under dispensation at one and the same time.

Under Arkansas we find the following sensible opinion:

We believe that when "masonry has been outraged" by the acquittal of an accused the grand master not only can, but ought promptly upon receiving knowledge of the case, even without appeal from any one, order prompt and equitable justice meted out. We are in this relation a believer in an unlimited expansion of the prerogative.

The following is taken from under the head of California:

The grand master recommended a change in the present regulations which require the fee for the three degrees to accompany the petition for initiation. As a matter of equity the plan should have obtained. It is the law in all jurisdictions that we know of. But the committee terms such a change, most unfeelingly we think, "the selling of masonic degrees on the installment plan." While we exonerate the committee from any such intention, yet we deem it a reflection upon other grand lodges who require the fee for the entered apprentice degree only to accompany the petition.

Under Tennessee he remarks:

The Ohio Tennessee controversy is a matter that has been discussed by all reporters and is public masonic property. The expression of one's views upon the subject therefore cannot be termed "interference."

The conclusion is so apt that no apology is needed for its reproduction:

We fail to see any necessity for grand masters to incorporate in their address detailed reports of those minor official acts which delegated power plainly authorizes. We often find pages devoted to their rehearsal. While we do not, it is true, pay for the printing nor want to shorten the job of the poor printer, we have always felt that the catachismical report of such matters has detracted from the dignity of the address, and places the office of grand master of masons on a level with that of a presiding officer of associations in which that officer is simply and at all times an executive officer only. The office of grand master should in its every respect and aspect be one demanding at once the reverence almost of every member of the craft, and he that occupies this exalted station should, like the kings of old, be for the time being considered (fairly) infallible.

M. : W. : H. J. Rice, Huron, Grand Master; R. : W. : C. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1892.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 27th, 28th, and 29th, M. : W. : W. S. Smith, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-three lodges represented; four hundred and fourteen on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present, our representative included.

Ten dispensations for new lodges. Membership seventeen thousand, three hundred, and twenty-nine; gain five hundred and eighty-six. Receipts \$14,624.35.

The following conflicting rulings were reported and approved:

1. King Lodge 461 asked if they had the right to confer on Bro. J. M. Johnson, an entered apprentice of said lodge, the fellow craft and master mason degrees, Bro. Johnson having lost his right arm near his shoulder since conferring the entered apprentice degree. I decided the lodge had no legal right to confer the degrees on Bro. Johnson, as said brother could not receive and impart the ritual.

13. The loss of an arm does not deprive a member of a lodge of the right to hold any office in the lodge.

Number one would hardly have been sustained in any other jurisdiction; the injustice to an unfortunate brother mason is without excuse or palliation.

The officers of the masonic home reported \$21,000 disbursements with \$7,000 yet to be paid out, \$2,262 being pledged in grand lodge by lodges and individuals, and \$189.45 placed upon the altar in cash.

A lodge of sorrow was held for Bro. J. S. Dawson and Bro. B. R. Harris, past grand masters, and Bro. R. I. Chester, past master. The latter was over ninety-eight, and made a mason in 1817. Appropriate eulogies were delivered and printed in the proceedings.

An oil portrait was ordered to be procured of Bro. W. H. Morrow, grand treasurer for the past seventeen years.

The grand master was authorized to appoint five delegates to the fraternal congress at Chicago, who will pay their own expenses.

The mileage was reduced to five cents one way, and the per diem increased to \$3.

The report on correspondence, by Bro. G. C. Connor, was largely written during a visit in Europe, his personal experience among the craft abroad rendering it one of the most entertaining of the year. Of Minnesota he says:

Grand Master Kiester read a charmingly interesting address, entirely without rhetorical curls and the trumpery of oratory so many indulge in their reports to grand lodges. No, not entirely, since he addresses grand lodge as "master builders and workmen from the quarries."

Among his decisions we find the following, which was approved by grand lodge:

A dimit granted to a brother, who is at the time senior warden, is illegal and void and does not operate to annul or sever his membership, but that he continues a member of the lodge and liable for lodge dues.

This is a mere statement of a decision, and there is given no reason for so deciding. It is discussed now as a matter of universal law. Is it sound masonic law?

It was in reality no new decision, only a reiteration of prior decisions in 1871 and 1882, and is the law here.

Bro. Irving Todd made the correspondence report, which is brief on scissors and long on goose quill. Your hand, Bro. Todd. And this in

the face of his deliberate misstatement of the act of Past Grand Master Ingersoll. He can not avoid charging upon the jurisprudence committee of this jurisdiction a willful ignoring of the "fact" in making its report. And then, after alleging that Grand Master Ingersoll nominated a *cerneau* as our representative in Ohio (a deliberate misstatement of Bro. Todd's relations) and charging our committee with practicing a falsehood, he rises to the sublimity of brotherly love and tenders Tennessee advice. Go to, dear brother; Tennessee usually neither advises nor accepts gratuitous advice.

Well, well, Bro. Connor, let's see about this. Here are five positive assertions in as many lines of type, and the only one which has any shadow of foundation is the *cerneau* allusion; that we explained a year ago. *Your* hand, Bro. Connor. We always did admire a cheerful liar.

Had we cuts of the illustrations we should be tempted to reproduce a considerable portion of his write-up of foreign masonry; without them a few paragraphs must suffice.

Of Mother Kilwinning Lodge he says:

It was in this lodge, a few miles north of his home, that Burns was made a mason, and over it he presided as a much beloved worshipful master. I sat in the same chair that Burns once occupied as master and scrawled my name upon the register, and my head grew giddy when I tried to recall what I had already read of the memories of this venerable lodge, whose work has not been changed, even to the dotting of i's and crossing of t's during three centuries. How different that room appeared in comparison with one of ours. The master sits in the middle of a long dining table that extends north and south. The dignitaries sit on either side of him. Two equally plain and long dining tables extend, parallel to each other, from this head table to the west. At the farther end of this right-hand table sits the senior warden, and at the farther end of the left-hand table sits the junior warden. Seated at these tables are all the members. This is the arrangement during the work, and it is undisturbed during the dinner that always follows the work.

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But our American ceremonials are much more elaborate than the Scotch in all three degrees, and especially in the third. Let none suppose that this means that our ceremonials are altogether superior. In some respects they are, in others they are not; but the American freemason finds no difficulty in visiting a Scotch lodge, after he has been invited. Technically all masons are of right entitled to visit any lodge in the jurisdiction, but the customs forbid any one attempting to visit unless he is invited by card from the secretary, issued on the

request of a member. Then he must bring his own apron, and his collar if he is a past master. The form of examination is like our own, and the tyler's test is not always used.

Of masonry in England he writes:

An American freemason is apt to be curiously impressed with the aristocratic environments of the institution in England. No man who is not of noble birth may aspire to the grand master's chair, and the present incumbent, the heir to the throne, performs a few duties of a perfunctory character once in a while, and in a very genial fashion. The deputies are either princes, dukes, or other grades of lords. This is very pleasing to an Englishman, who attaches so much to distinctions of blood, and who does not encourage that universality of the fraternity so popular with the untitled citizens of the west. Practically the mysteries are confined to classes, the purely artisan and laborer never included, except for a special purpose or service. The all pervading tendency to conclude all meetings with a dinner, clad in evening dress, tends to define the boundaries of the classes admitted. While this custom would be very demoralizing in America, it is exceedingly social in England. There is not any special opposition to wine drinking anywhere in the kingdoms among the classes that meet at these dinners, though I find much opposition to excess. With us wine is usually tabooed at masonic banquets, but it is always present at an English masonic dinner; and I repeat, no regular lodge meeting concludes without a dinner, with toasts, speeches, songs, and recitations.

In conclusion he adds:

To my brethren who intend visiting Europe I will say:

1. Come determined to meet with as many lodges as you can, especially in the British Isles, if you cannot speak German.
2. Secure letters of introduction to masons abroad, and carry your diplomas.
3. Buy an apron suitable to your rank, officially, and take with you a dress suit and your jewels.

Have no hesitancy in making yourself known to a brother, wherever you may find him. He will receive you and treat you as a brother. Of this, feel quite certain; for none other than gentlemen are admitted to the fraternity either in the British Isles or Germany. The most accomplished gentlemen I have met on this side of the ocean were freemasons.

The concluding papers are valuable contributions to masonic literature. Our limited space forbids comment other than an agreement with him upon wearing the apron, although not in conformity with our practice in Minnesota. The fellow craft obviously should wear his with the corner turned up, and the

master mason should be instructed to wear his with the corner turned down, just as he *does* wear it in public or private.

We have been occupied two long December evenings with Bro. Connor; time well spent.

M. W. M. D. Smallman, McMinnville, Grand Master; R. W. John Frizzell, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. C. Connor, Chattanooga, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1891.

The fifty-sixth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 8th to 11th, M. W. G. W. Tyler, Grand Master. Four hundred and ninety seven lodges represented; five hundred and forty on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested and five surrendered. Membership twenty-three thousand, one hundred, and ninety-three; gain seven hundred and sixty-nine. Receipts \$21,315.10.

The death of Bro. T. R. Bonner, past grand master, was announced.

The following approved decisions were reported:

3. Where a petition for initiation or affiliation has been received and referred to a committee, but afterwards, and before the committee reports, the petitioner dies or becomes insane, the fact should be so reported by the committee and entered upon the minutes, and that ends the proceeding.

7. The refusal of a candidate to conform to any part of our ceremonies renders him unworthy of the rites and honors of freemasonry, and after such refusal he cannot be allowed to proceed further.

14. Lodges cannot publicly install their officers on any other than St. John's Day without a dispensation from the grand master or his deputy.

22. A brother, while insane, cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues, nor otherwise disciplined, nor dropped from the roll of his lodge. His dues must also be paid to the grand lodge, and the financial distress of himself and his family should be relieved by his lodge. Our charity is broad enough to bear his burdens for him while he is in that terrible state, which is worse than death itself.

26. The minutes of a lodge are strictly private and no transcript of the same should ever be permitted to be made or certified for the purpose of influencing the action, in any given case, of any tribunal or society other than a masonic tribunal and in accordance with prescribed regulations, as in appeals, etc.

The following was not approved:

17. In masonry, as in law, a brother is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is established by a legal trial and conviction by the lodge, and until then the brother (if otherwise in good standing) is entitled to all of his masonic rights, including a masonic burial, if requested.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence held that the safer course was to leave such questions to the discretion of the master, as in case of non-affiliates.

A large portion of the address is devoted to masonry in Mexico and the treaty of Monterey, an interesting account of the existing status of the fraternity in our sister republic since the reorganization of 1890, and the friendly relations established by the grand master during a recent official visit. The agreement was ratified and the Grand Dieta of Mexico formally recognized.

Bro. Jose Rossemberger, grand master of North Tamaulipas, Mexico, was introduced and received with the grand honors.

A banquet was tendered by the local brethren and attended by the grand lodge in a body.

The time of holding the annual communication was changed to the first Tuesday in December, and a proposition to remove the location from Houston lost.

The committee on grand officers' reports presented the following, which was not adopted:

We deem it only necessary to say that we consider the wearing of robes by the officers of a subordinate lodge not only unnecessary, but improper. The only masonic clothing of which we know anything is the lambskin or white leather apron.

The directors of the widows and orphans' home reported a balance of \$40,343.66 on hand, an increase of \$12,596.76 over last year.

The present of three gavels made of olive wood and oak from Jerusalem, by the master of one of the subordinate lodges, was accepted with thanks.

The McLeary ring was handed over to his successor, and a jewel presented to the retiring grand master.

The matter of appointing a grand lecturer and two deputies in lieu of the committee on work was laid over until next year.

Bro. F. M. Matthews gives us another of his carefully prepared reports on foreign correspondence; Minnesota handsomely noticed, from which we take the following samples:

Texas was ably represented in the person of the most worshipful grand master, whose fine face in phototype embellishes the pretty little volume of proceedings as the frontispiece. His address opens with a tender, loving tribute to the honored dead of the year, among whom were Past Grand Masters J. H. Brown and C. H. Benton, Grand Orator G. W. Lamson, and Past Junior Grand Warden Frederick Joss.

But, Bro. Todd, I've stayed with you in your blizzard-breeding region about as long as I could, and though I question if I will find it much warmer down there at this season yet, in the route mapped out for me by our grand secretary, I must leave and, going down and across, call next on Bro. Chris, of the ex-Mormon kingdom. I hope, however, to meet you again. *Adios.*

Under California he unburdens himself as follows:

I have the honor to represent the grand lodges of Arizona, California, and Utah near the Grand Lodge of Texas. For two consecutive years, feeling it my duty to do so, after each session of our grand lodge I made a special report to each of having been in attendance, and giving a brief abstract of the proceedings. No notice of any sort, not even an acknowledgment of the receipt of my report by the grand secretaries, was ever taken, and since then I have kept silent, as a mere figurehead ought to do.

The following is taken from under Kentucky:

I now, however, agree with those who hold that the grand lodge does have the right to say who shall use its esotery as a foundation upon which to build. To deny this would destroy grand lodge sovereignty, in which I am a firm believer. The course of cerneauism in Iowa and Ohio has forced me to look upon it with distrust, and I believe that self preservation, which is the first law of nature, makes it necessary for grand lodges to have just as little to do with it as possible, and to this end, if the necessity arise, interdict their members from in any wise associating with it. In saying this I wish it distinctly understood that I am not a Scottish Rite mason. I know nothing of either rite, but I do know from observation that the A. and A. S. Rite live in peace and harmony with symbolic grand lodges, and that wherever cerneauism has established itself trouble has followed and dissensions arisen.

M. : W. : John Watson, Clarksville, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. F. Swain, Houston, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1892.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 19th and 20th, M. : W. : W. G. Van Horne, Grand Master. The seven lodges represented. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership five hundred and forty-four; gain fifty-eight. Receipts \$1,795.

The grand secretary presents a detailed statement of his stewardship. Bro. Diehl is proud of the grand lodge having attained its majority; of the beautiful jewels procured for its grand representatives; of the increase in membership during the year, the largest reported since the organization; of the \$1,587.25 expended in the past twelve months by the subordinate lodges for charitable purposes; above all of the good and true brethren of Utah who are ever ready to sustain his efforts in any worthy enterprise. Who can blame him?

The following extract is based upon ripe experience in the south-east:

The secretary is the business manager of the lodge, and he must conduct the business on business principles. In many respects the welfare of the lodge depends more upon the secretary than upon the master. Show me a live, industrious secretary, one who has the business of the lodge in his head, who has the interest of the lodge in his heart, who collects the dues promptly, and I will show you a live and prosperous lodge.

As grand librarian he makes his last report upon the public department, the miscellaneous books having been turned over to the new association organized for that purpose. The masonic department is piled up in a dark corner for want of room, much to his regret. However the brethren have organized another association, purchased a corner lot, and propose to build an

elegant temple, in which the grand secretary and the grand lodge library will have ample accommodations. He adds, "it cannot come too soon."

Masonic intercourse was forbidden with the spurious grand lodge in Ohio.

The grand master was requested to appoint six delegates to the fraternal congress at Chicago.

A new standing resolution was adopted giving mileage to the masters and wardens in attendance, at the rate of ten cents each way.

According to custom the retiring grand master was fraternally requested to present his framed portrait to be placed upon the walls with those of his predecessors.

An amendment was proposed to the constitution reducing the fee for each degree to fifty cents and the annual dues to \$2.50.

The grand secretary presented the report on correspondence, his seventeenth annual, a fraternal review of Minnesota included. We take therefrom the following:

The pamphlet containing the proceedings of this grand lodge is adorned with phototypes of the retiring grand master, J. A. Kiester, and of M. W. C. W. Nash, grand master from 1866 to 1871. Both are fine looking gentlemen.

At the last session of the grand lodge the trustees of the library were instructed to purchase from Mrs. A. T. C. Pierson the library of her late husband, but her noble character made her decline any amount. She donated the whole library, consisting of about four hundred volumes, to the grand lodge, without any compensation, and requested that it be accepted as a gift. Mrs. Pierson is a true woman in the fullest meaning of the word. We met her once in this city, and never have forgotten her noble-looking face and the kindness of her heart.

In bidding Bro. Irving Todd last year *au revoir* we expressed the hope to meet him again, and here he is with a carefully prepared and thoughtfully written report on correspondence of one hundred and thirty-four pages. He reviews the proceedings of fifty-four grand lodges, Utah for 1890 being one of the circle, to which he devoted three pages, noticing our doings most handsomely. From Grand Master Heywood's address the opening paragraph is quoted, and several from our own reports. We have already a sideboard, Bro. Todd, in fact always had it since we commenced married life, now over thirty years ago, and if you ever call on us you shall taste some of its contents. Bro. Pierson did, and so did a good many other distinguished masons.

Just give us a trial for once. We will make it pleasant for you and try to convince you that we have not lived under the shadow of the temple for twenty-five years without becoming in a small way a little prophet. If you can't come to Zion, let us meet in Denver next year. Good-night.

One of the chiefest regrets connected with our visit to the coast last spring was the inability to accept this most generous invitation. We went all around you, Bro. Diehl, but not within hailing distance.

M. : W. : W. N. Shilling, Ogden, Grand Master; R. : W. : Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

VERMONT, 1892.

Special communications were held to attend the funeral of Bro. H. H. Smith, past grand master, and dedicate lodge halls.

The ninety-ninth annual communication was held at Burlington, June 15th and 16th, M. : W. : D. M. Bacon, Grand Master. Eighty-eight lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership eight thousand, nine hundred, and seventy-six; gain three hundred and eighteen. Receipts \$3,060.60.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. It is not the privilege of a secular lodge to lay corner stones. The ceremony is entirely within the province of the grand lodge under the authority of the grand master or his representative.

9. If it should be learned that a petitioner for the degrees of masonry was not of lawful age when he signed the petition it would be improper to submit it to a ballot, even if the petitioner had arrived at majority before the ballot would naturally be taken.

The grand master reported that he had refused dispensations to re-open a ballot which had resulted adversely three times in one evening though not declared by the master, to authorize a past master to preside at the annual meeting of a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens, and to receive the petition of a rejected candidate within the year.

A boat ride was tendered by the local board of life underwriters, who undoubtedly had an eye to business.

Bro. H. C. Taylor, Grand Master of Maine, was among the visitors and received with the grand honors.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

A standing resolution was adopted conferring upon the district deputy grand masters the title of right worshipful, and designating their stations in grand lodge as on the left of the deputy grand master in the east. An appropriation of \$100 was also made to purchase their jewels and aprons.

A new monitor was ordered to be printed.

The proceedings of a very interesting meeting of the district deputy grand masters was appended, together with the speeches and reports.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by Bro. M. O. Perkins, whose pleasing countenance faces the title page. From the fraternal review of Minnesota the following is taken:

The report on correspondence is an excellent summary of the doings of fifty-five grand lodges, and is again submitted by W. Bro. Irving Todd, who calls us M. C., an affront more than atoned for by his courteous notice of Vermont for 1891.

Our proof reading last year, particularly the concluding portion, was under rather adverse circumstances, which accounts for several blunders, and for which we are ready to be forgiven.

M. : W. : D. M. Bacon, St. Johnsbury Center, Grand Master, and R. : W. : W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1891.

The one hundred and fourteenth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 15th, 16th, and 17th, M. : W. : J. H. Wayt, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-two lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-eight on the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

Seven dispensations issued for new lodges; one lodge revived; one charter surrendered. Membership ten thousand, five hundred, and seventy-four. Receipts \$5,571.98.

The grand master notes the presentation to Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, by a Massachusetts brother, of a gavel made from the elm at Cambridge under which George Washington took command of the continental armies. This lodge is the one over which he presided as master.

The board of trustees submitted a report of proceedings connected with the new temple, then nearing completion, from which we reproduce the following unique advertisement:

The stores upon the first floor have been for some months in the occupancy of tenants, Messrs. Woodward & Lothrop, at an annual rental of \$4,000. and their shelves are filled with a large and handsome stock of goods of every variety, second to that of few, if any, mercantile houses in the south.

This being top of column next reading matter should be charged at least twenty-five per cent above regular rates.

The following puff is sandwiched among pure reading matter, on a succeeding page, consequently worth double rates, by the line, actual count:

The ornamental ceiling in the store and basement, and other improvements in connection therewith, were made by Messrs. Woodward & Lothrop, at their own cost of about \$6,000; other improvements to the store have been made by Messrs. Woodward & Lothrop, which will increase the cost to them several thousand dollars more. These gentlemen are brother masons, and propose to maintain a first class establishment in all the lines they represent. We trust they will receive from the fraternity such patronage as their enterprise and liberality justly entitle them to.

These old, conservative grand lodges certainly have very queer methods of doing things; next year the enterprising firm may strike the board or building committee for the inside of cover, facing title page.

We remember reading of an inscription upon a French tombstone, which ended with "the disconsolate widow will continue the business at the old stand, your patronage respectfully solicited," or words to that effect: There's nothing like advertising, brethren, but this is rough upon the newspapers.

The temple had cost up to that date, including lot, \$157,419.57, and by pushing the work vigorously the grand lodge room and gallery, the grand secretary's rooms, and the grand banquet rooms were so far completed that the grand lodge was enabled to occupy them during the session. We congratulate the craft of Virginia upon their commodious quarters, fitted up with all the modern improvements.

The report of the grand treasurer gives a detailed account of the receipts as well as the disbursements, from which it is inferred that all payments are made directly to that officer. The grand secretary prints no report; his time being fully occupied in editing the two hundred pages more or less of mere names.

The committee on propositions reported in favor of amending the Methodical Digest so that the petition for a new lodge must be presented by all and recommended by a majority of the lodges having concurrent jurisdiction; against dual membership; against placing the sick and needy members and the widows and orphans in the care of lodge chaplains; against fixing the minimum lodge dues at \$3 per annum; and against requiring the treasurer to report his cash receipts to the secretary and the latter to take account of the same. The report was adopted.

The following rulings were reported by the committee on masonic jurisprudence, and adopted:

1. A mason suspended for the non-payment of dues can be restored to the rights and benefits of masonry only by the lodge which suspended him, and only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote is taken, and until such vote is taken he is a suspended mason.

2. If so restored to the rights and benefits of masonry he can become a member of a lodge only by a unanimous vote of the members of the lodge to which he makes application for membership, and if he be not so elected to membership he remains a non-affiliate.

As the girl said to her beau on Sunday night, "the longest way round is the surest way home."

Another amendment to the Methodical Digest was recommended by the same committee, that if the accused be the master or past master of a lodge the district deputy grand master shall appoint a committee of masters or past masters to try the case. It was adopted.

The committee on dispensations and charters reported in favor of granting charters to eight of the lodges under dispensation, and numbering them 74, 97, 107, 160, 199, 207, 236, and 242. The old lodges submitted to thus being summarily outranked by others of a single year's standing; they are probably used to it.

Would that Bro. Drinkard were on the war path again as of old; his views upon some of the matters referred to above would prove spicy reading.

The committee on doings of grand officers were so delighted with the flattering reports of the district deputy grand masters that they were tempted to print the twenty-six pages over again to give the more prominence to the important and interesting facts stated and emphasize the valuable suggestions made by these officers. Had they done so it would not have been at all surprising, as the special committee on the address of the most worshipful grand master required two pages to warm over that document, reminding one of a pro grand master's adulations of the dignitary upon the throne.

A new edition of the text book and also of the work and burial service was ordered published.

Interesting reports of the year's work of the masonic home were submitted; there are eight boy inmates, the expense being \$3,179.77. A circular in its behalf was subsequently issued by the grand master.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

An interesting historical sketch of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, read at its centennial in 1889, with an appropriate ode, are given as an appendix. At its first meeting, Dec. 10th, 1789, Benjamin Harrison, presumably the father of Old Tippecanoe, was initiated, with six others, and passed and raised at the second, a week later. The time qualification was not then a landmark, for no dispensation is noted. Up to this meeting the master and wardens appear to have been its only members.

M. W. Henry Pleasants, Hollins, Grand Master; R. W. W. B. Isaacs, Richmond, reelected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1892.

The thirty fifth annual communication was held at Spokane, June 14th, 15th, and 16th, M. W. Thomas Amos, Grand Master. Seventy lodges represented; seventy-two on the roll. Nine past grand masters present, our representative included.

Ten dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand and ninety-one; gain six hundred and seventy-two. Receipts \$8,989.50.

A brother from Honolulu having petitioned one of their lodges for affiliation, his papers were submitted to the grand master for inspection and approval. He reported as follows:

It occurred to me that the brother's credentials were not sufficient; but, after careful inquiry and correspondence with admitted authorities in this and other jurisdictions, I found that the Supreme Council of France, A. & A. S. R., is a legitimate body, and is in no manner connected with the Grand Orient of France, which latter body we do not recognize as legitimate. I find that the late king of Hawaii was a member of the lodge mentioned, and that any one hailing from the supreme council, or from any of its subordinates, is entitled to recognition.

Under the head of numbering lodges we take the following:

Resolutions have been presented to me in the nature of a grievance concerning the numbering of Oriental Lodge No. 33. It is claimed that in giving Oriental Lodge the number thirty-three an injustice was done other lodges, and the spirit, if not the letter, of our law violated. It will be remembered that at our last communication Oriental Lodge was granted a charter and upon the request of its members, and no good reason appearing why it should not be done, it was given the number of thirty-three, the number of the late Jamestown Lodge, of Sitka, Alaska. When my permission was asked for this action on the part of the right worshipful grand secretary, I could see no good reason why the request should not be granted, nor do I now know of any, other than those of a purely sentimental nature. However, that the matter may be properly considered by you, and that a wrong, if any exists, be righted, I submit to you all papers in my hands pertaining to the subject, and ask that it receive the attention due it.

This brought out the following report from the committee on jurisprudence, which was adopted:

That the right worshipful grand secretary be requested to place the lodges chartered at the last session of this grand lodge upon its rolls,

with numbers corresponding in priority to the dates of their dispensations, as was required by the report of the committee on charters and new lodges, adopted at the last session of this grand body.

Oriental Lodge accordingly was relegated back to seventy-four, where it rightfully belonged. Masonic rank is not a sentiment, neither should the honorable priority of lodge or individual be infringed upon.

Cerneau masonry is thus referred to:

It coming to my notice that one C F. Briggs and others were engaged in our state selling the so-called cerneau degrees, I, in order to avert threatened discord, addressed the following communication to the various subordinate lodges: * * * I am pleased to say that this warning was accepted in good part. I believe that no further progress has been made in extending this much questioned order. The ill feeling attending its attempted lodgment in other jurisdictions was happily averted.

Believing that this matter has nothing to do with ancient craft masonry, I do not deem it expedient that any action be taken by the grand lodge.

The following were among the approved decisions:

7. Can a lodge remit the fee for initiation to a candidate who is too poor to pay? No.

9. Can a manager of a hotel, he having in the hotel a bar where liquors are sold, receive the degrees of masonry? No.

The grand master recommended that the section in their by-laws requiring a master elect to receive the degree of past master before installation be repealed, the committee on jurisprudence concurred, and their report was adopted. His argument for dispensing with the time-honored ceremony of passing the chair is not a strong one. He says:

I have known instances in this state where masters have served their time out without having received this degree. Again, we are in a new state; lodges are formed on the frontiers where it is a matter of impossibility to confer this degree without great delay and expense. There is no reason why the growth and active work of our order should any longer be harassed by this useless appendage. No reason can be urged for its continuance; therefore, let us abolish it.

If it's so much trouble why install at all? The master might take the chair in "our order" on the frontier as he would if called upon to preside at a ward caucus.

The grand secretary calls attention to the following item of history:

On the 8th day of December next thirty-four years will have passed since the Grand Lodge of Washington was organized, and since your grand secretary first assumed duty in this relation. What changes time has wrought during that period. Only one of the elected and installed officers of that first assembly of grand lodge is now among the living

Bro. E. H. Van Patten, grand orator, delivered an oration so far above the average that we have read it through. He was complimented by a re-appointment.

Among the new legislation was a recommendation that hereafter no lodge shall be named after a living person; repealing the section of the by-laws exempting honorary members from payment of dues; remitting grand lodge dues of members excused by lodges through inability; that territorial jurisdiction must be determined on the air line plan; that no rule of masonic propriety requires the uncovering of the head at open air funerals except when the blessing of deity is invoked; reducing the mileage from four cents each way to actual traveling expenses.

A new and revised edition of the Monitor was ordered, and \$400 appropriated to pay for the printing.

The senior warden of one of the local lodges having died during the session, the funeral was conducted by the grand lodge.

The grand secretary was prevented by illness caused by overwork from completing his correspondence, but by the assistance of Bro. Louis Ziegler submitted a partial report. Minnesota is briefly reviewed by the latter, who says:

The address of Grand Master Barto is a sensible paper; it is business-like and straightforward to the point; is devoted wholly to local matters and of interest to the craft in his charge.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Irving Todd; it covers ninety-six pages, and is well written. He shows industry by his liberal extracts from other reports.

M. : W. : A. A. Plummer, Port Townsend, Grand Master;
R. : W. : T. M. Reed, Olympia, reelected Grand Secretary, and is chairman of the committee on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1891.

A portrait and biography of M. : W. : L. N. Tavenner, Grand Master, is given as a frontispiece. He passed from the north-east corner of his lodge to the grand east in eight years, an unusually rapid record.

Several special communications were held for masonic purposes, and a lodge of sorrow for Bro. George Baird and Bro. C. H. Collier, past grand masters.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Martinsburg, Nov. 10th and 11th, M. : W. : J. M. Hamilton, Grand Master. Eighty-five lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent. Only evening sessions were held.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership four thousand, five hundred, and twenty-eight; gain four hundred and seventeen. Receipts \$3,475.25.

The following were among the approved decisions:

3. The masonic authorities of this grand jurisdiction must give the same interpretation and effect to the local laws and regulations of a sister jurisdiction as are given to them by the highest judicial authority of that jurisdiction.

8. It is not absolutely necessary that a candidate raised to the degree of master mason sign the by-laws of the raising lodge to entitle him to membership therein, as it is sufficient if any other act be done evincing his determination to join the lodge; but, while not actually necessary, it is nevertheless advisable for him to sign the by-laws, as this course fills both the law and the ritual as taught by our grand lecturer.

9. Upon an application for affiliation the physical condition of the applicant addresses itself to the members of the lodge as a matter of expediency, rather than to the master as a question of masonic law.

15. A master mason in good standing is presumed to have knowledge of all business that appears by the records of a lodge to have been transacted at a stated communication thereof.

19. The geographical jurisdiction of a grand lodge cannot be waived by one of its subordinate lodges.

30. The payment of dues is a masonic duty; and while a lodge, under certain circumstances, may remit dues already accrued against a particular member, either in whole or in part, it cannot by order or resolution provide that no dues shall accrue against him in the future. Such singular preferment would destroy the equality which should exist

among all members of a lodge. Besides, the circumstances of the member might change, and it be highly improper for him to be exempt from the payment of dues, or relieved from discipline for his failure or refusal to do so.

Decision eight is subject to the criticism that the practice should conform to the law and ritual; if they require the signing of the by-laws as a prerequisite to membership it is not a question of advisability; if they do not the teaching of the grand lecturer needs revision.

Decision nine was modified by the jurisprudence committee, it rightly holding that:

No matter how maimed and crippled in body or how infirm in health a brother mason may become, his physical condition constitutes no bar to his membership in a lodge.

The following decision based upon a curious state of facts was very properly dissented to by the committee:

1. A non-affiliated master mason residing in the jurisdiction of Ohio petitions a subordinate lodge of that state for *initiation*, and is rejected. Held that he thereby waived his rights as a non-affiliated mason, and voluntarily placed himself under the perpetual jurisdiction of Ohio.

The brother most likely was supplied with the wrong blank, and inadvertently filled it out; a rejection under such circumstances would obviously be null and void.

The grand secretary is "persuaded that the past has probably been the most prosperous year the *order* has ever known in West Virginia," which is a pleasure to note, although we don't like the altogether too common allusion to our fraternity as a mere decoration.

The grand secretary was directed in future to print and distribute the proceedings within sixty days, a step in the right direction; thirty should be sufficient time to issue any pamphlet which comes to our table and mail it to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A banquet was served by the local brethren in the Opera House, more than three hundred participating. The grand secretary, in a foot note, sums it up as the most extensive of the kind he ever saw before, and as he is an ex-congressman no one will dispute the statement.

Following the proceedings proper are portraits of Bro. C. J. Faulkner and Bro. W. G. Bennett, past grand masters and fine-looking men.

The report on foreign correspondence is the handiwork of the grand secretary, and from his courteous write-up of Minnesota the following paragraphs are taken:

Phototypes of C. W. Nash, grand master from 1866 to 1871, and J. A. Kiester, grand master in 1889 and 1890, embellish the proceedings. They are both handsome, intelligent-looking old gentlemen.

The grand master's annual address (1891) is far above the average paper of that kind.

Bro. Irving Todd presented a very readable report on foreign correspondence. It is not long, but it is full of marrow. He devotes two and a half pages to a review of West Virginia's doings for 1889. Our good brother somehow is about a year behind.

Oh, no, Bro. Atkinson, right on time; your proceedings must be received before the first of January to find a place in the next year's report. The pamphlet referred to did not come to hand until the fall of 1890; we make no pretensions to mind reading.

M. W. L. N. Tavenner, Parkersburg, Grand Master; R. W. G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, reelected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1892.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 14th, 15th, and 16th, M. W. N. M. Littlejohn, Grand Master. Two hundred and three lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-two on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership fourteen thousand, four hundred, and ninety-eight; gain five hundred and ninety-nine. Receipts \$3,907.35.

Proposed amendments to the constitution providing that permanent members should not receive per diem and mileage; limit-

ing lodge representation to the masters or their proxies; and making the grand master or the deputy grand master ineligible for reëlection were very sensibly not adopted.

An appropriate jewel was voted to each of the past grand masters who have not already received one.

A brother was elected deputy grand master, but being the present master of his lodge was held to be ineligible. This is not the law in Minnesota, but the requirement is a sound one.

Bro. Duncan McGregor was unable to be present owing to illness in his family, but sent in a very readable though brief report on correspondence. Our proceedings do not appear to have reached him.

M. : W. : Fred Ring, La Crosse, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. W. : Laffin, Milwaukee, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Duncan McGregor, Platteville, committee on correspondence.

WYOMING, 1891.

The seventeenth annual communication was held at Rawlins, Dec. 1st and 2d, M. : W. : E. A. Abry, Grand Master. Nine lodges represented; twelve on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership seven hundred and eight; gain fifty-eight. Receipts \$911.

Among the approved decisions were rulings that a lodge could not admit a mason holding a dimit from a lodge in Ontario, Canada, and that lodges could not confer the degrees of masonry upon a minister of the gospel without charge. The grand master explains the first by referring to a standing resolution forbidding intercourse with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario; did it occur to him that there are over twenty-one thousand legitimate master masons in that province? The second requires no argument.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws requiring charges to be preferred against any brother engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors was lost.

A committee on official work was appointed, to report next year.

Six delegates were appointed to the fraternal congress in Chicago.

A good report on correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, Minnesota not included.

M. W. P. L. Smith, Rawlins, Grand Master; R. W. W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reelected Grand Secretary, and re-appointed chairman of the committee on correspondence.

Fraternally submitted.

IRVING TODD,

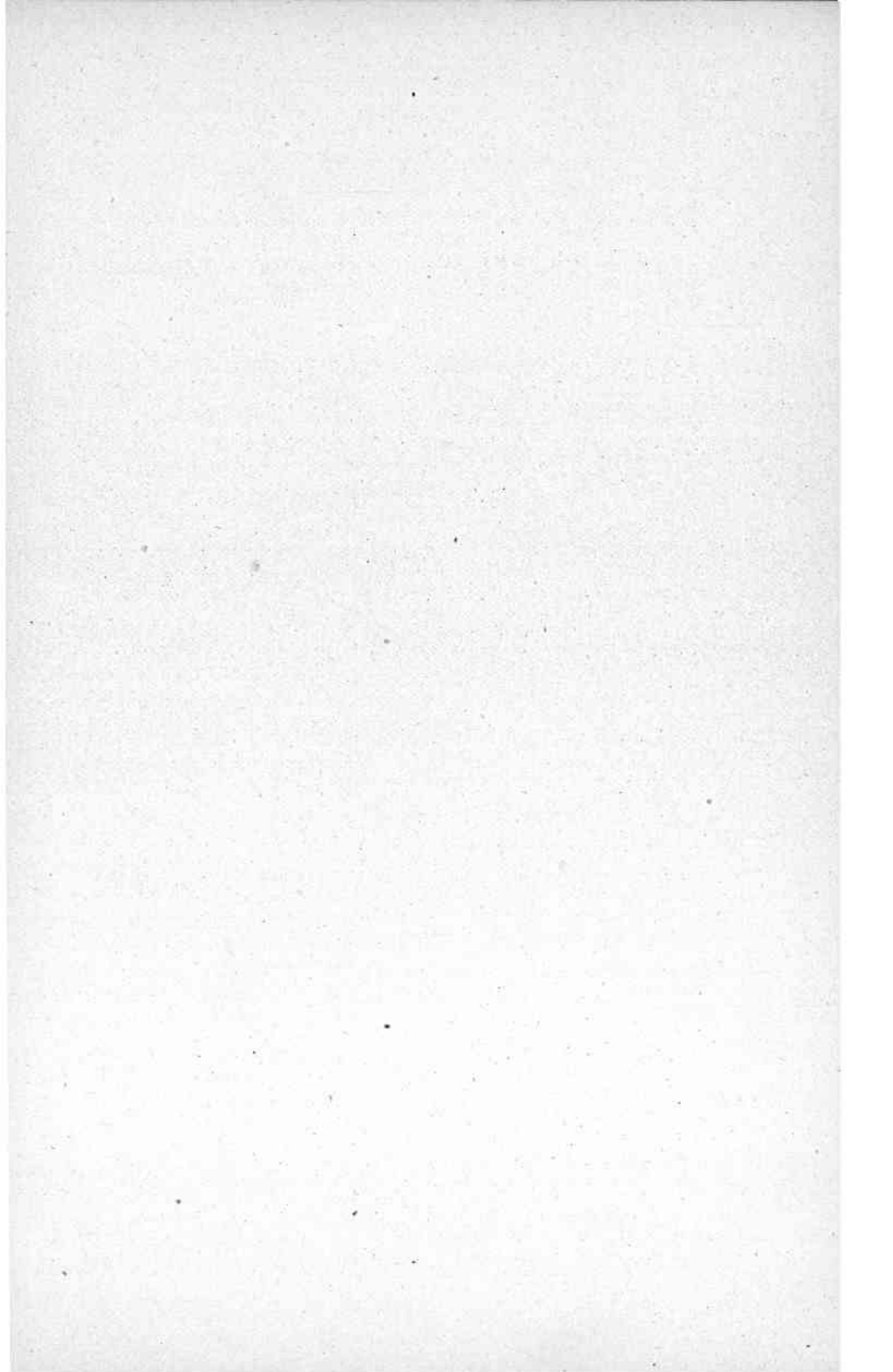
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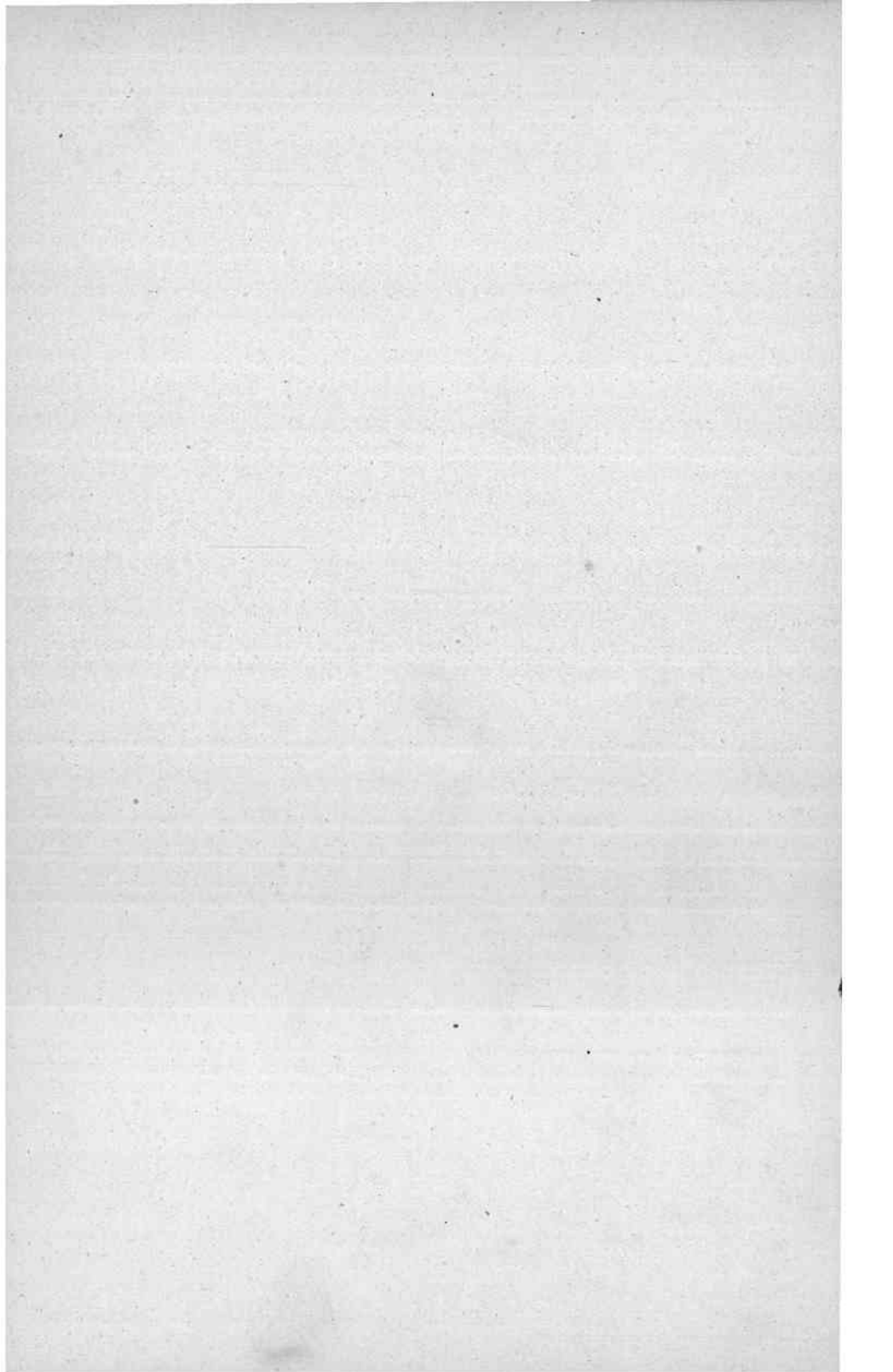
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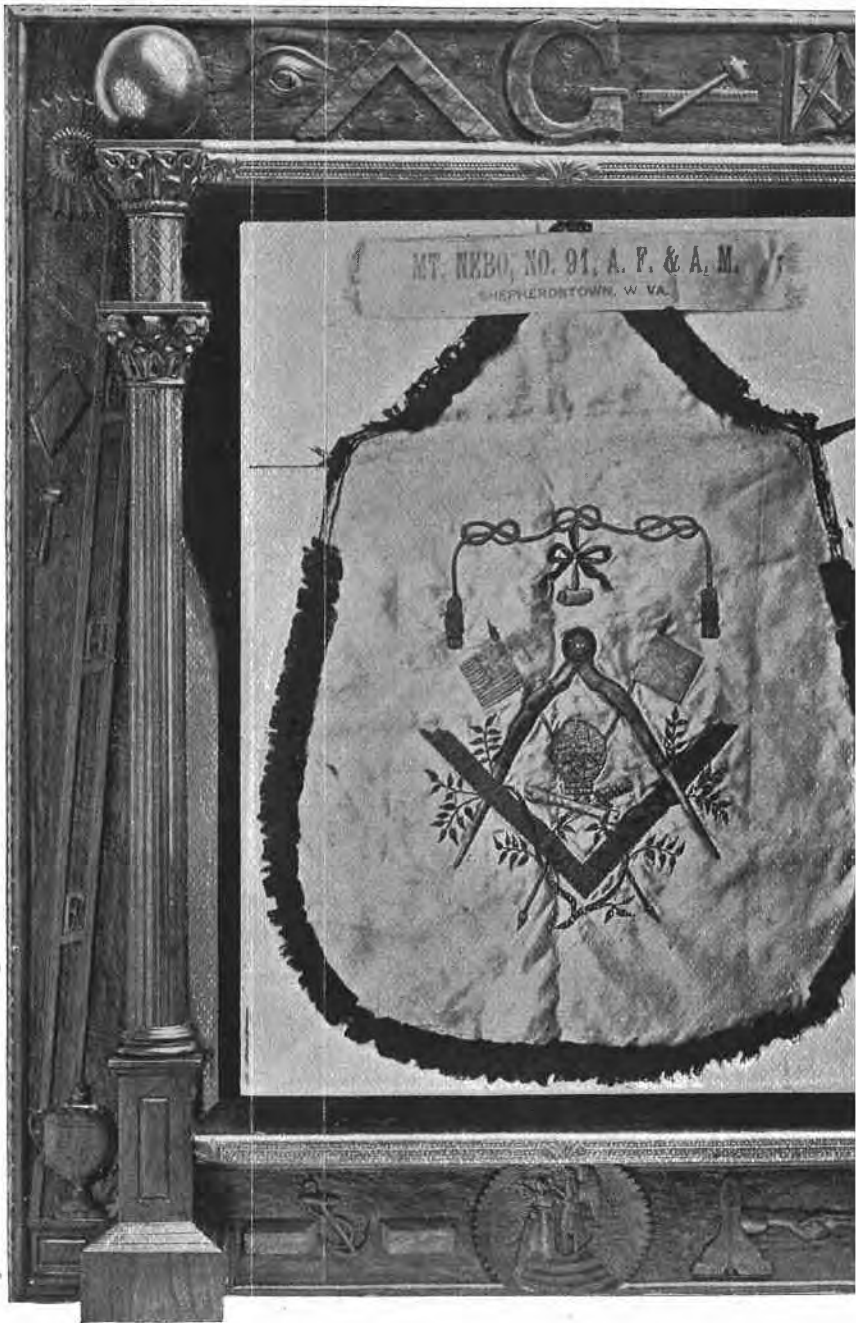
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