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# Grand . Lodge . of . Maine.

~ 1912 ~

## Ninety-Third Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 7, 1912. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, at nine in the morning.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ASHLEY A. SMITH,	M. W. Grand Master;
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master;
FRANK E. MONROE,	" Senior Grand Warden;
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Junior Grand Warden;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" Grand Treasurer;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" " Secretary;
HERBERT HARRIS,	" Cor. Grand Secretary;
Rev. WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	W. Grand Chaplain;
Rev. JOHN M. BEILER,	" " "
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" " Marshal;
SILAS B. ADAMS,	" " Senior Deacon;
ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	" " Junior Deacon;
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" " Steward;
JAMES R. TALBOT,	" " "
WILMER J. DORMAN,	" " "
WILLIAM D. PATTERSON,	" " "
L. ALBERT GARDNER,	" " Sword Bearer;
LESLIE D. AMES,	" " Stand. Bearer;
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant;
FRED C. CHALMERS,	" " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	M. W. " Lecturer;
WALTER H. SMITH,	W. " Organist;
WARREN O. CARNEY,	" " Tyler.

Also 266 delegates, representing 195 of the 203 chartered lodges, 9 of the 11 living Past Grand Masters, with other permanent members and visiting brethren, including 47 of the 58 representatives of other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Brother WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. EDWIN A. PORTER,

*Voted*, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET,

*Voted*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. EDWIN A. PORTER,

*Voted*, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted :

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.  
*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Transportation arranged with all railway and steamship lines, excepting with the Boston and Maine Railroad, which

requires a guaranty of 100 tickets, and notice was given to the lodges and members.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*  
JAMES E. PARSONS,

EXCUSE.

The following letter was presented and ordered on record :

BAR HARBOR, May 6, 1912.

*To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.*

For the first time in twenty-two years I am deprived of the, to me, inestimable privilege and pleasure of attendance upon the annual session of this Grand Body.

And while at this time the "spirit is willing" even eager as of yore, yet through physical limitations, the flesh is weak, which explains my absence at this meeting.

Brethren, I can say in all sincerity that in the twenty-eight years that have elapsed since I was, masonically speaking, brought from darkness to light, nothing has filled a larger place in my heart and life than the interests of our beloved Order, together with the lasting friendships and never-to-be-forgotten associations that have been mine by reason of the annual meetings with the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

I have therefore felt constrained to send to you this word of greeting and to express the sense of personal loss that I feel at missing, not only the familiar faces and greetings of former years, but the additional pleasure of inspecting the new Masonic Temple and witnessing its dedication.

Wishing you a most successful and harmonious meeting, with the assurance that though absent in the flesh, I shall be with you in spirit, I am,

Fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

The Grand Master appointed the following :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Doings of the Grand Officers.*

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

*On the Pay Roll.*

THOMAS H. BODGE, FRED C. CHALMERS, CLIFFORD J. PATTEE.

*On Unfinished Business.*

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

## CREDENTIALS.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, {  
 MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1912. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Edward H. Sargent, M; George W. Mitchell, SW; George F. Gould, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by H. Elbridge Moan, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by D. Edgar Badger, M; William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by George E. Dixon, M; Charles R. Getchell, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Charles C. Pullen, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Thomas Donaghy, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Samuel L. Forsaith, M; Joseph S. Stetson, SW; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 ———SACO, not represented.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Joel H. Curtis, JW; Charles E. Collamore, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by James W. Eastman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Frank H. Gray, M; Walter W. White, SW.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by J. Henry Halkett, M; George W. Barber, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Victor H. Paquet, M.
- 15 ORIENT, by Elmer R. Bumps, M; Horatio G. Copeland, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Nelson E. Moore, SW; J. Morris Studley, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Harry S. Boyd, M; Joseph B. Reed, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Fred S. Blodgett, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Fred G. Paine, M; Henry E. Knapp, JW; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur E. Grose, SW; Charles L. Day, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Walter H. Hobbs, M; William H. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Sumner G. Brewer, JW; Roscoe J. Dwyer, Proxy.
- 24 PHENIX, by William H. Hall, M; David L. Wilson, SW; William C. Libbey, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by L. Elwood Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Edw. L. White, Proxy.



- 27 ADONIRAM, by Guy A. Brackett, M.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Samuel S. Gould, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by John S. P. H. Wilson, M.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Leverna L. Niles, M; Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph L. Williams, SW.
- 32 HERMON, by Edward L. Jenks, M; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Harold L. Pepper, M; Charles B. Davis, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, M; William T. Seekins, SW.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by George A. Coombs, M; Thomas H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Sumner P. Drinkwater, M; John W. Coleman, JW; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Thomas G. Mitchell, M; Irving W. Case, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Edgar F. Carswell, M; Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Edw. H. Witham, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Chester E. Norris, SW.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by W. Leslie Maloon, M; J. Garfield Hamilton, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Lewis J. Frye, M.
- 43 ALNA, by Gerald A. Stetson, JW.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles S. Horne, M; Charles M. Farrar, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Willis R. Ward, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by George A. W. Leeman, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Frank E. Parker, M.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Lewis W. Merrow, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Lewman B. Soper, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Clarence A. Packard, M; Edw. K. Gould, SW; Alfred L. Carleton, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Clarence P. Lord, SW; Joseph W. Beverly, JW; Charles M. Sleeper, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Eugene W. Crocker, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Adelbert H. Bailey, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Thomas M. Sedwick, SW.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Henry F. Cummings, M.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Perley H. McKusick, M.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Leon M. Small, M.
- 58 UNITY, by Albert R. Murch, SW.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Henry F. Fitzgerald, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Thomas F. Sproul, Proxy.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Joseph E. Thomas, M; Leslie D. Ames, Proxy.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Sidney M. Gray, M.
- 64 PACIFIC, by Charles F. D. Marsh, M.

- 65 MYSTIC, by Arthur M. Baker, JW.
- 66 MECHANIC'S, by Leon Elmer Woodman, SW.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by John W. Russell, M.
- 68 MARINERS', by Clifton Whittum, Proxy.
- 69 HOWARD, by Newell F. Perry, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Dana D. Higgins, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Enoch W. Harriman, Proxy.
- 72 PIONEER, by Charles E. Duren, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Jesse M. Libby, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Norris A. Miller, M ; Charles F. Russell, Proxy.
- 75 ———PLYMOUTH, not represented.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by William W. Morrell, M ; George N. Stevens, SW.
- 77 TREMONT, by Henry L. Gray, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Alvra W. Leighton, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Orel E. Davies, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by John A. Tuscan, M ; Daniel S. York, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Howard B. Chandler, M ; Fanning J. Burbank, SW ;  
William S. Dresser, JW ; Albert E. Cornish, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Carleton W. Steward, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Harold H. Hodge, JW.
- 84 EUREKA, by Thomas F. Hart, Proxy.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Elihu D. Chase, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Theodore E. Melone, SW.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Phineas B. Guptill, M.
- 89 ISLAND, by Leslie E. Smith, SW.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Albert S. Allan, M.
- 92 SILOAM, by Eugene C. Herring, M.
- 93 HOREB, by Daniel W. Ballantyne, Proxy.
- 94 PARIS, by Charles E. McArdle, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by George M. Lancey, Proxy.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Roland E. Clark, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Clarence W. Hall, M.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Fred R. Bailey, M.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Hiram A. Comstock, SW ; J. Frank Ham-  
mond, Proxy.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Carl C. Dudley, M.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by William B. Bradford, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by James F. Jewell, M.
- 103 DRESDEN, by Ernest C. Palmer, SW ; Charles H. McDaniel, JW.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Eugene C. Rowe, Proxy.

- 105 ASHLAR, by George R. Hall, M ; Phillip E. Coombs, JW.
- 106 TUSCAN, by William C. Irons, M.
- 107 ———DAY SPRING, not represented.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, M.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by John M. Prescott, Proxy.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William S. Davidson, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Fred H. Leach, M ; James H. Witherell, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Roy J. Buxton, M ; John W. Ballou, Proxy.
- 115 BUXTON, by Oscar D. Rand, Proxy.
- 116 LEBANON, by Almon H. Blaisdell, M ; Harold G. Bruce, SW.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Francis A. Norton, M ; Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Frank P. Spencer, M ; Samuel M. Boothby, JW ;  
Peleg W. Benton, Proxy.
- 119 POWNAL, by Alvah C. Treat, SW.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ACACIA, by Alzo S. Merrow, M.
- 122 MARINE, by Emery W. Pickering, M ; Herman W. Small, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by William W. Norcross, SW.
- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Frank D. Weymouth, M.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Carl S. Coffin, SW.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Ralph Hayford, SW.
- 127 ———PRESUMPSHOT, not represented.
- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Theodore A. Smith, Proxy.
- 129 ———QUANTABACOOK, not represented.
- 130 TRINITY, by Harry B. Holmes, M.
- 131 LOOKOUT, by CHARLES E. SMITH, M.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by George H. Rice, M.
- 133 ASYLUM, by Luther M. Norris, SW ; Charles W. Crosby, Proxy.
- 134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
- 135 RIVERSIDE, by Luther J. Kennedy, M.
- 136 IONIC—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
- 137 KENDUSKEAG, by John H. Everett, Proxy.
- 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Theodore Morrison, Proxy.
- 139 ARCHON, by Stephen Mudgett, Proxy.
- 140 MOUNT DESERT, by Charles G. Bordeaux, M.
- 141 AUGUSTA, by Albert E. Folsom, M ; Winfred A. Jackson, Proxy.
- 142 OCEAN, by Isaac H. Storer, M ; Charles H. West, Proxy.
- 143 PREBLE, by Samuel J. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 144 SEASIDE, by Russell V. Matthews, M ; Waldo S. Boyd, JW.
- 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Leon W. Sanborn, M.
- 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Roger F. Stinchfield, Proxy.

- 147 EVENING STAR, by Percy M. Andrews, Proxy.
- 148 FOREST, by Oliver B. Abbott, M.
- 149 DORIC, by Albert F. Jackson, M.
- 150 RABONI, by John L. Reade, M.
- 151 EXCELSIOR, by Martin G. Black, Proxy.
- 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Fred L. Pottle, M; Lewis W. Weston, Proxy.
- 153 DELTA, by Ernest S. Hatch, M.
- 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Albert M. Child, Proxy.
- 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Asbury M. Blake, M.
- 156 WILTON, by Walter D. Bean, SW.
- 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Henry L. Watson, M.
- 158 ANCHOR, by Fred W. Seavey, M.
- 159 ESOTERIC—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40. Jan. 11. 1908.*
- 160 PARIAN, by Robert S. Knowles, M.
- 161 CARRABASSETT, by Elwood E. Richardson, M.
- 162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Erwin G. Ryder, M.
- 164 WEBSTER, by A. Linn Bangs, Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by George L. Daggett, JW.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Charles W. Crowell, M.
- 167 WHITNEY, by John Alton Tyler, M; Arthur M. Packard, JW; John N. Foye, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Angus D. McLeod, M; Orman C. Ames, Proxy.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Almon F. Johnson, SW.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Joseph W. H. Porter, M.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Owen L. Flye, Proxy.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Warren S. Coombs, SW.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Arnold Leighton, M.
- 174 LYNDE, by Emery L. Leathers, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 ————RISING STAR, not represented.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Isaac Goddard, Proxy.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Leslie L. Brackett, M; Brainerd S. Drake, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by David E. Moulton, SW; William H. Ohler, Jr., Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Samuel Estes, M.
- 183 DEERING, by Silas E. Strout, M; Joseph H. Ewing, SW; Nathan C. Redlon, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by Frank E. Robbins, Proxy.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Clarence E. Dow, M; Oscar D. Wentworth, JW; Edgar J. Trussell, Proxy.

- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Lemuel G. Babb, Proxy.  
 187 IRA BERRY, by Forrest B. Snow, M; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.  
 188 JONESPORT, by John R. Chesterton, JW.  
 189 KNOX, by Winfield S. Clarke, M.  
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.  
 191 DAVIS, by Philip D. Stubbs, M.  
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by B. Frank Sumner, M.  
 193 WASHBURN, by Frank Gould, M.  
 194 EUCLID, by Edgar W. Hamilton, M.  
 195 RELIANCE, by Marshall E. Salls, JW.  
 196 BAY VIEW, by Horace S. Dodge, Proxy.  
 197 AROOSTOOK, by John M. Ramsey, Proxy.  
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Charles L. Bowden, Proxy.  
 199 BINGHAM, by FRANK W. HILTON, M.  
 200 COLUMBIA, by Ralph P. Brown, M; Eugene W. Vaughan, SW.  
 201 DAVID A. HOOVER, by Robert Abel, M; Edwin F. Clapham,  
     Proxy.  
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Maurice E. Sampson, SW.  
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Benjamin K. Ware, M.  
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Lester L. Mitchell, M.  
 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.  
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by John J. Marr, M; Frank L. Mooney, Proxy.  
 207 ABNER WADE, by Percy H. Russell, SW.  
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by Ernest C. Ober, SW.  
 209 ———FORT KENT, not represented.  
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, M.  
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Eugene H. Brown, M; Frank A. Geyer, SW.  
 212 MCKINLEY, by Frank L. Manchester, M.

Chartered lodges 203; represented 195; delegates 266.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	-	-	-	"

R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	- - - - -	P. S. G. W.
" DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	- - - - -	"
" HERBERT HARRIS,	- - - - -	"
" ALBERT M. PENLEY,	- - - - -	"
" JAMES E. PARSONS,	- - - - -	"
" EDWIN A. PORTER,	- - - - -	"
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	- - - - -	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	- - - - -	"
" WILLIAM N. HOWE,	- - - - -	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	- - - - -	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	- - - - -	"
" JOHN W. BALLOU,	- - - - -	P. J. G. W.
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	- - - - -	"
" AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	- - - - -	"
" BENJAMIN AMES,	- - - - -	"
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	- - - - -	"
" WM. FREEMAN LORD,	- - - - -	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	- - - - -	"
" MOSES TAIT,	- - - - -	"
" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	- - - - -	"
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	- - - - -	"
" FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	- - - - -	"
" JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	- - - - -	"
" ADELBERT MILLETT,	- - - - -	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	- - - - -	"
" EDWARD G. WESTON,	- - - - -	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	- - - - -	"
" GEORGE W. HOLMES,	- - - - -	"
" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	- - - - -	"
" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	- - - - -	"

And Grand Officers as follows :

REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	- - - - -	M. W. Grand Master.
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	- - - - -	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
FRANK E. MONROE,	- - - - -	" Senior Grand Warden.
CONVERS E. LEACH,	- - - - -	" Junior Grand Warden.
MILLARD F. HICKS,	- - - - -	" Grand Treasurer.
STEPHEN BERRY,	- - - - -	" Grand Secretary.
HERBERT HARRIS,	- - - - -	" Cor. Grand Secretary.
FRANK A. PEABODY,	- - - - -	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
EDWIN CUMMINGS,	- - - - -	" " 3d "

WILLIS A. RICKER,	- - - -	R. W. D. D. G. M.	4th Dist.
WILLIAM R. HUGHES,	- - - -	" "	5th "
EDWIN N. MILLER,	- - - -	" "	6th "
ERNEST S. WING,	- - - -	" "	7th "
AUGUSTUS D. HAYES,	- - - -	" "	8th "
ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD,	- - - -	" "	9th "
THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	- - - -	" "	10th "
WILLIS E. SWIFT,	- - - -	" "	11th "
BERT K. MESERVEY,	- - - -	" "	12th "
JOHN M. GETCHELL,	- - - -	" "	13th "
GEORGE A. WARD,	- - - -	" "	14th "
SAMUEL S. WOOD,	- - - -	" "	15th "
JAMES B. STEVENSON,	- - - -	" "	16th "
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	- - - -	" "	17th "
CLARENCE H. PRIDE,	- - - -	" "	18th "
ALBERT W. MESERVE	- - - -	" "	19th "
MARTIN L. PORTER,	- - - -	" "	20th "
FRANK R. OBER,	- - - -	" "	21st "
LYNNE H. BLANCHARD,	- - - -	" "	22d "
JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,	- - - -	" "	23d "
HENRY A. FLETCHER,	- - - -	" "	24th "
LEWIS E. JACKMAN,	- - - -	" "	25th "
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	- - - -	W. Grand Chaplain.	
REV. JOHN M. BEILER,	- - - -	" " "	
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	- - - -	" Grand Marshal.	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	- - - -	" " Senior Deacon.	
ALBERT H. BURROUGHS,	- - - -	" " Junior Deacon.	
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	- - - -	" " Steward.	
JAMES R. TALBOT,	- - - -	" " "	
WILMER J. DORMAN,	- - - -	" " "	
WILLIAM D. PATTERSON,	- - - -	" " "	
L. ALBERT GARDNER,	- - - -	" " Sword Bearer.	
LESLIE D. AMES,	- - - -	" " Stand. Bearer.	
WARREN C. KING,	- - - -	" " Pursuivant.	
FRED C. CHALMERS,	- - - -	" " "	
WARREN O. CARNEY,	- - - -	" " Tyler.	

Grand Officers 50; present 45.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL

Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.

Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.

Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.  
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.  
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.  
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES.  
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.  
Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.  
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.  
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.  
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.  
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.  
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.  
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES.  
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.  
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.  
Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.  
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.  
Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.  
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.  
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.  
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.  
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.  
New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.  
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.  
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.  
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.  
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH.  
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.  
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH.  
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.  
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE.  
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.  
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.  
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.  
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.  
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES.  
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.  
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.  
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.  
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.  
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.  
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.  
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.



West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.

Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET.

58 Grand Representatives; 47 present.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,  
RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*  
CHARLES B. DAVIS,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

#### VACANCIES.

The Grand Master appointed to fill vacancies on the standing committees :

*Grievances and Appeals*—ADELBERT MILLETT.

*Masonic Jurisprudence*—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

He then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

#### ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge :*

Centuries and generations come and go ; the years wax and wane. Already the past masonic year crumbles beneath our feet, and we stand on the threshold of the new. We are met in this ninety-third annual communication, for various purposes,—to register some record of the past, to consider the duties and privileges of the present, to legislate for the future and to exercise our masonic franchise in choosing those Grand Officers for the coming year that shall have superintendence of the craft. Such are the duties that must chiefly concern us, but here, too, ample time is allotted in which to form new, and to strengthen old fraternal bonds. Cicero, the Roman orator, whose voice of eloquence echoed through the famous forum, said, in his last declining years, that life had taught him one supremest lesson,—“ How to make my

enmities transient and my friendships eternal." This, too, is good masonic teaching, and while in this Grand Lodge there may be little need for the first part of Cicero's counsel,—it is a privilege of this communication to obey the latter, and make our friendships eternal.

It is a season of the year when all nature is teeming with life and astir with growth. New life comes forth out of the seeming winter of death, and nature sings a song which we echo according as we, too, feel the pulsations of a new and larger life. This season of Springtime has a special significance for us of this Grand Lodge, because we, too, have left the old surroundings and are rejoicing in the new environment—these spacious halls of this New Temple. But this annual address must not be a masonic oration, but a brief business document.

It is a pleasant duty to report continued prosperity and peace throughout our jurisdiction, with that steady and conservative numerical progress which shows the same scrupulous care in the choice of our masonic building material which has characterized former years. The tabulated report of the Committee on Returns will show encouraging results. Our total membership at this 93d communication is 29,345, nearly a two per cent. gain over last year.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Our prayers a moment since were unto Him, who is "The Father of Lights with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning;" And remembering that "he who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty," we record, with sadness, two names aglow with masonic light, both Past Grand Masters of this Most Worshipful Masonic Body,—WILLIAM PITT PREBLE, at the time of his death the senior Past Grand Master; and the other, whose kindly face and friendly word we so greatly miss at this communication,—WILLIAM J. BURNHAM. The former will be fittingly memorialized by M. W. Albion E. Chase, and the latter by his intimate friend and fellow townsman, M. W. Fessenden I. Day. With true ma-

sonic trust and hope, either of these distinguished brethren could say with the great laureate of England :

- " Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me !  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea.
- " But such a tide as moving seems asleep  
Too full for sound or foam  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.
- " Sunset and evening bell,  
And after that the dark,  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark.
- " For though from out our bourne of time and place,  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,  
When I have crossed the bar."

#### DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted during the past year to the following lodges :

To attend divine service on St. John's Day :

Oriental Star, No. 21,	Wilton, No. 156,
Riverside, No. 135,	Davis, No. 191,
Shepherd's River, No. 169,	Messalonskee, No. 113,
Amity, No. 6,	Lebanon, No. 116,
Piscataquis, No. 44,	Eggemoggin, No. 128,
McKinley, No. 212,	Trinity, No. 130,
Naval, No. 184,	Buxton, No. 115,
Pythagorean, No. 11,	Delta, No. 153,
Whitney, No. 167,	Saint Croix, No. 46,
Anchor, No. 158,	Greenleaf, No. 117,

Harmony, No. 38,	Siloam, No. 92,
Lincoln, No. 3,	Mt. Moriah, No. 56,
Waterville, No. 33,	Vassalboro, No. 54,
Cambridge, No. 157,	Lewy's Island, No. 138,
Carrabassett, No. 161,	Seaside, No. 144,
Alna, No. 43,	Pleasant River, No. 163,
Cumberland, No. 12,	Corinthian, No. 95.

To attend divine service on other than St. John's Sunday:

Arion, No. 162,	Bar Harbor, No. 185,
Moses Webster, No. 145,	Day Spring, No. 107,
Bingham, No. 199,	St. Aspinquid, No. 198,
Aurora, No. 50,	Ocean, No. 142.
Tremont, No. 77,	

July 23, 1911, to Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, to appear in masonic regalia on the occasion of the Centenary of the incorporation of the town of Washington, August 8, 1911.

August 12th, to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to work the F. C. and M. M. degrees on their own candidates at a Masonic Convention at Wilson's Mills.

August 24th, to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to ballot on a petition out of the usual time, for reasons made clear to me.

September 11th, to Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, to hold a special meeting for the election of officers at their regular communication in October, there not being enough of their members present at their annual meeting in September.

October 16th, to Nolleseme Lodge, No. 205, to elect a Junior Warden at a special meeting Thursday, October 26th.

October 31st, to Temple Lodge, No. 25, to elect a Worshipful Master and Junior Warden at a stated meeting held November 14th.

November 4th, to Harmony Lodge, No. 38, to hold a special communication December 20th, for the election of officers, owing to a conspiracy of the moon and calendar which robbed them of their annual meeting in December.

November 8th, to Warren Lodge, No. 2, to elect a Board of Trustees at a special meeting on November 14, 1911.

November 16th, to Reliance Lodge, No. 195, to work the Master Mason's degree upon one of its own candidates at a District Masonic Convention held in Castine November 24, 1911.

November 16th, to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, to hold a special meeting for the election of officers on November 18th, their annual meeting night November 18<sup>th</sup> being stormy and few of the brethren being present.

November 16th, to Doric Lodge, No. 149, to hold its meetings in G. A. R. Hall, theirs having been destroyed by fire.

November 20th, to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, to ballot on an application out of the usual time, for adequate reasons made known to me.

November 22d, to Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, to hold its annual meeting on December 19th, instead of Thanksgiving eve.

December 4th, to Seaside Lodge, No. 144, to ballot on a petition out of the usual time, for sufficient reasons, intimated to me by our Grand Secretary and the Master of Seaside Lodge.

December 18th, to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, to hold its annual meeting in December, owing to the same conspiracy mentioned above.

December 20th, to Acacia Lodge, No. 121, to hold a public installation of officers in the Grange Hall December 28, 1911.

December 28th, to Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, to hold its annual meeting on December 29th, owing to the complication already twice mentioned.

February 5, 1912, to Siloam Lodge, No. 92, to receive and ballot on a petition out of the usual time for convincing reasons made known to me.

February 14th, to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, to work the M. M. degree on its own candidate at a masonic convention held in Ellsworth February 22, 1912.

## BY-LAWS.

In whole or in part I have officially approved the by-laws of the following lodges :

Saco, No. 9,	Felicity, No. 19,
Aurora, No. 50,	Arundel, No. 76,
St. Paul's, No. 82,	Preble, No. 143,
Anchor, No. 158,	Augusta, No. 141.
Harmony, No. 32,	

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

June 16th, I commissioned R. W. Brother Walter L. Carter, of Wahpeton, N. Dakota, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

July 23d, I commissioned R. W. Bro. James Henry Winfield to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

August 12th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. Frederick Gordon Speed, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

December 16th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. William B. Vinton, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

January 5, 1912, I commissioned R. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, of Indianapolis, Indiana, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

February 10th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. Alexander S. Holden, of Wilmington, N. C., to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

March 22d, I nominated R. W. Bro. Convers E. Leach to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, near the Grand Lodge of Maine, in place of M. W. Bro. William J. Burnham, deceased.

March 22d, I nominated R. W. Bro. Frank E. Monroe to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

April 27th, I commissioned R. W. Bro. William Ritchie, of Jersey City, New Jersey, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

May 1st, I commissioned R. W. Bro. C. W. Cook, of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Montana.

#### WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

have been approved in the following instances:

The request of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, Ontario, to Portland Lodge, No. 1, Portland, Maine, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees on Bro. David L. Dick.

Charity Lodge, Cambridge, Mass., over Wilder Noyes Hodgkins in favor of Riverside Lodge, No. 135, Jefferson, Maine.

The request of Naval Lodge, No. 184, Kittery, Maine, to Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, Washington, D. C., to confer the Master Mason degree upon Bro. John Carl Heck.

The request of Manila Lodge, No. 342, under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, Maine, to confer the Master Mason degree upon Bro. Charles Oswie Zollars.

Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, Lisbon Falls, Maine, over Harold Edgar Stone, in favor of Artisan Lodge, of Winchendon, Mass.

Monument Lodge, No. 96, of Houlton, Maine, over Bro. Herman B. Betts, in favor of Berkshire Lodge, under jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The request of Naval Lodge, No. 184, Kittery, Maine, to Naval Lodge, No. 24, of Warrington, Florida, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon Bro. B. B. Paul.

#### GRIEVANCES.

The records of masonic trials, and the proceedings of various lodges against members for alleged unmasonic conduct, have been

received and referred to your committee entrusted with these matters.

#### DEDICATION OF HALLS.

Monday, May 22, 1911, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Rockland, at 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Hall in that city. In this dedicatory ceremony I was efficiently assisted by the following officers: R. W. Elmer P. Spofford, D. G. M.; W. Wilmer J. Dorman, acting as S. G. W.; W. Albert I. Mather as J. G. W.; W. Leslie D. Ames as Grand Treasurer; W. Charles E. Meservey acting as Grand Secretary; W. and Rev. Lewis D. Evans, Grand Chaplain; W. Clifford J. Pattee, Grand Marshal; W. Frank C. Flint as G. S. D.; W. Harry L. Richards as G. J. D.; W. Arnold H. Jones as G. S. S.; W. Albert W. Butler as G. J. S.; W. Dorr J. Stryker as G. S. B.; W. George E. Owen, acting as Grand Tyler, and Edwin H. Oliver as Grand Architect. With a crowded hall, making the floor work somewhat difficult, the ceremony of dedication was conducted in ample form. At this time a carefully compiled and interesting historical address was given by W. Bro. E. K. Gould.

In the evening at eight o'clock a brilliant reception was held, after which exercises were conducted in the main hall, presided over by Bro. Rodney I. Thompson, Vice President of the Masonic Temple Association, in the regretted absence of the President, W. Arthur S. Littlefield. At this time I was privileged to address the brethren and their invited guests, after which Mrs. Hester M. Chase gave an interesting and instructive paper on the Order of the Eastern Star in Rockland. An orchestral concert was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment. At the conclusion of these exercises in the main hall, dancing was enjoyed in the large banquet room for the remainder of the evening. The brethren of Rockland and Aurora Lodges are to be congratulated upon their new masonic apartments: a splendid example of architecture situated on the main business street in the heart of the city, where we trust it may long stand as a memorial of the fervency, zeal and devotion of the brethren for the highest interests and noblest ideals.



of Freemasonry. To the brethren of Rockland the gratitude of the visiting Grand Officers is due for their cordial courtesies and fraternal favors extended so generously in their behalf.

DEDICATION AT LIVERMORE FALLS.

On the 13th day of the leafy month of June a notable event occurred in the annals of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21,—the dedication of their new masonic apartments and the celebration of their centennial. At 2:30 o'clock P. M., in a hall crowded to the doors, the ceremony of dedication was conducted by the Grand Lodge of Maine. In this masonic labor I was ably assisted by the following officers: R. W. Elmer P. Spofford, D. G. M.; R. W. Bert K. Meserve as S. G. W.; R. W. Convers E. Leach, J. G. W.; R. W. James B. Stevenson, as Grand Secretary; R. W. Thomas H. Bodge, as Grand Treasurer; W. George L. Gannon, G. S. D.; W. R. A. Ryerson, as G. J. D.; W. William H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain; W. Chas. E. Thomas, G. S. S.; W. Everett L. Philoon, G. J. S.; W. Clifford J. Pattee, Grand Marshal; W. George H. Owen, as Grand Tyler, and W. Fred Raymond, as Architect. At 5:30 a banquet was held in the new and spacious banquet hall, which was enjoyed by over three hundred brethren and their invited guests.

At 8 o'clock was held the centenary observance of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21. An original anniversary ode was written and read by Bro. R. M. White, and an able and interesting historical address was delivered by Bro., the Hon. Everett L. Philoon of Auburn. It was my personal pleasure and privilege to deliver at this time their centennial oration. The words of our honored and revered Grand Chaplain, W. and Rev. Bro. William H. Fultz, were as a benediction of brotherhood to the assembled lodge and their friends. On this occasion I was privileged to meet the oldest living member of Oriental Star Lodge, Bro. Job Drew Thompson, honored and respected wherever his name is known. The brethren at Livermore Falls are to be congratulated in the possession of as excellent masonic quarters as are often found, even in larger com-

munities of this Grand Jurisdiction. Their zeal and persistence in the face of frequent adversities—having suffered several times from destructive fires,—is a masonic example of courage in the face of difficulties, and of determination to surmount obstacles, which is a living lesson and inspiration to every member of the masonic craft.

#### DEDICATION AT MILO.

On Thursday, February 22d, at two o'clock, a special communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Milo, the home of our S. G. W., R. W. Bro. Frank E. Monroe, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44. In this ceremony I was assisted by the following Grand Officers: W. Fred C. Chalmers as D. G. M.; R. W. Frank E. Monroe, S. G. W.; W. Charles M. Farrer as J. G. W.; W. Bro. Peter K. Holmes as Grand Secretary; W. Albert C. Cushman as Grand Treasurer; The Rev. Harry H. Pringle as Grand Chaplain; W. Clifford J. Pattee, Grand Marshal; W. E. M. Hamlin as Architect; W. Martin L. Durgin as S. G. D.; W. Abial E. Lemare, J. G. D.; W. William H. Monroe as S. G. S.; W. A. O. Schriver as J. G. S.; W. George H. Owen as Grand Tyler and W. V. R. Gould as Grand Sword Bearer. With these efficient officers the dedicatory ceremony was conducted by the Grand Lodge in ample form. Special music by a quartette, voicing the appropriate hymns for dedication, did much to render the ceremony impressive to the large audience. After a few speeches by various brethren, all adjourned to the finely equipped banquet hall, where a bountiful repast was provided.

Piscataquis Lodge rejoices in the possession of a masonic hall ample and adequate for its purposes and will continue to uphold the traditions established in the past for worthy masonic labors.

#### OBSEQUIES OF M. W. WILLIAM J. BURNHAM.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Lewiston, February 21st, at three o'clock, for the purposes of attending

the funeral,—and conducting the Grand Lodge burial rites,—of our beloved and honored Past Grand Master, William J. Burnham.

At the Pine Street Congregational Church, of which the deceased brother was for many years a deacon, impressive services were conducted by the pastor of the church, at the conclusion of which services I conducted the impressive service of the Grand Lodge of Maine. In this service I was assisted by the following officers: M. W. Edmund B. Mallet, as S. G. W.; R. W. Convers E. Leach, J. G. W.; The Rev. Herbert B. Hutchins, as Grand Chaplain; M. W. Millard F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer; W. George H. Owen, as Grand Tyler. Other members of the Grand Lodge of Maine present at this service and acting as honorary bearers were M. W. Fessenden I. Day; M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Albert M. Penley; W. and Rev. William H. Fultz; W. Albert H. Burroughs; R. W. John W. Ballou; R. W. W. Scott Shorey; M. W. Alfred S. Kimball; R. W. William Freeman Lord and other Permanent Members of this Grand Lodge.

Lewiston Commandery Knights Templar, and Ashlar Lodge, of which Bro. Burnham was for many years an honored member, acted as escort to this Grand Lodge, which fraternal attention and knightly courtesy were greatly appreciated.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTLAND LODGE,  
NO. 1.

An event unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry in Maine occurred on Thursday, March 21, 1912, in this city, when Portland Lodge, No. 1, the oldest lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The afternoon exercises opened at three o'clock in this Corinthian Hall, and were attended by the members of Portland Lodge and their guests. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Andrews, the senior Past Master of this lodge, presided during the ceremonies of the afternoon. An enjoyable organ recital was given by the organist of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Walter Stevens Smith, whose abilities as an organist need no word of commendation. The musical numbers, well selected to display

the merits and capabilities of the new organ, served also to show the interpretative versatility of the accomplished organist.

An historical address by Wor. Bro. George F. Gould, was greatly enjoyed by all present, and by those who read it published verbatim in the daily press. The tireless research, the careful and concise compilation of historical material, the scholarly and chronologically arranged facts and data, the lucidly expressed sentiments, made an historical address as enjoyable as it was exceptional.

After this address, I was privileged to extend the greetings of this Grand Lodge to the brethren of Portland Lodge, and to deliver an oration on the subject:—Masonry in Maine.

In the evening at 6:30 o'clock a reception was held in this main hall. In the receiving line, among other honored guests, were our Worshipful and distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Everett C. Benton, Grand Master; R. W. Thomas W. Davis, Grand Secretary, and W. Frank P. Buxton, Grand Marshal.

Following this reception, a banquet with four hundred guests was held in the spacious banquet hall of this Temple. After banquet, speeches were made by the distinguished guests from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and several others, each eloquent, instructive and entertaining. Wor. Bro. Charles E. Gurney presided as toastmaster with wit, dignity and grace.

The brethren of Portland Lodge are to be congratulated on this auspicious occasion and the event which it commemorated, the institution of Portland Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on March 20th, one hundred and fifty years ago. Their charter, yellowed by time, but undimmed by the passage of the years, contains, among other honored names of early patriots and renowned craftsmen, the name of R. W. Bro. Paul Revere, as Grand Secretary, which still glows and gleams with true masonic light. The best wishes of this Grand Lodge of Maine for continued peace, harmony and prosperity to our oldest lodge, are hereby cordially extended.

## CHANGE IN MASONIC DISTRICT.

Having carefully considered the petition of the brethren of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, of Charleston, joined with the request and recommendation of the D. D. G. M. of the Fifth District, that Olive Branch Lodge be changed from the fifth to the sixth district, I have, with the advice and consent of the D. D. G. M. of the Sixth Masonic District, made this transfer, subject to your approval. Charleston is easily reached by rail from nearly every lodge in the Sixth District, but, while it remains in the fifth, a visitation, at present, necessitates a drive of about thirty miles, and even a longer drive overland from Greenville, which is in the same district.

## IN CONCLUSION.

I should be negligent of an obvious and imperative duty did I not take this occasion to express my gratitude for the cordial co-operation and faithful service given me during this two year term as your Grand Master, by the various officers and members of this Grand Lodge of Maine, especially by the District Deputy Grand Masters and our Grand Secretary, who in a more than formal sense, surely, has always, in his communications to me, subscribed himself "yours faithfully."

I need hardly say that it has been a real pleasure to occupy this honorable position, and it is with mingled emotions of sadness and gladness that I shall hand this potent gavel to my honored and beloved successor; sadness, not at the relinquishing of "a little brief authority," but because I realize how far short of the ideal my labors have been; and gladness, because I know that the welfare of this Grand Lodge will be in the hands of so competent and efficient a craftsman as my successor in this office.

Our masonic institution is soundly based on a fundamental human cause, the increasing sense of man's essential brotherhood. Operative Masonry to-day is concerned in building not alone temples and palaces, but chiefly the manhood of the nation. Just

as the great watchword of the eighteenth century was liberty, and the great work of the nineteenth century was science, mechanical invention and organization ; so the great word and supreme work of this twentieth century will be, brotherhood—service. It is an era of swift and mighty changes throughout the world. Age-old monarchies like Portugal disappear in a night and unfurl the banners of a new republic to the light of dawn ; Manchu dynasties sacred for countless centuries are suddenly overthrown, and liberated China awakens from its lethargy of centuries sleep, and a new era of republican government is proclaimed to the amazed and wondering world. All progress is along the line of man's essential brotherhood. In a quiet and unobtrusive way Freemasonry is working toward that time prophesied by the poet :

“ When the war-drums throb no longer, and the battle flags are  
furled

In the parliament of man and the federation of the world.”  
that time dreamed of by the seer of sacred writ : “ When nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Every day strengthens this bond of essential brotherhood. The ancient prayer, “ Thy kingdom come,” is being answered by increased peace and good-will, by daily labor for “ God and home and native land.”

Though we cannot see the end of our masonic labors, and though there are hours of disheartenment and seeming defeat, still, may we trust on and hope ever, in the unveiling of masonic light and truth :

“ For, with aching hands, and bleeding feet,  
We toil and heap, lay stone on stone,  
We bear the burden and the heat  
Of the long day, and wish 'twere done ;  
Not till the hours of light return  
All we have built do we discern.”

ASHLEY A. SMITH, *Grand Master*,

The Grand Master presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

BRO. MILLARD F. HICKS presented his annual report as follows:

PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,*

*in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, Grand Treasurer.*

1911.		RECEIPTS.	
May	2.	Balance from old account, .....	\$14,380.23
		From Charity Fund for one Portland Water Co. 4	
		per cent. Bond, No. 382, .....	1,000.00
Oct.	2.	" Portland National Bank, Interest to Septem-	
		ber 20, 1911, .....	89.25
1912.			
Jan.	20.	" Sacknoff Bros. for lot of books, .....	1.25
March	15.	" Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Gr. Master, dispensa-	
		tion to Siloam Lodge, .....	3.00
		" Anderson, Adams & Co., rebate on insurance	
		premiums, .....	12.16
April	3.	" Portland National Bank, Interest to March	
		20, 1912, .....	64.33
	30.	" Grand Chapter, 3/10 office expenses, ...	205.68
		" Grand Commandery, 2/10 office expenses,...	137.12
			<u>\$15,893.02</u>

#### RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

1912.			
March	15.	John M. Getchell, 13th District, .....	\$ 304.20
	16.	Wheeler C. Hawkes, 2d District, ..	178.80
	19.	William R. Hughes, 5th District, .....	397.20
	21.	Willis E. Swift, 11th District, .....	439.80
	26.	Isaac A. Clough, 17th District, .....	903.40
		Ernest S. Wing, 7th District, ..	137.40
	30.	Martin L. Porter, 20th District, .....	156.80
		James B. Stevenson, 16th District, ....	356.00

April	1.	Thomas L. Richards, 10th District, .....	368.60
	2.	Willis A. Ricker, 4th District, .....	270.40
		James F. Chadbourne, 23d District, .....	212.00
		Henry A. Fletcher, 24th District, .....	501.40
		Albert W. Meserve, 19th District, .....	457.60
	3.	Bert K. Meserve, 12th District, .....	273.00
	4.	George A. Ward, 14th District, .....	386.60
	6.	Samuel S. Wood, 15th District, .....	318.80
	11.	Edwin Cummings, 3d District, .....	273.60
	12.	Lewis E. Jackman, 25th District, .....	252.80
		Lynne H. Blanchard, 22d District, .....	233.20
	13.	Edwin N. Miller, 6th District, .....	413.40
		Frank R. Ober, 21st District, .....	398.40
	15.	Frank A. Peabody, 1st District, .....	314.40
	17.	Clarence H. Pride, 18th District, .....	210.60
	18.	Arthur S. Littlefield, 9th District, .....	538.40
	19.	Augustus D. Hayes, 8th District, .....	225.80
		Total Receipts, .....	<u>\$24,415.62</u>

1911.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

May	2.	Transferred to Charity Fund as per vote of Grand Lodge, Cash on deposit Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co., .....	\$1,538.64
		Cash on deposit Maine Saving Bank, .....	1,023.39
		" " " Fidelity Trust Company, .....	2,426.68
		" " " Belfast Savings Bank, .....	510.00
		" " " Chapman National Bank, .....	516.79
		1 Portland Water Co. bond, No. 382, due 1927, .....	1,000.00
		Pay Roll as per order, .....	2,412.75
		Grand Master as per vote, .....	200.00
	5.	E. L. Chase, Secretary Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, 3 initiation fees overpaid, .....	6.00
		American Bank Note Co. 500 M. M. Diplomas, 200 P. M. Diplomas, ..	140.00
	11.	Walter S. Smith, services as organist, ..	5.00
	15.	Warren O. Carney, services as Grand Tyler, .....	30.00
	16.	Cleaning offices to date, .....	6.00
	19.	George D. Loring, binding books, .....	10.25
June	5.	W. O. Carney, dinners for Solar Lodge, who exem- plified work before the Grand Lodge, ....	25.00



June	12.	Portland Savings Bank, rent to June 1, 1911,.....	100.00
	24.	J. A. Merrill & Co., 12 doz. aprons, \$2.25; 2 boxes, \$2.00, .....	29.00
	26.	Albro E. Chase, committee on correspondence,...	100.00
		Cleaning offices to date, .....	7.00
	30.	George O. Eustis, Secretary Oriental Star, No. 21, re-imbursed by vote of Grand Lodge, of 1910 dues account loss by fire,.....	58.80
July	30.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to date,...	162.50
		Cleaning offices to date, .....	6.00
Aug.	24.	Stephen Berry, G. Sec., Proceedings for 1911,....	583.85
		Mailing bill, .....	33.50
		Notices, etc., .....	38.25
Sept.	2.	Cleaning offices to August 26th, ....	5.00
	5.	Walter Corey Co., repairing chairs, .....	2.65
	23.	W. H. Smith, moving reports to new Temple, ....	10.00
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
	26.	Portland Savings Bank, rent to September 1, 1911,	100.00
Oct.	7.	Cleaning offices to September 30th, .....	5.00
	30.	" " " October 31st,.....	5.00
		Stephen Berry, G. Sec., salary to Oct. 31, 1911,....	162.50
	31.	M. F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer, salary to date,....	150.00
Nov.	29.	Cleaning offices to November 25th, .....	5.00
Dec.	7.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, for Album con- taining photos of P. G. Masters, bought of B. H. Wetherbee,.....	45.00
	21.	Dr. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, Expenses attending lodges of instruction, .....	110.97
		Salary as Grand Lecturer, .....	25.00
1912.			
Jan.	20.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., packing books for moving, Burbank, Douglass & Co., 1/3 doz. cuspidors, ....	25.84
		Hayden & Dingwell, labor, Gr. Lodge room, ....	2.67
		F. E. Dow, assorting and putting away proceedings,	25.39
		Kendall & Whitney, waste baskets for Gr. Lodge room, .....	52.50
		W. H. Smith, moving books from old rooms to new,	3.15
		F. O. Bailey & Co., furniture for Gr. Lodge room, ..	43.50
			188.00
	22.	Cleaning offices to Dec. 30, 1911, .....	5.00
	30.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to 31st, .....	162.50
March	1.	Anderson, Adams & Co., Insurance, .....	116.54
	9.	F. O. Bailey & Co., repair of desk, .....	8.10
		The Van Dom Iron Works Co., metal shelving,....	500.00

March	15.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., cash paid for labor on library, .....	12.97
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent of rooms to March 1, 1912, .....	216.67
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
	16.	W. O. Carney, expenses attending funeral of Wor. William J. Burnham, .....	9.15
April	3.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent of rooms to April 1, 1912, .....	108.33
	9.	W. H. Smith, moving books in Gr. Lodge room,...	1.50
		York & Boothby Co., table lamp and cord, .....	4.50
	20.	Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., Notices, returns, etc., .....	136.75
		Envelopes, stickers, etc., .....	7.15
		Ira Berry, cleaning and repairing clock, .....	6.00
	24.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent of rooms for April, 1912, .....	108.33
	27.	Herbert Harris, services in library to date, .....	3.50
	30.	M. F. Hicks, Gr. Treas., salary 6 mos. to date, .....	150.00
		postage and sundry items, .....	5.83
		Stephen Berry, Gr. Sec., salary to date, .....	162.50
		account with Gr. Lodge, .....	23.10
		" " " room, .....	8.28
			<hr/> \$6,877.77

## EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1912.

March	15.	Paid John M. Getchell, 13th District, .....	\$15.77
	26.	" Ernest S. Wing, 7th District, .....	18.30
	30.	" Martin L. Porter, 20th District, .....	18.66
		" James B. Stevenson, 16th District, .....	21.75
April	3.	" Thomas L. Richards, 10th District, .....	41.95
		" Willis A. Ricker, 4th District, .....	33.95
		" James F. Chadbourne, 23d District, .....	25.52
		" Henry A. Fletcher, 24th District, .....	5.55
		" Albert W. Meserve, 19th District, .....	11.08
		" Bert K. Meserve, 12th District, .....	17.55
	4.	" George W. Ward, 14th District, .....	11.20
	6.	" Samuel S. Wood, 15th District, .....	34.79
	12.	" Lewis E. Jackman, 25th District, .....	26.80
	13.	" Edwin Cummings, 3d District, .....	34.02
		" Edwin N. Miller, 6th District, .....	11.60

April 13.	Paid Frank R. Ober, 21st District,.....	44.60
15.	" Frank A. Peabody, 1st District,.....	23.60
17.	" Clarence H. Pride, 18th District,.....	24.00
19.	" Arthur S. Littlefield, 9th District,.....	16.90
	" Augustus D. Hayes, 8th District,.....	7.00
20.	" Wheeler C. Hawkes, 2d District,.....	17.00
	" William R. Hughes, 5th District,.....	28.20
25.	" Willis E. Swift, 11th District,.....	11.25
Total disbursements,.....		<u>\$14,394.31</u>

Balance to new account:

Cash in Portland National Bank,..... 10,021.31

\$24,415.62

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Referred to Committee of Finance.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY presented his annual report, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

For the routine duties of my office I refer you to the reports of the standing committees.

On March 31st a silver centennial medal of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was received, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned with the acknowledgment.

The returns came in very correct shape this year, almost all bringing forward the number of members correctly. It is sometimes impossible for new Secretaries to ascertain the exact list of members where the former Secretary has been careless, but the matter soon regulates itself. One Secretary left spaces between each letter of the alphabet in the list of members, throwing the numbers out of order, but the rest were wiser. A few Secretaries used initials to save work, and some omit the middle initials. This will occasion confusion if their records are lost by fire and they come up at some future time to copy them. It is important that they should be complete and written in black ink, for some returns of fifty years ago written in pale ink are hard to decipher, and they are invaluable when the records are gone.

It is important that Secretaries should preserve, bind and keep in a safe place, the returns sent back to them. They often ask to borrow our copy, but this cannot be allowed, for they are bound up with others, and the only way is to permit them to come and copy them, or to pay a copyist for the work.

If the returns are not received soon after the first of February, the Secretary should write for them, and not assume that no returns are desired for the year.

Nine Secretaries acknowledged the reception of proceedings the past summer; those of Hiram, Rural, Mt. Tir'em, Eureka, Somerset, York, Unity, Monmouth and Alna lodges.

On December 30th we moved into the new offices in Masonic Temple, M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, of the Committee of Finance, energetically conducting the operation. You can judge for yourselves how much we needed the increased space. In 1856 my Father kept the library and books of records at his house and printing office. In 1866 we had a room in the Canal National Bank Building which was burned in the great fire. In 1876 our room in the Savings Bank building was burned out and for some years we occupied a room in Centennial Block. On September 27, 1890, we returned to the Savings Bank building and have remained there since until the close of 1911.

Our library of 3,000 volumes takes up as much space as one of our former small rooms and is very valuable, and the printed proceedings on hand take up as much more room, but we now have space to grow.

I have been asked what the regulations are about fire escapes on masonic halls. As there are none I submit the question whether the Grand Lodge should recommend them, and guard against eavesdroppers in connection with them.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

#### CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

He further presented the requests of the following lodges for certificates of charter, and the requests were granted.

Granite Lodge, No. 182, West Paris.

Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, Livermore Falls.

Composite Lodge, No. 168, La Grange.

Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, Brooks.

## DORIC LODGE CHARTER.

BRO. ALBERT F. JACKSON, in behalf of Doric Lodge, No. 149, asked for a copy of their charter, the original having been destroyed by fire, and the request was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

## RETURNS.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 7, 1912.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 203 chartered lodges.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.
Initiated,.....	1,423....	1,203....	1,206....	1,266....	1,327
Raised,.....	1,230....	1,186....	1,191....	1,235....	1,338
Affiliated,.....	357....	107....	135....	112....	107
Re-instated,.....	96....	89....	78....	65....	70
Dimitted,.....	384....	174....	192....	165....	173
Died,.....	516....	493....	545....	608....	571
Suspended,.....	1....	0....	1....	0....	0
Expelled,.....	2....	3....	2....	1....	1
Susp. from membership,...	166....	225....	192....	179....	212
Deprived of membership,...	4....	3....	6....	3....	5
Number of members,.....	27,356....	27,864....	28,328....	28,781....	29,345
Rejected,.....	351....	328....	329....	301....	364

The gain is 564, almost 2 per cent., an increase over last year, when it was 453.

The death rate is 19.84 to a thousand, a decrease from last year.

The average lodge membership is 1.44½.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*  
JAMES C. AYER,

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1912.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Refused.	Affiliated.	Re-initiated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	14	12	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	393	10
2	Warren,.....	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	134	0
3	Lincoln,.....	11	10	1	0	6	2	0	0	1	0	164	1
4	Hancock,.....	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	0
5	Kennebec,.....	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	8	0	129	0
6	Amity,.....	14	14	3	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	254	4
7	Eastern,.....	1	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	156	0
8	United,.....	7	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	210	3
9	Saco,.....	7	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	219	11
10	Rising Virtue,...	11	14	3	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	217	6
11	Pythagorean,.....	4	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	109	1
12	Cumberland,.....	8	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	180	2
13	Oriental,.....	5	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	200	1
14	Solar,.....	9	13	3	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	242	0
15	Orient,.....	3	3	2	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	143	0
16	St. George,.....	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	125	0
17	Ancient Landmark,	17	23	0	0	1	13	0	0	2	0	545	16
18	Oxford,.....	10	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	192	0
19	Felicity,.....	7	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	116	0
20	Maine,.....	5	5	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	149	1
21	Oriental Star,.....	5	9	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	218	5
22	York,.....	5	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	145	4
23	Freeport,.....	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	147	3
24	Phoenix,.....	9	8	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	152	3
25	Temple,.....	4	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	102	0
26	Village,.....	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	127	0
27	Adoniram,.....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	70	0
28	Northern Star,...	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	6	0	111	0
29	Tranquil,.....	17	13	3	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	368	3
30	Blazing Star,...	14	15	0	1	1	7	0	0	5	0	313	4
31	Union,.....	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	115	0
32	Hermon,.....	15	15	1	1	3	13	0	0	0	0	399	2
33	Waterville,.....	21	22	2	1	3	9	0	0	5	0	362	13
34	Somerset,.....	1	2	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	193	1
35	Bethlehem,.....	17	15	0	0	1	7	0	0	12	0	339	1
36	Casco,.....	5	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	181	1
37	Washington,...	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	128	2
38	Harmony,.....	12	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	173	4
39	Penobscot,.....	7	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	157	1
40	Lygonia,.....	11	10	0	8	3	10	0	0	3	0	461	3
41	Morning Star,...	1	2	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	104	0
42	Freedom,.....	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	83	1
43	Alna,.....	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	160	0
44	Piscataquis,.....	14	16	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	196	15
45	Central,.....	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	93	0
46	St. Croix,.....	3	7	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	175	0
47	Dunlap,.....	12	18	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	270	6
48	Lafayette,.....	7	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	107	1
49	Meridian Splendor,	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	1
50	Aurora,.....	26	20	5	1	5	15	0	0	0	0	362	3

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
51	St. John's, .....	11	13	1	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	140	4
52	Mosaic, ....	6	4	1	1	2	3	0	1	3	0	165	1
53	Rural, .....	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	70	0
54	Vassalboro, .....	6	6	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	0	72	1
55	Fraternal, .....	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	73	0
56	Mount Moriah,...	9	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	61	3
57	King Hiram, .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0
58	Unity, .....	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	54	0
59	Mt. Hope, (ch. sur.)	79	12	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	210	3
60	Star in the East,...	12	12	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	118	0
61	King Solomon's,...	7	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	71	1
62	King David's, ...	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	0
63	Richmond, .....	6	5	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	93	0
64	Pacific, .....	5	5	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	138	1
65	Mystic, .....	3	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	132	0
66	Mechanics', ...	8	7	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	139	0
67	Blue Mountain,...	6	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	127	1
68	Mariners', ...	10	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	131	1
69	Howard, .....	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	0
70	Standish, .....	7	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	83	0
71	Rising Sun, .....	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	152	3
72	Pioneer, .....	11	10	0	5	1	0	0	0	5	0	228	0
73	Tyrian, .....	6	4	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	124	0
74	Bristol, .....	3	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	33	0
75	Plymouth, .....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	97	1
76	Arundel, .....	6	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	126	2
77	Tremont, .....	9	9	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	128	2
78	Crescent, .....	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	221	0
79	Rockland, .....	10	10	1	4	3	7	0	0	10	0	125	2
80	Keystone, ....	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	335	5
81	Atlantic, .....	18	20	1	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	183	1
82	St. Paul's, ....	6	8	0	1	13	4	0	0	0	0	275	5
83	St. Andrew's, ...	26	19	1	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	91	0
84	Eureka, .....	4	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	81	0
85	Star in the West,...	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	239	1
86	Temple, .....	9	11	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	66	0
87	Benevolent, .....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	0
88	Narraguagus, ...	5	7	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	103	1
89	Island, .....	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	164	0
90	Hiram Abiff, (Ch. rev.)	68	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	198	0
91	Harwood, .....	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	203	3
92	Siloam, .....	6	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	110	1
93	Horeb, .....	10	9	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	115	2
94	Paris, .....	8	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	267	2
95	Corinthian, .....	9	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	113	4
96	Monument, .....	17	15	0	1	1	4	0	0	3	2	125	0
97	Bethel, .....	10	12	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	84	0
98	Katahdin, ....	13	9	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	91	2
99	Vernon Valley, ...	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	98	0
100	Jefferson, ....	4	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	70	0
101	Nezinscot, ....	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	65	0
102	Marsh River, ...	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	84	1
103	Dresden, .....	11	11	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
104	Dirigo, .....	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		

Nos.	Lodges.	Iu.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
105	Ashlar, . . . . .	18	15	0	1	0	3	0	0	9	0	313	4
106	Tuscan, . . . . .	18	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	174	0
107	Day Spring, . . . . .	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	63	0
108	Relief, ( <i>ch. recalled</i> ) '94	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
109	Mount Kineo, . . . . .	9	7	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	139	1
110	Monmouth, . . . . .	2	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	120	0
111	Liberty, . . . . .	3	2	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	78	0
112	Eastern Frontier, . . . . .	12	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	147	0
113	Messalonskee, . . . . .	5	4	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	100	2
114	Polar Star, . . . . .	10	11	0	0	0	6	0	0	23	0	260	2
115	Buxton, . . . . .	8	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	117	1
116	Lebanon, . . . . .	6	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	105	2
117	Greenleaf, . . . . .	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	165	1
118	Drummond, . . . . .	3	3	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	85	0
119	Pownal, . . . . .	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	2
120	Meduncook, ( <i>ch. s.</i> )	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
121	Acacia, . . . . .	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	0
122	Marine, . . . . .	9	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	252	2
123	Franklin, . . . . .	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	51	0
124	Olive Branch, . . . . .	6	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	82	2
125	Meridian, . . . . .	5	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	164	1
126	Timothy Chase, . . . . .	10	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	125	7
127	Presumpscot, . . . . .	12	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	124	1
128	Eggemoggin, . . . . .	3	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	114	0
129	Quantabacook, . . . . .	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	58	0
130	Trinity, . . . . .	9	12	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	0	174	9
131	Lookout, . . . . .	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55	0
132	Mount Tir'em, . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	80	0
133	Asylum, . . . . .	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	0
134	Trojan, ( <i>consol'd</i> ) '88	'88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
135	Riverside, . . . . .	1	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	109	0
136	Ionic, ( <i>ch. sur.</i> '82)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137	Kenduskeag, . . . . .	3	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	99	0
138	Lewy's Island, . . . . .	8	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	157	3
139	Archon, . . . . .	3	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	60	0
140	Mount Desert, . . . . .	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	78	0
141	Augusta, . . . . .	15	17	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	343	2
142	Ocean, . . . . .	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	76	0
143	Preble, . . . . .	5	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	164	3
144	Seaside, . . . . .	16	14	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	256	1
145	Moses Webster, . . . . .	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	208	0
146	Seabiscocook, . . . . .	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0
147	Evening Star, . . . . .	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	90	2
148	Forest, . . . . .	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	0
149	Doric, . . . . .	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	0
150	Rabboni, . . . . .	7	7	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	271	3
151	Excelsior, . . . . .	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	47	0
152	Crooked River, . . . . .	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
153	Delta, . . . . .	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	78	0
154	Mystic Tie, . . . . .	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	71	0
155	Ancient York, . . . . .	14	13	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	160	8
156	Wilton, . . . . .	5	9	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	154	1
157	Cambridge, . . . . .	5	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	91	1
158	Anchor, . . . . .	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	79	1



Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.	P.	D.	Mem.	R.
										S.	S.	D.		
159	Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Parian, .....	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	80	0
161	Carrabassett, .....	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	91	0
162	Arion, .....	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	71	2
163	Pleasant River, ...	5	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	203	6
164	Webster, .....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0
165	Molunkus, .....	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	2
166	Neguemkeag, ..	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	42	1
167	Whitney, .....	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	99	0
168	Composite, .....	8	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	7	0	0	106	5
169	Shepherd's River, ..	6	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
170	Caribou, .....	10	11	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	177	5
171	Naskeag, .....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	0
172	Pine Tree, .....	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	124	0
173	Pleiades, .....	4	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	162	0
174	Lynde, .....	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	79	0
175	Baskahegan, .....	4	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	145	2
176	Palestine, .....	<i>Con soli dat ed</i>					'95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
177	Rising Star, .....	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	0
178	Ancient Brothers', ..	13	14	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	260	4
179	Yorkshire, .....	8	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	97	4
180	Hiram, .....	15	17	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	299	11
181	Reuel Washburn, ..	<i>Con soli dat ed</i>					'92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
182	Granite, .....	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	98	1
183	Deering, .....	26	26	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	404	6
184	Naval, .....	23	33	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	174	19
185	Bar Harbor, .....	9	8	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	231	1
186	Warren Phillips, ...	12	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	246	1
187	Ira Berry, .....	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	59	0
188	Jonesport, .....	8	9	0	0	1	5	0	0	4	0	0	140	0
189	Knox, .....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
190	Springvale, .....	3	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	135	0
191	Davis, .....	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	115	1
192	Winter Harbor, ...	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	117	0
193	Washburn, .....	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	84	2
194	Euclid, .....	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	158	4
195	Reliance, .....	17	13	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	196	0
196	Bay View, .....	5	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0
197	Aroostook, .....	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	133	2
198	St. Aspinquid, ....	10	10	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	79	2
199	Bingham, .....	11	14	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	170	7
200	Columbia, .....	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	3
201	David A. Hooper, ...	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	1
202	Mount Bigelow, ...	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	67	0
203	Mount Olivet, ....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	65	0
204	Mount Abram, ....	14	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	91	1
205	Nollesemeic, .....	16	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	10
206	Island Falls, .....	4	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	143	7
207	Abner Wade, ...	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0
208	N. East Harbor, ...	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	64	1
209	Fort Kent, .....	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	2
210	Bagaduce, .....	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0
211	Meduncook, .....	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	0
212	McKinley, .....	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	54	2
		1327	1338	107	70	173	571	0	1	212	5	29,345	364	

## MASONIC HOME.

Resolutions from nine lodges asking the establishment of a Masonic Home were presented and referred to the Committee of Finance.

## DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

We desire to commend the able, scholarly and very instructive address of the Grand Master.

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the dispensations issued by the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

HOWARD D. SMITH,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JAMES E. PARSONS,	
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	

## BELGIUM.

A letter from our Grand Representative to the Grand Orient of Belgium was presented and was ordered on file.

## HOLLIS CENTER.

A petition for a new lodge at Hollis Center was presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

## GREENLEAF VS. DRUMMOND LODGE.

A complaint of Greenleaf Lodge of Cornish against Drummond Lodge of Parsonsfield was presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

At 11:15 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 7, 1912. }

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

#### PORTO RICO.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a special report upon the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1912.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence ask leave to submit a special report upon relation to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was organized as an independent body with twelve constituent lodges in September, 1885. It is the only and the supreme authority within its jurisdiction in everything that relates to Symbolic Masonry. No lodge can be opened without the presence on the altar of the three great lights in Masonry. Furthermore, it is the daughter of the Grand Lodge of Cuba which we recognize.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico be recognized and fraternal congratulations of this Grand Lodge be extended to our brethren in Porto Rico and our wish for a continued career of prosperity and usefulness.

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to take measures for an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }  
A. S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and resolutions adopted.

## FINANCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1912.

Your Committee of Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge and have certified them for payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been examined and found correct. The records of the Grand Lodge are written up to date in the best of manner.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge for the past year have been as follows:

1911.	May 2.	Cash on hand from old account,.....	\$14,380.23
		Cash receipts for the year,.....	10,035.39
			<u>\$24,415.62</u>
		Transferred to Charity Fund by vote,.....	7,015.50
		Expenditures have been,.....	7,378.81
1912.	May 7.	Cash on hand to new account,.....	10,021.31
			<u>\$24,415.62</u>

For the detailed account of the receipts and expenditures we refer to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of Charity Fund is \$63,086.24.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge it was given in charge to the Finance Committee to hire new rooms and to furnish them. The committee have done this duty and report the lease of rooms in the Masonic Temple of Portland at an expense of \$1,300.00 per year. These rooms have been fitted with steel stacks for the library and vault, and with suitable furniture. There remain a very few details to complete the work. The cost of the fittings thus far has been about \$890.00.

The committee submit the following recommendations:

That to the Grand Lecturer be paid,.....	\$ 25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond,.....	300.00
To the Grand Secretary,.....	650.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1913.	

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the  
year ending May 1, 1912, . . . . . 100.00

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, } *Committee.*  
EDMUND B. MALLET, }

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

#### PAY ROLL.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE reported as follows:

Your Committee on Pay Roll will report that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

THOMAS H. BODGE,  
FRED C. CHALMERS, } *Committee.*  
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered paid.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials and were received and welcomed:

R. W. FRANK E. MONROE, from Oregon.

" CONVERS E. LEACH, from Ohio.

#### HISTORY.

Bro. MERTON L. KIMBALL presented the following report, which was accepted:

PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

*To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.*

During the past year histories have been received from the following lodges:

Buxton Lodge, No. 115, West Buxton, Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1910, typed 12 pages, by Cyril P. Harmon.

Hancock Lodge, No. 4, Castine, 1901 to 1910, by George A. Wheeler, print, octavo, 25 pages.

Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, Portland, organization 1855 to 1911, by Almon

L. Johnson, cloth, royal octavo, 190 pages. A very valuable contribution to the literature of the craft in Maine.

Composite Lodge, No. 168, La Grange, organization 1872 to 1910, by Fred H. Savage and others, typed, 29 pages.

None of the older lodges referred to in last year's report have as yet furnished their histories. This is especially regrettable of the old lodges in Brunswick and Bath, where there have been many losses by death of the older members during the last decade, thus rendering it now difficult to supply the missing links of past events. However, to partly counterbalance this loss, the recent reprint of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge of our mother Commonwealth, Massachusetts, will render accessible many interesting facts relating to the early lodges of the former District of Maine.

MERTON L. KIMBALL, }  
FESSENDEN I. DAY, } *Committee.*  
WILLIAM N. HOWE, }

#### LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 7, 1912.

The Committee on Library submit their report and as a part of it attach the following communication from the Librarian:

PORTLAND, April 27, 1912.

*To the Library Committee of the*

*Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.*

Twenty-five volumes of proceedings are in the hands of the binders.

The library having been moved, and arranged in its new quarters in the Masonic Temple, under the direction of the Committee of Library, the labors of the Librarian have been light.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, *Librarian.*

We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books and pamphlets and that they be given the power to bind such proceedings as may be necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH, }  
ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*

## ELECTION.

At three o'clock the Grand Master invited Past Grand Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN to preside over the election of Grand Officers. He appointed as Committees to receive, sort and count votes:

I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, EDWARD G. WESTON, JAMES E. PARSONS.

II. CHARLES W. CROSBY, ALBERT M. AMES, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

Permanent Members present, 1 each,	39
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	41
193 lodges represented, (3 votes each),	579
Total number votes,	659

The committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle ;
THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Augusta ;
WALDO PETTENGILL,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Rumford ;
ERNEST P. PARLIN,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Wilton ;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland ;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

*Committee of Finance.*—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland ; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor ; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

*Trustees of Charity Fund for three years.*—ARCHIE L. TALBOT, Lewiston ; LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bro. CHAPLIN for his assistance.

At 4:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

**SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.**

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Wednesday, May 8, 1912. }

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

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. HARRY S. BOYD, Master of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Portland, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree. This was done, illustrated with music by Ancient Land-Mark Quartet.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered his place to the Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, it was

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge for the excellent manner in which the work has been performed.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

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**SECOND DAY—EVENING.**

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Wednesday, May 8, 1912. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 P. M.



This evening having been assigned for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, Wor. Bro. BENJAMIN F. ANDREWS, for the Board of Trustees, invited the Grand Master to perform the services, and the apartments were dedicated in ample and ancient form in the presence of a large assemblage. A large and handsome bible was presented to the fraternity of Portland by Bro. THEODORE H. JOHNSON, in memory of his son, who died while Master of Portland Lodge.

After the services the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Thursday, May 9, 1912. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in print, which was accepted, and permission was given to add reviews of later reports. (*See Appendix.*)

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALFRED S. KIMBALL presented the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 9, 1912.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as related to the granting of dispensations, have given the same careful consideration and recommend that his action be confirmed. We call attention, however, to the dispensation granted to a lodge for the holding of an annual election on account of the wanderings of the moon, and respectfully suggest to the officers of that lodge had they consulted Standing Regulation, No. 28, the entire matter would have been made plain, and no request would have been made for a dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }  
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

#### DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. ARCHIE L. TALBOT reported as follows :

PORTLAND, May 9, 1912.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the business submitted to them, and make the following report.

In the matter of a petition signed by Jesse D. Littlefield of Arion Lodge, No. 162, and fifteen others, praying for a dispensation for a lodge at Hollis Center, Maine, to be named Still Eureka Lodge, also a personal statement made by Charles Locke, Committee, said petition not having the approval of any lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected thereby, and your committee not having sufficient evidence of a need of a lodge at Hollis Center to justify them in recommending that a dispensation be granted without such permission, and the further fact that said petition is not recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master in that District, your committee cannot endorse and recommend that a dispensation be granted.

The committee desire further to state that the name suggested for this lodge is not satisfactory, and if an effort is made in the future for a lodge at Hollis Center a more appropriate name should be given to same.

We recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, }  
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee.*  
EDMUND B. MALLETT, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

*Voted*, That a copy of its charter be granted to Doric Lodge, No. 149, of Monson, in place of the original destroyed by fire.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE presented the following report :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 9, 1912.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have come to their hands and respectfully present the following report :

In the case of the petition for restoration of Bro. Charles A. McKenney, indefinitely suspended in 1906 by Composite Lodge, No. 168, at La Grange, for fraudulently obtaining the degrees. As the petition is approved by Composite Lodge, and Mechanics' Lodge at Orono, which lodge had original jurisdiction over the candidate, makes no objection, we recommend the passage of the following :

*Resolved*, That the petition be granted and that Bro. Charles A. McKenney be hereby restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of the petition for restoration of Bro. Lucien P. Hinds, who was expelled in 1891 by Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong, the petition being approved by Davis Lodge, under seal, we recommend the passage of the following :

*Resolved*. That the petition of Bro. Lucien P. Hinds for restoration be granted, and that he be hereby restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, at Foxcroft, against Bro. James Plummer, wherein Bro. Plummer was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. James Plummer be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at South West Harbor, against Bro. Seth W. Norwood, wherein Bro. Seth W. Norwood was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following :

*Resolved*, That the doings of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, in expelling Bro. Seth W. Norwood, be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. Seth W. Norwood be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Freemasonry.

In the matter of the complaint of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, at Cornish, against Drummond Lodge, No. 118, at Parsonsfield, for persistent invasion of jurisdiction, referred to us at this session. This case presents some new features of masonic procedure.

The brethren of Drummond Lodge account for their action by exhibiting their lodge record, wherein appears an agreement made in 1868 by a joint committee of the two lodges, by the terms of which a line was drawn between the two towns, and it was agreed that all candidates on one side of this line should belong to Drummond Lodge, and all on the other side to Greenleaf Lodge.

Later—some years—Drummond Lodge was moved, increasing the distance between the two lodges some two miles, but they still continued to act under the old agreement.

The brethren of Greenleaf Lodge admit that the same agreement appears on their record.

Your committee after some search have been unable to find any evidence that this agreement was ever approved by this Grand Lodge, or came to the knowledge of any officer thereof. It therefore had no force, as masonic law.

We understand that the brethren of both lodges desire only to know by authority, what the rights of each may be in the case. Under these circumstances whether this agreement ever had any binding force or not, your committee advise and recommend that the action of these lodges in making masons under it up to this time, be allowed to stand as correct, but that hereafter both be required to comply with the provisions of the constitution in the matter of jurisdiction.

Faternally submitted,

C. I. COLLAMORE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
H. D. SMITH,	
ADELBERT MILLETT,	

Report accepted and recommendations severally adopted.

#### MEMORIALS.

BRO. FESSENDEN I. DAY presented the following memorial, which was received and ordered printed in the records:

**WILLIAM JACKSON BURNHAM, Past Grand Master.**

For me a brother mason, and for over forty years my dearest friend and associate, I find myself unable to frame words expressing my love and appreciation for our revered Bro. BURNHAM.

While I have seen him in many trying positions I have never heard him utter an unjust, and hardly an unkind word, against any man.

He was always generous, and too many times when over urged, more liberal than he could well afford.

For years it has been the custom of the Knights on Christmas Observance Day, to contribute liberally for the families of needy members and Bro. BURNHAM has been the leader in seeing this custom observed. Accordingly, early in December of every year, he has ascertained the names and addresses of such families and provided each with material for a Christmas dinner, and about every year he has had a surplus of money with which he has provided dinners for worthy families outside of the masonic homes.

WILLIAM J. BURNHAM was born at Saco, Maine, December 22, 1835; was made a mason in Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, Mass., April 7, 1858, and was Secretary of that lodge two years, October, 1859-1861; removing to Lewiston he became a member of Ashlar Lodge October 6, 1862; was Master two years, January 1865-1867; was appointed Chaplain January 1870; continuing in that office until his death. Was District Deputy Grand Master in the 15th Masonic District (now the 25th), May, 1868-1869.

He received the Chapter degrees in Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter, Lowell, Mass., being exalted May 28, 1860; became a member of King Hiram Chapter, Lewiston, Maine, January 13, 1865; was High Priest June 1866-1868; was then elected Treasurer, which office he held during his life.

He received the Order of High Priesthood in Portland May 9, 1867; was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter 1867-1868, and Grand Chaplain of the Council of High Priesthood May, 1883-1892.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Dunlap Council, Lewiston, Nov. 7, 1865; was Th. Ill. Master October 1869-1870; was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council May, 1882, and held it for many years.

He received the Order of Knighthood in Portland Commandery, Portland, Maine, September 26, 1864; was a charter member of Lewiston Commandery; was Eminent Commander March, 1868-1870; was then elected Treasurer and continued in that office until 1908; when he declined re-election.

He received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Portland bodies respectively, including Maine Consistory, S. P. R. S., March 21, 1876; and the 33° at the Supreme Council, S. G. I. G., Boston, September 19, 1888.

He was a charter member of Lewiston Lodge of Perfection and T. P. G. Master January, 1876-1878; and a charter member of Auburn Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Treasurer from its formation 1888-1902.

He was a charter member of H. H. Dickey Chapter of Rose Croix; was elected M. W. and P. Master at its formation January, 1891, and continued in that office several years.

He was one of the incorporators of the Board of Masonic Trustees in Lewiston; was its first Secretary; was elected President on the death of Bro. Dickey in 1884; and remained so up to his death.

He was elected M. W. Grand Master in Maine May 5, 1903.

He was a past Grand Viceroy of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He was Past Commander-in-chief of Maine Consistory, A. A. S. Rite.

Bro. BURNHAM early became interested in this ancient fraternity, was initiated in early manhood, and formed an attachment and love for this institution and brotherhood that increased with his advancing years.

There has been no mason living in Lewiston who was so well known as was Bro. BURNHAM. For fifty years he has attended nearly every meeting of Ashlar Lodge, and for most of this time he has been their Chaplain, so that every member must have felt a personal as well as a masonic acquaintance with him, for his voice has led them in prayer as they entered into the knowledge of Masonry.

As a citizen he has been distinguished for his manly and upright life, and for affable and courteous conduct.

Mr. W. D. Pennell, the present Agent of the Hill Manufacturing Company (where Bro. BURNHAM was employed), informs me that the records show that he began in November, 1861, as paymaster under Agent Coburn, but was soon promoted to be Superintendent, which position he occupied until his death.

At the organization of the first City Government of Lewiston, 1863, he was elected Clerk of the Common Council and re-elected in 1864, serving two years, being the first to hold that position. In 1868 he was elected Alderman to fill out an unexpired term, in 1869 he was re-elected, giving the same prompt and faithful attention to public business as has always characterized his labors in all positions in life.

Bro. BURNHAM was admitted to the Pine Street Congregational Church March 2, 1862, having come from the Kirk Street Church in Lowell, Mass., his former church home. A former pastor once said of him: since his

identification with his church he has rendered it efficient service as a deacon, superintendent and teacher. In all his official relations he has contributed much to the spiritual life of the church and the extension of its influence throughout the community and state. By his cheerful response to the many demands upon his time and strength, and by the rare tact and delicacy with which he has discharged his manifold duties, he has greatly endeared himself to a large and appreciative circle in his church home.

BRO. BURNHAM endured many sorrows: They lost a son of much promise, who was drowned in 1874, a daughter, a musician of much ability, died in 1893, and Mrs. Burnham died in March, 1905. For the last two years of his life he was totally deprived of the sense of hearing.

WILLIAM JACKSON BURNHAM died at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Sunday afternoon, February 18, 1912.

He was buried from the Pine Street Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon, February 21, 1912, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Maine assembled by special call of our M. W. Grand Master, who conducted the services.

FESSENDEN I. DAY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following memorial, which was received and ordered printed in the records:

**WILLIAM PITT PREBLE, Past Grand Master.**

"Death is a subject not lightly to be broached by those who are subject to its power; the young may die and the old must die," and no one can tell when the messenger cometh.

Some one says, "Life is to be measured by the development of character, by the richness of the personality that is the product of years; of striving by the ideals that we come to cherish. Character, personality, ideals—these are fine words and they reach the height and depth, the length and breadth, and all of life that is abiding and eternal."

As a citizen, neighbor, friend, parent and husband; as a Christian gentleman; as a mason, active and useful in the various fields of masonic interest—in all these ways we have seen how well our M. W. Bro. PREBLE measured up to this standard.

There were only three Grand Masters who preceded M. W. Bro. PREBLE in that office, known by me. M. W. Bro. FREEMAN BRADFORD, Grand Master in 1853, I knew not as a mason, but as a man, and looked up to him with that reverence and awe which a boy has for a dis-

tinguished mason. M. W. Bro. HIRAM CHASE, Grand Master in 1858-9, was still in attendance at the communications of this Grand Lodge when I first attended, and I learned to know him in his strong masonic character. The third was M. W. Bro. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Grand Master in 1860-62.

All others since their time who have filled that honorable office I have known. To be sure, M. W. Bro. PREBLE had ceased his activity in masonic circles before my advent, but his presence at our annual communications so long as he resided within the jurisdiction, gave assurance of his interest and encouraged us in our labors.

Bro. PREBLE received his degree as Master Mason in Ancient Land Mark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, Maine, and his other degrees in the York Rite in Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 1, of Portland, R. & S. M., in Boston Council, No. 1, of Boston, Mass., and in Portland Commandery, No. 2, K. T., of Portland.

Bro. PREBLE became a charter member and assisted in the establishment of Atlantic Lodge, F. & A. M.; Greenleaf Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Alban Commandery, K. T.; Blanquefort Commandery, K. T.; Portland Council of R. & S. M.

He served as Worshipful Master of Atlantic Lodge in 1855, 1856 and 1857; as High Priest in Mt. Vernon Chapter in 1859 and 1860; as Master of Portland Council from 1857 to 1860; as Commander of Portland Commandery in 1864; as Commander of Blanquefort Commandery in 1875 and 1876; as Most Wise and Perfect Master of Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix in 1867 and 1868; as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Maine in 1863, 1864 and 1865; as Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1864; as Principal Conductor of Work in the Grand Council, R. & S. M., in 1859 and 1864, and Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Maine, in 1869.

For many years M. W. Bro. PREBLE was Clerk of the U. S. District Court, but about twenty-five years before his death removed to Brooklyn, New York.

He was the son of Judge William P. Preble, and was educated for the law.

He married the daughter of John Mussey.

He was born at Portland April 15, 1819, and died in New York October 23, 1911.

In his ninety-two years of life did he not prove that character, personality and ideals make the man?

ALBRO E. CHASE.



## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. HUGH R. CHAPLIN reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 9, 1912.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, to whom was referred the proposition to amend Part Fourth, Art. 1, Sec. 127, of the Constitution (Page 42) by adding after the word "processions" in the second line the words "and for attendance upon divine service," so the whole section as amended shall read:

"SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasions of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death,"

have had the subject matter under consideration and beg leave to report and recommend that said Part Fourth, Art. 1, Sec. 127, be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death."

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. G. ESTES, }  
W. SCOTT SHOREY, } *Committee.*  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

Report accepted and amendment unanimously adopted.

## FINANCE—MASONIC HOME.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 9, 1912.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the resolution of Aurora and other lodges relating to the subject of a Masonic Home, have given that attention to the proposition which the time has allowed. The

more your committee studied the proposition the less able they were to decide, but inasmuch as the success of the undertaking depends in a great measure upon the financial side, we ask to have the subject continued in our hands.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, } *Committee.*  
EDMUND B. MALLET,

Report accepted and request granted.

#### CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. HENRY R. TAYLOR presented the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 9, 1912.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

From reports of the several Grand Officers we can only summarize the condition of the craft in Maine.

Of the twenty-four Districts reporting at this session nearly all exhibit increase of work, advancement in strength and a manifest desire, each to excel in proficiency.

The importance of Schools of Instruction and District Conventions is favorably considered, and their continuance recommended, tending to stimulate passive or isolated lodges to more active and vigorous effort.

The gains for the year have not been simply numerical, but indicate more careful selection of material.

We commend the inspection clause in the report of the D. D. G. M. of the 17th District.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY R. TAYLOR, } *Committee.*  
EDWIN A. PORTER,  
ALBERT M. PENLEY,

#### PENTUCKET LODGE OF LOWELL.

BRO. WILLIAM H. LYNDS, of Pentucket Lodge of Lowell, Mass., extended the greetings of that lodge and presented a copy of the history of the lodge, which was accepted with hearty thanks by the Grand Master.

## INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE was invited to the East to install the officers. He invited Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR to act as Grand Marshal.

Grand Master SMITH presented his successor, ELMER P. SPOFFORD, who was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, prayer being offered by Rev. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretaay,</i>	Portland
FRANK A. PEABODY,	" <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Houlton
WHEELER C. HAWKES,	" " <i>2d</i> "	Eastport
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON,	" " <i>3d</i> "	Milbridge
WILLIS A. RICKER,	" " <i>4th</i> "	Castine
WILLIAM R. HUGHES,	" " <i>5th</i> "	Monson
EDWIN N. MILLER,	" " <i>6th</i> "	Bangor
ERNEST S. WING,	" " <i>7th</i> "	Searsmont
AUGUSTUS D. HAYES,	" " <i>8th</i> "	Belfast
CHARLES G. BRACKETT,	" " <i>9th</i> "	Thomaston
THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	" " <i>10th</i> "	Waldoboro
CHARLES R. GETCHELL,	" " <i>11th</i> "	Hallowell
Declined.	" " <i>12th</i> "	
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	" " <i>13th</i> "	Skowhegan
GEORGE A. WARD,	" " <i>14th</i> "	Bath
JOHN N. FOYE,	" " <i>15th</i> "	Canton
JAMES B. STEVENSON,	" " <i>16th</i> "	Rumford
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	" " <i>17th</i> "	Portland
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY,	" " <i>18th</i> "	Denmark
FRANK E. ROBBINS,	" " <i>19th</i> "	Kittery
JOHN E. CLARK,	" " <i>20th</i> "	Winn
FRANK R. OBER,	" " <i>21st</i> "	N. E. Harbor
DANIEL B. PACKARD,	" " <i>22d</i> "	Exeter
JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,	" " <i>23d</i> "	N. Waterboro
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN,	" " <i>24th</i> "	So. Poland
LEWIS E. JACKMAN,	" " <i>25th</i> "	Sherman Mills

REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	W.	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
REV. HARRY H. PRINGLE,	"	"	Milo
REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	"	"	Ellsworth
REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	"	"	Camden
REV. JOHN M. BIELER,	"	"	Machias
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	"	"	Belfast
ALAN L. BIRD,	"	<i>Marshal,</i>	Rockland
SILAS B. ADAMS,	"	<i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
CHARLES P. HATCH,	"	<i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Portland
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	"	<i>Steward,</i>	Limerick
JAMES R. TALBOT,	"	"	E. Machias
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	"	"	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	"	Saco
MOSES D. JOYCE,	"	<i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Deer Isle
FRED S. BLODGETT,	"	<i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Bucksport
WARREN C. KING,	"	<i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
FRED C. CHALMERS,	"	"	Bangor
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	"	<i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER H. SMITH,	"	<i>Organist,</i>	Portland
WARREN O. CARNEY,	"	<i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The remaining Grand Officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were presented by the Grand Marshal and installed by Bro. COLLAMORE, and proclamation thereof was made.

The Grand Master resumed the East, and thanked Bros. COLLAMORE and TAYLOR for their assistance.

He then announced the following

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### *On Credentials.*

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

##### *On Grievances and Appeals.*

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HOWARD D. SMITH, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

##### *On Publication.*

FESSENDEN I. DAY, MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON.

*On History.*

MERTON L. KIMBALL, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Dispensations and Charters.*

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

*On Amendments to the Constitution.*

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence.*

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

*On Condition of the Fraternity.*

EDWIN A. PORTER, ALBERT M. PENLEY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Library.*

GRAND MASTER, ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

*On Transportation.*

STEPHEN BERRY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

*On Returns.*

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. ALFRED S. KIMBALL,

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH for the able and efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of this annual communication had been completed, and the report was accepted.

## CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved.

At 11:15 the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by Rev. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:



*Stephen Berry*

*Grand Secretary.*

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The ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 6, 1913, at 9 o'clock A. M.

## Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.

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### FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report as District Deputy of the First Masonic District. I was installed at Houlton on September 13, 1911, by P. M. JAMES ARCHIBALD, as per your instructions.

I attended the School of Instruction held at Bangor October 27th and found it very interesting and instructive. Again at Houlton on November 10th, I attended a School of Instruction with most profitable results. Both of these schools were under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER.

During the year I visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in all of them. I received invitations to install the officers of three different lodges, but owing to other engagements I was unable to comply with the request.

On November 10th, the School of Instruction was held at Houlton, and in the evening of the same day, in company with M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, I officially visited Monument Lodge, No. 96, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a large attendance, and the work was exceedingly well done. The records and finances of this lodge are in excellent condition, owing to the careful attention of the Secretary, Bro. C. E. F. STETSON. I trust I may be pardoned for a feeling of pride in my home lodge, but I must commend the methodical and painstaking manner in which the present officers perform their work. I visited this lodge several times during the year, and each time the work was fully up to the required standard.

On February 15, 1912, I visited Caribou Lodge, No. 170, and found a goodly number of members present. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates and the work was very creditably done. This was the

first regular meeting of this lodge, following installation of the new officers in January, and the work in opening and closing the lodge could be much improved on. I think, however, experience will play an important part in more perfect ritual work, as the officers are interested and of good material. Bro. ROBERTS, a new member, is also a new Secretary, but he is qualified to become an efficient one.

Monday, February 26th, found me with Trinity Lodge in Presque Isle, and a more cordial welcome could not be extended by any lodge. To criticize the work in this lodge would require an inspector more competent than I am. It complied with the requirements in every particular, and a corps of more efficient officers it would be hard to find. The books and records are in keeping with the lodge work and the smallest detail is carefully attended to by Bro. V. E. HOWE.

At Fort Fairfield on Wednesday, February 28th, a large number of members were present in spite of a big snow storm. To show the interest manifested in this lodge it is only necessary to mention that seven petitions were balloted on that evening. I would certainly recommend more attention to detail in the regular lodge work, but in the degree work the officers are to be commended for their efficiency. The books and records are in the hands of a new Secretary, who after a little experience will without doubt make a good showing.

Saturday night, March 9th, in the worst snow storm of the season, I visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and it was with difficulty that the degree work of the evening was performed. This is a country village, and with practically no roads, the members were to be excused for their absence. However, those present were equal to the occasion and responded in a manner creditable to any lodge. A new Secretary is also in charge of the books and records of this lodge and altogether the lodge has good and capable material.

On April 10th, at Washburn Lodge, I found the largest attendance in proportion to membership of any lodge in the First District. This lodge is in every particular a country lodge with an excellent attendance. The Secretary, Bro. E. M. HINES, is probably responsible to a considerable degree for the success of this lodge. On account of a widely scattered membership it is almost impossible to secure the necessary practice and rehearsals in regular lodge and degree work. In particular they lack an instructor, who from experience and knowledge of up-to-date work is qualified to undertake the work of instructing and interesting the members. If this could be done Washburn Lodge would certainly make a great record, as it has all the other essentials necessary.

As a whole Masonry is prosperous and progressive in the First District and the thanks of each lodge in the class is extended to the Grand



Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, for making it possible that members from each lodge could attend a School of Instruction in this county.

I wish it were possible, and if practical from a financial standpoint would suggest, that the D. D. G. M. be required to visit each lodge in his district at least twice during the year, so that instructions given on occasion of first visit might be later observed by the same official as to the result.

In conclusion, I appreciate highly the honor conferred on me as your D. D. and trust that I have in some degree merited your confidence.

My thanks are due to all with whom I have been associated in this work, for their uniform courtesy and kindness during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK A. PEABODY, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Houlton, May 1, 1912.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District.

I attended the sessions of the Lodge of Instruction held at Houlton, found the occasion of great profit and from the large attendance should judge that the meetings were appreciated by the members of the lodges in the northern part of the jurisdiction.

My official visit to St. Croix Lodge, Calais, was made on March eleventh, and the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. The officers are very much interested in the work, and the finances are in good condition.

The annual convention of the lodges of the Second Masonic District was held with St. Croix Lodge, Thursday, March twenty-eighth. There was a large attendance, and the attention shown by the brethren was marked. Each year shows an improvement in the manner of conferring the degrees. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by the officers of Washington Lodge. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred by the officers of Crescent Lodge, and the Master Mason's degree by the officers of the St. Croix Lodge. The work presented was most satisfactory and the lodges should be given great credit for their efforts. We had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. YOUNG, D. G. M., M. W. Bro. WHITLOCK, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. VROOM, P. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. A banquet served by the members of Orion

Chapter, O. E. S., in the Congregational Vestry, was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Washington Lodge, Lubec, was visited on Wednesday evening, April third. It being a stated communication of this lodge, considerable business was transacted and one candidate received the Entered Apprentice degree. This lodge has considerable work in sight and is in a good financial condition. I am indebted to P. D. D. G. M. CASE for courtesies extended.

I made my official visit to Crescent Lodge, Pembroke, on April eighteenth, and on account of a severe rain storm the attendance was small. A number of the officers were obliged to drive ten to twelve miles to be present. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on one candidate in a very impressive manner. This lodge is doing considerable work and is flourishing.

It is to be regretted that I found it impossible to inspect Lewy's Island Lodge at Princeton; from reports would judge the lodge prosperous and flourishing.

I have attended nearly all of the communications of my home lodge, Eastern of Eastport, and would report that it is in a good financial condition.

I would take this opportunity to thank you for the honor you conferred in appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and the brethren for the courtesies they have extended in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

WHEELER C. HAWKES, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

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### THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second official report as D. D. G. M. of the Third Masonic District.

I was re-appointed at the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1911, and installed by P. G. M. ALFRED S. KIMBALL.

My first official visit was on the evening of December 30th, to Tuscan Lodge at Addison. I find this lodge is in a very prosperous condition and having many applications for membership. Bro. W. C. IRONS was re-elected W. M., and has the support of very efficient officers. Being the nearest lodge to my home town, I have the opportunity of visiting Tuscan more frequently than the others, and always meet a most pleasing

reception, which I assure you is greatly appreciated. After business was finished I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. E. A. WORCESTER, of Jonesport Lodge, as Marshal. Following these ceremonies the lodge was closed, and we were invited to the banquet room, where supper was served.

On Tuesday, January 16th, I publicly installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge, No. 188, the ceremonies being pleasantly interspersed with both vocal and instrumental music. This being my home lodge I am well informed as to conditions, and with the exception of being a little behind with our dues, owing to raising of same, I am very well satisfied. The past year has certainly been a successful one, and we have been able to pay part of the debt incurred by extensive renovations, and under the management of very capable officers I trust that the coming year will be as prosperous as the one just passed. Supper was served at the close.

On January 18th, by appointment, I visited Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias. I find this lodge is in excellent condition, and under the management of officers who take, I believe, a deep interest in Masonry. This lodge has been very fortunate in receiving from Bro. HERBERT HARRIS what is practically a gift of his former home, to be converted into a masonic hall, and expect before the close of the present year, after suitable changes and renovations have been made, to move from the hall which they have occupied so long, to more pleasant and commodious quarters. The installation was public and largely attended. After the close refreshments were served and we were pleasantly entertained until a late hour.

January 22d, by appointment, I made my official visit to Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, at Milbridge. The condition of this lodge I find very satisfactory, with dues well collected and records very nicely kept. The newly-installed officers are all earnest workers, and I firmly believe that this lodge will continue to prosper in the future as in the past. Bro. JOSEPH LEIGHTON, who has been Master the past two years, has certainly done a great deal to bring the work to perfection, and his successor, Dr. ARNOLD C. LEIGHTON, seems to be equally capable. I therefore feel that the future of Pleiades is in good hands. Following the installation we listened to remarks by several of the members, among them Dr. J. A. WALLING, Past D. D. G. M., and P. M. NELSON C. WALLACE, all of which were very interesting. At the close we enjoyed a banquet in their hall below.

January 23d, was the date of my official visit to Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, at Cherryfield. This was a joint installation with Dirigo R. A. Chapter and the O. E. S., and very largely attended. Although the weather was stormy, many of the brethren were present from Milbridge and nearby towns. I found the records nicely kept, and dues well collected,

the financial condition being better than for many years. The interest shown by some of the older members, and I might say most prominent citizens, was very gratifying. I was assisted by P. M. E. R. WINGATE, who acted as Marshal and Rev. Mr. SWAINSON as Chaplain, and most excellent music was furnished by Prof. GUY ROBERTS' orchestra. This lodge has very capable officers and has done good work the past year, and the future prospects are bright indeed. The supper, which was served at 6 o'clock, previous to the installation (the R. A. installation being in the afternoon) deserves special mention as being one of the best it has been my pleasure to enjoy.

January 25th, by appointment, I officially visited Harwood Lodge, No. 91, at Machias. I find the records nicely kept, and dues well collected. This lodge has had considerable work the past year, and is doing well. All of the officers were re-elected, and as I have seen them work within a year, I feel sure that the fraternity is well represented here. I installed the officers with the assistance of Bro. WILLIS ALLEN as Marshal and R. W. J. M. BIELER, G. C. By unanimous vote of the lodge I was invited to hold a Masonic Convention in this place, Harwood Lodge to entertain. This shows that the deepest interest is taken, and was very pleasing to me. At the close supper was served in the banquet hall.

January 26th, I made my official visit to Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler, and met the most cordial reception. I am greatly interested in this lodge, as each of the members seems to feel that he is to a certain degree responsible for its welfare and therefore does all in his power for its prosperity. Although they have but little work, I find they keep in close touch with the ritual, and evidently have made quite a study of Masonry. I installed the officers at this meeting with the assistance of Bro. H. U. DAVIS as Marshal, following which we listened to some very interesting remarks by several of the members. Refreshments were served at the close.

I appointed February 28th as the date on which I would hold a convention of the lodges at Machias, and had asked Tuscan to exemplify the E. A., Warren the F. C, and Narraguagus the M. M. degrees. On this date, however, occurred the worst storm of the winter and I was compelled to postpone this meeting until Friday, March 1st.

On this date there were assembled in the hall of Harwood Lodge the largest delegation of the brethren it has been my pleasure to meet in this district and a M. M. lodge was opened in due form. After declaring lodge at rest, Tuscan Lodge was invited to take the chair and proceed with the exemplification of the E. A. degree. The work was practically above criticism and the officers received many congratulations on the very able manner in which the work was done. The ritual was very

closely followed, and the manner in which the candidate's attention was called to the ancient landmark was particularly impressive.

Warren Lodge was next called, and the work in the F. C. degree exemplified. This was also handled in a masterful way and received much praise. Special credit is due these officers, as they are nearly all new to their respective chairs, and have had little practice since being installed, but were ready to do their best when I asked them to work this degree.

The lodge was then called from labor to refreshments, it being about 6:30 P. M., and we were conducted to the banquet hall and furnished an elegant supper by the brethren of Harwood, who particularly looked after the visitors and saw that every brother was suitably provided for. Following this, and after a recess of about an hour, the lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and Narraguagus was invited to work the M. M. degree. At the time I invited this lodge to work I was told by the Master that he would be compelled to substitute some of his principal officers, as the regular officers would be away from home at that time, but I doubt very much if any of those who witnessed the work would have suspected that the Master was supported by any but those who had given the work considerable practice, so nicely was it carried through. Remarks were then made by many present concerning each of the degrees, and words of the highest praise received from all, including our P. G. M., HENRY R. TAYLOR, and P. D. D., M. H. WISWELL, both of whom I was pleased to meet again on this occasion.

At this time many expressions of appreciation were heard for the kindness shown the entire district by Harwood Lodge, in inviting us and furnishing entertainment, for which we gave a rising vote of thanks, and I wish, personally, to thank Bro. ALBERT S. ALLEN, W. M. of Harwood, and his officers, also Bro. WILLIS H. ALLEN, for the assistance rendered me in making this the best convention yet. I also want to mention the interest shown by the members of Lookout Lodge of Cutler, who, although they have about 18 miles to travel by team or boat, were present in numbers corresponding to 40 per cent. of their membership, which I believe to be a record not beaten by any lodge in Maine.

The lodge was then closed and a P. M. lodge held, which was conducted as the text book shows it should be, and at which eight P. M.'s received this degree. This lodge was then closed and the convention was over.

I am glad to report that there has not been during my term of office one question of dispute of any kind between the several lodges, and that everything has been conducted with brotherly love and friendship. I also wish to thank the brethren for the very pleasant reception which I have received, and the kindness shown me in my visits; and to you,

M. W., I express my thanks for the honor conferred by my re-appointment, and I sincerely believe that my successor will find that the welfare and prosperity of the lodges in the Third District will be found second to none in the state.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN CUMMINGS, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

Jonesport, May 4, 1912.

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

Received a very kind letter from you appointing me D. D. G. M. and was installed in Hancock Lodge by Past District Deputy CHARLES H. HOOPER.

Attended the School of Instruction at Bangor and found a good attendance and received much needed instruction. Our Bangor brothers should be complimented on the manner in which we were entertained.

In November I called a convention at Castine. Unfortunately there was a severe storm, but we had an attendance of over 150 and every lodge was represented. Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210, worked the E. A. degree, and Reliance, No. 195, the M. M. The work was finely executed by both lodges and showed careful attention to details. On account of delay in arriving, the F. C. was not worked. At six o'clock supper was served, and it was voted to hold the next convention at Stonington.

December 12th, I visited Marine Lodge at Deer Isle, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in their usual good form, and later in the evening attended a banquet.

December 13th, I visited Naskeag Lodge at Brooklin, and the F. C. degree was worked. This was my first visit to this lodge and I found them very pleasantly situated. The work was done without hesitation.

January 3d, I visited Rising Star Lodge at Penobscot, by their invitation, and installed their officers, after which there was a banquet and general good time.

February 12th, I visited Ira Berry Lodge at Bluehill, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Their work was well done in every way.

February 19th, I visited Eggemoggin Lodge at Sedgwick, where they had work in the E. A. degree. Found them very correct and careful in their work.

On account of sickness I was unable to visit Reliance Lodge at Stonington or Bagaduce Lodge at Brooksville, but as each of them worked a degree at the convention, it gave me an opportunity to see their work and if they do as well in their home lodge room as they did at the convention I have no fears for the welfare of their respective lodges.

Of my own lodge at Castine I installed the officers and witnessed the work all the year, and have always been very well satisfied with the work done here.

The records of all the lodges are well and carefully kept and the dues are well up.

All of the lodges in this district are doing good work and have enough candidates to keep them reasonably busy.

I wish to thank all the lodges in this district for their help and consideration, and also to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the unexpected honor you conferred by appointing me District Deputy for this district.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS A. RICKER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*

Castine, April 8, 1912.

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### FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

I was installed by Past D. D. G. M. H. E. MORRILL, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. FRANK B. ARNOLD, at the stated communication of Doric Lodge, July 17th. This being a Past Master's meeting, many brethren were present from Mt. Kineo, Abner Wade, Penobscot and Cambridge Lodges. Work was done in a creditable manner. After the work remarks were made by several of the visiting brethren. At the close, refreshments were served. The visiting brethren returned to their homes well pleased with the work and the entertainment.

October 7th, I attended the Past Master's meeting at Guilford. This was the largest gathering of the brethren I have seen except in the Grand Lodge. I was well pleased to meet you for the first time, M. W., and also in listening to your very able and interesting remarks. At the close a fine banquet was served, after which we all returned to our homes well pleased with the work and the entertainment.

October 9th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Abner Wade



Lodge, at Sangerville, assisted by P. M. C. W. RAY as Marshal and P. M. HARRY M. CARR as Chaplain. This lodge is the youngest in the district, but is up to date with older and larger lodges in their work and interest, report of which I will give in turn later.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Bangor, under the supervision of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The school was in session both forenoon and afternoon, instructions being given in all the degrees, in a thorough and careful manner. Although the attendance was small, the interest of those attending was great, and the result I believe excellent. I wish here to impress upon Masters and officers of lodges, as well as D. D. G. Masters, the importance of attending one or more of them annually. I think that these schools are much more valuable to the officers of lodges, than are visits by D. D. G. Masters, for in these schools they have more time to go through the ritual thoroughly. In the evening we had the pleasure of witnessing work in the F. C. degree by the officers of St. Andrew's, the officers performing their parts in a fine and impressive manner, and very few mistakes were made.

I was well pleased to be present at the School of Instruction, and also in witnessing the fine work of the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge. After the work a fine banquet was served.

November 3d, made my official visit to Olive Branch Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees, which was performed in a fine and impressive manner. But few corrections were necessary and those of a trifling nature. The W. M., Bro. FRANK D. WEYMOUTH, is a thorough ritualist and an impressive worker. The records are in the hands of P. M. SMITH and are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected. He is serving his 36th year as Secretary of the lodge. At the close a fine supper was served.

November 4th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Composite Lodge, 168, La Grange, and inspected work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. I was assisted in installing the officers by P. M. HARRY M. FOWLER as Marshal and Past D. D. G. M. FRED H. SAVAGE as Chaplain. After the installation the M. M. degree was worked by the new officers, and I am pleased to say that every officer had learned his part well and but few corrections were needed. This lodge has a fine home. I am glad to report that before long they will own it clear of incumbrance. The records are correctly kept by Bro. SAVAGE. The exercises were followed by a very acceptable banquet.

December 4th, I installed the officers of Pleasant River Lodge, 163, at Brownville. I was assisted by R. W. G. W. McLAIN as Marshal and Bro. A. W. PAGE as Chaplain. After the installation remarks were made by several of the brethren and there was a fine banquet at the close.



December 11th, I made my official visit to Abner Wade Lodge, 207, at Sangerville, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was performed in a very fine manner. But few corrections were necessary. The officers of this young lodge take interest in their work and are following the ritual closely. The records are neatly kept.

December 28th, I made an official visit to Mosaic Lodge at Foxcroft, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was fairly well done. I was obliged to make many corrections, which were well received. At this meeting the officers were elected for the ensuing year. I think they will take more interest and the ritual will be more closely followed. The records are neatly and correctly kept by P. D. D. G. M. JAMES T. ROBERTS, who has served twenty-seven years in this office. After the work a very nice oyster supper was served.

December 30th, I installed the officers of Mt. Kineo Lodge, assisted by P. M. FRANKLIN B. PEASE as Marshal and Bro. Rev. H. M. DANIELS as Chaplain. After the installation the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a creditable manner, the new officers performing their parts well. At the close a fine supper was served.

January 2d, I made my official visit to Columbia Lodge, 200, at Greenville, conferred the P. M. degree and installed the officers to their respective stations, assisted by P. M. HIRAM HUNT as Marshal and P. M. G. W. BROWN as Chaplain. After the installation work was performed on two candidates in the F. C. and M. M. degrees, which was fine and impressive. But few corrections were necessary. I congratulate this lodge on having so proficient a Master, and also the assistance he has by a fine line of officers. The records are neatly kept. At the close of the meeting a fine supper was served.

February 2d, I visited Piscataquis Lodge at Milo, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was performed very well. Some corrections were necessary, which were received kindly and in the right spirit. This lodge is in a fine and healthy condition, having a lot of work. The future prospects are good; and at a future date it will be the largest lodge in the district. The records are in the hands of R. W. Bro. FRANK E. MONROE, which is a guaranty of good records. The exercises were followed by a very acceptable banquet.

February 5th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Doric Lodge, No. 149, at Monson, which is my home lodge. I was assisted in performing the ceremony by Past D. D. G. M. H. E. MORRILL as Marshal and P. M. J. A. LARSON as Chaplain. I had the pleasure of installing as Master, P. D. D. G. M. ALBERT F. JACKSON, who served as Master of this lodge in 1871, '72, '73, '76, '77 and 85 and 86, and is now commencing his eighth year. I have not made an official visit but have attended almost

every meeting and made corrections needed. Doric Lodge had the misfortune of losing their beautiful little home on November 8th, by the disastrous fire which destroyed the largest part of the business portion of our village. We lost all but the records. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were bound in volumes from 1868 to 1909. The brethren of the lodge are not discouraged, but are going to build this summer.

March 2d, I again visited Mt. Kineo Lodge and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates, which was rendered in a fine and impressive manner and close to the ritual. Only a few errors were noticed, and these were evidently mere slips. I congratulate the brethren on the method of examining the candidates in the preceding degree, before they are advanced. This should be done by every lodge. The records are correctly and neatly kept by Bro. MELLOR.

March 18th, I made an official visit to Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. This was their annual Past Master's meeting. The work was performed by Past Masters, and was very well done. Some corrections were necessary. I was pleased to note the interest taken by the brethren present. Meetings of this kind are beneficial and uplifting to lodges, as it impresses the new members by the interest those Past Masters (who have been honored in the highest gift of the lodge) are taking in the welfare and work of their lodge. After the work we all repaired to the banquet room, where a fine supper was served.

April 1st, I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge at Dexter, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, the local lodge working one and Cambridge lodge the other. One feature of the meeting should be particularly commended, the very excellent examination of the candidates. Here I wish to report that this was the best work I have witnessed in the district, especially by the local lodge. I also commended the officers of Cambridge Lodge for their fine and impressive work. But few corrections were necessary, which were well and kindly received by the brethren. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. FRANK B. ARNOLD, P. D. D. G. M., who is, I believe, of great help to the officers in their efficiency and standard of work. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and are receiving quite a number of applications. Records in the hands of Bro. HUTCHINSON are well and neatly kept. After the work was over, refreshments were served, and then speeches were in order.

I have presented diplomas to the following Past Masters: C. H. DYER, HERBERT W. LEACH of Olive Branch, No. 124, HARRY M. FOWLES, Composite, No. 168, LEVI F. JOHNSON, HARVEY W. RYDER, Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, MELVIN F. MARTIN, Mosaic, No. 52, HARRY M. CARE, Abner Wade, No. 207, RALPH P. BROWN, Columbia, No. 200.

Masonry in this district is in good condition, peace and harmony prevailing in all the lodges.

In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me during my visits to them.

I wish also to sincerely thank you, Most Worshipful, for appointing me to this important and responsible office.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM R. HUGHES, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

Monson, April 8, 1912.

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### SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my official report for the Sixth Masonic District. The current year has been a most prosperous one in the Sixth District, and with a single exception, all lodges have made a good showing.

My first official visit was to Kenduskeag Lodge August 9th, where I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree with W. M. ERNEST PAGE in the East. The work was well rendered, only a few errors creeping in, and they were of minor importance. Banquet at close.

On October 6th, I inspected Lynde Lodge of Hermon, and found the work fully up to the standard, and the lodge in a prosperous condition. Banquet at close of work.

On December 19th, I inspected Rising Virtue Lodge of Bangor. The attendance was large, the work well done, and everything points to a successful masonic year. Banquet at close.

On December 22d, I inspected Howard Lodge of Winterport, the work being in the E. A. degree and fairly well rendered. At the close of the work I installed the officers, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. JOHN E. EMERSON of Hampden as Marshal. Banquet at close of work.

On Saturday, December 30th, I visited Hampden Lodge of Hampden, for inspection. The almost perfect manner in which the work was done clearly shows the time and study which the officers have given to the work. Banquet at close.

On Thursday, January 11th, I visited Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, of Carmel, for installation. There has been a lack of work in this lodge for some time and nothing in sight at present, but the new officers seem will-

ing and anxious and I shall look for a better showing soon. Banquet at close.

On Saturday, January 13th, I installed the officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, of Hampden. The attendance was large, the music fine, and a splendid banquet at the close all tended to make it a very profitable evening fraternally. This lodge is doing some extra fine work.

On Saturday, January 20th, I installed Rising Virtue, No. 10, of Bangor. The incoming officers are well fitted for the new positions and a prosperous year is assured. Banquet at close.

On Monday, January 22d, I visited Star in the East, No. 60, Oldtown, for inspection. The work was exceedingly well done, everyone showing an active interest in matters pertaining to the lodge.

On Wednesday, April 3d, I inspected Mechanics', No. 66, Orono, and was well pleased with the work. The few errors that were made were of minor importance. They have had a good year and everything in a prosperous condition.

I have not had an official inspection of my own lodge, as I have been present on every possible occasion. They have had a splendid year, as their records will show, and their work is of the highest character.

In closing I wish especially to extend my thanks to our Past D. D. G. M. JOHN E. EMERSON for his kindness during the year, and also to the officers and members of the different lodges I have visited.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN N. MILLER, *D. D. G. M., 6th M. D.*

Bangor, April 26, 1912.

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## SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of my official duties for the year in the Seventh Masonic District.

June 24th, by your request, R. W. P. D. D. G. M. ADELBERT MILLETT installed me as D. D. G. M., an honor for which I beg you, Most Worshipful, to accept my sincere thanks.

September 30th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Liberty Lodge at Liberty, assisted by P. M. L. C. MORSE as Marshal. Services were interspersed with appropriate music by Liberty Choir. There was a good attendance of brethren and invited guests. All enjoyed a fine banquet at close of the meeting.

October 18th, it was my privilege to attend a School of Instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Rockland. The school was well attended and very instructive; a good interest was manifested by all present.

November 30th, by invitation, I made my official visit to Unity Lodge at Thorndike, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done by the Master, R. W. P. D. D. G. BENJAMIN AMES.

January 30th, I made my official visit to Star in the West Lodge of Unity, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was well done. The meeting was well attended. I also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. CHASE, P. D. D. G. M., and gratefully acknowledge courtesies received.

January 31st, I officially visited Marsh River Lodge at Brooks; a good night but small attendance. I conferred the P. M. degree on W. M. JAMES F. JEWELL.

February 28th, I made my official visit to Central Lodge at China. There was a good attendance. There was to be work in the M. M. degree, but the roads were so badly drifted that the candidate was unable to be there. Much interest is shown by all the members.

February 29th, I visited Seabasticook Lodge at Clinton, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was done in an able manner. This lodge is to be congratulated on its pleasant masonic home and the largest membership of the Seventh District.

March 2d, I was to make a visit to Liberty Lodge, Liberty, but on account of bad traveling I invited Bro. WILLIS J. GREELY to attend for me, which he kindly did and reports the lodge in good standing and well officered.

Quatabacook Lodge, 129, being my home lodge, I have attended all its meetings except one during the year. While this lodge has had no work during the past year its prospects are encouraging for the future.

I congratulate the lodges of this district on their evident prosperity. All the lodges are well officered, records well kept and dues well collected.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge my sincere appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by officers and members throughout the district, and to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me in appointing me your representative.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST S. WING, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Searsmont, March 28, 1912.

## EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

*Dear Brother:* I have carried out the work of this department as well as circumstances would allow and make the following report.

October 26, 1911, I inspected Timothy Chase Lodge of Belfast, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This being a regular inspection was well attended, as in fact, most of their meetings have been this season. The work was quite well done, but not up to the standard which this lodge is capable of doing. Found the lodge in good standing, as you will perceive in a later report of inspection, and the books in good form, neatly and correctly kept.

November 13th, installed the officers of Phoenix Lodge, Belfast, assisted by Bro. PATTEE as Marshal and Bro. BRACKETT of Brooks as Chaplain. They are a capable team and have carried out the work as designed by our ancient worthies in a very satisfactory manner.

February 22, 1912, installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge, Belfast, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. ISAAC HILLS, acting as Marshal and Past Master Bro. E. H. HANEY, acting as Chaplain, and made this my official visitation. The M. M. degree was carried out by the new officers, and the way in which the work was performed was certainly a credit to the lodge. They have a fine set of men in the chairs, capable and courteous, and certainly deserve a good report. The books are in good condition and the lodge in good standing, as the following will show: Membership 125; a few outstanding bills and 120 shares in Masonic Temple Association, par value of \$35.00.

March 5th, visited King David's Lodge, Lincolnville, and saw work exemplified in the M. M. degree, which was very well done. The books are in good form, and I found the lodge very well established financially. The Treasurer reports every quarter, and I found from his report that they had no outstanding bills; that they owned their hall and stable valued at \$1,200, and had \$5.26 in cash.

March 6th, inspected Excelsior Lodge, Northport, and saw the work exemplified by the new officers. They are going to have a good working lodge, as could be readily perceived from the way in which they took hold of their work. It had the snap and dash which makes up for a great deal, and not only that but the ritualistic work was nearly perfect. Their books are neatly kept, and the lodge is on a good working basis. The Treasurer reported, bills all paid; hall owned by the lodge and \$190 in treasury.

March 25th, gave Phoenix Lodge, Belfast, a thorough inspection. The M. M. degree, was worked in full form, and the manner and impressive-

ness which characterized it leaves no doubt of the efficiency of the new officers. Books very neatly and properly kept, bills paid, and 69 shares of Masonic Temple Stock, par value \$35.00, to their credit.

March 26th, visited Mariner's Lodge, Searsport. Work exemplified in the M. M. degree. Found the new officers getting along very well indeed. Their work shows familiarity with the ritual to a marked degree, and it was very pleasing to witness such good work from this lodge. They own half of their hall, valued at \$3,000, have five shares of Seasport National Bank Stock, of par value of \$150, and no outstanding bills.

March 13th, was to inspect Pownal Lodge, Stockton, but was unable to get over there on account of weather. Have had the lodge inspected by Past Master GARDNER and he reports the lodge in excellent working condition, and much interest manifested in the work. He reports a good clean set of books and the lodge on a good financial footing.

Have been unable to get to the island, and this has caused my delay in making this report, but may be able soon. If not will see that the lodge is properly looked after.

The reports to the Grand Lodge are all in, as are also the Grand Lodge dues, and will forward same to the Grand Treasurer some time this week. Have found an increasing interest in masonic work all through the district, and have endeavored to impress upon the officers and members generally the high importance of Masonry and the dignity of the institution.

Yours cordially and fraternally,

AUGUSTUS D. HAYES, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

Belfast, April 6, 1912.

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### NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as your deputy for the Ninth Masonic District, covering the following named lodges, viz: Amity at Camden, No. 6; Orient at Thomaston, No. 15; St. George at Warren, No. 16; Union at Union, No. 31; Aurora at Rockland, No. 50; Rockland at Rockland, No. 79; St. Paul's at Rockport, No. 82; Eureka at Tenant's Harbor, No. 84; Moses Webster at Vinalhaven, No. 145; Knox at South Thomaston, No. 189; Mt. Olivet at Washington, No. 203.

I find that all of the officers and a goodly number of the members of the various lodges take a deep interest in their work, and show that



spirit which promises even more prosperity in this branch of your jurisdiction in the future than has attended the fraternity in the past.

While the net gain in membership during the past year is small, the fact that it is not greater is accounted for by the unusually large number of deaths among the members of Aurora, Rockland and Moses Webster Lodges, and the withdrawal of a considerable number from St. Paul's Lodge, for the reason hereinafter mentioned.

While Aurora Lodge had twenty-six additions and Rockland Lodge fifteen, the former made a net increase of only five and the latter a net loss of ten; but both are in a most healthy and prosperous condition.

St. Paul's Lodge at Rockport purchased a building and fitted up for themselves new and exceedingly attractive quarters, and for the purpose of putting this upon a sound financial basis, and within a reasonable time owning their home clear of indebtedness, they increased their annual dues to five dollars, and on this account a considerable number of members took a dimit; and while they received five new members, by dimit and death they made a net loss of eight. I have little doubt, however, that the net result will be additional prosperity in the lodge.

This brings me to a condition within this jurisdiction which speaks well for Masonry, and that is that in each place in the Ninth Masonic District where masonic bodies are established, these bodies own, in one form or another, the quarters in which they hold their meetings, except Mt. Olivet Lodge of Washington, and this lodge has purchased a building, which it proposes to reconstruct into a masonic temple.

Some of the lodges already own their property entirely free from debt, and the quarters of all are as good for the places in which they are located as any fraternity could be expected to have, and many of them are entirely adapted to future as well as present needs.

The lodges appear to be all animated by the true spirit of the fraternity, and the manner of conducting their work and of keeping their records, reach a standard worthy of high commendation.

In so far as I could I have tried to make such suggestions as I thought would be helpful, and all the officers have manifested a commendable desire to perfect themselves in ritual and floor work.

I was invited at the beginning of the year to install the officers of various lodges; but my other engagements were such that I was only enabled to accept in the cases of Amity, Aurora and Knox Lodges.

The official visits for inspection have been highly satisfactory to me, and I have visited each lodge with the exception of Mt. Olivet. At the time fixed for the official visit at that lodge the weather and traveling turned out to be such that it was useless to expect the members to get there, and being otherwise engaged at the time of the second appoint-



ment for that purpose, Past District Deputy F. C. MILLAY of Union kindly consented to represent me, and rendered a report in every way commendable to Mt. Olivet Lodge.

Fraternally and very respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

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### TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my official report as D. D. G. M. for the Tenth Masonic District.

On Wednesday, October 11th, I attended the School of Instruction at Rockland, under the direction of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER. These schools are very instructive and should be larger attended.

On Wednesday evening, October 4th, I publicly installed the officers of Dresden Lodge, No. 103, at Dresden Mills, and on December 2d made my official visit and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The officers and brethren are all interested in the welfare of this lodge and I feel confident that under the direction of W. M. Bro. NORRIS S. LORD, they will perform the work in a very correct manner, and that soon they may build a new hall which they are planning to do at this time.

On Wednesday evening, January 17th, I inspected Anchor Lodge, No. 158, at South Bristol. The F. C. degree was worked in a creditable manner, very few corrections being necessary. This lodge has some young members for its officers, and under the direction of W. M. Bro. SEAVEY, will have the work nearly perfect in a short time.

February 8th, I made my official visit to Bay View Lodge, No. 196, at East Boothbay, where the work of the evening was in the M. M. degree. This lodge is in a flourishing condition and its members should have cause for rejoicing, as their hall is nearly paid for. This lodge also has young members working for its welfare, with W. M. Bro. GEORGE I. HODGSON in the East. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner and the dues are well collected.

On Friday evening, February 9th, I was with Seaside Lodge, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing fine work and has the largest membership of any lodge in the district, and the work was nearly perfect. W. M. Bro. R. V. MATTHEWS has an efficient corps of officers and all the members are deeply interested in the welfare of the lodge. On March 1st, by special

invitation, I attended Past Master's night and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on five candidates. Past D. D. G. M. Bro. LEWIS A. DUNTON was in the East, and under his direction the work was very impressive. A large number were present from Bay View Lodge and the occasion was one long to be remembered.

On Monday evening, February 19th, I officially visited Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, at Friendship, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing fine work, and as a greater part of its members originally belonged to King Solomon's, of which I am a member, I naturally have a great interest in its welfare. The new Master, Bro. EUGENE BROWN, with his officers, are doing good work and its financial condition is excellent. Bro. G. FRED GILLCHREST, of King Solomon's Lodge, accompanied me on this visitation.

Tuesday evening, February 20th, I made my official visit to Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta, where the work of the evening was the M. M. degree. W. M. Bro. ROBERT K. TUKEY with his officers performed the work in a very impressive manner, with but few errors. This lodge is also in a flourishing condition, and new members are fast being added to its long list of members. Records are correctly kept and dues well collected. This lodge also observes Past Master's night and has for a good many years.

On Thursday evening, February 29th, I was with Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. It was my first visit to this lodge, and I was much pleased with their new hall, as it is one of the best in the district. W. M. Bro. D. EDGAR BADGER is going to make a fine Master, and I made but few corrections. It is needless for me to say that the records are well kept, as Bro. W. D. PATTERSON has been Secretary for a number of years and takes a great interest in the lodge.

Wednesday evening, March 27th, I officially visited Riverside Lodge, No. 135, at Jefferson, where the work of the evening was in the E. A. degree. I was glad to see a young man in the East, and I feel confident that under the direction of W. M. Bro. LUTHER J. KENNEDY, this lodge will do correct work. After a few suggestions we repaired to the banquet hall. I was accompanied on this visit by Bro. G. FRED GILLCHREST, of King Solomon's Lodge of Waldoboro.

On Monday evening, January 22d, I made an appointment to visit Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol Mills, but being called away was unable to be present on that date. I invited Past D. D. G. M. Bro. ALBERT H. HUNTER to inspect the work. He informs me that the lodge is doing good work, dues well collected and several candidates are taking the degrees. I have met the Master, Bro. NORRIS A. MILLER, at Damaris-

cotta and Wiscasset, and feel confident that under his guidance, this lodge will prosper.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of my own lodge, King Solomon's, No. 61. The financial condition is good, dues well collected and the officers are working in peace and harmony.

In closing, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor of appointing me as your representative in this district, and all the lodges and their members for their kindness towards me.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS L. RICHARDS, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

Waldoboro, April 2, 1912.

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### ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending May 6, 1912.

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. On November 29th, I installed the officers of Kennebec Lodge, being assisted by W. Bro. JAMES E. LUNT as Chaplain and W. Bro. CHARLES R. GETCHELL as Marshal. The installation was private and well attended. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening passed. On May 24th, accompanied by a large number of brethren from Bethlehem and Augusta Lodges, I made my official visit. The M. M. degree was conferred in a very satisfactory and praiseworthy manner. W. Bro. DIXON is a young man, full of love for the order, an excellent ritualist, and has the assistance of a good staff of officers. The work of the evening was commendable in every way, the lectures by the W. Master being particularly well rendered. This, the oldest lodge in the district, is in excellent condition, its hall, furnishings and ante-rooms being new, finely furnished and well arranged. The records are still in the hands of Bro. TENNEY and are correctly and neatly kept. After the work we repaired to the banquet hall and did justice to an excellent banquet.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. November 20th, with R. W. Bro. L. E. JONES as Chaplain and W. Bro. E. H. SOPER as Marshal, I installed the officers of Temple Lodge. The installation was private, with refreshments and social hour at the close. On April 8th, I inspected the work, witnessing work in the M. M. degree. W. Bro. COBB and his officers were at their best and the work of the evening very com-

mendable. The parts of all the officers were well taken, showing that the ritual had been carefully studied and special attention given the floor work. An increased interest of both officers and members seemed everywhere prevalent, with bright prospects for the future. R. W. Bro. JONES is still at his post as Secretary, with records in their usual fine condition and dues well collected. The attendance was large, with an excellent banquet served at the close.

HERMON LODGE, NO. 32, GARDINER. On December 12th, I visited Hermon Lodge. The attendance was large and a good degree of interest shown. This lodge has a reputation for its excellent work, which was fully sustained by W. Bro. DANFORTH and his fine corps of officers. The M. M. degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner, the ritual being closely followed and intelligently rendered. Special mention should also be made of the floor work. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, both in membership, finance, and masonic spirit. The Past Masters are very loyal in their attendance, take a great interest, are a strong support and great help to the officers. It was a matter of regret that I was unable to be present on Past Master's night, March 26th, as I had arranged to visit Morning Star Lodge on this date. W. Bro. LARRABEE is proving an excellent Secretary, the financial showing being particularly good. Banquet and social hour followed the work.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. On November 24th, I inspected the work in this, my own lodge. W. Bro. WARDWELL is a very impressive worker, an excellent ritualist, and has the assistance of a fine set of officers, who take a great deal of pride in their work. The M. M. degree was conferred in an impressive manner, the dignity which marked the work throughout being particularly commendable. The floor movements were finely executed and a pleasing feature of the work. Records, in the hands of W. Bro. WHITE, are well kept and dues, well collected. Banquet followed the work with an able address by Bro. FRANK G. FARRINGTON of Augusta Lodge. November 27th, I publicly installed the newly elected officers. Rev. Bro. BRIAN C. ROBERTS assisted as Chaplain and W. Bro. GEORGE C. LIBBY as Marshal. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a jewel and gavel to the retiring Master, W. Bro. WARDWELL. The excellent entertainment by the Bowdoin Musical Club and banquet was greatly enjoyed. The work of the evening, March 25th, was in the hands of the Past Masters, with W. Bro. JAMES E. KINGSLEY in the East. W. Bro. KINGSLEY is well known as a most impressive and pleasing worker and the work of the evening received the highest compliments of all present. The Senior Past Master, W. Bro. W. H. WILLIAMS, was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The attendance was large, banquet and speaking followed the work, and the event one of the pleasant ones of the year.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 41, LITCHFIELD. I installed the officers of Morning Star Lodge September 19th, the installation being public. I was assisted by Bro. GARDNER ROBERTS as Chaplain and R. W. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Marshal. A fine entertainment by Temple Quartet of Lewiston was greatly enjoyed by the large attendance of members and invited guests. The Master, W. Bro. MALOON, was unable to be present at the inspection March 26th, being detained at home by the serious illness of his wife. The work was in charge of W. Bro. H. F. WOODARD, and in the absence of a candidate, the work of the F. C. degree was exemplified in a pleasing and satisfactory manner. The interest and attendance is good, though but little work has been done the past year. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. BOSWORTH. After the work, all repaired to the banquet hall, where a social hour was enjoyed.

DIRIGO LODGE, No. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. Accompanied by Bro. E. L. WORTHING, I visited Dirigo Lodge February 26th and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. In the absence of the Master, W. Bro. R. N. BARTON presided, and although several of the officers were substitutes the work was well and creditably done. This lodge is fortunate in having a past master in W. Bro. BARTON who can always be depended upon, and although he had no previous notice scarcely an error was noted in his work. W. Bro. SPROUL is still in charge of the records with his usual good showing. After an excellent oyster stew we drove home in a blinding snow storm.

MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 110, MONMOUTH. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge October 7th, assisted by Rev. Bro. C. I. SPEAR as Chaplain and W. Bro. E. A. PRESCOTT as Marshal. The installation was public and the hall filled to its capacity, with an excellent entertainment by local talent. The serving of refreshments and a social hour closed a very pleasant evening. Arrangements were made for inspection April 13th, but a case of small pox appearing in the village all public meetings were closed and work in the lodge suspended. After the danger was passed and work resumed, the illness of the W. Master again prevented. I have been in touch with this lodge throughout the year and it is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. W. Bro. PARKER is serving his second year in the East, which is full assurance that the work is up to the high standard of last year. New collars and aprons for the officers and new aprons for the members have recently been purchased. The efficient Secretary, Bro. RANDALL, reports the dues well collected and the outlook very encouraging.

AUGUSTA LODGE, No. 141, AUGUSTA. January 16th, I made my official visit to Augusta Lodge and witnessed the M. M. degree conferred in

a manner which was very creditable to both the officers and the lodge. W. Bro. LYON is a very faithful and conscientious officer, having given the work a great deal of study, and his efforts were well repaid by the excellent work of the evening. The officers are thoroughly interested in the work, and their parts were taken in a manner which showed that great care had been taken to familiarize themselves with it. The floor work was excellent and deserves praise for the precision of its movements. W. Bro. JACKSON continues at the secretary's desk, looking after the records in his usual able manner. I had the pleasure of being present January 23d, when the new officers were installed by W. Bro. LEWIS A. BURLEIGH. The retiring Master, W. Bro. LYON, was presented with a past master's jewel. A good crowd was present, and pleasing entertainment enjoyed, with banquet served at the close. Past Master's night was observed February 20th, with W. Bro. CLAUDE W. TOWNSEND as presiding officer. W. Bro. TOWNSEND is an excellent ritualist and the work of the evening was praiseworthy in every way. The presiding officer of the evening was presented with a past master's jewel. The attendance was very large and a fine banquet was served after the work.

Masonry in the Eleventh District is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. The several lodges are well officered and their finances in a satisfactory condition. All the lodges are fortunate in having secretaries who are efficient and very faithful in the performance of their duties.

In closing my second year as District Deputy, I wish to extend my thanks to the officers and members of the various lodges for the uniform kindness and courtesy received at their hands, and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS E. SWIFT, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

Augusta, May 3, 1912.

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## TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my third annual report as D. D. G. M. of the 12th Masonic District.

On June 13th, I attended the dedication of the new masonic hall at Livermore Falls. I met M. W. G. M. SMITH and Grand Marshal Bro. PATTEE at Waterville, and in company with them I enjoyed a delightful trip to Livermore Falls, where we were met by a committee, and in auto-

mobiles were conveyed to the hotel. There we enjoyed ourselves until afternoon, after which we attended the dedication services performed by Most Worshipful G. M. ASHLEY A. SMITH. After the dedication we were escorted to the new dining hall where we were entertained by a fine banquet. The evening entertainment consisted of music, a fine address from M. W. G. M. SMITH, and remarks from other brethren.

September 21st, I installed the officers of my own lodge, assisted by Bro. MORRIS as Chaplain, Bro. T. E. HARDY as Marshal, the installation being private. After the installation a social hour was passed, after which we adjourned to the dining-room and attended a banquet.

October 7th, I installed the officers of Neguemkeag Lodge, assisted by Bro. WILLIS CROSBY as Chaplain, Bro. T. E. HARDY as Marshal; being a large attendance, an enjoyable evening was spent and a fine banquet was enjoyed by all.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor. It was one of the most instructive ones I ever attended, being a large meeting and ritual thoroughly taken up.

November 4th, in company with Bros. T. M. SEDGWICK, JOHN DRISCOLL and M. E. HUTCHINSON, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a very impressive manner and very close to the ritual. Records in hands of B. FRANK BRADFORD. Dues well collected. Banquet after the work.

January 20th, I visited Messalonskee Lodge at Oakland. The E. A. degree was conferred on three candidates in a very satisfactory manner, this being the first work of the new officers; very few errors or omissions. Records still in the hands of Bro. ORESTES E. CROWELL and very correctly and neatly kept; dues well collected.

January 27th, in company with Bro. JOHN DRISCOLL, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge at Sidney; witnessed the work in the M. M. degree which was well done. Records in hands of Bro. HAMMOND; dues well collected, being an improvement from last year. Being a cold evening not so large an attendance as usual; banquet at close of the work.

January 30th, I visited Vernon Valley Lodge at Mount Vernon. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, work being rendered in a very satisfactory manner; very few corrections. Records are very faithfully and neatly kept by Bro. B. RALPH CRAM. Dues all collected, banquet at the close.

February 1st, I made my official visit with Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro. Records are still in the hands of Bro. C. A. STILSON; dues fairly collected. As the candidate failed to appear, to my disappointment there was no work, but a very pleasant evening was passed with the brethren.



ren of Neguemkeag Lodge and visitors from Rural Lodge, Sidney. A few questions were asked, which were answered to the best of my ability.

March 25th, I inspected Waterville Lodge at Waterville, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree, and found it to be of a high order and very correct and impressive. The master was especially impressive in his work. The second and third sections, given by the warden, should have deeply impressed the candidates. There was a good attendance, there being 22 different lodges represented. Records still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, and I am pleased to say they are the finest records that I have ever examined. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and merits much praise for the manner in which its general offices are conducted.

My appointment to visit Lafayette Lodge at Readfield, I am sorry to report, I had to cancel on account of a bad snow storm, but I am informed it is doing good work as usual and their dues are well collected.

Just a word in regard to Vassalboro Lodge, which is my home lodge. I have been present at nearly all of the meetings and have witnessed the work in all the degrees, and have given the brethren all the instructions I could. Records in the hands of Bro. MELVIN S. HUTCHINSON; dues well collected.

In conclusion, I would say that the lodges in this district are in a very good financial condition and I am pleased to find an improvement for the past year.

Thus, Most Worshipful, in closing my third year as D. D. G. M., I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their kind and courteous treatment at all times, and for the kindness and forbearance with which my instructions and corrections have been received. Most Worshipful, allow me to tender my sincere thanks for my appointment as your representative in this district for the second time.

Fraternally submitted,

B. K. MESERVEY, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*  
Waterville, April 22, 1912.

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### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

In submitting this, my second annual report, it gives me pleasure to say that nothing has occurred during the year to mar the general peace and harmony of the craft in the Thirteenth District.



September 18, 1911, I installed the officers of Euclid Lodge at Madison. The installation was public, after which a supper was served.

October 11th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers elect of Keystone Lodge at Solon. The installation was public.

December 4th, I visited Somerset Lodge at Skowhegan, and witnessed work on the Third degree. The degree was conferred in a very excellent manner. The records are neatly and correctly kept.

January 12, 1912, I installed the officers of Northern Star Lodge at North Anson. The installation was private.

February 2d, I visited Lebanon Lodge at Norridgewock, and witnessed work on Third degree, which was well done. The records are correctly and well kept.

February 28th, I visited Keystone Lodge at Solon. The weather being bad and the condition of the roads such, there were but two of the officers out. They exemplified the E. A. degree. The records are neatly and correctly kept.

March 2d, I visited Bingham Lodge at Bingham, and witnessed work on the First degree, which was very well done. The records well kept.

March 4th, I visited Euclid Lodge at Madison, and witnessed work on the Second degree, which was very well done. The records are well kept.

March 7th, I visited Siloam Lodge at Fairfield, and witnessed work on the First degree, which was rendered in a very creditable manner. The records, although in new hands, are very correctly kept.

March 26th, I visited Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan, and witnessed work on the Second degree, which was well done. The records are neatly and correctly kept.

Northern Star Lodge at North Anson, which is my own masonic home, I have not visited officially, but have been at most of its meetings, and while they have not had any work, they are in good condition, and there is some coming which I think they will do in good shape. The records are very neatly and correctly kept.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the Thirteenth District for the kindness extended to me as your representative.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GETCHELL, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

No. Anson, April 8, 1912.

## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

On October 18, 1911, I attended the School of Instruction, held by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, with Aurora Lodge at Rockland, where much valuable information was obtained by all who attended. In the evening the M. M. degree was worked in a very impressive manner.

On October 21st, I installed the officers of Village Lodge, No. 26, at Bowdoinham. In this pleasant duty I was assisted by R. W. Bro. N. GRATZ JACKSON as Marshal and W. Bro. SAMUEL B. FURBISH as Chaplain. An oyster supper followed the installation.

On December 5th, I made my first inspection of Acacia Lodge, No. 121, at Durham, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was very well done; the ritual being followed very closely. The records are correctly kept, and dues well collected. At the close of the work the lodge was declared at refreshment, and a very nice oyster supper served in the banquet hall. I was obliged to leave immediately after supper, but am informed that the members returned to the lodge room and proceeded with the election of officers, as this was their annual meeting.

On January 1, 1912, I made an official visit to Solar Lodge, No. 14, at Bath. This was a most interesting meeting. The lodge was opened about six P. M. in the M. M. degree, there being one candidate. During the work, the M. W. Grand Master, ASHLEY A. SMITH, being announced, work was suspended and he was received in "due and ancient form." A very enjoyable supper was served in the dining hall when the lodge was declared "at refreshment," followed by the remainder of the degree work in the lodge room. The work was rendered in a very dignified and impressive manner, fully maintaining the reputation established by Solar Lodge at the Grand Lodge in May, 1911. The records of this lodge are exceptionally well kept, and every dollar of dues collected. At the close of the degree work, the M. W. Grand Master installed the officers in a very impressive manner.

On January 8th, I installed the officers of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, at Lisbon Falls, assisted by W. Bro. ROY J. BUXTON as Marshal and Bro. H. W. ROWE as Chaplain, concluding with a banquet.

On February 15th, I inspected Freeport Lodge, No. 23, at Freeport, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The ritual was followed very closely and the work performed in a very satisfactory manner. A fine banquet was served after closing.

On February 26th, I inspected Richmond Lodge, No. 63, at Richmond. Although disappointed in the arrival of the candidate, the work in the F. C. degree was exemplified, and considering the limited amount of work which they have had, was well done, the officers showing much interest in learning the ritual correctly. A fine supper was served after closing.

On February 28th, I made an official visitation to Village Lodge, No. 26, at Bowdoinham. Although this work in the E. A. degree was the first since installation, it was very creditably exemplified, the officers manifesting great interest in doing good work. Supper was served in the dining hall following the work.

On March 11th, I inspected Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, at Lisbon Falls, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work showed careful preparation, and the ritual was followed very closely. The very enjoyable evening closed with a fine collation.

On March 12th, I officially visited United Lodge, No. 8, at Brunswick, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. Although this was about the first work for the present officers, they showed rare ability in correct rendering of the ritual. A fine banquet was served at the conclusion of the degree work.

On March 14th, I paid an official visitation to my home lodge, Polar Star, No. 114, at Bath. The M. M. degree was worked in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. I have attended nearly every meeting of this lodge and can speak for the general high character of the work. A fine supper was served in the dining hall after the meeting.

On March 27th, assisted by R. W. N. GRATZ JACKSON as Marshal and Past Master JOHN W. BALLOU as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Polar Star Lodge. On this occasion a sumptuous repast was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

In visiting the lodges in my jurisdiction, I have endeavored to make corrections in the work of the order where it seemed necessary, and have answered the questions put to me according to my best understanding.

In closing, I desire to thank the officers and brethren of the Fourteenth District for their unfeigned courtesy on all occasions, and to express to you, Most Worshipful, my appreciation for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. WARD, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Bath, April 12, 1912.

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report of the official inspections of the lodges in the Fifteenth District for the year ending May, 1912.

On the 24th of October our Grand Lecturer, by invitation of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, held a School of Instruction in the new masonic hall at Livermore Falls, which was very well attended and I believe of great benefit to all of us who were present. In the evening a special meeting of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, was held, and the M. M. degree was conferred, at which I made my first official inspection. The work was very well rendered. As this is my home lodge and I have been present at nearly all its meetings, I believe it to be in a very prosperous condition. The records are in the hands of Bro. GEORGE O. EUSTIS, who has for many years been a very faithful Secretary; dues are well collected. The lodge has new and nicely furnished rooms, which were dedicated last June, at their One Hundredth Anniversary. Two banquets were served during the day and evening.

On the evening of November 11th, I visited Mt. Bigelow Lodge of Flagstaff. This is the most difficult lodge to reach in the district, as it is necessary to start the day before to get there in time for the Saturday evening meeting, and one must stay until the next Monday. The work was in the M. M. degree, given the first time by the present officers. I was both pleased and surprised to see how very close to the ritual it was performed. A good indication of their prosperity, is the number of young men they are taking into the lodge and its offices. They have a very good hall, which they own, except for a small debt. The officers and members show a great amount of enthusiasm. The records are well kept by Bro. HINDS and dues well collected. Banquet was served at close of the meeting by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

On the evening of January 2, 1912, I inspected Mystic Tie Lodge at Weld, the home lodge of R. W. CLEFF MAXWELL, who was present at the meeting. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, which was so well rendered that it was with difficulty that I could find any mistakes, which is, I believe, a reputation this lodge has long held. I was accompanied on this visit by Bro. JOHN N. SINNETT, J. W. of Oriental Star Lodge, and we were received with great courtesy. I was shown a draft of the History of Mystic Tie Lodge, written with great difficulty after much search of old records, by Bro. PHILLIPS, their Secretary, which I believe is to be presented to this Grand Lodge at this session, and which shows a great amount of persistence on the part of Bro. PHILLIPS. The records are well kept and dues well collected.

On March 6th, I visited Blue Mountain Lodge at Phillips. The work shown me was three candidates in the F. C. degree and one in the M. M. The work was very well done, allowing me very few corrections to make. I was especially impressed by the work of the Marshal, Bro. MORRISON, who acted as S. F. C., also by the Organist, who gave us some very nice music, which adds very much to the beauty of the ceremonies. They have a very beautiful masonic home and a goodly number were present at the meeting. The records are in the hands of a good Secretary; dues well collected. Banquet.

On the evening of March 7th, accompanied by Bro. JOHN N. SINNETT, I drove to Canton and inspected the work of Whitney Lodge. Here I observed the result of the School of Instruction held at Livermore Falls on the 24th of October. A goodly number of the members and officers of Whitney Lodge being present at that school, and I noticed that they got as much benefit from it as I did. The lodge exemplified the E. A. degree for my inspection in a very creditable manner. A young secretary has been elected who will, I think, under the direction of their old one, make good. Banquet.

March 8th, I visited Davis Lodge at Strong, where I was received in a very hospitable manner by R. W. Bro. C. B. RICHARDSON, and entertained royally by a hall full of very enthusiastic masons, a great many of whom are young men, and one very old one—I think they told me 87 years of age—who is nearly always present, and one of the boys. The work shown me was in the F. C. degree, which was so well done that I could trace a direct benefit through the influence of R. W. Bro. RICHARDSON, who is also their very good secretary. Their dues are well collected. Banquet.

After arranging a date to inspect Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 204, I found it nearly impossible for me to leave home, so I took the liberty to ask W. Bro. FRED E. TREFETHEN to inspect the lodge for me, and I herewith submit his report:

#### REPORT OF FRED E. TREFETHEN.

January 17, 1912, visited Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 204. There was a very good attendance considering the traveling. Witnessed work in E. A. degree on two candidates, which was done in an excellent manner, especially that of W. LESTER L. MITCHELL who is an ideal presiding officer. His work was done in an easy and pleasing manner. The second and third sections of the lecture were given by two of the past masters in a commendable manner, which shows that these officers do not leave off attending lodge meetings after passing through the chairs. The records in the hands of Bro. ARTHUR C. WOODARD, who is one of the Sec-

taries who do good work. Dues well collected. Banquet at close of meeting. I wish to thank the brethren of Mt. Abram Lodge for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me on this occasion.

On March 1st, I visited Maine Lodge at Farmington, where I witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, a good attendance of members and visitors being present. The degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, the officers showing a great deal of interest; their ritualistic work was very good. Their records are neat; the dues are all collected. Banquet was served after close of meeting. On the whole a very pleasant evening was spent there.

April 3d, I inspected Wilton Lodge at Wilton, which is my mother lodge, where I had the pleasure of meeting many of my old companions and brethren. This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district, which owns its beautiful hall. As they had no work the evening was spent by carefully reciting the ritual, we thought with much profit to all of us. The officers seemed to be very well informed in the work. The records are in the hands of W. Bro. TREFETHEN, an old and faithful secretary; dues well collected.

I have been unable to arrange a visit with Franklin Lodge, so must ask to be excused for not reporting it.

Now, Most Worshipful, I have tried to fulfill the duties of my office, I hope, with some profit to the lodges in the district, and I know with great pleasure to myself.

In conclusion, I would say I believe the lodges in this district are all doing uniformly good work and very close to the ritual.

Most Worshipful, I now thank you for the high honor you have given me, and submit this report.

S. S. WOOD, *D. D. G. M., 15th M. D.*

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### SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District for the year ending May, 1912.

I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district, and have been courteously received in every instance. I have found the several lodges in this district in excellent condition, and all doing good work.

The returns from the lodges composing the Sixteenth District show that

fifty-five candidates have been initiated, and a net gain of thirty-six in membership.

On June 5th, 1911, I had the pleasure of attending the special communication of the Grand Lodge, called for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls, also of attending the centennial anniversary of that lodge, and enjoyed the hospitality for which the brethren of Oriental Star Lodge are noted. Also of meeting you, Most Worshipful, and other members of your official family.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.** On Tuesday, October 24th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Livermore Falls, where the day was pleasantly, and I trust profitably, spent in receiving instruction. These Schools of Instruction are doing much good, and I have endeavored to impress upon the officers of lodges the importance of attending them, and trust that hereafter the Sixteenth District will be better represented there by its lodge officers.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.** On November 8th, I installed the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, this being the only occasion during the year that I have installed.

**EVENING STAR LODGE.** On the evening of January 29, 1912, I made my official visit to Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield, this being my first official visit as inspecting officer. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree, and was well rendered by W. M. EASTMAN and his corps of officers, very few corrections being necessary. The finances of the lodge are in fine condition, and the dues well collected. I found that the history of the lodge has not been written and filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge, but the W. M. assured me that he would see that it was attended to.

**BLAZING STAR LODGE.** February 28th, I made an official visitation to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, of Rumford. This is my home lodge, and as I have attended nearly all the meetings and have witnessed work in all the degrees, I will only say that the officers of the lodge are capable of doing good work. This is the largest lodge in the Sixteenth District and has much work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. WALTER O. RAYNES, which is sufficient guarantee of their neatness and correctness.

**KING HIRAM LODGE.** March 5th, I inspected King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield. This lodge had not done any work during the masonic year ending March 1st, but have several applications on hand and the prospects are good for a prosperous year. One candidate having been accepted, I had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the E. A. degree. This being the first work of the present officers, I was surprised to find them doing so well, the work being nearly perfect, very few corrections being necessary and these of a minor nature.



GRANITE LODGE. March 11th, I made my official inspection of Granite Lodge, No. 182, at West Paris, the work of the evening being the E. A. degree. This was the first work of the present corps of officers, and from the correct and impressive rendition of the work by the various officers, I am satisfied that the impressive lessons taught in Masonry will not fail of favorably impressing the candidate receiving the degrees in Granite Lodge.

PARIS LODGE. March 12th, was the date of my official visitation to Paris Lodge, No. 94, at South Paris. The work of the evening being the F. C. degree, was very correctly rendered. The officers of this lodge are all young men and are very much in earnest in the work. The history of this lodge is written up to date every year and kept on file ready for use at the end of each decade. I commend this plan to the several lodges, which, if adopted, would solve the history question.

CROOKED RIVER LODGE. On March 14th, I made my official visitation to Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills. Owing to heavy rains the day before, the roads were in places almost impassable, but on reaching the lodge room I found quite a number of brethren assembled to greet me, although, owing to the condition of the roads, several of the officers who live a considerable distance from the lodge room were unable to be present. The lodge had intended to exemplify the work in the F. C. degree, but on my suggestion we decided to spend the evening in going over the ritual, a sort of informal school of instruction, and in spite of the weather and poor traveling, we spent a pleasant, and I believe a profitable, evening. I found that this lodge has failed to furnish its lodge history as required, and I endeavored to strongly impress upon them the desirability, as well as the necessity, of conforming to this regulation, and expect the next annual report will find Crooked River Lodge among those whose history is up to date.

OXFORD LODGE. March 15th, I made my official visitation to Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, the work of the evening being the M. M. degree. The work was rendered in a very correct and pleasing manner and could not have failed to deeply impress the candidate. Oxford Lodge is noted for the accuracy of its work, and the work of the evening was no exception to the rule, very few corrections being necessary. The records are still in the hands of R. W. HOWARD D. SMITH and are models of neatness, are full and correctly kept and a credit to Oxford Lodge. Dues well collected.

JEFFERSON LODGE. March 26th, accompanied by Bro. FRED E. DUNHAM, I visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, which was conferred on one candidate in a most impressive manner. The work was as nearly perfect as



it has been my privilege to see, only two slight mistakes being noticed Jefferson Lodge is noted for the correctness of its work, and from the personnel of its officers I have no doubt but that the high standard of its work will be maintained. The records are still in the hands of Bro. JAMES L. BOWKER, are full and neatly kept and the dues well collected.

BETHEL LODGE. March 28th, accompanied by R. W. JOHN P. SHEPHERD, P. D. D. G. M. of the Fourth District, I visited Bethel Lodge, No. 97. This was a special communication called for my benefit. Not having any candidate for work, the evening was spent in going over the ritual and in answering such questions as suggested themselves to the officers and brethren. I found the officers proficient in the ritual and am satisfied of their ability to do good work. The records are full and neatly written and the dues well collected.

In every lodge in the district refreshments have been served after the close of the lodge, and officers and members have shown me every attention, thus making the occasion of my official visit a pleasure rather than a duty.

I have endeavored to impress upon the lodges the necessity of keeping up their history, and upon the officers the duty of attending the School of Instruction, and the communication of the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me your deputy in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. STEVENSON, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

Rumford, March 30, 1912.

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### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District.

I have officially visited and inspected the work of the eleven lodges comprising the 17th Masonic District and was most cordially received.

The lodges in this district are in a very prosperous condition, having initiated 147 members during the year, and the degrees are worked in a manner that would be highly pleasing to the Grand Officers, were they present, and would call forth very few criticisms from the Grand Lecturer. I have met in rehearsal with most of the lodges before my visitations and thus had very few corrections to make in the work at my official visitations.

Peace and harmony prevail in every lodge and I have not been called upon for any decisions. The dues are well collected and the records are correctly and very neatly kept by all the secretaries, several of whom have grown gray in the service, and have a knowledge of the working of the degrees which is greatly appreciated by the craft. I wish to compliment the secretaries for their promptness in sending in their reports. Several were received on March 4th, and nearly all were received before March 10th.

Most of my official visitations were made at special meetings, a practice which I would recommend in this district, as most of the lodges can be reached by electric cars, and frequent visits can be made to the lodges during the year to witness their methods of conducting the business meetings of the lodges.

October 27th, I attended a "School of Instruction" at Bangor, which which was gracefully and ably presided over by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was very large, and the meeting was a most enthusiastic one. I was pleased to meet personally the following deputies: FRANK A. PEABODY of the 1st; WILLIS A. RICKER of the 4th; W. R. HUGHES of the 5th; EDWIN N. MILLER of the 6th; BERT K. MESERVEY of the 12th; FRANK R. OBER of the 21st and JAMES F. CHADBOURNE of the 23d. The school was entertained and work in the evening performed by St. Andrew's Lodge. R. W. EDWIN N. MILLER, D. D. G. M. of the 6th district, entertained about twenty-five of the visiting brethren with a fine six o'clock banquet at "The Colonial." This was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren and their visit to Bangor will linger long in their memory. These schools are of great benefit to the craft and reflect much credit on their originator, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, who has spent years in the service, "which is largely a labor of love," as it consumes much time with small financial remuneration. The writer feels that the scope of the schools ought to be enlarged, and that the officers of all the lodges should be required to attend and assist in the exemplification of the degrees.

October 5th, I made my first official visitation to Standish Lodge, No. 70, at Standish, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I was accompanied by R. W. GEO. H. OWEN, as Marshal, who is a frequent and much appreciated visitor to the lodge, and W. JOSEPH B. REED, of Portland. Owing to a severe storm the day previous, the trip by automobiles had to be abandoned, much to the regret of the lodge delegation who anticipated accompanying me, and we were obliged to take the train and remain over night. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors and the work was very satisfactory, few corrections being neces-

sary. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition, owning their hall, with dining-room and a stable for the horses. Banquet at close of work.

October 7th, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree. I was accompanied by a large delegation in automobiles and a very enjoyable evening was spent. W. CHARLES S. JORDAN presided, this being his third year in the chair, and the work was very finely rendered. The present Master, JOHN C. NICHOLS, is a painstaking and enthusiastic worker, and I look for good results the coming year. This lodge also owns its own home. Banquet after the work.

November 6th, accompanied by Wor. SILAS B. ADAMS as Marshal, I visited my home lodge, Deering, No. 183, of Portland, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. I am pleased to state that the attendance was very large, the work of a high order, and that the refreshments were fully up to the standard, as was to be expected in a lodge where the latch string is always out. The lodge has a fine line of officers and the work was as near that prescribed by the Grand Lodge as I have ever witnessed. This lodge annually observes past master's night, at which time the chairs are filled by those who have served the lodge as W. M. This practice is highly to be commended and I trust will be followed by other lodges in the district. A history of the lodge is in preparation and I feel that it will be a credit to the lodge as it is entrusted to a very efficient committee. A buffet lunch was served at close of the work.

November 15th, I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. I was accompanied by a delegation numbering nearly one hundred and fifty from Portland and vicinity, and we were most cordially and hospitably received by the Worshipful Master and his fine line of officers. This lodge has recently remodeled and newly furnished their lodge room, which makes very convenient and pleasant quarters. Owing to the crowded condition of the hall, I was not received in form, so did not require the assistance of Wor. W. H. USHER, who was to have acted as Marshal. There has been a marked improvement in the work of this lodge in the past few years, and the work performed under the guidance of W. Bro. CARSWELL was a credit to the lodge. He has worked hard during his two years' term and it has brought forth fine results. Very few corrections were needed. As there were two candidates Wor. A. H. HUMPHREY, Secretary of Casco Lodge, assisted. The banquet was served in the Grange Hall, owing to the large attendance.

December 27th, St. John the Evangelist's Day, I attended the semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire at Manchester, and witnessed the exemplification of the three degrees, under the direc-

tion of State Grand Lecturer HERBERT E. RICHARDSON, of Manchester. The session opened at ten o'clock and continued through the day and evening. The Schubert Quartet of Boston was present and rendered delightful music during the session. The work was very interesting and the lodges from Laconia, Rochester and Manchester were highly complimented for the exemplification of the three degrees by the State Grand Lecturer. I received every attention from Grand Master CHARLES H. WIGGIN and Grand Secretary HARRY M. CHENEY, as well as from the Past Grand Masters and brethren of New Hampshire. It was a day long to be remembered. A very pleasant hour was spent in visiting the Masonic Home at Manchester, which is a model of convenience and neatness, under the superintendence of Matron Luella C. Burbeck. There are fourteen inmates at the present time and they seemed contented and happy.

January 8th, I publicly installed the officers of Temple Lodge of Westbrook, assisted by W. FRED W. BABB as Marshal and W. Bro. Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain. It was a joint installation of the officers of Temple Lodge and Eagle Royal Arch Chapter, the officers of the chapter being installed by Past High Priest O. L. COUSINS. A male quartet furnished excellent music for the occasion and there was a very large attendance of masons and their families. Refreshments.

January 9th, was the date of my official visitation to Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, and I was assisted by R. W. GEORGE H. ALLAN, as Marshal. This lodge has one of the handsomest and most convenient lodge rooms in the district, great improvements having been made, including fine chandeliers and opera chairs. The M. M. degree was worked upon two candidates in a very dignified and impressive manner. I had few corrections to make and much to commend in their work. A buffet lunch was served at close of work.

January 10th, assisted by Wor. E. P. HANSON as Marshal and Grand Chaplain Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, I publicly installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Gorham, before an audience of the foremost citizens of the town, that completely filled the hall. A fine program had been prepared, after which the line of march was taken up for the Methodist vestry, where refreshments were served, followed by speeches.

January 26th, I officially visited Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, of Cumberland Mills, R. W. CHAS. W. CARLL as Marshal, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work showed careful preparation and was given with a precision and energy that is to be highly commended. The wardens gave the lectures so close to the Grand Lodge ritual that practically there were no corrections to make. Banquet at close of work.

January 27th, assisted by Wor. C. F. PARKER as Marshal and CHAS. S. JORDAN as Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Presumpscot Lodge, No. 127, at North Windham, before a large audience of masons and their families. The evening was one of the coldest of the winter and it was a great surprise to see how many braved the seven mile ride from their homes to the hall. Speeches, music and a public reader followed the installation services and the exercises closed with a banquet. I wish to extend thanks to Wor. JOHN C. NICHOLS and R. A. SOULE, the latter being a member of Buxton Lodge, No. 115, the lodge in which I was raised, for courtesies extended me on that occasion.

February 12th, I installed the officers of Deering Lodge, No. 183, assisted by R. W. SILAS B. ADAMS as Marshal and Rev. F. L. LEAVITT as Chaplain. This lodge has for a long time made the annual meeting a very interesting one, especially for the older members. A seven o'clock banquet, reports, elections and installation of officers and the presentation of a past master's jewel making a very pleasant session.

February 21st, I made my official visitation to the Temple and officially inspected the work of the E. A. degree by Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, Portland. I had the extreme pleasure on that occasion to have as Marshal R. W. FREDERICK H. DOLE, my predecessor in office, who has lately moved to Melrose, Mass., and has a position as Junior Master in the Boston Latin School. R. W. Bro. DOLE made the trip to Maine for the special purpose of being present at this official visitation. He was warmly welcomed by his many friends. The degree was worked in a manner that called forth few criticisms and much praise. The lectures by the Senior and Junior Wardens were exceptionally fine and the Grand Lodge ritual was closely followed. A history of the lodge, covering its fifty-six years of existence, with pictures of the past masters, has been prepared by the Secretary, ALMON L. JOHNSON, and is now ready for distribution. Every lodge in the district was represented. Banquet at close of work. And now just a word in regard to the new Temple. The masonic fraternity have erected a building which is not only a monument to Masonry, but an ornament to the city. I feel that the craft are greatly indebted to those who have been instrumental in the building of the Temple.

February 27th, I officially visited Casco Lodge, No. 36, at Yarmouth, W. SILAS B. ADAMS as Marshal. I was accompanied by about fifty from Portland. The F. C. degree was worked in a very creditable manner. While the wording of the ritual did not always closely adhere to that prescribed by the Grand Lodge, yet the earnestness displayed by the various officers must have impressed the candidate with the beauties of Masonry. Banquet at close of work.

February 28th, I made an official visitation to Temple Lodge, No. 86, of Westbrook, W. H. P. BABB as Marshal, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. It was a pleasure to be present and inspect the working of this degree by the officers of Temple Lodge, with W. ARTHUR L. PRIOR in the East. The floor work was fine, the Grand Lodge ritual was closely followed, and each officer spoke his part loudly enough to be distinctly heard in every part of the hall. The lecture by the W. M. was delivered in a manner that received my fullest approbation. Even the assistants' parts were taken in a manner that deserves special mention, as well as that of the Chaplain. A quartet composed of members of the lodge furnished appropriate music and added greatly to the work. I wish to congratulate Temple Lodge in having a set of officers that could exemplify this beautiful degree in a manner that received my hearty approval. There was a very large attendance, many visitors being present. Banquet at close of work.

February 29th, I made my official visitation to Portland Lodge, No. 1, of Portland, R. W. CONVERS E. LEACH, Junior Grand Warden, acting as Marshal. As the W. Master was unable to be present, the Senior Warden acted as Master. The F. C. degree was very nicely rendered, the Senior Deacon's work being worthy of special mention. An elaborate banquet was served before the work. The attendance was large, the lodges throughout the district being well represented.

March 12th, I made my last official visitation to Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland, W. FRANK E. ALLEN acting as Marshal, R. W. ALBERT W. MESERVE, D. D. G. M. of the 19th district being present. The W. Master in his notice of the meeting gave a cordial invitation to the brethren to come and bring a friend, and they all came. It was an occasion long to be remembered, the beautiful hall, the cut flowers at the stations, the music and the immense audience present—made a most pleasing picture. W. Bro. BOYD was at his best and the work of the M. M. degree received my hearty approval. As the officers serve two years in a chair, they have become very proficient and the degree was exemplified in a correct and entertaining manner. The music was of a high order and was a special feature of the evening. A fine banquet was served at 6:30 to the officers and invited guests, and an elaborate buffet lunch was given at close of the work.

March 21st, I attended the 150th anniversary of Portland Lodge, No. 1, in the new Masonic Temple. The exercises began at three o'clock in Corinthian hall. GEORGE F. GOULD, Treasurer of the lodge, gave a fine historical address, followed by M. W. Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. It was a masterly effort and received hearty commendation of the craft. A reception was held from six

to seven o'clock, followed by an elaborate banquet and speeches. CHAS. E. GURNEY acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by M. W. EVERETT C. BENTON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, R. W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, W. WARREN C. PHILBROOK of Waterville, R. W. FRANK W. BUXTON, acting Grand Marshal of Massachusetts, Rev. ALBERT W. JEFFERSON, Chaplain of Portland Lodge, and W. THOMAS E. McDONALD. There was a very large attendance, many ladies being present, and the occasion proved to be a most enjoyable one.

In addition to the installations mentioned, I was invited to install the officers of Casco, Hiram and Ancient Landmark Lodges, but owing to business engagements, I was obliged to send substitutes as follows: At Casco Lodge, R. W. GEORGE H. OWEN; at Hiram Lodge, W. WILLIAM H. OHLER, JR., and at Ancient Land Mark Lodge, W. ALFRED KING, M. D., to whom I wish to extend thanks for the favor thus conferred. I would also extend thanks to those brethren who acted as Marshal at the official visitations, and to W. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

In closing, I wish to express to the brethren of the several lodges my full appreciation of the kindly and cordial manner in which I have been received, and for the fraternal spirit in which they have received the corrections and suggestions made. I would also extend to you, Most Worshipful, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC A. CLOUGH, *D. D. G. M., 17th M. D.*

Portland, April 10, 1912.

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### EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second-annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

During the year, I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district, for the purpose of inspection, except Mount Moriah Lodge of Denmark. On January 4th, I publicly installed the officers of this lodge and should have been glad to have witnessed their work later. On account of unavoidable circumstances I was unable to do so, yet feel satisfied that they are doing good work, as the W. M. is serving his second year.



All the lodges in the district are doing very good work and some are nearly perfect.

The records are neatly and correctly kept and dues well collected.

The past year has been a prosperous one. The returns show thirty initiates against seventeen for last year.

I have been cordially and courteously received by every lodge; and my official relations with the officers of the several lodges in this district have been very pleasant.

In closing my work as D. D. G. M. of the Eighteenth Masonic District, I wish to thank the brethren for their kindness, and you, M. W. Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE H. PRIDE, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

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### NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second annual report for the 19th Masonic District.

My first official visit was to Yorkshire Lodge, No. 179, at North Berwick, on October 27th. The work was that of the M. M. degree, and was performed in a manner which showed that the officers were giving plenty of time and study to fully impress the candidate of the sublimity of the degree. Very few corrections were necessary. This lodge is in fine condition in all respects. A banquet was served after the work, concluding with speeches, among them by several of the brethren from St. John's Lodge, No. 51, at South Berwick.

On November 10th, I met with the brethren of Naval Lodge, No. 184, at Kittery, who entertained a large delegation of visitors from Portsmouth, N. H., and from St. John's Lodge, No. 51, and St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198. The M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very impressive manner to the candidate and interesting to watch, and very correctly done. The officers are zealous in their work and have had a very large number of candidates to work upon, having initiated twenty-three and raised thirty-three. This lodge is in good condition financially, and since my visit last year their hall has been much improved. A banquet was served.

November 21st, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 51, at South Berwick, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was exceptionally well



done. Under the instruction of R. W. Bro. BURLEIGH, who is serving as master, and who is supported by officers and members, desirous of doing correct work, this lodge is doing excellent ritualistic work. There was a large number of visitors, and a banquet was served at the close.

November 22d, I visited Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at Wells Depot. The W. Master having moved away, P. M. LYMAN F. GETCHELL occupied the East, and gave the M. M. degree to one candidate, in a very creditable manner. For one having learned the work and served as W. M. many years ago, he performed the work more nearly correct than many a younger master. This lodge is small but earnest, and anxious to properly impress the sublimity of masonry upon its candidates.

On December 12th, with the assistance of Bro. CHARLES H. LUCAS as Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at Wells Depot, after which a very pleasant social hour was spent.

I promised to be present to publicly install the officers of Arundel Lodge, No. 76, on December 19th, but on account of business I was not able to go, and I secured R. W. GEORGE A. GILPATRICK, P. D. D. G. M., who, in his usual good manner, with the assistance of Bro. CHARLES H. LUCAS as marshal, installed their officers.

In the evening of January 1, 1912, with the assistance of Bro. CHARLES H. LUCAS as marshal, I installed privately the officers of York Lodge, No. 22, at Kennebunk.

On January 2d, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198, at York Village, when they presented work in the M. M. degree, which was acceptably done, few corrections being necessary. Like many of our smaller country lodges, the membership is scattered, so that it is not an easy task to get all the officers together for practice, which handicaps them for doing nice, smooth work. Refreshments were served at the close.

On February 28th, I visited Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, at Biddeford. This was a special, called to work the M. M. degree, but owing to an accident on the railroad, the candidate did not appear until quite late and after we had abandoned having the lodge opened, but it was then opened and I witnessed the work of the first and second sections, when I was obliged to leave. But from the specimens of skill exhibited in the opening and the work to this point, I have no doubt the degree was finished in excellent form. All the officers appear much interested in the work and endeavor to do it correctly, and are encouraged by a good attendance.

March 15th, I visited Saco Lodge, No. 9, at Saco. Although there was a heavy downpour of rain the attendance was very good. The E. A. degree was worked upon one candidate in such a manner as to hold the closest attention of all within the hall and could have made only the best impression on the candidate. The ritual was very closely followed, and

I was much pleased with the work in all respects. A fine banquet was served at the close, to which all did ample justice.

On March 18th, I visited Arundel Lodge, No. 76, at Kennebunkport, when I witnessed work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The officers and members are much interested in the work and when such is the case we are reasonably certain of good and correct work. The work was done very creditably to all participants. Refreshments were served.

I have not visited Arion Lodge, No. 162, at Goodwin's Mills, for several reasons. They have the same line of officers as last year, when I saw them do good work and thus far they have had no candidate this year. I have been in touch with them all through the year and know that they are in a healthy condition.

I have not appeared officially in York Lodge, No. 22, at Kennebunk, but have been present at all its communications and thus am thoroughly conversant with its condition and the quality of work being done, which has not always been up to the standard which we like to see. An officer to do good work must be interested in more than to possess the honor of his station, otherwise the standard of work is lowered.

The financial condition of all the lodges in the district appears to be good, and all their affairs to be in the hands of brethren who look carefully to the prosperity of their respective jurisdictions, to the end that harmony and good-will prevails. My visits have been very pleasant, and my instructions received in the same kindly manner as intended to be given, and I extend my thanks for the courtesies received.

And, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT W. MESERVE, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Kennebunk, April 10, 1912.

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## TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twentieth Masonic District.

On November 10, 1911, I attended a Lodge of Instruction held at Houlton, by Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER. There was a large attendance and great interest was shown. Monument Lodge conferred the Third degree in the evening in a very impressive manner. Monument Lodge should be highly complimented for the very fine work done, and the elegant manner in which it entertained their visiting brothers.

On January 23, 1912, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Horeb Lodge at Lincoln. It being the joint installation of the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter, there was a large attendance, in spite of the severe snow storm that prevailed that afternoon and evening. After the ceremonies of installation, an elegant banquet was spread.

On February 21st, I attended a meeting of Pine Tree Lodge at Mattawamkeag, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was given in a very correct manner. The records are still in the hands of Bro. GEORGE W. SMITH, who has been the efficient secretary of the lodge since its institution in 1873, and who has never missed attending a meeting during that time. I doubt if any other lodge in the state can show such a record.

On February 24th, I made a visit to Forest Lodge at Springfield, and met with them for the first time in their new hall. This lodge surely is entitled to much credit for their activity in getting such a fine building completed so soon after their old one was burned. They now have one of the best constructed and finest arranged halls in this district. The Third degree was given in a very satisfactory manner. The officers seem to take a great interest in their work. Records are neatly and correctly kept by their veteran secretary, LYSANDER W. TRASK. Refreshments were served.

On February 27th, I visited Horeb Lodge at Lincoln. It being a very stormy night there was a small attendance, and neither of the two expected candidates appeared.

I have attended most of the meetings of my home lodge, Baskahegan, and I think that the work done by its officers will compare very favorably with that of the other ones in the district.

Finally, I consider Masonry in the Twentieth District in a very flourishing condition. All of the lodges have good halls, efficient officers, and a very bright outlook for the future.

I thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN L. PORTER, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

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## TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District for the year 1911-12. As I

did not attend the Grand Lodge in May, 1911, I was not installed. This ceremony was performed in Bar Harbor Lodge in September, 1911, by my predecessor R. W. Bro. EDGAR J. TRUSSELL.

My first official visit was to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, October 5, 1911, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was well done. The lodge is in excellent financial condition, the dues well collected and the records correctly kept.

On October 19th, I made an official visit to Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at South West Harbor, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was extremely well done. The financial condition of the lodge is improving and there seems to be a new era of prosperity opening for Tremont Lodge. The records are well kept.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Masonic Hall, at Bangor, under the direction of M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, the Grand Lecturer, and received great benefit in masonic knowledge. In passing, I would say that I am especially proud of my treatment at the hands of the officers and brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge of Bangor on this above occasion.

November 2d, I officially visited Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, at Ellsworth, for the purpose of inspection. The M. M. degree was conferred on two candidates. This lodge is prosperous, the records well kept and the dues very well collected.

November 4th, I made an official visit to Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140. There was no work, but suggestions were made in regard to some questions pertaining to the ritual. There has been a dearth of candidates for some time, but the interest in masonry continues good and strong. Since my visit this lodge has raised five brothers. The dues are well collected and the debt on the hall is nearly canceled.

On November 6th, I made an official visit to Felicity Lodge, No. 19, of Bucksport. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate and was well done. The records and finances are in good shape, and dues are well collected.

November 7th, I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, of Orland. It saves time and expense to visit Felicity and Rising Sun Lodges at the same time on succeeding days, so I waited over in Bucksport for this reason. There was no work, but we went through the ritual on the E. A. degree, and I found the brethren well posted, there being very few mistakes. The dues are well collected and the records well kept.

November 22d, I made an official visit to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, at Winter Harbor, and inspected work on one candidate in the M. M. degree. The work was well and impressively done. The records are well kept and the dues fairly well collected.

March 29, 1912, I officially visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, of West Sullivan, by appointment, and witnessed excellent work in the F. C. degree on one candidate. The financial condition of this lodge is very good, dues are well collected and the records are in good order.

April 2d, my last official visit was made to McKinley Lodge, No. 212, of McKinley. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in an excellent manner. Although McKinley is the youngest lodge in the district, it is still adhering to its tradition of doing "good work." The dues are well collected and the records are in good order.

On February 2d, I held a convention of the lodges of the Twenty-first District, at Ellsworth. The convention was called to order and McKinley Lodge, No. 212, exemplified the E. A. degree, Tremont Lodge, No. 77, the F. C. degree, and Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, the M. M. degree. The work was performed in an impressive manner by the lodges and the convention was in every way a success. In spite of the inclement weather there were about three hundred present and all seemed glad and satisfied that they came to the convention.

On January 2d, by invitation, I installed the officers of Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208. I did not think it necessary to make an official visit to this, my home lodge, as I was present at nearly every meeting. The lodge is doing good work, and for a young lodge is in good financial condition. The dues are paid in a prompt manner, which is very gratifying; the records are well kept.

In concluding, I would like to say that I am exceedingly well pleased with my reception in the respective lodges in the district and that I have enjoyed the privilege of visiting them.

And finally, in closing, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me as your deputy, and I trust that I have come somewhere near to what is right in fulfilling the duties of this most important office.

Faternally submitted,

FRANK R. OBER, *D. D. G. M., 21st M. D.*

May 6, 1912.

## TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I beg to report that the lodges in this district are in a very prosperous condition; in fact, I believe more so than for years. The amount of work done in the past year shows that masonry is growing stronger with us,

as it is all over the country. It has been a great pleasure to me to serve as D. D. G. M., and I only regret that other things, unavoidable, have prevented me from doing more work in my district for the good of all, than I have been able to do. I thank you for the honor conferred on me.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BLANCHARD, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

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### TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

October 5th, I made an official visit to Drummond Lodge, No. 118, Parsonsfield, and witnessed the installation of its officers.

October 27th, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, and was much interested in the proceedings.

November 6th, I made an official visit to Buxton Lodge, No. 115, West Buxton, and saw work in M. M. degree.

December 5th, I visited Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, Limington. This was the annual meeting and no work, excepting the election of officers.

February 7th, I visited Preble Lodge, 143, Sanford, and saw work in E. A. degree.

February 27th, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190, Springvale, and saw work in E. A. degree.

February 28th, I visited Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, Alfred, and installed the officers.

Freedom Lodge, No. 42, Limerick, is my home lodge, and I have made no official visit, but have attended on all convenient occasions.

A series of unfavorable circumstances has prevented me from visiting Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, West Newfield, but I have learned from various sources that its condition is very satisfactory, excepting, the lack of increase in members.

In making this report I have thought it best to avoid special mention of any particular lodge, for all are in a very satisfactory condition. The officers in each showed an earnest desire to render their work in an impressive manner. Without exception they are careful and take great care to impress the candidate with the seriousness of the work in which he is engaged, and it is gratifying to see the strict attention of the mem-

bers and their willingness to assist. I have been especially pleased with this feature in every lodge.

I wish in this report to thank the officers and members for their universal willingness and kindness in assisting me on all occasions.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by appointing me to this position, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES F. CHADBOURNE, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*

North Waterboro, March 29, 1912.

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### TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy for the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

I received my second appointment on May 6, 1911, and was later installed by R. W. A. M. PENLEY of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178.

October 11th. My first visit for the season was to install the officers of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, and with the retiring master, W. Bro. W. H. HARTSHORNE as Marshal and Rev. Bro. H. D. HUTCHINS as Chaplain, the officers were regularly installed, after which several candidates were introduced and received the E. A. degree by the newly installed officers in a very satisfactory manner.

November 6th. By invitation and with the assistance of W. Bro. GEO. C. WEBBER as Marshal, and W. Bro. H. B. NILES as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178. It being a regular meeting, the E. A. degree was worked on several candidates by the newly installed officers in a very correct and impressive manner.

January 1, 1912. Business detaining me away from home, I deputized R. W. Bro. L. O. BRACKETT to make an official inspection of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, which he very courteously did, and reported that the work of the M. M. degree was very correctly and impressively done, showing the officers, who are young men, to be laboring for the good of masonry, and well able to sustain the high standard of efficiency which Ashlar Lodge has so long maintained. After the work a fine banquet was served to a large number, including many visitors.

January 3d. I made my official inspection of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, and met with the usual cordial reception. It being their annual meeting, a very large number of brethren were in attendance, noticeable among



them eight of the fourteen living past masters. After the usual business and election of officers, two F. C. were introduced, and after passing a satisfactory examination were raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. in due and ancient form, the work being done in a most satisfactory manner, the ritual being very closely followed and impressively rendered, after which a fine banquet was enjoyed by all including many visitors from the surrounding towns. This lodge is one of the oldest in the district, and has the largest membership.

January 8th. Made my official visitation to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, it being a regular meeting. A Master Mason's lodge was opened in full form, and after the regular routine of business, one candidate was introduced, and after passing a satisfactory examination in the E. A. degree, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft and recorded as such. This being my own lodge, and having witnessed the work in all of the degrees, I wish to compliment the officers who have done such earnest and impressive work, which cannot but deeply impress the candidate with the beautiful lesson taught in masonry. The work of the evening was done in a faultless manner, and such as to win praise from a large attendance, including several visitors from surrounding towns. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served, to which all did ample justice.

January 15th. With the assistance of the retiring master, W. Bro. GEO. O. CAMPBELL as Marshal, and Bro. H. R. BROWN as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, after which the E. A. degree was worked on several candidates by the newly installed officers, the work being done in a very satisfactory manner.

January 24th. Made my official visitation to Rabboni Lodge, No. 150. Lodge opened in full form in M. M. degree. One Fellow Craft was then introduced, and after passing a satisfactory examination as a Fellow Craft, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form, the work being given in a very earnest and impressive manner, well maintaining the high standard of efficiency this lodge has held in the past, and I should judge by the young men in office that the future welfare of the lodge is well assured. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

January 27th. With several brethren accompanying me, we made the journey to Turner by electric for the purpose of making my official visitation to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101. It being a regular meeting, there were a large number present, who extended to me and to all visitors a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome. After the regular business of the meeting, one candidate was introduced, and, after passing a satisfactory examination in the F. C. degree was raised to the sublime degree



of a Master Mason in due and ancient form, the work being done in a very correct and impressive manner. The lodge is noted for its good work, and this was no exception. The officers and members alike take great interest in the work. Several brethren from Buckfield were present. After the work a fine oyster supper was served.

February 1st. Made my official visitation to Webster Lodge, No. 164, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree, which was conferred on one candidate in a very correct and impressive mannner, showing the officers to be well versed in the teachings of masonry. This meeting was of much interest to me as well as to the visitors, including several brethren who accompanied me, this being the home of the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, and the candidate a son of Bro. SLEEPER and a student at Bates College; Bro. SLEEPER being one of the best posted in the state on masonic work, and one who is always ready and willing to give council and advice and to assist one and all in the attainment of masonic knowledge. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

February 10th. With three of the brethren of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, including R. W. Bro. L. O. BRACKETT, Bros. LOWELL and SIMPSON, we journeyed by team to New Gloucester and inspected the work of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. We were met with a cordial welcome, and although the weather was below zero, a large number were in attendance. One candidate was introduced, and after passing a satisfactory examination as a Fellow Craft was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. in due and ancient form. The work was done in a very correct and impressive manner; such as to impress the candidate with the beautiful principles of masonry. This lodge is the oldest in the district, has a fine hall and its membership is increasing, having at the present time 173 members, and dues well collected. A fine banquet was served, at the close of which a half hour was spent by remarks from several brethren. Reached home at 1:30 A. M.

February 20th. By invitation of the W. M., Bro. COOMBS, and with the assistance of the retiring Master, Bro. C. W. COOMBS, acting as Marshal and Bro. WOODSIDE as Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Webster Lodge, No. 164. A large number were present, including the Eastern Star and invited guests. A fine lunch was served at the close.

February 28th. With the assistance of the retiring Master, ARTHUR A. PIKE as Marshal, and Bro. STRAY as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, after which the E. A. degree was conferred on several candidates by the newly elected officers in a satisfactory manner.

February 29th. With several brethren we boarded the electrics for Mechanic Falls to inspect the work of Tyrian Lodge, No. 73; it being

a regular meeting, lodge was opened in full form in Master Mason's degree. After the regular business was transacted the E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates in due and ancient form, the ritual being closely followed and impressively rendered, showing the officers to be very interested in their work and a close studying of the ritual. A large number were in attendance including several visitors. Lodge closed and all repaired to the banquet hall, where all did ample justice to a fine banquet.

I have visited all the lodges at least once during the year, and find them to be in a very prosperous condition, having added a large number to their membership during the year; dues well collected, and a good balance in the treasury; and I wish to congratulate all of the lodges as a whole for the excellent work they have done, and to thank the officers and members for the many courtesies they have shown me during my term of two years as District Deputy. It has been a pleasure to me to visit the lodges, for whatever corrections and suggestions I have seen fit to make have been received in the most pleasant manner, showing a willingness to work in peace and harmony, and to try and gain that state of perfection which can be obtained only by careful study, lots of work, and the help we receive from the brethren who work in unison.

I have examined the books of every lodge very carefully, and I find that all the lodges in the district have capable brethren to look after the finances, which is very essential for the welfare of the lodges. I consider this one of the banner districts in the state, and I wish to again thank the brethren for their many courtesies.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by your appointing me for the second year, for I consider it an honor any true mason should be proud of.

Faternally submitted,

HENRY A. FLETCHER, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

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## TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

On the evening of October 31st, by invitation of the W. M., I installed the officers of my own, Molunkus Lodge, assisted by Past Masters VERDI LUDGATE and ISAAC CUSHMAN as Marshal and Chaplain. Although

this was a dark, stormy night, the attendance of members and visitors was over fifty and all seemed much interested and pleased with the installation ceremony, at the close of which a supper was served in the vestry of the Congregational Church near by, after which all returned to the hall, and an hour's social entertainment was enjoyed.

On November 10th, in company with the Master and a dozen members of my own lodge, I attended a School of Instruction held by M. W. Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER with Monument Lodge of Houlton.

This was my first attendance at such a school, and it was certainly a very helpful and interesting experience to me, as it must have been to the large number who were present from the different lodges in both the First and Twenty-Fifth Districts. In the evening the work of the M. M. degree was beautifully and impressively done by Monument Lodge, in the presence of nearly 200 members and visitors, and subject to the inspection of D. D. G. M. FRANK A. PEABODY, M. W. G. L. FRANK E. SLEEPER, and three other District Deputies. After the work and closing of the lodge a fine banquet was served in Foresters' Hall.

On the evening of November 15th, by invitation of the retiring Master, Bro. A. F. DUNPHY, and assisted by Past D. D. G. M. BENJAMIN C. WALKER as Marshal, and Bro. B. J. DODGE as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Island Falls Lodge in the presence of a good attendance of members and visitors, the presence of a very large number of ladies being particularly noticeable. This lodge has been observing the custom, which I think is a commendable one, of presenting the retiring Master with Past Master's apron, and at the close of the installation ceremony, Bro. DUNPHY was called to the East and presentation was made by myself, in behalf of the lodge, to which Bro. DUNPHY responded with words of appreciation not only for this remembrance but also for the hearty support accorded him by officers and members during the term of his service. A fine banquet was served at the conclusion of the installation ceremony.

On the evening of December 29th, I visited Katahdin Lodge of Patten, and assisted by Bro. B. W. HOWE as Marshal, and Bro. S. H. SARGENT as Chaplain, installed their newly elected officers. Previous to the installation, and assisted by P. M. GEORGE BURLEIGH as Marshal, I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master upon the Master elect; Past Masters WILL COBB and D. SCRIBNER occupying the West and South respectively. This being a joint installation of Katahdin Lodge and Pleiades Chapter, O. E. S., the newly elected officers of the latter were installed by Past Matron Alice Pettengill of Island Falls, assisted by Mrs. Agnes Huston as Marshal, and following this ceremony a fine banquet was served in the lodge dining room.

On the evening of January 25th I visited Fort Kent Lodge at its regular communication and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree, which

was very creditably performed in the presence of a good attendance of the home lodge and quite a large number of visitors, there being a delegation of twelve present from Portage Lake. I made some corrections and offered some suggestions, which appeared to be received in the spirit in which they were given. The work was followed by a bountiful banquet, at the close of which Worshipful Master CURRIE introduced his Senior Deacon, H. A. SAWYER, as toastmaster, which position he filled in a very graceful and pleasing manner. The first speaker introduced was Rev. LOUIS BLANCHET of Portage, who spoke on the subject of "Fraternity." The D. D. G. M. was then called upon for brief remarks, followed by Senior Warden A. O. ROBBINS, speaking on the topic "Our Lodge," H. W. GRINNELL on "Entered Apprentice," T. G. HETHERINGTON on "Fellow Craft" and Past Master GROVER C. BRADBURY on "Master Mason," and these topics were treated in a manner which showed convincingly that Fort Kent Lodge is fortunate in the possession of a large amount of oratorical talent. Following the regular program other speakers were H. P. WARREN of Waterville, A. E. LEWIS of Plymouth, Mass., FRED N. VOSE and LAWRENCE LUDWIG of Houlton, and A. G. FENLASON of the home lodge.

On the evening of February 29th, I visited Katahdin Lodge at its stated communication and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree, which was very smoothly done, and the ritual was quite closely followed. This lodge is doing quite a large amount of work and the officers are taking considerable pains to thoroughly familiarize themselves therewith. Some minor corrections of the work were made, and the same were well received. At the refreshment hour a banquet was served in the lodge dining room. Katahdin Lodge is to be congratulated on its commodious and convenient quarters of which it has reason to feel justly proud. I found the records neatly and correctly kept and the dues quite well collected.

On the evening of March 14th, I visited Nollesemic Lodge, and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree, which was well done and the ritual very closely followed; only a few corrections were necessary. The floor work of the officers was especially commendable. Immediately after the closing of the lodge all except Past Masters were requested to retire to the ante rooms, and, assisted by Past Master REED and STEARNS, as Senior Warden and Marshal, I conferred the honorary degree of Past Master upon Wor. Master GLENN, after which refreshments were served. Nollesemic Lodge has quite an amount of work on hand and seems to be in a prosperous condition.

On the evening of March 20th, I visited Pioneer Lodge, and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree, which was performed in a very satisfactory manner, and not many corrections or criticisms were noted; the

same being well received. Pioneer Lodge has a good amount of work ahead and appears to be in a prosperous condition. They are planning within the year to add a new set of furniture to their hall. At the close of the lodge a banquet was served in the dining hall.

On the evening of March 27th, I visited Island Falls Lodge and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree, which was very correctly and smoothly performed in the presence of a large attendance of the home lodge, a delegation of twenty-six of my own, Molunkus Lodge, present by invitation, and other visitors. This being only the second time that the present board of officers had worked this degree, the ready and perfectly easy manner with which they did their work showed that they had taken much pains to render themselves proficient therein, and but few minor corrections were made. At the refreshment hour an elaborate banquet was served in the vestry of the Congregationalist Church near by, the tables being in charge of an efficient delegation of ladies from the Eastern Star Chapter. Previous to the closing of the lodge, interesting and helpful remarks were made by many of the visitors and members present, tending to further strengthen fraternal ties, and all visitors were loud in praise of Island Falls Lodge for the royal manner in which they had been entertained.

During the year I have made no really official visit to my own, Molunkus Lodge, but have been present at nearly every meeting, and can report a good interest. The lodge is well officered and is enjoying the prospect of a prosperous year ahead of it.

In closing, I feel that I can justly report the lodges of the Twenty-fifth District in a prosperous condition, and I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended to me at my visits, and to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS E. JACKMAN, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.**

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,  
Tuesday, May 7, 1912.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge office at 5 P. M.

Present—ASHLEY A. SMITH, *President*,  
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,  
STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,  
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,  
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,  
FRANK E. SLEEPER,  
HOWARD D. SMITH,  
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.

The Grand Treasurer's report, certified by the Grand Master, was read and accepted, as follows :

PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the  
Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of :

	Fund.	Income.
25 shares Canal National Bank Stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
18 shares Casco National Bank Stock,.....	1,800.00	108.00
14 shares First National Bank Stock, .....	1,400.00	98.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. Stock,.....	2,000.00	120.00
3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bond, .....	1,500.00	67.50
1 Town of Brunswick bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00

2 Northern Pacific Railway Co. bonds, .....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. bonds, .....	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Railway Co. bonds, .....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. bonds, .....	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. bond, .....	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway Co. bond, .....	500.00	25.00
1 Maine Central Railway Co. bond, .....		35.00
3 Portland Water Co. bonds, .....	3,000.00	120.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. bonds, .....	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware, Ohio, Water Co. bond, .....	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Railway Co. bonds, .....	1,000.00	50.00
3 Toledo Terminal Railway Co. bonds, .....	2,200.00	99.00
6 Boston & Maine Railway Co. bonds, .....	6,000.00	240.00
3 Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. Bonds,...	3,000.00	120.00
1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suffolk Water Co. Bond,	500.00	25.00
1 Town of Everett, Mass., bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1 Hyde Park, Mass., bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1 Methuen, Mass., bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1 Newton & Northwestern Railway Co. bond, ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows:		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, 184, .....	800.00	
3 shares pfd. stock, cert. A 223, ...	300.00	
5 shares com. stock, cert. A 203, ...	500.00	1,000.00
2 Standish Water & Construction Co. 4 per cent. bonds, Nos. 181, 74, M. & N., .....	1,000.00	
1 City of Portland, Oregon, 4 per cent. bond, No. 436, J. & J., .....	1,000.00	20.00
1 E. S. Moody note secured by mortgage on real estate, .....	5,000.00	200.00
Maine Savings Bank, .....	1,097.89	44.32
Portland Savings Bank, .....	1,230.63	49.70
Augusta Savings Bank, .....	906.18	36.60
Skowhegan Savings Bank, .....	855.81	34.54
Waterville Savings Bank, .....	899.64	36.32
Wiscasset Savings Bank, .....	930.39	37.56
Bath Savings Institution, .....	907.80	36.64
Brunswick Savings Institution, .....	885.85	35.76
Gardiner Savings Institution, .....	892.35	36.04
Portland National Bank, Savings Department, ...	1,798.31	72.64
Fidelity Trust Co. ....	4,754.60	192.06

Belfast Savings Bank, .....	\$10.00	20.60
Chapman National Bank, Savings Department, ....	516.79	20.86
	<u>\$63,086.24</u>	<u>\$2,711.14</u>

**CASH ACCOUNT.****RECEIPTS.**

1911.		
May 2.	Balance from old account, .....	\$ 5,074.05
	Savings Banks, dividends added, .....	512.55
	Added to Charity Fund by transfer from Grand Lodge Funds, as per vote,	
	Cash on deposit in Union Safe Dep. and Trust Co.,	1,538.64
	“ “ “ Maine Savings Bank, .....	1,023.39
	“ “ “ Fidelity Trust Co., .....	2,426.68
	“ “ “ Belfast Savings Bank, .....	510.00
	“ “ “ Chapman National Bank, .....	516.79
	Portland Water Co., bond No. 382, due 1927, 4 per cent., .....	1,000.00
	Cash transferred from Grand Lodge account and now counted as cash on hand in account with Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., .....	1,538.64
	3. Account Denny mortgage, .....	900.00
	9. “ “ “ to close it, .....	900.00
	Interest on Denny mortgage to date, ....	22.42
	Income from all investments except Savings Banks,	2,057.50
1912.	Interest, Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., .....	165.06
April 12.	Maine Central Bond, No. 824 B, due April 1, 1912, ..	500.00
	Total receipts, .....	<u>\$18,685.72</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

1911.		
May 4.	Paid Beneficiaries, .....	\$ 1,008.00
	Placed in hands of Grand Master, .....	200.00
	Savings Banks, dividends added, .....	512.55
	Account transfer from Grand Lodge Funds, to Charity Fund, as per vote:	
	Cash on deposit in Union Safe Dep. & T. Co., .....	1,538.64
	“ “ “ Maine Savings Bank, .....	1,023.39
	“ “ “ Fidelity Trust Co., .....	2,426.68
	“ “ “ Belfast Savings Bank, .....	510.00



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	Cash on deposit Chapman National Bank,,.....	516.79
	Portland Water Co. bond, No. 382, 4 per cent., due 1927,.....	1,000.00
	Deposit in Fidelity Trust Co., formerly counted as cash on hand, but now as part of Charity Fund,	2,327.92
11.	Union Safe Dep. and Trust Co., rent of box in vault,	10.00
July 3.	Paid Estabrook & Co., for 1 City of Portland, Oregon, \$1,000, 4 per cent. bond, No. 436, due 1941, at .96, .....	960.00
1912.		
Feb. 20.	Paid Geo. F. Noyes, Admr. Est. J. H. Carroll, for 1 \$500, Standish Water & Construction Co., 4 per cent. bond, No. 181, at .99½,.....	497.50
	Interest on same, 3 m. 19 days,.....	6.05
Mch. 2.	Paid Chas. H. Gilman & Co., 1 \$500 Standish Water & Construction Co. 4 per cent. bond, No. 74, at .99½,.....	497.50
	Interest on same, 4 m. 1 d.,.....	6.72
	Total disbursements,	<u>\$13041.74</u>
	Balance to new account:	
	Cash in Union Safe Dep. & Trust Co., .....	5,643.98
		<u>\$1,8685.72</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

PORTLAND, May 7, 1912.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above named securities and books of deposit and find the same correct as stated above.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

The Secretary presented 78 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

The meeting was then adjourned to 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday, May 8, 1912.

Met in Grand Lodge office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—ASHLEY A. SMITH, *President*,  
STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,  
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,  
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,  
FRANK E. SLEEPER,  
HOWARD D. SMITH,  
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule which was accepted.

*Voted*, That one represent eight dollars.

*Voted*, That \$1,168 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The renewal of the bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000, with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, was presented, and was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5:30 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*.

## Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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### ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

*First*, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

*Secondly*, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

*Thirdly*, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

*Fourthly*, to other cases of distress.

### ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

### ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.*

*Voted*, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.*

*Voted*, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause

to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

*Voted*, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 4, 1871.

*Voted*, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 8, 1872.

*Resolved*, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 6, 1885.

*Voted*, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 5, 1886.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.*

*Voted,* That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest :                      STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

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## STANDING REGULATION.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION  
OF CONSTITUTION 1910.



*Resolved,* That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge. [1911, p. 224.]

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## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.



[Part Fourth, Art. I, Page 42 of Constitution.]

"SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p 53.]

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

OF THE

**CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.**

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ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
THOMAS H. BODGE, Deputy Grand Master,	"
WALDO PETTENGILL, Senior Grand Warden,	"
ERNEST P. PARLIN, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	elected May 3, 1910, for three years.
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 3, " " " "
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	" " 2, 1911, " " "
FESSENDEN I. DAY,	" " 2, " " " "
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	" " 7, 1912, " " "
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 7, " " " "

## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1912.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle
THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Augusta
WALDO PETTENGILL,	<i>" Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Rumford
ERNEST P. PARLIN,	<i>" Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Wilton
MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>" Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>" Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>" Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
FRANK A. PEABODY,	<i>" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Houlton
WHEELER C. HAWKES,	<i>" " 2d " "</i>	Eastport
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON,	<i>" " 3d " "</i>	Milbridge
WILLIS A. RICKER,	<i>" " 4th " "</i>	Castine
WILLIAM R. HUGHES,	<i>" " 5th " "</i>	Monson
EDWIN N. MILLER,	<i>" " 6th " "</i>	Bangor
ERNEST S. WING,	<i>" " 7th " "</i>	Searsmont
AUGUSTUS D. HAYES,	<i>" " 8th " "</i>	Belfast
CHARLES G. BRACKETT,	<i>" " 9th " "</i>	Thomaston
THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	<i>" " 10th " "</i>	Waldoboro
CHARLES R. GETCHELL,	<i>" " 11th " "</i>	Hallowell
MOSES A. GORDON,	<i>" " 12th " "</i>	Mt. Vernon
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	<i>" " 13th " "</i>	Skowhegan
GEORGE A. WARD,	<i>" " 14th " "</i>	Bath
JOHN N. FOYE,	<i>" " 15th " "</i>	Canton
JAMES B. STEVENSON,	<i>" " 16th " "</i>	Rumford
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	<i>" " 17th " "</i>	Portland
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY,	<i>" " 18th " "</i>	Denmark
FRANK E. ROBBINS,	<i>" " 19th " "</i>	Kittery
JOHN E. CLARK,	<i>" " 20th " "</i>	Winn
FRANK R. OBER,	<i>" " 21st " "</i>	N. E. Harbor
DANIEL B. PACKARD,	<i>" " 22d " "</i>	Exeter
JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,	<i>" " 23d " "</i>	N. Waterboro
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN,	<i>" " 24th " "</i>	So. Poland
LEWIS E. JACKMAN,	<i>" " 25th " "</i>	Sherman Mills
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
REV. HARRY H. PRINGLE,	<i>" " " "</i>	Milo
REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	<i>" " " "</i>	Ellsworth
REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	<i>" " " "</i>	Camden
REV. JOHN M. BIELER,	<i>" " " "</i>	Machias
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	<i>" " " "</i>	Belfast
ALAN L. BIRD,	<i>" " Marshal,</i>	Rockland
SILAS B. ADAMS,	<i>" " Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
CHARLES P. HATCH,	<i>" " Junior Deacon,</i>	Portland
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	<i>" " Steward,</i>	Limerick
JAMES R. TALBOT,	<i>" " " "</i>	E. Machias
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	<i>" " " "</i>	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	<i>" " " "</i>	Biddeford
MOSES D. JOYCE,	<i>" " Sword Bearer,</i>	Deer Isle
FRED S. BLODGETT,	<i>" " Standard Bearer,</i>	Bucksport
WARREN C. KING,	<i>" " Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
FRED C. CHALMERS,	<i>" " " "</i>	Bangor
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	<i>" " Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER H. SMITH,	<i>" " Organist,</i>	Portland
WARREN O. CARNEY,	<i>" " Tyler,</i>	Portland

## List . of . Subordinate . Lodges, WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

As Returned March 1, 1912.

DISTRICT.

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- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. A. Wade Campbell, m; Percy H. Russell, sw; Omar F. Carr, jw; Orville D. Carr, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Alzo S. Merrill, m; Ralph P. Stackpole, sw; Ralph O. Johnson, jw; Marcus W. Eveleth, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Guy A. Brackett, m; Eugene J. Storer, sw; Willis F. Avery, jw; James F. Pillsbury, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Robert K. Tukey, m; Ralph B. Hall, sw; Gerald A. Stetson, jw; Wilbur G. Knowlton, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Ralph E. Richards, m; Willard C. Pooler, sw; Allie O. Pillsbury, jw; Melzer T. Crawford, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Fred W. Seavey, m; Guy E. McFarland, sw; Alva F. Gamage, jw; John A. Turner, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Charles D. Niles, m; Harry V. Taylor, sw; Harrie L. Webber, jw; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center St.,) s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Harry S. Boyd, m; William W. Andrews, sw; Charles O. Caswell, jw; Horace B. Wentworth, (381 Spring—154 Middle Sts.,) s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Asbury M. Blake, m; Frank Tobie, sw; William A. Hollis, jw; William Parkin, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14



- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Horace H. D. Smith, M; Alonzo E. Peabody, SW; George W. Gould, JW; Stephen Mudgett, Brooks, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Arthur L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, M; Adelbert S. Taylor, SW; George H. Littlefield, Clark's Mill, JW; J. Burton Roberts, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Frank W. Shaw, Mars Hill, M; Judson C. Burtt, SW; Elwyn M. Fulton, JW; William B. Burns, Mars Hill, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. William W. Morrill, M; George N. Stevens, SW; Woodbury H. Stevens, JW; Joseph H. Benson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George R. Hall, M; Frank M. Cummings, SW; Phillip E. Coombs, JW; Fred I. Morrell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Frederick L. Chenery, M; Luther M. Norris, SW; Albert W. Riggs, JW; B. Frank Bradford, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Howard B. Chandler, M; Fanning J. Burbank, SW; William S. Dresser, JW; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, 24 Whitney St., S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Albert E. Folsom, M; William F. Leavitt, SW; Osma L. Sumner, JW; Winfred A. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Clarence A. Packard, M; Edward K. Gould, SW; Edward C. Payson, JW; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Charles H. Babbidge, M; John E. Bowden, SW; Harry Saunders, JW; Ira J. Cousins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Clarence E. Dow, M; Leon B. Dorr, SW; Oscar D. Wentworth, JW; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. William T. Fifield, M; James S. Harding, SW; Ben E. Parker, JW; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. George I. Hodgdon, M; Percy L. Orne, SW; Norman Vanhorn, JW; Norman S. Fuller, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Silas E. Collins, m; Theodore E. Melone, sw; Frank V. Small, jw; Camillus K. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Clarence W. Hall, m; Melville D. Sturtevant, sw; Clarence K. Fox, jw; Fred B. Merrill, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. George A. Coombs, m; Chester S. Kingsley, sw; Orin B. Frost, jw; Charles D. White, s. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. F. W. Hilton, m; W. W. Stoddard, sw; Alvah Witham, jw; George L. Baker, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Leverna L. Niles, m; Fred J. Latham, sw; Byron A. Evans, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. John W. Russell, m; Melvin S. Hutchins, sw; Colby B. Whittemore, jw; J. Blaine Morrison, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol Mills. Norris A. Miller, m; Matthias A. Benner, sw; Edwin A. Laughton, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Frank H. Hargraves, m; Monroe P. Marsh, sw; Elton M. Varney, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Henry L. Watson, m; Herbert V. Chadbourne, sw; Jacob T. Brown, jw; Frank J. Hersey, s, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Joseph W. H. Porter, m; Floyd A. Smith, sw; Omar L. Farnsworth, jw; John B. Roberts, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Elwood Richardson, m; Edwin H. Williams, sw; John S. Goodridge, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Sumner P. Drinkwater, m; Alfred W. Doughty, sw; John W. Coleman, jw; Aug. H. Humphrey, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Edward B. Taylor, m; Ernfield J. Crosby, sw; Clair M. Libby, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Ralph P. Brown, m; Eugene W. Vaughan, sw; Isaac A. Harris, jw; Dick A. Young, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Angus D. McLaid, m; Samuel T. Heal, sw; Charles M. Lunt, jw; Fred H. Savage, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Frank H. Farnham, m; Fred S. Fuller, sw; Ernest S. Webber, jw; Percy Butterfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Alexander Robinson, Dennysville, m; A. Burton Coggins, sw; William R. Allan, Dennysville, jw; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Fred L. Pottle, m; Jonathan L. Dyer, sw; Edward L. Hicks, jw; James D. Howe, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Frank H. Gray, m; Walter W. White, sw; Ara D. Hodgkins, jw; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., s. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Robert Abel, m; John Robertson, sw; Peter Milne, jw; Edwin F. Clapham, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Philip D. Stubbs, m; Fred H. McCleary, sw; Diah Sweet, jw; Charles B. Richardson, s. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Charles T. Goodrich, m; Albert J. Shepherd, sw; Oliver F. Hammond, jw; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Silas E. Strout, m; Joseph H. Ewing, sw; Nathan C. Redlon, jw; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., s. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Ernest S. Hatch, m; Seth F. Heald, sw; Bennett McDaniels, jw; Preston B. Walker, (box 46), s. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Welcome S. Reed, m; George T. Pierce, sw; Coney N. Webber, jw; Orrin F. Sproul, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Albert F. Jackson, m; John M. Douglass, sw; Fred Jarvis, jw; Charles W. Morrill, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Norris S. Lord, m; Ernest C. Palmer, sw; Charles H. McDaniel, jw; Chester L. Burke, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Frank P. Spencer, M; William A. McDonald, SW; Samuel M. Boothby, JW; Francis C. Milliken, East Parsonsfield, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Frank E. Parker, M; Herbert E. Haley, SW; Arthur E. Baker, JW; Hudson F. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Thomas Donaghy, M; Charles C. Rumney, SW; Edward C. Firth, JW; Wheeler C. Hawkes, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. William S. Davidson, M; Alfred L. Sawyer, SW; Horace C. Buxton, JW; Hiram L. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. John W. Cousins, M; Jasper P. Allen, SW; Harry O. Ford, JW; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Edgar W. Hamilton, M; Frank S. Davis, SW; Herbert W. Perkins, JW; Daniel M. Nichols, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Ernest Rawley, M; Fred C. Smith, SW; Albert J. Rawley, JW; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Wellington H. Eastman, M; Charles H. Tuttle, SW; Frank M. Lamb, JW; Alfred Cole, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Bertram J. Bird, M; Frank McCabe, SW; Oscar Drinkwater, JW; Rodel A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Fred'k S. Blodgett, M; Walter B. Smith, SW; Fred M. Mooney, JW; William R. Beazley, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Oliver B. Abbott, M; Raymond Ham, SW; Edwin B. Cole, JW; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Adrian V. Currie, M; Alexis O. Robbins, SW; James T. Bradbury, JW; Grover C. Bradbury, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. John M. Rowe, M; William W. Norcross, SW; Fred C. Hale, JW; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15

- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Henry F. Cummings, South Waterboro, M; Harry E. Chadbourne, SW; Maynard A. Hobbs, JW; Herman J. Sayward, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Lewis J. Frye, M; Everett Woodsum, SW; John H. Smith, JW; George A. Carpenter, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Monroe V. Curtis, M; Robert E. Randall, SW; Sumner G. Brewer, JW; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Samuel Estes, M; Lester H. Penley, SW; Frederick R. Penley, JW; Edgar F. Barrows, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Francis A. Norton, M; Bion Bradley, SW; Charles H. Davis, JW; Merle F. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Sewall Perkins, M; Warren P. Hooper, SW; Walter C. Brown, JW; Charles H. Hooper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Edgar F. Carswell, M; Stephen E. Patrick, SW; Fred'k R. Summersides, JW; Charles E. Cobb, S. Meeting Wednesday on or preceding full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Albert S. Allen, M; Roy E. McKenzie, SW; Ralph W. Albee, JW; Carl M. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Edward L. Jenks, M; John W. Grant, SW; Frank E. Dill, JW; Harry E. Larrabee, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Clarence E. Turner, M; David E. Moulton, SW; William A. Seyford, JW; Josiah F. Cobb, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. J. Fred Clark, M; Henry S. Pinkham, SW; Ard Edwards, JW; Artemus Weatherbee, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. N. Frank Perry, M; Edward S. Young, SW; Leonard M. Treat, JW; John H. Baker, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Forest B. Snow, M; Harvey H. McIntyre, SW; Frank L. Stover, JW; Arthur C. Hinckley, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Frank S. Grindel, M; Leslie E. Smith, SW; Finley C. Keller, JW; Melvin R. Trim, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8

- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. John J. Marr, M; A. Raymond Sanborn sw; Wallace A. Clifford, JW; Mahlon D. Estes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Carl C. Dudley, M; Albert W. Askett, sw; Fred M. Cole, JW; James L. Bowker, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Edgar A. Worcester, M; Ulysses C. Norton, sw; John Chesterton, JW; Henry A. Mansfield, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Fred R. Bailey, M; Walter W. Woodbury, sw; William A. McKenney, JW; Fred S. Huston, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Ernest E. Page, East Corinth, M; Chas. M. Mayo, sw; Loring Fitz, JW; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. George E. Dixon, M; Fred H. Fuller, sw; Melvin H. Simmons, JW; Fred A. Tenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. John A. Tuscan, M; Ivan L. Ward, sw; Lester L. Patterson, JW; Perry S. Longley, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Joseph E. Thomas, M; Ernest E. Carver, sw; George R. Alexander, JW; Leslie D. Ames, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Leon M. Small, M; George A. Hutchins, sw; Edgar P. Judkins, JW; Charles L. Dillingham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Bradbury A. Boggs, M; Roland T. Waltz, sw; Arthur M. Chute, JW; Clinton E. Matthews. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. W. S. Clarke, M; Fred Pierce, sw; Chas. Hurd, JW; J. Merrill Bartlett, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. John S. Milliken, M; J. Warren Butman, sw; Herman W. S. Lovejoy, JW; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Almon H. Blaisdell, M; Harold G. Bruce, sw; John C. Parlin, JW; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. John McCann, M; W. F. Packard, sw; J. Willard Edgerley, JW; Theodore Morrison, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M; John C. Sherman, SW;  
Grover C. Cox, JW; Leslie F. Hurd, S. Meeting Saturday on or be-  
fore full moon; election, September. 7
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. D. Edgar Badger, M; Charles E. Cowley, Jr., SW;  
Frank H. Gray, JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday  
on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles E. Smith, M; Roscoe E. Ackley, SW;  
William E. Farris, JW; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on  
or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. William T. Doyle, M; Chester E. Norris, SW;  
John A. Haynes, JW; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday;  
election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Emery L. Leathers, M; Albert H. Wing, SW;  
William H. Snow, JW; Frank O. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on  
or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Frank L. Manchester, M; Everett A. Stan-  
ley, SW; William H. Thurston, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S.  
Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Fred G. Paine, M; George A. Thomas, SW;  
Henry E. Knapp, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in  
week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Emery W. Pickering, M; Paul W. Scott, SW;  
Benjamin C. Smith, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tues-  
day; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. John Murphy, M; Elmer Webster, SW; Chester  
Clark, JW; Chester L. Bailey, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full  
moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. James F. Jewell, M; Harry M. Brown, SW;  
Forrest K. Roberts, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday  
on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanic's, 66, Orono. Paul L. Bean, M; Leon E. Woodman, SW; Al-  
bert Guy Durgin, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednes-  
day; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Eugene H. Brown, M; Frank A. Geyer,  
SW; LeForest R. Burns, JW; John D. Mitchell, S. Meeting Mon-  
day on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. William McGilvery, M; Carl S. Coffin, SW;  
Fred G. Parsons, JW; Harris V. Mathews, S. Meeting fourth Friday;  
election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Lewman B. Soper, M; John E. Kings-  
bury, SW; Lewis A. Todd, JW; Ernest E. Waters, S. Meeting first  
Thursday; election, December. 22



- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Fred H. Leech, M; Albert H. Lord, SW; John H. Johnson, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Frank A. Ambrose, M; Irving T. Daggett, SW; George L. Daggett, JW; Freeman C. Harris, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Frank L. Parker, M; Carrol W. Bent, SW; C. Oscar Flanders, JW; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Roland E. Clark, M; Bernard Archibald, SW; Nathaniel Tompkins, JW; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. W. Leslie Maloon, M; Clarence E. Maloon, SW; Alvin R. Bucklin, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Eugene W. Crocker, M; Harry W. Thayer, SW; Arthur A. Dinsmore, JW; James T. Roberts, Dover, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Leon W. Sanborn, M; Ulmer B. Dyer, SW; Herbert W. Fifield, JW; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Lester L. Mitchell, M; Orris M. Vose, SW; Sumner J. Wyman, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. William M. Viles, M; Maurice E. Sampson, SW; Charles T. Rand, JW; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15\*
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Charles G. Bordeaux, M; Thomas M. Richardson, SW; Lester E. Pray, JW; Joseph N. Walker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- \* Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Carroll S. Douglass, M; Edward B. Packard, SW; Sumner C. Bennett, JW; Fred Mellor, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Perley H. McKusick, M; Albert F. Wentworth, SW; A. P. Cobb, JW; Harold I. Perkins, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. B. K. Ware, M; George Hall, SW; Charles L. Finn, JW; Freeman Light, Razorville, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. George H. Rice, M; Charles S. Hamlin, SW; Addison Millett, JW; Warren V. Kneeland, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18



- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Ralph W. Moore, m; Joseph W. Hoit, sw; Arthur M. Baker, jw; Nathan W. Cole, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Henry G. Swett, m; Harry N. Ferren, sw; Lester D. Lee, jw; Orletus Phillips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Phineas B. Guptill, m; Alvah Farnsworth, sw; Albert H. Willey, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Alanson H. Mayo, m; Fred A. Stewart, sw; William F. Cousins, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Leslie I. Williams, m; Alonzo E. Titus, sw; James Merry, jw; David G. Walker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Charles W. Crowell, m; John M. Cates, sw; John W. Kennedy, jw; Charles A. Stilson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. William J. Ricker, m; Charles C. Thompson, sw; Fred S. Irish, jw; Royal W. Bradford, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. William E. Glenn, m; Leon F. Kent, sw; Harold H. Hodgman, jw; John D. Walker, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. William S. Holmes, m; Ernest C. Ober, sw; William M. Peckham, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Ernest E. Noddin, m; Thomas H. Murphy, sw; Frank H. Holley, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Isaac H. Storer, m; Marcellus A. Donnell, sw; Frank W. Hilton, jw; Frank L. Buker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Frank D. Weymouth, m; Benjamin H. Dyer, sw; Charles L. Marrows, jw; Oscar L. Smith, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Elmer R. Bumps, m; William B. Matthews, sw; Frank Clark, jw; Arthur J. Elliot, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. J. Henry Halkett, m; Frank M. Stone, sw; Howard W. Jones, jw; D. Eugene Chaplin, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Charles W. Gammon, M; Arthur E. Grose, SW; John N. Sinnett, JW; George O. Eustis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Edwin Richardson, M; Horace E. Mixer, SW; Walter F. Tubbs, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. C. Fred D. Marsh, M; George F. Colbath, SW; Geo. G. Grinnell, JW; Daniel B. Packard, Dexter, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. R. S. Knowles, M; S. P. Ireland, SW; George A. Tibbetts, JW; L. Everett Hutchins, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Percival E. Hathaway, M; F. Wendall Rounds, SW; Delbert M. Stewart, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Nathan C. Buckman, M; Lee F. Schoff, SW; Charles W. Yeaton, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. William H. Hall, M; David L. Wilson (Rev.), SW; Warren A. Nichols, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred A. Budge, M; Warren S. Coombs, SW; Joseph M. Libbey, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Arthur G. Andrews, M; Hugh Hayward, SW; Albert B. Hagerthy, JW; Henry S. Brown, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Charles S. Horne, M; Guy E. Monroe, SW; Frank G. Wise, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Edwin G. Ryder, M; Joseph P. Crandlemire, SW; Alvin R. Stanhope, JW; Harvey W. Ryder, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Arnold Leighton, M; Gleason E. Hinkley, SW; James S. Wyman, JW; Nelson C. Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. William L. Howes, M; Frank L. Clark, SW; Samuel A. Parkhurst, JW; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Roy J. Buxton, M; Lucius M. Lemont, SW; Delmar E. Bates, JW; William M. Temple, (120 Front St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14

- Portland, 1, Portland. Edward H. Sargent, m; George W. Mitchell, sw; jw; Albro E. Chase, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Charles Kneeland, m; Alva C. Treat, sw; John F. Ellis, jw; Lincoln A. Gardner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. John Wright, m; Ben Ramsden, sw; Alfred Howarth, jw; William H. Walker, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. John C. Nichols, m; J. Irvin Hayden, sw; William C. Jordan, jw; William H. Cram, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. James W. Tarbox, m; Frank Jones, sw; Ridgley C. Clark, jw; Tobias L. Eastman, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Alton P. French, m; Harry C. Pease, Appleton, sw; Benjamin H. Keller, jw; Allen L. Maddocks, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. John L. Reade, m; James M. Palmer, sw; Wesley M. Goff, jw; Edwin L. Goss, (Box 334,) s. Meeting Wednesday after full moon; election, September. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. George W. Silver, m; Thomas F. Barbour, sw; Marshall E. Salls, jw; Rollins Y. Stinson, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Sidney M. Gray, m; George W. T. Barentzen, sw; H. Frank Lancaster, jw; William R. Fairclough, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. James B. Sellers, m; Norris L. Grindell, sw; Norris L. Heath, jw; Benjamin H. Cushman, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Charles E. Gray, m; Charles E. Gibbs, sw; Lewis M. Ames, jw; Seth R. Hutchins, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Frank L. Hodgkins, m; Dudley S. Silsby, sw; Joel H. Curtis, jw; Charles I. Collamore, s. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Luther J. Kennedy, m; Arthur W. Flagg, sw; Elmer E. Orff, jw; Everett A. Hofses, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Harry L. Richards, m; John H. Henderson, sw; Morris B. Perry, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

- Rural, 53, Sidney. Charles A. Graves, M; Warren A. Barnard, SW; Edmund P. Williams, JW; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Harry S. Sawyer, M; Frank L. Whitehead, SW; Fred J. Morrison, JW; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Edward E. Herrick, M; Harry E. Torrens, SW; Harold H. Hodge, JW; Harry W. Libbey, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Albert Langille, M; John W. Hodsdon, SW; Arthur H. Baker, JW; Willie W. Cuzner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. George A. W. Leeman, M; Herbert J. Dudley, SW; Edward G. Buxton, JW; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Curtis C. Starrett, M; Nelson Moore, SW; Lee W. Walker, JW; J. Morris Studley, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Herbert L. Butler, M; Clarence P. Lord, SW; Joseph W. Beverly, JW; J. Willey Whitehouse, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Robert K. Shibles, M; Robert B. Magune, SW; L. True Spear, JW; Charles E. Rhodes, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Russell V. Matthews, M; Clarence E. McKown, SW; Waldo S. Boyd, JW; Chester L. Holton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticon, 146, Clinton. Wilbur Holt, M; Howard K. Brown, SW; C. Lee Stewart, JW; Wesly M. Keene, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Irving M. Linscott, M; Almon F. Johnson, East Brownfield, SW; Ralph W. Giles, JW; Jesse L. Rowe, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Eugene C. Herring, M; Charles F. Kidder, SW; Ralph A. Jewell, JW; Carl C. Piper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Victor H. Paquet, M; Arthur J. Smith, SW; Ralph H. Dunton, JW; Albert L. Strout, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14

- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. John H. Lancaster, m; William T. Seekins, sw; Carleton M. Holt, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. William E. Frost, m; J. Byron Shaw, sw; Daniel S. Stokes, jw; Arthur E. Horne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Albert H. Butterfield, m; Avery V. Brooks, sw; Robie C. Marean, jw; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Henry F. Fitzgerald, m; Claude A. Kittredge, sw; Edwin A. Merrill, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Benjamin A. Fogg, m; G. T. Whitaker, sw; Austin T. Myrick, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Nathan L. Cobb, m; Edwin T. Clifford, sw; Herbert E. Foster, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Arthur L. Prior, m; John B. Winslow, sw; Roscoe C. Booth, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, (Box 64,) s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Samuel H. Lord, m; Ralph Hayford, sw; Frank E. Bramhall, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. John S. P. H. Wilson, m; Reuel W. Smith, sw; George L. Foss, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Henry L. Gray, m; Eben F. Richardson, sw; Fred Walls, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Harry B. Holmes, m; Lafayette T. Porter, sw; Philip D. Phair, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. William C. Irons, m; Amos E. Tibbetts, sw; Lester S. Carter, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Ralph L. Lamb, m; Clark B. Rankin, sw; Wade C. Trask, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Edgar W. Moody, m; Ralph L. Williams, sw; Edward A. Matthews, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9

- United, 8, Brunswick. Samuel L. Forsaith, m; Joseph S. Stetson, sw; Ernest L. Maybery, jw; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody St.,) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Benjamin Ames, m; Albert R. Murch, sw; Fred N. Flye, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Willard A. Marriner, m; Thomas M. Sedwick, sw; Joseph Scott, jw; Melvin E. Hutchinson, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Moses A. Gordon, m; Hiram A. Comstock, sw; Harry E. Williams, jw; B. Ralph Cram, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Charles M. White, m; Frank J. Nichols, sw; Caleb W. Sedgley, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. H. Elbridge Moan, m; Charles P. Dennison, sw; John N. Ingalls, jw; C. Hollis White, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Harry W. Grant, m; Ai S. Hooper, sw; Charles E. Larrabee, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Frank Gould, m; Henry W. Wilder, sw; Owen K. Story, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Thomas G. Mitchell, m; Frank W. Trecartin, sw; Harry L. Walton, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Harold L. Pepper, m; Harry S. Grindall, sw; Clarence E. B. Walker, jw; Charles B. Davis, s. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Edwin H. Danforth, m; William F. Huen, sw; Scott W. Higgins, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. J. Alton Tyler, m; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., sw; Arthur M. Packard, jw; Dana A. Yates, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Drew T. Harthorn, m; Walter D. Bean, sw; Dana O. Sewall, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. B. Frank Sumner, m; Frank A. Turner, sw; Keith D. Bradley, jw; Frank E. Weston, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Walter H. Hobbs, m; Angier C. Merriman, sw;  
Charles W. Roberts, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday  
on or before full moon; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Leslie L. Brackett, m; Benjamin A.  
Parker, sw; Arthur A. Brackett, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meet-  
last Friday; election, December. 19

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## List of Lodges by Districts.



### DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK A. PEABODY, Houlton.

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|--|---------------------------------|
| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton</i> .                | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou</i> .   |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield</i> . | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn</i> . |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle</i> .           | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine</i> .  |

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—WHEELER C. HAWKES, Eastport.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport</i> .  | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke</i> .        |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec</i> . | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton</i> . |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais</i> . |                                       |

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON, Milbridge.

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias</i> .      | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutler</i> .      |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield</i> . | 173 Pleiades, <i>Milbridge</i> .  |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias</i> .         | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport</i> . |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point</i> .   |                                   |

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine</i> .       | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot</i> .      |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle</i> .    | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill</i> .        |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick</i> . | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington</i> .        |
| 171 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin</i> .    | 210 Bagaduce, <i>North Brooksville</i> . |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM R. HUGHES, Monson.

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> .      | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> .      | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> .       |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> .       | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> .       |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> .    |
| 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> .         |   |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN N. MILLER, Bangor.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> .      | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> .      |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Old Town</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> .        |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> .            | 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . |
| 66 Mechanics', <i>Orono</i> .          | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> .   |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> .         | 174 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> .            |

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST S. WING, Searsmont.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 45 Central, <i>China</i> .          | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> .        |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> .        | 129 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Seabasticook, <i>Clinton</i> .   |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> .    |                                      |

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—AUGUSTUS D. HAYES, Belfast.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 24 Phoenix, <i>Belfast</i> .           | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> .   |
| 68 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> .       | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> .     |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> .         |                                       |

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES G. BRACKETT, Thomaston.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> .       | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> .        |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> .  | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> .     |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinal Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> .       | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> .      |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> .   | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> .   |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . |   |

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—THOMAS L. RICHARDS, Waldoboro.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> .         | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> .        | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> .  |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> .     |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> .          | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> .   |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> .         | 211 Meduncook, <i>Friendship</i> .     |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES R. GETCHELL, Hallowell.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> .   | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> .    |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> .   | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> .      |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> .        |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—MOSES A. GORDON, Mt. Vernon.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> .       | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> .         | 113 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> .    |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> .                | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> .            |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> .   |

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST C. BUTLER, Skowhegan.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> .        | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> .  |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> .            | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> .       |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> .          | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> .      |

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—GEORGE A. WARD, Bath.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> .    | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> .          |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> .         | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> .           |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> .  | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> .             |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN N. FOYE, Canton.

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington.</i>              | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton.</i>           |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls.</i> | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton.</i>          |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips.</i>        | 191 Davis, <i>Strong.</i>            |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon.</i>          | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff.</i> |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld.</i>              | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield.</i>   |

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.

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| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway.</i>        | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryant's Pond.</i>       |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford.</i> | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield.</i>        |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield.</i>  | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills.</i> |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris.</i>    | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris.</i>            |
| 97 Bethel, <i>Bethel.</i>        |  |

## DISTRICT NO. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master—ISAAK A. CLOUGH, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland.</i>          | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook.</i>             |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, <i>Portland.</i> | 127 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham.</i>   |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth.</i>            | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland.</i>        |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham.</i>            | 183 Deering, <i>Portland.</i>            |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish.</i>         | 186 Warren Phillips, <i>Cumb. Mills.</i> |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland.</i>         |  |

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master—AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, Denmark.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg.</i> | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford.</i>      |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton.</i>    | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell.</i>                |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark.</i> | 169 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield.</i> |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish.</i>   |  |

## DISTRICT NO. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK E. ROBBINS, Kittery.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 9 Saco, <i>Saco.</i>                 | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot.</i>          |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk.</i>           | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills.</i>      |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford.</i>         | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick.</i>    |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick.</i> | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery.</i>              |
| 76 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport.</i>    | 198 St. Aspinquid, <i>York Village.</i> |

**DISTRICT NO. 20.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN E. CLARK, Winn.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> .       | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> .    |

**DISTRICT NO. 21.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK R. OBER, Northeast Harbor.

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|---|---|
| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> .         | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> .       |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> .          | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> .          | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 77 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> .   | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> .   |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | 212 McKinley, <i>McKinley</i> .           |

**DISTRICT NO. 22.**

District Deputy Grand Master—DANIEL B. PACKARD, Exeter.

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> .            | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> .         | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> .       | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> .      |

**DISTRICT NO. 23.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES F. CHADBOURNE, N. Waterboro.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> .        | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> .    |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> .          | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfeld</i> .  |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> .          | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> .        |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

**DISTRICT NO. 24.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CHESTER E. CHIPMAN, South Poland.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> .          |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> .           | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> .         |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> .     | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> .         |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> .         | 178 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

**DISTRICT NO. 25.**

District Deputy Grand Master—LEWIS E. JACKMAN, Sherman Mills.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland</i> .         | 205 Nollesemic, <i>Millinocket</i> .    |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> .         | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |
| 165 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent</i> .       |



## BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,

From March 1, 1911, to March 1, 1912.

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THOSE MARKED \* WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

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- 1 Portland, Portland. William Leavitt, April 1; William H. Drysdale, May 10; William H. Green, June 16; Albion A. Plummer, August 20; Ermon D. Eastman, December 9; Albert S. Mitchell, January 12; Addison Frye, February 18; George W. Bunker, February 23.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Thomas F. White, May.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Woodbury Parsons, Sept. 14; Jesse White, February 3.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Austin D. Knight, March 27; William S. Chase, April 27; Daniel Allen, April 30.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Samuel M. Butterfield, March 15; Thomas D. French, June 7; Everett L. Simonton, October 9.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. John H. Sanborn, April 2; Frederick A. Bibber,\* July 12; John Crosby,\* November 26; Edward E. Newcomb, January 8; John A. Lowe, January 13.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Charles M. Evans,\* February 25.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Albert H. Gilman, April 21; William Stackpole, Dec. 12; Charles J. Reynolds, December 14.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Elisha M. Trim, July 25; William D. Gates, October 27; Wayland H. Sally, December 13; Josiah S. Ricker, January 2.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Albert Fifield, October 14; Joseph B. Dresser, December 11; Charles N. Ballard, January 5; James Emerson, January 30.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Frank A. Copp,\* September 12.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Daniel Dickens, November 21; Charles G. Woodbury, December 17.

- 14 Solar, Bath. Seth T. Snipe, April 20; Edgar P. Dickson, August 3; Albert G. Brown, August 14; Charles G. Mitchell, August 21; D. Howard Spear, December 24; George W. Stacy, January 23; John W. Foster, January 29; Rufus R. Drummond, February 14; Walter A. Madden, February 18; Samuel Whitehouse, February 20.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. F. W. Stackpole, April 19; Dunbar Henderson,\* May 25; R. K. Dunn, January 28; Joshua Rivers, February 12.
- 16 Saint George, Warren. William L. Jordan, November; Scott A. Ames, February 18.
- 17 Ancient Land Mark, Portland. Abiel M. Smith, December 9; Herbert W. Sears, January 11; George A. Harmon, January 26; Willard C. G. Carney, January 26; Percival G. Burgess, February 26; Hermann H. Brockman, March 11; Joseph W. Dobson, May 8; George L. Swett, May 23; William W. Davis, June 12; Warren P. Chase, June 20; Wright Stafford, July 14; William H. Purington, August 30; John W. Perkins, October 31.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. O. Alphonso Lovering,\* April 6; Alonzo Dean.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Jos. L. Gordon, June 30.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. Loretto H. Foss, March 16; George W. Ranger, March 17; Samuel H. Stackpole, December 14.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Joseph S. Grover, May 16; Harrison L. Wadsworth, May 17; William H. Holley, May; Henry Warren Bailey, December 1; Joseph G. Ham, February 22.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. Thomas L. Gilpatric, May 28; Homer Goodwin, February 7.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Henry C. Brewer, September 1; Henry C. Curtis, September 9; Stephen A. Thurlow, January 4.
- 24 Phœnix, Belfast. Russell G. Dyer, April 19; Joseph F. Wight, June 29; Isaac Hills, December 21; Robert Burgess,\* February 3; Alfred S. Jackson,\* February 13; Arnold Harris, February 20.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. Aaron Maxwell, October 1.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Samuel Donnell, May 10; Andrew Curtis, October 4.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. John F. Moulton, April 14.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Daniel B. Dinsmore,\* June 2; George W. McKenney, September.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. Wellington Sprague,\* March 6; Joseph Egan,\* March 11; John Adams Whitman,\* April 11; Charles E. Merrill,\* June 30; Alton O'Brien, July 24; Charles E. Bigelow,\* September 8; Steven S. Merrill, October 21; Irving L. Merrill,\* December 5; Telesphore Taisue, December 23.

- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. John Howe, April 4; Frank I. Norton, May 10; Clarence H. Oldham, July 3; Edwin P. Smith, August 10; Pascal M. Edmunds,\* September 6; Wallace P. McDonald, September 25; James M. Hollis, February 20.
- 31 Union, Union. Aaron D. Wiley,\* April 9; Thomas A. Young, November 7.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. John Blanchard, June 28, 1910; Freeman Y. Barker, May 5; William H. Curtis, May 29; Aaron Stackpole, June 15; Guy A. Hildreth, August 15; George W. Stevens, September 6; Lewis Lander, September 15; John Milton, September 23; William H. Libby, November 3; Joseph E. Ladd, November 17; Charles D. King, November 24; Hosea D. Lennan, November 25; Frank T. Yeaton, December 13.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Alonzo L. Webber, March 26; Norman K. Fuller,\* March 29; Charles A. Redington, April 14; George Phillips,\* May 8; Samuel W. Richardson,\* May 10; Marshal D. Johnson, June 29; Albert E. Davies, July 16; Dana P. Foster,\* September 19; Ralph G. Wormell,\* February 26.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Frank A. Nolin,\* July 14; Francis H. Wing,\* August 14; Levi C. Emery,\* October 29; Franklin W. Stone, February 1; Nathaniel S. Robinson.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Enoch D. Staples, August 7, 1910; William B. Hunt, March 11; Charles R. Wells, April 17; Stephen M. Boynton, July 7; O. A. Pollard, November 11; Henry S. Higgins, November 26; Francis S. Sanborn, February 29.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Augustus M. Hayes, June 27; James M. Bates, July 9; Frank M. Ross, August 10; Charles H. Ross, December 6; Albion S. Perley, December 17; Frank L. Oakes, January 31; Charles R. Dow.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. William Fanning,\* May 6.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. John A. Libby,\* January 27; Eugene D. Chellis, February 1; Frederick Robie, February 2.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Daniel Dolloff, November 27; Herbert Kendall, November 30; G. C. Ryan, January 6; Abner Shephard, March 1.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. George C. Williams, 1909; Robert J. Alexander, March; James Wilson, March 19; Leander B. Smith, March 25; John A. Wakefield, March 28; Thomas J. Holmes, April 3; Maurice E. Soule, April 10; Carlton McGown, May; George E. Norris, August 17; Thomas L. Abbott, January 26.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. George A. Bosworth,\* May 2; Chapin Lydston, May 15; Job F. Morrell,\* August 17; W. Wayland Toothaker,\* December 11; Joseph H. Hatch,\* January 1.

- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Freedom P. Johnston,\* June 22; William H. Miles, January 16; John H. Staples, February 18.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. F. Eugene Tukey, March 13; Walter M. Barstow, June 29; George L. Hall, September 17; George O. Day, November 16; Eugene R. Stetson, January 4.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Albert M. Jones, March 2; Walter W. Sturtevant, May 18; Oren B. Packard, June 21; Isaac E. Sherburne, December 2; Benjamin W. Doble, January 11.
- 45 Central, China. Fred B. Foye, December 7; James B. Crosby, January 24; Lott J. Randall, February 9.
- 46 Saint Croix, Calais. Harry W. Stuart, July 13; Henry A. Balcom, August 9; John J. Groves,\* October 28; Cornelius Ellis\*, December 20.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Homer L. Richardson, April 8; Lewis Berry, April 11; William H. Webber, August 21; Frederic A. Day, October 31; Gorham N. Weymouth, February 19.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Neal Mitchell, September 23.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. James Fernald, March 13; Ambrose N. Ames, March 16; Shadrach W. Cousins, March 28; Albert L. Richardson, April 10; Horace E. Candage, May 21; Horace J. Tibbetts, May 24; George L. Ames; Frank E. Freeman, September 29; Elisha H. Keene, November 9; Frederick A. Frost, November 19; Edwin S. Crandon, December 30; Marcellus T. Jameson, January 26; Charles E. Meservey, February 17; Albert L. Fields; Emery B. Colcord, February 29.
- 51 St. John's, South Berwick. James Hamilton, March 29, 1909; Daniel E. McIntire, March 2; Fred V. Stanley, March 11; George A. Wiggin, April 5; Franklin P. Hodgdon, June 5.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Christopher C. Chase, Elbridge A. Thompson, August 2; Joseph B. Peaks, November 20.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Albert H. Reynolds,\* April 8; Nathan A. Benson,\* February 16.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Henry E. Shorey, September 5; Willis E. Crowell, January 27.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Horace McDonald, June 30; George L. Chadbourne, October 13.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Charles Davis, September 30; Charles E. Holt, November 7.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Almon H. Stockbridge, August 26.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. John I. Watts, August 13; William Keene, November 7.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Charles J. McLeod,\* March 23.

- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Meaubec M. Rawson,\* March 18; Samuel L. Miller,\* March 26.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. William A. Provins, March 1; Enoch H. Tomlinson, March 30; Libbeus Jenkins, September 26.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. George M. Bond, February 22; David H. Robinson, July 13; George Jennings, February 20.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Shadrach Smith, July, 1908; Calvin E. Young, January 18; Sumner J. Smith, April 13; L. E. Levenseller, May 8; Henry L. Stubbs, November 7; Fred Sawyer, November 13.
- 66 Mechanic's, Orono. Martin V. B. Judkins, March; William Thompson, May.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. George A. French, June 22; James W. Brackett, June 24; Daniel E. Heywood, July 4; Lyflorus D. Shepard, September 1.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. I. H. W. Wharff, July 15.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Leonard C. Harmon, July 4; George E. Whitney, August 26; Almond Rand, November 16.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. James E. Ames, June 8; Alfred L. Saunders, February 17.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Melville W. Morrell, March 15; Freeman B. Andrews, March 25; J. Louville Tenny, April 26; Lyman M. Cousens, October 9; Cushman R. Pulsifer, January 30.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. A. F. Brackett,\* May 24; Edgar Fountain, June 14; S. W. Johnson, October 26; E. M. Crooker, January 18; George R. Studley, March 1.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. John C. Craig, March 12; Emery J. Peavy, July 11.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Charles H. Perkins; George W. Wells.
- 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Eben C. Rosebrook,\* April 2; Llewellyn S. Norwood, April 13; Ambrose Stanley, August 26; William L. Gilley,\* January 20.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Raymond F. Smith, June 16; Samuel K. Osborn, January 14.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. John A. Thompson,\* January; Samuel H. Macomber,\* March 14; Jacob R. Stewart,\* June 16; Peter Kennedy,\* June 23; Freeman Shea, August 5; Freeman C. Hall, October 5; Thornton Webber, November 15.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. David S. Hunnewell, May 31.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. George W. Berry,\* March 11; Gaius B. McGregor, March 24; Henry L. Hamilton, April 2; Ambrose McDonald,\* June 5; Frank H. Morrill, June 17; Robert A. McClutchy,\* August 26; Fred A. Turner, August 27; William Pitt

- Preble, October 21; Harry A. W. Howard,\* November 14; Ernest True, January 15; Richard M. Libby, February 13.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Peleg Wiley, June 25; Otis A. Fisk, September 11; Alphonso P. Corthell, September 30; Harry McKisson, January 11.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. George Varney, March 20; Samuel A. Fellows, August 13; George A. Crowell, November 25; Freeland H. Witham, January 30; Charles A. Gibson, February 15.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Joseph Meservey, April 8; James M. Smith, August 10; Albion K. Meservey, January 29.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. George F. Mariner, April 28; Edward J. Fobes, April 30; George H. Wentworth,\* June 10; Joseph Wight,\* June 14; Noah R. Martin, October 7; Alvin Allen, November 23; Abner G. Bickford,\* January 6.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. John F. Dow, December 22; Ulrich P. Haines.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. James P. Wakefield, May 12.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Thomas J. Boardman, March; Newton L. Pendleton, April 1; Winfield S. Pendleton, Sr., October 23; Augustine H. Parker, November 8; Charles P. Pendleton, December 5.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Cyrus H. Tarbell, May 29; Hiram S. Quimby, June 29; Eugene B. Sanborn, September 24; Leander H. Crane, November 29; Alden G. Davis, December 7; Melville J. Allen,\* February 26.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. George H. Pishon, April 1; William Ballentine, April 29; Frank B. Purington, February 28.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Alex C. Dougherty, March 2; John H. McGregor, March 5; Adoniram J. Darling,\* March 9; Edwin S. Taylor,\* July 28.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. Frank S. Thomas, October 9.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Lewis Fish; Hiram Haws, January; E. G. Varney, January 28.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. William J. Henderson,\* April 10; Frank W. Garcelon, July 28; Albert E. Dickinson, February 16; Thomas Grant\*; Albert S. Kelso, February.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Goodwin R. Wiley, April 7; Gilman P. Bean, November 14.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Herbert Palmer,\* June 1; Bachelor Huston,\* February 21.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Charles Whittier Mansur, May 18; Eugene Gordon, September 8; Emilus M. Dearborn, January 9.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Edwin Andrews, November 2.

- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. James Clark; Horace C. Haskell; Peter J. Dresser, July 15.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. F. H. A. Boody, July 30.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. George E. Avery, March 13.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. William P. Frye, August 8; George A. Deal, October 23; William J. Burnham, February 18.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Andrew B. Hall, January 3.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Joseph W. Staples, September 2; Henry A. Chadbourne, October 22.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Jesse Barber, May 1; Lionel E. Page, June 16; Albion W. Ellis, October 27.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. B. M. Avery; B. F. Hathaway, September 6; M. O. Edwards, September 22; G. L. Dodd, January 16.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Thomas E. Carpenter, April 3; Freeman Lineken, April 21; Ambrose P. Cargill, July 1; Fred A. Gilman, July 24; William H. Lowell, August 1; Ambrose L. Norton, November 7.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. C. W. Trafton, March 1; S. T. Merrill, May 8; H. L. Grant, November 27; L. W. Stevens, December 25.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Charles H. Marston, March 31; William P. Blake, August 4; Jeremiah Tourjee, September 24; Walter P. Robinson, December 9.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Albert W. Hodgkins, March 12; William C. Duncan, March 27; Charles D. Wyman, June 8; Thomas E. Hagan, July 9; Willis M. Lake, September 21; Francis Gallagher, January 30.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. James Luke,\* March 30; John G. Locke,\* November 4.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Loring J. Additon,\* May 7; William J. Haynes,\* September 13; Charles B. Whiting, February 6.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Joseph W. Gilpatrick, December; James P. Crawford, February 6; Benjamin J. Stone, February 16.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. William Ridlon, September 28.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Jacob A. Young,\* September 10.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Angus McDonald, July 25.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. George C. Oliver, August 13; Andrew J. Green, October 26; Robert Y. Swift, January 19.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Elbridge G. Lord,\* August 2; Ernest A. Elden, December 12; Charles H. Scribner, February 25; Nelson Brown, March 1.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Hersey G. Palfrey, April.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Ira M. Brown,\* March 8; William

- H. Libby,\* March 17; Eben F. Manchester,\* June 20; Thomas H. Witham,\* July 21; Charles F. Mayberry, August.
- 128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. Moses E. Friend, March 7; Frank W. Friend, March 13; Lewis T. Gray, July 25; James T. Jones, September 14; Edward P. Herrick, October 1.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. David Ervin, April 21; Fred W. Barto, May 8; Harry B. Clark, July 28; Hugh G. Pipes, July 28.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. William H. Keen, November 24.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Thomas H. Boothby, September 18.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. Walter Merrill 1910; M. I. Johnson,\* April 11; H. A. Jackson,\* July 9; W. Grinnell, July 23; John Noyes, September 18; H. F. Avery,\* September 28; D. S. Weeks, February 16.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Amanuel Bragg, May; Clarence L. Hodsdon, June 1; Benjamin W. Hewes, June 3; Daniel Cool, November 6; Charles Hodsdon, January 23.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. William L. Cosley, May 14.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Edwin Chapin, 1910; Isaac A. Whitney, April 23; Allen Holmes, January.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Augustus C. Savage, March 31; William C. Higgins, February 15.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Henry T. Morse, March 3; Charles W. Stockman, March 8; Henry F. Morrill.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Charles O. Littlefield, September 29.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Mariner E. Willband, March 6; Thomas Reid, Sr., April 3; William A. Stackpole, June 12; Frank A. Garvin, October 5; James F. Pinkerton, October 17; Darling S. Hayes, January 5; Charles F. Moulton, January 16; Fred J. Brown, February 3.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. D. H. Moody, April 3; Woodbury Marson, October 2; Fred Orne,\* November 30; Richard Latter,\* December 10; John Westman,\* December 13; Robert Westman, January 3.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Joseph H. Sanborn,\* March 9; Geo. S. Carver, March 20; John R. Frohock, June 1; Edward W. Avery,\* July 13; S. Alphonzo Smith,\* August 19; Smith Hopkins,\* August 19; William C. Kimball, October 6; Matthew Roberts,\* February 10.
- 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Oren Hayes, May 20.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Nahum Moore, January 28.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. William G. Snow, September 20; Charles T. Walker,\* November 14.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. George A. Lane, October 7.



- 153 Delta, Lovell. Perley C. Hartford, May 16; Waldo M. Benton, October 12; James N. Smith, November 3; James H. Walker, November 11.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Abel D. Russell, December 20; B. Frank Metcalf, January 2; Luke F. Chandler, January 17.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. William S. Merrill, January 22.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. John Hiscock, November 4, 1909; Otis H. Melendy, May 10.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Hanson Hight; Fred O. Turner, October 3; Gerrish L. Wilder,\* January 20.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Lebeus A. Gamage, April 7; William T. Kelsey, July 22.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. J. P. Curtis, September 26; J. C. Pease, Feb. 6.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Leander D. Rand; Lester W. Shean, Oct. 3.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Edward Estes, January 2.
- 166 Neguimkeag, Vassalboro. Ruel W. Pitts, October 21.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Charles A. Coolidge, July 1; Francis M. Mayo, July 2.
- 168 Composite, Lagrange. A. B. Tibbitts, April 10; Maurice Woodman, June 2.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Charles A. Thorne, January 5.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Corydon Powers, June 18; Alton H. Weymouth, October 3.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Isaac May, November 8.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Fred A. Greenwood,\* May 25.
- 173 Pleiades, Milbridge. Henry O. Carleton, September 16; George A. Burnham, November 12; Temple A. Fickett, February 7.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Robert M. Doyle, October 30.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. John Weller,\* May 20; William Volney Davis,\* February 23.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. William D. Bridges,\* July 28.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. James Westley Peables, October 15.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Carroll E. Carter, December 17.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Niles Nelson,\* May 5; Eben N. Perry, February 20.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. David Andrews, March 30; Peter B. Buck, June 2.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Grenville Jefferds,\* May 13; Charles T. Ogden, May 28; Lewis J. Sawyer,\* July 20; Louville G. Leighton,\* August 20; John A. Bennett, October 28; Edwin H. Hosmer, January 20.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. John J. Lambert, December 24.

- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Frank M. Conners,\* April 2; Eben F. Burns, September 15; Henry D. Averill, January 13; Fred W. Chandler.\*
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Robert H. Debeck; William L. Hall, April 25; C. W. Lawrence, February 28.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Roland H. Howard, June 1; John E. Webster, November 22; Walter I. Doyle, January.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. William Sawyer, August 4; Lee Mansfield, August 19.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Henry Wiggin, November 3.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. George H. Drew, March 15; Alton M. Shorey, December 9; Charles H. Brown, February 15.
- 191 Davis, Strong. J. Harvey Conant,\* March 25.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Frank Noonung, December 6; Samuel Cousins, December 17.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Robert W. Wilder,\* March 16.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Lawrence Pooler,\* August 10.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Joseph H. Judkins, August 20.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Jonathan Hersom, August 27; Enoch B. Briggs, November 26.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Wilson L. Hawkes, May 4.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. L. C. Andrews, March 1; Henry Smith, September 27; Harold Hight, October 9.
- 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Almon N. Cole, May 9; Mortimer D. Jacobs,\* February 4.
- 203 Mt. Olivet, Washington. S. S. Bartlett.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. William S. Jacobs, February 20.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Harold L. Emerson, March 7; Joseph H. Faulkner, June 18; Henry L. Plummer, January 20.
- 208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. Nathan P. Sumner, September 29.
- 211 Meduncook, Friendship. Crosby K. Creamer, September 24.
- 212 McKinley, McKinley. Morris R. Rich,\* August 10.

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

**WILLIAM PITT PREBLE,**

M. W. Grand Master in 1863, 1864 and 1865.



Born in Portland, Maine, April 15, 1819.

Died in New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.,  
October 21, 1911.

AGED 92 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, 6 DAYS.



Strong in counsel—Firm in action—Venerable in age.

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

**WILLIAM JACKSON BURNHAM,**

M. W. Grand Master in 1903.



Born in Saco, December 22, 1835.

Died in Lewiston, February 18, 1912,

AGED 76 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 27 DAYS.



A devout Christian, a valued citizen, and a faithful mason.

## =Recapitulation=1912=

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Lodges enrolled, .....	212
"    extinct, .....	9
"    working, .....	203
"    granted charters at communication, 1912, .....	0
"    represented at communication, 1912, .....	195
Number of representatives, .....	266
Lodges to make returns, .....	203
Making returns in time, .....	203
Initiated, .....	1,327
Raised, .....	1,338
Affiliated, .....	107
Re-instated, .....	70
Corrections, .....	11
Total increase, .....	1,526
Dimitted, .....	173
Died, .....	571
Suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	0
Expelled, .....	1
Lost membership by non-payment of dues, .....	217
Total decrease, .....	962
Net increase, .....	564
Members, March 1, 1911, .....	28,781
"    "    "    1912, .....	<u>29,345</u>
Grand Lodge Receipts, .....	\$12,746.53
"    "    Disbursements, .....	\$8,586.81
Amount of Charity Fund, .....	\$63,086.24
Income of Charity Fund, .....	\$2,711.14

## Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 5, 1911,	Daniel A. Greene, Birmingham.
Alberta, May 31, 1911,	Thomas McNabb, Lethbridge.
Arizona, Feb. 13, 1912,	Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.
Arkansas, Nov. 21, 1911,	Mark P. Olney, Mena.
Belgium, 1908,	Descamps, Mons.
British Columbia, June 22, 1911,	Francis J. Burd, Vancouver.
California, Oct. 10, 1911,	Alonzo J. Monroe, Eureka.
Canada, July 20, 1910,	Daniel F. McWatt, Sarnia.
Cuba, March 26, 1911,	Aurelio Miranda, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 19, 1911,	H. W. Woodward, Leadville.
Connecticut, Jan. 17, 1912,	Justin Holden, Norwich.
Delaware, Oct. 4, 1911,	Enoch Moore, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 20, 1911,	Ben W. Murch, Washington.
England, March 2, 1911,	Lord Ampthill, London.
Florida, Jan. 16, 1912,	Albert W. Gilchrist, Tallahassee.
Georgia, Oct. 31, 1911,	George M. Napier, Decatur.
Idaho, Sept. 12, 1911,	Frank C. Bowman, Idaho Falls.
Illinois, Oct. 10, 1911,	Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington.
Indiana, May 23, 1911,	William H. Swintz, South Bend.
Iowa, June 11, 1912,	William Hutchinson, Alton.
Ireland, 1912,	Duke of Abercorn, Dublin.
Kansas, Feb. 21, 1912,	William E. Hutchison, Garden City.
Kentucky, Oct. 17, 1911,	Dave Jackson, Louisville.
Louisiana, Feb. 5, 1912,	E. H. Addington, New Orleans.
Maine, May 7, 1912,	Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle.
Manitoba, June 14, 1911,	John Wemyss, Neepawa.
Maryland, Nov. 21, 1911,	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 13, 1911,	Everett C. Benton, Belmont.
Michigan, May 23, 1911,	James E. Dillon, East Tawas.
Minnesota, Jan. 17, 1912,	Owen Morris, St. Paul.
Mississippi, Feb. 20, 1912,	J. Rice Williams, Houston.
Missouri, Sept. 26, 1911,	Arch A. Johnson, Springfield.
Montana, Sept. 20, 1911,	William M. Montgomery, Anaconda.
Nebraska, June 6, 1911,	Henry Gibbons, Kearney.

## Addresses of Grand Officers.

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### GRAND SECRETARIES.

### CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.	William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.
Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary.	E. A. Braithwaite, Edmonton.
George J. Roskrige, Tucson.	Cyrus G. Jones, Tempe.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	George T. Black, Pocahontas.
Mr. Rian Nedgrot, Brussels.	None.
W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.	W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.
John Whicher, San Francisco.	Edward H. Hart.
Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont.	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Carlos G. Charles, Habana.	Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Habana.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
Frank W. Havens, Hartford.	Frank W. Havens, Hartford.
Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington.	Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
Sir Edward Letchworth, London.	None.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
William A. Wolihin, Macon.	A. Q. Moody, Boston.
Theophilus W. Randall, Boisé.	George E. Knepper, Kendrick.
Isaac Cutter, Camp Point.	Owen Scott, Decatur.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.	Daniel McDonald, Plymouth.
Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.	Charles C. Clark, Burlington.
Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.	Matthew M. Miller, Topeka.
Henry B. Grant, Louisville.	William W. Clark, Owensboro.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans.	Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria.
Stephen Berry, Portland.	Albro E. Chase, Portland.
James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.	Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
George Cook, Baltimore.	Edward T. Schultz, Baltimore.
Thomas W. Davis, Boston.	None.
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.	Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.
John Fishel, St. Paul.	Irving Todd, Hastings.
Frederic G. Speed, Vicksburg.	Harry T. Howard, Biloxi.
John R. Parsons, St. Louis.	Charles C. Woods, St. Louis.
Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena.	Herman S. Hepner, Helena.
Francis E. White, Omaha.	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.

## GRAND LODGES.

## GRAND MASTERS.

Nevada, June 13, 1911,	Herman Davis, Reno.
New Brunswick, Aug. 22, 1911,	Henry S. Bridges, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 15, 1912,	Charles H. Wiggin, Concord.
New Jersey, April 18, 1912,	Richard C. Woodward, Trenton.
New Mexico, Oct. 16, 1911,	William B. Walton, Silver City.
N. South Wales, June 8, 1910,	Lord Chelmsford.
New York, May 9, 1912,	Charles Smith, Oneonta.
New Zealand, May 10, 1911,	Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Blenheim.
North Carolina, Jan. 9, 1912,	William B. McKoy, Wilmington.
North Dakota, June 18, 1912,	William E. Hoover, Fargo.
Nova Scotia, June 21, 1911,	Augustus J. Wolff, Lunenburg.
Ohio, Oct. 18, 1911,	Thomas B. Guitteau, Toledo.
Oklahoma, Feb. 14, 1912,	Alfred G. Gray, Cheyenne.
Oregon, June 12, 1912,	George H. Burnett, Salem.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1911,	William L. Gorgas, Philadelphia.
Peru, 1911,	Francisco E. Crosby, Miraflores.
Puerto Rico,	
P. E. Island, June 28, 1911,	Hector C. McDonald, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 14, 1912,	John E. Wright, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 20, 1912,	Wendell R. Davis, Bristol.
Saskatchewan, June 28, 1911,	William Hopkins, Saskatoon.
Scotland, Nov. 1911,	Marquis of Tullibardine.
South Australia, April 17, 1912,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 12, 1911,	George S. Mower, Newberry.
South Dakota, June 13, 1911,	Charles L. Brockway, Chamberlain.
Tasmania, Feb. 29, 1912,	Charles E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 31, 1912,	J. Lynn Bachman, Sweetwater.
Texas, Dec. 5, 1911,	Sam P. Cochran, Dallas.
Utah, Jan. 17, 1912,	Sam Henry Goodwin, Provo.
Vermont, June 14, 1911,	Henry L. Ballou, Chester.
Victoria, Dec. 21, 1910,	Sir T. D. Gibson, Carmichael, Melb'ne.
Virginia, Feb. 13, 1912,	W. L. Andrews, Roanoke.
Washington, June 11, 1912,	Frank N. McCandless, Tacoma.
West Virginia, Nov. 15, 1911,	John H. McConihay, Charleston.
West. Australia, April 27, 1911,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 13, 1911.	Alexander E. Matheson, Janesville.
Wyoming, Sept. 6, 1911.	Harold Banner, Casper.



## GRAND SECRETARIES.

## CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.	Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.
J. Twining Hart, St. John.	John V. Ellis, St. John.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord.	Harry M. Cheney, Concord.
Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton.	Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.	James H. Wroth, Albuquerque.
Arthur H. Bray, Sidney.	Thomas L. Rowbotham, Sidney.
Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.	William Sherer, Brooklyn.
Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin.	Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin.
John C. Drewry, Raleigh.	John A. Collins, Enfield.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.	James W. Foley, Bismarck.
Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.	Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.
Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.	Nelson Williams, Hamilton.
Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City.	Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo.
James F. Robinson, Portland.	David P. Mason, Albany.
John A. Perry, Philadelphia	James M. Lamberton, Harrisburg.
J. Benjamin Choza, Lima.	None.
Jose G. Torres, San Juan.	
Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.	Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.
Will H. Whyte, Montreal.	E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
S. Penrose Williams, Providence.	William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket.
John M. Shaw, Regina.	A. S. Gorrell.
David Reid, Edinburgh.	None.
Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide.	J. R. Robertson.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia.	James L. Michie, Darlington.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.	Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls.
John Hamilton, Hobart.	
John B. Garrett, Nashville.	Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga.
John Watson, Waco.	Thomas M. Matthews, Athens.
Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington.	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor.
Charles James Barrow, Melbourne.	David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
George W. Carrington, Richmond.	Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond.
Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.	Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle.
John M. Collins, Charleston.	George W. Atkinson, Charleston.
J. D. Stevenson, Perth.	J. D. Stevenson, Perth.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee.	Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville.
William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga.	William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga.

## REPRESENTATIVES

### Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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- Alabama*—CHARLES H. WINSTON, Bodka.  
*Alberta*—CLAUDE W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.  
*Arizona*—MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, Phoenix.  
*Arkansas*—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.  
*Belgium*—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.  
*British Columbia*—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.  
*Canada*—COLIN W. POSTLETHWAITE, Toronto.  
*Colorado*—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.  
*Cuba*—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.  
*Connecticut*—ARTHUR C. WHEELER, Norwalk.  
*Delaware*—JACOB H. EMERSON, Middletown.  
*District of Columbia*—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.  
*Florida*—WILLIAM S. WARE, Pensacola.  
*Georgia*—WILLIAM B. KENT, Mt. Vernon.  
*Idaho*—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.  
*Illinois*—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.  
*Indiana*—ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.  
*Kansas*—DAVID B. FULLER, Eureka.  
*Louisiana*—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.  
*Manitoba*—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.  
*Maryland*—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.  
*Michigan*—WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee.  
*Minnesota*—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.  
*Mississippi*—FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg.  
*Missouri*—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.  
*Montana*—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.  
*Nebraska*—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.  
*Nevada*—SAMUEL S. SEARS, Unknown.  
*New Brunswick*—JOHN STAR DE WOLF CHIPMAN, St. Stephen.  
*New Hampshire*—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey*—WILLIAM RICHIE, Jersey City.  
*New York*—WILLIAM J. MOORE, New York.  
*New South Wales*—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.  
*New Zealand*—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.  
*North Carolina*—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.  
*North Dakota*—WALTER L. CARTER, Wahpeton.  
*Nova Scotia*—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.  
*Ohio*—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.  
*Oklahoma*—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.  
*Oregon*—JOHN MCCrackEN, Portland.  
*Peru*—FRANCISCO L. CROSBY, Miraflores.  
*Prince Edward Island*—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.  
*Quebec*—JOHN BOTHRELL TRESIDDER, Montreal.  
*Rhode Island*—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.  
*Saskatchewan*—ANDREW H. GORDON, Duck Lake.  
*South Australia*—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.  
*South Carolina*—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.  
*South Dakota*—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.  
*Tasmania*—WM. G. WILKINSON, Launceston.  
*Tennessee*—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.  
*Texas*—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.  
*Utah*—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.  
*Vermont*—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.  
*Victoria*—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.  
*Virginia*—CHARLES A. NESBIT, Richmond.  
*Washington*—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.  
*Western Australia*—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.  
*West Virginia*—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.  
*Wisconsin*—GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

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### Of Other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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- Alabama*—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Liberty.  
*Alberta*—MANLY G. TRASK, Bangor.  
*Arizona*—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.  
*Arkansas*—JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.  
*Belgium*—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deer Isle.  
*British Columbia*—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.  
*Canada*—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, Bar Harbor.  
*Colorado*—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.  
*Cuba*—LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.  
*Connecticut*—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.  
*Delaware*—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.  
*District of Columbia*—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.  
*Florida*—MILLARD F. HICKS, Portland.  
*Georgia*—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.  
*Idaho*—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.  
*Illinois*—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.  
*Indiana*—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.  
*Kansas*—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.  
*Louisiana*—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.  
*Manitoba*—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.  
*Maryland*—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.  
*Michigan*—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.  
*Minnesota*—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.  
*Mississippi*—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor.  
*Missouri*—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.  
*Montana*—LEANDER W. FOBES, Portland.  
*Nebraska*—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.  
*Nevada*—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.  
*New Brunswick*—MOSES TAIT, Calais.  
*New Hampshire*—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey*—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.  
*New South Wales*—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.  
*New York*—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.  
*New Zealand*—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.  
*North Carolina*—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.  
*North Dakota*—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.  
*Nova Scotia*—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Fairfield.  
*Ohio*—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.  
*Oklahoma*—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.  
*Oregon*—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.  
*Peru*—ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Norway.  
*Prince Edward Island*—GEO. W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.  
*Quebec*—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.  
*Rhode Island*—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.  
*Saskatchewan*—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Belfast.  
*South Australia*—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.  
*South Carolina*—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.  
*South Dakota*—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.  
*Tasmania*—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.  
*Tennessee*—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.  
*Texas*—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.  
*Utah*—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.  
*Vermont*—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.  
*Victoria*—  
*Virginia*—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.  
*Washington*—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.  
*Western Australia*—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.  
*West Virginia*—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.  
*Wisconsin*—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

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# Grand Lodge of Maine.

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## Ninety-Fourth Annual Communication.



MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 6, 1913. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, at nine in the morning.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, . . .	M. W. Grand Master;
THOMAS H. BODGE, . . .	R. W. Deputy Grand Master;
WALDO PETTENGILL, . . .	" Senior Grand Warden;
ERNEST P. PARLIN, . . .	" Junior Grand Warden;
MILLARD F. HICKS, . . .	" Grand Treasurer;
STEPHEN BERRY, . . .	" " Secretary;
CONVERS E. LEACH, . . .	" Cor. Grand Secretary;
REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, . .	W. Grand Chaplain;
REV. DAVID L. WILSON, . .	" " "
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, . . . as	" " Marshal;
SILAS B. ADAMS, . . .	" " Senior Deacon;
CHARLES P. HATCH, . . .	" " Junior Deacon;
CHARLES B. DAVIS, . . .	" " Steward;
RALPH H. BURBANK, . . .	" " "
MOSES D. JOYCE, . . .	" " Sword Bearer;
WARREN C. KING, . . .	" " Pursuivant;
FRED C. CHALMERS, . . .	" " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER, . . .	" " Lecturer;
WALTER S. SMITH, . . .	" " Organist;
WINSLOW E. HOWELL, . . .	" " Tyler.

Also 243 delegates, representing 191 of the 203 chartered lodges, 10 of the 12 living Past Grand Masters, with 29 other permanent members, and visiting brethren, including 48 of the 58 representatives of other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Brother WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Voted*, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

*Voted*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Voted*, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Committee on Transportation arranged with all railway and steamship lines, excepting the Boston and Maine Railroad, which requires a

guaranty of 100 tickets, and notice was given to the lodges and members on February 1st. Early in April we were notified by the Maine Central that an order to go into effect May first required an advance from one and a third to one and three-fifths fare for the round trip. Earnest representations were made as to the amount of work and expense of notifying all our masonic bodies all over again, and of the probability that some would fail to get the second notice and make much complaint in consequence, and the road kindly consented to postpone the change in our favor until after the session of this year.

Faternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*  
JAMES E. PARSONS,

The Grand Master appointed the following :

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### *On Doings of the Grand Officers.*

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

##### *On the Pay Roll.*

FRED C. CHALMERS, CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, WARREN D. TRASK.

##### *On Unfinished Business.*

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

#### CREDENTIALS.

BRO. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }  
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1913. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows :

- 1 PORTLAND, by George W. Mitchell, M.
- 2 WARREN, by H. Elbridge Moan, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Warren P. Hooper, M; Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Fred H. FULLER, M; George E. Dixon, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Willard C. Pooler, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by William S. Mildon, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Clarence E. Thompson, Proxy.

- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Collamore, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Frank A. Hill, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Walter W. White, M.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by J. Henry Hackett, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Arthur J. Smith, M.
- 15 ORIENT, by William B. Matthews, M; Frank Clark, SW.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by William W. Andrews, M; Charles O. Caswell, SW; George A. Coffin, JW; Harry S. Boyd, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Horace E. Mixer, M; Stewart W. Goodwin, SW; Wiggins L. Merrill, JW.
- 19 FELICITY, by Walter B. Smith, SW.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry E. Knapp, JW; Colby L. Merrill, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur E. Grose, M; Fred Raymond, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Angier C. Merriman, M; William H. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Monroe V. Curtis, Proxy.
- 24 PHENIX, by David L. Wilson, M; Clifford J. Pattee, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Edwin T. Clifford, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by William W. Brown, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Frank M. Bradbury, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Fred W. Bunker, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by John S. P. H. Wilson, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph L. Williams, SW; Ralph B. Lewis, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by John W. Grant, M; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Harry S. Grindall, M; Charles B. Davis, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by William T. Seekins, M.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Chester S. Kingsley, M; Warren D. Trask, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Alfred W. Doughty, M; John W. Coleman, SW; Louis W. Riggs, JW; Aug. H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Frank W. Trecartin, M; Thomas G. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Everett P. Hanson, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Alberto P. Bement, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Chester E. Norris, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Irving W. Gilbert, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by George A. Carpenter, Proxy.
- 43 ALNA, by Gerald A. Stetson, M; Edwin F. Stetson, SW.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Guy E. Monroe, M; Frank G. Wise, SW.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Emfield J. Crosby, M.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Herbert J. Dudley, M.

- 47 DUNLAP, by George M. Gordon, SW.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Edward G. Palmer, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLendor, by John E. Kingsbury, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Edward K. Gould, M.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by John M. Burleigh, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Harry W. Thayer, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Adelbert H. Bailey, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Thomas M. Sedwick, M ; Joseph Scott, SW.
- 55 ———FRATERNAL, not represented.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Alfred P. Cobb, M ; Geo. F. Kenison, Proxy.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Leon M. Small, M ; Edgar P. Judkins, JW.
- 58 UNITY, by Albert R. Murch, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Claude A. Kittredge, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by William G. Labe, M ; Burton E. Flanders, JW.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by George R. Alexander, M.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Sidney W. Gray, M.
- 64 PACIFIC, by George F. Colbath, M.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Joseph W. Hoit, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Herman H. Hanson, JW.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Bert Sherman Elliott, SW.
- 68 MARINERS', by George R. Wilson, JW.
- 69 HOWARD, by Newell F. Perry, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Avery V. Brooks, M ; Dana D. Higgins, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Seth R. Hutchins, Proxy.
- 72 PIONEER, by Arthur G. Andrews, M.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Jesse M. Libby, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Vinal D. Kelsey, JW.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Elton B. Duplicia, JW.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by William W. Morrill, M ; George M. Stevens, SW.
- 77 TREMONT, by Henry L. Gray, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Orel E. Davies, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Moses Thompson, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Fanning J. Burbank, M ; William S. Dresser, SW  
William K. Hermann, JW ; Howard B. Chandler, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Charles E. Rhodes, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Edwin N. Miller, Proxy.
- 84 EUREKA, by Ernest Rawley, M.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Elihu D. Chase, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.

- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Camillus K. Johnson, Proxy.  
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Albert H. Willey, M.  
89 ——— ISLAND, not represented.  
90 HIRAM ABIFF, — *Charter revoked in 1868.*  
91 HARWOOD, by Ralph W. Albee, SW.  
92 SILOAM, by George G. Weeks, Proxy.  
93 HOREB, by Daniel W. Ballantyne, Proxy.  
94 PARIS, by William B. Strickland, Proxy.  
95 CORINTHIAN, by Lynne H. Blanchard, Proxy.  
96 MONUMENT, by Bernard Archibald, M.  
97 BETHEL, by Clarence W. Hall, M.  
98 KATAHDIN, by Leonard W. Harris, M.  
99 VERNON VALLEY, by Thomas W. McQuaide, Proxy.  
100 JEFFERSON, by Carl C. Dudley, M; Harry M. Estes, Proxy.  
101 NEZINSCOT, by Royal W. Bradford, JW.  
102 ——— MARSH RIVER, not represented.  
103 DRESDEN, by John S. Snow, Proxy.  
104 DIRIGO, by Randall S. Maxwell, Proxy.  
105 ASHLAR, by George R. Hall, M.  
106 TUSCAN, by William C. Irons, M.  
107 DAY SPRING, by Ai Q. Mitchell, Proxy.  
108 RELIEF, — *Charter recalled in 1894.*  
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Carroll S. Douglass, M.  
110 ——— MONMOUTH, not represented.  
111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.  
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by William S. Davidson, M.  
113 MESSALONSKEE, by Fred H. Leach, M; Albert H. Lord, SW; James  
H. Witherell, Proxy.  
114 POLAR STAR, by Raymond C. Brown, M; John W. Ballou, Proxy.  
115 BUXTON, by Oscar D. Rand, Proxy.  
116 LEBANON, by George O. Carr, Proxy.  
117 GREENLEAF, by Bion Bradley, M.  
118 DRUMMOND, by Albert R. Leavitt, Proxy.  
119 POWNAL, by Albert C. Treat, SW.  
120 MEDUNCOOK, — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*  
121 ACACIA, by Alzo S. Merrill, M.  
122 MARINE, by Emery W. Pickering, M; Herman W. Small, Proxy.  
123 ——— FRANKLIN, not represented.  
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Benjamin H. Dyer, M.  
125 MERIDIAN, by Carl S. Coffin, M; Edwin Childs, Proxy.  
126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Arthur A. Blair, Proxy.  
127 PRESUMPCOT, by John C. Nichols, M.

- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Arthur H. Sargent, Proxy.  
129 ———QUANTABACOOK, not represented.  
130 TRINITY, by Lafayette T. Porter, M.  
131 LOOKOUT, by Charles E. Smith, M.  
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Charles S. Hamlin, M ; Elbridge P. Kimball, SW.  
133 ———ASYLUM, not represented.  
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*  
135 RIVERSIDE, by Arthur W. Flagg, M.  
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*  
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Charles M. Mayo, M.  
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by John L. Bates, Proxy.  
139 ARCHON, by Leon F. Edminster, JW.  
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Clifford B. Richardson, Proxy.  
141 AUGUSTA, by William F. Leavitt, M ; Claude W. Townsend, Proxy.  
142 OCEAN, by Isaac H. Storer, M.  
143 PREBLE, by Ben Ramsden, M.  
144 SEASIDE, by Clarence E. McKown, M.  
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Mark P. Smith, JW.  
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Howard K. Brown, M.  
147 EVENING STAR, by Wellington H. Eastman, M ; Charles P. Hatch, Proxy.  
148 FOREST, by Lysander W. Trask, Proxy.  
149 DORIC, by Fred Jarvis, SW ; Harry H. Hughes, Proxy.  
150 RABBONI, by James M. Palmer, M.  
151 EXCELSIOR, by Rodell A. Packard, Proxy.  
152 CROOKED RIVER, by James S. Skillings, SW.  
153 DELTA, by Seth F. Heald, M.  
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Harry N. Ferren, M.  
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Frank Tobey, M ; Walter E. Plummer, Proxy.  
156 WILTON, by Walter D. Bean, M ; Harry J. Trefethen, JW.  
157 ———CAMBRIDGE, not represented.  
158 ANCHOR, by Fred W. Seavey, M.  
159 ESOEERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*  
160 PARIAN, by G. Lester Shepherd, Proxy.  
161 CARRABASSETT, by Elwood Richardson, M.  
162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.  
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Linwood A. Ryder, M ; Edwin G. Ryder Proxy.  
164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Proxy.  
165 MOLUNKUS, by Leon V. Bowers, M.  
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Leonard A. Gilbert, Proxy.

- 167 WHITNEY, by Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., M; George L. Wadlin, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Orman C. Ames, Proxy.
- 169 ———SHEPHERD'S RIVER, not represented.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Heber H. Whitney, Proxy.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Owen L. Flye, Proxy.
- 172 PINE TREE, by Joseph M. Libbey, M.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Arnold Leighton, M.
- 174 LYNDE, by Emery L. Leathers, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Melvin A. Wardwell, Proxy.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Harry V. Taylor, M.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Leslie L. Brackett, M.
- 180 HIRAM, by David E. Moulton, M; William A. Seyford, SW; Frederick G. Hamilton, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Lester H. Penley, M.
- 183 DEERING, by Joseph H. Ewing, M; Nathan C. Redlon, SW; William H. Richardson, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by I. James Merry, Proxy.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Arthur W. Brown, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Harry W. Grant, Proxy.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
- 188 JONESPORT, by Edgar A. Worcester, M.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, M.
- 190 ———SPRINGVALE, not represented.
- 191 DAVIS, by William L. Smith, Proxy.
- 192 ———WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Hadley I. Learned, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by Ernest H. Ward, Proxy.
- 195 RELIANCE, by William McKenzie, Proxy.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Horace S. Dodge, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Howard Pierce, Proxy.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Charles L. Bowden, Proxy.
- 199 BINGHAM, by Harold Coleman, Proxy.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by Eugene W. Vaughan, M.
- 201 DAVID A. HOOPER. by John Robertson, M; Edwin F. Clapham, Proxy.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Maurice E. Sampson, SW.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Benjamin K. Ware, M.



- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Fred Hutchins, Proxy.  
 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.  
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by John J. Marr, Proxy.  
 207 ABNER WADE, by Percy H. Russell, M.  
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by Reuben F. Lurvey, Proxy.  
 209 FORT KENT, by Hardy A. Sawyer, Proxy.  
 210 BAGADUCE, by John N. Palmer, Proxy.  
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Eugene H. Brown, M; Wilbur A. Morse, JW.  
 212 MCKINLEY, by Frank L. Manchester, M.

Chartered lodges, 203; represented, 191; delegates, 243.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
" WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" FESSENDEN I. DAY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
" DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" HERBERT HARRIS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ALBERT M. PENLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JAMES E. PARSONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" EDWIN A. PORTER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WILLIAM N. HOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" FRANK E. MONROE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" JOHN W. BALLOU,	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" WM. FREEMAN LORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
" MOSES TAIT,	-	-	-	-	-	"

R. W. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	- - - - -	P. J. G. W.
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	- - - - -	"
" JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	- - - - -	"
" ADELBERT MILLETT,	- - - - -	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	- - - - -	"
" CHARLES F. PAINE,	- - - - -	"
" GEORGE W. MCCLAIN,	- - - - -	"
" EDWARD G. WESTON,	- - - - -	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	- - - - -	"
" GEORGE W. HOLMES,	- - - - -	"
" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	- - - - -	"
" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	- - - - -	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	- - - - -	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	- - -	M. W. Grand Master.
THOMAS H. BODGE,	- - -	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
WALDO PETTINGILL,	- - -	" Senior Grand Warden.
ERNEST P. PARLIN,	- - -	" Junior Grand Warden.
MILLARD F. HICKS,	- - -	" Grand Treasurer.
STEPHEN BERRY,	- - -	" Grand Secretary.
CONVERS E. LEACH,	- - -	" Cor. Grand Secretary.
FRANK A. PEABODY,	- - -	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON,	- - -	" " 3d "
WILLIS A. RICKER,	- - -	" " 4th "
WILLIAM R. HUGHES,	- - -	" " 5th "
EDWIN N. MILLER,	- - -	" " 6th "
ERNEST S. WING,	- - -	" " 7th "
THOMAS L. RICHARDS,	- - -	" " 10th "
CHARLES R. GETCHELL,	- - -	" " 11th "
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	- - -	" " 13th "
EDWARD L. WHITE,	- - -	" " 14th "
JOHN N. FOYE,	- - -	" " 15th "
JAMES B. STEVENSON,	- - -	" " 16th "
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	- - -	" " 17th "
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY,	- - -	" " 18th "
FRANK E. ROBBINS,	- - -	" " 19th "
JOHN E. CLARK,	- - -	" " 20th "
DANIEL B. PACKARD,	- - -	" " 22d "
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN,	- - -	" " 24th "

REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ, - - -	W.	Grand Chaplain.
REV. DAVID L. WILSON, - - -	" "	"
SILAS B. ADAMS, - - -	" "	Senior Deacon.
CHARLES P. HATCH, - - -	" "	Junior Deacon.
CHARLES B. DAVIS, - - -	" "	Steward.
RALPH H. BURBANK, - - -	" "	"
MOSES D. JOYCE, - - -	" "	Sword Bearer.
WARREN C. KING, - - -	" "	Pursuivant.
FRED C. CHALMERS, - - -	" "	"
FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - -	" "	Lecturer.
WALTER S. SMITH, - - -	" "	Organist.
WINSLOW E. HOWELL, - - -	" "	Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.  
 Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.  
 Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.  
 Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.  
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.  
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.  
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES.  
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.  
 Florida—MILLARD F. HICKS.  
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.  
 Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.  
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.  
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.  
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.  
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES.  
 Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY.  
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.  
 Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.  
 Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.  
 Montana—LEANDER W. FOBES.  
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.  
 Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.  
 New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT.  
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.  
 New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.  
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.  
 New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.

New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.  
 North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH.  
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.  
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH.  
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.  
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE.  
 Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.  
 Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN.  
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.  
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.  
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.  
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.  
 South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.  
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.  
 Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.  
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.  
 Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE.  
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.  
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.  
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,  
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, } *Committee.*  
 RALPH H. BURBANK, }

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

#### VACANCIES.

The Grand Master appointed to fill vacancy on the Standing Committee on Grievances and Appeals HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

He then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge :*

We are reminded by all about us that the winter and the old year are past and that spring with her warmer sunshine and opening leaves has returned, and on this beautiful May morning we are met in our 94th Annual Communication to open a new masonic year, and I am glad indeed to be vouchsafed the privilege of bidding you one and all a cordial and fraternal welcome.

The record of the past year is complete and must stand for all time without change, but we may read again its pages with interest and profit and draw from them lessons of wisdom and helpfulness which may aid us in solving the problems of the future.

Events of world-wide importance have transpired and many of them passed into history since we last met in this Temple. Nations have joined together in a common purpose and have waged a successful war in the cause of humanity and freedom, rescuing a civilized people from generations of oppression and persecution, and securing to them a measure of religious as well as of civil liberty.

Our sister republic of Mexico has been rent with civil conflict; brother has taken up arms against brother; her soil is now stained with fraternal blood, and her government has been overthrown by force and violence.

Clouds of agitation and restlessness have sometimes hovered over the business world, and the toiling millions have not always been content with their conditions and satisfied that their industrial betterment has kept pace with the progress of the times; and so great questions, some of them involving government, have arisen in this and other lands, and are now pressing for solution. The past year has witnessed much unrest, and yet it has been big with moral and material advancement and blessings.

The feeling is stronger and more general throughout the world to-day than ever before that war should cease. It is no longer said that "Might makes right." It is believed that all differences

among nations, as well as disputes between individuals, may find a just and peaceful settlement in courts established for the purpose. As conflicting claims between men are adjusted in our courts of law, so may disputes which arise among nations be submitted for settlement to an independent and impartial tribunal of arbitration whose judgments will be righteous and just.

The teachings of Freemasonry are being widely diffused throughout the world. The cardinal principles of our beloved institution are being adopted and used as corner-stones upon which to build the happiness, prosperity and peace of the world. More men have espoused brotherly love, relief and truth as the tenets of their lives than ever before; and here and everywhere there are more men joining the old prophet of Israel in the sentiment: "Help everyone his neighbor! and let everyone say to his brother, be of good courage." It is this ever growing spirit of love, truth and helpfulness which will surely "beat swords into plow-shares and spears into pruning-hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"; and the time is hastening when our great fraternity shall be joined by the peoples of the world in the glad acclaim of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Angel of Peace, thou hast wandered too long!  
Spread thy white wings to the sunshine of love!  
Come while our voices are blended in song,—  
Fly to our ark like the storm-beaten dove,  
Fly to our ark on the wings of the dove,  
Speed o'er the far-sounding billows of song,  
Crowned with thine olive-leaf garland of love;  
Angel of Peace, thou hast waited too long!

Brothers, we meet on this altar of thine,  
Mingling the gifts we have gathered for thee,  
Sweet with the odors of myrtle and pine,  
Breeze of the prairie and breath of the sea!

Meadow and mountain, and forest and sea,  
Sweet is the fragrance of myrtle and pine,  
Sweeter the incense we offer to thee,  
Brothers, once more round this altar of thine!

While we delight to meet again in annual communication; to grasp the strong hand of friends and exchange fraternal greetings, we do not forget those of our brethren who have entered into the larger life and will never again assemble with us around the altar of our earthly temple. Our minds turned instinctively to them as the venerable Grand Chaplain was raising his voice in prayer, and we pause in the business of the moment and lift up our hearts in gratitude to the Eternal for the worth and blessings of their lives, and in respectful tribute to their memory.

During the past year we have lost by death 553 members, a striking lesson of the uncertainty of human life. Other jurisdictions too have suffered in the passing of many of their members who had distinguished themselves as men and masons, and to them we extend our fraternal sympathy.

Death has also entered this Grand Lodge and taken from us a dearly beloved brother. It is my sad duty to announce the death of Worshipful Brother WARREN OSGOOD CARNEY, Grand Tyler, which occurred at his residence in the city of Portland on Sunday, March 9, 1913.

Probably no member of the Grand Lodge was more widely known among masons throughout the state or more highly esteemed than Brother CARNEY. For more than forty years he had stood at our outer courts and had faithfully guarded the entrance to this Grand Lodge, and men who have been coming up to these communications during the years of his long service will not soon forget his pleasant smile, his firm hand-clasp and cordial greeting.

He came to this city a young man more than a half century ago, and his life was lived among the activities of the people of Portland, who have always respected his abilities, his integrity, his uprightness of character and his deportment as a Christian gen-

tleman. He was kind and gentle and companionable, and his friends were to be found wherever Masonry is known in Maine.

Brother CARNEY too was active and earnest in the concerns of his Church, and his convictions were firm that God is good and that His mercy endureth forever. With unfaltering trust he looked into the future, and as he bid farewell to his earthly home and friends and family to take up his lone journey through the dark valley of the shadow of death, he feared no evil.

Let us believe that on that Sabbath evening while he lay weak in body and wasted by disease, but fully conscious of approaching death, that his faith and hope did send their rays even among the shadows of eternal grandeur and mystery, and parting the dark clouds which then surrounded him permitted his dying eyes to behold the Celestial Lodge of God.

He is gone and we shall miss him, but in our memories he will return with each recurring year as we come up to this Temple to renew our vows and repledge ourselves to the great principles of Freemasonry, and the example of the purity of his life and the excellence of his character will long abide with us.

“Oh hearts that never cease to yearn!  
Oh brimming tears that ne’er are dried!  
The dead though they depart, return,  
As though they had not died.”

Acting under the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 34, I have requested M. W. Albion E. Chase, P. G. M., to prepare a memorial to Brother CARNEY and present the same to the Grand Lodge at this communication.

APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

June 17, 1912, the former appointee having declined, I appointed W. Bro. Moses A. Gordon of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, D. D. G. M. for the 12th Masonic District, and specially authorized R. W. Charles W. Crosby of Kent's Hill to install him,

I have also issued special authority in the following cases:

June 21st, to R. W. Frank B. Arnold of Dexter, to install W. Bro. Daniel B. Packard, D. D. G. M. for the 22d District.



June 22d, to W. Bro. Thomas Donaghy of Eastport, to install R. W. Wheeler C. Hawkes, D. D. G. M. for the 2d District.

June 22d, to R. W. Frank E. Monroe of Milo, to install Rev. Bro. Harry H. Pringle as Grand Chaplain.

July 5th, to R. W. Edward G. Weston of Thomaston, to install W. Bro. Charles G. Brackett, D. D. G. M. for the 9th District.

July 10th, to W. Bro. Arnold Leighton, of Pleiades Lodge, No. 173, to install R. W. Joseph F. Leighton, D. D. G. M. for the 3d District.

July 10th, to R. W. Adelbert Millett of Searsmont, to install R. W. Ernest S. Wing, D. D. G. M. for the 7th District.

July 10th, to W. Bro. John F. Knowlton of Ellsworth, to install W. Rev. Rubert B. Mathews, Grand Chaplain.

July 10th, to R. W. Leander M. Kenniston of Camden, to install W. Rev. Lewis D. Evans, Grand Chaplain.

August 17th, R. W. George A. Ward having moved from the state, I appointed W. Bro. Edward L. White, D. D. G. M. for the 14th Masonic District, and specially authorized W. Charles M. White of Village Lodge, No. 26, to install him.

March 26, 1913, I appointed and installed W. Bro. Winslow E. Howell of Portland, Grand Tyler, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term caused by the death of W. Bro. Warren O. Carney, in compliance with the requirements of Sec. 18 of the constitution.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge an amendment to the constitution was adopted which in effect now authorizes lodges to form public processions for attendance upon divine service without special permission from the Grand Master. Dispensations for such purpose were formerly issued upon request as a matter of course and the number was usually large. The constitution, as amended, permits to be done without a dispensation that for which a dispensation was probably never denied.

Dispensations have been granted during the past year to the following lodges for the purposes mentioned :

September 23, 1912. Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon its own candidates at Wilson's Mills, a place within its jurisdiction, in a hall inspected and its security approved by the W. M. of Bethel Lodge.

October 12th. St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant who was then a resident of Calais, but had not personally been within the jurisdiction of said lodge for six months during the year next preceding.

October 24th. Reliance Lodge, No. 195, to confer degrees on its own candidates at a convention of the lodges of the 4th Masonic District held at Stonington Opera House in the town of Stonington on October 25th.

October 25th. Hiram Lodge, No. 180, to confer the E. A. degree on its own candidate at a convention of the lodges of the 17th Masonic District held at Masonic Temple, Portland, October 30th.

October 25th. Temple Lodge, No. 86, to confer the F. C. degree on its own candidate at said Masonic Convention held at Portland October 30th.

October 25th. Harmony Lodge, No. 38, to confer the M. M. degree on its own candidate at said Convention held at Portland October 30th.

November 4th. Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, to receive and act in the usual manner upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry who had heretofore received the degrees irregularly. It being made to appear that all parties had acted in good faith, the dispensation was issued that the applicant might be healed.

November 9th. Archon Lodge, No. 139, to elect officers at the stated communication of said lodge in November, notice thereof to be given in accordance with the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 7. No quorum was present at the date of the annual communication in October.

November 9th. Franklin Lodge, No. 123, to elect officers at the stated communication of said lodge in November, the required

notice thereof to be given. No election at the annual communication in September for want of quorum.

November 13th. Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to elect a Secretary at the stated communication of said lodge in December, after notice as aforesaid; the brother elected thereto at the annual communication having declined the office.

November 14th. Temple Lodge, No. 25, to elect officers, after notice, at the stated communication of said lodge in November; the annual communication in September having been omitted on account of repairs then being made on hall.

November 14th. Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant then residing in Ellsworth who had not resided in the state of Maine for one year.

November 23d. Aurora Lodge, No. 50, to hold its December stated communication for the transaction of business on the afternoon of December 4th, previous notice thereof to be given all members of said lodge; and also a meeting of said lodge on the evening of the same day, at which last named meeting business must be restricted to the conferring of degrees.

November 20th. Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, to occupy and hold its meetings in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ft. Fairfield, while the masonic hall building is being rebuilt. I am of opinion that halls may be so occupied by masonic lodges without dispensation.

November 30th. Trinity Lodge, No. 130, to hold a special communication on December 30th, for the election of officers and the transaction of all such business as would regularly and properly come before the annual communication of said lodge; and all business of the annual meeting shall be continued to and transacted at said special meeting, due notice thereof to be given.

December 2d. Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, to ballot on a petition for degrees out of time.

December 4th. Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, to hold a special communication, after due notice, on December 28th, for the election of officers and the transaction of all business which would regularly come before the annual meeting of said lodge.

The regular annual communication falling on Christmas is dispensed with.

February 5, 1913. Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant who had resided in the state for the year past, but had not been personally within the jurisdiction of said lodge for six months during the year preceding.

February 7th. Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, to occupy and hold its meetings in Evening Star Grange Hall in the town of Washington, the hall previously occupied by this lodge having been destroyed by fire.

March 6th. Hiram Lodge, No. 180, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant who had not resided within the state of Maine for one year.

April 4th. Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, to fill vacancy in the office of Junior Warden by election to be holden at the stated communication of said lodge in April, after due notice.

April 18th. Ocean Lodge, No. 142, to fill vacancy in the office of Junior Warden at an election to be held at a stated communication of said lodge, after due notice thereof.

BY-LAWS.

By-Laws, or amendments thereof or additions thereto, have been approved, as follows:

June 19, 1912,	Ashlar Lodge, No. 105.
June 24, "	Atlantic Lodge, No. 81.
June 29, "	Aurora Lodge, No. 50.
Aug. 9, "	Rabboni Lodge, No. 150.
Nov. 25, "	Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17.
Nov. 30, "	Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44.
Dec. 31, "	Sebasticook Lodge, No. 146.
Dec. 31, "	Somerset Lodge, No. 34.
Jan. 2, 1913,	Atlantic Lodge, No. 81.
Jan. 3, "	Ancient York Lodge, No. 155.
Jan. 22, "	Trinity Lodge, No. 130.
Feb. 5, "	Alna Lodge, No. 43.

Feb. 21, 1913,	Ancient York Lodge, No. 155.
Feb. 24, "	Meduncook Lodge, No. 211.
Feb. 24, "	United Lodge, No. 8.

I have withheld my assent to amendments of by-laws which would have the effect of subjecting to the payment of dues and assessments those members who had purchased life-membership, so-called, under the provisions of existing by-laws.

The wisdom of a by-law authorizing such membership is certainly doubtful, and I do not think its adoption by lodges should be encouraged, but having been made a law of the lodge and members having availed themselves of its provisions, it would be a masonic injustice to repeal it and thereby change the status of present life-members without their consent. Such repealing amendments to by-laws should always have a prospective operation and never be given retroactive effect.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On May 24, 1912, I received a communication from the D. D. G. M. for the 2d Masonic District, transmitting a request of certain members of Crescent Lodge, No. 78, for the establishment of a lodge of instruction at Perry.

Such lodges having heretofore received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, I inquired into the expediency of granting the request, and following substantially the form of a dispensation for a like purpose which was granted by one of my predecessors many years ago, I issued the following:

### GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

#### FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

#### OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

DEER ISLE, July 6, 1912.

To Bro. ROBERT K. NEWCOMB of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, and Bros.  
JOHN S. McDORMAND and FREDERICK BROWN, both of Crescent  
Lodge, No. 78,

GREETING.

Reposing special confidence in your skill, discretion and fidelity to Masonry, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master,

I do hereby grant you, together with such other worthy brethren as are well known to you and whom you may select, permission to assemble in the town of Perry in our county of Washington, for the purpose of improving yourselves in Masonry and imparting and receiving instruction in the lectures, laws and usages of Freemasonry, but always subject to and under the following restrictions and limitations:

1. You will hold your meetings in the hall at said Perry which has been examined and approved by R. W. Wheeler C. Hawkes, D. D. G. M. for the 2d Masonic District.
2. You will cause said hall to be properly tiled during your meetings.
3. You will neither examine nor admit strangers claiming to be masons.
4. You will not attempt to make masons.
5. You will permit no discussion or the transaction of any business which shall conflict with the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
6. No meeting shall be held under this dispensation unless one of you, or some worthy brother whom you may designate, shall be present to see to it that the requirements herein contained are strictly complied with.
7. Said Lodge of Instruction shall be open always to the visitation, inspection and instruction of the District Deputy Grand Master for the 2d Masonic District, for the time being.
8. This dispensation shall remain in force during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Grand Master.*

PORTO RICO.

At our last annual communication, resolutions were adopted recognizing the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and extending to our brethren of that jurisdiction the fraternal congratulations of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Master was requested to take measures for an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

Acting under the resolutions so adopted, I transmitted the following letter:

## GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

## FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

DEER ISLE, September 13, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

*M. W. and Esteemed Brother :—*

It is with the expressed approbation of the Grand Lodge of Maine that I extend to you our cordial greeting, and welcome the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico to that family of sister jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Maine is in fraternal communication. This Grand Lodge feels a lively interest in the prosperity and happiness of our brethren in Porto Rico, and I delight in conveying to you and them its best wishes for a continued career of usefulness and devotion to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

I respectfully nominate R. W. Thomas H. Bodge, who is our present Deputy Grand Master, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and I shall be pleased to commission the brother whom you may designate as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

With assurance of my personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Grand Master.*

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND COSTA RICA.

August 9th, I received a communication from the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge and an exchange of representatives; and on October 14th, I received a like communication from the Grand Master of Costa Rica.

Both of these communications were referred by me to your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

## WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

November 15, 1912. Lodges of Hartford, Connecticut, over George E. Keighley, in favor of Warren Lodge, No. 2.

April 23, 1913. Washington Lodge, Massachusetts, over Charles A. Savory, in favor of McKinley Lodge, No. 212.

April 23, 1913. Pennsylvania, over Harry G. Penwarden, in favor of Hermon Lodge, No. 32.

#### CONFERRING OF DEGREES BY COURTESY.

One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fees. S. R. 15.

But no lodge in this jurisdiction is prohibited from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto. Cons. 111.

Attention is called to these plain provisions of law which govern in this jurisdiction, as they seem to be misunderstood by the officers of some of our lodges and such misunderstanding has led to embarrassing results.

As our subordinate lodges are authorized to confer degrees on request of lodges of other jurisdictions with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations when the foregoing provisions shall have been complied with, without express consent of the Grand Master, I do not deem it necessary to report a statement of the degrees so conferred during the past year.

#### INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

In compliance with the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 6, I herewith report to the Grand Lodge the complaint of Preble Lodge, No. 143, in the case of alleged invasion of jurisdiction, together with correspondence and papers relating thereto.

#### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

On November 13, 1912, I received from Portland Lodge, No. 1, a duly attested copy of the record of proceedings in the matter



of the trial of a member of that lodge for alleged unmasonic conduct; and upon examination of the records, the proceedings appearing to be regular and in accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I forwarded the same to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

#### FIRES.

January 15, 1913, a fire occurred in the building in which the masonic hall at Millinocket was located, and Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, suffered a partial loss of its furniture and furnishings, which was covered by insurance. The charter and part of the regalias were saved.

February 7, 1913, the building occupied by Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, was burned, and property of the lodge of the value of \$550 was destroyed, on which was insurance of \$200. Charter and regalias were saved.

#### DEDICATION OF HALL AT HALLOWELL.

On November 29th, I called a special communication of the Grand Lodge to meet at Hallowell on Wednesday, December 18, 1912, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Kennebec Lodge, No. 5.

The Grand Lodge was opened in special communication at Hallowell at the appointed time, and I was ably assisted in the ceremony of dedication by the following Grand Officers:

R. W. Thomas H. Bodge, D. G. M., R. W. Waldo Pettengill, S. G. W., R. W. Ernest P. Parlin, J. G. W., W. William T. Jones, as Gr. Treasurer, R. W. Charles R. Getchell, as Gr. Secretary, W. and Rev. William H. Fultz, Gr. Chaplain, W. Alan L. Bird, Gr. Marshal, W. Willis E. Swift, as G. S. D., W. Charles P. Hatch, G. J. D., W. Frank D. Fenderson, G. S. S., W. George F. Giddings, as G. J. S., W. Claude W. Townsend, G. S. B., W. Charles E. Brann, as Gr. Organist, and W. George H. Owen, as Gr. Tyler.

The hall was dedicated in ample form, and the impressive ceremony was followed by the installation of the officers of the lodge by R. W. Charles R. Getchell, D. D. G. M. for the 11th Masonic District; and at the conclusion of the installation exercises a banquet was served.

Kennebec Lodge has reason to rejoice in its new home. It is now possessed of a hall fitted and furnished with modern conveniences, and the members are united and enthusiastic in their attachment to Masonry and their devotion to the interests of this splendid old lodge, which for nearly a century and a quarter has been earnest and active in the diffusion of masonic light and knowledge.

#### INVITATIONS.

I have received numerous invitations to functions in this and other states which professional engagements and public duties have required me to decline; but I have accepted many such invitations and have been received always and everywhere with the respect and courtesy due to the office of Grand Master.

I have visited several of the subordinate lodges, publicly installed the officers in some of them, and on October 25th, I attended a convention of the lodges of the 4th Masonic District and delivered an address on "Freemasonry."

On March 6th, I was guest at a banquet given by the Past Masters of the several Portland lodges, and I regard that meeting of sufficient importance and significance to warrant me in bringing it to your attention.

Fifty-two Past Masters of Portland were present. They organized a Past Masters' Association and adopted a code of by-laws which declared the purpose of the Association to be "To promote the interests of Freemasonry." I believe that such an association, properly conducted, may result in great good. It is indicative of the important fact that our Past Masters do not consider their duties to the lodge fulfilled and their service complete and ended when they retire from the Chair, but rather that their past labors

and experience have fitted them the better to perform even greater service in the future.

Upon invitation of the M. W. Charles H. Wiggin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, I was a guest of that Grand Lodge at its semi-annual communication holden at Manchester on December 27th. On that occasion it was my happy privilege to meet all the Grand Masters of New England, except the Grand Master of Rhode Island, and that Grand Jurisdiction was represented by its Deputy Grand Master.

All the visiting Grand Officers then present, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, were entertained on the evening of the 26th at a banquet given by Grand Master Wiggin. On the morning of the 27th, we had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting New Hampshire's Masonic Home. The building is pleasantly situated, and is commodious and scrupulously kept, and the visitor is at once impressed with the fact that the Home is under efficient management and that the inmates are provided liberally with the care and comforts of such an institution.

At the Masonic Temple, the visiting Grand Masters were severally presented to and received with honors by the M. W. Grand Lodge. It was a splendid assemblage of masons. All sections of the state were represented by earnest, active men who seemed to be imbued with the true spirit of fraternity and brotherhood. Work was exhibited which merited the commendation it received.

I was pleased to respond to the warm welcome extended to me as your Representative, and to assure our brethren of New Hampshire that their fraternal greeting and sentiments of respect and good-will so eloquently voiced by their Grand Master, were fully and cordially reciprocated by the masons of Maine.

#### MASONIC HOME.

There are now pending in your Committee of Finance resolutions which were presented last year in relation to the subject of a Masonic Home. It is expected that the committee will report

at this communication, and lay before the Grand Lodge the result of their investigation into the subject-matter of the resolutions and the conclusions to which they have arrived.

It is not my purpose at this time to anticipate the report of the committee, or to give expression to my own views in relation to the expediency of the establishment of a Masonic Home in Maine at the present time, but I do urge upon you the supreme importance of this proposition to change radically our present system for the distribution of masonic charity, and I ask you to give the report and its subject-matter the thoughtful, deliberate consideration which their importance and the far-reaching consequences of your action merit.

#### OHIO FLOOD.

On March 25th and subsequently, great floods swept over the Middle West, causing an appalling loss of life and great destruction of property. The city of Dayton and other places in Ohio suffered severely. Many hundreds of lives were lost, thousands were rendered homeless and the property loss mounted into millions. On March 28th, I sent a telegram to the Grand Master of Ohio assuring him that the great calamity which had befallen the people of Ohio had excited the deepest sympathy of the masons in Maine, and proffered our assistance. The magnitude of the calamity demanded prompt action. After consultation with the Committee of Finance, I directed the Grand Treasurer to forward in the name of this Grand Lodge to the Treasurer of the Ohio Grand Lodge Relief Fund the sum of five hundred dollars to aid in the relief of our distressed brethren in Ohio, their widows and orphans. Subsequently I received the following acknowledgment:

### **The Grand Lodge of Ohio, J. and A. M.,**

**EDWIN S. GRIFFITHS, Grand Master.**

CLEVELAND, OHIO, April 1, 1913.

MR. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

Grand Master of Masons, Portland, Maine.

*M. W. Sir and dear Brother:*

I have your telegram of the 29th ultimo which reads—

"Have mailed check to Treasurer your Masonic Relief Fund for Five Hundred Dollars."

I sincerely thank you in behalf of the distressed brethren in the state for your generous contribution of \$500.00.

Your kindness in this matter will remain in pleasant memory in the hearts of Ohio masons long after the result of the present calamity is overcome.

The committee in charge of the distribution of these funds will make every effort to have them placed to the best possible advantage in relieving the distressed brethren and their families.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and with much love, I am,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

EDWIN S. GRIFFITHS, *Grand Master.*

#### PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGE AT LIMESTONE.

On March 26th, I received from the D. D. G. M. for the 1st Masonic District, the petition of Aubrey C. Frost and nine others of Limestone, asking for a dispensation for a new lodge at that place. The petition being presented to me so late in the masonic year, I decided to defer action thereon and submit it to this communication of the Grand Lodge.

#### DECISIONS.

My large correspondence with the officers of lodges during the past year has been to me a pleasure rather than a burden. Many questions have been submitted to me and I have gladly replied to them all; and while the answers to most of them could have been readily found by reference to the constitution or the Masonic Text Book, the many inquiries have indicated that the questioners are earnest in their desire to conform to the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge and to preserve the ancient land-marks of the fraternity.

I have made no decisions during the past year which add to the body of masonic law as it has been interpreted and understood in Maine, and for that reason I do not submit them herewith for your review. But one matter, however, was passed upon by me which is of such fundamental importance to the welfare of the Craft that I will re-state it here :

A petition for the pardon or commutation of sentence of one who is serving a sentence imposed on him by the Naval authority of the United States, wherein it is alleged that the petitioners are all members of a regular masonic lodge and that the convict is a mason and deserving of pardon, was submitted to the Grand Master with the request that he present the same to the President of the United States.

In denying the request it was held :

The petitioners should act in the character of citizens and ask for the pardon of the convict upon other grounds than that he is a mason. Masons are lovers of law and order, good government and efficient administration of public affairs, and they adhere to the proposition that all men are alike and equal before the law. It is our privilege, as citizens, to petition the Government for the redress of wrongs and in the interest of justice, and it would be our duty so to petition for the commutation of sentence of one, especially a mason, who had already suffered adequate punishment for his offence; but the petition for clemency should be based upon the ground of justice and not upon the fact that the prisoner is a mason. It would be a perversion of Masonry to inject it into our courts or departments of government to prejudice or influence the due administration of law and justice.

#### CONCLUSION.

The foregoing is a detailed report of my official acts and of the matters and things which have transpired during the past masonic year which are of sufficient importance to merit your attention and have a place in the permanent records of the Grand Lodge.

The net gain in membership during the year is 527, making a present total membership of 29,872.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and our relations with other jurisdictions remain cordial and fraternal. Prosperity and happiness have attended our lodges in their efforts to promote the interests of the Craft, and their offi-

cers and members have been painstaking and diligent in the performance of their duty to the fraternity.

I am glad indeed to express my appreciation of the improvement which is manifest in the work of the degrees. The several D. D. G. Masters have done their full part in bringing our lodges to their present standard of efficiency, and I return to them my sincere thanks for their faithful service. I should not close this report without also expressing my appreciation of the assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties by the Grand Secretary.

And now, brethren, with hearts grateful for the blessings which have been vouchsafed us in the past, let us take up the business before us with high resolves to perform well our part in spreading the gospel of Love and Peace which will make for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of the world.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Grand Lecturer were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND LECTURER.

SABBATH, May 6, 1913.

MOST WORSHIPFUL ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of Masons in Maine.*

I herewith present my report as Grand Lecturer for the years 1911 and 1912. I have had a large amount of correspondence during the past two years, and have also been called upon to make many appointments to meet inquiring brethren at my home, so that the amount of time occupied and instruction given has been far in excess of that reported in "schools of instruction."

Four schools were held in 1911, and three in 1912.

October 18, 1911, a school was opened in the new and beautiful Masonic Temple in Rockland. The invitation for the meeting came from Aurora Lodge, which furnished a fine banquet to all the brethren present at 6.00 o'clock, worked the Master Mason degree in the evening, and

later supplied a collation. The attendance was large, 24 lodges being represented, and deputies were present from the 7th, 9th, 10th and 14th Districts.

October 24th, a school was held at Livermore Falls in the new, attractive and commodious hall of Oriental Star Lodge. There were present D. D. G. Ms. from the 15th, 16th and 18th Districts, and about 100 brethren representing 12 Maine lodges and 2 from outside the state. Dinner and evening banquet were furnished by Oriental Star Lodge, which also presented work in the Master Mason's degree in the evening for the inspection of the deputies.

October 27th, a school was held at Bangor on the invitation of St. Andrew's Lodge, which acted as host, furnishing banquet at close of work, and also working the Fellow Craft degree in the evening. There were present the Grand Master, D. D. G. Ms. from the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 12th, 17th, 21st and 23d Districts, and representatives from 37 Maine lodges and 5 outside our jurisdiction. The large number present were enthusiastic in their study of the ritual, and on the whole it was one of the best meetings I had ever attended.

November 10th, a school was held at Houlton, and, largely through the preliminary labors of D. D. G. M. PEABODY of the 1st District and W. M. ROLAND E. CLARK of Monument Lodge, it was a decided success. A very large number of brethren were present at all the sessions, and the hospitality of Monument Lodge was unbounded. D. D. G. Masters were present from the 1st, 2d, 20th and 25th Districts, and there were representatives from 23 Maine lodges and 8 from other Grand Jurisdictions. The average attendance in the morning and afternoon sessions was nearly 100, and in the evening about 200 were present. Great interest was manifested, and the school cannot fail to be of much benefit to the craft in Northern Maine.

October 30, 1912, I opened a school at Portland at which were the D. D. G. Ms. of the 6th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23d and 24th Districts, and about 250 brethren representing 47 lodges. This school was held in Portland at the request of the lodges of the 17th District outside of that city, and it is needless to say that unlimited hospitality was in evidence. District Deputy CLOUGH and the officers of the lodges had spared no efforts, and one of the most successful schools ever held in Maine was the result. In the evening Hiram Lodge of South Portland worked the Entered Apprentice, Temple Lodge of Westbrook the Fellow Craft, and Harmony Lodge of Gorham the Master Mason degrees.

November 15th, a school was held at Skowhegan, and 19 Maine lodges and 4 from other jurisdictions were represented. The D. D. G. Ms. of



the 13th and 25th Districts were also present. The brethren of Somerset Lodge were generous in their hospitality, and in the evening the Master Mason's degree was worked by that lodge in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren.

November 26th, on the invitation of the two lodges in Bangor, a school was held in that city, at which were present the D. D. G. Ms. of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 12th and 22d Districts, and representatives of 27 Maine and 2 other lodges. About 75 brethren attended the day sessions and 300 were present in the evening. Rising Virtue and St. Andrew's Lodges were most liberal in their hospitality to their guests. In the evening St. Andrew's Lodge worked the first section of the M. M. degree, and after a most excellent banquet Rising Virtue Lodge completed the work.

Close attention to the study of the ritual and great zeal to learn all that could be taught was manifested at every school for the two years.

At all the schools work has been presented by the local lodges, and inspected by all the Deputies present, and I am glad to say that in every case the work has been exceedingly well done.

Deputies who did not attend either school in 1911 were from the 3d, 8th, 11th, 13th, 19th, 22d and 24th Districts. Those not attending in 1912 were from the 1st, 2d, 3d, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 19th, 20th and 21st Districts. Several of these had attended previous schools, some had not.

I wish to call the attention of the Grand Master and Deputies to some suggestions in my report, in 1911 proceedings, relative to attendance of Deputies.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

#### NEW LODGE.

A petition for a new lodge at Limestone in Aroostook County was presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

#### MOUNT OLIVET LODGE.

Correspondence in relation to an appeal for assistance sent out by Mount Olivet Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

## COMPLAINT.

A complaint from Preble Lodge against HERBERT J. HOPE was presented and was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.:

PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1913.

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,*

*in account with MILLARD F. HICKS, Grand Treasurer.*

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## RECEIPTS.

May	7.	Balance from old account,.....	\$10,021.31
Sept.	20.	From Portland National Bank, Interest to September 20, 1912,.....	98.79
Oct.	12.	" Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, for dispensation to St. Croix Lodge, No. 46,...	3.00
Nov.	6.	For dispensation to Mariners' Lodge, No. 68,....	3.00
	9.	F. O. Bailey Co., furniture sold from old hall,....	18.90
Dec.	9.	Estate of William Pitt Preble, by Henry Preble, Executor,.....	1,000.00
Dec.	18.	From Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, For dispensation to Star in the East, No. 60,..	3.00
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Feb.	15.	For dispensation to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40,....	3.00
	25.	For dispensation to Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203,.	3.00
Apr.	3.	From Portland National Bank, Interest to March 20, 1913,.....	61.03
	26.	" Hiram Lodge, No. 180, fee for dispensation, granted by the Grand Master on March 6, 1913,.....	3.00
	29.	" Grand Chapter, 3/10 office expenses,..	392.44
		" Grand Commandery, 2/10 office expenses,	261.62
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			\$11,872.09

## RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

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March	18.	William R. Hughes, 5th District,.....	\$ 374.80
	19.	Moses A. Gordon, 12th District,.....	256.80

March	25.	Ernest C. Butler, 13th District,.....	321.00
	26.	Lewis E. Jackman, 25th District,.....	262.60
	27.	Wheeler C. Hawkes, 2d District,.....	236.20
	28.	James F. Chadbourne, 23d District,.....	240.60
	31.	Frank E. Robbins, 19th District,.....	409.40
April	2.	Augustus D. Hayes, 8th District,.....	229.20
	3.	Frank A. Peabody, 1st District,.....	328.60
		Thomas L. Richards, 10th District,.....	342.00
	4.	Chester E. Chipman, 24th District,.....	497.40
		Edwin N. Miller, 6th District, .....	446.00
	5.	John E. Clark, 20th District,.....	181.40
		Joseph F. Leighton, 3d District,.....	247.40
		Willis A. Ricker, 4th District,.....	307.00
		Charles R. Getchell, 11th District,.....	459.40
	7.	John N. Foye, 15th District, ..	292.20
		Augustus S. Colby, 18th District,.....	205.00
	8.	Charles G. Brackett, 9th District,.....	479.20
	9.	Ernest S. Wing, 7th District, ..	168.60
		Edward L. White, 14th District, .....	377.60
	11.	James B. Stevenson, 16th District,.....	342.80
	15.	Daniel B. Packard, 22d District,.....	248.40
	17.	Isaac A. Clough, 17th District,.....	851.00
	24.	Frank R. Ober, 21st District,.....	\$8,547.60 443.00
Total receipts,.....			<u>\$20,419.69</u>

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

May	7.	Pay roll as per order, .....	\$ 2,583.60
		Hugh R. Chaplin, expense to Portland, account moving Grand Lodge,.....	7.40
		Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Grand Master, postage, ex- pressage, telegrams, etc.,.....	15.75
	11.	Warren O. Carney, Grand Tyler, service 1912 ses- sion,.....	30.00
	14.	Tucker Printing Co., 2 signs for Grand Treasurer,	.50
	18.	George D. Loring, binding reports, 25 volumes,..	25.00
	29.	F. M. Hunnewell, operating elevator 1912 session,	6.00
June	3.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for May, 1912,	108.34
	4.	Walter S. Smith, services as organist 1912 session,	10.00
	29.	Albro E. Chase, Committee on Correspondence,..	100.00
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,..	100.00
July	2.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for June, 1912,	108.33

July	6.	Walter S. Smith, musical services at dedication of Hall,.....	20.00
	23.	W. H. Smith, moving settees in Masonic Hall, ...	5.00
	27.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to July 3, 1912,.....	162.50
Aug.	1.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for July, 1912,	108.33
	10.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, 1,500 Proceedings, 1912,.....	521.13
		Notices, envelopes, circulars, etc.,.....	20.55
		Mailing bill, postage, etc.,.....	34.65
	12.	George H. Owen, Manager, framing and hanging pictures,.....	28.30
Sept.	3.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Aug., 1912,	108.34
	27.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Sept., 1912,	108.33
Oct.	12.	J. A. Merrill & Co., collar and jewel for District Deputy,.....	12.00
	29.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to Oct. 31, 1912,.....	162.50
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas...	100.00
	31.	Millard F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer, 6 months' salary to date, ...	150.00
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Oct., 1912,	108.33
Nov.	8.	George D. Loring, binding reports,.....	39.00
Dec.	3.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Nov., 1912,	108.34
1913.			
Jan.	1.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Dec., 1912,	108.33
	11.	Walter Corey Co., 1 revolving book case,.....	10.00
		Dr. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, Expenses for Schools of Instruction, .....	78.37
		Salary,.....	25.00
	18.	Paid E. H. Rollins & Son, for \$3,000, City of Minneapolis, Minn., bonds, due 1942, at 97 3/4,.....	2,932.50
		Interest on same, 1 month, 17 days, Nos. 17798, 17799, 17800,.....	15.67
	29.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to Jan. 31, 1913,.....	162.50
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Jan., 1913,	108.33
Feb.	28.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for Feb., 1913,	108.34
March	2.	By order of Grand Master, Elmer P. Spofford, sent check to F. S. Harmon, Treasurer Grand Lodge Relief Fund, Cleveland, Ohio, for relief of Ohio sufferers,.....	500.00

April	1. Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for March, 1913,.....	108.33
	9. American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas, ..	100.00
	26. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, salary to April 30, 1913,.....	162.50
	M. F. Hicks, Grand Treasurer,	
	6 months salary to April 30, 1913,.....	150.00
	postage and sundry items past year,.....	8.93
	28. Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent for April, 1913,	108.33
	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary,	
	Account with Grand Lodge, balance,.....	30.70
	" " " " room, .....	8.12
	29. Rebinding Index, notices, envelopes, etc.,.....	35.80
	1,000 manilla envelopes,.....	4.50
		<hr/> \$9,658.47

## EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

1913.		
March	25. Ernest C. Butler, 13th District,.....	\$20.34
April	1. William R. Hughes, 5th District,.....	25.94
	2. Augustus D. Hayes, 8th District,.....	13.00
	Frank E. Robbins, 18th District,.....	19.76
	3. Frank A. Peabody, 1st District,.....	25.15
	4. Chester E. Chipman, 24th District,.....	14.50
	Edwin N. Miller, 6th District,.....	20.00
	5. Charles R. Getchell, 11th District,.....	11.24
	Joseph F. Leighton, 3d District,.....	26.37
	J. E. Clark, 20th District,.....	11.30
	James F. Chadbourne, 23d District,.....	17.72
	7. Augustus S. Colby, 18th District,.....	15.40
	John N. Foye, 15th District, .....	42.84
	9. Charles G. Brackett, 9th District, .....	24.05
	Edward L. White, 14th District,.....	12.10
	Ernest L. Wing, 7th District,.....	14.70
	11. James B. Stevenson, 16th District,.....	20.75
	16. Daniel B. Packard, 23d District,.....	12.50
	19. Wheeler C. Hawkes, 2d District,.....	12.36
	Lewis E. Jackman, 25th District,.....	21.69
	23. Thomas L. Richards, 10th District,.....	39.91
	24. Frank R. Ober, 21st District,.....	34.60

April 25.	Moses A. Gordon, 12th District, .....	\$512.37	32.30
30.	W. A. Ricker, 4th District, .....		23.85
	Total disbursements, .....		\$10,170.84
Balance to new account:			
	Cash in Portland National Bank, .....		10,248.85
			<u>\$20,419.69</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion,

*Voted*, That the question of accepting the bequest of Bro. WILLIAM P. PREBLE be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Standing Committees will report in regard to the routine duties of my office.

The extra and special duties are more onerous and the calls come from every quarter. Brethren write for lists of clandestine lodges, and having tried the experiment of copying I now recommend them to send .75 cents to the Pantagraph Printing Co., at Bloomington, Illinois, and get a copy of their list of Regular Lodge for 1913, which contains lists of Clandestine Lodges at the end. Committees of Grand Lodges write for statistics and information of every kind, and I furnish it as best I can. The lady who wishes to join the Eastern Star and asks me to look through fifty years of the returns of 200 lodges to find if her father was a member, asks too much. The one who wishes me to certify that her father was a member, although he was killed in battle before affiliation, had to be disappointed. It was not until 1872, seven years after the war, that a candidate raised became a member without applying for affiliation. Of course all questions about the regulations are cheerfully answered.

The secretaries of thirteen lodges acknowledged the reception of the proceedings, namely: Davis, Monmouth, Waterville, Mt. Tir'em, Marine, Mt. Moriah, Eureka, Moses Webster, Ancient Land-Mark, Lebanon, Hiram, Asylum, and Granite. I wish it were possible to get all the secre-

laries to acknowledge the receipt of the returns and notices, for there are always fifteen or more who have to be urged to send the returns in.

A few are veterans who always delay, but most of them are new secretaries who have not received them because they have not notified me of the change in secretaries. The old ones are dead, gone, or they neglect to hand them over to the new ones. Masters should always see that the Grand Secretary is notified of the change of secretary.

The returns came in very good form this year, only seven failing to bring forward the number of members correctly. The usual number propose to pay for only those initiates who have been raised. Several give only initials instead of full first names.

Thirty-seven returns had errors in them, and March was a busy month for correspondence in correcting them.

I would urge Masters to be particular in making out applications to the Charity Fund, for it is very regrettable that worthy brethren should be forgotten or neglected.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

#### DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. HOWARD D. SMITH submitted the following:

#### IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

We were pleased to see such large attendance to listen to the scholarly and interesting address of the Grand Master.

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation for a Lodge of Instruction be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

That the complaint of Preble Lodge, No. 143, in the case of alleged invasion of jurisdiction, be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Fraternally submitted,

H. D. SMITH,  
J. E. PARSONS, } *Committee.*  
C. W. CROSBY,

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in print, which was accepted, and permission was given to add reviews of later reports. (*See Appendix.*)

## RETURNS.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was accepted as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 6, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 203 chartered lodges.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Initiated, . . . . .	1,203	1,206	1,266	1,327	1,281
Raised, . . . . .	1,186	1,191	1,235	1,338	1,255
Affiliated, . . . . .	107	135	112	107	102
Re-instated, . . . . .	89	78	65	70	56
Dimitted, . . . . .	174	192	165	173	149
Died, . . . . .	493	545	608	571	553
Suspended, . . . . .	0	1	0	0	0
Expelled, . . . . .	3	2	1	1	3
Susp. from membership, . .	225	192	179	212	185
Deprived of membership, .	3	6	3	5	0
Number of members, . . .	27,864	28,328	28,781	29,345	29,872
Rejected, . . . . .	328	329	301	364	267

The gain is 527, almost 1.8 per cent., a decrease from last year, when it was 564.

The death rate is 18.84 to a thousand, a decrease from last year.

The average lodge membership is 147.15.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*  
JAMES C. AYER,



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1913.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	9	9	0	1	1	10	0	1	5	0	386	3
2	Warren,.....	11	8	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	138	0
3	Lincoln,.....	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	0
4	Hancock,.....	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	93	0
5	Kennebec,.....	3	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	128	0
6	Amity,.....	3	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	255	2
7	Eastern,.....	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	156	1
8	United,.....	3	10	6	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	220	5
9	Saco,.....	4	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	218	5
10	Rising Virtue,.....	10	10	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	225	7
11	Pythagorean,.....	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	113	0
12	Cumberland,.....	10	10	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	184	2
13	Oriental,.....	4	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	202	7
14	Solar,.....	10	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	243	0
15	Orient,.....	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	144	0
16	St. George,.....	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	122	0
17	Ancient Landmark,.....	19	17	2	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	553	12
18	Oxford,.....	10	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	196	2
19	Felicity,.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	112	0
20	Maine,.....	3	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	150	1
21	Oriental Star,.....	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	214	0
22	York,.....	6	7	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	149	4
23	Freeport,.....	6	8	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	153	0
24	Phoenix,.....	11	14	7	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	167	2
25	Temple,.....	3	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	0
26	Village,.....	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	124	0
27	Adoniram,.....	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	67	0
28	Northern Star,.....	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	113	1
29	Tranquil,.....	12	14	1	1	1	4	0	0	9	0	370	4
30	Blazing Star,.....	5	5	0	0	3	6	0	0	5	0	304	2
31	Union,.....	5	4	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	115	1
32	Hermon,.....	20	18	0	0	0	7	0	0	17	0	393	6
33	Waterville,.....	22	20	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	381	9
34	Somerset,.....	7	6	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	194	3
35	Bethlehem,.....	21	16	0	3	0	12	0	0	1	0	345	0
36	Casco,.....	6	7	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	180	0
37	Washington,.....	6	6	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	132	0
38	Harmony,.....	8	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	180	3
39	Penobscot,.....	7	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	162	0
40	Lygonia,.....	6	6	0	1	6	8	0	0	0	0	454	1
41	Morning Star,.....	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	104	0
42	Freedom,.....	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1
43	Alna,.....	5	5	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	0	160	0
44	Piscataquis,.....	13	13	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	202	2
45	Central,.....	5	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	94	0
46	St. Croix,.....	12	6	0	1	2	6	0	0	6	0	168	0
47	Dunlap,.....	15	13	1	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	273	0
48	Lafayette,.....	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	112	2
49	Meridian Splendor,.....	4	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	155	2
50	Aurora,.....	18	22	2	1	2	2	0	0	7	0	377	2





Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	D. D.	Mem.	R.
160	Parian, .....	5	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	81	0
161	Carrabassett, ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	0
162	Arion, .....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0
163	Pleasant River, ..	7	8	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	205	4
164	Webster, .....	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	59	0
165	Molunkus, .....	9	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	2
166	Neguemkeag, .....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	41	0
167	Whitney, .....	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	95	0
168	Composite, .....	4	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	109	2
169	Shepherd's River, ..	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
170	Caribou, .....	13	9	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	181	6
171	Naskeag, .....	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	0
172	Pine Tree, .....	7	6	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	126	3
173	Pleiades, .....	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	159	1
174	Lynde, .....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	77	0
175	Baskahegan, .....	5	5	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	145	0
176	Palestine, .....	<i>Con soli dat ed '95</i>											
177	Rising Star, .....	5	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	95	0
178	Ancient Brothers', ..	18	18	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	273	2
179	Yorkshire, .....	3	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	103	2
180	Hiram, .....	13	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	309	9
181	Reuel Washburn, ..	<i>Con soli dat ed '92</i>											
182	Granite, .....	3	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	94	0
183	Deering, .....	17	16	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	414	8
184	Naval, .....	11	13	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	181	8
185	Bar Harbor, .....	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	237	3
186	Warren Phillips, ..	13	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	258	1
187	Ira Berry, .....	5	5	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	64	0
188	Jonesport, .....	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	135	1
189	Knox, .....	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	74	1
190	Springvale, .....	8	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	141	1
191	Davis, .....	2	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	116	0
192	Winter Harbor, .....	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	118	0
193	Washburn, .....	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	87	0
194	Euclid, .....	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	162	2
195	Reliance, .....	12	12	1	2	2	3	0	0	8	0	198	0
196	Bay View, .....	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	107	0
197	Aroostook, .....	4	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	130	1
198	St. Aspinquid, .....	10	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	2
199	Bingham, .....	11	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	173	3
200	Columbia, .....	7	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	195	2
201	David A. Hooper, ..	8	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	153	1
202	Mount Bigelow, ..	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	69	0
203	Mount Olivet, .....	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0
204	Mount Abram, .....	3	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	93	0
205	Nollesemeic, .....	13	16	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	159	4
206	Island Falls, .....	4	6	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	145	1
207	Abner Wade, .....	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	59	0
208	N. East Harbor, ..	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0
209	Fort Kent, .....	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	77	3
210	Bagaduce, .....	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0
211	Meduncook, .....	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0
212	McKinley, .....	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	1
		1281	1255	102	56	149	553	0	3	185	0	29,872	267

## HISTORY.

BRO. MERTON L. KIMBALL, for the Committee on History, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

*To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.*

During the past year histories have been received from the following lodges:

May 10, 1912, Casco Lodge, No. 36, Yarmouth, Part III, 1901 to 1910, inclusive, by C. G. Woodman, print, 23 pages, octavo.

July 25th, St. Aspinquid, No. 198, York Village, by John C. Stewart, print, royal octavo, 62 pp.

October 26th, Mystic Tie, No. 154, Weld, by Orletus Phillips, print, 16mo, cloth.

May 6, 1913, Monmouth Lodge, No. 110, Monmouth, by Daniel P. Boynton, org. 1861 to 1912, mss. 115 pp., with elaborate tables of work.

Many of the younger lodges have committees whose duties keep them constantly at work not only making, but preserving history, by keeping accounts of events of a masonic and semi-masonic character which would not be incorporated in the records as official business, as permanent standing committees, a most praiseworthy method, but some of the old lodges take less interest. Solar Lodge of Bath and United Lodge of Brunswick still linger inattentive to the great desire of the Craft to learn of their early days. It is especially singular in the case of United Lodge, situated in the one town in Maine which is looked upon as the literary center of the state, and with members probably better qualified by training and knowledge of methods of historical research than those of any other lodge in Maine to perform this labor in an admirable manner, that no annalist has been spurred on to worthily commemorate the masonic careers of Robert P. Dunlap, Abner B. Thompson, John C. Humphreys, and their close associates. We trust that during the coming year a leader may arise in Israel.

Fraternally submitted,

MERTON L. KIMBALL, }  
FESSENDEN I. DAY, } *Committee.*  
WILLIAM N. HOWE, }

Report accepted.

## MEMORIAL.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following memorial, which was accepted and ordered on record:

**WARREN OSGOOD CARNEY, Grand Tyler.**

"Every human life which has had its childhood and youth and manhood, and has left the imprint of worthy accomplishments upon the hearts of its fellows, lives in the fragrance of a memory, over which Death has no power. It has been ordained that sooner or later all men must pass beyond the portals of this earthly life, and that life is not short nor to be regretted which has in his day been filled with noble purposes, and kindly deeds in the cause of a common humanity."

Such a life was that of Wor. Bro. WARREN O. CARNEY who had endeared himself to the Masons of Maine, and whose genial, kind and smiling face will be missed by those who have constantly attended the annual communications of this Grand Lodge. His services to the Grand Lodge were always willing services, with a well ordered knowledge of his duties on the one hand and of the rights of the brethren on the other. At the functions of dedicating halls and such like his knowledge of the proprieties and observances rendered his assistance to the Grand Master for the occasion almost invaluable, and yet all his service was with diffidence and deference to the wish of the Grand Master.

Probably no mason in Maine was known personally by so many of the craft and no mason knew personally so many of the craft.

In the year 1867 Bro. CARNEY was elected Assistant Grand Tyler in the Grand Lodge, and in 1882 was promoted to the position of Grand Tyler, a place which he held up to the time of his death. He was also Tyler of all the masonic bodies which meet in Portland, including three lodges, two chapters, two commanderies, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the four Scottish Rite bodies of the lodge, council, chapter and consistory, the Grand Knights of Constantine and the Balaam Khan. In addition he was also Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand Commandery.

Wor. Bro. CARNEY was made a mason in 1865 in Ancient Land Mark Lodge, of which he was Master 1874-1876, a member of Greenleaf Chapter, R. A. M., Portland Council, R. & S. M., Blanquefort Commandery, K. T., and of the Scottish Rite.

Wor. Bro. CARNEY was a native of Alna; came to Portland in 1856 and worked at ship joining, which trade he had learned at Wiscasset. Soon after he turned his attention to cabinet making.

Wor. Bro. CARNEY was a member of the 7th Maine mounted battery from the date of its mustering in on the 30th of December, 1863, to its discharge from the service of the government on the 21st of June, 1865, and took part in all its battles and engagements. The 7th battery was the only new battery which was retained in the 9th army corps, Gen. Am.

brose E. Burnside, commanding, when the artillery of that corps was organized into a brigade; the other new batteries being sent into the reserve artillery.

It was the good fortune of Bro. CARNEY—who was promoted to the responsible position of artificer to the battery, with the rank of corporal, and who was constantly under the range of fire during the siege operations in front of the beleaguered city of Petersburg—to escape without a scratch until, immediately after the Burnside mine explosion on the 30th of June, 1864, he was wounded by a splinter of wood in the right hand—receiving an injury which necessitated a brief stay in the hospital, and which so crippled him that the injured hand has been a source of trouble to him ever since.

He returned to Portland after his discharge from the United States service.

In 1866 he received an appointment as postal clerk in the United States mail service, running most of the time on the trains between Bangor and Boston. He continued in this service for the ensuing 10 years.

The funeral services were held March 13th at two o'clock in the Masonic Temple. There gathered to pay a final tribute to Bro. CARNEY not only the members of his family, his close personal friends, and his church associates, but many of the important dignitaries of the Masonic Bodies. Rev. George E. Pickard, D. D., pastor of the Chestnut Street Methodist Church, delivered the funeral sermon, which was followed by the beautiful masonic ceremony performed by Bro. CARNEY's fellow members in Ancient Land Mark Lodge.

Wor. Bro. CARNEY leaves a widow (Miss Harriet E. Griffin) and two children. He was born October 28, 1838, and died March 9, 1913.

ALBRO E. CHASE.

DOMINICA—COSTA RICA.

Bro. ABRO E. CHASE submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1913.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred by the M. W. Grand Master the communication from "La Gran Logia Nacional Independiente de la Republica Dominica," asking for fraternal recognition, have given the request consideration but are not prepared to recommend such recognition.

Your committee have also considered a similar request from the "Gran Logia de Costa Rica de Francmasones, Antiguos y Aceptados."

This Grand Lodge has been working regularly since 1899. Its last printed report of the proceedings 1907-1910 shows about 150 Master Masons in five lodges. One lodge is reported as working the English Ritual of St. John of Scotland and four the Spanish Ritual of the Scottish Rite. We have not been able to examine into the formation of this Grand Lodge and ask to have the subject matter left in the hands of the committee until next annual communication.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }  
ALFRED S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*

At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 6, 1913. }

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

#### LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE, for the Committee on Library, presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1913.

The Committee on Library present their report, and as a part of it attach the following communication from the Librarian:

PORTLAND, May 2, 1913.

*To the Library Committee of the*

*Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Maine.*

Thirty-nine volumes of proceedings have been bound, and fifty-six volumes of proceedings are now in the hands of the binders.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*



We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee with which to purchase books and pamphlets, and that they be given the power to have bound such proceedings as may be necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, }  
ALBRO E. CHASE, } *Committee.*  
JOHN W. BALLOU, }

#### FINANCE.

Bro. CHASE also submitted the following report for the Committee of Finance, which was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1913.

Your Committee of Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge and have certified them for payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up to date and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined and have been found correct.

For a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of this business of the office is as follows:

1912. May 7.	Cash on hand from old account, .....	\$10,021.31
	Cash receipts for 1912-1913, .....	10,398.38
		<u>\$20,419.69</u>

	The expenditures have been, .....	10,170.84
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1913. May 6.	Cash on hand to new account, .....	10,248.85
		<u>\$20,419.69</u>

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$68,739.88.

At the time of the disaster in California there was contributed by the Craft in this state to the aid of the Craft in California certain moneys. The contributions for aid at that time were more than sufficient to meet the needs, and there was returned to our Grand Lodge in 1907 the sum of sixteen dollars as its proportional part of the surplus. Up to this time

it has been impossible to obtain any information as to the lodges which contributed assistance or as to the amount contributed. Furthermore, the proportional amount to be sent to each contributing lodge would be small, therefore, we recommend that the amount of sixteen dollars, the returned relief fund of California, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, be placed in the Charity Fund.

We recommend that the three bonds of the Minneapolis Permanent Improvement Company be transferred to the Charity Fund at their cost and interest, viz., \$2,948.17.

We recommend that

To the Grand Lecturer be paid, .....	\$25.00
To the Grand Treasurer, including the cost of his bond, .....	300.00
To the Grand Secretary, .....	700.00
as compensation for their services for the year ending May 1, 1914.	

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1913, .....	150.00
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We further recommend that the Finance Committee be and are hereby empowered to examine into the system of a card index of the membership of lodges as made by the returns of lodges, the probable cost thereof and report at the next annual communication.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,	} Committee.
HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	
EDMUND B. MALLEY,	

The Grand Treasurer's report was then accepted.

#### PAY ROLL.

The Committee on Pay Roll offered their report, which was, by vote, laid on the table until Thursday morning.

#### CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were voted to the following lodges:

Trinity, No. 130, Presque Isle.  
 Monument, No. 96, Houlton.  
 Meduncook, No. 211, Friendship.  
 Mount Moriah, No. 56, Denmark.

## ELECTION.

At three o'clock the Grand Master invited Past Grand Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN to preside over the election of Grand Officers. He appointed as committees to receive, sort and count votes:

I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, EDWARD G. WESTON.

II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. AMES, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

Permanent Members present, 1 each,	42
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	36
191 lodges represented, (3 votes each),	573
Total number votes,	651

The committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle;
THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Augusta;
FRED C. CHALMERS,	<i>" Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Bangor;
GEORGE A. GILPATRICK,	<i>" Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Kennebunk;
MILLARD F. HICKS,	<i>" Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland;
STEPHEN BERRY,	<i>" Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

*Committee of Finance.*—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland; HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

*Trustees of Charity Fund for three years.*—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabbathus; HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bro. CHAPLIN for his assistance.

At 4:15 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Wednesday, May 7, 1913. }

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

The Grand Master called to the East M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. GEORGE R. HALL, Master of Ashlar Lodge of Lewiston, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree. This was done, illustrated with music by Ashlar Lodge Quartet.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered his place to the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, it was

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Ashlar Lodge for the beautiful work of the afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was then, at 4:30, called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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## THIRD DAY—MORNING.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Thursday, May 8, 1913. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A M.

## MASONIC HOME.

BRO. HUGH R. CHAPLIN, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendation was unanimously adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 8, 1913.

By reference to page 53 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1912 it will be found that the proposition of the establishment of a Masonic Home in the jurisdiction of Maine was continued by their request in the hands of the Finance Committee, and it might reasonably be expected to receive from them at this communication a report, more or less intelligent, bristling with facts or fancies, setting out with precision the number of beneficiaries or guests, or inmates, (for by all three names are they known)—men, women, and children—with an estimate of the cost to procure a suitable site for such a Home, after having determined the kind of Home wanted, as well as the cost of the furnishing of the Home and its maintenance after it was ready for occupancy.

But your committee have no such a report to make. They said in the report of last year that it was more or less a financial proposition, and from that point of view have studied the subject, for we all must admit that it would not be wise to invest in a Home and make no provision for its maintenance afterwards.

That the lodges may have an opportunity to read what is said of Homes in different jurisdictions, we asked Bro. Chase in the writing of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to embody in that report the salient fact about Homes as he found them, which he has done, and in the pamphlet which you have you will find much information, some in favor and some against the establishment of Homes.

It will be found on examination that there are three ways by which the original plant is established: (1) by gift of an individual or a number of individuals, (2) by gifts and by Grand Lodge Funds, (3) by a direct tax upon the lodges.

The amount invested in the Home must depend upon the purposes for which the Home is to be used. Shall it be only for the poor brother mason? or only for the widow? or for both the brother and his wife? or for the orphans as well? Shall it have a hospital for those who are sick as well as poor? And so countless questions might be asked, and as the answers are given the original cost might vary from the small expense with which the little jurisdiction of Delaware made a start (\$10,500) to the million or more in the large and wealthy jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

But after the Home is established what is to maintain it? Only one answer—An assessment on the members of the individual lodges of one dollar or more per annum and perhaps a percentage of the fees received from each candidate. Some gifts may be received, contributions may be asked for, but the assessment must come. Will your lodge pay each year an assessment of one dollar for each of its members for the maintenance of the Home? Does your lodge now pay that sum each year towards the support or for the assistance of your brethren?

Is there no other method for giving assistance than that of building and furnishing Homes? There is one followed by some jurisdictions, viz., the giving to a lodge by the Grand Lodge as much money towards the support of the poor or sick brother, the widow, the orphan, as the lodge itself contributes either from its funds or by subscription.

Your committee could extenuate this report, but believe that with the information which can be read and with the suggestion made, that it is unwise to continue, and therefore recommend that the proposition to have a "Masonic Home" in the jurisdiction of Maine be indefinitely postponed.

Fraternally submitted,

ALERO E. CHASE,	} Committee.
HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	
EDMUND B. MALLET,	

#### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 8, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have given attention to such matters as have come to their hands and respectfully present the following report:

In the case of Portland Lodge, No. 1, against Bro. Arthur G. Eaton, wherein Bro. Eaton was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of Portland Lodge, No. 1, be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. Arthur G. Eaton be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Standish Lodge, No. 70, at Standish, against Bro. John Thomas Anderson.

The papers show a serious charge but no evidence to support it. We recommend that the papers be returned to Standish Lodge, that they may be put in proper form.

In the matter of the complaint of Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford against Herbert J. Hope.

This is a case of obtaining the degrees by misrepresentation.

It appears from the papers, that Mr. Hope, after being several times rejected by Preble Lodge, the last time being May 4, 1910, went to California—it is claimed for his health, living in California in the winter, but retaining his residence in Sanford. That while in California, he made application to Redlands Lodge, No. 300, at Redlands, this application being dated December 15, 1910.

In this application, he states that he has resided in California more than one year and more than six months within the jurisdiction of Redlands Lodge, and that he had not within twelve months been rejected by any lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

He was accepted and given the degrees, being raised in that lodge March 13, 1911. He now claims to be recognized as a Master Mason by Preble Lodge.

Upon the above statement of facts, that under both the masonic laws of Maine and California, he obtained the degrees by fraudulent misrepresentations, your committee are of the opinion, and so state, that Mr. Herbert J. Hope, should not be recognized in this state as a Master Mason in good standing.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. I. COLLAMORE, H. D. SMITH, HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	} Committee.
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The report was accepted and the recommendations were severally adopted.

MOUNT OLIVET LODGE.

BRO. ALFRED S. KIMBALL reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 8, 1913.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the action of the Grand Master relating to the withdrawal of the letter of Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, soliciting aid from the lodges in Maine on account of loss by fire, have carefully examined the correspondence and conferred with the representatives from that lodge who have seats on this floor at the present session. And while the action taken was not authorized by the rules of the fraternity, without the approval of the

Grand Master prior to any action thereon, we are of the opinion that no wrong was contemplated by the rank and file of the membership. While lodges and members of the fraternity might lawfully make voluntary donations, the manner of solicitation in the opinion of your committee was entirely unauthorized by masonic law, and the action of the Grand Master was the only correct way to deal with the proposition, and we recommend that his ruling be confirmed as the law of this Grand Lodge.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }  
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

PREBLE BEQUEST.

Bro. KIMBALL further reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 8, 1913.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred papers accompanying the bequest of Past Grand Master WM. P. PREBLE, to the Grand Lodge of Maine; have given the subject such examination and attention as the circumstances permitted, and in view of the existing conditions, recommend that the Grand Treasurer be directed to deposit said fund in some savings bank in a deposit by itself, to preserve its identity, till further direction is given by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }  
C. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

On motion of Bro. ALFRED S. KIMBALL,

*Voted*, That the dues of Mount Olivet Lodge for the year ending March 1, 1913, be remitted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Bro. WM. R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that no business had come before them, and the report was accepted.



## DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. ARCHIE L. TALBOT reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 8, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the business submitted to them, and make report as follows:

In the matter of a lodge in the town of Limestone, we recommend that it be left with the Grand Master.

In the matter of a dispensation for a "Lodge of Instruction," issued to certain brethren to hold a meeting in the town of Perry, referred to in the address of the Grand Master, your committee are of opinion that this does not call for any action of this committee.

We therefore make no recommendation in relation to this matter.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,  
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee.*  
EDMUND B. MALLET,

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

## PAY ROLL.

The report of the Committee on Pay Roll was taken from the table, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Pay Roll will report that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

FRED C. CHALMERS,  
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, } *Committee.*  
WARREN D. TRASK,

Report accepted and payment ordered.

## CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. EDWIN A. PORTER submitted the following report:



The report was accepted, but the proposed blank for reports of D. D. G. Masters was indefinitely postponed.

#### TESTIMONIAL.

BRO. MERTON L. KIMBALL submitted the following:

WHEREAS, Brother STEPHEN BERRY has served this Grand Lodge for more than half a century in the positions of Assistant Grand Secretary and of Grand Secretary, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge, in commemoration of this unparalleled service, requests and authorizes our Grand Master to secure for Brother BERRY a Loving Cup, or other suitable testimonial, to be presented to him during the recess of Grand Lodge at such time and place as may be convenient to Brother BERRY and to the Grand Master.

Resolution adopted.

#### BELGIUM.

A letter was presented from our Grand Representative to Belgium, ALBERT J. KRUGER, and was ordered on file.

#### INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master invited Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE to install the Grand Officers, and he requested Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR to act as Grand Marshal.

BRO. ELMER P. SPOFFORD was presented and installed as M. Wor. Grand Master, prayer being offered by Grand Chaplain WM. H. FULTZ.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
HARRY B. HOLMES,	<i>" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Presque Isle
WHEELER C. HAWKES,	<i>" " 2d "</i>	Eastport
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON,	<i>" " 3d "</i>	Milbridge
THOMAS C. STANLEY,	<i>" " 4th "</i>	Brooklin
HARRY A. FOWLES,	<i>" " 5th "</i>	La Grange
RALPH W. MOORE,	<i>" " 6th "</i>	Hampden
ELIHU D. CHASE,	<i>" " 7th "</i>	Unity
CHARLES KNEELAND,	<i>" " 8th "</i>	Stockton Sp'gs
CHARLES A. WILSON,	<i>" " 9th "</i>	Camden
WILBUR F. CATE,	<i>" " 10th "</i>	Dresden
CHARLES R. GETCHELL,	<i>" " 11th "</i>	Hallowell
MOSES A. GORDON,	<i>" " 12th "</i>	Mt. Vernon
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	<i>" " 13th "</i>	Skowhegan
EDWARD L. WHITE,	<i>" " 14th "</i>	Bowdoinham
JOHN N. FOYE,	<i>" " 15th "</i>	Canton
DAVIS G. LOVEJOY,	<i>" " 16th "</i>	Bethel
WM. H. OHLER,	<i>" " 17th "</i>	Portland
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY,	<i>" " 18th "</i>	Denmark
FRANK E. ROBBINS,	<i>" " 19th "</i>	Kittery
JOHN E. CLARK,	<i>" " 20th "</i>	Winn
ARCHIE L. WHITE,	<i>" " 21st "</i>	Bucksport
DANIEL B. PACKARD,	<i>" " 22d "</i>	Exeter
ALBERT R. LEAVITT,	<i>" " 23d "</i>	Parsonsfield
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN,	<i>" " 24th "</i>	So. Poland
FRED R. BAILEY,	<i>" " 25th "</i>	Patten
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
REV. HARRY H. PRINGLE,	<i>" " "</i>	Milo
REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	<i>" " "</i>	Ellsworth
REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	<i>" " "</i>	Camden
REV. JOHN M. BIELER,	<i>" " "</i>	Machias
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	<i>" " "</i>	Belfast
REV. ARTHUR A. BLAIR,	<i>" " "</i>	Belfast
ALAN L. BIRD,	<i>" " Marshal,</i>	Rockland
SILAS B. ADAMS,	<i>" " Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
CHARLES P. HATCH,	<i>" " Junior Deacon,</i>	Portland
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	<i>" " Steward,</i>	Limerick
JAMES R. TALBOT,	<i>" " "</i>	East Machias
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	<i>" " "</i>	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	<i>" " "</i>	Biddeford
MOSES D. JOYCE,	<i>" " Sword Bearer,</i>	Deer Isle
ARTHUR H. SARGENT,	<i>" " Standard Bearer,</i>	Sedgwick

WARREN C. KING,	<i>W. Grand Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	" " "	Sullivan
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The remaining Grand Officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by Bro. COLLAMORE, and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bros. COLLAMORE and TAYLOR for their assistance.

He then named the following Standing Committees:

*On Credentials.*

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HOWARD D. SMITH, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

*On Publication.*

FESSENDEN I. DAY, MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON.

*On History.*

MERTON L. KIMBALL, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Dispensations and Charters.*

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

*On Amendments to the Constitution.*

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence.*

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

*On Condition of the Fraternity.*

EDWIN A. PORTER, ALBERT M. PENLEY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Library.*

GRAND MASTER, ALBRO E. CHASE, JOHN W. BALLOU.

*On Transportation.*

STEPHEN BERRY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

*On Returns.*

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of this Annual Communication had been completed, and the report was accepted.

## CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved, and at 11:15 the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by the Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :

*Stephen Berry**Grand Secretary.*

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The ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 5, 1914, at 9 o'clock A. M.

## Reports · of · District · Deputy · Grand · Masters.

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### FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report as District Deputy of the First Masonic District.

During the year I visited every lodge in the District and witnessed work in the M. M. degree in all of them. The few requests for dispensation which I received I referred to you. Owing to business arrangements it was not possible for me to attend a School of Instruction this year. I trust that arrangements can be made, so that it will be possible to hold a School in this County the coming year, as I feel sure that it will produce the necessary results.

On February 6, 1913, I visited Caribou Lodge, No. 170, and found a goodly number of members present. The opening and closing ceremonies in this lodge are not up to ritual standard, due to the habit of closing without form; but the degree work is of a high order. The M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates, and much credit is due the older members and Past Masters for the interest they take in this degree. This lodge is also entitled to credit for its financial showing in view of the annual dues of \$1.00 per member.

Monday, February 17th, found me with Trinity Lodge in Presque Isle. The work in this lodge was of its usual high standard in every particular, and every member has good reason to be proud of his connection with same. The M. M. degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner and the books and records show efficiency in every detail.

On Wednesday, February 19th, I visited officially my home lodge, Monument, No. 96. Considerable preparation was made for the occasion and everything went according to the program. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree, and not wishing to be accused of favoritism toward my own lodge work I refrain from comment. As a member of the finance

committee of this lodge I have inspected in detail the books and records, finding everything in the best of condition.

March 12th, I was with Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and found a good attendance. Work was performed in the M. M. degree. This lodge showed a marked improvement over the work of a year ago and the lodge seems to be in the hands of capable officers.

On March 19th, I was at Washburn, and met with a good reception. The lodge is in much better condition than last year and in charge of an exceptionally capable and enthusiastic young Master. I look for good results the coming year.

At Fort Fairfield, on April 16th, I met with Eastern Frontier Lodge, at their first meeting in their new hall. This lodge is exceedingly prosperous, plenty of work at hand, four new petitions being presented at meeting and three balloted upon. The work was of the best in every particular, and to criticise either ritualistic or floor work would not be possible from my point of view. This is made possible by the interest of old officers, the instruction given new members and the efficiency of the regular officers.

It will therefore be seen that as a whole Masonry is prosperous and progressive in the First District.

In conclusion, I appreciate highly the honor conferred on me as your D. D. and trust that I have in some degree fulfilled the confidence reposed in me.

May I again suggest the need of a School of Instruction in Eastern Maine the coming year.

My thanks are due to all with whom I have associated in this work for their uniform courtesy and kindness during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK A. PEABODY, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Houlton, May 1, 1913.

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## SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District.

I have visited the several lodges of this District at least once during the year.

On January 1st, I inspected Crescent Lodge of Pembroke, and publicly installed the officers. At the conclusion of the installation a pleasing en-



tainment consisting of readings and music was given, after which a bountiful banquet was served by the lodge. On a previous occasion, I had the pleasure of witnessing work in the M. M. degree, when two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Washington Lodge at Lubec was visited on January 15th, on which occasion I installed the officers. The lodge shows a healthy growth and I found the dues were exceptionally well collected. The officers are interested in the work and the lodge cannot but prosper.

On February 13th, I visited Lewy's Island Lodge at Princeton. As the lodge was not prepared to present work on this occasion, I installed their officers and would compliment the lodge for the large attendance, many brothers being obliged to come a long distance. This lodge has made a marked gain in membership during the past year and one can observe a renewed interest in the work. The records are neatly kept and dues well collected.

I visited St. Croix Lodge of Calais, on February 17th. Work in the E. A. degree was presented for my inspection, and, considering the short notice given the lodge of my intention to visit them at this time, was of a high degree of excellence. This lodge has made the largest gain of any in the district and is in flourishing condition. The records are neatly kept and R. W. Bro. JONES is making a very satisfactory showing in the matter of collecting the dues.

I have attended nearly all of the communications of my own lodge, Eastern of Eastport, and can state that the lodge is in a healthy condition and that its financial condition is good.

I called a Convention of the lodges of this district to meet with Lewy's Island Lodge of Princeton on April tenth. I greatly regret that I was unavoidably detained from attending the same by serious sickness in my family.

R. W. ISAAC N. JONES, P. S. G. W., kindly took charge of the meeting and I would include the following report made by him regarding the Convention:

"The annual convention of the lodges in the Second Masonic District was held Thursday, April 10, 1913, with Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton.

"The convention was called to order shortly after 3 o'clock p. m., by your humble servant, who by a vote of the convention was authorized to take charge in the absence of the D. D. G. M., owing, no doubt, to the fact that I was the only P. D. G. M. present.

"The officers of Lewy's Island Lodge opened a lodge of Master Masons in due form. Labor was suspended on that degree and a lodge of E. A. opened. The officers of Eastern Lodge then assumed the stations and conferred the E. A. degree on a dummy candidate. Lodge of E. A. was then closed and a lodge of F. C. opened; the officers of St. Croix Lodge

assuming the stations and conferring the F. C. degree on an actual candidate.

"Lodge of F. C. was then closed and labor resumed on the M. M. degree. The lodge was then declared at refreshment and the brethren repaired to the vestry of the Congregational Church, where a chicken pie supper was served by the ladies of that society. It is unnecessary for me to comment on the supper, as the chicken pies served by the ladies of this society have become famous all over Washington and Charlotte Counties, and the ladies certainly excelled themselves on this occasion. Over 200 were fed with neatness and despatch and the service left nothing to be desired.

"At 8 o'clock I again called the convention to order and the officers of Lewy's Island Lodge proceeded to confer the M. M. degree on an actual candidate. During the lecture in this degree the hall was darkened and lantern pictures, illustrating the different subjects, were thrown on a screen, adding greatly to its impressiveness.

"I have nothing but praise for the work of the officers in all of the degrees. The ritual was closely followed at all times and the floor work was as good as the limited amount of space would permit. Although I appointed a committee to note any errors that might occur, their duties proved to be very light, but such mistakes as I deemed to be important were brought to the attention of the convention.

"After the work remarks were made by representatives of the different lodges and the convention unanimously voted to extend thanks to the members of Lewy's Island Lodge and the ladies of the Congregational Society for the courteous treatment received and the beautiful banquet provided.

"At 10:30 the convention was closed in peace and harmony. During fifteen years of attendance on these conventions I have not seen a better or more enthusiastic one. The weather was fine, the attendance large, the hall was at all times filled to capacity and the interest manifested at all times by the brethren in the work of the different degrees was marked.

"Regret was expressed on every hand at the absence of the D. D. G. M."

A number of masons, mostly members of Crescent Lodge of Pembroke, residing in the town of Perry, made a written request for the privilege of holding a Lodge of Instruction in their town, that they might the better perfect themselves in the work of the several degrees and discuss masonic matters. Their request was forwarded you and it was your pleasure to issue a dispensation granting them the privilege. The place of meeting was duly inspected and approved by me and the dispensation delivered into the hands of one of the brothers mentioned in same. I have made several trips to visit the brethren in Perry and assure you that your kindness has been appreciated by them and that their understanding of the ritual greatly enlarged; their interest in their own lodge—many driving fourteen miles to attend its meetings—much increased.

In closing I would state that I found the officers of all the lodges interested in the work and willing to accept any suggestion or correction I deemed necessary for their interests.

I would thank you for the honor you have placed upon me and would also extend my sincere thanks to the members of this fraternity within

this District for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown during the past year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WHEELER C. HAWKES, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

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### THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in Portland, May, 1912, I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Third District by the M. W. Grand Master, and received my commission also property of the Grand Lodge soon after.

Not being present at this meeting, I was installed by P. M. ARNOLD LEIGHTON, July 8, 1912.

January 15th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Pleiades, No. 173, assisted by P. M. A. L. WALLACE as M. and Rev. Bro. SIMINTON as C. The installation was public, an unusual large number of members with their ladies being present, after which a banquet was served and a social time enjoyed.

January 18th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Tuscan Lodge of Addison. It being their regular meeting the lodge was opened and business done, after which the ladies and members of the O. E. Star being invited, I publicly installed the officers. A 6 o'clock supper was served in the Grange Hall. The officers and members of Tuscan Lodge are very earnest and interested workers. The records are nicely kept by Bro. V. C. PLUMMER.

January 20th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge at Jonesport, assisted by ARNOLD LEIGHTON of Pleiades Lodge as M. The installation was public and well attended, the ceremonies being interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. At this meeting I examined the records, etc., and found everything in fine condition; the dues are well collected. This lodge is in flourishing condition, the members taking great interest. After installation, refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

January 27th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Harwood Lodge at Machias, assisted by Bro. WILLIS H. ALLEN as M. and Rev. Bro. BIELER G. C. The installation being public, nearly two hundred members and ladies were present. Nearly all the officers were re-elected. I examined the records, which were nicely kept and dues well collected.

The lodge in prosperous condition. After installation refreshments were served.

February 8th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Narraguagus Lodge at Cherryfield. The records of the lodge are nicely kept and dues well collected. The officers and members taking great interest in their lodge.

March 27th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Lookout Lodge at Cutler. The installation being public, a large number of members and ladies were present. After installation, a banquet was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed. Although not having any work for two years, the officers and members are very interested and keep in close touch with the ritual. The prospect looks good for new members the coming year.

March 28th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Warren Lodge at East Machias, assisted by P. D. D. MILLARD S. WISWELL as M. After installation it was a great pleasure to me to witness work in M. M. degree. The work was done as well as I have ever seen it, following the ritual almost perfectly. After installation a banquet was served. This lodge has just moved into their new lodge rooms, which are some of the best in the state, very nicely arranged and furnished.

I am pleased to report that all the lodges in this district are in good condition. Every lodge has an efficient set of officers showing great interest in their work and regular attendance.

It was my intention to hold a convention at Machias, some time in the month of March, but owing to the lateness of some of the installations I regret that I did not have the time to attend to it.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown me by the officers and members of the different lodges, and to you, M. W. G. Master, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by appointment.

Fraternally yours,

JOS. F. LEIGHTON, D. D. G. M. 3d M. D

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report for the Fourth Masonic District.

On October 5th, I visited Bagaduce Lodge at North Brooksville. There was no work, but parts of the different degrees were taken up and discussed

and many routine questions asked and answered, and I feel as though they accomplished as much if not more than if a degree had been worked.

As voted by the lodges in 1911, a District Convention was called at Stonington for October 25, 1912. Preparations for conveying all the members in the District were made and everything seemed propitious, but the night of the 24th the weather changed and we had one of the worst storms of the year. Consequently the boats would not go and the only lodges represented were Marine of Deer Isle and Reliance of Stonington. I was forced to go by team, naptha and automobile, arriving there about 6:30, in time for the banquet.

You as Grand Master having been invited to address the Convention, will doubtless remember the wild ride we took to get there on time. I wish to say here that the members of the Convention appreciated in a great measure your presence and greeting, and the fact that although you were sick, your presence did much to make the Convention a success.

As all arrangements for the work fell through on account of the storm and non-appearance of the lodges intending to do the work, a meeting was held and Marine Lodge agreed to work the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees and Reliance the Master Mason degree. This was done and well done, and was a great test for these lodges, as the officers for the degrees were picked up and did the work without any preparation. There is no way of expressing my appreciation of their work, except to say that I have never seen the degrees worked any better. After speeches and a general good time the Convention was closed about two o'clock in the morning.

On November 22d, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, under charge of our Grand Lecturer, and as usual we received valuable information and enjoyed the hospitality of the Bangor brethren.

April 3d, I made my official visit to Hancock Lodge, and as I have seen them work and given some instruction during the year I did not require them to work any degree.

April 21st, I visited Eggemoggin Lodge, at which time they worked the M. M. degree on two candidates and did their work with their usual precision. They had a large attendance, a fine banquet and a general good time.

Marine Lodge was visited on April 22d, where I saw the E. A. and F. C. degrees on one candidate. This lodge always does good work and this meeting was no exception to the usual rule.

From the fact that I was detained in Augusta during the first two weeks of April, during which time I had planned to make all my visits, I have been unable to visit the other lodges in the District. I do not offer this as an excuse but as an unfortunate occurrence, for I fully intended and expected to visit all the lodges.

I found the records in the various lodges well kept and the dues well collected as usual.

I have sent Past Master diplomas to all entitled to them up to January, 1913.

I regret to report the death of Bro. CHARLES H. HOOPER of Hancock Lodge. He was a Past D. D. G. M. and Past Master and Secretary of our lodge. In his death we lost not only a good working officer but one who was well versed in all things masonic. As he was Secretary at the time of his death we thoroughly examined all books in his possession and found them well kept, balanced to date and small amount of money due the lodge with them. I state this to show that all the time he was a member and officer of Hancock Lodge he was punctual to a marked degree.

I feel it is not out of place to say that the members in this District feel that we have been highly honored by the fraternity in choosing you as Grand Master, and that we shall so work and conduct ourselves that the Craft will see that the confidence imposed in you was not misplaced.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the confidence shown in giving this district into my charge for the past year, and I trust the work of the various lodges has met with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS A. RICKER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*  
Castine, April 24, 1913.

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### FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges in the district and am pleased to report that they do better work than on my previous visits. I have been kindly welcomed by the brethren of every lodge, who have made my visits very pleasant.

June 6th, I attended the District Meeting with Composite Lodge at La Grange, to which the following lodges were invited: Nollesemic, Millinocket, Pleasant River, Brownville, and Piscataquis, Milo. Owing to some misunderstanding about a special train, there were but a few present from the above lodges. The evening being rainy and a large number of the brethren residing in Howland, twelve miles off, the at-

tendance was rather small. As there was no candidate, the work was exemplified in the M. M. degree; which was performed in a fine and impressive manner. I wish to say that the W. M., Bro. ANGUS D. MCLEOD, who resides twelve miles from his lodge, not only attends the stated communications but the specials as well. He is deeply interested in the lodge, and in the principles of Masonry. After the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S.

September 2d, I made an official visit to Abner Wade Lodge at Sangerville, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was done very well, but a few corrections being necessary, which were received kindly and in the right spirit. The records are neatly and correctly kept. Banquet at the close.

October 18th, by invitation, I installed the officers of the same lodge, assisted by P. M. HARRY M. CARR as Marshal. I trust by the interest manifested by the present officers good work will be done by them this term.

November 22d, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, which was ably and in a pleasing manner conducted by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was very good and a deep interest was manifested by those present, both sessions being instructive and profitable to us all. I had the pleasure of meeting the following D. D. G. M.S: WILLIS A. RICKER of the 4th, EDWIN N. MILLER of the 6th, MOSES A. GORDON of the 12th, and DANIEL B. PACKARD of the 22d. At the close of the school a fine banquet was served by the brethren of both local lodges. In the evening we witnessed work in the M. M. degree by St. Andrew's and Rising Virtue Lodges, which was excellent and very impressive. After the work we were entertained by able and interesting remarks by M. W. P. G. M. Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER and others. The courteous manner in which I was treated by the brethren of Bangor will linger long in memory.

January 3d, Doric Lodge of Monson, which is my home lodge, held a joint installation with Euclid Chapter, O. E. Star. I was ably assisted in installing the officers of Doric by the following P. D. D. G. Masters, ALBERT F. JACKSON and H. E. MORRILL. After the ceremonies a light refreshment of ice cream and cake was served by the ladies.

January 21st, by invitation, I installed the officers of Columbia Lodge at Greenville, assisted by P. M. C. F. WOODWARD as Marshal and P. M. G. W. BROWN as Chaplain. At the close a fine supper was served and speeches were in order. My official visit to this lodge I will give in turn later.

February 14th, I officially visited Piscataquis Lodge at Milo. The work was to be in the E. A. degree, but as the candidate did not appear, the officers willingly, by my request, exemplified the work in the same de-



gree, which was done very well, but a few corrections being necessary, which were kindly received except by one brother who does not take kindly to my corrections and instructions, and would not, I believe, abide by the instructions of the Grand Lecturer himself. I wish such a brother would attend the School of Instruction; he might by so doing see things in a different light and be more willing to accept the teachings of the ritual. This lodge has done more work than any one lodge in the district, and located in a flourishing town must continue to grow. The records are neatly and correctly kept. Banquet at the close.

February 15th, I made an official visit to Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guilford, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. The work was very well done, the officers following the ritual closely; but a few corrections were needed. I am sorry to learn from the last returns that this lodge has decreased in membership the last year. I hope the future will be brighter for them. The records are nicely kept.

February 17th, I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge at Dexter, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates, which was rendered in a fine and impressive manner, but a few errors appearing in the work. The few corrections I made were appreciated and kindly received. In listening to the reading of the records, it deeply impressed me by the brotherly love shown by this lodge in taking care of the sick brethren. The books are kept in excellent shape.

February 20th, I made an official visit to Mosaic Lodge at Foxcroft, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates. There was much improvement over their work on my first official visit. I trust by the interest manifested by the present officers that they will no doubt do good work in the coming months. I have made an effort to impress on the officers of this lodge the necessity of examining the candidates before advancement. I hope they will practice this in the future. The records are in the hands of Bro. ROBERTS and are in excellent shape.

March 18th, I made an official visit to Columbia Lodge at Greenville, and as there was no candidate, the officers exemplified the work in the E. A. degree. This being the first work of the present officers, they performed their parts well. With practice and work they will no doubt keep up the reputation of their lodge for good work.

March 22d, I again made an official visit to Composite Lodge at La-Grange. There was to be work in the F. C. degree on three candidates, but as one of them was sick and the other two were away, the officers exemplified the work in the same degree, which was done in a creditable manner; the ritual very closely followed. Am pleased to say that P. M. HARRY A. FOWLES is of great help to the officers by his thorough knowledge of the ritual, which enables him to give instructions in the work. At the close a fine supper was served.



March 24th, I made my official visit to Pleasant River Lodge at Brownville, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate. The W. M. informed me that this was their first work since their installation, and I am pleased to say that I have not witnessed better work in all my visits to the lodges of this district. I had but a few corrections to make. I congratulated the officers for their excellent work. This lodge should be congratulated on having such an able Master for the present year. The records are neatly and correctly kept by Bro. P. M. HARVEY W. RYDER, the Secretary. After the work, a fine oyster supper was served.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of my home lodge, Doric, No. 149, and have witnessed work in all the degrees. We are having a fair amount of work lately. The present officers are interested in the work and are anxious to follow the ritual closely. We moved into our new hall last December. I am pleased to say that it is as fine as any in the district. We held a Masonic Festival or formal opening of our new home. The feature of the meeting was a history of Doric Lodge by P. D. D. G. M. ALBERT F. JACKSON and the able and eloquent address by M. W. P. G. M. Rev. ASHLEY A. SMITH of Bangor.

In conclusion, it affords me great pleasure to state that all the lodges in the district are in good condition.

And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, permit me to thank you for the high honor conferred upon me by appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Fifth Masonic District, and the brethren of the several lodges for their kind and courteous treatment.

Faternally yours,

WILLIAM R. HUGHES, *D. D. G. M., 5th M. D.*

Monson, April 18, 1913.

### SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to present my annual report for the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1912-13.

At the session of Grand Lodge I was re-appointed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District, and continued to attend to the duties of that office.

*August 21, 1912, Inspection of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137.*

I visited Kenduskeag for inspection August 21st. Wor. Bro. PAGE is in the East, the same as last year, and practically all the other officers in the old stations. The work is fully up to their standard, only some minor

errors creeping in, as they sometimes will on occasions of inspection. One of the pleasant events of the evening was the visit of the Charleston Lodge, which was transferred to this district, at the last session of the Grand Lodge. They were fraternally received by the Kenduskeag brethren and were loud in their praise of the work and their cordial reception. Banquet at refreshment.

*October 11th, Inspection of Howard Lodge, No. 69.*

On Friday, October 11th, I visited Howard Lodge of Winterport for inspection, work being done in the M. M. degree. The work was well rendered, showing close study of the ritual. There were several visiting members from the neighboring lodges, and all expressed themselves as highly pleased with the events of the evening and the cordial reception extended to them. The banquet at refreshment was of the kind that Winterport is famous for, the tables being very handsomely arranged by Bro. LOUGEE.

*October 19th, Inspection of Lynde Lodge, No. 174.*

I visited Lynde Lodge of Hermon for inspection on Saturday, October 19th. Owing to the illness of the W. M., who was unable to be present, together with the fact that the weather was very bad and the attendance small, it was not deemed advisable to work; however, I am perfectly familiar with the quality of work done by this lodge, and am pleased to say that it is of a high degree. The records are all well kept and the lodge in a good condition financially.

*October 29th, School of Instruction at Portland.*

Tuesday, October 29th, I attended the School of Instruction at Portland; it was a large and attentive gathering, including a large number of District Deputies. The work as explained by W. Bro. SLEEPER, assisted by W. Bro. CLOUGH, was of great benefit to all present.

*November 22d, School of Instruction at Bangor.*

On Friday, November 22d, was held a School of Instruction at Bangor, with a fair attendance of District Deputies and a large number of officers of the different lodges in the district. The work was explained by W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and was very plain and instructive, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present, that to have missed it would be to have missed a real masonic treat. The M. M. degree was conferred upon one candidate in the evening; St. Andrew's Lodge working the first half, and Rising Virtue the last, after which remarks were made by the several District Deputies present, also by Wor. Bro. SLEEPER. The banquet at refreshment was one of the best, covers being laid for 275. A more active interest should be taken

in these Schools of Instruction, as by that way, and that way only, can we perfect ourselves in this work.

*November 23d, Inspection of Mystic Lodge, No. 65.*

Saturday, November 23d, I visited Mystic Lodge of Hampden, for the purpose of inspection. This is one of the banner lodges of the Sixth District, and their work was fully up to their standard. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition; the attendance was large, being composed of brethren from Hermon, Winterport and Bangor; showing the interest taken. Banquet at refreshment.

*December 11th, Inspection of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66.*

On Wednesday, December 11th, I visited Mechanics' Lodge of Orono for inspection, work being performed in the M. M. degree. The work as given by Wor. Bro. BEAN, assisted by a competent corps of officers, was of a high order, showing a close study of the ritual. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, all books and records being well kept, and a keen interest taken in all matters, pertaining to its interests.

*January 17, 1913, Inspection and Installation, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124.*

On Friday, January 17, 1913, I visited Olive Branch Lodge at Charleston for inspection and installation, as this lodge was taken into the Sixth District at the May session of the Grand Lodge; and as this was my first visit to them, I am unable to compare the work with that of former years. The books are well kept, showing the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The attendance was good and the work well done. The installation in the evening being public, was largely attended, with a fine banquet at close of work.

*March 17th, Inspection of Star in the East Lodge, No. 60.*

On Monday, March 17th, I visited Star in the East Lodge of Oldtown for inspection; the attendance was good, showing interest in the work, which was well done. The records are well kept, and the lodge in a generally prosperous condition. Both Past D. D. Grand Masters, BARTON and SWAN, who are members of this lodge, were present, which added to the pleasure of the evening. Banquet at close.

*March 19th, Inspection of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87.*

Wednesday, March 19th, I visited Benevolent Lodge at Carmel for inspection. It almost seems to me as though the cloud that has hung over this lodge so long is breaking away; the candidate for the evening being the first for three years, but it was my pleasure to hear twelve applications presented at this meeting. Their trouble, which is purely a

local one, and which I took some time to investigate, is in my opinion an easy one to remedy, and I earnestly hope and expect to see this lodge regain its old place in the Sixth Masonic District. Banquet at refreshment.

I have not made any official inspection of the two lodges here in Bangor, St. Andrew's and Rising Virtue, as I have felt at liberty to run in at any time and witness their work, which has been highly satisfactory in both cases.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN N. MILLER, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

Bangor, March 27, 1913.

### SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District. I was excused from Grand Lodge on account of sickness in my family, so was installed by R. W. P. D. D. G. M. ADELBERT MILLETT.

I have visited all the lodges in the district, except Central and Liberty; had an appointment with Central Lodge, but finding it impossible to be present I wrote Bro. W. W. WASHBURN, P. D. D. G. M., to visit for me. He reports the lodge well attended, good interest shown, and in prosperous condition. In every lodge there was found peace and harmony. The financial interests well looked after, records well kept. There has been an increase over last year in the amount of work done in the district.

Am pleased to report my home lodge, Quantabacook, has had more work the past year than it has for number of years.

In conclusion, I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their courtesy and kindness to me, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my second appointment.

Fraternally yours,

ERNEST S. WING, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Searsmont, April 8, 1913.

### EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the doings of the lodges comprising the Eighth Masonic District, as listed in Grand Lodge Book, Vol. XXIV, page 145.

Have inspected all of the lodges in the district, except Island Lodge; but can vouch for the standing of said lodge from my knowledge of its reputation and correspondence with its members. Have installed the officers of all the lodges except the one above mentioned, all being public except the two lodges at Belfast, Phoenix and Timothy Chase.

The work is about on a par with last year, yet I may say that I find the ritualistic work a little improved. Have insisted on close adherence to the ritual, and am greatly pleased with the manner in which the officers of the several lodges have interested themselves along this line. Of the quality of work done in this district, Pownal Lodge of Stockton Springs has the lead, with the two Belfast lodges a close second. The meetings which I have attended have almost invariably had a full quota of members, and in quite a few cases the work has been carried out with crowded houses.

I think I may say with safety that the interest has increased from last year, and that in the majority of cases the lodges as a whole are showing advancement along the whole line. The officers have been very courteous and obliging and fully alive to whatever criticism might be made and always ready to accept whatever advice might be offered in a friendly way. The reports of the several lodges have been received and all dues collected and forwarded to the Grand Treasurer, and so far as I know everything completed to date.

Fraternally submitted,

AUGUSTUS D. HAYES, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

Belfast, April 1, 1913.

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### NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District.

On Wednesday, December 4th, I received an invitation to visit Aurora Lodge, No. 50. The work was in the M. M. degree, and four candidates were raised. The work was well done by W. M. CLARENCE PACKARD, and but very few corrections were necessary, which only goes to show that they are well up on the ritual. A fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S., and some one hundred and thirty brethren were present. Music, both vocal and instrumental, was rendered while the banquet was being served. This being my first chance to visit their new temple, together with some of the brethren from my own lodge, Oriental,

I am pleased to say that these brethren should be well proud of their new home. The records, in charge of Bro. ROBINSON, who has been Secretary of Aurora Lodge for the past twenty-five years, I found were correct and very neatly kept.

I wish to thank the brethren of Aurora Lodge for the respect that was shown me, and how well I appreciated the visit as D. D. G. M.

On December 14th, I visited Eureka Lodge, No. 84, at Tenant's Harbor. Some of the brethren of Orient Lodge at Thomaston, were invited to attend, and among them were Bro. A. D. LAMB, who accompanied me. As there was no regular candidate at this time the work was in the E. A. degree. The work was well done and but very few corrections were necessary. I carefully examined the books, which were in the hands of Bro. ALLEN, and found them to be correct and very neatly kept. The dues are well collected and the lodge at this time is in very good standing. At the close of the work a supper was given by the ladies of the O. E. S. and a very enjoyable time was passed.

On January 31st, I visited Mt. Olivet Lodge, 203, at Washington. This being my official visit, I was accompanied by the W. M. of Orient Lodge, WILLIAM B. MATHEWS. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very well done, few corrections being necessary. This being a very stormy night the attendance was not as large as was expected by our brethren. However, the work was carried out in due form, and the ritual well followed. On examination I found the dues well collected and the lodge in very good standing. At the close of the work a supper was served by the brethren of the lodge and a very enjoyable time was passed. I am sorry to announce that a week from this date these brethren were very unfortunate by losing their masonic hall, it being destroyed by fire, and nothing being saved except their charter.

On February 10th, I visited St. Paul's, No. 82, at Rockport, this being my official visit. The work was in the M. M. degree on two candidates. I noticed that the work was very neatly done, but few corrections were necessary, and the ritual was closely followed. I find that in this lodge the dues are well collected, and their records are properly and neatly kept. Several of the brethren of Orient Lodge were invited and accompanied me on my visit. Many remarks were made by visiting brothers as to the way and manner in which the work was carried out. At the close of the work a supper was served, a very enjoyable time passed, and all returned home well satisfied.

On February 14th, I made my official visit at St. George Lodge, No. 16, at Warren. The work was in the E. A. degree, but owing to sickness of the W. M., and the candidate not making his appearance, there was no special work this night, and the S. W. had charge of the meeting.

But on the following Monday evening I made my second visit to this lodge and the work was in the E. A. degree. The W. M. not being able to work this degree, it was performed by S. W. MOORE, who worked the degree with good results. The work was very neatly done, and very few corrections were necessary. I made a careful examination of the records and found them very neatly kept and the dues well collected.

On February 28th, I was asked to make a second visit to Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, for the purpose of inspecting their new hall, loaned to them by the Grange, their latter one being destroyed by fire. After finding the hall suitable for masonic work, W. M. WARE informed me that he was prepared to work the F. C. degree, the candidate being present. I found that the brethren were well prepared and the work was well done, and possibly no corrections were necessary. After the work was finished a fine supper was served and all passed a very pleasant evening. R. W. W. M. MATHEWS of Orient Lodge accompanied me and spoke of how well the work had been carried out.

On March 1st, I made my official visit to Knox Lodge, No. 89, at So. Thomaston. The work was in the M. M. degree, one candidate being raised. This work was properly and correctly performed and no corrections whatever were necessary. It is just to say that the brethren of this lodge should be well proud of themselves and their officers, most especially the W. M., Bro. CROWLEY, who performed his work so well. It is necessary to say that this lodge is situated far away from all means of transportation, except by stage, but nevertheless Masonry has found its way there. The records were in the hands of Bro. CLARK, of whom we are all familiar, and I found that the dues were well collected and records neatly kept.

On March 11th, I made my official visit at Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston. The work was in the M. M. degree, two candidates being raised. As the officers of this lodge are all new members they never before had the privilege of raising many candidates. The work was carried out very nicely, ritual closely followed and but few corrections were necessary. The records are at this time in the hands of Bro. ELLIOT and are very neatly and correctly cared for. I am proud to say that the lodge is in good standing and the dues are well collected. After all the work had been finished a supper was served by the ladies of the O. E. S. and a very enjoyable time was passed. There had been invitations sent out and a good number from adjoining lodges were present. There were about fifteen brothers from Warren, and we were afterwards invited to their lodge on the following Monday, where the M. M. degree was again worked, one candidate being raised.



On March 13th, I made my official visit at Union Lodge, No. 31, at Union. The work was to be in the F. C. degree, but as the night was very stormy the candidate did not make his appearance, and many of the officers were absent. Finally some of the various officers were substituted, and all the stations being filled, the work was exemplified on the F. C. degree and very well done, which only goes to show that these brethren are familiar with the ritual. I examined the records and found them to be neatly kept and all the dues well collected.

On Tuesday, March 18th, I made my official visit at Rockland Lodge, No. 79, and the work was in the F. C. degree, one candidate being passed. The work was well done, and but few corrections were necessary. Fine instrumental music was rendered and many brothers were present. Many brethren from Orient Lodge accompanied me on my visit, and all reported a very enjoyable time. I made a thorough examination of the dues and records and found them to be well collected and very neatly cared for. After the work was finished a fine supper was served, and a very enjoyable and pleasant evening was passed.

On Friday, March 28th, I made my official visit at Amity Lodge, No. 6, at Camden, and the work was in the M. M. degree, being exemplified, as there was no regular candidate. The work was very neatly done, ritual well followed, and very few corrections were necessary. There were no invitations extended, because of no regular candidate, but Bro. A. D. LAMB and Bro. CHAS. OLIVER, both of Orient Lodge, accompanied me on my visit. I notice that the records are well kept and that the dues are well collected. At the close of the work a fine supper was served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

On April 8th, I made my official visit at Mosos Webster Lodge, No. 145, at Vinalhaven. The work was in the E. A. degree on one candidate, and was well done; but a few corrections were necessary and the ritual was very closely followed. The records are well and neatly kept, and all the dues well collected. I was accompanied by Bro. LAMB of Orient Lodge, who, as well as myself, had never before visited this lodge. These brethren have a very nice home and undoubtedly as soon as they become acquainted with their places they will be able to do some very nice work. At the close of the work a fine supper was served, and all reported a very fine evening and returned to our homes well pleased.

In conclusion, M. W., I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, by appointing me as representative of this district. I also wish to thank all the brethren throughout the various lodges in the district for the kindness and courtesy they have extended to me during my term. Above all, I have met some very pleasant acquaintances dur-



ing my term of office, by whom I hope to be remembered as fondly as I wish to remember them.

Faternally submitted,

CHARLES G. BRACKETT, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Thomaston, April 14, 1913.

### TENTH DISTRICT.

To M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second official report as D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

February 17th, I officially visited Bristol Lodge, No. 74, at Bristol Mills, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very correct manner. I also installed the officers of this lodge at an earlier date and listened to a very fine program at the close of the installation ceremony.

On February 24th, I was with Meduncook Lodge, No. 211, at Friendship. Work, M. M. degree. This lodge is making fine progress, and under the direction of W. M. EUGENE BROWN I am certain that their work will not be in vain. Bro. G. F. GILLCHREST of King Solomon's Lodge accompanied me on this visit.

March 28th, I made my official visit to Seaside Lodge, No. 144, at Boothbay Harbor, and witnessed most excellent work in the M. M. degree. This lodge always shows the true masonic spirit in every branch of its work, and its great aim is to make one feel at home when visiting. At an earlier date I installed the officers at a public installation, after which a fine program was rendered and banquet served.

March 31st, I officially visited Bay View Lodge, No. 196, at East Boothbay, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is still under the direction of W. M. GEORGE I. HODGDON, and I want to congratulate him for the progress he has made during the past year. Their beautiful hall is now paid for and dues well collected.

April 11th, I inspected the work at Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset. It is always a great pleasure for me to visit this lodge, as it is the oldest in the district and its members are very active. Work of the evening was in the M. M. degree, very few corrections being necessary. I also installed the officers of this lodge earlier in the season.

I installed the officers of Dresden Lodge, but did not visit them for inspection, as they have a P. D. D. G. M., Bro. MYERS by name, who is

very faithful in attending the meetings. As they had no work, and practically the same officers as last year, I deemed it unnecessary to make a second trip for inspection, as they were doing their work well on my last visit.

I was also obliged to cancel my trip to Anchor Lodge, No. 158, at South Bristol, on account of the bad traveling, but they have also practically the same officers as last year and are always very careful to follow the ritual, and I was told by one of their members that the work was being done well.

March 19th, I was with Riverside Lodge, No. 135, at East Jefferson, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was performed in a very satisfactory manner, very few corrections being necessary. The new Master, Bro. ARTHUR FLAGG, has the officers schooled well and I feel sure that in another year, under his direction, the work will be nearly perfect. A fine banquet was served after the work.

On Friday evening, April 25th, I inspected the work of Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This lodge is doing good work under the direction of W. M. GERALD STETSON. A large number were present from Bay View and Anchor Lodges. A fine banquet followed the ceremonies.

I have been present at nearly all the meetings of my own lodge, King Solomon's, No. 61, and can say that the work is being done well, and find that we have been initiating more this year into the mysteries of our order than we have for a number of years. Financial condition good and dues well collected.

In closing my second year as D. D. G. M., I wish to thank the lodges in the district and each member for their kindness and courtesy toward me on my several visits. May success crown all your efforts in the future. I also thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of the appointment.

Faternally submitted,

THOMAS L. RICHARDS, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

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### ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

My official report upon the eight lodges comprising the Eleventh Masonic District follows:

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. December 18th, dated an

important event in the annals of this splendid old lodge when its new and beautiful halls were dedicated to the purposes of Masonry, in ample form by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

After the imposing ceremony, I installed the officers, assisted by W. Bro. CHARLES E. BRANN as Chaplain and W. Bro. GEO. E. DIXON as Marshal. A banquet followed and a pleasant interchange of fraternal fellowship marked the closing of this notable occasion.

April 16, 1913, I experienced the novelty of making an official visit to this, my own lodge. As I had practically completed my duties of inspection, I was in a position to compare the work with that done by the other lodges in the district, and, as I told my brethren, they did not suffer by my so doing. While our Secretary, Bro. F. A. TENNEY, is recovering his health, W. Bro. CHARLES E. BRANN, one of our most faithful workers, is acting in that capacity to the satisfaction of all.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. January 6th, I installed the officers of this lodge. Bro. F. G. WADSWORTH and Wor. Bro. J. H. McILROY assisted me as Chaplain and Marshal respectively. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was private, remarks were forthcoming from several of the brethren. Refreshments were served, after which the young masons were called on and they responded heartily and with considerable wit.

February 17th, I made the official visitation and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was creditably performed. W. Bro. CLIFFORD is an earnest and conscientious worker. The records of the lodge are still in the hands of R. Wor. Bro. L. E. JONES, which is a sufficient guarantee of their excellence, and the dignified and impressive charge to the candidate given by this devoted brother was a feature. Speeches and a banquet closed a very pleasant occasion. The hall has been renovated during the year and the beautiful mural decorations, based upon the familiar symbols of Masonry and executed by our talented brother, HARRY COCHRANE of Monmouth, are a delight to behold and well worthy of note.

HERMON LODGE, No. 32, Gardiner. Tuesday, November 12th, was the date of my official visit, and I was formally received and most cordially greeted. Work in the M. M. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. E. L. JENKS and his officers in a manner that was well calculated to afford a very thoughtful impression upon all present, and fully in keeping with the strong masonic spirit which always pervades this fine lodge. Hermon is the largest unit in this district and the excellence of its make-up is in proportion to its size. Here I met Rt. Wor. Bro. HENRY S. WEBSTER and Rt. Wor. Bro. CHARLES A. KNIGHT, who are as interested as

ever in Masonry in general and Hermon Lodge in particular. A banquet and speeches followed the work.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. October 28th, received with all ceremony, I officially visited this successful lodge and entered upon the very pleasant duty of observing the precise method in which Bethlehem hands down the important tenets of Symbolic Masonry. The high standard of work was scrupulously maintained and handled in a manner befitting the dignity of the institution. Rt. Wor. Bro. THOS. H. BODGE, Deputy Grand Master, was among the present, as was also my immediate predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. WILLIS E. SWIFT. At the conclusion of the banquet which followed, Rev. Bro. BRIAN C. ROBERTS gave a very interesting discourse on Symbolic Masonry.

November 25th, I installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. GEO. C. LIBBY as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. GEO. A. COOMBS as Marshal. The ceremony was private. The retiring Master, Wor. Bro. GEO. A. COOMBS, was presented with a Past Master's jewel by Wor. Bro. GEO. C. LIBBY in behalf of the lodge, in terms of appreciation for his interested service, to which Wor. Bro. COOMBS feelingly responded his thanks. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by a fine banquet and speeches by Rt. Wor. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, Deputy Grand Master, and others.

MORNING STAR, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. October 15th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers and received the assistance of Bro. GARDINER ROBERTS as Chaplain and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Marshal. The ceremony was public and the hall was well filled with relatives and friends of the brethren. The program was interspersed with readings and music and a banquet was served at the close. The evening was very enjoyable and the interest displayed by the brethren and their guests was pleasingly apparent.

March 18th, I made the official visit and the Fellow Craft degree was exemplified upon a volunteer candidate in a satisfactory manner. It was a stated communication, and it was shown that the prospect for quite a lot of work was forthcoming. I have received a notice from Secretary BOSWORTH of all the communications of this lodge during the year and have thus been kept informed of all the work. Refreshments were served at the close.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. January 20th, was the date for the inspection and I was fortunate in having Bro. E. L. WORTHING with me in visiting the lodge. The Master Mason's degree was worked in an earnest and interested manner. W. Bro. BARTON is an excellent ritualist, and his love for the order was easily discernible in his presentation of the tenets of the institution to the candidates. Refreshments followed the work.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110. November 23d, I accepted an invitation to install the officers. Bro. HARRY COCHRANE acted as Chaplain and Rt. Wor. Bro. JOHN M. PRESCOTT as Marshal. After the ceremony speeches were in order and Bro. COCHRANE related some interesting experiences, and a brother from New York State gave his impressions, received from the teachings of Masonry, in a highly entertaining manner.

I visited this lodge April 19th, and observed the work in the Master's degree. As in the other lodges there were some differences in the details of the work, but the essentials were adhered to and special mention should be made of the fine rendering of the recapitulation and lecture by Bro. OTIS G. RANDALL, at the request of the W. M. Bro. RANDALL is the Secretary and a most excellent one. Electric lights have been installed during the year and add much to the appearance of the lodge room, which bears evidence of the artistic skill of Bro. HARRY COCHRANE. Refreshments at the close of the work.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141. November 26th, I officially visited this lodge. Work in the Master Mason's degree was presented and it was my pleasure to state to the brethren that it was all that could be desired, both from the standpoint of the candidate and from the interpretation as given by the officers. As familiar as I am with the work of the two lodges located in Augusta, progressing in harmony, "in that noble contention or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree," it would be extremely difficult to shade the credit of one on the other.

January 6th, I publicly installed the officers, assisted by Rev. Bro. C. G. MOSHER as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. ALBERT E. FOLSOM as Marshal. At the request of the lodge I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring Master, Bro. FOLSOM, with a Past Master's jewel in its behalf, which he accepted in terms of thanks and appreciation. Fine solos and interesting readings were rendered during the ceremonies and a banquet was served at the close.

Past Master's nights are an annual feature of Hermon, Bethlehem and Augusta Lodges, and their value as a continuance of the interest of past presiding officers as well as an incentive to that of the fraternity can scarcely be estimated. It has produced Past Masters' associations in the two Augusta lodges, which, this year, has resulted in one entertaining the other at the annual dinner, which makes for the best possible unanimity and concord.

Inquiries as to the records and accounts of the lodges show that the Secretaries are performing their duties in the usual satisfactory manner, and that the financial affairs of the district are in good order.

I wish to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy that has been extended me, and to thank you for the honor conferred.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES R. GETCHELL, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*  
Hallowell, April 28, 1913.

## TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth Masonic District.

I was installed in Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, on July 6th, by R. W. CHARLES W. CROSBY, assisted by Past Master GRANT HENRY as Marshal. This was on a stated meeting and I witnessed the work in the E. A. degree on two candidates.

October 19th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, assisted by Bro. HERMAN C. FOSTER as Marshal and ADELBERT H. BAILEY as Chaplain. This was a public installation, it was a rainy afternoon and was a nice moonlight night, and there was a good crowd out, and we were very pleasantly entertained.

On November 22d, I attended the School of Instruction at Bangor, under the supervision of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The school was in session both forenoon and afternoon, instruction being given in all the degrees in a thorough manner. The attendance was large, the interest of those attending was good and the result I believe was excellent. In the evening, we had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the M. M. degree by the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, working the first section, and Rising Virtue Lodge the second section. The work was inspected by D. D. G. M. EDWIN N. MILLER of Bangor, of the 6th District, D. D. G. M. WILLIAM R. HUGHES of Monson, 5th District, and myself, of Mt. Vernon, the 12th District, and some very interesting remarks by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer.

November 30th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Lafayette Lodge, assisted by Bro. HERMAN C. FOSTER as Marshal and Bro. COSTELLO WESTON as Chaplain. This installation was public and the hall was packed to the doors. Music was furnished by a local orchestra and two solos were sung by Mrs. Elliot, which was much enjoyed by all.

On December 17th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Vernon Valley, No. 99, assisted by Bro. C. FOSTER as Marshal and Past Master

FRED W. FOSS as Chaplain. The installation was private; music was furnished by Bro. HERBERT KNAPP, Past Master THOMAS W. MCQUAIDE, Past Master JOSEPH ALLEN and Past Master FRED W. FOSS, which added much to the installation.

On March 1st, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge at Oakland, and witnessed the E. A. degree worked on one candidate. This was the first work by the new officers, which was done in a quiet and dignified manner. I made a few corrections, which were well received. This was my first visit to Messalonskee Lodge, and I will say that it has a very good masonic home, as good if not the best in the 12th District. Records still in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. Bro. ORESTES E. CROWELL and very correctly kept, dues well collected.

March 18th, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree. The Master had the misfortune to break his leg last fall, so he had not been able to attend the meetings, but was present at that meeting and filled the chair during the business part of the meeting; and then he called Past Master CAMPBELL to the chair to work the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a very impressive manner. Had the floor work been as good as the Master's there would have been no correction. Records in hands of Past Master FREDERIC L. CHENERY, and very correctly and neatly kept; dues well collected. This was my first visit to Asylum Lodge, and I was much pleased to see such a nice, homelike hall, and so well furnished.

March 19th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge at North Vassalboro, and witnessed the work in the F. C. degree on one candidate, which was rendered in a very impressive manner and very close to the ritual. The Senior Deacon's work was of the very best; he had his part from A to Z, and the floor work was fine. The records are in the hands of MELVIN E. HUTCHINSON. This lodge is fortunate to have Bro. HUTCHINSON for Secretary. Dues well collected.

On March 20th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro. They were intending to have a Past Master's night, but the roads were so bad, and being a rainy night, they could not fill the chairs with Past Masters. The Master being very sick, was unable to attend. P. D. D. G. M. CHARLES A. STILSON took the chair and worked the M. M. degree in a very dignified and impressive manner. Records in the hands of Bro. CHARLES A. STILSON; records neatly kept, dues well collected.

March 24th, I visited Waterville Lodge at Waterville and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very impressive and close to the ritual. The regular officers were all in the chairs and the work went very smoothly. After the work, Bro. WILLIAM T.



HAINES, Governor of Maine, was called upon by the W. M. to present the Past Masters with Past Masters' jewels. Ten of the fourteen Past Masters were present and each one received a fine jewel. Past Master CYRUS W. DAVIS responded for the Past Masters to the Governor's presentation speech with appropriate and well chosen words. The meeting had a very large attendance and was long to be remembered. Records are in the hands of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS and there are none better. This is one of the largest lodges in Maine and in a very prosperous condition.

On April 19th, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, Sidney, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. The Master was not present and the Senior Warden took the chair. Many of the offices were supplied but the work was fine. I had but a very few corrections to make and they were well received. The roads were very bad, but there was a very good attendance for the E. A. degree. There is not a village in the town of Sidney, so about all the brothers had to drive there. Records still in the hands of Bro. ARTHUR W. HAMMOND. They are correctly kept and the dues well collected.

I have not made an official visit to Vernon Valley Lodge, which is my home lodge. I have been present at nearly all the meetings and have witnessed the work in the F. C. degree, which was rendered in a very creditable manner. The Senior Deacon's work was worthy of special mention. The records are in the hands of Bro. CARLETON E. TURNER, and are very neatly and correctly kept and the dues are well collected.

Refreshments have been served at the close of all the meetings in all the lodges, and a social hour much enjoyed by all.

On May 3d, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The few corrections were well received. Records in hands of Bro. COSTELLO WESTON. The records are neatly and correctly kept. There were three Past D. D. G. M.s present. This lodge has been doing a good lot of work the past year and is next to the largest lodge in the Twelfth District.

In conclusion, I would say that the eight masonic lodges which compose the Twelfth District are all in a prosperous condition, and all have good halls, and every one has had work when I made my official visit. I have made all my visits on stated meetings except Waterville, which was on a special.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the officers and brothers of the Twelfth District, for the kindness extended to me as your representative, and for the spirit in which my instruction and corrections have been received.

Fraternally submitted,

MOSES A. GORDON, D. D. G. M., 12th M. D.



## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Permit me to submit, herewith, my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

As I was unable to attend Grand Lodge last year, I presented myself to R. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, Deputy Grand Master, shortly after my appointment and was duly installed by him. My first official act was to have been the installation of the officers of Bingham Lodge on June 29th, but on June 27th, I left the state on business and did not return until the middle of September; but my business from the state gave me an opportunity to visit several lodges of the City of Calgary, Alberta, and while there I had the pleasure of meeting the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, who wished me to convey to you and through you to the Grand Lodge of Maine, fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I feel that I would be falling far short of my duty did I not express to you my most hearty appreciation of the many fraternal courtesies extended to me by the brethren of the City of Calgary. May the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Maine ever maintain the most friendly and fraternal relations.

One of the exceedingly pleasant duties which I had to perform as District Deputy was attending "School of Instructions" held by Dr. SLEEPER at Portland. The Convention of the Lodges in the Seventeenth Masonic District gave the District Deputies present a great opportunity of seeing the work in all three degrees very accurately conferred. All of the officers in the lodges who worked degrees showed the careful training of Bro. CLOUGH. I believe that conventions like that would do much to unify the work.

My official acts are shown in the following memoranda:

September 16th, installed officers of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison. Installation public, after which refreshments were served.

September 18th, installed the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 116, at Norridgewock, after which refreshments were served.

October 4th, inspected Lebanon Lodge, No. 116; work in the E. A. degree.

October 9th, inspected Carrabassett Lodge, No. 161, at Canaan, work in the F. C. degree.

October 30th, attended "School of Instruction" at Portland.

November 15th, attended "School of Instruction" at Skowhegan.

November 15th, inspected Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan, in the evening; work in the M. M. degree.

November 19th, inspected Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson; work in the M. M. degree.

November 23d, inspected Bingham Lodge, No. 199, at Bingham; work in the M. M. degree on three candidates.

December 2d, inspected Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison; work in the E. A. degree.

January 13th, installed the officers of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan.

February 3d, inspected Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison; work in the M. M. degree.

February 19th, inspected Keystone Lodge, No. 80, at Solon. There was no work, as the candidate did not present himself.

March 20th, inspected Siloam Lodge, No. 92, at Fairfield; work in the E. A. degree on three candidates.

It seems to me advisable to comment on the work in the district as a whole rather than to take the lodges separately. It was my purpose to visit the lodges as early in the year as possible, as I felt that if I could be of any service to the officers, it was before they had performed their duties for the year instead of at the close of the year; therefore, many of my visitations have been made when the work was being put on for the first time by the officers. So far as possible, I think it is better to make corrections in the work by going to the different officers when the lodge is at ease and pointing out errors and making suggestions, rather than to comment on them in open lodge; and I have endeavored to do this so far as possible and only point out such errors in open lodge as it was absolutely necessary to take up at that time.

In many cases I have found that the stewards and junior deacons have not appreciated the importance of their stations, and I have endeavored to impress upon them that there are no more important officers in the lodge, because it is from them that the candidate receives his first impressions of Masonry, and it is within their power to make a favorable or unfavorable impression upon the candidate. In some of the lodges, I have also found that the officers are not as regular in their attendance as they should be, although "Masonry should not interfere with their usual vocation," yet it seems to me that if a brother accepts an office, it is incumbent upon him to use every endeavor possible to be present at the meetings and also at rehearsals. No lodge can do the work that it should do without having frequent rehearsals, and no officer can do his best work unless he attends those rehearsals and is regular in his attendance at the meetings.

I have found the records of the different lodges to be in most excellent hands. Somerset Lodge is justly proud of the fact that its Secretary, Bro. LAMBERT, is serving his fortieth consecutive term. In one other lodge the same secretary has kept the records for over twenty years. The secretary is the strength and support of the Master, and I am glad to report that I believe the Masters in the Thirteenth Masonic District have most excellent secretaries to assist them in the work of the lodge. In most cases the dues are very well collected. Some of the lodges, however, carry their members too long without the payment of dues. If there is any reason why a brother can not pay his dues they should be remitted, and if there is no reason why he cannot pay and does not pay, he should be suspended.

There is one matter to which the lodges should give careful attention. Part of the lodges notify their members of all regular and special communications, while some other lodges do not, and those lodges who send notices do not send them to all of their members, but only to such as usually attend the meetings. I should recommend that notices be sent to all of the members, whether resident or non-resident, of all regular and special communications. The non-resident members have no other means of keeping in touch with the work of the lodge than by such notifications. As it is, they only receive notices of the annual meetings when their dues are payable and I believe it is the duty of the lodges to keep their members informed of the work, and the least the lodges can do is to send notices of all meetings to all of its members. I also recommend that every lodge include on its mailing list all the masons who reside within its jurisdiction. This will tend to draw them into closer touch with that particular lodge and to the advancement of Masonry.

There is a custom among lodges in some jurisdictions which I believe it would be well for the lodges in Maine to follow. If a brother visits one of those lodges the Secretary sends to the home lodge of the brother a notice which reads as follows:

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Maine Lodge,  
No. .

"At a communication of this lodge held on the inst. we had the pleasure of meeting Brother of your lodge, who favored us with a visit and was fraternally received. We extend a cordial invitation to any of your members who have occasion to be in our city to be present at our meetings.

Fraternally,

Secretary."

In most cases I have found the work in the different degrees performed in an impressive manner and comparatively accurate. I was disappointed when the "School of Instruction" was held in Skowhegan that so few of the officers improved the opportunity of attending that. In some cases

the weather prevented their attending; in other cases I feel that they could have attended but did not realize the great benefit which it would have been to the work of the lodge.

At the time I inspected Bingham Lodge, it was a Saturday night, and I could not leave town until Monday morning. I met sixteen of the officers and members of the lodge on Sunday afternoon and we recited practically all of the ritual, which was not monotorial. This was one of my especially pleasant visits, owing to the interest manifested by the officers and members of the lodge at this Sunday afternoon session.

I find that the officers and the members of most of the lodges are more deficient in masonic law and the usage, than in the ritual. The only way that this knowledge can be acquired is by hard study. More attention should be paid in the lodge and out of it to the Constitution, Ancient Charges and Regulations, as well as to the Masonic Decisions contained in the text book.

Many of the lodges advance their candidates before they have made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree. Every candidate should pass satisfactory examinations in open lodge, not only over the first section of the Lecture which they usually commit, but also over the Obligation and that part of the Lecture which follows the Obligation.

During the past year nothing has been brought to my attention which has in any way impaired or tended to impair the harmony and fraternal relations of the various lodges within the Thirteenth District, and in every case, whether it had been at installation or inspection, there has been extended to me a most courteous reception by the various lodges.

In closing, permit me to say, that while I most heartily approve of an accurate rendering of the ritual, yet the officers should bear in mind that they must not only endeavor to render the ritual correctly, or as nearly so as possible, but at the same time they must endeavor to impress upon the candidate the important teachings of Masonry, and while we lay great stress upon the correct rendering of the ritual, yet it is not the ritual or the work in the lodge which makes Masonry what it should be, but it is the working out of those most excellent principles and maxims in the daily life of the members of the fraternity which will make it the power it should be in every community.

The duties of the office of District Deputy have been performed by me to the best of my ability, and I wish to thank you for the confidence reposed in me by you in appointing me to this position, and I thank you for the honor conferred.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. BUTLER, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Skowhegan, April 18, 1913.

## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my first report as D. D. G. Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

I was installed by W. Bro. CHARLES M. WHITE of Village Lodge, No. 26, R. W. GEORGE A. WARD having moved from the district.

On October 30th, I attended the School of Instruction in Portland, which was of great benefit to me. The work given by the several lodges was of excellent character. Those of us who attended this Convention appreciated the efforts of the brothers who made it such a success.

On November 2d, I publicly installed the officers of Village Lodge, No. 26, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. K. JACK as Marshal and Bro. S. A. EVANS as Chaplain. A goodly number were in attendance and a banquet was enjoyed by all.

By invitation, I visited Freeport Lodge, No. 23, on December 11th, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was given in an excellent manner. The books are kept in a very fine condition by W. Bro. FRED E. WARD. After the work a banquet was served.

On January 20th, I installed the officers of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, assisted by W. Bro. W. H. DOUGLASS as Marshal and Bro. CANHAM as Chaplain. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge.

I received an invitation to inspect Acacia Lodge, No. 121, on January 21st, to witness work in the M. M. degree. The candidate not appearing in season, I installed the officers, after which a fine banquet was served. I was satisfied that the officers were students of the ritual and endeavored to give the work as nearly correct as possible. The books are very neatly kept by Bro. EVELETH.

By invitation I visited Solar Lodge, No. 14, on March 17th, to witness work in the E. A. degree. A candidate receiving the degrees in this lodge will certainly be deeply impressed with the beauties, dignity and high importance of Masonry. Bro. STROUT as Secretary has every cent of the dues collected. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet.

Richmond Lodge, No. 63, worked the F. C. degree for inspection on March 31st. This was a very stormy evening, but quite a number were in attendance and the work was well done. Bro. FAIRCLOUGH as Secretary keeps a very neat set of books. A banquet followed the work.

I officially visited Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, on April 2d, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was given in an excellent man-

ner. A large number enjoyed the banquet after the work. I was asked to install the officers of Polar Star Lodge, but was unable to do so.

April 5th, I visited Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, and witnessed work on four candidates in the M. M. degree. This was the first time the officers had worked the M. M. degree this year, and the work was of high character, the ritual being followed very closely indeed. Bro. PARKIN is serving his twenty-fourth year as Secretary and keeps a very neat set of books. A banquet followed the work.

Tuesday evening, April 8th, I visited United Lodge, No. 8, when the M. M. degree was conferred on four candidates. The officers of this lodge are very close students of the ritual and gave the work in a most excellent manner, very few mistakes being made. There was a large number in attendance and the banquet was enjoyed by all.

I have regularly attended the meetings of Village Lodge, No. 26, my own lodge. The officers of this lodge endeavor to give the degrees in correct ritualistic form.

I take this time to express my deep appreciation for the cordial manner in which I have been received in the several lodges of this district.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for conferring upon me the honor of being D. D. G. Master of the Fourteenth District.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD L. WHITE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Bowdoinham, April 14, 1913.

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### FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited and inspected the work in the ten lodges comprising the district and have been cordially and courteously received on all occasions.

I attended the School of Instruction held in Portland on the 30th day of October, 1912, which was both interesting and instructive, conducted by Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, and I also attended the Masonic Convention, held in the evening, and witnessed the work in three degrees performed by three separate lodges located in the Seventeenth District, which was very interesting, and urge the attendance of all officers at these meetings and Schools of Instructions, as being of great benefit.

On January 1st, I made my official visit to Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, located at Phillips, and I found this lodge to be in a very prosperous condition. The work was in the Master Masons degree on two candidates. The officers were nearly all young, and being their first experience in this degree, they did credit to themselves, although the Master, with a little more experience in the lecture, will make a more favorable impression on the candidate. I wish to call particular attention to the excellent work of Marshal JAMES MORRISON, who also acted as S. F. C. There was a good attendance, and all seemed to manifest much interest in both the work and the general welfare of the lodge. Here I had the pleasure of a meeting with Right Worshipful N. P. NOBLE, Past District Deputy Grand Master. J. BLAINE MORRISON is an able and efficient secretary; dues well collected, and an excellent banquet at close of meeting.

On January 2d, I made my official visit to Mt. Abram Lodge at Kingfield. I was somewhat disappointed at the absence of some of the regular officers, though I learned that they had a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and the work was in the F. C. degree and was very good. Some corrections were necessary. Worshipful FRANK STANLEY, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth District, was at his best, and did the work in an able and dignified manner. Bro. ARTHUR G. WOODARD, Secretary, has a record worthy of mention, having been secretary for a period of ten years, and only absent at three meetings, during that period. His books were well kept and dues well collected. An oyster supper was served after the close of the meeting and all did ample justice to that part of the program.

On January 22d, I made my visit officially to Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, situated at Livermore Falls, this being the semi-annual meeting, called at 1.30 P. M. There was a large attendance, many of the older brethren being present, to make the occasion a more enjoyable one. Right Worshipful FRED RAYMOND, Past District Deputy Grand Master, assisted in the ceremonies. The work was in the Master Mason's degree and was exceedingly well performed. The records are still in the hands of Bro. GEORGE O. EUSTIS, whose many years of faithful service have established for him a reputation that needs no words of commendation. The dues are well collected. There was an excellent banquet at the close of meeting.

On January 22d, in the evening, I visited officially, Wilton Lodge, No. 156, located at Wilton, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree, which was very well performed. All manifested a great deal of interest. Right Worshipful FRED RAYMOND, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Oriental Star Lodge, accompanied me on this visit.



There was a very good attendance. This lodge has the distinction of having in its membership my esteemed friend, Right Worshipful ERNEST P. PARLIN, who is now Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, also Right Worshipful CHARLES ROWELL, and Right Worshipful FRANK L. WOODCOCK, Past District Deputy Grand Masters of the Fifteenth District, who were in attendance at this meeting. Bro. FRED TREFETHEN is Secretary of this lodge, and is deserving of much praise for excellent work in that capacity. The dues are well collected, and as in the other visitations an excellent banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

On Tuesday, February 18th, I made my official visit to Mystic Tie Lodge, located at Weld, accompanied by E. P. PARLIN, Junior Grand Warden, and the BEANE BROTHERS, ABIAL H. JONES and EARL SAWYER, members of Wilton Lodge. The work was in the E. A. degree, and was creditably performed. This lodge is reputed for its excellent work, and the work performed on this occasion was no exception to its reputation. Here I met Right Worshipful CLEFF MAXWELL, Past District Deputy Grand Master, a member of Mystic Tie Lodge. Interesting remarks were made by the brethren, and a fine banquet was served at intermission.

Relative to Whitney Lodge, I have attended nearly all the meetings, and on March 7th, which was my official visitation to my home lodge, work was performed in the E. A. degree, which reflected credit to the officers. All seemed to manifest a great interest. Bro. DANA A. YATES is the secretary, and his books are kept in a very clean and business-like manner. The lodge is out of debt, and the dues are well collected.

On March 8th, I made my official visit to Mt. Bigelow Lodge, located at Flagstaff, and was beautifully entertained at the home of Worshipful Master WILLIAM M. VILES. The work was in the E. A. degree, and was performed in a very efficient manner. The brethren manifested a great interest in the lodge, many coming a great distance to be present at this meeting, which was deeply appreciated by me. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and the books are in the hands of WALTER E. HINDS, who is an able and efficient secretary. The ladies connected with the Eastern Star Lodge entertained us at the banquet, which only proves that that branch of the order may be of great benefit to the fraternity and worthy of especial mention.

On March 17th, I made my official visit to Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, and work was performed in a very dignified manner, but was not followed so closely to the ritual as is advisable. Some corrections and criticisms were necessary, partly due to the fact that in many of the officers' families was sickness, which in all probability greatly explained the lack of perfection at this particular time. The brethren



seemed very much interested, and there was a large attendance. Records are in the hands of Bro. GEORGE B. CRAGIN, whose books are very neatly kept. After the close of the meeting a banquet was served, which was greatly enjoyed.

On March 18th, I made my official visit to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree on two candidates. In justice to the welfare of Freemasonry I feel obliged to make some criticisms, that at this particular time may seem rather harsh, but on the whole warranted, to impress on the minds of the members of this lodge in particular, the necessity of confining their work to the ritual, to create an impression on the new members that will facilitate them to rebuild their work on a foundation that will stand the test of time. The impressions gained on entering a lodge are generally lasting, and thus makes it necessary that the best efforts are to be put forth under any and all circumstances. An excellent banquet was served after the close of the meeting, and on the whole the meeting was one to be remembered.

On March 21st, I made my official visit to Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong, accompanied by Past Master of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, JOHN BRIGGS. This was my last visit in the district, and the work was in the E. A. degree, and was worthy of great praise, hardly any of the work being subject to any criticism or correction. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, owning their hall, and having a surplus in the treasury. Here I met Right Worshipful CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, Past District Deputy Grand Master, who is to be numbered among the able and efficient secretaries, the books being worthy of great praise. The dues were well collected, and an excellent banquet was served at the close.

In submitting to you, M. W., my report of my duties as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I wish most heartily to thank you for my appointment to such an honorable and trustworthy position, and sincerely trust that the visits that I have made will be productive of some good, and that the brethren will have occasion to remember the meetings in that fraternal way that will further the interests of Freemasonry. I have at all the meetings been received in a very cordial manner, and accorded the greatest respect, and when called upon to make any criticisms or corrections, they have been received in the same manner in which they were given, namely, for the betterment of all the conditions under which masons are working for the upbuilding of one of the greatest institutions that God in his infinite mercy and love is blessing, and which cannot fail of its purpose in binding together a body of men and brothers, that will greatly assist in the alleviation of earthly

troubles, and enlarge the spirit of fraternity, that creates harmony, under whose banner we all should work.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN N. FOYE, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

### SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic District.

October 29th, I installed the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield, Past Master JOHN M. HOLLAND acting as Marshal.

October 30th, I attended the School of Instruction held in Masonic Temple, Portland. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent at the School of Instruction, and also at the convention of lodges of the Seventeenth District held in the evening.

November 20th, assisted by R. W. SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, P. J. G. W., as Marshal, and Past Master LEVERNA L. NILES as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford.

GRANITE LODGE. On March 10th, I visited Granite Lodge, No. 182, West Paris, and witnessed work in the F. C. degree, which was well done, few corrections being necessary. This lodge is in good condition, dues well collected, and history up to date.

PARIS LODGE. March 11th, found me at South Paris to inspect the work of Paris Lodge, No. 94. The work of the evening was the F. C. degree, which was conferred in a very correct manner. The officers of this lodge are all young men, and all very much interested in the work of the lodge. The records are still in the hands of Past Master WALTER L. GRAY, and are models of neatness. Dues well collected, and history written up to date.

BETHEL LODGE. On March 13th, I inspected the work of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, the work being the E. A. degree. This was the first work of the new officers, but the work was well done, few corrections being necessary. The records are in the hands of Past Master FRED C. MERRILL, are neatly kept and dues well collected.

EVENING STAR LODGE. On March 17th, I visited Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, at Buckfield. The work was the M. M. degree, which was conferred in a very correct manner by Worshipful Master EASTMAN and his corps of officers. This lodge lost its venerable Secretary, Bro.

COLE, by death; his successor in office, Bro. NEWTON, will no doubt make an efficient secretary.

JEFFERSON LODGE. On March 18th, accompanied by a number of members from Blazing Star Lodge, I visited Jefferson Lodge, No. 100, at Bryant's Pond. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, which was conferred upon two candidates. One candidate was worked by the regular officers and the work done in a very correct and pleasing manner. The second candidate was worked by the Past Masters of Jefferson Lodge, with R. W. ARCHIE S. RICKER as W. M. This degree was worked in an almost perfect manner, and I venture to say that Jefferson Lodge is the peer of any lodge in this state in the correctness of its work. The lodge is very fortunate in having three Past District Deputies in its membership, and all three take an active interest in the work of the lodge, and in the correctness of its ritualistic work. The records are still in the hands of R. W. JAMES L. BOWKER, are correctly kept and dues well collected.

KING HIRAM LODGE. On April 1st, I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, at Dixfield, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was worked in a very pleasing and correct manner. The records are still in the hands of Past Master C. L. DILLINGHAM, who makes an efficient secretary.

February 14th, the date assigned for my official visitation of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, at Norway, found me unable to attend on account of sickness. I, therefore, had a telephone message sent to R. W. HOWARD D. SMITH, P. J. G. W., who kindly consented to inspect Oxford Lodge in my stead. I very much regret being unable to visit Oxford Lodge.

I have been unable to arrange a date for my official inspection of Crooked River Lodge, No. 152, at Bolster's Mills, earlier than April 17th.

I have made no official visitation to Blazing Star Lodge, this being my home lodge. I have attended most of the communications of the lodge, and have witnessed work in all the degrees. The lodge is in good shape, and its officers capable of doing good work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. WALTER O. RAYNES, which is sufficient guarantee of their neatness and correctness.

Refreshments have been served after the lodge closed on all my official visitations.

The lodges in this district are all in good shape; peace, harmony and good-will prevail. I have been most courteously and cordially greeted on every occasion, for which I wish to extend my thanks to all.

In closing, Most Worshipful, allow me to tender you my sincere thanks

for the honor conferred upon me, that of being your representative in this district for my second term.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. STEVENSON, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

Rumford, April 2, 1913.

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### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

In submitting this, my second annual report, it gives me great pleasure to announce that all of the lodges comprising the 17th Masonic District have had a prosperous year, and that the same high standard of work has been maintained. Every lodge in the district has an efficient set of officers who are anxious to do their full duty to the order.

I have met in rehearsal with most of the lodges, and in many cases have made several visits and assisted in the exemplification of the degrees. I feel that my successor will find that the work in this district closely follows that laid down by the Grand Lecturer. I was officially received in all the lodges and was accompanied by a very large number of Masters and Past Masters.

I found the records correctly and neatly kept, and the dues well collected. The reports in all but one lodge were promptly received, that of Portland, No. 1, arriving March 1st. The lodges in this district have very efficient and painstaking secretaries, and many of them have served their lodges faithfully for many years. In nearly every instance I made my official visitation at a special meeting, a practice which I trust will be continued in the future.

October 19th, I officially visited Presumpscot Lodge at North Windham, accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as Marshal. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified. Very few corrections were necessary and all the officers seemed anxious to perform their full duty. Refreshments after the work.

October 24th, I officially visited Standish Lodge at Standish, accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. OWEN as Marshal. As it was a very stormy night few visitors were present. The Master Mason's degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. Much interest was manifested in the work and in beautifying their masonic home. Refreshments after the work.

October 30th, the Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, held a School of Instruction in the new Masonic Temple at Portland. There was an attendance of about 75, including ten District Deputy Grand Masters. The school was ably presided over by the Grand Lecturer, and was a very interesting session. May we have many such schools in the future.

In the evening, a convention of the eleven lodges of the 17th District was held, there being an attendance of 250. Hiram Lodge of South Portland worked the Entered Apprentice degree, Temple Lodge of Westbrook the Fellow Craft degree and Harmony Lodge of Gorham the Master Mason's degree. The work was of a high order and reflected much credit upon the officers of the lodges. I assisted the lodges in their preparation for the work and they spent much time in rehearsals. There were very few corrections to be made and the lodges deserved the words of praise which they received. Lunch was served at noon and a banquet at 6:30, the expense being divided between the eleven lodges in the district. This was the first district convention that has ever been held in this part of the state for many years and proved a very enjoyable event.

November 18th, I officially visited my home lodge, Deering, of Portland, accompanied by Right Worshipful SILAS B. ADAMS as Marshal. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked in a very correct manner. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Master, SILAS E. STROUT, the Senior Warden, JOSEPH H. EWING, assumed the East, and conducted the work of the evening. Refreshments after the work.

December 11th, was the date of my official visitation to Harmony Lodge at Gorham, with Worshipful HARRY S. BOYD as Marshal. The Master Mason's degree was very impressively and correctly exemplified, showing that the officers had spent much time in rehearsals. Refreshments after the work.

December 19th, accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as Marshal, I officially visited Casco Lodge at Yarmouth, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The Worshipful Master had frequent rehearsals, and the correctness of the work showed that it had been of great benefit to the lodge. Refreshments after the work.

January 15th, I officially visited Warren Phillips Lodge at Cumberland Mills, with Right Worshipful CHARLES W. CARLL as Marshal, and witnessed the exemplification of the Entered Apprentice degree. The work was very satisfactory, few corrections being necessary. Refreshments after the work.

On March 18th, accompanied by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, ELMER P. SPOFFORD, and Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as

Marshal, I officially visited Hiram Lodge at South Portland, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. We were most cordially received and the presence of the Grand Master was greatly appreciated by the very large audience of the prominent masons of this district. The Grand Master made an excellent speech, which was enthusiastically received. I have never seen the work performed by this lodge in so dignified and impressive a manner. Very few corrections were necessary, as the work closely followed that laid down by the Grand Lodge. Refreshments after the work.

March 21st, was the date of my official visitation to Ancient Landmark Lodge at Portland, accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as Marshal. The Master Mason's degree was very correctly exemplified. A quartet and orchestra added much to the pleasure of the evening and was fully appreciated by the very large audience present. This is the largest lodge in the state and has enjoyed many years of prosperity. Refreshments after the work.

March 26th, I officially visited Temple Lodge of Westbrook, accompanied by Worshipful HARLAN P. BABB as Marshal, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. The work was very accurate, and the Master is to be complimented for giving his work nearly letter perfect. As he is the presiding officer in two other masonic bodies it came as a great surprise. Refreshments after the work.

April 3d, was the date of my official visitation to Atlantic Lodge at Portland, and I was accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as Marshal. The 24th District was represented by the officers of Ashlar Lodge of Lewiston, and the 19th District by the officers of Dunlap Lodge of Biddeford. The Master Mason's degree was very impressively and correctly exemplified, closely following the Grand Lodge ritual in all its details. Refreshments after the work.

April 9th, in the afternoon, accompanied by Right Worshipful GEORGE H. ALLAN as Marshal, I officially visited Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. The work was performed in a very impressive and interesting manner and needed but few corrections. A fine quartet furnished excellent music.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren of this district and the many visitors to my official visitations, for the courtesies and expressions of appreciation which I have received during the two years that I have served as District Deputy Grand Master. I should have been pleased to have spent much more time in visiting and working with the officers of the various lodges, but was unable to do so owing to pressing business engagements. I trust that my successor will receive the same hearty support which you have given me.

I also wish to extend thanks to the brethren who have assisted in making my official visitations, and to you, Most Worshipful, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me in appointing me your representative in this district.

Faternally submitted,

ISAAC A. CLOUGH, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Portland, April 14, 1913.

### EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. October 30th, accompanied by Bro. MAYNARD M. WENTWORTH of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I attended the School of Instruction held in the new Masonic Temple at Portland. As this was the first of its kind that I ever attended, it was very interesting as well as instructive.

GREENLEAF LODGE, NO. 117, CORNISH. On the evening of May 24th, in company with Bro. CHAS. W. POOR of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I visited Greenleaf Lodge at Cornish, and had the pleasure of witnessing the excellent working of this lodge in the M. M. degree with five candidates.

A large number of their members were present and many visitors, among whom were R. W. JAMES F. CHADBOURNE, D. D. G. M. of the 23d Masonic District, and Wor. Bro. RALPH H. BURBANK, appointed as Grand Steward. As neither of these brothers was installed, I, by invitation from the W. M., with the assistance of Past District Deputy DANIEL G. CHAPLIN as Marshal, installed them into their respective offices.

On the evening of February 14th, I made an official visit to Greenleaf Lodge of Cornish. The work was in the E. A. degree and was very creditably presented, only a few minor corrections being necessary, which I trust were kindly received. The records are in the hands of Bro. FRANCIS R. NORTON, who only needs a little practice to make a first-class secretary. I find the dues well collected.

ORIENTAL LODGE, NO. 13, BRIDGTON. On the evening of November 23d, in company with Bro. MAYNARD WENTWORTH of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I visited Oriental Lodge and enjoyed the excellent working in the M. M. degree by the Past Masters of this lodge. I would suggest that



more of the lodges work at least one of the degrees each year by its Past Masters.

I made my official visit to Oriental Lodge of Bridgton, on Saturday evening, February 15th. Their work for the evening was in the E. A. degree and was very creditably presented. The Junior and Senior Wardens gave the second and third lecture sections respectively, and each was delivered in a manner that showed careful study. The records are in the hands of Bro. D. EUGENE CHAPLIN, which is all the recommendation that is necessary. I found the dues well collected, and the secretary informs me that this lodge now owns its home free from all incumbrances.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, NO. 56, DENMARK. I made my official visit to my home lodge on the evening of December 18th. Work was in the M. M. degree, two candidates being present, and the work was very creditably done and close to the ritual, very few corrections being necessary. Records are neatly and correctly kept, and dues fairly well collected.

I installed the officers of my home lodge on the evening of January 20th, at a special meeting called for the purpose, and was assisted by Bro. P. H. MCKUSICK as Marshal. Most of the officers are young masons who are putting some study upon the ritual and I feel confident that we will have a good working lodge for a country town through 1913.

Our Secretary, Bro. HAROLD I. PERKINS, who has done us such good service for three years, has moved away, so our records are now in the hands of Bro. WM. C. ORDWAY, our former secretary, who has done good work for us in the past.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE, NO. 11, FRYEBURG. On Monday evening, December 23d, I made an unofficial visit to Pythagorean Lodge. There was no degree work, and as this was their annual meeting, their officers were duly elected for the ensuing year. I thoroughly enjoyed the good fellowship and kind hospitality of the brethren of this lodge, many of whom were my schoolmates of Fryeburg Academy.

In company with Past District Deputy DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, of Greenleaf Lodge of Cornish, I made my official visit to Pythagorean Lodge on Monday evening, March 17th. Their work was in the F. C. degree, and the excellent manner in which the work was presented showed that the study of the ritual had not been neglected. The records are still in the hands of Bro. TOBIAS L. EASTMAN, a secretary who has faithfully served this lodge for a number of years, and as a good secretary is a jewel, long may Bro. EASTMAN'S work continue. He informs me that the dues have never been so nearly paid up to date as at the present time.



MT. TIR'EM LODGE, NO. 132, WATERFORD. I visited this lodge on the evening of January 21st and found a large attendance, including many visitors. The work for the evening was in the F. C. degree and was well presented. I made a few corrections that I thought necessary, and which I trust were kindly received. After work, I installed the officers with the assistance of Past District Deputy CLARENCE H. PRIDE as Marshal. A fine banquet was served at the close of the installation, and the cordial manner in which I was received by the brethren of this lodge is typical of the existing good fellowship which prevails in this Eighteenth District.

I made my official visit to Mt. Tir'em Lodge on Tuesday evening, February 18th. Their work was in the M. M. degree and was very well presented. The lecture section, given by Bro. ROLAND WOODBURY, their Senior Deacon, was delivered in a manner that showed very careful study of the ritual. The records are in the hands Bro. WARREN V. KNEELAND, and are very neatly and correctly kept; dues are well collected.

SHEPHERD'S RIVER LODGE, NO. 169, BROWNFIELD. January 25th, in company with Bro. MAYNARD M. WENTWORTH of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I made my official visit to this lodge. Their work was in the M. M. degree and was earnestly and faithfully presented, showing careful study. I made the necessary corrections, which were very few, as the officers, most of whom are young masons, are very earnest in their efforts to commit the ritual work. The records are in the hands of Bro. JESSE L. ROWE, and are models of neatness and well worded. I found the dues well collected.

February 26th, in company with Bro. GEORGE F. KENNISON of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I again visited Shepherd's River Lodge and installed the officers, assisted by Bro. JAMES HILL as installing Marshal. This being a public installation, a large audience was present, and a fine banquet was served at the close of the installation work.

Having been drawn to serve on the Jury at South Paris at the March term of court, I was unable to make my official visit to Delta Lodge, No. 153, at Lovell. I therefore appointed P. M. E. CHANDLER BUZZELL of Pythagorean Lodge to visit Delta Lodge in my place, and his report is herewith presented:

"In accordance with the request of D. D. G. M. AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, I visited Delta Lodge, No. 153, of Lovell, on Thursday evening, March 13th, and found everything in peace and harmony. The work for the evening was in the E. A. degree, and was very creditably presented. The Master, Wor. Bro. SETH F. HEALD, shows great interest in the work and

promises to make Delta Lodge an earnest and faithful Master. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER, and are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well collected.

Fraternally submitted,

E. CHANDLER BUZZELL."

In closing my work for the year ending May 1, 1913, as D. D. G. M. of the 18th Masonic District, I wish to thank the brethren of the several lodges in this district for the glad hand of fellowship and kind hospitality, so generously extended to me on each of my visits, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, *D. D. G. M., 18th M. D.*

Denmark, March 20, 1913.

#### NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the Nineteenth Masonic District.

November 21st, I visited Arion Lodge of Goodwin's Mills, and witnessed work in the First degree. Also election of officers was held. The candidate, being a doctor, was unable to be present, having been called to attend the sick, so that a substitute candidate was used. Wor. Bro. ROBERTS does good work. This lodge is in a good financial condition, and the records are kept in fine shape. There is a spirit of good fellowship and brotherly love in this lodge that it would be well for other lodges to emulate. Refreshments were served at the close.

November 29th, I visited Yorkshire Lodge of North Berwick, and witnessed work in the Third degree. This lodge has a fine set of officers, and Wor. Bro. BRACKETT has the ritual work as nearly correct as any Master I ever had the pleasure of listening to. A large delegation from Ocean Lodge, Wells, was present, Wor. Bro. STORER being among the number. I also met Rt. Wor. Bro. LITTLEFIELD on this visit. A fine banquet was served at the close, the feature of which was the acting of Rev. Bro. TURNER as toastmaster. Brotherly love and harmony prevail in this lodge.

December 4th, I visited Naval Lodge of Kittery, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. The work was well done and but few

mistakes were made. A large crowd was present from York and South Berwick. Among those present were Rt. Wor. Bro. BURLEIGH of South Berwick, Rt. Wor. Bro. LITTLEFIELD of North Berwick, Rt. Wor. Bro. SMITH of York, Rt. Wor. Bro. MITCHELL of Kittery, and Rt. Wor. Bro. WALKER of the same place. Wor. Bro. WILLIAMS has made an excellent Master and many of the improvements in the lodge room are the result of his skill and energy. This lodge is in a good financial condition, and the records are well kept. A fine banquet finished the evening. I also installed the officers of this lodge on January 22d, Wor. Bro. RUNDLETT acting as Marshal and Wor. Bro. DURGIN as Chaplain.

January 27th, I visited St. John's Lodge of South Berwick, at which time the Master Mason's degree was worked on one candidate. This lodge always does good work and on this visit the work was done in the customary impressive manner. I believe that Wor. Bro. BUTLER is a thoroughly good mason and has made a good Master. Although I did not examine the records at this time I know they are well kept, and that the lodge is in a good financial condition. Yorkshire Lodge of North Berwick and Naval Lodge of Kittery were invited on this occasion and a number from each lodge were present. A good supper closed the evening.

February 18th, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge of York, and witnessed work in the Third degree on one candidate. This lodge is doing good work and Wor. Bro. STEWART and his officers seem to be anxious to learn the ritual work in a correct manner. I had very few corrections to make, which were received in the proper masonic spirit. Special mention should be made of the Senior Warden of this lodge, Bro. ARTHUR H. BAKER, who is the best worker I have seen in the West this year. The records are well kept and the lodge is in a good financial condition. Supper was served during the evening.

March 5th, I visited Saco Lodge of Saco. I regret to say that my trains missed connections, so that I arrived in Saco about ten o'clock, just at the finish of the work. I invited Rt. Wor. Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH of the 17th District to be with me on this occasion and was disappointed to learn that he had to leave before I arrived. I also had with me Bro. HERMAN WINDRICH of Naval Lodge. Although I was too late to witness the work, I feel sure, from inquiries made of Rt. Wor. Bro. CLOUGH and several of the members, that Saco is doing good work. The finances and records of the lodge are in good shape.

A fine banquet was served at the close, at which your humble servant did ample justice. Wor. Bro. SAWYER is an excellent entertainer.

March 17th, I visited York Lodge of Kennebunk, where I witnessed work in the First degree. This meeting was the beginning of their sec-

ond century. Considering the fact that the work was done for the first time by the present officers, it was done in very creditable manner and very few corrections were necessary. Wor. Bro. MERRIMAN has the "ear marks" of a good Master. At this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. GILPATRIC and Rt. Wor. Bro. MESERVE. The records and finances of this lodge are in good condition. Oyster stew was served at the close.

March 18th, I visited Arundel Lodge of Kennebunkport, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree. All the officers in this lodge take a great interest in the work and follow the ritual very closely. Wor. Bro. MORRILL delivered the lecture and charge in a very impressive manner. This lodge is in a good financial condition and the records are kept in exceptionally good shape. I was obliged to stop over night at this time and was very pleasantly entertained by Bro. SILAS PERKINS, who is secretary of this lodge. At the close, clam chowder was served and all enjoyed a social hour.

March 24th, I visited Dunlap Lodge of Biddeford, and witnessed work in the Third degree. This lodge has splendid quarters and the officers are doing good work, very few corrections being necessary. Wor. Bro. PARKER is a close follower of the ritual. Rt. Wor. Bro. GILPATRIC of Kennebunk was present at this meeting, and I also had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Rt. Wor. Bro. MINOT, who is a member of this lodge. After the banquet, I had to wait about two hours for my train, at which time I was very pleasantly entertained by several of the members.

Owing to illness, I was obliged to cancel my appointment with Ocean Lodge at Wells, but from inquiries made, I am satisfied that Wells is doing good work.

In visiting the several lodges in this district, I have been received with a true masonic spirit of kindness and courtesy by all within its jurisdiction.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of the 19th District for their kindness, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of representing you in this district.

Faternally submitted,

FRANK E. ROBBINS, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Kittery, March 31, 1913.

## TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report as District Deputy of the Twentieth Masonic District.

On January 7th, I made my official visit to Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, of Danforth. Work in the Master Mason's degree was well done, with very few errors noted. This lodge is well officered, the records are neatly kept by Bro. PORTER, and the financial condition of the lodge is very satisfactory.

March 22d, I made my official visit to Forest Lodge, No. 148, of Springfield. The work of the evening was the M. M. degree, which was conferred on one candidate in a most impressive manner. The officers and members of this lodge are always deeply interested in their work, following the ritual closely, and taking much interest in the floor work. The lodge is rapidly recovering from the loss of hall and furnishings, and its new quarters are a credit to the energy and business ability of its members. Records, in the hands of Bro. TRASK, are neatly and correctly kept.

April 1st, I officially visited Horeb Lodge, No. 93, of Lincoln, where I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree performed in a very creditable manner, there being few errors or omissions noted. The records are in the hands of Bro. WEATHERBEE and are well kept.

Pine Tree Lodge, No. 172, of Mattawamkeag, being my home lodge, I have attended the greater part of its meetings during the year. It is well officered, and is doing good work. The records are still in the hands of the veteran secretary, Bro. SMITH, whose record of attendance is not excelled by any lodge in the state, and I doubt if in New England.

I also installed the officers of Baskahegan Lodge and of Pine Tree Lodge.

All the lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition and are doing a goodly amount of work. They are careful in their selection of material, well officered, and the members, generally speaking, are interested in masonic work.

Owing to the large extent of territory over which the officers are scattered they have not the opportunities of meeting for rehearsal that I wish they might have, or of meeting in District Conventions, which I consider very helpful toward efficiency in floor work. Many of the officers have expressed a desire for a District Convention of lodges, and we hope to bring it about the coming year.

For business reasons I was prevented from attending one of the Grand

Lecturer's meetings, which I very much regretted, as I have attended several of them in the past and appreciate their great value.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their courtesy and kindness extended to me during my visits to them.

I wish also to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN E. CLARK, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Winn, April 12, 1913.

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### TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District. I was installed at the session of the Grand Lodge in May, 1912.

My first official visit was to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, at Ellsworth, on January 16, 1913. The work was in the Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate, and was very nearly perfect, the floor work being especially well done. After the Entered Apprentice lodge was closed, I was invited to install the officers for the ensuing year, Past Master HALE acting as Marshal in a most capable and efficient manner. The dues are fairly well collected and the financial condition of the lodge is good.

On February 17th, I officially inspected Felicity Lodge, No. 19, at Bucksport. The records and finances are in good condition, and the dues well collected. The work was in the Master Mason's degree, and was performed in a praiseworthy manner, calling for but few corrections.

On February 18th, I officially visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, at Orland. There was no work and the evening was spent in a quiz on the ritual, which was very profitable to all. Bro. S. R. HUTCHINS is still keeper of the records and is very faithful in the performance of his duties. The dues are fairly well collected and the financial condition is good.

On March 22d, I visited officially Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mt. Desert. The records are in the hands of a new secretary and are very neat and well kept. The lodge is out of debt, and is doing a goodly amount of work. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason's degree, the chairs being filled by new officers and young masons. The lodge seems to have a new lease of life and is doing well in every respect.

April 3d, I officially visited Tremont Lodge, No. 77, at South West Harbor. There was no actual candidate present, so the lodge proceeded to exemplify the Fellow Craft degree. The records are still in the hands of Bro. WILLIAM R. KEENE and are neatly and correctly kept. The lodge has a heavy debt but is progressing slowly towards its reduction. Tremont Lodge has raised more candidates during the past year than any other lodge in the district. The dues are fairly well collected.

On April 10th, I inspected Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, at Bar Harbor, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree on two candidates. The work was excellent, only a few errors appearing. The records are still in the hands of Past Junior Grand Warden BENJAMIN L. HADLEY. The dues are well collected; the attendance is good, and the lodge is in the very best financial condition.

On April 18th, agreeably by an appointment, I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, at West Sullivan. I had arranged for a visit earlier in the year, but circumstances prevented. There was no work, and the evening was spent as a school of instruction in the Master Mason's degree, and corrections were made as we went along. The meeting was considered very profitable by everyone. The records are in good condition, and everything seems to be running along smoothly.

On April 22d, I officially inspected McKinley Lodge, No. 212, at McKinley. The work was the Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate, and was exceedingly well done, and I think we have reason to congratulate ourselves on having so young a lodge showing the interest and efficiency seen in McKinley Lodge. The records are well kept and the dues well collected.

I was unable to visit Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, and could get no one to go there for me.

I made no regular official visit to Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208. It being my home lodge, I have attended nearly every meeting for the year. The records are well kept by Bro. TURNER, and the dues are very well collected. This lodge has started in to get a new home, which we hope to occupy during the early autumn. By invitation, I installed the officers the first Tuesday in January.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I have been well received in all the lodges that I have visited. I have always made it a point to make corrections in the work and have endeavored to hold the lodges to the ancient usages and customs, pointing out the chaos of deviations. Furthermore, I have impressed upon them that the floor work should be done deliberately, and with dignity and uniformity, which adds greatly to the beauty of all the degrees.

In closing this, my second report, I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for thinking me worthy of reappointment. I have gained some education from the office and I trust that the brethren of the several lodges which I have visited have gained something in return.

Fraternaly submitted,

FRANK R. OBER, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*

Northeast Harbor,

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## TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I beg leave to submit this my official report as District Deputy of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

As I did not attend the Grand Lodge of May, 1912, I was not installed at that time. On June 28th, I was installed by Bro. FRANK B. ARNOLD, Past D. D. G. M. of the Fifth District.

My first official visit was with Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, of Cambridge, meeting a large number of brethren of Cambridge and eight other lodges at a very enthusiastic communication, where work was done on two candidates in the M. M. degree in a very able manner, followed by the usual banquet. Records, in the able hands of Bro. FRANK J. HERSEY, are neatly and correctly kept, dues well collected.

November 20th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Corinthian Lodge of Hartland, ably assisted by Marshal and Chaplain appointed from Corinthian Lodge. This being a regular meeting the routine business was transacted, and then the doors were thrown open and ladies invited to witness the installation. The officers being duly installed an excellent musical and literary entertainment was very much enjoyed by all, after which we repaired to the banquet room, where we enjoyed a delicious spread.

November 22d, I attended a School of Instruction held in Bangor, and received a great deal of masonic benefit from the able instruction of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer.

January 15th, accompanied by Bro. GEO. F. COLBATH, I attended the district meeting held with Corinthian Lodge of Hartland, where one candidate was worked in the M. M. degree in a very able manner by the officers of Corinthian Lodge. Large delegations from Meridian Lodge of Pittsfield and Meridian Splendor of Newport were present. An ex-



cellent supper was enjoyed by all and the brethren repaired to their homes at a late hour.

January 22d, I installed the officers of Pacific Lodge of Exeter, assisted by Past Masters FRANK C. BARKER and S. E. WALKER as Marshal and Chaplain. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of the families and friends of the brethren of Pacific Lodge.

This being my home lodge, I have made no official visit, but have attended nearly all the meetings. Peace and harmony prevail, I am glad to report, although I am sorry to say the brethren are somewhat slack on dues.

I am sorry to say that a series of unfavorable circumstances have prevented my visiting the other lodges in the district, which is greatly to be regretted.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the honor conferred on me.

Fraternally submitted,

DANIEL B. PACKARD, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

Exeter, April 12, 1913.

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## TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the 23d Masonic District.

My report this year will be brief, as was last year's.

I have officially visited every lodge in this district, except Fraternal. There are three lodges that hold their meeting on Wednesday evening, and I could not arrange to visit all of them without calling a special meeting; that I thought not necessary, and I requested Past D. D. G. M. J. H. LITTLEFIELD to represent me in Fraternal Lodge, which he very kindly did and reported its condition as very satisfactory.

I am pleased to state that this is the condition with every lodge in the Twenty-third District.

A good increase in membership, good attendance at meetings, records well kept, treasurer's accounts in correct order, officers and members punctual and attentive, are the conditions as I found them in my visits to the different lodges.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren wherever met for their

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kindness and assistance on all occasions, also to express my thanks to you for appointing me as your representative in this district.

Yours truly,

JAMES F. CHADBOURNE, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*  
North Waterboro, March 14, 1913.

## TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District. I have officially visited and inspected the work of the eight lodges of the 24th Masonic District, and was cordially received. The lodges in this district are in a very prosperous condition, having initiated 69 members during the year, and the degrees are worked in a manner that is highly pleasing. Peace and harmony prevail in every lodge. The dues well collected and the records are correctly and neatly kept by all the secretaries, some of whom have held this office many years. I wish to compliment the secretaries for their promptness in sending in their reports.

October 30th, I attended a School of Instruction at Portland, held in new Masonic Temple, which was gracefully and ably presided over by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was very large and the meeting was very instructive. There I had the pleasure of meeting several of the Deputies. We were highly entertained by the brethren of the 17th District, where we witnessed work in the three degrees, which was very correctly done and enjoyed by all.

November 23d, by invitation, and with the assistance of W. Bro. HENRY W. LORING as Marshal and Rev. Bro. WILLIAM H. GOWELL as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.

November 25th, by invitation, and with the assistance of W. Bro. EZRA NEVENS as Marshal and Bro. E. A. HODGKINS as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178; after installation, the E. A. degree was worked by the new officers in a very correct and impressive manner.

December 18th, I made my official visitation to Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, where I witnessed work in the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was very finely done, the officers taking a great interest in the work. At the close of the work I made a few corrections and suggestions as I thought necessary, which were very kindly received by the officers. At

the close of the lodge we repaired to the banquet hall, where a banquet was served, which was enjoyed by all.

December 19th, I made my official visitation to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, the work being done by new officers, and done very nicely. I made a few corrections and suggestions at the close of the work. Several brethren were present from Lewiston and Auburn lodges. At the close of the lodge a fine oyster supper was served.

January 9th, I made my official visitation to Webster Lodge, No. 164, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was done in a very creditable manner; a few corrections were made. Visitors were present from Lewiston and Auburn lodges. At the close of the meeting a fine chicken supper was served.

January 22d, I made my official visitation to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29. Lodge opened in full form in the M. M. degree. This being their annual meeting a large amount of business was done, after which I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was done in a very impressive manner. There was a large number present, my home lodge, Cumberland, No. 12, being invited guests. Many of them were present and enjoyed the evening. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served, after which remarks were made and the quartet gave several fine selections, which were enjoyed by all.

January 27th, I made my official visitation to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner. The ritual was very closely followed, the officers taking great interest in the work. There were but a few errors. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served. Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, being invited guests, many of them were present.

January 30th, by invitation of the W. M., Bro. DANFORTH, and the assistance of W. Bro. C. W. COOMBS as Marshal and W. Bro. DANFORTH as Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Webster Lodge, No. 164. A goodly number were present including members of the Eastern Star and invited guests. Here I had the pleasure of installing our Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, as treasurer for the 25th successive term.

February 3d, I made my official inspection of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner; the ritual was very closely followed, all of the officers taking great interest in their work. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, D. D. G. M. of the 17th District, who gave us an able talk on Masonry, which was enjoyed by all; a large number present. At the close of the meeting a fine banquet was served, to which all did ample justice.

February 15th, I made my official inspection of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner. This being my home lodge, I have attended all the meetings but one during the year and we are striving to do good work.

February 19th, by invitation of the W. M., JOHN L. READ, and assisted by the retiring W. M., JOHN L. READ as Marshal and Rev. Bro. H. B. HUTCHINS as Chaplain, I installed the officers elect of Rabboni Lodge, No. 150.

March 3d, by invitation of the W. M., GEORGE R. HALL, and assisted by Past D. D. G. M. LEWIS V. WINSHIP as Marshal and Rev. Bro. TEMPLE as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, after which I witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was done in their usual good manner. At the close of the lodge a fine lunch was served, and remarks were made by the brethren.

March 22d, with several of the brethren, including R. W. Bro. L. O. BRACKETT, Wor. HARRY V. TAYLOR, Bros. LOWELL and SIMPSON, of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, and Wor. Bro. CHARLES ROBINSON of Cumberland Lodge, and Bro. PHILIP E. COOMBS, J. W. of Ashlar Lodge, we took the electrics to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. The work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. At the close of the lodge a fine banquet was served, after which we enjoyed a social talk.

In closing I wish to express to the brethren of the several lodges my full appreciation of the kind and cordial manner in which I have been received. And to you, Most Worshipful, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CHESTER E. CHIPMAN, D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.  
South Poland, April 14, 1913.

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## TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the 25th Masonic District.

On November 15th, I attended the School of Instruction held by M. W. G. L. FRANK E. SLEEPER, with Somerset Lodge of Skowhegan, which proved a very pleasant and profitable session, and in the evening,

the work of the M. M. degree was exemplified by Somerset Lodge, subject to the inspection of its Deputy, Bro. BUTLER.

On the evening of November 12th, by invitation of the retiring Master, I installed the newly elected officers of Molunkus Lodge at Sherman Mills, a large delegation of the members of Molunkus Valley Chapter O. E. S., and others being present by invitation, and assisted by Bros. FRANK A. AMBROSE as Marshal and A. L. TODD as Chaplain. Following the installation ceremony, a fine repast was served in the vestry of the Congregational Church, after which all returned to the lodge room, where an interesting program of singing, recitations, etc., was carried out.

On the evening of January 14th, by invitation of Bro. F. R. BAILEY, the retiring Master, and assisted by Bros. FRANK BATES as Marshal and FRANK WOODBURY as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Katahdin Lodge at Patten. This was a joint installation of Katahdin Lodge and Pleiades Chapter, O. E. S., and the attendance taxed the capacity of the hall. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra, and a bountiful banquet served in the lodge dining room, after which all returned to the lodge room to enjoy the music of the orchestra and remarks by different members and visitors.

On the evening of February 13th, I made my official visit to Fort Kent Lodge at Fort Kent. On account of the strike conditions prevailing on the B. & A. R. R., the train due in Fort Kent at 3.40 didn't reach there until past nine o'clock, but I found a warm welcome awaiting me, and the work of the M. M. degree was very creditably performed, in the presence of a good attendance of the members of Fort Kent Lodge, several of whom had come a distance of 16 miles, and one of more than 30 miles. Several visitors from other lodges were also present. At the close of the lodge all repaired to the famous Hotel Dickey, where host and hostess, Bro. HARMON and wife, served a fine banquet, the dining room being very prettily decorated with streamers, festoons and masonic emblems of colored crepe paper. After all had done ample justice to the many good things provided, Past Master GROVER C. BRADBURY introduced as toast master Senior Deacon H. A. SAWYER, who gracefully accepted the trust and very aptly introduced the different speakers, all of whom were enthusiastically received and heartily applauded for the copious flow of wit and wisdom which they provided.

On the evening of March 18th, I visited Molunkus Lodge at Sherman Mills. There was a good attendance, and the M. M. degree was worked, the work being very well done, considering the fact that the W. M. and Senior and Junior Deacons were comparatively new at the work; but they seem to be earnestly endeavoring to perfect themselves, having already made very commendable progress, and the fact that they have a

large number of candidates on the waiting list shows that they will have plenty of practice. Refreshments were served at the regular refreshment hour.

On April 16th, I visited Island Falls Lodge at Island Falls, where the F. C. degree was worked with a good attendance of the lodge members, and the work was done in a very satisfactory manner. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

On the following evening, April 17th. I visited Katahdin Lodge at Patten, and witnessed the work of the M. M. degree. This being the first time that the newly-elected Master had performed the work of this degree, there were, as was but natural, some slips and omissions in the giving of the lecture, but the work on the whole was of such a character as to warrant the prediction that before the close of the year, with the large amount of work now ahead of them, this lodge will be doing very creditable work. There was a large attendance, and refreshments were served in the lodge dining room at the usual refreshment hour.

During the year I have paid no official visits to either Pioneer Lodge of Ashland, or Nollesemic of Millinocket. I had a date arranged in February with the former, but was notified that the candidate was at work away from home and was unable to attend, and I canceled my visit. Nollesemic Lodge has again been unfortunate in losing their lodge room by fire, and have been unable up to the present time to secure adequate quarters.

My associations with the lodges during the year have been exceedingly pleasant, and I wish to thank the officers and the brethren for their continued courtesy, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS E. JACKMAN, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

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OF THE

## TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 6, 1913.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge office at 4:20 P. M.

Present—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *President*,

THOMAS H. BODGE,

WALDO PETTENGILL,

ERNEST P. PARLIN,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

The Grand Treasurer's report, certified by the Grand Master, was read and accepted, as follows :

PORTLAND, May 6, 1913.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the*

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of :

	Fund.	Income.
25 shares Canal National Bank stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
18 shares Casco National Bank stock,.....	1,800.00	108.00
14 shares First National Bank stock,.....	1,400.00	98.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. stock,.....	2,000.00	120.00
3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. bonds,.....	1,500.00	67.50

1 Town of Brunswick bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Railway Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. bonds, .....	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Railway bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. bonds,.....	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. bond, .....	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway bond,.....	500.00	25.00
5 Portland Water Co. bonds, .....	5,000.00	160.00
2 Rumford Falls Power Co. bonds,.....	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware, Ohio Water Co. bond,.....	500.00	30.00
2 Newton Street Railway Co. bonds,.....		25.00
3 Toledo Terminal Railway Co. bonds,.....	2,200.00	99.00
6 Boston & Maine Railway Co. bonds,.....	6,000.00	240.00
3 Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. bonds,...	3,000.00	120.00
1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suffolk Water Co. bond, ..	500.00	25.00
1 Town of Everett, Mass., bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1 Town of Hyde Park, Mass., bond,.....	1,000.00	40.00
1 Town of Methuen, Mass., bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
2 Standish Water & Construction Co. bonds,....	1,000.00	40.00
1 City of Portland, Oregon, bond, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1 City Water Co. of E. St. Louis, bond,.....	1,000.00	25.00
1 City of Springfield, Mass. bond,.....	1,000.00	20.00
2 City of Minneapolis, Minn. bonds,.....	2,000.00	
1 Newton & Northwestern Railway Co. bond, ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows:		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, 184,.....	800.00	
5 shares common stock, cert. A203, ..	500.00	
3 shares pfd. stock, cert. A228, .....	300.00	1,000.00
1 E. S. Moody note, secured by mortgage on real estate,.....	5,000.00	600.00
Maine Savings Bank, .....	1,142.21	46.14
Portland Savings Bank, .....	1,280.33	51.70
Augusta Savings Bank, .....	942.78	38.06
Skowhegan Savings Bank, .....	890.35	35.96
Waterville Savings Bank, .....	935.96	37.78
Wiscasset Savings Bank, .....	967.95	39.08
Bath Savings Institution, .....	944.44	38.14
Brunswick Savings Institution, .....	921.61	37.22
Gardiner Savings Institution, .....	928.39	37.48
Portland National Bank, Savings Department,....	1,870.95	62.84



Fidelity Trust Co.,.....	4,946.66	199.82
Belfast Savings Bank,.....	530.60	21.42
Chapman National Bank, Savings Department,....	537.65	21.70
	<u>\$68,739.88</u>	<u>\$3,209.84</u>

**CASH ACCOUNT.****RECEIPTS.**

1912.

May 1.	Balance from old account,.....	\$ 5,643.98
	From Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Grand Master, unex- pended balance,.....	171.70
July 1.	Newton Street Ry. Co. bonds, maturing July 1st,....	1,000.00
	Income from all investments except Savings Bank, ..	2,542.50
	Interest Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,.....	118.01
	Savings Banks, dividends added, .....	653.64
	Total receipts,.....	<u>\$10,129.83</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

1912.

May 9.	Paid Beneficiaries,.....	\$ 968.00
	Placed in hands of Grand Master,.....	200.00
11.	Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., rent of box in vault,.....	10.00
	Savings Banks, dividends added,.....	653.64
July 1.	Paid Albro E. Chase, Trustee Beacon Lodge, No. 67, 1 City Water Co. E. St. Louis, 5 per cent. bond, No. 203,.....	1,000.00
Sept. 17.	Paid Maine Consistory, 1 City of Springfield, Mass., 4 per cent. bond, due 1926, at 99½,.....	995.00
	Interest on same, 4 m. 15 d.,.....	15.11
25.	Paid Estabrook & Co., \$2,000 Portland Water Co. 4 per cent. bonds, due 1927, Nos. 594, 595, at 99, ..	1,980.00
	Interest on same, 1 m. 24 d.,.....	12.00

1913.

Jan. 18.	Paid E. H. Rollins & Sons, \$2,000 Minneapolis, Minn., 4 per cent. bonds, due 1942, Nos. 17796, 17797, at 97¾,.....	1,955.00
	Interest on same, 1 m. 17 d., .....	10.44
April 30.	Total disbursements,.....	<u>\$ 7,799.19</u>

Balance to new account:

Cash in Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	2,330.64
	<u>\$10,129.83</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MILLARD F. HICKS, *Grand Treasurer.*

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PORTLAND, May 5, 1913.

I hereby certify that I have examined the securities and bank books as above listed and find them as stated.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Grand Master.*

The Secretary presented 86 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

The Board then adjourned its meeting until 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

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WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1913.

Met in Grand Lodge office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *President*,

THOMAS H. BODGE,

WALDO PETTENGILL,

ERNEST P. PARLIN,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule, which was accepted.

*Voted*, That one represent fifteen dollars.

*Voted*, That \$2,855 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

*Voted*, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of two, of which he shall be one, to take into consideration the method of distributing our funds, and report at the next annual meeting.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD and HOWARD D. SMITH were appointed.

*Voted*, That there shall be a committee of two, of whom the Grand Master shall be one, to take into consideration the matter of investment and re-investment of funds, and report at the next annual meeting.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD and WALDO PETTENGILL were appointed.

The renewal of the bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000, with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, was presented, and was accepted and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

At 5:30 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*.

## Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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### ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

*First*, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

*Secondly*, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

*Thirdly*, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

*Fourthly*, to other cases of distress.

### ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

### ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.*

*Voted*, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.*

*Voted*, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause

to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

*Voted*, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 4, 1871.

*Voted*, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 8, 1872.

*Resolved*, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 6, 1885.

*Voted*, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 5, 1886.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1899.*

*Voted*, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:                   STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

## CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

—1913—



ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
THOMAS H. BODGE, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FRED C. CHALMERS, Senior Grand Warden,	"
GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	elected May 2, 1911, for three years.
FESSENDEN I. DAY,	" " 2, " " " "
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	" " 7, 1912, " " " "
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 7, " " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 6, 1913, " " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 6, " " " "

## STANDING REGULATION.

ADOPTED SINCE EDITION  
OF CONSTITUTION 1910.



*Resolved*, That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge. [1911, p. 224.]

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## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.



[Part Fourth, Art. I, Page 42 of Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1913.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Deer Isle
THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Augusta
FRED C. CHALMERS,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Bangor
GEORGE A. GILPATRIC,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Kennebunk
MILLARD F. HICKS,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" <i>Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
HARRY B. HOLMES,	" <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Presque Isle
WHEELER C. HAWKES,	" " <i>2d</i> "	Eastport
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON,	" " <i>3d</i> "	Milbridge
THOMAS C. STANLEY,	" " <i>4th</i> "	Brooklin
HARRY A. FOWLES,	" " <i>5th</i> "	La Grange
RALPH W. MOORE,	" " <i>6th</i> "	Hampden
ELIHU D. CHASE,	" " <i>7th</i> "	Unity
CHARLES KNEELAND,	" " <i>8th</i> "	Stockton Sp'gs
CHARLES A. WILSON,	" " <i>9th</i> "	Camden
WILBUR F. CATE,	" " <i>10th</i> "	Dresden
CHARLES R. GETCHELL,	" " <i>11th</i> "	Hallowell
MOSES A. GORDON,	" " <i>12th</i> "	Mt. Vernon
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	" " <i>13th</i> "	Skowhegan
EDWARD L. WHITE,	" " <i>14th</i> "	Bowdoinham
JOHN N. FOYE,	" " <i>15th</i> "	Canton
DAVIS G. LOVEJOY,	" " <i>16th</i> "	Bethel
WM. H. OHLER,	" " <i>17th</i> "	Portland
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY,	" " <i>18th</i> "	Denmark
FRANK E. ROBBINS,	" " <i>19th</i> "	Kittery
JOHN E. CLARK,	" " <i>20th</i> "	Winn
ARCHIE L. WHITE,	" " <i>21st</i> "	Bucksport
DANIEL B. PACKARD,	" " <i>22d</i> "	RFD 1, Dexter
ALBERT R. LEAVITT,	" " <i>23d</i> "	Parsonsfield
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN,	" " <i>24th</i> "	So. Poland
FRED R. BAILEY,	" " <i>25th</i> "	Patten
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
REV. HARRY H. PRINGLE,	" " "	Milo
REV. RUBERT B. MATHEWS,	" " "	Ellsworth
REV. LEWIS D. EVANS,	" " "	Camden
REV. JOHN M. BIELER,	" " "	Machias
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	" " "	Belfast
REV. ARTHUR A. BLAIR,	" " "	Belfast
ALAN L. BIRD,	" " <i>Marshal,</i>	Rockland
SILAS B. ADAMS,	" " <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Portland
CHARLES P. HATCH,	" " <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Portland
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" " <i>Steward,</i>	Limerick
JAMES R. TALBOT,	" " "	East Machias
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " "	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "	Biddeford
MOSES D. JOYCE,	" " <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Deer Isle
ARTHUR H. SARGENT,	" " <i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Sedgwick
WARREN C. KING,	" " <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	" " "	Sullivan
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland



# List . of . Subordinate . Lodges,

## WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1913.

DISTRICT

Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Percy H. Russell, M; Omar F. Carr, SW; James Baillie, JW; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5

Acacia, 121, Durham. Alzo S. Merrill, M; Ralph P. Stackpole, SW; Ralph O. Johnson, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election December. 14

Adoniram, 27, Limington. Oliver R. Christie, M; Willis F. Avery, SW; Robert W. Haley, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23

Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Gerald A. Stetson, M; Edwin F. Stetson, SW; James G. Stetson, JW; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10

Amity, 6, Camden. Willard C. Pooler, M; Allie O. Pillsbury, SW; Louis C. Sawyer, JW; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Fred W. Seavey, M; Alva F. Gamage, SW; Willard N. Thorpe, JW; John A. Turner, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Harry V. Taylor, M; Harrie L. Webber, SW; J. Webster Bennett, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center St.,) S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24

Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. William W. Andrews, M; Charles O. Caswell, SW; George A. Coffin, JW; Ralph E. Rowe, (9 Crosby St.,) S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17

Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Frank Tobie, M; William A. Hollis, SW; Oscar B. Ingalls, JW; William Parkin, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Horace H. D. Smith, R. F. D. 1, Hampden Highlands, M; Jasper Smith, Dixmont, SW; Leon F. Edminster, Dixmont, JW; Stephen Mudgett, Brooks, R. F. D. 4, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Adelbert S. Taylor, M; Clinton F. Warren, Alfred, SW; Byron L. Hill, JW; J. Burton Roberts, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Edward W. Hunter, M; Harley B. Dority, SW; Elwyn M. Fulton, JW; William B. Burns, Mars Hill, S. Meeting Saturday on before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. William W. Morrell, M; George N. Stevens, SW; Woodbury H. Stevens, JW; Silas H. Perkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. George R. Hall, M; Frank M. Cummings, SW; Phillip E. Coombs, JW; Fred I. Morrill, S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Luther M. Norris, M; John T. Collins, SW; Albert W. Riggs, JW; Frederick L. Chenery, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Fanning J. Burbank, M; William S. Dresser, SW; William K. Herrmann, JW; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, 24 Whitney St., S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. William F. Leavitt, M; Albert M. Pingree, SW; Frank S. H. Callaghan, JW; Winfred A. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Edward K. Gould, M; Edward C. Payson, SW; George T. Stuart, JW; Lorenzo S. Robinson, (Box 568), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Elwin E. Steele, M; Neal F. Dow, SW; Harry Saunders, JW; Ira J. Cousins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Leon B. Dorr, M; William P. Newman, SW; Bert H. Young, JW; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. William T. Fifield, M; J. A. Haley, SW; Ben E. Parker, JW; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. George I. Hodgdon, M; Millard F. Blake, SW; Alfred I. Dodge, JW; Norman S. Fuller, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Theodore E. Melone, M; Frank V. Small, SW; Alfonso B. Loring, JW; Camillus K. Johnson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Clarence W. Hall, M; Clarence K. Fox, SW; True A. Eames, JW; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Chester S. Kingsley, M; Orin B. Frost, SW; John C. Arnold, JW; Pearle E. Fuller, S. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. W. W. Stoddard, M; Alvah Witham, SW; P. A. Wood, JW; George L. Baker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Fred J. Latham, M; Byron A. Evans, SW; Frank M. Rawley, JW; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67 Phillips. Melvin S. Hutchins, M; B. Sherman Elliott, SW; Colby B. Whittemore, JW; J. Blaine Morrison, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol Mills. Norris A. Miller, M; Matthias A. Benner, SW; Vinal D. Kelsey, JW; Edwin J. Ervine, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Monroe P. Marsh, M; Elton M. Varney, SW; Herbert A. Owen, JW; Cyril P. Harmon, S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Herbert V. Chadbourne, M; Stanwood I. Mower, SW; Jacob T. Brown, JW; Frank J. Hersey, S, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Joseph W. H. Porter, M; Floyd A. Smith, SW; Omar L. Farnsworth, JW; John B. Roberts, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Elwood Richardson, M; Edwin H. Williams, SW; John S. Goodridge, JW; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Alfred W. Doughty, M; John W. Coleman, SW; Louis W. Riggs, JW; Aug. H. Humphrey, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Ernfield J. Crosby, M; Clair M. Libby, SW; Charles A. Pinkham, JW; Thomas W. Washburn, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Eugene W. Vaughan, M; Isaac A. Harris, SW; Sidney P. Young, JW; Benjamin F. Brown, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Angus D. McLead, m; Samuel T. Heal, sw; Charles M. Lunt, jw; Fred H. Savage, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Frank H. Farnum, m; Fred S. Fuller, sw; Charles E. Wright, jw; Percy Butterfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. William R. Allan, Dennysville, m; Ira D. Boyden, Perry, sw; Cassius G. Porter, jw; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Jonathan L. Dyer, m; James Sumner Skillings, sw; Melville R. Wilbur, jw; Edward A. Wright, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Walter W. White, m; Ara D. Hodgkins, sw; Wilbur P. Hancock, jw; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., s. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. John Robertson, m; Peter Milne, sw; Emerson C. Smith, jw; Edwin F. Clapham, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Fred H. McCleary, m; Diah Sweet, sw; Percy M. Brown, jw; Charles B. Richardson, s. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Charles T. Goodrich, m; Albert J. Shepherd, sw; Oliver F. Hammond, jw; Luther E. Sanborn, Maplewood, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Joseph H. Ewing, m; Nathan C. Redlon, sw; William H. Richardson, jw; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., s. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Seth F. Heald, m; Bennett McDaniels, sw; Max C. Eastman, jw; Preston B. Walker, (box 46), s. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Robert N. Barton, m; Cony N. Webber, sw; Randall S. Maxwell, jw; Orren F. Sproul, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. John M. Douglass, m; Fred Jarvis, sw; Earl H. Jackson, jw; Charles W. Morrill, s. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Norris S. Lord, m; Ernest C. Palmer, sw; Charles H. McDaniel, jw; Chester L. Burke, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Frank W. Towne, M; William A. McDonald, SW; Fred W. Morrill, JW; Francis C. Milliken, East Parsonsfield, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Frank E. Parker, M; George M. Gordon, SW; William J. Dean, JW; Hudson F. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Emery A. Dow, M; Charles C. Rumney, SW; Edward C. Firth, JW; Wheeler C. Hawkes, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. William S. Davidson, M; Alfred L. Sawyer, SW; Horace C. Buxton, JW; Hiram L. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. John W. Cousins, M; William H. Robbins, SW; William H. Pervear, JW; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Frank S. Davis, M; Herbert W. Perkins, SW; Waldo E. Houghton, JW; Daniel M. Nichols, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Ernest Rawley, M; George W. Andrews, SW; Thomas F. Hart, JW; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Wellington H. Eastman, M; Charles H. Tuttle, SW; Frank M. Lamb, JW; Arthur L. Newton, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Frank McCabe, M; Oscar H. Drinkwater, SW; Everett Bird, JW; Rodel A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Archie L. White, M; Walter B. Smith, SW; Harry C. Page, JW; William R. Beazley, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Pitt H. Jones, M; Raymond Ham, SW; Frank R. Shepard, JW; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Alexis O. Robbins, M; Harry W. Grinnell, SW; Isaac W. Dow, JW; Grover C. Bradbury, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Edgar L. Corson, M; Fred C. Hale, SW; Owen B. Head, JW; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15

- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Emery S. Littlefield, m; Maynard A. Hobbs, sw; Fred J. Sherburne, jw; Herman J. Sayward, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Everett Woodsum, m; John H. Smith, sw; Edwin F. Moyre, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Robert E. Randall, m; Leon L. Bean, sw; Ralph M. Anderson, jw; Fred E. Ward, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Lester H. Penley, m; Frederick R. Penley, sw; Ralph A. Bacon, jw; Edgar F. Barrows, s, (R. R. 1.) Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Gornish. Bion Bradley, m; Charles H. Davis, sw; Burt C. Webb, jw; Francis A. Norton, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Warren P. Hooper, m; Walter C. Brown, sw; Rosmer Devereux, jw; Frank S. Perkins, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Stephen E. Patrick, m; Fred'k R. Summersides, sw; Waldo G. Fenlason, jw; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Roy E. McKenzie, m; Ralph W. Albee, sw; Carl H. Bryant, jw; Carl M. Hutchinson, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. John W. Grant, m; Frank E. Dill, sw; Donald S. McNaughton, jw; Harry E. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. David E. Moulton, Portland, m; William A. Seyford, sw; Fred S. Woods, Portland, jw; Josiah F. Cobb, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. J. Fred Clark, m; Henry S. Pinkham, sw; Ard Edwards, jw; Artemus Weatherbee, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. N. Frank Perry, m; Leonard M. Treat, sw; Willis P. Tripp, jw; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Harvey H. McIntrye, m; Frank L. Stover, sw; Arthur M. Herrick, jw; Arthur C. Hinckley, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Wellington M. Coombs, m; Findley C. Keller, sw; Ralph E. Pendleton, jw; Howard C. Pendleton, Dark Harbor, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8

- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. A. Raymond Sanborn, m; Sewall C. Spratt, sw; George A. Palmer, jw; Mahlon D. Estes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Carl C. Dudley, m; Albert W. Askett, sw; H. Alton Bacon, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Edgar A. Worcester, m; Ulysses C. Norton, sw; John Chesterton, jw; Henry A. Mansfield, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Leonard W. Harris, m; Ralph I. Miles, sw; Edward A. Ambrose, jw; Frank L. Huston, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Charles M. Mayo, m; Loring Fitz, sw; Fred G. Skinner, jw; F. Ernest Harvey, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Fred H. Fuller, m; Melvin H. Simmons, sw; Charles E. Farrar, jw; Fred A. Tenney, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Ivan L. Ward, m; Myron C. Jewett, sw; David S. Tozier, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. George R. Alexander, m; Everett O. Dean, sw; James H. Peavey, jw; Leslie D. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Leon M. Small, m; George W. Dockham, sw; Edgar P. Judkins, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. William G. Labe, m; George F. Gillchrest, sw; Burton E. Flanders, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles R. Crowley, m; Fred W. Pierce, sw; Charles W. Hurd, jw; Winfield S. Clarke, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. J. Warren Butman, m; Herman W. S. Lovejoy, sw; Cyrus D. Winters, jw; Costello Weston, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Harold G. Bruce, m; John C. Parlin, sw; Lewis L. Robinson, jw; Ernest W. Gilman, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Winfield F. Packard, m; Merle E. Hoar, sw; Woodbury McDowell, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M; John C. Sherman, SW; Grover C. Cox, JW; Leslie F. Hurd, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Charles E. Cowley, Jr., M; Frank H. Gray, SW; Roy R. Marston, JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles E. Smith, M; Roscoe E. Ackley, SW; Fred G. Dennison, JW; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Chester E. Norris, M; John A. Haynes, SW; Fred E. Milliken, JW; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Emery L. Leathers, M; Claude O. Hunt, SW; William H. Snow, JW; Frank O. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Frank L. Manchester, M; Everett A. Stanley, SW; William H. Thurston, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Fred G. Paine, M; George A. Thomas, SW; Henry E. Knapp, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Emery W. Pickering, M; Paul W. Scott, SW; Benjamin C. Smith, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. John Murphy, M; Elmer Webster, SW; Geo. R. Wilson, JW; Harry E. Bangs, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Harry E. Staples, M; A. R. Pilley, SW; Clarence E. Hamlin, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Leon E. Woodman, M; Herman H. Hanson, SW; Albert Guy Durgin, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Eugene H. Brown, M; LeForest R. Burns, SW; Wilbur A. Morse, JW; John D. Mitchell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Carl S. Coffin, M; Fred G. Parsons, SW; Thomas F. Connor, JW; Harris V. Mathews, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. John E. Kingsbury, M; Frank E. Sheridan, SW; Fred G. Greenway, JW; Ernest E. Waters, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22



- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Fred H. Leech, M; Albert H. Lord, SW; John H. Johnson, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Leon V. Bowers, M; Irving T. Daggett, SW; George L. Daggett, JW; Freeman C. Harris, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. C. Oscar Flanders, M; Willard E. Day, SW; Harold H. Flanders, JW; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Bernard Archibald, M; Nathaniel Tompkins, SW; Arthur O. Putnam, JW; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.,) S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Clarence E. Maloon, M; Alvin R. Bucklin, SW; Henry Taylor, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18,) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Harry W. Thayer, M; Herbert E. Horne, SW; Arthur A. Dinsmore, JW; James T. Roberts, Dover, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. William C. Kessell, M; Herbert W. Fifield, SW; Mark P. Smith, JW; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Frank Stanley, M; Sumner J. Wyman, SW; Leland V. Gordon, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. William M. Viles, M; Maurice E. Sampson, Stratton, SW; Charles T. Rand, Dead River, JW; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. William M. Hamor, M; Fred H. Parker, SW; Harry Bordeaux, JW; Burton A. Fernald, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Carroll S. Douglass, M; Edward B. Packard, SW; Sumner C. Bennett, JW; Fred Mellor, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Alfred P. Cobb, M; Perley R. F. Bradbury, SW; A. Scott Wentworth, JW; William C. Ordway, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. B. K. Ware, M; George W. Hall, SW; Charles L. Finn, JW; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Charles S. Hamlin, M; Elbridge P. Kimball, SW; George W. Sias, JW; Warren V. Kneeland, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Joseph W. Hoit, m; Arthur M. Baker, sw; Samuel S. Emerson, jw; Nathan W. Cole, Hampden Highlands, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Harry N. Ferren, m; Albert M. Child, sw; Lester D. Lee, jw; Orletus Phillips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Albert H. Willey, m; George B. Ricker, sw; John M. Sherwood, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Alanson H. Mayo, m; Rolph Willey, sw; William F. Cousins, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Elmer J. Burnham, m; Alonzo E. Titus, sw; I. James Merry, jw; David G. Walker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Charles W. Crowell, m; John M. Cates, sw; John W. Kennedy, jw; Charles A. Stilson, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Fred S. Irish, m; Edward L. Haskell, sw; Royal W. Bradford, jw; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemeic, 205, Millinocket. Arthur J. Walsh, m; Harold H. Hodgman, sw; Frank O. Daisey, jw; Benjamin P. Files, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. William S. Holmes, m; Ernest C. Ober, sw; William M. Peckham, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Fred W. Bunker, m; Thomas H. Murphy, sw; Ellery M. Wing, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Isaac H. Storer, m; Marcellus A. Donnell, sw; Frank W. Hilton, jw; Frank L. Buker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Benjamin H. Dyer, m; Charles L. Marrows, sw; George S. Walker, jw; Oscar L. Smith, R. R. 2, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. William B. Matthews, m; Frank Clark, sw; J. T. Rider, jw; Arthur J. Elliot, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Frank M. Stone, m; Howard W. Jones, sw; William M. Dunn, jw; D. Eugene Chaplin, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18

- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Arthur E. Grose, M; John N. Sennett, SW; Thomas R. Williams, JW; George O. Eustis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Horace E. Mixer, M; Stuart W. Goodwin, SW; Wiggin L. Merrill, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George F. Colbath, M; George G. Grinnell, SW; Walter A. Flanders, JW; Daniel B. Packard, Dexter, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Samuel P. Ireland, M; Thomas F. Burrill, SW; Lester G. Shepherd, JW; Guy C. Nutter, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. F. Wendall Rounds, M; Delbert M. Stewart, SW; George F. Eastman, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, at first stated meeting in year. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Nathan C. Buckman, M; Lee F. Schoff, SW; Charles W. Yeaton, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. David L. Wilson (Rev), M; Warren A. Nichols, SW; Orris S. Vickery, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Joseph M. Libbey, M; Fred A. Budge, SW; Albert F. Martin, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Arthur G. Andrews, M; Hugh Hayward, SW; Albert B. Hagerthy, JW; Henry S. Brown, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Guy E. Monroe, M; Frank G. Wise, SW; Charles S. Bradeen, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Linwood A. Ryder, M; Alvin R. Stanhope, SW; Joseph G. Henderson, JW; Harvey W. Ryder, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Arnold Leighton, M; Gleason E. Hinkley, SW; James S. Wyman, JW; Joe Stevens, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Walter G. Loud, M; Dana Small, SW; Elton B. Duplicia, JW; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22

- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Roy J. Buxton, M; Raymond C. Brown, SW; Daniel G. Brierly, JW; William M. Temple, (120 Front St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. George W. Mitchell, M; Arthur D. Pierce, SW; Charles B. Hinds, JW; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Charles Kneeland, M; Alva C. Treat, SW; Joe G. Harriman, JW; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Ben Ramsden, M; Alfred Howarth, SW; William O. Nicholls, JW; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. John C. Nichols, M; J. Irving Hayden, SW; William C. Jordan, JW; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. James W. Tarbox, M; Frank Jones, SW; Ridgley C. Clark, JW; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Alton P. French, M; Orrin P. Jackson, SW; James Fuller, JW; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. James M. Palmer, M; Wesley M. Goff, SW; John M. Googin, JW; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. George W. Silver, M; John Wallace, SW; Stephen A. McDonald, JW; Rollins Y. Stinson, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Sidney M. Gray, M; Charles D. Newell, SW; Samuel S. Card, JW; William R. Fairclough, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Elijah S. Heath, M; Merle F. Bridges, SW; Roy F. Leach, JW; Benjamin H. Cushman, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Irving R. Saunders, M; Charles E. Gibbs, SW; Lewis M. Ames, JW; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Dudley S. Silsby, M; Joel H. Curtis, SW; James I. Shute, JW; Charles I. Collamore, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Arthur W. Flagg, M; Elmer E. Orff, SW; Harold E. Dow, JW; Charles W. Besse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10

Rockland, 79, Rockland. Simeon M. Duncan, M; John A. Karl, SW; Henry J. Keating, JW; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

Rural, 53, Sidney. Warren A. Barnard, M; Edmund P. Williams, SW; Ira C. Taylor, JW; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12

Saco, 9, Saco. Harry S. Sawyer, M; Fred J. Morrison, SW; Walter J. Gilpatric, JW; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19

St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Harry E. Torrens, M; Harold H. Hodge, SW; Carroll A. Weeks, JW; Harry W. Libbey, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6

St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. John C. Stewart, M; Arthur H. Baker, SW; Warren F. Blaisdell, JW; Willie W. Cuzner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19

St. Croix, 46, Calais. Herbert J. Dudley, M; Edward G. Buxton, SW; Henry R. Gillis, JW; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

St. George, 16, Warren. Curtis C. Starrett, M; Nelson Moore, SW; Willis R. Vinal, JW; George E. Brigham, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Herbert L. Butler, M; Clarence P. Lord, SW; Joseph W. Beverly, JW; J. Willey Whitehouse, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19

St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Robert K. Shibles, M; Robert B. Magune, SW; LaForest True Spear, JW; Charles E. Rhodes, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Clarence E. McKown, M; James B. Perkins, SW; John N. Fish, JW; Chester L. Holton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10

Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Howard K. Brown, M; C. Lee Stewart, SW; Linwood S. Eastman, JW; Arlon W. Low, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Irving M. Linscott, M; Ralph W. Giles, SW; Frederick W. Files, JW; Jesse L. Rowe, East Brownfield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18

Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Charles F. Kidder, M; Ralph A. Jewell, SW; Lester M. Davis, JW; William L. Pitman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13

- Solar, 14, Bath. Arthur J. Smith, m; Karl F. Van Baman, sw; Ralph H. Danton, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. William T. Seekins, m; Carleton M. Holt, sw; Charles W. Sheaff, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. J. Byron Shaw, m; Daniel S. Stokes, jw; Arthur Low, jw; Arthur E. Horne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Avery V. Brooks, m; Robie C. Marean, jw; Joseph T. Swasey, jw; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Claude A. Kittredge, m; Edward A. Merrill, sw; John A. Harlow, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Benjamin A. Fogg, m; G. T. Whitaker, sw; Austin T. Myrick, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edwin T. Clifford, m; Robert R. Harris, sw; Joseph L. Cobb, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. John B. Winslow, m; Roscoe C. Booth, sw; Harry W. Washburn, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, (Box 64), s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Ralph Hayford, m; Frank E. Bramhall, sw; Willis G. Haseltine, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. John S. P. H. Wilson, m; Reuel W. Smith, sw; George L. Foss, jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Henry L. Gray, m; Fred E. Walls, sw; Earll W. Gott, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Lafayette T. Porter, m; Philip D. Phair, sw; Ray H. McGlauffin, jw; Vivian E. Howe, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. William C. Irons, m; Lester S. Caler, sw; Milford H. Brown, jw; Varanus C. Plummer, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Clark B. Rankin, m; Wade C. Trask, sw; Windsor A. Golderman, jw; Lewin Jefferies, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24

- Union, 31, Union. Edgar W. Moody, m; Ralph L. Williams, sw; Edward A. Matthews, jw; Charles M. Lucas, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Samuel L. Forsaith, m; Joseph S. Stetson, sw; Ernest L. Maybery, jw; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody st.), s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Albert R. Murch, m; Fred N. Flye, sw; Guss L. Cates, jw; Albert W. Ward, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Thomas M. Sedwick, m; Joseph Scott, sw; C. Maurice Wyman, jw; Melvin E. Hutchinson, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Harry E. Williams, m; Wesley C. Comstock, sw; Merton R. Jacobs, jw; Carleton E. Turner, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Charles M. White, m; Caleb W. Sedgley, sw; Robert H. Jack, jw; Edward L. White, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. H. Elbridge Moan, m; Charles P. Dennison, sw; John N. Ingalls, jw; C. Hollis White, box 217, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Charles E. Larrabee, m; Joe D. Small, sw; Harry A. Sawyer, jw; Almon N. Waterhouse, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Hadley I. Learned, m; Percy M. Porter, sw; Sherman G. Packard, jw; Edward M. Hines, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Frank W. Trecartin, m; Harry L. Walton, sw; Frank G. Norton, jw; Irving W. Case, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Harry S. Grindall, m; Clarence E. B. Walker, sw; Charles L. Jones, jw; Charles B. Davis, s. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. William F. Huen, m; Scott W. Higgins, sw; Charles Stoehr, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on or next before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., m; Arthur M. Packard, sw; Orletus C. Fuller, jw; Dana A. Yates, box 87, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Walter D. Bean, m; Dana O. Sewall, sw; Harry J. Trefethen, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15

Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. William Irving, M; William E. Gerrish, SW; Bradley D. Keith, JW; Frank E. Weston, S. Meeting Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Angier C. Merriman, M; Charles W. Roberts, SW; William A. Smith, JW; George A. Gilpatric, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Leslie L. Brackett, M; Joseph N. Gates, SW; H. Edwin Hayes, JW; Brainerd S. Drake, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19



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## List of Lodges by Districts.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—HARRY B. HOLMES, Presque Isle.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 96 Monument, <i>Houlton.</i>                | 170 Caribou, <i>Caribou.</i>   |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, <i>Ft. Fairfield.</i> | 193 Washburn, <i>Washburn.</i> |
| 130 Trinity, <i>Presque Isle.</i>           | 197 Aroostook, <i>Blaine.</i>  |

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—WHEELER C. HAWKES, Eastport.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7 Eastern, <i>Eastport.</i>  | 78 Crescent, <i>Pembroke.</i>        |
| 37 Washington, <i>Lubec.</i> | 138 Lewy's Island, <i>Princeton.</i> |
| 46 St. Croix, <i>Calais.</i> |                                      |

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON, Milbridge.

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| 2 Warren, <i>East Machias.</i>      | 131 Lookout, <i>Cutler.</i>      |
| 88 Narraguagus, <i>Cherryfield.</i> | 173 Pleiades, <i>Milbridge.</i>  |
| 91 Harwood, <i>Machias.</i>         | 188 Jonesport, <i>Jonesport.</i> |
| 106 Tuscan, <i>Addison Point.</i>   |                                  |

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—THOMAS C. STANLEY, Brooklin.

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 4 Hancock, <i>Castine.</i>       | 177 Rising Star, <i>Penobscot.</i>      |
| 122 Marine, <i>Deer Isle.</i>    | 187 Ira Berry, <i>Blue Hill.</i>        |
| 128 Eggemoggin, <i>Sedgwick.</i> | 195 Reliance, <i>Stonington.</i>        |
| 71 Naskeag, <i>Brooklin.</i>     | 210 Bagaduce, <i>North Brooksville.</i> |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master—HARRY A. FOWLES, La Grange.

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 39 Penobscot, <i>Dexter</i> .      | 163 Pleasant River, <i>Brownville</i> . |
| 44 Piscataquis, <i>Milo</i> .      | 168 Composite, <i>La Grange</i> .       |
| 52 Mosaic, <i>Foxcroft</i> .       | 200 Columbia, <i>Greenville</i> .       |
| 109 Mount Kineo, <i>Guilford</i> . | 207 Abner Wade, <i>Sangerville</i> .    |
| 149 Doric, <i>Monson</i> .         |   |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10 Rising Virtue, <i>Bangor</i> .     | 83 St. Andrew's, <i>Bangor</i> .      |
| 60 Star in the East, <i>Oldtown</i> . | 87 Benevolent, <i>Carmel</i> .        |
| 65 Mystic, <i>Hampden</i> .           | 124 Olive Branch, <i>Charleston</i> . |
| 66 Mechanics', <i>Orono</i> .         | 137 Kenduskeag, <i>Kenduskeag</i> .   |
| 69 Howard, <i>Winterport</i> .        | 174 Lynde, <i>Hermon</i> .            |

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

District Deputy Grand Master—ELIHU D. CHASE, Unity.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 45 Central, <i>China</i> .          | 111 Liberty, <i>Liberty</i> .        |
| 58 Unity, <i>Thorndike</i> .        | 129 Quantabacook, <i>Searsmont</i> . |
| 85 Star in the West, <i>Unity</i> . | 146 Seabasticook, <i>Clinton</i> .   |
| 102 Marsh River, <i>Brooks</i> .    |                                      |

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHAS. KNEELAND, Stockton Springs.

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| 24 Phœnix, <i>Belfast</i> .            | 119 Pownal, <i>Stockton Springs</i> . |
| 62 King David's, <i>Lincolnville</i> . | 126 Timothy Chase, <i>Belfast</i> .   |
| 68 Mariners', <i>Searsport</i> .       | 151 Excelsior, <i>Northport</i> .     |
| 89 Island, <i>Islesboro'</i> .         |                                       |

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES A. WILSON, Camden

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 6 Amity, <i>Camden</i> .       | 82 St. Paul's, <i>Rockport</i> .        |
| 15 Orient, <i>Thomaston</i> .  | 84 Eureka, <i>Tenant's Harbor</i> .     |
| 16 St. George, <i>Warren</i> . | 145 Moses Webster, <i>Vinul Haven</i> . |
| 31 Union, <i>Union</i> .       | 189 Knox, <i>South Thomaston</i> .      |
| 50 Aurora, <i>Rockland</i> .   | 203 Mount Olivet, <i>Washington</i> .   |
| 79 Rockland, <i>Rockland</i> . |   |

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILBUR F. CATE, Dresden.

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| 3 Lincoln, <i>Wiscasset</i> .         | 135 Riverside, <i>East Jefferson</i> . |
| 43 Alna, <i>Damariscotta</i> .        | 144 Seaside, <i>Boothbay Harbor</i> .  |
| 61 King Solomon's, <i>Waldoboro</i> . | 158 Anchor, <i>South Bristol</i> .     |
| 74 Bristol, <i>Bristol</i> .          | 196 Bay View, <i>East Boothbay</i> .   |
| 103 Dresden, <i>Dresden</i> .         | 211 Meduncook, <i>Friendship</i> .     |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES R. GETCHELL, Hallowell.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5 Kennebec, <i>Hallowell</i> . | 41 Morning Star, <i>Litchfield</i> . |
| 25 Temple, <i>Winthrop</i> .   | 104 Dirigo, <i>Weeks' Mills</i> .    |
| 32 Hermon, <i>Gardiner</i> .   | 110 Monmouth, <i>Monmouth</i> .      |
| 35 Bethlehem, <i>Augusta</i> . | 141 Augusta, <i>Augusta</i> .        |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

District Deputy Grand Master—MOSES A. GORDON, Mt. Vernon.

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| 33 Waterville, <i>Waterville</i> .       | 99 Vernon Valley, <i>Mt. Vernon</i> . |
| 48 Lafayette, <i>Readfield</i> .         | 113 Messalonskee, <i>Oakland</i> .    |
| 53 Rural, <i>Sidney</i> .                | 133 Asylum, <i>Wayne</i> .            |
| 54 Vassalboro, <i>North Vassalboro</i> . | 166 Neguemkeag, <i>Vassalboro</i> .   |

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master—ERNEST C. BUTLER, Skowhegan.

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| 28 Northern Star, <i>North Anson</i> . | 116 Lebanon, <i>Norridgewock</i> . |
| 34 Somerset, <i>Skowhegan</i> .        | 161 Carrabassett, <i>Canaan</i> .  |
| 80 Keystone, <i>Solon</i> .            | 194 Euclid, <i>Madison</i> .       |
| 92 Siloam, <i>Fairfield</i> .          | 199 Bingham, <i>Bingham</i> .      |

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWARD L. WHITE, Bowdoinham.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 8 United, <i>Brunswick</i> .    | 63 Richmond, <i>Richmond</i> .          |
| 14 Solar, <i>Bath</i> .         | 114 Polar Star, <i>Bath</i> .           |
| 23 Freeport, <i>Freeport</i> .  | 121 Acacia, <i>Durham</i> .             |
| 26 Village, <i>Bowdoinham</i> . | 155 Ancient York, <i>Lisbon Falls</i> . |

**DISTRICT NO. 15.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN N. FOYE, Canton.

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 20 Maine, <i>Farmington.</i>              | 156 Wilton, <i>Wilton.</i>           |
| 21 Oriental Star, <i>Livermore Falls.</i> | 167 Whitney, <i>Canton.</i>          |
| 67 Blue Mountain, <i>Phillips.</i>        | 191 Davis, <i>Strong.</i>            |
| 123 Franklin, <i>New Sharon.</i>          | 202 Mount Bigelow, <i>Flagstaff.</i> |
| 154 Mystic Tie, <i>Weld.</i>              | 204 Mount Abram, <i>Kingfield.</i>   |

**DISTRICT NO. 16.**

District Deputy Grand Master—DAVIS G. LOVEJOY, Bethel.

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| 18 Oxford, <i>Norway.</i>        | 100 Jefferson, <i>Bryant's Pond.</i>       |
| 30 Blazing Star, <i>Rumford.</i> | 147 Evening Star, <i>Buckfield.</i>        |
| 57 King Hiram, <i>Dixfield.</i>  | 152 Crooked River, <i>Bolster's Mills.</i> |
| 94 Paris, <i>South Paris.</i>    | 182 Granite, <i>West Paris.</i>            |
| 97 Bethel, <i>Bethel.</i>        |  |

**DISTRICT NO. 17.**

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM H. OHLER, Portland.

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| 1 Portland, <i>Portland.</i>          | 86 Temple, <i>Westbrook.</i>             |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, <i>Portland.</i> | 127 Presumpscot, <i>North Windham.</i>   |
| 36 Casco, <i>Yarmouth.</i>            | 180 Hiram, <i>South Portland.</i>        |
| 38 Harmony, <i>Gorham.</i>            | 183 Deering, <i>Portland.</i>            |
| 70 Standish, <i>Standish.</i>         | 186 Warren Phillips, <i>Cumb. Mills.</i> |
| 81 Atlantic, <i>Portland.</i>         |  |

**DISTRICT NO. 18.**

District Deputy Grand Master—AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, Denmark.

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| 11 Pythagorean, <i>Fryeburg.</i> | 132 Mount Tir'em, <i>Waterford.</i>      |
| 13 Oriental, <i>Bridgton.</i>    | 153 Delta, <i>Lovell.</i>                |
| 56 Mount Moriah, <i>Denmark.</i> | 169 Shepherd's River, <i>Brownfield.</i> |
| 117 Greenleaf, <i>Cornish.</i>   |  |

**DISTRICT NO. 19.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK E. ROBBINS, Kittery.

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| 9 Saco, <i>Saco.</i>                 | 142 Ocean, <i>Wells Depot.</i>          |
| 22 York, <i>Kennebunk.</i>           | 162 Arion, <i>Goodwin's Mills.</i>      |
| 47 Dunlap, <i>Biddeford.</i>         | 179 Yorkshire, <i>North Berwick.</i>    |
| 51 St. John's, <i>South Berwick.</i> | 184 Naval, <i>Kittery.</i>              |
| 76 Arundel, <i>Kennebunkport.</i>    | 198 St. Aspinquid, <i>York Village.</i> |



**DISTRICT NO. 20.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN E. CLARK, Winn.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 93 Horeb, <i>Lincoln</i> .       | 172 Pine Tree, <i>Mattawamkeag</i> . |
| 148 Forest, <i>Springfield</i> . | 175 Baskahegan, <i>Danforth</i> .    |

**DISTRICT NO. 21.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ARCHIE L. WHITE, Bucksport.

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|---|---|
| 19 Felicity, <i>Bucksport</i> .         | 185 Bar Harbor, <i>Bar Harbor</i> .       |
| 40 Lygonia, <i>Ellsworth</i> .          | 192 Winter Harbor, <i>Winter Harbor</i> . |
| 71 Rising Sun, <i>Orland</i> .          | 201 David A. Hooper, <i>W. Sullivan</i> . |
| 77 Tremont, <i>Southwest Harbor</i> .   | 208 N. E. Harbor, <i>N. E. Harbor</i> .   |
| 140 Mount Desert, <i>Mount Desert</i> . | 212 McKinley, <i>McKinley</i> .           |

**DISTRICT NO. 22.**

District Deputy Grand Master—DAN'L B. PACKARD, R. F. D. 1, Dexter.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, <i>Newport</i> . | 125 Meridian, <i>Pittsfield</i> . |
| 64 Pacific, <i>Exeter</i> .            | 139 Archon, <i>East Dixmont</i> . |
| 75 Plymouth, <i>Plymouth</i> .         | 157 Cambridge, <i>Cambridge</i> . |
| 95 Corinthian, <i>Hartland</i> .       | 160 Parian, <i>Corinna</i> .      |

**DISTRICT NO. 23.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT R. LEAVITT, Parsonsfield.

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| 27 Adoniram, <i>Limington</i> .        | 115 Buxton, <i>West Buxton</i> .    |
| 42 Freedom, <i>Limerick</i> .          | 118 Drummond, <i>Parsonsfield</i> . |
| 55 Fraternal, <i>Alfred</i> .          | 143 Preble, <i>Sanford</i> .        |
| 107 Day Spring, <i>West Newfield</i> . | 190 Springvale, <i>Springvale</i> . |

**DISTRICT NO. 24.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CHESTER E. CHIPMAN, South Poland.

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| 12 Cumberland, <i>New Gloucester</i> . | 105 Ashlar, <i>Lewiston</i> .          |
| 29 Tranquil, <i>Auburn</i> .           | 150 Rabboni, <i>Lewiston</i> .         |
| 73 Tyrian, <i>Mechanic Falls</i> .     | 164 Webster, <i>Sabattus</i> .         |
| 101 Nezinscot, <i>Turner</i> .         | 178 Ancient Brothers', <i>Auburn</i> . |

**DISTRICT NO. 25.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED R. BAILEY, Patten.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 72 Pioneer, <i>Ashland</i> .         | 205 Nolleseme, <i>Millinocket</i> .     |
| 98 Katahdin, <i>Patten</i> .         | 206 Island Falls, <i>Island Falls</i> . |
| 105 Molunkus, <i>Sherman Mills</i> . | 209 Fort Kent, <i>Fort Kent</i> .       |

## BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR.

From March 1, 1912, to March 1, 1913.

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THOSE MARKED \* WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

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- 1 Portland, Portland. Henry Dunn, November 18, 1910; Henry Johnson, April 13; Joseph W. Sheppard, April 23; George C. Johnson, May 30; Charles S. Kent, June 17; Joseph Brooks, July 26; Sumner E. Hamilton, August 21; Andrew J. Rich, September 2; Benjamin F. Andrews, November 19; Frank A. Mitchell, December 30.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Andrew J. Hanscom, May 23; Henry L. Gooch, November 1; James S. Cosseboom, January 23; Melzer D. Cole, lost at sea.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Charles H. Hooper.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Stephen R. Estes, August 19; Marshall A. Nash, September 29; Isaiah B. Hosken, October 23; James E. Lunt, December 22; Elbridge E. Lehr, January 30.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Errold E. Hosmer, July 16; Medan K. St. Clair, November 28; Edward D. Harrington, December 7; Fred E. Sylvester, February.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Charles H. Williams, April 27; Edward S. Bethuen, June 30; Henry J. L. Stanwood,\* December 30.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Horace S. Hall, April 13; Frank L. White, June 30; William H. Atkins, September 22; Charles D. Scammon, December 4.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. William H. Bradford, April 24; Francis A. Birce, October 24; William H. Robinson,\* November 26; William H. Taylor, January 30.
- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Cassius W. Pike, July 26; Samuel O. Wiley, October 31.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. James T. Hancock, May 4; George A. Morrill,\* July 7; Joseph M. Thompson, July 16; Adoniram C.

- Davis, January 7; James Stevens,\* February 13, Paschal A. Downing, February 22.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. William T. Kilborn, June; Charles A. Lang, December 31.
- 14 Solar, Bath. James T. Morse, July 31; John A. Ham, September 12; George E. Chase, October 12; Joseph G. Call, November 22; Edward B. Marston, February 27.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. C. W. Chadwick, April 21; O. H. Fales, April 26.
- 16 Saint George, Warren. Fred T. Teague, March 28; Guilford S. Newcomb, December 23; John M. Wakefield, February 27.
- 17 Ancient Land Mark, Portland. Charles A. Plummer, March 6; Charles M. Abbott, June 18; Albert E. Colcord, July 25; Chas. A. Dyer, September 19; A. C. C. Brockman, October 4; John E. Ross, December 22; Charles M. P. Steele, January 21; Chas. F. Moulton, February 4.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Freeland Howe,\* March 9; George A. Cole,\* May 8; George C. Norsworthy, May 10; Samuel R. Knowland,\* September 27; Frank E. Bell,\* December 25.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Calvin O. Page, April 23; Edgar H. Goodale, June 29.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. Arthur T. Moor, March 20; James E. McKeown, May 1; Albert J. Gerry, January 1.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. D. Frank Blunt; Charles Henry Pierce; Charles A. Southard, September 8.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. William F. McCulloch, June 14; John Wakefield, October 24; Frank H. Tucker, November 1; Francis C. Simonds,\* December 20.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Charles M. Bennett, April 1; Herbert M. Reed, May 12; William G. Conant, August 11.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Edward A. Webb, February; Simon A. Payson,\* March 9; Frank W. Limeburner, May 25; Charles W. Coombs,\* August 12; Wesley J. Bailey,\* September 15; Dexter T. Gup-till, September 29.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. Charles E. McInnis, May 16; Daniel Gordon, May 12; Warren W. Wilkins, November 25.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. John F. Young,\* September; Frank N. Elliott,\* September 18; George S. Andros,\* January 14.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Joshua M. Small, May 1; Andrew J. Spencer, August 3; James S. Clark, September; Charles A. Pattee, January 16.

- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Edward F. Hunnewell,\* June 17; Samuel S. Walker, December.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. George D. Field, April 25; Cyrus M. Duhn,\* July 17; George B. Andrews, August 31; Edwin W. Farr,\* January 5.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Charles K. Fox, July 31; Warren B. Thomas,\* August 1; Charles Israelson,\* August 20; Samuel L. Moody,\* September 29; Isaac H. Dunn,\* October 25; Benjamin P. Putnam,\* February 8.
- 31 Union, Union. Zenas F. Wight, May; Adelbert P. Robbins,\* May 21; John C. Gould; Reuben O. Townsend, October.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. George N. Johnson, August 12; Albion Johnson, September 9; John P. Eastman, September 12; Charles H. Capen, December 13; Charles H. Man, December 30; James R. Goodwin, January 25; Fred D. Loring, February 14.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Ambrose H. Dunbar, March 6; Henry R. Butterfield, April 16.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Thomas H. Howard,\* March 8; Charles F. Russell, May; John B. Weston, August 24; Edwin F. Fairbrother,\* October 25; John Weston,\* November 25; Edward Leach,\* December 14.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Horace S. Smith, March 12; Nelson J. Phelps, March 20; Edwin A. Weston, June 4; Wallace S. Kimball, June 17; Isaiah M. Sherman, June 19; Willard R. Stone, June 20; Albert A. Nichols, October 1; Charles E. Trask, October 16; Freeman C. Deering, October 27; Lorenzo J. Hill, November 19; Stephen S. Patten, December 1; Burton M. Cross, February 16.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Charles H. Hodsdon, May 24; Lincoln R. Loring, June 2; John H. Humphrey, July 27; John Sawyer, November; Charles R. Loring, January 31; Albert E. Oakes, February 10.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. Alden Kelby,\* March 17; E. L. Ring,\* April 6; Robert Bell,\* August 5; Charles M. Fountains,\* December 5.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. Samuel T. Dole,\* April 1; Edward D. Thompson,\* August 15; Lewis McLellan,\* September 29.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. Charles L. Winslow, August 28.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Atwood J. Bowdoin, March 3; George Porter Smith, August 12; Henry E. Davis, August 19; Benjamin F. Joy, September 15; James Bartlett, September 23; Hany C. Young, October 29; Augustus R. Devereux, November 26; Adelbert W. Garland, February 27.

- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Edgar F. Whitney, April 12; William H. Dustin,\* May 1.
- 43 Alva, Damariscotta. Omah E. Chapman, July; Franklin Clark, November 17; George E. De Lano.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Charles E. Johnson, February 2; Benjamin R. Kittridge, November 1; Justus C. Crockett, November 18.
- 45 Central, China. John A. Palmer, April 27; David F. Guptill, July 21; Charles A. Drake, December 5; Oscar C. Hamlin, December 31.
- 46 Saint Croix, Calais. Stephen D. Morrell,\* March 29; William F. Boardman,\* April 13; William Kerr, June 23; George E. Elliott,\* September 29; Leonard T. Farris, December 24; John G. Beckett,\* December 30.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Herschel Boynton, March 26; John Q. Dennett, May 10; Warren J. Conlan, May 14; Stephen F. Shaw, August 11; Charles M. Moses, October 2; Joseph L. Small, October 22; Jesse Gould, December 14; James T. Harper, January 16; Fred L. Goodwin, January 22; Frederick T. McLellan, February 12; Samuel F. Parcher, February 25; David F. Harmon, March 1.
- 48 Layayette, Readfield. Sebastian S. Lovejoy.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. David Trafton, May 6; Daniel Hill, November 25.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Frank Crockett, July 27; Oscar A. Crockett, December 26.
- 51 St. John's, South Berwick. Frank B. Clark, March 3; George Hodgdon, May 1; Fred O. Stoddard, October 16; Frank O. Snow, October 30.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Noah P. Mitchell, November 19; James A. Tip-lady, February 1.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. George E. Ayer, March 21.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Willie C. Tibbets; Frank H. Littlefield, March 10.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. A. H. Witham, December 8.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. William H. Taintor, December 6; Henry O. Stanley, January 11; James E. Washburn, January 16.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Joseph H. Brown, November 25; Alfred Hubbard, December 29; Peter W. Whitney, January 26.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Albert Gerrish,\* April 3; Edward W. Conant, September 30; George W. Barker,\* October 9; Serend L. Leavitt,\* November 4; Arad P. Mayhew,\* February 3.

- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Roscoe K. Benner,\* April 17; Bradbury A. Boggs,\* November 22; Almore Kennedy,\* January 4.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Joel Maddocks, March 30; James F. Heal, April 8; A. V. Pendleton, January 24; James Metcalf, January 25; Leonard R. Coombs, February 24.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. John H. Stuart, January 11; John Morang, March 4; C. H. T. J. Southard, June 11.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. Frank L. Whitney, September; George W. Goodell, November 6; Lewis F. Morse, November 14.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. George Hamilton; John B. Webster, April; Lewis A. Franklin, February 26.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Benjamin C. Powers, August; George M. Cushman, February 12.
- 68 Mariners', Searsport. Charles A. Whittier, May 30; Frank T. Bailey, February 28; Albert B. Ferguson, August 28.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Parker C. George, April 22; J. Freeman Hussey, October 2; Frank W. Kelley, December 19.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Albion N. Waterhouse, August 18; Joseph S. Webster, February 2.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Roswell T. Knowlen, May.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. James A. Gerry, March 5; George A. Harper, May 1; Adna D. Bemis, May 12; George G. Bridgman, May 25; James E. Chandler, June 12; Linwood L. Morrill, June 27; Allen M. Churchill, November 9; Ralph B. Bancroft,\* February 21.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. John Chamberlain, April 12; Lyman W. Hanna, August 29; William M. Fassett, October 9.
- 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. Jacob S. Mayo,\* April 26; Roscoe G. Lopans,\* June 20; Hardy L. Stinson, 1912.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. George W. Clark, September 25.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Albert Woodside,\* April 8; Henry G. Tibbetts, May 30; Edwin H. Lawry, June 14; Charles H. Pillsbury, September 14; Albert W. Butler, February 11.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Rodolphus H. Boothby, July 13; Daniel C. Lombard, September 9; Edward Ware, September 13; Sumner C. Hunnewell, October 2.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Carl F. Schonland,\* April 27; George S. Dow,\* May 24; Charles D. Getchell,\* June 25; Hugh J. Chisholm, July 8; James F. Hawkes, October 26; Marshall Swett, February 13.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Jabez A. Amsbury, April 5; Reuben L. Howard, July 22; Jere T. Manning, November 21.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Cyrus S. Felker, March 8; William L. Bur-

- ton, August 4; Eben W. Trask, September 30; George M. Fletcher, October 21; Albion F. Merrill, November 28; Horatio W. Blood, February 26.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Isaiah Hart, May 11.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Lorenzo Garcelon; William H. J. Moulton, December 16.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Gardner J. Hezelton, April 18; Claude E. Rackliff,\* April 19; William L. Warren, April 23; Asa W. Pratt,\* December 29; William H. Reddin,\* January 9; Martin V. B. Deering,\* February 28.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Amos W. Felker; George E. Dodge, September 21.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Asaph S. Allen, June; Charles E. Strout, August.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. E. E. Pendleton, April 4; Joseph A. Sprague, May 3; Alanson C. Yeaton, January; Osmond W. Thomas, May 2.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Judah J. Drisko, March 2; G. Harris Foster,\* April 21; Samuel B. Hunter, June 2; Amos L. Foster, August 31; John D. Smith, November 10; Ladwick H. Hanscom, November 21.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Charles J. Greene, March 15; Preston M. Emery, February 12.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. George E. Cutler,\* May 6; Edgar W. Stevens,\* June 18; Reuben A. Crocker,\* June 18; Eugene Bruce,\* November 15; Isaac M. Jones, November 16.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. William N. Noble, April; Joseph L. Brown.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Elmer E. Field, March 11; George L. Nelson.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Corbett L. Packard,\* March 27; John E. Burnham,\* May 17; J. Frank Bryson,\* June 16; Harry H. Stetson,\* July 5; Jabez C. Koon, August 28; Judson C. Niles,\* August 30; Henry F. Collins,\* September 8; Michael J. Hogan,\* October 13; Roy W. Esty,\* October; John E. Merserve,\* October 15; Arthur J. Rich,\* February 25.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Solon Bartlett.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Cyrus Millett,\* May 14.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. J. Osborne Falkner, April.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Orrin McFadden,\* January 9.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Alonzo D. Miller, April; Chester M. Clark, May 6; William M. Dowe, November 6.

- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. John F. Putnam, April 1; Frank R. Greene, May 15; George W. Crockett, May 21; Frank J. Pickering, June 17; Philip P. Getchell, August 30.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Elmer F. Gray, May 7; Charles W. Rand, May 22; William Cowie, August 4; Thomas F. Hovey, December 25.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Henry M. Blake, April 7; Leonidas Pet-tengill, July 15; Charles C. Ellis, February 24.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Charles F. Connor, May 7.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. H. N. Goodhue, April 10.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Jacob O. Morgan, May 5; George Mairs, May 18.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Harry J. Russell, March 20; Forest Nelson, March 23; Nathaniel Todd, August 12; Elliott F. Penney, September 17.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. John Meserve, Charles Crockett, November 15; Acel Eaton; Horatio J. Emery.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Augustus H. Conant,\* August 8; Thomas S. Totman,\* November 3; James P. Ladd,\* January 4; Edward H. Farnham,\* January 22.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. John M. Pease; Lewis Trafton; Cyrus G. Marr, February 5.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. John M. LaFurley,\* April 17; Rufus Harriman,\* April 27; True G. Trundy, January 23.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Charles H. Bliss, June; Joseph R. Sawyer, November; Lora Newell, January; William P. Waterhouse, February.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. George L. Holden, drowned at sea; Elmer C. Woodworth, August 2; William P. Lowe, August; J. Frank Adams, January 6.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. F. R. House, August 15; J. M. Rowe, January 3.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. William E. Dunning,\* August 5; George H. Dyer, November 30.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Truman M. Griffin; Allen Hackett.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. James F. McKeen, May; Andrew E. Clark, July.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Karl L. Kaiser, December 4.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Henderson Archibald, April.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. David B. Cobb, April 7; William C. Johnson, July 15.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Edward Wiggin, September 21; Guy A. Crockett, January 9.



- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Albert Littlefield, May 10; James McAllister, May 19; Daniel Brown, October 12; Jones R. Hall, October 21; Elden B. Willard, December 29; Horace H. Tibbetts, December 30.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. B. Frank Bradford, August 22.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. A. L. Sukeforth,\* March 12; James Y. Marden, July 13; Albert J. Linscott,\* September 3.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. John H. Everett, June 27; Wallace W. Patterson, December 31.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. J. E. Tucker, August.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. William Fennelly, July 19; Thaddeus Somes, January 13; Howard Norwood, February 1; James Hamor, February 5.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. John F. Hill; Herbert M. Heath; Arthur W. Wing; William H. Brooks; Ruel W. Dutton; George M. Griffith.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. Charles H. Smith, June 26; Frank J. W. Hilton,\* February 18.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. John Wilson, July 5; William F. Gowen, November 5.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Z. F. Swett, December 25.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Edwin L. Clayton, March 1; Ruel K. Roberts,\* March 20; Joseph R. Rogers, May 19; Jasper Mills,\* July 3; Joseph Allan, December 25; Winslow H. Roberts, December 29.
- 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. Albert D. Dodge, May 4; Forest J. Martin, May 9; Oren Hayes, May 20; George W. Farnham, June 25; Rodney D. Hunter, June; George Dixon, July 19; Marcellus Wait, December 21.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Charles H. Prince, April 3; James M. Harlow, June 29.
- 149 Doric, Monson. David Humphrey, November 15.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Frank R. Whitney,\* March 28; John W. Bibber, April 24; John F. Hilton, August 1; William R. Bartlett,\* August 3; Charles H. Miller,\* August 17; Erwin V. Daley,\* August 26; Solon S. Cahill, December 15; Albert L. Templeton, December 24; Wallace A. Haynes,\* February 20.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. Alban F. Elwell, March 2; Arthur R. Packard, March 31.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Charles E. Brackett, 1911; Fernald J. Sawyer, March 29; Charles W. Skillings, September 19; Levi C. Maxfield, October 1; Libby L. Edwards, January 16.

- 153 Delta, Lovell. Joseph R. Parker, March 14; Isaac Hobbs, October 16.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Alvin H. Hawes, February 25.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Joseph S. Potter, April 1; James A. Underwood, May 3; L. R. Ross, September 25; John M. Denison, November 18.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. F. Arthur Russell,\* October 4; Henry R. Tuttle, October 9; Herbert E. Houghton.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Albert M. Thompson, May 8; Thomas Lane, October 2.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. O. J. Doyen, September 26; Abner Brooks, October 14; James A. Tabor, February 15.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. James Callaghan, July 1; W. G. Sherburne, October 6; T. W. Pratt, November 9; C. M. Ward, November 16; D. W. Hayes, January 21; F. W. Crandall, January 21; Elisha Crandall, January 23.
- 164 Webster, Sabattus. Charles A. Dinsmore, July 27; Judson Bangs, November 26.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Charles A. Wrenn, March 20; Francis M. Foster, April; William A. Ambrose, December 19.
- 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Oscar A. Abbott, January 7.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. Ambrose A. Eastman, May 4.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. E. C. Sampson, December 21; Charles C. Sawin; C. F. Hammond.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. P. E. Lufkin, March 9; Augustus G. Bloke, January 29.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. William H. Libbey,\* July 31; William H. Bither,\* August 23.
- 173 Pleiades, Milbridge. Gleason Moore, March 17; Edwin Wallace, April 8; Edson Wallace, April 11.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. John C. Pickard.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. William Burgess,\* July 28; W. Norman Davis\*, August 6; C. H. Kingston\*; Ernest J. Lee,\* August 28; W. W. Dickson.\*
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Benjamin L. Ware, March 2; Arista Webber,\* June 12.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Hosea S. Merrifield, May 31.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Charles C. Goodwin,\* September 29; Roy M. Rines,\* November 18.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Julius T. Clapp, March 17; Ernest E. Field, October 23; George R. Hammond, January 8.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Lewin F. Buell, April 27; Simeon J. Smith,

- May 28; Frank H. Farnham, January 6; Howard W. Cary,\* January 27; Frank J. Stevens, February 14; Lewis W. Whitney,\* February 27.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Frank Kennard, July 8; Thomas J. Pettigrew, January 5; Herbert G. Elkins, January 6; Charles J. Lydstone, January 22; John R. Dinsmore, February 24.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Edward L. Hodgkins, March 29.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. D. T. Swan; George W. Leighton, February 1; R. L. Howe, February 1; A. H. Larabee, February 28.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Stephen B. Wescott, October.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Simeon H. Sawyer, August 26.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. John R. Robinson,\* May 11; Horace C. Allen,\* January 2.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Samuel Holdsworth, November 19; Frank H. Dexter,\* January 23.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Byron McIntire, October 11, 1910; J. Frank Hutchins, December 2; William H. Blethen, December 17.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Frank B. Sumner, September 3; Thomas R. Hammond, November 27; Bedford E. Tracy, December 2.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Cornelius S. Squiers.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. James M. Felker, February 19.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Paul T. Small, March 26; Elwood E. Grindle, April 17; Samuel B. Whitten, June 9.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. W. Irving Adams; George M. Hodgdon.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Edwin B. Beals, December 24; George L. Cronkite, January 19.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Herbert C. Pierce, January 31.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Frank H. Smith, June 28.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Atwood L. Bunker,\* September.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Horace C. Gilbert, November 18; Americus V. Hinds, January 25.
- 205 Nolleseme, Millinocket. Olof L. Sandstrom, October 24.
- 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. James Clark, June 4.

# ≡ LODGES IN MAINE ≡

With Dates of Precedence and Charter.

		†Charter surrendered.	‡Charter re-issued.	§Revoked.	¶Consolidated.
LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.		DATE OF CHARTER.	
1 Portland,	Portland,	Mch. 30, 1769.		Mch. 30, 1769.	
2 Warren,	East Machias,	Sept. 10, 1778.		Sept. 10, 1778.	
3 Lincoln,	Wiscasset,	June 1, 1792.		June 1, 1792.	
4 Hancock,	Castine,	June 9, 1794.		June 9, 1794.	
5 Kennebec,	Hallowell,	Mch. 14, 1796.		Mch. 14, 1796.	
6 Amity,	Camden,	Mch. 10, 1801.		Mch. 10, 1801.	
7 Eastern,	Eastport,	June 8, 1801.		June 8, 1801.	
8 United,	Brunswick,	Dec. 14, 1801.		Dec. 14, 1801.	
9 Saco,	Saco,	June 14, 1802.		June 16, 1802.	
10 Rising Virtue,	Bangor,	Sept. 13, 1802.		Sept. 16, 1802.	
11 Pythagorean,	Fryeburg,	June 13, 1803.		June 13, 1803.	
12 Cumberland,	New Gloucester,	June 13, 1803.		June 13, 1803.	
13 Oriental,	Bridgton,	Mch. 12, 1804.		Mch. 12, 1804.	
14 Solar,	Bath,	Sept. 10, 1804.		Sept. 10, 1804.	
15 Orient,	Thomaston,	Sept. 10, 1805.		Sept. 10, 1805.	
16 St. George,	Warren,	Mch. 10, 1806.		Mch. 10, 1806.	
17 Ancient Landmark,	Portland,	June 10, 1806.		June 10, 1806.	
18 Oxford,	Norway,	Sept. 14, 1807.		Sept. 14, 1807.	
19 Felicity,	Bucksport,	Mch. 14, 1809.		Mch. 14, 1809.	
20 Maine,	Farmington,	June 13, 1809.		Jan. 13, 1810.	
21 Oriental Star,	Livermore,	June 13, 1811.		June 13, 1811.	
22 York,	Kennebunk,	Mch. 9, 1813.		Mch. 9, 1813.	
23 Freeport,	Freeport,	Sept. 13, 1814.		Sept. 13, 1814.	
24 Phoenix,	Belfast,	Sept. 9, 1816.		Dec. 30, 1816.	
25 Temple,	Winthrop,	Sept. 8, 1817.		Oct. 6, 1817.	
26 Village,	Bowdoinham,	June 9, 1817.		Sept. 16, 1817.	
27 Adoniram,	Limington,	Sept. 9, 1818.		Sept. 10, 1818.	
28 Northern Star,	North Anson,	Dec. 9, 1818.		Dec. 15, 1818.	
29 Tranquil,	Auburn,	Dec. 9, 1818.		Dec. 9, 1818.	
30 Blazing Star,	Rumford,	Mch. 10, 1819.		Mch. 11, 1819.	
31 Union,	Union,	Dec. 27, 1819.		April 8, 1820.	
32 Hermon,	Gardiner,	June 23, 1820.		June 23, 1820.	
33 Waterville,	Waterville,	June 27, 1820.		June 27, 1820.	
34 Somerset,	Skowhegan,	Jan. 11, 1821.		Jan. 11, 1821.	
35 Bethlehem,	Augusta,	July 12, 1821.		May 3, 1866.†	
36 Casco,	Yarmouth,	Oct. 11, 1821.		Oct. 24, 1821.	
37 Washington,	Lubec,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
38 Harmony,	Gorham,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
39 Penobscot,	Dexter,	Jan. 10, 1822.		Jan. 24, 1822.	
40 Lygonia,	Ellsworth,	April 11, 1822.		April 11, 1822.	
41 Morning Star,	Litchfield,	July 11, 1822.		July 16, 1822.	
42 Freedom,	Limerick,	Jan. 11, 1823.		Jan. 14, 1823.	
43 Alna,	Alna,	Jan. 11, 1823.		Jan. 14, 1823.	
44 Piscataquis,	Milo,	Oct. 6, 1823.		Oct. 28, 1823.	
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824.		April 8, 1824.	
46 St. Croix,	Calais,	May 29, 1845.		May 29, 1845.	
47 Dunlap,	Biddeford,	Jan. 13, 1826.		Jan. 30, 1826.	
48 Lafayette,	Readfield,	Jan. 13, 1826.		May 20, 1850.†	
49 Meridian Splendor,	Newport,	July 13, 1826.		July 18, 1826.	

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50 Aurora,	Rockland,	July 18, 1826.	May 9, 1872.†
51 St. John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827.	Feb. 13, 1827.
52 Mosaic,	Foxcroft,	April 22, 1827.	July 16, 1827.
53 Rural,	Sidney,	April 12, 1827.	July 25, 1827.
54 Vassalboro,	No. Vassalboro,	April 12, 1827.	May 31, 1827.
55 Fraternal,	Alfred,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 10, 1828.
56 Mount Moriah,	Denmark,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 23, 1828.
57 King Hiram,	Dixfield,	April 10, 1828.	May 9, 1872.†
58 Unity,	Thorndike,	April 10, 1828.	May 15, 1828.
59 Mount Hope,	Hope,	Jan. 25, 1848.	May 4, 1848.†
60 Star in the East,	Oldtown,	Feb. 23, 1848.	May 5, 1848.
61 King Solomon's,	Waldoboro',	April 4, 1849.	Feb. 4, 1855.†
62 King David's,	Lincolntonville,	June 16, 1849.	Jan. 13, 1850.
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850.	May 10, 1850.
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850.	May 12, 1851.
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
66 Mechanics',	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850.	May 10, 1852.
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851.	May 10, 1853.
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851.	May 6, 1853.
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852.	May 5, 1854.
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853.	May 10, 1853.
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
75 Plymouth,	Plymouth,	May 9, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
76 Arundel,	Kennebunkport,	May 5, 1854.	June 26, 1854.
77 Tremont,	Tremont,	June 12, 1854.	May 3, 1856.
78 Crescent,	Pembroke,	July 4, 1854.	July 10, 1854.
79 Rockland,	Rockland,	Oct. 25, 1854.	April 4, 1872.†
80 Keystone,	Solon,	Dec. 16, 1854.	May 4, 1855.
81 Atlantic,	Portland,	May 3, 1855.	May 3, 1855.
82 St. Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
83 St. Andrew's,	Bangor,	Feb. 6, 1856.	May 3, 1856.
84 Eureka,	St. George,	July 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
85 Star in the West,	Unity,	May 4, 1855.	May 24, 1856.
86 Temple,	Westbrook,	Mch. 1, 1856.	May 5, 1856.
87 Benevolent,	Carmel,	Mch. 12, 1857.	May 7, 1857.
88 Narraguagus,	Cherryfield,	Mch. 25, 1857.	May 28, 1857.
89 Island,	Islesboro,	April 3, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.
90 Hiram Abiff,	West Appleton,	Jan. 27, 1857.	May 5, 1858.‡
91 Harwood,	Machias,	April 8, 1858.	Oct. 15, 1858.
92 Siloam,	Fairfield,	Mch. 8, 1858.	Jan. 1, 1859.
93 Horeb,	Lincoln,	June 5, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
94 Paris,	South Paris,	June 15, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
95 Corinthian,	Hartland,	Sept. 13, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
96 Monument,	Houlton,	Nov. 18, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
97 Bethel,	Bethel,	July 6, 1859.	May 5, 1860.
98 Katahdin,	Patten,	Aug. 24, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
99 Vernon Valley,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 28, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
100 Jefferson,	Bryant's Pond,	Feb. 8, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
101 Nezinscot,	Turner,	Mch. 1, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
102 Marsh River,	Brooks,	Dec. 24, 1859.	May 9, 1861.
103 Dresden,	Dresden,	Feb. 3, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
104 Dirigo,	South China,	June 12, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
105 Ashlar,	Lewiston,	Nov. 5, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
106 Tuscan,	Addison Point,	Dec. 27, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
107 Day Spring,	West Newfield,	Mch. 19, 1861.	May 9, 1861.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
108 Relief,	Belgrade,	Jan. 11, 1861.	May 8, 1862. §
109 Mount Kisco,	Abbot,	May 10, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
110 Monmouth,	Monmouth,	May 21, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
111 Liberty,	Liberty,	Nov. 8, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
112 Eastern Frontier,	Fort Fairfield,	May 8, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
113 Messalonskee,	Oakland,	May 15, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
114 Polar Star,	Bath,	Mch. 7, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
115 Buxton,	West Buxton,	Mch. 18, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
116 Lebanon,	Norridgewock,	April 30, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
117 Greenleaf,	Cornish,	April 22, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
118 Drummond,	Parsonsfield,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
119 Pownal,	Stockton,	July 4, 1863.	May 6, 1875. †
120 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 6, 1864.	May 4, 1864. †
121 Acacia,	Durham,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1865.
122 Marine,	Deer Isle,	Mch. 18, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
123 Franklin,	New Sharon,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
124 Olive Branch,	Charleston,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
125 Meridian,	Pittsfield,	June 7, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
126 Timothy Chase,	Belfast,	Oct. 26, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
127 Presumpscot,	Windham,	Nov. 19, 1864.	May 3, 1866.
128 Eggemoggin,	Sedgwick,	Mch. 1, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
129 Quantabacook,	Searsmont,	Mch. 28, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
130 Trinity,	Presque Isle,	July 17, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
131 Lookout,	Cutler,	July 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
132 Mount Tir'em,	Waterford,	Oct. 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
133 Asylum,	Wayne,	July 20, 1865.	May 9, 1867.
134 Trojan,	Troy,	Feb. 19, 1866.	May 9, 1867. ¶
135 Riverside,	Jefferson,	Mch. 13, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
136 Ionic,	Gardiner,	April 24, 1866.	May 9, 1867. †
137 Kenduskeag,	Kenduskeag,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
138 Lewy's Island,	Princeton,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
139 Archon,	Dixmont,	Sept. 26, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
140 Mount Desert,	Mount Desert,	Feb. 14, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
141 Augusta,	Augusta,	Mch. 21, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
142 Ocean,	Wells,	Mch. 22, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
143 Preble,	Sanford,	May 9, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
144 Seaside,	Boothbay,	Oct. 7, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
146 Sebasticook,	Clinton,	Feb. 3, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
147 Evening Star,	Buckfield,	Feb. 22, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
148 Forest,	Springfield,	April 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
149 Doric,	Monson,	May 7, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
150 Rabboni,	Lewiston,	Dec. 28, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
151 Excelsior,	Northport,	Mch. 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
152 Crooked River,	Bolster's Mills,	April 15, 1869.	May 5, 1870.
153 Delta,	Lovell,	May 5, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
154 Mystic Tie,	Weld,	June 8, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
155 Ancient York,	Lisbon Falls,	Jan. 1, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
156 Wilton,	Wilton,	Jan. 31, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
157 Cambridge,	Cambridge,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
158 Anchor,	South Bristol,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
159 Esoteric,	Ellsworth,	Sept. 3, 1870.	May 4, 1871. ¶
160 Parian,	Corinna,	Sept. 9, 1870.	May 9, 1872.
161 Carrabassett,	Canaan,	Mch. 2, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
162 Arion,	Goodwin's Mills,	Mch. 18, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
163 Pleasant River,	Brownville,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
164 Webster,	Webster,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
165 Molunkus,	Sherman Mills,	Aug. 26, 1871.	May 9, 1872.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
166 Neguemkeag,	Vassalboro,	Dec. 22, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872.	May 9, 1872.
168 Composite,	La Grange,	May 9, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
169 Shepherd's River.	Brownfield,	July 1, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
170 Caribou,	Caribou,	July 27, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
171 Naskeag,	Brooklin,	Feb. 3, 1873.	May 8, 1873.
172 Pine Tree,	Mattawamkeag,	Nov. 14, 1873.	May 7, 1874.
173 Pleiades,	Millbridge,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
174 Lynde,	Hermon,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
175 Baskahegan,	Danforth,	Dec. 3, 1874.	May 20, 1875.
176 Palestine,	Biddeford,	May 5, 1875.	May 6, 1875.
177 Rising Star,	Penobscot,	June 17, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
178 Ancient Brothers',	Auburn,	June 21, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
179 Yorkshire,	North Berwick.	Sept. 18, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
180 Hiram,	Cape Elizabeth.	Nov. 1, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
181 Reuel Washburn,	East Livermore,	May 4, 1876.	May 3, 1877.
182 Granite,	West Paris,	Sept. 16, 1878.	May 8, 1879.
183 Deering,	Portland,	April 2, 1879.	May 8, 1879.
184 Naval,	Kittery,	May 8, 1879.	May 6, 1880.
185 Bar Harbor,	Bar Harbor,	April 19, 1882.	May 2, 1882.
186 Warren Phillips,	Cumberl'd Mills,	April 18, 1883.	May 3, 1883.
187 Ira Berry,	Bluehill,	Nov. 12, 1883.	May 8, 1884.
188 Jonesport,	Jonesport,	May 8, 1884.	May 8, 1884.
189 Knox,	So. Thomaston,	Sept. 6, 1884.	May 7, 1885.
190 Springvale,	Springvale,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
191 Davis,	Strong,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
192 Winter Harbor,	Winter Harbor,	Aug. 12, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
193 Washburn,	Washburn,	Dec. 14, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
194 Euclid,	Madison,	May 4, 1888.	May 9, 1889.
195 Reliance,	Green's Landing,	May 9, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
196 Bay View,	East Boothbay,	Dec. 20, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
197 Aroostook,	Blaine,	Dec. 17, 1890.	May 7, 1891.
198 St. Aspinquid,	York,	July 22, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
199 Bingham,	Bingham,	Dec. 23, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
200 Columbia,	Greenville,	July 23, 1894.	May 7, 1896.
201 David A. Hooper,	West Sullivan,	June 3, 1897.	May 5, 1898.
202 Mount Bigelow,	Flagstaff,	June 19, 1897.	May 6, 1898.
203 Mount Olivet,	Washington,	Nov. 24, 1897.	May 7, 1898.
204 Mt. Abram,	Kingfield,	May 4, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
205 Nollesemic,	Millinocket,	Nov. 17, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
206 Island Falls,	Island Falls,	Oct. 3, 1901.	May 8, 1902.
207 Abner Wade,	Sangerville,	June 3, 1902.	May 7, 1903.
208 No. East Harbor,	N. E. Harbor,	Sept. 2, 1903.	May 6, 1904.
209 Fort Kent,	Fort Kent,	Mch. 23, 1904.	May 4, 1905.
210 Bagaduce,	Brooksville,	Sept. 2, 1905.	May 3, 1906.
211 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 15, 1909.	May 5, 1910.
212 Mckinley,	McKinley,	May 6, 1909.	May 6, 1910.

NOTE. 59 Mt. Hope, charter surrendered 1879.

90 Hiram Abiff, charter revoked 1868.

108 Relief, charter revoked 1894.

120 Meduncook, charter surrendered 1884.

134 Trojan, consolidated with Star in the West. No. 85, in 1888.

136 Ionic, charter surrendered 1882.

159 Esoteric, consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.

176 Palestine, consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 212; extinct 9; working 203.

# ~ OFFICERS ~

OF THE

## Grand . Lodge . of . Maine,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1913.

### GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21.*	Timothy J. Murray, 1866-'68.*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23.*	John H. Lynde, 1869-'71.*
William Swan, 1824, '25.*	David Cargill, 1872-'74.*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27.*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29.*	Edward P. Burnham, '77, '78.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80.
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-'34.*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82.*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-'37.*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84.
Abner B. Thompson, '38-'40.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86.
Hezekiah Williams, 1841.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88.
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-'44.*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90.
John T. Paine, 1845, '46.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92.
Alexander H. Putney, '47, '48.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94.*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96.
John C. Humphreys, '51, '52.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98.*
Freeman Bradford, 1853.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900.*
Timothy Chase, 1854.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902.
John Miller, 1855.*	William J. Burnham, 1903.*
Jabez True, 1856.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05.
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07.
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09.
Josiah H. Drummond, '60-'62.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11.
William P. Preble, 1863-'65.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13.

\*Deceased.



**DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.**

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821.*	John H. Lynde, 1866-'68.*
William Swan, 1822, '23.*	David Cargill, 1869-'71.*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25.*	Albert Moore, 1872-'74.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27.*	Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76.*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78.
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831.*	Marquis F. King, 1879, '80.*
Amos Nourse, 1832.*	William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82.
Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84.
David C. Magoun, 1835-37.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43.*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88.
James L. Child, 1844.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1845.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92.*
Elisha Harding, 1846.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94.
Samuel L. Valentine, '47, '48.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96.*
John C. Humphreys, '49, '50.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98.*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52.*	Afred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900.
Timothy Chase, 1853.*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02.*
Jabez True, 1854, '55.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903.
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05.
Josiah H. Drummond, '58, '59.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07.
William P. Preble, 1860-1862.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09.
John J. Bell, 1863.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11.
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65.*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13.

**SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.**

William Swan, 1820, 1821.*	John T. Paine, 1842-'44.*
Charles Fox, 1822, '23.*	Alexander H. Putney, '45, '46.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1824, 25.*	John C. Humphreys, '47, '48.*
George Thacher, Jr., '26, '27.*	Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29.*	Timothy Chase, 1851, '52.*
Amos Nourse, 1830, '31.*	Jabez True, 1853.*
John L. Megquier, 1832-'34.*	Ezra B. French, 1854, '55.*
Joel Miller, 1835, '37.*	Isaac Downing, 1856.*
Thomas W. Smith, 1838-'41.*	William Allen, 1857.*

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| Gustavus F. Sargent, '58, '59.*  | George R. Shaw, 1891.      |
| John J. Bell, 1860, '61.*        | Augustus B. Farnham, 1892. |
| David Bugbee, 1862.*             | Joseph A. Locke, 1893.*    |
| Edmund B. Hinckley, 1863.*       | Herbert Harris, 1894.      |
| Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65.*   | Winfield S. Choate, 1895.* |
| David Cargill, 1866-'68.*        | Albert M. Penley, 1896.    |
| Thaddeus R. Simonton, '69, '70.* | Alfred S. Kimball, 1897.   |
| Albert Moore, 1871.*             | Elmer P. Spofford, 1898.   |
| Edward P. Burnham, '72-'74.*     | William J. Burnham, 1899.* |
| William O. Poor, 1875.*          | James E. Parsons, 1900.    |
| Charles I. Collamore, 1876.      | Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901.     |
| Marquis F. King, 1877, '78.*     | Edwin A. Porter, 1902.     |
| Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879.*     | Charles W. Crosby, 1903.   |
| William R. G. Estes, 1880.       | W. Scott Shorey, 1904.     |
| John B. Redman, 1881.*           | Curtis R. Foster, 1905.*   |
| Arlington B. Marston, 1882.*     | James M. Larrabee, 1906.*  |
| William H. Smith, 1883.*         | William N. Howe, 1907.     |
| Frank E. Sleeper, 1884.          | John Clair Minot, 1908.    |
| Joseph M. Hayes, 1885.*          | Frank J. Cole, 1909.       |
| Albro E. Chase, 1886.            | Isaac N. Jones, 1910.      |
| Horace H. Burbank, 1887.*        | Frank E. Monroe, 1911.     |
| Leander M. Kenniston, 1888.      | Waldo Pettengill, 1912.    |
| Manly G. Trask, 1889.            | Fred C. Chalmers, 1913.    |
| Daniel P. Boynton, 1890.         |                            |

#### JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

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| Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, '21.*   | Stephen Webber, 1838-'40.*    |
| Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822.*      | John T. Paine, 1841.*         |
| Samuel Fessenden, 1823.*        | Alexander H. Putney, '42-44.* |
| George Thacher, Jr., '24, '25.* | John C. Humphreys, 45, 46.*   |
| Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27.*   | Frye Hall, 1847.*             |
| Amos Nourse, 1828, '29.*        | Joseph C. Stevens, 1848.*     |
| Reuben Nason, 1830, '31.*       | Stephen Webber, 1849.*        |
| David C. Magoun, 1832-'34.*     | Timothy Chase, 1850.*         |
| Abner B. Thompson, '35-37.*     | William Somerby, 1851, '52.*  |

Thomas B. Johnston, '53, '54.*	Samuel G. Davis, 1888.*
William Kimball, 1855.*	Algernon M. Roak, 1889.*
William Allen, 1856.*	E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890.
John Williams, 1857.*	Samuel L. Miller, 1891.*
Stephen B. Dockham, 1858.*	Howard D. Smith, 1892.
Oliver Gerrish, 1859.*	Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893.
Joseph Covell, 1860.*	Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894.
Francis J. Day, 1861.*	Moses Tait, 1895.
T. K. Osgood, 1862.*	Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896.
F. Loring Talbot, 1863.*	Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897.
John H. Lynde, 1864, 65.*	Millard M. Caswell, 1898.
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '66-68.*	Franklin R. Redlon, 1899.
John W. Ballou, 1869, '70.	John H. McGorrill, 1900.
Henry H. Dickey, 1871.*	Adelbert Millett, 1901.
William O. Poor, 1872-'74.*	James C. Ayer, 1902.
Charles I. Collamore, 1875.	Charles F. Paine, 1903.
A. M. Wetherbee, 1876.*	George W. McClain, 1904.
S. J. Chadbourne, '77, '78.*	Edward G. Weston, 1905.
Edwin Howard Vose, 1879.*	Albert M. Ames, 1906.
Archie L. Talbot, 1880.	Leon S. Howe, 1907.
Fessenden I. Day, 1881.	George W. Holmes, 1908.
Charles W. Haney, 1882.*	Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909.
Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883.*	Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910.
Augustus Bailey, 1884.	Convers E. Leach, 1911.
Henry R. Taylor, 1885.	Ernest P. Parlin, 1912.
Benjamin Ames, 1886.	George A. Gilpatric, 1913.
Wilford J. Fisher, 1887.*	

#### GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-'30.*	William O. Fox, 1880-'82.*
James B. Cahoon, 1831-33.*	Frederick Fox, 1883-1894.*
Benjamin Davis, 1834-'43.*	M. F. King, June, '94-1904*.
Henry H. Boody, 1844-'52.*	Millard F. Hicks, Oct. '04-'13.
Moses Dodge, 1853-'79.*	

**GRAND SECRETARIES.**

William Lord, 1820-'31\*.

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55.\*

Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-'35.\*

Ira Berry, 1856-1891.\*

Philip C. Johnson, 1836-'44.\*

Stephen Berry, Sept. '91-1913.

Charles Fox, 1845.\*

## ❧Recapitulation--1913❧

Lodges enrolled, .....	212
“ extinct, .....	9
“ working, .....	203
“ granted charters at communication, 1913, .....	0
“ represented at communication, 1913, .....	191
Number of representatives, .....	243
Lodges to make returns, .....	203
Making returns in time, .....	203
Initiated, .....	1,281
Raised, .....	1,255
Affiliated, .....	102
Re-instated, .....	56
Corrections, .....	4
Total increase, .....	1,417
Dimitted, .....	149
Died, .....	553
Suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	0
Expelled, .....	3
Lost membership by non-payment of dues, .....	185
Total decrease, .....	890
Net increase, .....	527
Members, March 1, 1912, .....	29,345
Members, March 1, 1913, .....	<u>29,872</u>
Grand Lodge Receipts, .....	\$12,712.43
“ “ Disbursements, .....	\$8,400.67
Amount of Charity Fund, .....	\$68,739.88
Income of Charity Fund, .....	\$3,209.84

## Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 3, 1912,	Daniel A. Greene, Birmingham.
Alberta, May 31, 1911,	Thomas McNabb, Lethbridge.
Arizona, Feb. 11, 1913,	Leroy Middleton, Globe.
Arkansas, Nov. 19, 1912,	William T. Hammock, Quitman.
Belgium, 1913,	Fernand Cicq, Ixelles.
British Columbia, June 20, 1912,	J. M. Rudd, Nanaimo.
California, Oct. 8, 1912,	William P. Filmer, San Francisco.
Canada, July 17, 1912,	Aubrey White, Toronto.
Cuba, March 26, 1911,	Aurelio Miranda, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 17, 1912,	George E. Simonton, Denver.
Connecticut, Feb. 5, 1913,	Wilbur S. Comstock, East Haddam.
Delaware, Oct. 2, 1912,	Edward G. Walls, Smyrna.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 18, 1912,	Charles E. Baldwin, Washington.
England, March 5, 1913,	Lord Amptill, London.
Florida, Jan. 21, 1913,	George B. Glover, Monticello.
Georgia, Oct. 29, 1912,	Robert L. Golding, Savannah.
Idaho, Sept. 10, 1912,	Ezra A. Burrell, Montpelier.
Illinois, Oct. 8, 1912,	Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington.
Indiana, May 28, 1912,	Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis.
Iowa, June 11, 1912,	William Hutchinson, Alton.
Ireland, 1913,	Charles A. Cameron, (D. G. M.)
Kansas, Feb. 19, 1913,	Erlick C. Cole, Great Bend.
Kentucky, Oct. 15, 1912,	Joe H. Ewalt, Paris.
Louisiana, Feb. 10, 1913,	Emil Sundbery, Napoleonville.
Maine, May 6, 1913,	Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle.
Manitoba, June 12, 1913,	E. M. Walker, Winnipeg.
Maryland, Nov. 19, 1912,	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 11, 1912,	Everett C. Benton, Boston.
Michigan, May 28, 1912,	James H. Thompson, Lansing.
Minnesota, Jan. 22, 1913,	W. Hayes Laird, Winona.
Mississippi, Feb. 18, 1913,	Alfred H. Bays, Granada.
Missouri, Sept. 24, 1912,	Jacob Lambert, St. Louis.
Montana, Sept. 18, 1912,	John G. Bair, Great Falls.
Nebraska, June 4, 1912,	James R. Cain, Jr., Stella.

## Addresses of Grand Officers.

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### GRAND SECRETARIES.

### CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.	William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.
Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary.	E. A. Braithwaite, Edmonton.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson.	Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	George T. Black, Pocahontas.
Emile Pirsch, Brussels.	None.
W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.	W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.
John Whicher, San Francisco.	Edward H. Hart.
Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont.	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Carlos G. Charles, Habana.	Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Habana.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
George A. Kies, Hartford.	George A. Kies, Hartford.
Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington.	Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
Sir Edward Letchworth, London.	None.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
William A. Wolihin, Macon.	Charles L. Bass, Atlanta.
Theophilus W. Randall, Boisé.	George E. Knepper, Kendrick.
Isaac Cutter, Camp Point.	Owen Scott, Decatur.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.	Daniel McDonald, Plymouth.
Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.	Charles C. Clark, Burlington.
Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.	Matthew M. Miller, Topeka.
Dave Jackson, Louisville.	William W. Clark, Owensboro.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans.	Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria.
Stephen Berry, Portland.	Albro E. Chase, Portland.
James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.	Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
George Cook, Baltimore.	
Thomas W. Davis, Boston.	None.
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.	Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.
John Fishel, St. Paul.	Irving Todd, Hastings.
Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg.	Oliver L. McKay, Meridian.
John R. Parson, St. Louis.	Charles C. Woods, St. Louis.
Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena.	Herman S. Hepner, Helena.
Francis E. White, Omaha.	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.

## GRAND LODGES.

## GRAND MASTERS.

Nevada, June 11, 1912,	Henry W. Miles, Reno.
New Brunswick, Aug. 27, 1912,	Frederick J. G. Knowlton, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 21, 1913,	Holman A. Drew, Berlin.
New Jersey, April 16, 1913,	Fred E. Tilden, Trenton.
New Mexico, Oct. 21, 1912,	Marine R. Williams, East Las Vegas.
N. South Wales, June 12, 1912,	Lord Chelmsford.
New York, May 8, 1913,	Charles Smith, Oneonta.
New Zealand, May 8, 1912,	Maurice Thompson, Invercargill.
North Carolina, Jan., 1913,	F. M. Winchester, Charlotte.
North Dakota, June 18, 1912,	William E. Hoover, Fargo.
Nova Scotia, June 11, 1913,	Wm. Medford Christie, Windsor.
Ohio, Oct. 23, 1912,	Edwin S. Griffiths, Cleveland.
Oklahoma, Feb. 12, 1913,	Charles L. Reeder, Tulsa.
Oregon, June 11, 1913,	S. S. Spencer, Eugene.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1912,	William L. Gorgas, Philadelphia.
Peru, 1911,	
Puerto Rico, 1913,	W. F. Lippitt, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 25, 1913,	Rev. T. F. Fullerton, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 12, 1913,	John E. Wright, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 19, 1913,	John F. Clark, Pawtucket.
Saskatchewan, June 19, 1913,	W. B. Willoughby, Moose Jaw.
Scotland, Nov. 7, 1912,	Marquis of Tullibardine.
South Australia, April 17, 1912,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 10, 1912,	George S. Mower, Newberry.
South Dakota, June 11, 1912,	William J. McMakin, Terraville.
Tasmania, Feb. 27, 1913,	Charles E. Davies, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 29, 1913,	Charles Comstock, Crassville.
Texas, Dec. 3, 1912,	J. J. Mansfield, Columbus.
Utah, Jan. 21, 1913,	George H. Dern, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 12, 1912,	Eugene S. Weston, New Haven.
Victoria, Dec. 21, 1910,	Sir T. D. Gibson, Carmichael, Melb'ne.
Virginia, Feb. 11, 1913,	Wm. L. Andrews, Roanoke.
Washington, June 11, 1912,	Frank N. McCandless, Tacoma.
West Virginia, Nov. 13, 1912,	Charles W. Lynch, Clarksburg.
West. Australia, April 25, 1912,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 11, 1912,	David B. Greene, Neosho.
Wyoming, Sept. 4, 1912,	William Pugh, Evanston.



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*Connecticut*—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.  
*Delaware*—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAN, Bangor.  
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*Idaho*—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.  
*Illinois*—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.  
*Indiana*—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.  
*Kansas*—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.  
*Louisiana*—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.  
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### Report • on • Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted  
Masons of the State of Maine :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

#### ALABAMA, 1911.

There are 545 lodges and of these 433 were represented at the annual communication. The Grand Officers were present, as were six Past Grand Masters and also the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Lawrence H. Lee, has a lengthy introduction to his address, some parts of which seemed to be loosely connected, but when he said that we (Masonry) "represent an ideal republic" and enlarged upon that theme the thoughts were bright and well worth consideration.

Dispensations were issued for thirteen new lodges and it required four dispensations to keep alive lodges which had failed to meet for six consecutive months. We note one dispensation to continue work because mice destroyed the charter. How carefully it must have been kept!

Lodges are obliged to have a dispensation to sell or mortgage their property and there were fifteen cases.

Ten corner-stones were laid. Forty-one dispensations "to ballot out of time and confer degrees."

We note the appointment of Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Maine, Bro. Charles H. Winston of Bodka.

He made eight decisions. We quote:

APP. I G. L.

"1. Where a mason has been tried and convicted and sentenced to be reprimanded, and refuses to attend to receive his punishment, he thereby deprives himself of the rights and privileges of Masoury, until he receives his punishment or appeals from the conviction."

We do not quite understand what is meant by the expression "he thereby deprives himself." Should he not have charges preferred against him for his non-appearance and be tried and, if convicted, punished? Is there not such a thing as "contempt of lodge?"

He recommends the appointment of a Grand Registrar; commends the lecture system inaugurated last year; defends, from criticism, the Masonic Home Committee.

The corner-stone of the Masonic Home was laid by the Grand Lodge with appropriate ceremonies.

The details of the appeals are still printed. This year some ten pages of the proceedings are thus taken up.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. Titcomb under Georgia says:

"With us a *visa voce* vote is taken on proficiency alone; the secret ballot is on character. The brethren must first be satisfied that the candidate has sufficiently learned his lesson; then the secret ballot decides on his advancement."

But may we ask if "character" is not satisfactory why is there any need to know about the knowledge that the candidate may possess. We think the "ballot" on candidate should be "first." But we further believe that one ballot should be all that is necessary for the purpose of character and that one at the time of the report of the Committee of Inquiry. Should anything be done by the candidate, during the time he is taking degrees, to require question as to his character charges can be preferred.

Under Idaho he pays his respects to rituals:

"Were the thing possible, this writer would like to see all the written and printed rituals gathered into one pile, and set afire. That would be a funeral pyre worth seeing."

Maine for 1911 has most liberal space. We quote:

"The following amendment to the Constitution was entertained, and went, under the rules, to the Committee on Constitution:

"Sec. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral procession and for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death."

"If it were any business of ours, we should demur to all of the amendment after the word 'excepted.'"



Under Montana, by the following quotation, we recognize his "level head":

"On this liquor question, our personal opinion is that it should be left to the sound discretion of the lodge to determine whether or not a petitioner connected with the liquor traffic in any way, shall be admitted to the lodge."

Under New Hampshire we read:

"In New Hampshire, 'if a lodge desires to attend church service, it can do so without appealing to the Grand Master for permission. Don't put the air-brakes on anybody going to church.'"

"We concur to a certain extent. Let them all go who have a mind to do so, but let them go as individuals—not in lodge formation. The Almighty does not need to have His sanctuary bedecked with masonic regalia and other paraphernalia, which, by the way, draws the attention of the boys and girls in the congregation—and of some older ones too—from holy things to the showy appearance of the lodge officers."

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The deaths of M. W. Bro. D. Dudley Williams, Grand Master in 1898-99, who died March 12, 1911, and of R. W. Bro. William Henry Dingley, Grand Treasurer since 1870 and Grand Registrar since 1894, who died September 16, 1911, are announced.

R. W. Bro. Dingley was born in 1824 at Winslow, Maine, and was a graduate of Waterville, Maine. He was engaged in the drug business at Montgomery.

### ALBERTA, 1911.

All the Grand Officers, three Past Grand Masters, the representatives of fifty-four lodges, and a long list of Past Masters, were present. The Past Masters have a vote and this power may actuate many to be in attendance.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Dunlop, (portrait) we learn that illness from which he has recovered prevented his visitation to four of the subordinate lodges. In some of the lodges he noticed "the introduction of the ladies to the festivities," which he deemed "a vast improvement," and recommends for serious consideration.

"A vast improvement" over what previous festivities, may we ask?

He issued eleven dispensations for new lodges, and two to bury the dead, of whom one was an E. A., and one a F. C. He gives his reason for his act, viz:

"It always appears to me that this idea of excluding E. A. and F. C. from all the privileges of Masonry, originated in some jurisdiction where

they charge separately for each degree as it is conferred, and this withholding masonic privileges was the gentle art of applying the thumb screws to make the victim come forward with the cash, and incidentally get his degrees."

So it would appear that the Grand Lodge of Alberta allows it to be done.

He granted dispensations for other purposes, but none to confer degrees out of time.

Four lodges were constituted.

We quote from the report of the Grand Secretary :

"Upon the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of Maine, the M. W. Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. Manly G. Trask, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice R. W. Bro. Larrabee deceased."

Six of the District Deputy Grand Masters made reports upon the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Quite a large amount of routine business was considered.

No Report on Correspondence.

### ARIZONA, 1911.

Three of the twenty-one lodges were not represented at the twenty-ninth annual communication, over which the Grand Master, with all his officers, presided.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank Thomas, (portrait), after a very short introduction to his address, fittingly remembers the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He granted a dispensation for one new lodge.

He made one decision from which we infer that one ballot elects a candidate to receive all the degrees ; that subsequently before the taking of the F. C. degree an objection sustained by a two-thirds vote of the lodge rejects the candidate for the degree ; that this is done without notice to the E. A. candidate. We do not believe that the E. A. should be "held up" without a notice to him, and without trial. If the objection is that the E. A. has not qualified in the work, then he ought to be given a chance to test his proficiency whenever he is ready, and at the convenience of the lodge.

The corner stone of a Jewish Temple was laid, and one masonic hall dedicated.

Under the title "Foreign Relations" he says :

"These communications have been replied to and the requests referred to the lodge designated for such action as they might be pleased to take in conformity with our constitution."

The *communications* were those asking that some lodge in Arizona confer the degrees for some lodge outside of Arizona. What might have happened if the Grand Master had not referred the question to the lodge! What if the question had been direct to the lodge, which appears to have under the constitution a right to do as it pleased! What a waste of time, paper and stamps!

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, by means of which a brother may be elected a member of a lodge other than his own, and file his dimit after such election.

There was considerable routine business.

No Report on Correspondence.

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We have received the announcement of death of R. W. Bro. Thomas Stanford Bunch, Deputy Grand Master, who died June 10, 1911.

"A man and a mason, held in the very highest esteem by his brethren."

### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1911.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward B. Paul (portrait), in his address speaks of the flourishing condition of the fraternity, saying among other things:

"Further, I venture to assert, from experience gained in my own visits and from reports I have received, that the true spirit of Freemasonry was never more apparent in the jurisdiction than during the year under review."

He pays proper tribute of respect to the dead and reminds us of the living by calling our attention to the fact that the coronation of King George V was that day going on.

He decided that one who could not assume an erect position because of bodily infirmity was not eligible as a candidate, but one without an index and middle finger on his left hand was eligible.

He rightly decided that the last two of the following questions to a candidate should be omitted:

"(1) Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being?"

"(2) Do you believe that that Supreme Being will punish vice and reward virtue?"

"(3) Do you believe that that Supreme Being has revealed His will to man?"

He gives briefly the account of his visitations.

He refused all requests for dispensation to confer the degrees in less than the time required by the constitution.

The Deputy Grand Master and several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of their visitations.

The committee thus reported upon the decision of the Grand Master relative to certain questions:

"Your committee agree with the Grand Master that the old charges allow a mason the utmost latitude in the expression of his religious beliefs. With the strict interpretation of the law, it is, perhaps, not absolutely necessary that these questions (2 and 3) be asked; but, nevertheless, we recommend that lodges which have been following the practice be permitted to continue it."

An address founded upon the text "Solomon built Him an house" was delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Connecticut we read:

"Before a brother from another jurisdiction may visit a lodge in Connecticut, he must now produce a certificate of membership in the lodge from which he hails. This certificate must be signed by the brother himself, by the Secretary of the lodge, and by the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which the lodge is situated. It is fortunate for brethren in British Columbia that probably few of them will have an occasion to visit a lodge in Connecticut."

Under Georgia we read:

"The practice of requiring a lodge in one jurisdiction to correspond with a lodge in another jurisdiction through the respective Grand Masters is an innovation which has crept in of late years, and was unknown to our ancient brethren."

Maine for 1910 has notice. We quote:

"In general, we think from reading Bro. Chase's Report, the masonic laws of Maine and British Columbia are practically the same. The only difference we remember just now is that in Maine lodges under dispensation are permitted to continue work after the dispensation has been returned and before the lodge is constituted."

We find that upon the questions of liquor legislation, granting dispensations out of time, and Masonic Homes and others we are in accord.

### **CALIFORNIA, 1911.**

The Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, nine Past Grand Masters, with representatives from "more than seventy-five chartered lodges" were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Dana Reid Weller, of whom there is a fine portrait, illustrates, in the introduction to his address, "the potency of Masonry applicable to certain characters," by comparison with the power of electricity.

The dead are fittingly remembered; the masonic homes confidently approved; the work of the Boards of Relief commended.

Special communications of the Grand Lodge were held for eight dedications and for the laying of five corner-stones.

Inasmuch as the Grand Lodge had made obligatory upon lodges a uniform code of by-laws for their government, he rightfully decided that amendments thereto adopted by the Grand Lodge must be accepted by the lodges, copied into the book of by-laws and observed.

We have not the code of California at hand so as to see how much, if any, power the lodge has left, but we do not believe in much paternal government.

He recommended the card system for a roster of the membership, and that the form of the petition for the degrees should be revised.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, we learn that during the year, twelve lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for three lodges.

From the report of the Board of Relief of Los Angeles we quote:

“Brethren throughout the United States, who may read this report: In the name of humanity, don't send your consumptives and otherwise hopeless invalids to the Pacific Coast, unless they have sufficient means to take care of themselves. It is not doing them a kindness, and it is positively unjust to the craft in the west. It is hard enough for a well man to get a position, but for an invalid it is impossible.

“The large corporations and business houses require their employees to pass a physical examination before accepting them—and rest assured the physicians who make those examinations are honest and give their employers the benefit of the doubt. Forty years of age is also the limit.”

The committee on the report of the Grand Lecturer have in their report this sentence, well worth the learning:

“And while Masonry by no means consists in the mere efficiency with which the lectures are delivered by the Masters and officers, nevertheless the impressiveness and accuracy with which this part of their duties is performed adds its full quota to the benefit which the candidate derives from the degrees.”

A change was made in the form of application for the degrees.

A part of one day was devoted to the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple of California.

Bro. Edward H. Hart presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Alabama we quote:

“The Committee on Correspondence is in error in its supposition that in any of the California lodges in the Philippines negroes are admitted, or, in fact, any but white men, and any so-called masonic lodges in the Philippines, outside of those holding charters from the Grand Lodge of California, are not generally recognized as regular, their charters having, as a rule, been issued by the Grand Orient of Spain. We are certain also, that there are no lodges in the State of Washington admitting

negroes, and we believe that Alpha Lodge, in the jurisdiction of New Jersey, and Union Lodge, No. 18, Nova Scotia, formerly 598 registry of England, established January, 1856, ten years before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and therefore inherited by the latter jurisdiction from England, are the only two lodges on the American Continent wherein negroes are initiated as masons.<sup>17</sup>

Maine for 1910 and 1911 was fraternally mentioned.

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M. W. Bro. Wiley J. Tinnin, Grand Master in 1885, one of the pioneers of California, died November 24, 1910.

M. W. Bro. Edmund C. Atkinson, Grand Master in 1886, died March 20, 1911.

These were among the oldest of the Grand Masters, and much loved and highly respected.

### **COLORADO, 1911.**

With the Grand Officers, many permanent members, and representatives from all but four of the chartered lodges present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present, who, with the other Grand Representatives present, was received and briefly welcomed by the Grand Master, to which the Grand Representative from Victoria happily replied.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert B. McGaffey, in his address calls it a very busy year, and to give himself business he prepared a form of report which was to be made by the Grand Lecturer concerning the lodges visited, about presumably fifty-two matters, as there were fifty-two questions. He says "it has done much good." Let us hope that it has and that lodges will, in Colorado, soon learn to take all their instruction in the esoteric and exoteric work of Freemasonry from the Grand Master, thereby relieving them from thought, work or action for their own good or the good of Masonry.

Besides this he says:

"I have been present at over two hundred masonic meetings, have made forty-eight official visitations, have laid ten corner-stones, have installed the officers of thirteen lodges, have constituted three lodges and dedicated four halls. I have traveled over the greater part of the state by rail, wagon and auto, and have enjoyed every moment of it."

Death removed none from the present or past members of the Grand Lodge.

A dispensation was issued for a new lodge.

The Grand Master used the "circumlocation method" in many cases to obtain the conferring of degrees in sister jurisdictions.

He apologizes for the granting of a dispensation to a lodge "to attend Divine Service in an Episcopalian Church," and argues that the question of attendance of a lodge at a particular church might disturb the peace and harmony of a lodge by its discussion.

In his discussion he says:

"Then again, if you attend a Christian Church, why not a Jewish Synagogue or a Spiritualistic service or that of any other denomination? Could you, in fairness, refuse to attend any of these if invited?"

And to his question we reply in Yankee fashion:—Well, why should we, as masons with the belief in God, refuse to attend any church which recognizes God?

No decisions were made and yet many questions were answered.

We presume that the Colorado code allows a Grand Master to issue "charters," for we note that one was granted by him to a lodge which had lost its charter by fire.

In Maine the Grand Master issues a dispensation for the lodge to continue its work until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, which, then, grants a charter.

He thinks that "documentary evidence" by the Grand Lodge of Colorado should be considered and so recommends.

From the returns to the Grand Master made by the lodges at his request we learn that the total assets of the one hundred twenty-three lodges are \$573,860.00; the average amount paid for dues, \$5.00; and the average fee for the degrees is \$50.00; the average attendance at all communications was for one year 24 out of an average membership of 121.

An entertaining oration was delivered by the Grand Orator. We quote the concluding paragraph:

"It is our privilege, our fortune and our heritage to behold and enjoy an institution founded upon those self-evident and important principles of life and human justice which are essential to progress—one which is the natural outgrowth of the fundamental needs of mankind—one whose votaries are taught and, by ceremonies most impressive, persuaded to think out the great problems of the now and the future as pertain to our moral, intellectual and spiritual natures—one whose influence for good cannot be measured in the individual, community, country or clime, and whose halo of light beckons us on to higher thoughts, nobler deeds, greater achievements and the hopeful security of 'a never-ending happiness.'"

We are happy to note that the distinguished masons, M. W. Bros. William B. Melish, William H. Norris and W. Bro. Lee S. Smith were received and welcomed as brothers.

W. Bro. H. W. Woodward was elected Grand Master and we quote from a sketch of his life:

"M. W. Brother Woodward was born June 24, 1864, in Damariscotta, Maine. He was educated at Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine, graduating in 1880. From 1880 to 1886 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Boston and in Southeastern Massachusetts.

"In 1886 he came to Colorado, locating in Leadville, where he has since resided."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his twenty-seventh Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 receives favorable mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"As we have heretofore noted, the growth of the fraternity the past few years has been phenomenal, and has awakened in the minds of conservative brethren much anxiety as to whether it bodes strength or weakness. If the portals are well guarded there is no cause for alarm, for we cannot have too many good men and true, in the ranks of Masonry. In this day and generation there are great evils menacing the basic foundations of all that is just, right and true, in government, commerce and social life, and they must be met with firmness and determination. It is a good sign that so many young men are joining our lodges and identifying themselves with the fraternity. It is remarked by Grand Masters, Grand Lecturers and others, who from their visitations are qualified to judge, that the best men in every community are masons. It is through the lives and character of its individual members that Masonry accomplishes its work. When the lessons taught in the lodge are absorbed by the mind and heart, and influence the life and conduct, Masonry moves forward in all spheres of activity, not as an organization, but through individual effort, thus striving to accomplish its divine purpose."

### DELAWARE, 1911.

All the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, "a constitutional number" of lodges, and many other masons were present at this annual communication, the one hundred and sixth.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. G. Layton Grier, (portrait) in his address regrets that he had not more time to devote to the duties of his office, yet speaks pleasantly of the kindly greetings that he has received in his visits throughout the jurisdiction.

He had considerable correspondence over candidates living in Delaware, but made masons in other jurisdictions.

He speaks understandingly of the condition of the the craft; states the dispensations issued.

Several decisions involving local law were made. We quote one:

"A candidate within the jurisdiction of your lodge presents a petition, praying to become a member. The petition was presented, received and referred. At that time he was residing within the jurisdiction of your lodge. About five weeks subsequent to the receipt and reference of his



petition he was elected to the three degrees, although in the interval he had removed to Wilmington.

"My decision is that the status of a candidate so far as residence is concerned is fixed at the date the petition is received by vote of the lodge, and is referred to committee.

"Subsequent removal does not affect your right to elect and to confer degrees, or his right to receive them. He could not withdraw his petition. He could not petition another lodge. He is your property."

Here is rather a peculiar case :

"It appears that Harrison M. Carey was made a mason in Jackson Lodge, No. 19. Subsequently he removed to Pennsylvania, and secured a certificate of dimit from Jackson Lodge. This he presented with a petition for membership to a Pennsylvania Lodge, at Spring City.

"The Pennsylvania Lodge declined to act upon his petition and refused to return him his certificate of dimit, basing their refusal on the ground that he had once before sought membership in a Pennsylvania Lodge and been rejected. This he denies, and asks for relief.

"Harrison M. Carey, having withdrawn his membership from Jackson Lodge, No. 19, and having left this jurisdiction, has deprived himself of the protection resulting from membership in a lodge of this jurisdiction. And, therefore, relief cannot be afforded by Jackson Lodge, No. 19, or by the Grand Lodge of Delaware, or by any officer thereof. Having secured a certificate of dimit from a Delaware Lodge, removed from this jurisdiction and petitioned a Pennsylvania Lodge for membership, his case is a matter wholly within the province of the Grand or subordinate lodges of Pennsylvania to decide."

It was voted to have the Masonic Home Committee incorporated ; to pay to the corporation fifteen hundred dollars of the Charity Fund and all Grand Reserve Fund ; and to lay a per capita tax of one dollar to be paid to the same corporation.

The Grand Master said in his address, that there were about 3,000 masons in the jurisdiction, so a per capita tax of \$1 would produce \$3,000. We wonder what proportion of the 3,000 masons require a home to live in, and whether or not the \$3,000 would comfortably support them outside of a home, and, also, how much of the \$3,000 will be required to meet the running expenses of the home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report thus commented upon the Jackson Lodge case quoted by us :

"We are of the unanimous opinion that Jackson Lodge, No. 19, can issue a duplicate certificate of dimit, but that extraordinary care should be exercised in seeing that it is placed in the hands of the proper party."

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie, whom we heartily welcome to the round table, presented the first report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Georgia we quote :

"We believe that our Freemasonry is essentially Trinitarian-Christian, certainly all our symbolism has its foundation in this doctrine. Who is referred to when we speak of the 'Lion of the tribe of Judah,' and why are we everlastingly meeting the 'three' at every corner? Freemasonry has become of late years Deistic, because some of our master minds have

slipped the moorings and taught this doctrine, little by little, until we of to-day have come to the belief and accept it as truth; but let us not be deceived, unless the writer is badly mistaken, Freemasonry is to the thoughtful mason one of the truest expressions of the mind and thought of Christ this age is destined to witness."

Maine for 1911 has a page. M. W. Bro. Augustus B. Farnham, the Grand Representative for Delaware, is not a well man and we cannot always count on his presence at the annual communication.

Under Michigan:

"Thirteen new masonic halls were dedicated, during one of the latter services it is said, 'The Grand Lodge official line was graced on this occasion by no less a dignitary than Bro. Brown, Treasurer of the Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburgh, Pa., acting as Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon; Michigan masons are quick to discern merit and worth, and at once pressed our good Bro. Brown into the Grand Lodge service.' Now, we have no objection to our genial Pennsylvania brother and fellow traveler over the hot sands, holding down the job of S. G. D. as a Master Mason at a Michigan function, but when it comes to pressing into the service, as such, an officer of a non-masonic body—Well, we must apologize, for we cannot understand. It is the principle of the thing that we refer to. Why could not our genial brother and fellow noble, whose worth and popularity we can vouch for, have graced the lines as a Master Mason, just as well?"

To the thought of Bro. Guthrie we say Amen!

R. W. Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, Grand Chaplain, died December 6, 1910. We shall miss him at the round table, for we had learned to love him through his reports on correspondence.

### FLORIDA, 1912.

"A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of Particular Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain."

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert W. Gilchrist (portrait), in his address remembers the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; reports the constitution of six lodges at the hand of the District Deputy Grand Master for the district; announces the issuance of eight dispensations for new lodges, and five for the laying of corner-stones.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Application for membership was made by two Syrians who resided one year in Florida—naturalized. Can read and talk English language and write some. I was requested to state if I knew of any reason why they should be excluded from membership. Answer: No.

"After conferring degree by courtesy on a brother of a foreign jurisdiction, the lodge should not notify the lodge of which the brother is a member, but should notify the Grand Master, who will notify the Grand Master of that particular Grand Jurisdiction."

The following is likewise the practice in Maine:

"Referring to that portion of the report of the Grand Master upon the matter of conferring of the Past Master's degree during the recess of the Grand Lodge, he asks the question as to who is authorized to confer the degree while the Grand Lodge is in recess, and if the degree is conferred to whom should the members conferring the degree report.

"Answering this query, your committee are of the opinion that the degree may be conferred by any three or more competent actual Past Masters, and that it may be done at the time of the installation of the Master of the lodge, and if done at that time, it is not necessary to make any report thereof to any person."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we quote:

"A brother having been suspended for non-payment of dues makes full payment, but on ballot his petition for re-instatement is refused. Is he entitled to have the amount so paid refunded, and if not, what is his status?"

"Your committee report that the brother is not entitled to have the amount paid for arrears of dues refunded, and after a dark ballot on his petition for re-instatement, his status is that of a suspended mason."

We think that if the decision is right the principle of retaining the dues is wrong.

We wonder what would be the result in Maine if the following proposition was proposed? It was proposed and adopted in Florida:

"Whereas—A large number of representatives of particular lodges on the roll absent themselves from the meetings of the Grand Lodge, thereby receiving compensation for which no services have been rendered, and

"Whereas—Some of the most important subjects are considered and settled toward the close of the meeting with less than one half of the representatives present, therefore be it

"Resolved, That in future Grand Lodge Communications, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of representatives of particular lodges not less than twice each day, (morning and afternoon) at such time as the Grand Lodge may direct and any representative failing to answer to his name shall forfeit one dollar for each failure to so respond, the amount to be deducted from his per diem and mileage.

"Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer shall not pay the per diem and mileage until after the close of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That no representative shall be excused from the Grand Lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. Silas B. Wright gives us his eleventh interesting Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Georgia:

"The record reads that the Grand Lodge was called off until the following morning and a number of Deputies opened a lodge of Master Masons and exemplified the Master Mason's degree.

"We are wondering under what charter or whose authority and in what lodge the work was done?"

To show the method of dissemination of the work in Florida, we quote Bro. Wright under Kansas:

"With us, in Florida, we have no cipher and depend entirely upon the District Deputy Grand Masters, who are really District Grand Lecturers, for the dissemination of our work. The D. D. G. M.'s are, in some cases, far from being what they should be, still the work is rapidly spreading, and becoming more uniform throughout the state. At each session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Work, three in number, exemplify the three degrees and a special school of instruction is held, one day after the close of the Grand Lodge, for the information of the D. D. G. M.'s. Special district meetings are also held in various sections of the state, which the Masters of lodges are asked to attend, and usually a number of the members from nearby lodges are sure to be there. The Committee on Work attend these meetings and the result is always beneficial, not only in additional instruction but in increased interest in the craft."

Maine for 1911 receives its full share of space. We quote:

"One dispensation issued to a lodge to open its regular meeting at 7 o'clock p. m., the regular time named in the by-laws being 7:30 p. m., was a very dangerous precedent. To meet an hour ahead of time gives an opportunity to pass the ballot upon an objectionable candidate or pass upon measures and business objectionable to a majority of the members who not knowing of the change in the hour would have no opportunity to be on hand and object in the proper way."

With which opinion we concur.

And he further says:

"Bro. Chase mistakes our action in the documentary evidence matter. The Grand Lodge of Florida has not ordered that applicants for visitation shall produce documentary evidence as a pre-requisite. We simply provided for the issue of a card receipt bearing the impress of the seal of the Grand Lodge certifying to the regularity of the lodge issuing so that our members when visiting in other states where such things are required will be provided with the essentials for visitation."

R. W. Bro. J. E. Watson, Grand Sword Bearer, died November 29, 1911.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Jewell, Grand Orator, died January 12, 1912.

## GEORGIA, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George M. Napier, in the introduction to his address praises the help given him by the Past Grand Masters who, to him, represented Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice.

He made eight decisions, although "the matters of law submitted to me have run up into the hundreds." All the decisions appear to be in accord with the usual procedure. One of them, touching an application

for dimit, discloses, however, the fact that an application for a dimit can be rejected, and, further, that after thirty days unless charges were preferred he must take the dimit.

From the detailed account of his visitations we quote :

"This pilgrimage of about ten days in the rather mountainous region of our state caused me to conclude that there can be found no more faithful and devoted masons anywhere on earth than in the country sections of our state. Many of these brethren, both in official station and those with only private rank on the checkered floor, travel miles over rough roads at night, to attend the lodge meetings, letting neither torrential rains, nor winter's chilling blasts, nor the darkness of cloudy nights deter them from attending regularly the communications of their lodges. But more than this, when they are at their homes and among their neighbors and fellow countrymen, they practice the precepts which are so impressively taught in their lodges. All honor to the faithful brethren of our country lodges."

All the dispensations to the lodges, one hundred forty-eight in number and for various purposes, were reported. Ten dispensations were granted for new lodges.

Speaking of the District Deputies and their work he says :

"Without exception, the eleven District Deputy Grand Masters have served our cause with fervency and zeal, and have rendered most valuable assistance. It is worthy of remark that the secret work promulgated by the board is being accepted as the right work more generally than ever before."

We do not understand the following statement in his remarks about the Eastern Star :

"We are in fraternal association with the Order of the Eastern Star."

His views about the Masonic Home are worthy of thought. We extract :

"The Masonic Home now has thirty-six inmates—twenty-eight children, and eight old people. Of the latter there is only one male.

"It is evidently not to the best interest of the children and aged people to be in the same building. And I believe that we could conduct a more successful institution to have only one class of beneficiaries—either children or old people.

"It costs us now \$193 per capita to maintain each inmate of the Home. The \$16 per month, if properly expended for the benefit of the old inmates, would, as a rule, make them happier in the home of some relative or friend.

"By declining to take any more old people, and perhaps by allowing those there now the option of using the \$16 per month for their support, we might quickly change to the single feature of a children's home."

The conclusion to his address is a splendid summary of the achievement of masons in the foundation of this government and with the warning cry for masons to be true to themselves in this day of struggle for wealth and power :

"Grand Master Napier, in a very chaste and appropriate speech, presented to the Grand Lodge a set of solid silver Working Tools and Vessels of Consecration, for use in laying of corner-stones.

"On the reverse side of each cup was engraved one of the Working Tools and an appropriate legend respectively, as follows: The Square and the words, 'The Corn of Nourishment'; the Level and the words, 'The Wine of Refreshment'; the Plumb and the words, 'The Oil of Joy.'"

Considerable business, but local in character, was done. The financial question appears to be the most urgent for solution.

How to meet the expenses of the Masonic Home, to build a Masonic Temple, to pay mileage and per diem to a large number, and to keep within the present income is before them.

Bro. A. Q. Moody submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 is among the jurisdictions reviewed.

### IDAHO, 1911.

The Grand Officers, eight Grand Masters and the representatives of forty-five chartered lodges, were present at the forty-fourth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

As an introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Byron S. Defenbach, briefly reviewed the early days of Masonry in Idaho.

The dead in sister jurisdictions are mentioned.

Two masonic temples were dedicated; two corner-stones laid; three dispensations for new lodges granted; and permission granted for many purposes.

His decisions seem to be in accord with the general practice in Masonry, but in the concluding paragraph on "decisions" we read:

"There have been an innumerable lot of inquiries as to physical disqualifications, etc., many of these questions being absolute repetitions of those referred to my predecessor and answered by him in his annual address. This indicates not only a lamentable ignorance of the Code and Digest, but also that last year's proceedings have not been carefully read."

And yet on the printed title page it says:

"Ordered that the Worshipful Masters shall read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or cause the same to be read to their respective lodges, within three months from the receipt thereof, which fact the Secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary forthwith under the seal of the lodge."

He notes improvement in the esoteric work and that the "Idaho work" is gaining in favor and concludes:

"The authorized key is not being as well taken care of, nor is its value to the various lodges being as thoroughly recognized and made use of as might be desired. Two keys have been accidentally destroyed during the year, and others issued in their stead by my instructions."

He comments enthusiastically and briefly upon his visitations to lodges and concludes with praise for the Order of the Eastern Star.

From his recommendations we quote:

"I recommend the creation of an official receipt for dues which shall bear a certificate from the Grand Lodge as to the regularity of the subordinate lodge issuing it."

Another proposed infringement upon the rights of a lodge, and copied from the method used in beneficial organizations.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"In no instance have I found the use of the cipher abused, and in all candor I must acknowledge that it has been a great help to many of our lodges, being a decisive authority in times of doubt and in some cases it has enabled brethren to become almost perfect in the work. Yet, with all this in its favor and although it is absolutely unintelligible to the profane, it is unquestionably inconsistent with the traditions and time honored customs of our ancient and honorable fraternity. The initiate, who was wont to believe that from time immemorial our ritual has been handed down from mouth to ear, is necessarily disappointed, and his high ideals of our institution are dethroned when he discovers our esoteric work is not descending one to another in the seclusive manner he anticipated. Experience has demonstrated that, as a rule, when the ritual is taught orally, it is most deeply imprinted upon the memory and the results are more permanent. It is also evident that, as only one cipher is permitted in each lodge, it has a natural tendency to disturb its peace and harmony in that it grants a special privilege to the few who have access to the cipher. I look upon the cipher as a short cut, a substitute for the sacrifice of time and application of mental effort, which we can dispense with to our own credit and to the benefit of our noble institution."

By the adoption of the following amendment "and to give notice of all rejections to such subordinate lodges as have concurrent jurisdiction," we remark that this proposition follows the procedure in other orders. Does not the applicant for the degrees of Masonry in Idaho have to state whether or not he has ever applied to any other lodge? Again, how long a time must elapse before a rejected candidate can again apply? Suppose at the second application the candidate is elected, ought not the lodges having "concurrent jurisdiction" to be notified of that fact as well as of his former jurisdiction?

But really, this is another illustration of the attempt to legislate in a Grand Lodge upon matters which had better be left to the subordinate lodge to determine.

Several other amendments were adopted, but as the sections as amended are not quoted one cannot tell what the amendments would accomplish unless a copy of Idaho's laws were in hand.



Bro. George E. Knepper presented his tenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has a place. We quote one paragraph:

"The Deputy Grand Master read the address of Grand Master Smith. The address is a splendid example of what can be done with the English language in the hands of a master. With elegant diction and with exact phrasing, too seldom met in the present day, the Grand Master told the masonic story of the year in the State of Maine."

### ILLINOIS, 1911.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert B. Ashley, (portrait) in his report tells us that "peace and prosperity prevail among our 800 lodges with their 110,000 members."

The dead are feelingly remembered.

He made some regulations to raise the standard of proficiency required of a Grand Lecturer; by proxy constituted ten lodges; issued dispensations for twenty lodges; had twenty corner-stones laid; and dedicated three Masonic Halls and the Orphans' Home.

Discussing "The Proper Channel," he says:

"I recommend that all business of our lodges with foreign jurisdictions be sent first of all to the Grand Master for approval and action, when necessary. This will save time and sometimes complications and trouble. It also observes the courtesies due in such cases and conforms to customs practiced in most Grand Lodges."

The affairs of the Masonic Home are given in full, and occupy nearly fifty pages in the proceedings.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Bro. Owen Scott presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Canada we read:

"The Order of the Eastern Star had its doom sealed. The Grand Master held that it was not masonic. He made an order prohibiting lodges from allowing the Chapters O. E. S. to meet in lodge rooms. A District Deputy was instructed to see that a certain lodge turned the good sisters out. And they did it. The Eastern Star is not masonic and does not claim to be. It distinctly disavows this position and in its ritual so teaches. This, however, does not justify a lodge in refusing to allow an organization which is composed wholly of masons and their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters from meeting in a lodge room. It looks very narrow and unreasonable."

Under Kentucky:

"There are no 'blue degrees in Masonry.' Blue is the symbolic color of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. He says 'that the blue lodge is the foundation and the principal part of Masonry.' This is only a half truth and as such becomes most dangerous error. The work of the



so-called 'blue lodge' is not the 'foundation' of anything. It is Masonry itself. It is the foundation, walls, roof—in fact the whole structure. If some other body sees fit to confine its membership to masons this does not make it masonic. Masonry makes no war on other bodies, composed solely of masons, but there is good reason to object to having it considered a gateway to something else improperly styled 'higher degrees in Masonry.' They may be, and no doubt are, excellent institutions, but they are not any part of Masonry."

Maine for 1911 has most courteous mention.

He says:

"Brother Chase is inclined to poke fun at Grand Master Ashley. He says that 'it must have been a great oversight on our part, but for the first time we notice that the Grand Master makes a "report" not an address.' A little further on attention is called to the fact that our record says that 'the address of the M. W. Grand Master was on motion, referred to the committee on Grand Master's address.' Well, what of it? After all Grand Master Ashley is correct. The Grand Lodge by-laws require that 'the Grand Master shall present at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge a written *report* setting forth such of his official acts and decisions,' etc. Nothing is said about an 'address.'"

Under Oklahoma we read:

"After declaring against Cerneauism and every other irregularism the Grand Lodge was delivered of the following:

"'Likewise, the state of Oklahoma is occupied by a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, by a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and by Consistories of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction, all of which bodies are lawfully constituted and established within our state, and all of which are duly recognized by masonic bodies throughout the world; and all of these rest upon our blue lodges and the three degrees therein conferred.

"'Therefore, the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma recognizes the above named bodies as having obtained exclusive jurisdiction in the state of Oklahoma over their several degrees by virtue of the foregoing principles, and hereby so instructs all constituent lodges within this state.'

"Neither physician, wet-nurse nor god-father is mentioned. What business has a Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons attempting to fix the status of bodies and organizations wholly foreign to its obedience? Why not decide as to the regularity of the Improved Order of Red Men or the Knights of Pythias or the Modern Woodmen? A Masonic Grand Lodge has just as much official knowledge and connection with the Elks as with the shrine, commandery and consistory. Many years ago an aged school teacher gave to his pupils this copy, 'A. T. Stewart got rich minding his own business.' Masons can learn a lesson here."

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R. W. Bro. Charles Fisher, Deputy Grand Master in 1867, who had lived to the age of eighty-eight, died July 9, 1911. He was the oldest member of the Grand Lodge and he scarcely ever missed a meeting of his own lodge.

**INDIANA, 1911.**

All but one of the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of 530 lodges out of 536 chartered lodges, were present at the ninetieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Ridley, in his address, tells us that the year has brought the greatest increase in members of any year, and that there has been but one case of disagreement between lodges.

The dead of his own and other jurisdictions are fittingly remembered.

Dispensations were issued for six new lodges; three lodges were constituted; seven masonic halls were dedicated; five corner-stones were laid, and by-laws were approved.

Other matters appertaining to the Fraternity of Indiana were fully discussed by him.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana prints all the details of its appeal cases.

There was a large amount of business transacted, and the reports of the several committees, upon the matters presented to them, are quite long and exhaustive, but no new point in masonic law could be observed.

Bro. Daniel McDonald presented the Indiana Annual Masonic Review.

Under California we read:

"During our long career as reviewer of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, this is the first time we remember of noticing the refusal of a Grand Master to lay the corner-stone of a church. We have many times considered the matter and wondered what good reason could be assigned for the masonic laying of a corner-stone of a church of any denomination. We are inclined to the opinion that the Grand Master's decision was correct, and that it would be well if it were generally adopted."

The Grand Lodge of Maine for 1910, finds a place in this review. He says:

"He granted quite a number of special dispensations, twenty-two of which were to attend divine service on St. John's Day. We have expressed our views on this subject under South Dakota, to which reference is here made. We might inquire if it is not lawful for a lodge to attend divine services on St. John's Day, whether a special dispensation issued by the Grand Master makes it lawful, or does it simply protect the lodge from having charges preferred against it for a violation of the landmark prohibiting lodges from appearing in public except for the burial of the dead and the laying of corner-stones?"

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M. W. Bro. Simeon P. Gillett, Grand Master in 1896-'97, died November 26, 1910.

M. W. Bro. Lucien A. Foote, Grand Master in 1874-1875, the senior Past Grand Master, died November 30, 1910.

**IOWA, 1911.**

Whatever may be said by others about the practice of a lodge or Grand Lodge appearing in public upon any occasion under the escort of Knights Templar, our Iowa brethren are not influenced thereby, for do we not read, not only of an escort, but also of preliminary public exercises held at an Opera House, where there were present "a large number of citizens and members of the fraternity, together with the Order of the Eastern Star."

Many an address of welcome have we listened to and read, but we recall none quite equal to the one delivered on this occasion. We quote one paragraph:

"I welcome you on the five points of fellowship as represented in Marion and Cedar Rapids who join to make your visit so pleasant a memory that at no distant date you will again return. The first point of fellowship is the Eastern Stars, whom you see everywhere around you, and if you but listen you will hear in accents sweet that you are 'one among a thousand.' The second point of fellowship is Iowa Consistory, No. 2, whose members are so anxious your every wish shall be anticipated that their welcome to you is well symbolized by the emblem of the order, the double eagle. As it looks in all directions so they are to-day looking to welcome you. The 'third point of fellowship' is Apollo Commandery. The Sir Knights meet you 'with staff and script' and 'such as they have they give freely unto you,' a welcome as sincere as 'the fifth libation.' The fourth point of fellowship is the 'chapter.' The companions have examined your work and found it 'good work, true work, square work, work fit for the master.' With the 'true word' and their fraternal 'three-times-three' they bid you thrice welcome beneath their great 'royal arch' of hospitality. The fifth point of fellowship—the blue lodges—at once the foundation and the keystone of Masonry, combining under the loyal blue all others, join in extending the right hand of fraternity to welcome you within the tyled doors of the city to-day."

All the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of four hundred and sixty-two lodges were present at the annual communication.

After a brief introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro-Frederick W. Craig, pays true masonic tribute to the dead.

Two lodges were constituted by proxy. The Grand Master rightly thinks that the ceremony should be by the Grand Master. It surely is of more importance masonically than the dedication of halls, which function he performed on three occasions.

The decisions of the Grand Master in Iowa "are of minor importance," as they are only the "Acts of the Grand Master." However, as these decisions may serve as a "precedent" to those who are asking questions, he reports four of the most important made by him. We quote:

"I have held that when a brother removed to another state and took his dimit from his Iowa lodge he had severed his rights to membership therein, and was not eligible to membership while he remained outside its

jurisdiction, but could regain his eligibility as a petitioner for membership by again becoming a resident for six months."

He held that removal by the Worshipful Master from the jurisdiction vacated his station.

In Maine we do not so hold. The Senior Warden performs the duties of the Worshipful Master until the end of the term for which the W. M. was elected. Thus is avoided the question which arose, for his next decision, whether or not a Senior Warden who had not filled that office for a full year was eligible to the office of Worshipful Master. The Grand Master and the Committee of Jurisprudence joining in with him, side stepped, for they said to this effect: if a Warden, presumably installed, has served even at one communication of the lodge, he is eligible under the law which requires one to have been a Master or Warden in a legal lodge. For the Grand Master says:

"The law does not by its terms provide that the Warden to be eligible to the office of Worshipful Master shall have served as Warden for a full term of one year or for any other specified time, but only that he has first served as Warden in some legal lodge."

Discussing life-membership in lodges he says:

"Life membership based upon the fact that the member has paid dues annually for a certain period of years is inequitable, unjust, unfair, and unsafe. The dues paid year by year are for the expenses of those years, or for the benefit of the paying member during that particular period of time, and unless he is charged an unjust amount he obtains no credit in any sense for the future."

But he rather favors some plan by which one may pay a lump sum for life-membership.

Under the topic "For the Good of Lodges," we read:

"*The Work.*—Great strides have been made in recent years towards uniformity of work. Accuracy and uniformity are to be highly commended. Sometimes one is led to wonder whether elaboration and display are the necessary companions of accuracy and uniformity. Let not the smaller lodges that still cling to the simple life be discouraged. They are able to make just as good masons and as much to the pleasure of the observer as those who possess all the modern machinery. One Grand Lodge in an old and strong masonic state prohibits the use of robes or stereopticon in conferring the degrees."

We have no thought that "robes or stereopticon" add to the degrees in Masonry. Symbolic teaching needs no outside accessories or "modern machinery."

The Grand Secretary's report, eight pages, gives valuable information.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges we extract one paragraph:

"We believe that the net amounts received for fees should not be drawn upon for regular expenses, but be permitted to accumulate as a surplus

fund for the relief of a poor distressed brother mason, his widow, or orphan, or for practical improvements that will be of interest and pride to every member of the lodges. We believe that the cause of much lethargy in our ranks is due to the fact that the meeting places and facilities for exemplifying the work are often such as will not attract and hold the membership, and uphold the dignity that should pertain to a lodge of masons however few in number."

The Committee on Recognition of Grand Bodies concluded a lengthy report recommending the adoption of the following:

"*First.* That it is the judgment and conclusion of this Grand Lodge that Grand Lodge authority and legitimacy is derived from the consent and action of subordinate lodges.

"*Second.* That the legitimacy of a subordinate lodge depends upon its being able to trace its lineage from the parent Grand Lodge of England or the British Isles."

The Committee on Jurisprudence concluded "that honorary membership in subordinate lodges would be both illegal and undesirable and should not be permitted."

Bro. Louis Block, who presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, receives our congratulations upon his election to the station of Grand Master of Masons of Iowa. But, of course, he never could have been thought of when in the fourth paragraph of his "poem" was mentioned a reason for the existence of a Foreign Correspondent.

Under British Columbia we read:

"Among other things the Grand Master ruled that the Order of the Eastern Star should not be permitted to use the Masonic Hall for their meetings, basing his decision upon a clause in their constitution which he claims prohibits them from so doing.

"If we had a constitution like that in British Columbia, we would change it if it took a crow-bar and drill and some dynamite to do it. We hope the day may soon come when this hard-fisted attitude toward this splendid organization will be a thing of the past."

Under Illinois, discussing Masonic Clubs, he says:

"While it may be true that the Masonic Lodge 'is a pretty good masonic club itself,' yet our experience has been that the trouble with the lodges is that the work of special masonic investigation and study, and the matter of carrying out those social functions which tend to make the brethren better acquainted and draw them all the closer together, is far too often neglected by the lodge, which too frequently thinks that the sole purpose of its existence is to confer degrees and commit the ritual. The mason who can rattle off the ritual is too often idolized, while the mason who has penetrated beneath the letter of the ritual to its inward inspiration and meaning, is treated with good humored toleration as a sort of harmless nuisance and is too often denied the praise and encouragement which he deserves. Masonic clubs often owe their origin to the fact that a few earnest and devoted masons find there the intellectual and spiritual fellowship for which they have searched in vain in the workings of the lodge. The eternal grind of the ritual inevitably becomes more or less of a droning monotony unless its figures of speech are frequently explained and illustrated by brethren of sufficient depth of heart and mind to understand and appreciate their inner meaning, and to make that

inner meaning shine for the illumination of the darkened minds of their brethren."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed. We quote:

"The craft in Maine has been by no means stagnant, however, but has pursued the even tenor of its plodding way, showing a net gain of 464 in membership, or a percentage gain of one and two-thirds per cent.

But we cannot quite fathom the reason why "plodding" was used.

A fine portrait (Bather) of Grand Master Frederick W. Craig embellishes the proceedings. From a sketch of his life we find that he was born in Farmington, Maine, June 29, 1854.

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M. W. Bro. Willard L. Eaton, Grand Master in 1900, died June 7, 1911.

M. W. Bro. Lewis J. Baker, Grand Master in 1901, died November 8, 1911.

### KANSAS, 1912.

There was a large representation present at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and yet ninety-one of the three hundred ninety-four lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alex. A. Sharp, we learn that he is in favor of the proposition providing that correspondence between lodges should go through the office of the Grand Master.

Why should it not be made a little more technical? If Lodge A in Maine wishes to correspond upon any subject with Lodge B in Kansas, let lodge A send its communication to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, who shall properly endorse it and send it to the Grand Master of Maine, and he shall again endorse it and return it to the Grand Secretary of Maine, who shall then forward it to the Grand Secretary of Kansas, who will forward it to the Grand Master of Kansas.

After due consideration by the Grand Master in Kansas, the answer will get back to the Lodge in Maine, through a procedure the reverse of the one described. There have many things crept into the way of doing business in Masonry within a few years, but none so foolish as that which prevents lodges from holding communication one with the other.

For seven new lodges dispensations were issued, but were refused when ballot upon petitions for the degrees, within four weeks, was asked. He also says:

"I have refused almost fifty requests to grant dispensations authorizing the conferral of degrees upon candidates who were physically dis-

qualified. The disqualification has extended from the loss of an eye to the loss of a leg. In one case a would-be candidate traveled over a hundred miles to submit himself to me for physical examination. As a child his right thumb had been cut off at the second joint. No lodge could admit him and no Master should ever have given him the least encouragement. In one day I received applications from different parts of the state, on behalf of a man who had lost his right leg and one who had lost his left, a hip-joint amputation."

His decisions were six in number, and appear to be in accord with usual masonic usage.

Of the District Deputy system he says:

"My experience with the District Deputy system has been similar to that of my predecessors. It has relieved the Grand Master of much unnecessary correspondence, and has at the same time kept him in touch with local conditions. As a whole, our Deputies are interested in their work, have a better knowledge of their duties each year, and are becoming more valuable to the craft at large. The annual conferences of the Deputies have proven of great value to the system."

The Grand Lodge of Chili was recognized.

From the Report of the Special Committee on Masonic Usages and Procedure we quote:

"In accordance with the suggestions of the Grand Master, and recognizing the need of specific instructions relative to the manner of receiving visiting masons of various ranks, your committee recommends the adoption of the following rules of action:

"*First:* A visiting Master Mason shall be introduced by the Senior Deacon at the altar, the lodge then called up and a welcome extended.

"*Second:* A visiting Master, Past Master or appointive Grand Officer shall be introduced by the Senior Deacon at the altar. On the entrance of such visitor, the lodge shall be called up and remain standing until a welcome shall have been duly extended.

"*Third:* An elective Grand Officer, a specially commissioned representative of the Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master when visiting a lodge within his district, shall be introduced by the Senior Deacon at the altar between parallel lines of brethren extending from the East to the West on the north and south of the altar, and thence conducted to the East.

"*Fourth:* A Past Grand Master shall be introduced by the Senior Deacon at the altar between parallel lines of brethren, extending from the East to the West on the north and south of the altar, thence conducted to the East when the Private Grand Honors shall be rendered.

"*Fifth:* The Grand Master shall be received between parallel lines of brethren extending directly from the the entrance to the East (the altar not within the lines) when the Private Grand Honors shall be rendered. When associate officers accompany the Grand Master, they shall immediately precede him through the lines."

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his tenth Report on Correspondence.

Under Louisiana we read:

"Bro. Thibaut says a good word for Latin Masonry, in part of which we concur, but anything which does not include a belief in God and the immortality of the soul we cannot admit to consideration as masonic. It



does not make any difference from where the cry of Atheism comes so long as the fact of Atheism must be conceded. That the same objectors complain of American Masonry as a religion, is only evidence of the fact that they are true sons of Loyola, ready to do anything to accomplish the present necessity or purpose. The Orient people in France played into the hands of their enemies by making good the claims of Atheism made against them. Like our bad Indians they have gone outside the reservation, and must take their medicine before they can be admitted and entitled to be called 'good Indians.'"

Maine for 1911 is reviewed.

We excerpt:

"The Grand Lodge of Kansas has had no more faithful representative in its service than its Maine representative, Archie Lee Talbot, and he has the sympathy and esteem of the Grand Lodge he represents, with the hope that his lay-off from duty may be of brief duration."

And again:

"He (Bro. Chase) credits Kansas with continuing fraternal relations with the 'Spanish contingent'—Valle de Mexico.

"You are off, Bro. Chase—like the Spanish contingent; what now is left is the simon pure article—almost entirely English speaking."

But it is not styled "Valle de Mexico."

Under Minnesota we read:

"In the 'Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges of England,' the Duke of Kent has the precedence as 'Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England, according to the Old Institutions' 'on the one part,' and the Duke of Sussex, as 'Grand Master of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons under the Constitution of England on the other part,' and under the union consummated in 1813 the title of the United Grand Lodges became 'The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Freemasons of England.' The United Grand Lodge recognized the precedence of the Ancient Grand Lodge at York in extending its continued existence from time immemorial 'according to the old institutions' down to the time of the Union, and in the consummated Union again recognized its precedence in taking the name of 'The United Grand Lodge of *Ancient* Free and Accepted Freemasons of England.' 'Under which King, Bezonian'—do you serve?

"In the Revolutionary days in this country the 'London and Westminster Body' was known as the 'Tory' organization, and the colonies would have little or nothing to do with it, the provincial organization in Massachusetts doing no business from 1775 to 1783. But the Ancient (Athol) bodies continued to do work in the American and British Colonies until American Grand Lodges were ready to organize, and then in this country even these were laid aside. But the London and Westminster lodges were not received in the United Grand Lodge of England until after they had been 'healed' by instruction in the 'Ancient' work, nor were they received in American Grand Bodies until they had complied with the same requirement.

"It is all right brethren, for you to recognize the 'Tory' body if you wish, but you have a better pedigree masonically than it has, by virtue of your descent from American Grand Lodges legitimately organized tracing descent from ancestry 'according to the Old Institutions.'"

"If you have not quit talking about your descent from the 'York Rite,'



and forget everything about Masonry anterior to the London dinner at the 'Goose and Gridiron,' which was simply a local revolt from Ancient Craft Masonry."

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The Grand Lodge of Kansas mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. George W. Hogeboom, Deputy Grand Master in 1871; of R. W. Bro. O. M. McAllaster, Grand Senior Warden in 1863-'64; and of R. W. Bro. John T. Lanter, Grand Junior Warden in 1867.

### KENTUCKY, 1911.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert R. Burnam, after a brief introduction to his address, tells us that he has granted nine dispensations for new lodges and of the financial situation says:

"The finances of the Grand Lodge are steadily improving. The only obligations we have are in connection with the Temple. All interest has been paid and the debt reduced, leaving \$181,000.00 still due the trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, secured by a lien on this building."

Many trying cases of discipline came before him; questions of physical disqualification had to be answered; dispensations for some seemingly proper occasions were granted; corner-stones were laid; and halls were dedicated.

Of the "work" he says:

"The degrees of the Blue Lodge ought not, in my opinion, to be so elaborate in any lodge that the great truths intended to be taught are lost sight of, nor should the monitorial part be so long as to exhaust the patience of the members after the novelty has worn off.

"The more I have investigated the needs of the craft, the more persuaded I have become that this Grand Body ought to take some action along this line. The basis ought to be a written work held by the Grand Secretary (one copy). Here each autumn a school ought to be held by competent craftsmen for the purpose of instruction."

He made the following decisions:

"Question: Should a brother who appeals from the decision of his lodge be required to pay for the transcript before the Secretary does the work or give security for same?

"Answer: Yes.

"Question: Can the petition of one who is not twenty-one years of age be received for initiation?

"Answer: Yes, provided he becomes of age before the ballot is due."

With this decision Maine does not agree, as in the petition the applicant must state that he is of lawful age and *lawful age* is twenty-one.

All other decisions accord with practice with us.

There arose a difficulty between Latonia Lodge and the lodges of Covington from the fact that Latonia by vote of her citizens became a part

of Covington. Before the Union Latonia Lodge had exclusive jurisdiction, but after the union it was claimed by the lodge in Covington that they had jurisdiction over what was formerly Latonia.

The Grand Master, rightly as we believe, decided concurrent jurisdiction to all.

A similar case arose in Maine, but the Grand Lodge, before the union of the two cities was completed, so legislated that the jurisdiction of the lodges after the union should be the same as before the union.

The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction was threshed out because of the making a mason in Kentucky of one who was rejected in Pennsylvania which still claims to hold forever all rejected material wherever located.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended and the following was adopted:

"The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction be again and forever repudiated, and we further recommend that the Committee on the Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges be directed to advise all the Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States with whom we are in fraternal communication, of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and to ascertain from said Grand Lodges the position taken by each of them on the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction."

Recognition was extended to Porto Rico.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under California he says:

"We know the Universality of Masonry doctrine. We are acquainted with the doctrine as decreed by Mackay. But at the same time we know also that the Grand Lodge which authorizes the Bible removed from the altars of the lodges finds itself promptly cut off by other Grand Lodges. The action of the Grand Lodge of Peru is of comparatively recent date. Masonic students know the result, and remember with what alacrity that Grand Lodge re-considered its ill-advised action. More than that, masons are taught, not that the book which by a people is accepted as the revelation of God, but that the Holy Bible, square and compasses are the great lights of Masonry. Why then, should not candidates be required to be believers in the Holy Bible as the revealed will of God? As a matter of fact, Masonry founds itself on the declarations of the Old Testament, and its doctrines are the doctrines of the Bible, and he who disbelieves them cannot consistently be made a mason."

Under Iowa we read:

"The fact remains, after every effort to explain it away, that the symbolry of Masonry rests on the fact of Solomon's Temple and on the theology of the Bible. An order that does not recognize the one, or that denies the other, is not, and in the nature of things, regardless of the name it may assume, can not be masonic. And however eager may be our desire to masonize all nations, the surrender by the Order of these, its essential tenets of belief, results not in making masons of them, but demasonizing the Masonic Order. We have never been able to understand how Mackay could declare the Legend of the Third Degree to be a masonic landmark, and almost in the same breath assert that for the book

which declares the doctrine of that degree might be substituted a book which asserted no such credal doctrine."

Maine for 1911 has attention.

To our paragraph upon the introduction into a Grand Lodge of officers of other bodies as such officers he says:

"Well, it was hardly just that way. The distinguished mason who, for the time being, was the Imperial Potentate of the A. A. O. N. M. S., being in the city in which the Grand Lodge was in session, paid his brethren a visit and was warmly welcomed by them, as he should have been. Don't you think so?"

"The writer of this report has for some years past been endeavoring to arouse masonic interest in opposition to the modern tendency of Grand Lodge legislation that denies to subordinate lodges their ancient rights and privileges. He is much gratified to find so able a masonic jurist as Brother Chase agreeing with him."

Yes, I do think the brother should have been welcomed by the Grand Lodge which he visited, but that he should have been introduced, if by any title, by the highest title to which he had attained in Symbolic Masonry.

Under North Carolina he thus discusses perpetual jurisdiction:

"Concluding his review, he says: 'Like Brother Clarke, we are and have been personally opposed to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, because we believe it to be intrinsically unjust to the rejected candidate.' This reason he assigns for his antagonism to the doctrine is a good one, and should be sufficient to condemn it by masons everywhere. Not to be just is to be masonically in the wrong. But there is another objection quite as serious. Every Grand Lodge is supreme and sovereign within its own jurisdiction. Therefore, each Grand Lodge has the right to prescribe the conditions under which masons may be made within its jurisdiction; and only under such prescribed conditions can they be lawfully made. The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is the declaration of a right of one Grand Lodge to prescribe the conditions under which candidates of a certain class may be made masons in other jurisdictions within which their laws have and can have no force or effect; and the effect of which, could they there have effect, would be to annul the laws of such other jurisdiction. For instance—the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the only source of masonic law in Kentucky, prescribes that a lodge in Kentucky may receive the petition of a candidate who has resided six months within its jurisdiction and may make him a mason. The law applies alike to those who have always resided in Kentucky and to those who have removed to Kentucky from other states or countries. Now, to insist that because the Grand Lodge of North Carolina prescribes that a candidate once rejected by one of its lodges can never be made a mason without the consent of that lodge, therefore, a lodge in Kentucky can not make a mason of one who has resided within its jurisdiction six months if he was once rejected by a North Carolina lodge, is to contend that the laws of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are superior within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and, when the two conflict, the former actually repeals the latter. None will actually contend so; yet such would be the logical effect. It will be seen at once that reducing the period to five years instead of making it perpetual does not in the least change the facts or help the matter."

From his conclusion we quote:

"We are contending that the legally performed acts of every regular masonic lodge be recognized by every other lodge and by all Grand Lodges. If it be not done, Masonry ceases to be a Universal Brotherhood, and is reduced to a system of petty societies, each bounded by its own jurisdictional lines. We are making a plea for an order composed of masons wherever dispersed round the globe, and all members of one and the same order."

We have been entertained and instructed by the reading of the correspondence report of Bro. Clarke and the only jar we had was that caused by his speaking of Masonry as an *Order* and not a FRATERNITY.

### MANITOBA, 1911.

The thirty-sixth annual communication was opened at Winnipeg in the presence of all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 66 lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George W. Baker, in his address briefly mentions the dead; happily reports his visitations; and in his addresses on these occasions he tried to show right masonic ideals. He says:

"The Great Giver of all good has bestowed upon us an intellect, a thing to use, for by its use, it strengthens, and with it we can the better discern our Lodge Literature, for every word has a meaning, pregnant with thought and based upon the soundest philosophy, and besides, elevating us beyond the sordid affairs of everyday life. This literature is of the purest English, written about the period when Shakespeare penned his immortal work, and when those eminent men put forth the great authorized edition of the Volume of the Sacred Law—written, too, at a period when men like Addison, Steele and others were doing literary work which delights and instructs us at this day—with all its sublimity of thought, and couched in purity of language beyond compare. Can we not then feel that we have a heritage in a literature in which we may justly hold a great and honest pride, and endeavor in some small and humble way to show an appreciation, by living up to those teachings which that literature contains. The man who has killed all his spiritual and intellectual faculties, while he has been gathering together a heap of material dross is a pitiable object. His happiness lies not in his own self, but in that gathered dust heap, which a passing wind may blow away. But the man who can wander at will in the world of knowledge, or art or beauty or imagination, is ever and always the King of the Universe, and the Master of Fate. Whether riches shall come to him or poverty, he has within himself a touchstone of happiness, which he would not barter for the wealth of Croesus."

One corner-stone, that of a Collegiate Institute, was laid; one lodge was consecrated.

Discussing the use of Emblems he says:

"The brother, then, who makes a great metallic display and forgets, by his tenor of life, that he belongs to our Order, not only brings disgrace upon himself, but stigmatizes our whole system and casts an odious reflection on every member of the Craft. Our responsibility, therefore, is very great to the Order."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting detailed reports.

The business was routine.

No Report on Correspondence.

### MARYLAND, 1911.

With all formal ceremony the Grand Lodge began its annual communication.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, made a short address.

A lodge of sorrow was held to commemorate the memory of R. W. Bro. Henry Clay Larrabee, Deputy Grand Master 1900-'01, who died July 29, 1911, and of R. W. Bro. James R. Brewer, Deputy Grand Master 1902-1911, who died November 6, 1911.

The address of M. W. Bro. John M. Carter entitled, "Maryland Masons in the Revolution," appears.

The entire business was routine and formal.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Florida he clearly puts the old regulations, for he says:

"We hold that a lodge may accord to a non-affiliate the privilege of visiting a lodge or join in any procession without payment of fee, or any other restriction, at its will and pleasure. In our opinion the Grand Lodge has no power (*rightfully*) whatever to prevent them from so doing."

Maine for 1911 has its full share of attention.

Under Virginia we read that which ought to be read and cherished:

"Ever since we have been preparing these reports we have insisted that Freemasonry was not a *constitutional* organization, but that it is an ancient, honorable and universal Fraternity, founded upon certain fundamental unchangeable principles and governed by equally unchangeable ancient charges, regulations, landmarks, usages and customs, which taken together constitute what is known in the old records and writings as '*The Constitutions of Freemasonry*.' The body of Masonry into which every Master-elect, before he can be installed, is required to solemnly declare that it is not in the power of any man, or set of men, to make changes or innovations therein."

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Eulogies were pronounced of R. W. Bro. Henry Clay Larrabee, Deputy Grand Master 1900-'02, who died July 29, 1911, and of R. W. Bro.

James Rawlings Brewer, Deputy Grand Master 1902-'11, who died Nov. 6, 1911.

### MASSACHUSETTS, 1911.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Flanders graces the proceedings, which are now issued in one volume.

The proceedings at the special communication, held for the dedication of the Masonic Home at Charlton, are given in detail.

Amendments to the constitution, having reference to candidates and the powers of Board of Masonic Relief, were adopted.

There were also adopted amendments by which dispensations could be more easily granted for new lodges and another having reference to the residence of the candidate.

A portrait of M. W. Bro. Caleb Butler, Grand Master in 1841-2, was presented to the Grand Lodge.

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We unite with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in deep sorrow at the loss of M. W. Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, who died September 24, 1911.

### MICHIGAN, 1911.

Ten of the four hundred and four chartered lodges were not represented at the annual communication, but thirteen Grand Officers and fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After words of welcome from the Mayor of the city of Port Huron and from the Senior Past Grand Master, Bro. William I. Mitchell, ninety-four years old, the Grand Master, Bro. G. Roscoe Swift, read his address.

The introduction is short and suitable; the mention of the dead fittingly expressed; then begins the account of the business of the office; among the matters mentioned we find a large number of dispensations of which three were for new lodges.

Two lodges were instituted; thirteed halls were dedicated; three corner-stones were laid, and these exercises were so interesting in the observance that it takes seventeen printed pages to describe them.

The proposition for a new lodge formed out of another lodge to assist the mother lodge in conferring the degrees because of the large amount of work, was refused by him.

So also he brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the proposition to have the Grand Lodge locate permanently at Detroit.

He reports strained relations with Ontario, Canada, arising out of the attendance of brethren of a lodge in Port Huron, Michigan, at the funeral of a brother of that lodge in Sarnia, at which action Ontario, Canada, felt aggrieved and non-intercourse was declared.

Differences arose between local lodges on the question of jurisdiction, some of which were arranged but others were referred to the Grand Lodge.

The correspondence arising from an invitation from the lodge at Alexandria, Va., to the Grand Master to work the Michigan work on February 22, 1911, with the matters connected with the Washington Masonic Memorial Association, takes up forty-two pages.

He announced the gift to the Grand Lodge of Michigan of the Alma Sanitarium for a Masonic Home and recommended the discontinuance of aid to the Michigan Masonic Home at Grand Rapids.

The address of the Grand Master was contained in about one hundred and twenty-two pages, and we no longer wonder at a proposition, which appeared in the first forty pages, asking to have the address and other business printed and distributed at least ten days before the annual communication, so that it might be known what was to be the business before the Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Committee on Canadian Relations we learn that the matter had been amicably settled and the ban removed.

A very large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

### MISSISSIPPI, 1911.

A public reception was held at eleven o'clock in the morning, at which there was music, vocal and instrumental, addresses of welcome and responses thereto. These exercises took an hour, and then the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

M. W. Bro. Walter M. Conner, Grand Master, after a brief introduction to his address, mentions the dead; tells of the many dispensations issued and the few refused; reports the constitution of ten lodges; dispensation issued for one new lodge, and five corner-stones laid.

Of his decisions we quote the following:

"April the 25th my attention was called to the fact that a certain society was operating under the name of 'Council or Consistory of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of America,' and as such was soliciting membership from the craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. I instructed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular letter warning the subordinate lodges against



having anything to do with this society, as it had been declared to be clandestine.

"September the 8th, received the following: Can the Grand Master or Grand Lodge restore the charter of a defunct lodge? Answer, No, they must organize a new lodge."

The last decision quoted is not, as we understand it, the usual masonic way. Why cannot the petitioners of a defunct lodge ask the Grand Lodge to restore the charter? Local law may prevent.

Of schools of instruction he says:

"I desire to express my great appreciation and hearty approval of the system now in vogue for disseminating true masonic light and knowledge. It has been my pleasure to visit all the Schools of Instruction held during the year except one, and but for the meeting of the School of Instruction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in my home town on the same date, I would have attended this one. I have been deeply impressed with the importance of the work, and the progress which has been made through the instrumentality of the schools in the way of instructing those who attended them in the work and lectures. The progress made is something almost marvelous. When we first began the enlarged system now in vogue, it was somewhat of an experiment, but it has to-day passed beyond the experimental stage, and we are now confident that we have at last struck the key-note of imparting a knowledge of the ritual to those who are not familiar with it. Due to the faithfulness of our Grand Lecturer and his able corps of District Deputies there are to-day in the state hundreds of masons, who can give the work and lectures almost verbatim ad literatim. When this system was first inaugurated there were not possibly more than a half of a dozen in the entire state who could do this."

A large amount of business, entirely local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Harry T. Howard submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 has mention.

We have received announcements of deaths of M. W. Bro. M. M. Evans, Grand Master in 1888, who died November 9, 1911; and of M. W. Bro. Enoch G. DeLap, Grand Master in 1887, who died December 24, 1911; and of M. W. Bro. John S. Cobb, Grand Master in —, who died January 17, 1912.

### MISSOURI, 1911.

Portraits of the Grand Lecturer, Bro. James R. McLachlan, and of the Grand Tyler, Bro. John W. Owen, Grand Tyler for thirty years, grace the proceedings.

The Grand Officers, nineteen Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from four hundred and twenty-three lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.



The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Clay C. Bigger, in the introduction to his address expresses fine thoughts. We excerpt one paragraph:

"He who has been honored by the privileges of our fraternity; who on bended knee at the Altar of Freemasonry, has seen the gloom and darkness around him give way before the advancing light of masonic truth, and who has not felt his heart expand with joy, and whose soul has not been fired with a high and noble resolve to live less for himself and more for others, and to live and labor for the happiness of those around him, has enjoyed the privileges of our Order to little purpose. He has failed to grasp and treasure in his heart the sublime truths displayed on the Masonic Trestleboard; he has failed to learn and be impressed with the great moral lesson which Freemasonry teaches; that he who labors most for others, strives most by precept and his own example to raise his fellow man to a higher, nobler life; and that he who has learned to love truth and virtue and to despise deceit and falsehood, lives in harmony with God's eternal truths."

Speaking of the condition of the fraternity he says:

"The brethren are alert and keeping pace with the upward and onward movement of the people along all moral lines. They realize that the strength of our Institution depends not so much upon numbers as upon the personal character of the men constituting its membership. They are striving to make their lodge a power and influence for good in the community in which it is located."

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges, but refused in cases asking for a ballot on a petition or to confer degrees in a shorter period of time than is required by law.

Six corner-stones were laid.

Of his decisions we quote:

"A District Deputy Grand Master stated that a lodge in his District was expecting a large attendance of brethren at a meeting to confer a number of degrees, and requested a dispensation permitting the lodge to meet in an opera house for the occasion, as the lodge room would be inadequate to accommodate the crowd. I declined to issue the dispensation and held that a chartered lodge could not legally meet and work in a building that had not been dedicated and consecrated to masonic purposes."

R. W. Bro. Fred S. Hudson, Grand Orator, delivered an oration on "Ideal Masonry."

We quote:

"To answer the purpose of our existence Masonry should be practiced. To boast of its antiquity and parade its ancestors before the brethren of to-day will not measure up to the requirements of our high calling. Ideal Masonry is more than this, it is an institution whereby ways and means are devised for the systematic study and promulgation of the duties and conduct of the craft in the everyday walks of human life; Ideal Masonry is so lofty that frail humanity, struggling to keep up its teachings, will meet many obstacles and may fall short of its aims and purposes. But if we are honest in our intentions, if our faith is well founded, our ambitions laudable, our aims noble and our aspirations high and holy, we will triumph in the end."

Then after the R. W. Bro. had finished the M. W. Grand Master introduced R. W. Bro. Percy A. Budd, the other Grand Orator, who delivered an oration on "Who Comes Here?" We quote the concluding paragraph:

"The fundamentals of Freemasonry are contained in the Blue Lodge, and through it citizenship is promoted, government is bettered and man is elevated by the teachings that demand of him that he do his best, be it much or little, toward the advancement of the human race. So it is that we must be Freemasons in all that the word implies. There is a danger in being satisfied with the simple condition of membership. Membership itself is nothing. It does not change your makeup or add to you. Arouse yourself. You must take advantage of the opportunities that are presented. Your life should not be shrouded with somber curtains nor dimmed by tears because of grief over your trials. Meet them. Triumph over them; but do not forget to help your brother on the way. So that at the last great day when each one of us must stand outside the door of the Celestial Lodge above, ruled over by the Great Artificer of the Universe, and wait for admission therein, our record can answer 'a man of good report, and well recommended' when the question is thundered forth 'Who Comes Here?'"

We regret that the reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals are spread in full in the printed proceedings.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Iowa he thus discourses on Life Membership:

"If the period were limited in years to, say fifteen or even twenty, it might be unsafe, but it is certainly true that there are rarely enough members of a lodge who have paid dues for twenty-five, or even twenty years, to seriously impair the financial status by ceasing to pay. To our mind it appears that it would be well for every lodge to establish a membership age limit varying the limit according to circumstances. There are many old men to whom even the small amount of lodge dues is a burden, yet they will not ask to have their dues remitted. It would certainly tend to make lodge membership more stable and reduce a considerable loss in numbers and perhaps influence to the great body of Masonry from year to year."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

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M. W. Bro. Flavius J. Tygard, Grand Master in 1897, died April 3, 1911.

### **MONTANA, 1911.**

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-six of the seventy chartered lodges represented; fourteen Grand Officers and nine Past Grand Masters present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, James W. Spear (portrait), introduces the subject matter of his address with pleasant thoughts of peace and harmony. He then eulogizes the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

Some correspondence was required because of the formation of a lodge in Montana near the boundary line of Dakota, whereby candidates for Masonry living in Dakota petitioning the Montana lodge for degrees could get no waiver from the lodge in Dakota. To prevent such recurrences in the future he recommended that "a resolution be passed, conceding to the lodges of Sister Jurisdictions, bordering on Montana, the right of receiving petitions from and making masons of citizens of Montana, residing on our borders, whose residence will be nearer to a lodge in other jurisdictions, than to any lodge in Montana; this in exchange for like courtesies by the other Sister Jurisdictions."

We believe that such action will make more trouble than to preserve intact the so-called state lines. Perhaps one or the other side of the line may have a weak lodge and needs all the material belonging to it; perhaps the candidate, knowing that he could not pass the ballot in one lodge, may try the other. If it is too much of a burden to bear in becoming a mason in that one has to travel a distance, why become a mason?

He answered many questions by reference to the constituted law but made a few decisions. We quote:

"Can the Treasurer of a lodge resign during his term of office or can he be caused to resign on account of misappropriation of funds without preferring charges? What is to be done with the money during the pendency of the action? ANSWER: Under the circumstances related, the lodge could accept his resignation or could call for his resignation without preferring charges. The Secretary or Trustees should hold the funds during the pendency of the matter.

"A candidate for the degrees of Masonry was elected and initiated as an Entered Apprentice in 1905. He never appeared for advancement, and in 1911, he appeared at a sister lodge and requested to be allowed to visit a lodge of Entered Apprentices. The lodge which he requested to visit did not know whether his home lodge had taken any action but refused to admit him, owing to the fact that six years had elapsed between the time he was initiated and the time he requested to visit their lodge. They asked if they were justified in refusing to allow him to visit. I held that they were justified in the action which they took."

The reason as stated for the refusal to admit the E. A. to our mind is not valid. The result could have been obtained by a direct refusal. The lodge was not called upon to tell why it refused admission to the E. A. or any brother:

"A special meeting was being held for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree upon a candidate. The Master being present, requested the Junior Warden to take charge of the meeting, open and close the lodge and confer the degrees. After the conferring of the degrees, one of the brothers present objected to the Junior Warden's closing the lodge, stating that he had no authority to close the lodge in the presence of the Master. Held that the Master having instructed the Junior Warden to open and close the lodge and confer the degrees, that he had the authority to close the lodge.

"A brother is suspended for non-payment of dues. Three years after he has been suspended, he writes asking to pay up his dues, and if such payment will re-instate him. I held that the paying of his back dues would not re-instate him, but that he should ask for re-instatement, which would then require a vote of the lodge, but not a secret ballot."

This is not the practice in Maine.

Seven lodges were constituted; dispensations for six lodges were issued; under visitations he says:

"From my various visits through this state, I feel that there are certain things that should be made special mention of. One is the examination of visitors. I have heretofore referred to the visit of a clandestine mason to one of our masonic lodges and if the brethren were as particular as they should be, this would not occur and I wish to remind the brethren that proficiency in the lectures is only one of the tests that should be applied to those who desire to visit. The examining committee should see to it that the lodge to which the visiting brother belongs is a regularly constituted lodge and I believe it wise to see to it that a brother has a receipt under the seal of his lodge showing that he is in good standing. Another thing which I wish to call your attention to is the fact that sufficient instruction is not given. Many of our lodges seem to act on the assumption that the duty of the lodge is done when the charge of the Third Degree is read and the newly made brother has signed the by-laws. I feel that the brothers should not only be informed in the ritual, but in the history and symbolism, principles and customs and that every Master should see to it that the candidate is thoroughly instructed in the Third Degree and the lecture passed within six (6) months from the time he is raised."

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge adopt a uniform receipt for dues for all subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction in the shape of a card form of receipt, which also can be used as a traveling card. Said receipt to bear the seal and indorsement of the Grand Lodge, attested by its secretary."

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

From his introduction we quote:

"Clandestine Masonry worries many jurisdictions, and cloudlets upon the horizon are magnified into possible destructive hurricanes; such bodies can never live and thrive amidst the sturdy growth of regular Masonry; they come and go like a thief in the night, and little fear have we of their maraudings."

Maine for 1911 has fine mention.

Wor. Bro. Hiram Knowles, Grand Master in 1879, died April 6, 1911. He was born at Hampden, Maine, in 1834.

Wor. Bro. Julian M. Knight, Grand Master in 1876, died May 31, 1911.

Wor. Bro. Nathaniel P. Langford, Grand Master in 1869, died October 18, 1911.

**NEBRASKA, 1911.**

Two hundred twenty-nine of the two hundred-fifty chartered lodges were represented at the fifty-fourth annual communication.

Following a brief introduction to his address, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry A. Cheney, mentions the dead. He speaks flatteringly of the Masonic Home, tells of halls dedicated, announces the constitution of six new lodges and the issuance of dispensations for three new lodges.

Several dispensations were issued for varied purposes, at a cost of ten dollars each.

We quote one paragraph to show that the "promulgation of the work" is not easily done :

"There seems to be a misunderstanding relative to Section 8 of Chapter II of the law, as well as the action of the Grand Lodge in the matter of promulgation of the work ; the law has not been changed one iota, nor the manner of promulgating the work ; the state is not divided into districts ; there are no such things as district deputies ; and the assistants of the Grand Custodian, under the report of the committee, as adopted by the Grand Lodge, can only be employed at the expense of the Grand Lodge, where there is an absolute necessity, by reason of the officers of the lodge being unable to comply with the requirements of the law ; and this necessity must be determined by a personal inspection of the Grand Custodian. This ought to be plain enough so there need be no further misunderstanding. As the Grand Custodian is held responsible by the Grand Lodge to report non-compliance with the law of proficiency to the Grand Master, he should always know what is being done, how it is done, and where it is done."

Here is a new idea :

"I recommend the abolishment of the office of Grand Treasurer, with all respect to our venerable and beloved brother John B. Dinsmore. The funds of this Grand Body should be received by the Grand Secretary and deposited in a designated bank to be governed by conditions as to interest balances, with a main view to safety, and drawn out only on orders signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Thus the Grand Lodge would receive interest on its balances, besides doing away with the expense of a Grand Treasurer's surety bond, and further it would require the signatures of two in place of one, to draw the funds, which would be kept in the name of the Grand Lodge only."

The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, refused to "permit brethren, who for religious or conscientious reasons wish to dimit, to do so." Well ; we suppose it is better to let such an one who has "religious or conscientious reasons" to remain a member of the lodge, and for him to decline to pay his dues, so that at the time appointed he may be kicked out for "religious or conscientious reasons" ?

The office of Grand Treasurer was abolished.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Alabama he thus treats "state comity":

"That is, citizens in either state living within five miles of the state line, and nearer a lodge across the line, may petition such lodge, receive the degrees and become members thereof. Our own Grand Lodge, and others, have like regulations, but to the writer it seems to infringe upon the fundamental principles under which the American doctrine of the exclusive sovereign jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, and its co-extensiveness with that of the state in which it is situated, became established.

"The American doctrine, as its name implies, originated in this country, but it is almost universally recognized throughout the English-speaking world. It developed with the organization of state Grand Lodges, following our forefathers' Declaration of Independence in 1776. One of our great civil jurists, Simon Greenleaf, also a great masonic writer, the leader in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Maine and for two years its Grand Master, in discussing the principles involved in the establishment of a Grand Lodge in each state gave as a reason: 'As every mason owes allegiance to the civil authority under which he lives, as well as submission to the Grand Lodge, if the members of the latter were not amenable to the same laws with himself, a most injurious opposition might arise between his duties as a citizen and as a mason.'

Maine for 1910 is well reviewed.

We quote:

"At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that body was blessed by having that distinguished jurist, Simon Greenleaf, as its active director in the proceedings involved. Thirty-one lodges existed in the District of Maine, all chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Greenleaf was the author of circulars to the lodges, and memorials and communications to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which some of the principles, now regarded as fundamental, were clearly set forth. Especially, that now prevailing which determines that in every state of our Union, there should be a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, with jurisdiction over every regularly chartered lodge, and every Master Mason. And this is supported by Greenleaf's statement that, 'as every mason owes allegiance to the civil government under which he lives, as well as submission to the Grand Lodge, if the members of the latter were not amenable to the same laws with himself, a most injurious opposition might arise between his duties as a citizen and as a mason.'

"Greenleaf, the leader, afterwards Grand Master, with worthy associates, and afterwards, Drummond as Grand Master, both great writers and leaders, brought their Grand Lodge to the front as a great factor in establishing what we now know as the American doctrine of the exclusive supreme jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge over Masonry within its borders."

Under Utah he says:

"No Mormon has ever been made a mason in any regular masonic lodge in Utah, not because of any legislation by the Grand Lodge, for there has been none specifically barring them. It will be remembered that in 1842, at Nauvoo, certain Mormons obtained from the Grand Master of Illinois a dispensation under which a lodge was instituted, but its members abused their privileges, disregarded restrictions, and developed into a rebellious crew. The Grand Lodge revoked the dispensation, and declared the nearly 300 members made therein clandestine, and that ended all connection between regular Freemasons and Mormons. But that Mormons have an organization, and secret ceremonies, peculiar,

and which could only have found an existence because of the participation of some of their leaders with the Nauvoo lodge, is recognized by well informed men."

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M. W. Bro. Melville R. Hopewell, Grand Master 1905, died May 2, 1911.

### NEVADA, 1911.

The Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters and the representatives from twenty-four lodges were present at the annual communication.

When the roll of Grand Representatives was called, that they might be presented to the East, the Representative from Maine failed to respond.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James C. Doughty (portrait), in the introduction to his address says:

"The year has been one of prosperity to the Craft, no dissensions having arisen and harmony reigns supreme. Our increase in membership notes a steady progress, and it adds to its glory that the increase is quite as noteworthy for the quality of material as for its quantity. The future of Masonry demands that it should be so, and no greater pleasure falls to a Grand Master's lot, than to record a growth marked by quality and an ever increasing care in the selection of candidates by the lodges."

To the dead he pays true tribute. To the lodges visited he gives praise, but says:

"Of the degrees given during my visits I cannot say that they were all given strictly in accordance with the new standard work, but the Masters of the several constituent lodges have done their best. They have found that the hardest part of the work was to forget the old, and very often it creeps in while giving it. In nearly all cases, however, I have found the Masters to be very conscientious in their efforts, and those who have learned the work, like it."

There was a large amount of business, local in character, done.

In accord with a vote passed we have the portraits of M. W. Bro. William McMillan, Grand Master in 1888, and of M. W. Bro. Matthew Kyle, Grand Master in 1898.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"If, however, we would make our record true as masons we must learn to think more clearly on masonic subjects. The craft is abreast of the times and is performing its work well, but masons generally are deficient along masonic educative lines. Our initiates are well instructed in the ritualism of the craft, but in its extensive literature, philosophy and symbolism the brethren are not, as an average, well informed. For this reason we urge a wider reading of the correspondence reports. Larger opportunities of information are afforded, interest is awakened and stimulated, and a knowledge of the wisdom back of Masonry grows from more to



more. Ritualism begins the mason, but reading, education and reflection must finish him. Nothing strengthens the craft like the education of its members. Education makes them more useful craftsmen. They are better fitted to play their part with credit to themselves and honor to the institution, for they are able to uphold its doctrines and extend its usefulness. Brethren, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest."

Maine for 1910 receives two pages.

We quote:

"Twenty-six dispensations were granted to attend divine service. A belief in the existence of God must be specifically declared by all initiates; the Bible is the symbol of the will of God and must be accepted as a guide to a mason's faith and practice, and this Book tells us that 'The Lord is in His Holy Temple.' Why should believers need a dispensation to find where the Lord dwells? A dispensation dispenses with the provisions of law in particular cases. The power of granting dispensations should only be exercised on extraordinary occasions and then only for the best of reasons. It is making light of masons and Masonry to designate an attendance of divine services by masons as an extraordinary occasion."

Under Maryland we read:

"It is much like the discussion over the use of the words 'Order,' 'Craft,' 'Fraternity,' 'Brotherhood.' All are good masonic words and all have ancient backing. It's only a matter of choice. So with the single ballot and the separate ballot. Both are ancient, equally so, for during all the time when Masonry was in fact an operative art there was but one degree in the modern sense of the word. Of course, the ballot for that degree was a single ballot, and, of course, it was a separate ballot. After the revival of 1717 it was a single ballot, and a separate ballot for Entered Apprentices comprised the bulk of the Craft, and they only were initiated in the lodges, the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason were conferred by the Grand Lodge. In 1725 the Grand Lodge decreed that the Master of a lodge with his Wardens could make Fellows and Masters at discretion. Here you have the matter in a nutshell and when it comes to antiquity—was it the single ballot?—was it the separate ballot? As Henry said, 'It's up to you,' but brethren, there are more vital questions for the Guild. Say you not so?"

Under Pennsylvania, anent the laying of corner-stones, he says:

"It seems that things are getting about as confusing in the corner-stone line as they are on the question of 'the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.' After the instance of laying the corner-stone of a power house we ran across a corner-stone laying on Sunday, then Florida laid the corner-stone of a wooden building, and, to heave things up a bit more, Tennessee laid a corner-stone in the second story of a brick building. Next?"

Under Wisconsin he thus discourses:

"We are glad to note that our thoughtful brother does not hold Masonry a religion. Of course it answers some of the requirements of the definition of religion, for instance the performance of our duties of love and obedience towards God. In this and other ways Masonry and religion are often interexplanatory, but Masonry makes no claim to be a religion. It seeks no place as a sectarian system of faith and worship. Masonry is morality in symbols, and it uses its precepts and lessons in



the building of lives as the mason uses his tools and materials in erecting an edifice. Its initiates are men good and true, selected as a mason selects stone for his structure, worthy for a place and well qualified to support. It inculcates the practice of virtue, but it offers no plan of redemption for sin. Religion makes no selection. She opens her arms to the impotent, the ignorant, the weak, the sin-sick and heavy laden, the despised, the outcast, none too low or vile, and proffers the way, the truth and the life, as a means of salvation. We agree, with Mackey, that Masonry is a religious institution, but not a religion, and it asks no brother to say "Masonry is good enough church for me."

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1910.

An especial communication and Lodge of Sorrow was held May 20, 1910, in memory of King Edward the Seventh, at which there was quite an extended order of service.

At the forty-third annual communication there was present the Grand Master with all the Grand Officers except the Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry Seabury Bridges (portrait), in the introduction to his address expresses his pleasure in again meeting the brethren, and presents a few thoughts relative to the mission of Freemasonry.

The dead of his own jurisdiction are spoken of in fitting language, and a list of the dead of sister jurisdictions is given.

His visits to the subordinate lodges are given in detail. At one of the visits we note the presence "among the visitors of several from the neighboring state of Maine." More than one-half of the lodges were visited and good results are to be expected.

The Grand Secretary reports an increase of 133 in membership, making the total membership 2,915.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we quote, with our commendation of their action:

"Two applications for duplicate Grand Lodge certificates have been made to the board, the brother in each case asserting that despite careful search the certificate could not be found. The board, however, adhered to the rule that mere loss is not sufficient, and that there must be undoubted proof of destruction, partial or total, before a duplicate can be issued."

No report on correspondence.

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R. W. Bro. Edwin James Everett, Grand Treasurer 1895-1904, Grand Master 1904 to 1906, for over fifty years an active member, died April 9, 1910.

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1911.

The attendance at the annual communication was quite large, nearly all the Grand Officers and three Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry S. Bridges, Ph. D., in his address reports peace, harmony and progress, and concludes the paragraph as follows:

"The reports of these lodges will show a substantial increase in our membership. But, my brethren, it is well to remember that it is not the number of those who wear the lamb skin that has given to our fraternity the proud position that it has always held in the world's estimation, but rather the internal qualifications and exemplary conduct of each individual mason. No anxiety therefore to increase the membership of our lodge should ever lead us to permit those to join our ranks who do not maintain that high moral standing which should always characterize good masons. If we wish to preserve the high standing of our noble fraternity, we must never lose sight of that well known maxim, 'Guard well the outer door.'"

The dead are fraternally remembered.

The account of his visitations is interesting.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, we excerpt:

"Your committee remind Grand Lodge that there are in France two supreme authorities over the craft lodges, and that these two bodies are in harmonious relations with each other. The doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction does not hold in that country to the extent to which it is held in America. One of these bodies is the Grand Orient; the other is the Grand Lodge of France, which has under its control over one hundred and twenty lodges, fifty of which are in Paris and its suburbs. Your committee can see no very strong reason against friendly relationship and fellowship with this Grand Lodge. It often happens that a member of the craft from this province seeks, when in France, to visit the Fraternity there. Our relations or want of them with the Grand Orient practically prevents this. The brother does not seek the Grand Lodge of France for he knows nothing of it. Yet it is a legitimate authority, admitted to be so, by the Grand Orient, and its certificates and balustrades are issued in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe; and its membership is a satisfactory one. The committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick might open negotiations with it looking for an interchange of representatives, pending the final settlement of all the difficulties which now exist between the Grand Orient of France and the governing bodies of the craft elsewhere; and they so recommend."

No Report on Correspondence.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1911.

At the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge in December, 1910, the three degrees were worked.

The annual communication found all the Grand Officers in their sta-

tions, nine Past Grand Masters and fifty-seven lodges represented. There were sixty-nine lodges represented at the semi-annual communication from which it might be argued that the conferring of degrees was more attractive than legislative work.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent on both occasions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin Frank Jones (portrait), in his address says:

"The year has been, masonically, one of plenty, health and peace. Throughout our jurisdiction no serious trouble has occurred, our numbers show a decided increase, some minor difficulties and complications have been smoothed out, and our relations with all other jurisdictions are most friendly and fraternal. The work of my office, while mostly of a routine character, has been pleasant; it has necessitated much correspondence with brethren in all sections of the state, and from all I have received most courteous treatment."

There was but one "public function" during the year, the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Rochester.

He gives short memorials to the five members of the Grand Lodge who have died during the year, especially eulogizing M. W. Bro. John McLane, Grand Master in 1898-9.

Under the title "Duties of Masters" he gives wholesome advice:

"My attention has been called several times to the fact that the Masters of some lodges allow the Wardens or Past Masters to perform a good deal of the work of the degrees. Now, such a practice is all right when indulged in by a Master who knows all the work and has proven his knowledge by doing the work, for the sake of assisting the Wardens to learn the ritual or as a matter of convenience or variety. But it is most strongly to be reprehended if followed by a Master who has himself never learned all the ritual. It is the duty of every Master to know all the work of the degrees and the honor of presiding over his lodge ought to be sufficient inducement to him to discharge his duty. I trust all my hearers will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Acting in accordance with masonic usage, let us cling to the traditions and landmarks of the past in our judgment and efforts along civic lines. Let us revere the constitutions of the fathers and assist in preserving the stability of Republican institutions. Let us be wisely conservative rather than followers after new-fangled notions and amateur theories of government. We know our representative form of government has been strong and capable in the past. If changes seem desirable now, let us rather attempt to mould the times to suit our form of government, than to change the government to suit the times and conform to the radical and socialistic ideas now so prevalent in certain circles. And Masonry preaches conservatism; it teaches equality of opportunity and the rule of character and ability; it stands for rational order and social well being. If we remember its teachings and act within the moral bounds set by its principles, we may feel assured that we are doing our part in maintaining the honor and welfare of the Republic."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted interesting reports of their work.

The charter of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 63, was revoked.

Considerable routine business was done.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney submits the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Iowa, discussing the attendance of lodges on divine service, he presents the view of Maine also:

"For nearly a hundred and twenty-five years, our lodges, as such, have occasionally attended church services. We never yet have had any intimation that any harm has ever resulted from their so doing; on the contrary, we have repeatedly known instances where it has resulted to the lasting welfare of the lodge itself. The facts are against the theoretical dangers of sectarianism. At least, this is true in New Hampshire."

Maine for 1910 has three pages of his valuable space. We quote:

"A new standing regulation was adopted which requires the Secretaries of lodges seasonably to notify, in writing, the District Deputy Grand Master of each and every meeting that is to be held. We fail to see the necessity of this regulation, and imagine that lodge Secretaries will not be very enthusiastic over its adoption."

Under our system the District Deputy Grand Master inspects the lodges in his district. His expenses are paid by the Grand Lodge. Lodges may not care to receive him, but if he is notified "of each and every meeting" he can attend at his convenience.

### NEW JERSEY, 1911.

All the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives from one hundred eighty lodges, were present at the annual communication.

Ten lodges were unrepresented, and so was Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Allton H. Sherman, who has a fine portrait by Bather, as the frontispiece to the printed proceedings, in his address says:

"The masonic year just closing has been very prosperous and successful. We have made large additions to our numbers; all good men and true we believe; men whom we are glad to be associated with and to call them our brethren. We have, in several notable instances, renovated, improved and enlarged our meeting places; we have largely increased our funds, we have helped to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked. All these material things we have done in large measure. We have strengthened our faith in spiritual matters; we have increased our belief in the immortality of the soul, and I humbly trust that we have refined and strengthened our character."

The dead are fraternally mentioned; visitations at home and abroad are carefully chronicled; the laying of five corner-stones mentioned; the constitution of four lodges and the issuance of a dispensation for a new lodge announced.

There were no decisions reported, but there were a few cases where discipline was needed.

The Committee on Returns reported, that of one hundred ninety lodges submitting returns during the past year, only sixty-five were correct. Many propositions looking to a change in this incorrect action of the lodges has been tried without good result, and now they have "one week after the annual communication of each lodge."

It would seem, in a closely settled jurisdiction, that a traveling auditor might well be employed.

Life membership was adopted according to the following plan, which introduces a new feature in that the lodge holds, as trustee, a certain sum of which the income should be used. Suppose the lodge is obliged to give up its charter, what becomes of the deposit? Suppose the lodge spends the money? Suppose—well, here is the plan:

"A brother of a lodge may become a life member thereof by depositing with the lodge a sum of money which at the current rate of interest allowed by local savings banks, will produce sufficient income to pay his annual dues.

"At the time of making such deposit the brother may designate in writing, to be filed with the Secretary, the purpose to which said deposit shall be applied at his decease. In the absence of such designation the deposit, upon the death of the brother, shall revert to the lodge."

Bro Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Kentucky we read:

"Some day it will dawn on the body of the craft that as Freemasonry becomes more and more an eleemosynary rather than a social institution, and Grand Lodge after Grand Lodge invests in Masonic Homes and Orphanages, that being in a world wherein it is impossible to get something for nothing, and that the law of supply and demand governs much more than its commercial affairs, the cheapness of Masonry is its most vitally erroneous condition.

"Then will be brought to pass a reversal of costs; it should cost more to become a mason than it should cost a mason to obtain membership in bodies of masons, which seem to give standing and value, but which are, nevertheless, not essential to complete possession of the 'rights and benefits' of the fraternity."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally mentioned.

He replies to us:

"He [Bro. Chase] asks the question: 'Do we understand that an objection after the ballot and before the conferring of the E. A. degree does not hold in New Jersey?' We answer, quoting from our digest: 'After a candidate has been elected, if objections are made to his initia-

tion, the initiation must be stayed and a committee of investigation appointed. After the report of the committee the lodge may decide the question of initiation by a majority vote. If it be decided in the negative, the proposition fee must be returned.' At the possible risk of shocking his feelings, we add, for Bro. Chase's further information, that our Grand Lodge approved, or rather did not disapprove, a comparatively recent decision of a Grand Master that, in the event of deciding by negative vote that the candidate (elected) was not a desirable prospective member, and returning him his money, he was, nevertheless, not a rejected candidate, and hence not subject to the disabilities of the rejected."

I am "shocked."

Bro. Adolph Klee made the report for the German Grand Lodges.

This Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Charles H. Mann, Grand Master in 1883-4, who died August 10, 1911; and of M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, Grand Master in 1868-9, who died January 9, 1911.

### NEW MEXICO, 1911.

Twenty-five chartered lodges were represented at the annual communication, and twenty Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative system prevails not in New Mexico.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward L. Medlar, says:

"Our craft is now enjoying a fair share of prosperity, its membership is increasing and as we reflect upon the work of the past year, I find nothing of moment to criticise. Our lodges are in a flourishing condition, the members are sensible of their responsibilities and obligations, and appreciate their character as masons."

Due tribute is paid to the dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions.

Dispensations were issued for many purposes.

Of his decisions we quote:

"In the case of an applicant for the degrees removing from the Territory and becoming a resident of another jurisdiction after presenting his petition and a committee has been appointed, the lodge still has jurisdiction of the petition, and the committee should report the facts to the lodge in order that the lodge may return the petition to the petitioner. An initiate when elected should be a resident of this jurisdiction."

All other decisions accord with the practice in Maine.

Dispensations were issued for four new lodges; one lodge constituted; three corner-stones laid.

The Committee on Grand Masters's address say:

"The dispensations permitting the initiation, passing and raising of more than five candidates at one time, while strictly within his rights as Grand Master, being authorized by old regulations, are approved, but we

feel it necessary to call attention to the fact that such dispensations should be granted only after a thorough knowledge of the conditions under which the degrees are to be given, as the work under such conditions is a hardship to the regular officers of the lodge."

Bro. James H. Wroth presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Connecticut he speaks of the non-affiliate :

"We are glad to see this explanation and ruling. Many jurisdictions seem to regard a non-affiliate as a criminal and legislate accordingly. We can see why there *might* be reasons for voluntary non-affiliation, reasons satisfactory to the individual and possibly unexplainable to the lodge. Legislation does no good in these cases—in fact does harm by aggravating the individual, and from the human element of resistance to coercion, changes him from a passive into an active agent, so far as his views of such legislation are concerned. We believe there is no positive law, save manufactured ones, *compelling* membership in a lodge, save the moral duty that one brother owes to his brethren. We *ought* to belong to a lodge, but there is no fundamental law saying that we *must*. To our mind, the absence of coercive legislation would do more to eliminate the curse of non-affiliation, than the enforcement of such laws."

Under Indiana we read :

"We are too apt to consider any organization which requires as a prerequisite to admission, membership in a masonic lodge, as being thereby of necessity masonic bodies. They are, in a modified sense. In some previous review I have stated my belief that Master Masons could follow their desires and inclinations, and digress into any rite they pleased, so long as the principles of that rite were not in direct, or even indirect, opposition to the principles of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the older I get the more I am convinced that this is the proper view to take of it. Not that I mean that Ancient Craft Masonry is everything that there is in Masonry, but I do believe that it contains within itself the concrete idea which in other allied bodies, as mentioned above, is expanded and it may be, beautified, in a series of ceremonies that possibly may more entirely impress the truth already contained in concrete form upon the minds of less reasoning candidates. With this idea we have never found fault, with the side excursions or developments of masonic truth, as many people are more easily approached and taught through their senses than through their reason."

Maine for 1911 is reviewed. He says :

"We regret to note that the Committee on Grievances still continues to publish the names of the offenders."

## NEW YORK, 1911.

Portraits of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy, and of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. William H. Milton, grace the volume.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

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From the introduction to the address of the Grand Master we excerpt:

"We are in an age of progress. The word has its serious application to the affairs of the day. It also has its reference facetiously, perhaps, to the politics of the time; but *progress* is a definite term. It means advancement, not retrogression; it means improvement, not decay; it means accomplishment, not failure; it means onward and forward, not a looking backward or dismal retreat. *Is our Masonry progressive*, or are we making it a factor only inside of the lodge room? Are we content to remain intrenched in mysticism, to confer degrees, to make masons and then forget them, excepting, perhaps, as their names are added to our roll—leaving them muzzled as to its secrets, but bewildered and lamentably untaught of those deep, *underlying* truths inculcated in the days when *quality* and not *quantity* was the watchword of the Craft? If our drift is away from and not *toward* its highest ideals and traditions, slowly but surely the vitality which sustains it will slip away, and I say, without hesitation, our fraternity will cease to appeal to intelligent men. It will become nothing but a mummery, a jargon of signs and baubles, titles and platitudes—for we will be following the shadow and not the substance."

Proper and appropriate thoughts for the dead of his own and sister jurisdictions are uttered.

Dispensations were issued to constitute lodges, to lay corner-stones, to establish lodges, to dedicate halls, to elect and install officers, and for other purposes.

Many other subjects of importance to the craft in New York were brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home and Asylum Fund, we quote:

"The problem of the most efficient operation of the farm and the production of the greatest revenue therefrom has not been easy of solution. The farmer in charge during the past year has been superseded by one who comes to the work with the best recommendations for past efficiency and excellent knowledge of farming. It is confidently expected that the coming year will show no little improvement in this direction."

The report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home takes up ninety pages.

R. W. Abel Crook, Judge Advocate, presented opinions covering some forty-seven pages, upon many matters. He also prepared for the use of Craft a Digest of Decisions from the organization of the Grand Lodge to date, which was accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the following resolution had a passage:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter all accredits for Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for not exceeding three years, and that any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a Representative subject to that resolution, be still held in fraternal relations, but without exchange of Representatives."

Forty-one District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of the duties done for the year,



Bro. Emanuel Loewenstein presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence. From the introduction we quote:

"In reviewing all these Grand Lodges, it is a pleasure to note the harmony and union prevailing everywhere; throughout all run the same spirit of brotherly regard, the same exalted charity. An order, no matter what our enemies may say, which won the regard and approval of Washington and Clinton, Franklin and Jackson, McKinley and others, cannot be otherwise than good and worthy. Well may every craftsman feel proud of an association with the illustrious, the brave and the excellent of earth, who now, as in time gone by, have joined hands and pledged faith as they knelt at the Altar of Freemasonry."

Maine for 1910 has mention

Bro. Emil Frenkel presented the review of the German Grand Lodges.

### **NORTH CAROLINA, 1912.**

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Grand Secretary in his report complains because secretaries will not send in on time the returns. One hundred eighty secretaries were delinquent on the day and date required by law, and yet the Grand Secretary says that this is an improvement on last year.

It requires fifteen or more Master Masons to organize a new lodge, therefore many requests had to be denied. The old rule required but seven.

He regrets that so many masons should be excluded from the lodges for the non-payment of dues, and puts it up to the secretaries to be more careful in the collection of dues, and says dues should be made quarterly or annually and in advance.

Bro. Henry A. Grady, Grand Orator, delivered an admirable address, subject, "God and Immortality in Masonry."

We quote:

"Faith in God, by whatever name He may be called, is followed sooner or later by a faith in immortality. Let the image of Deity be planted in the human heart, and man will lift himself gradually to an association with his maker. The kinship and fatherhood of God is at once apparent. Man knows no being superior to himself, save his maker; and he cannot reconcile the two ideas of God and death. The one necessarily destroys the other; but God and immortality are entirely harmonious in the mind of man, and he accepts one as the corollary of the other. I am speaking now of man in the abstract—not as a Christian, Jew or Mahometan. Revealed Religion has no place in this discussion; for while Masonry yields to every form of belief, it has not yet established any creed for itself save a belief in God. I am speaking of God and immortality in a masonic sense alone."

From the report of the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum we quote:

"Many improvements have been made during the past year. All buildings have been painted; the barn has been remodeled; a cow-barn with room for storage of forage, a substantial manure pen and a house for storing potatoes, have been built. A partition which can be easily removed has been erected across the Grand Lodge hall; the beautiful oaks have been trimmed, the diseased limbs removed and the cavities filled with cement.

"Improved farm implements, horses and mules have been purchased and an up-to-date farmer has been employed. The wisdom of this investment is shown by the large quantity of stuff raised, which is valued at more than \$4,000.00, and it has not been a good year for crops either.

"The Asylum is filled to its capacity, caring for 325 children. In view of the fact that the cost of provisions, clothing and everything else which enters into the support of the institution has increased very largely, we ask for an appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the present masonic year."

To support the home the state appropriated \$10,000.00, the Grand Lodge \$3,000.00, the masonic lodges \$4,737.33, general contributions \$706.06, singing class of the Asylum \$11,170.31, and enough from sundry objects to make the total income \$32,364.71. The printing office fund furnished \$2,750.00, and with the cash on hand at the beginning of the year the available receipts were \$37,250.57. The maintenance was \$37,135.87.

"The approximate per capita cost of maintaining and educating a child in the Oxford Orphanage for the past year has been about \$83.60 above the earnings of the Institution and contributions in kind. The average number of children was about three hundred and twenty-two. It will be noticed that we attempt to give only the approximate per capita cost."

The institution has been in existence thirty-nine years.

The Grand Historian presented a report upon the Masonic Revolutionary Patriots of North Carolina. We quote:

"In colonial days the highest masonic rank attained by any person in the New World was that conferred upon Colonel Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, North Carolina, when the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of England, commissioned him 'Provincial Grand Master of and for America,' on January 14, 1771. Montfort threw the weight of his great influence to the side of the Colonies in 1775-'76. He was elected a member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina which assembled at New Bern, in April, 1775, but was too ill to serve; and he died on March 25, 1776, before the war had well begun.

"The claim made for the primacy of Montfort over other Provincial Grand Masters of America (of whom there were several) lies in the fact that the commissions of the others limited their powers to those parts of the Continent where no other Grand Master exercised jurisdiction, while Montfort was given absolute authority without this limitation."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Richard N. Hackett, was present at the opening of the Grand Lodge the second day.

There is to be (when completed) a Masonic and Eastern Star Home in this jurisdiction.

In their report the committee say :

"Now brethren, if this great work is to go on and not sustain severe loss caused by the delay in the work, it is necessary that we have several thousand dollars within the next few months. More we fear than will be forthcoming from the lodges in so short a time. We would like, therefore, to ask permission from this Grand Lodge to borrow such a sum or sums as may be necessary to protect the fraternity from any serious loss that might be sustained by delaying the work at a critical stage."

The entire receipts up to the date of the report was \$10,883.05.

The M. W. Grand Master makes a brief introduction, mentions the dead, states that the Craft is in a very flourishing condition, scolds the same as have others, because masons will ask the opinion of the Grand Master rather than to hunt up the answer to the question in the Code.

Of the "Home" he says :

"We have had a hard time getting the necessary funds, and our successors are going to do so, but I can not believe that the masons of North Carolina, realizing as I do that one of the greatest charities which can be established anywhere is in taking care of the aged, infirm and indigent, will ever let this matter drop or hesitate to furnish sufficient funds for the work to go on until its completion."

The per capita tax is ninety cents.

Bro. John A. Collins presented his sixteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote :

"It is noted with satisfaction that in those Grand Lodges which have authorized the printing of official rituals that plan has not proved satisfactory; it makes no better ritualists, and the evidence is that many of these volumes are lost every year, and after diligent search cannot be found. This plan of teaching the ritual is losing favor, and it is to be hoped that it will soon be entirely discontinued.

"Within the period in which your committee has been engaged in reviewing Grand Lodge transactions the organized charities of Grand Lodges in the form of Homes and Orphanages have greatly increased, and with a few exceptions, these institutions are found in every Grand Jurisdiction; and although the per capita cost of maintenance is high, still, general satisfaction is expressed. It is proper to add, however, that in those Grand Jurisdictions which have not adopted the institutional plan of dispensing masonic relief, there are, and have been, ample means of caring for the needy and helpless brother and his dependents without any onerous tax on the general Craft."

Maine for 1911 has more than a page of his valuable space.

Under Oregon we read :

"In our view the institutional care of indigent old people, men or women, is radically wrong. These old people can be better cared for, and more cheaply, among their acquaintances, friends and relatives, and they will be more content and happier than anywhere else in the world. In the care of children it may be different, but even for these the home training, no matter how humble it may be, is best."

We have received announcements of the death of M. W. Bro. Francis M. Moye, Grand Master in 1895-96; of R. W. Bro. Charles F. Bahnson, Grand Lecturer, and of M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, Grand Master in 1870-71.

### NORTH DAKOTA, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John J. Hull, we quote:

"We now number 101 lodges with a total membership of over eight thousand and an average membership of seventy-nine."

The dead are fittingly remembered.

We quote rather an unique case:

"Bro. 'A' prefers charges against Bro. 'B' for unimasonic conduct and charges him with obtaining money through fraud and misrepresentation. Charges are preferred in the regular way and the Master sets a day for trial, after which Bro. 'C' moves that an order be drawn on the Treasurer to reimburse Bro. 'A' for money advanced to Bro. 'B,' and the Master rules the money cannot be legally taken from the treasury for such a purpose.

"Question—Do you sustain the Master in his ruling, or do you hold that the money could be so drawn out from the treasury of the lodge?"

"Answer—The Master's decision is sustained. While it is generally accepted that the surplus funds of the lodge are the property of the lodge to use for all legitimate purposes as the lodge may elect, yet without some safeguard or protection a very minor fraction of the lodge might vote to squander the funds of the lodge and thereby render it bankrupt. The Master in such a case would have no recourse except to sign the warrant as he would have no right of appeal. For this reason I hold that the Grand Lodge should have jurisdiction over the funds of a particular lodge to the extent, at least, that the Master of a lodge may appeal to the Grand Lodge if in his opinion, the funds of the lodge are not being legitimately or judiciously disposed of."

He highly praises the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and reports some of the mistakes as practiced by the lodges and reported by them, viz:

"Slackness in opening the lodge on time; not being proficient in opening and closing of lodge and conferring of degrees; lack of proper decorum in the lodge room; allowing smoking during the session of the lodge."

Five dispensations were issued for new lodges; three lodges were constituted; two corner-stones were laid; one masonic hall dedicated.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed we note:

"Bro. Walter L. Carter, of Wahpeton Lodge, No. 15, to represent the Grand Lodge of Maine."

The report of the Grand Secretary in fifteen pages gave a full detailed account of all matters in his office of importance to the Craft, and discusses many propositions usually treated by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer in his report discusses the conferring of degrees and regrets to note the use in lodges of "elaborate make-ups and disguises" and the stereopticon. As we read further we are inquisitive. Are there many more Grand Lodges which have skeletons in their closet? Are all these things mentioned in the report indigenous to North Dakota? If not, from what soil were they transplanted?

The following by-law was adopted:

"Any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction which fails to hold at least eight stated communications within any year, shall be liable to the arrest of its charter."

The Grand Lodge of Norway, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico were recognized.

In place of a Report on Foreign Correspondence we have a Digest of Decisions of the various Grand Masters as reported for 1910.

Maine had no decisions in 1910.

### NOVA SCOTIA, 1911.

On the fourteenth day of June the Grand Lodge in the presence of the constitutional number of lodges, the R. W. Bro. Robt. Fred. Merlin, D. G. M., opened in due form the Grand Lodge. Because of the Provincial Elections which were being held the Grand Lodge adjourned for one week.

At the communication adjourned the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Black, in his address remembers the dead, reports the appointment of committees, comments upon the "Home," detailed his official acts and appointed among other Grand Representatives for:

"Maine—Wor. Bro. James H. Winfield, P. M., Halifax."

He made nineteen decisions. Of these all except one is in accord with Maine.

The exception is the following:

"I ruled that in the case referred to the word EASE means that during that period the members can move about the room and talk, but that the DOORS still remain CLOSE TYPED and no person can enter or leave until the lodge is called to order and then must enter or leave in form."

And perhaps this one does, since it seems to apply to a particular case at a particular time.

From his conclusion we quote:

"During the last two years we have progressed ever upwards, our membership increasing as well as the standard of our work, and that of the individual member."

Nova Scotia has a Freemason's Home. At the beginning of the year there were four inmates; six were admitted during the year; one left during the year and one died, leaving eight. The trustees in their report say:

"The expense of maintaining the 'Home' for the past years has been greater than the trustees anticipated at the beginning of the year. This extra expense was incurred for the purpose of improving the 'Home' and making it more convenient and better adapted to the wants of the inmates."

The cost for the maintenance for the year was \$3,542.05.

Bro. Thomas W. Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under British Columbia, anent the recognition of Grand Lodges, he says:

"Certainly the time has arrived when some uniform system should be adopted in entering into fraternal relations. As it is to-day some regular Grand Lodges recognize Grand Bodies which their Sister Grand Lodges with which fraternal relations are held refuse to do. This certainly does not seem masonic or at all consistent and the sooner some common ground is arrived at by and under which recognition would be granted, or refused, the better for all concerned, the party applying as well as the Grand Lodge applied to."

Maine for 1910 is fraternally reviewed.

Under Minnesota, discussing the use of robes, he says:

"While our Order teaches that everything should be done 'decently and in order, our lodges are no theatres with the many varied costumes of the performers. What we want in our lodges, and in the conferring of degrees, is not 'robes, scenery and accessories' but everything plain, touching, lasting and effective on the mind and imagination of the candidate whereby he will recognize that he is not in a circus or a show room but in the presence of the Most High to whom he is taught to look and to reverence at all times. Then do away with the tawdry uniforms and speak and teach Masonry in its noblest and its simplest, which is its most impressive and masonic manner."

Under South Carolina we read:

"It was ruled that a Masonic Hall under mortgage could be dedicated. And it follows that if subsequently the mortgagee, or some other chap, obtained the property, he would get the dedication in the bargain. We have our doubts."

### OHIO, 1911.

The Committee on Credentials reported present all the Grand Officers, all of the Past Grand Masters, all of the Past Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives from five hundred eight of the five hundred twenty lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. S. Kissell (portrait), in the introduction to his address says:

"As we survey the year which has just closed, we can not, I am quite sure, but distinguish a splendid advance in all lines of thought and action. Corruption in high places, unscrupulous business methods, unfair dealing between employer and employee, the great moral and social evils, are not condoned as formerly. Approaching these matters in a frank and honest way, eliminating prejudices and jealousies, applying real brotherly love in some instances, are assisting in the solution of these great problems and is bringing the world to a much higher plane morally, socially and economically, and I believe that the teachings of Masonry are having no small part in this general uplift."

After feeling mention of the dead he tells that he has issued eighty-nine dispensations for sundry purposes, four dispensations for new lodges, of which one was for a lodge in Cleveland with the intent to hold its meetings in the afternoon.

We quote one paragraph:

"In our own jurisdiction we have an instance which to me indicates that Masonry is a live, vital force. I think it is proper that it should be mentioned in this Address, and I am indeed gratified to be able to tell you of this specific example.

"During the past year, or possibly a little more, over eighteen hundred men have been convicted in Adams County for selling their votes, and these men have been disfranchised. In this same county we have five active lodges. Of the eighteen hundred men who were convicted, not one is a mason, and not a mason was indicted by the Grand Jury investigating these cases. If Masonry could maintain this record it would be a mighty power aiding in the solution of the many great problems which confront us as a nation."

Under decisions we quote:

"I find that not a few of the lodges are adding quite a little work which is not contained in the Ritual or Standard Monitor. A long soliloquy is being used in one of the lodges at least; a dialogue has also been added which pertains to the conspiracy; several of the lodges have very elaborate drills; and I have seen and heard of other matters which I fear will, if continued, destroy the effort which has been made to secure uniformity in the work.

"When the attention of the Master has been called to Resolution 10, found on page 84 of the Code, the reply has been that they 'conform to' the Ritual and Monitor by not omitting any of the prescribed work, and that therefore they do not consider the additions which they make to be in violation of this resolution.

"I therefore made the following decision: 'Any addition to, as well as any omission from the work as prescribed in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge, is in violation of that part of Resolution 10 which enjoins conformity to said Ritual.'"

The Committee on Accounts did not recommend subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States because "the expenses of operating the Masonic Home, the repairs to and alterations of the buildings, the improvement and beautifying the grounds, and the many other



expenses incidental to the proper management of this magnificent charity, have made and are now making a continual drain upon the funds of this Grand Lodge."

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico was recognized.

The Code was amended to read as follows:

"To engage in the selling of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is a masonic offence and should subject any brother so offending to charges and expulsion; it should also be a disqualification for initiation or affiliation in a masonic lodge."

Twenty thousand dollars were appropriated for the Ohio Masonic Home.

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted his first Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under District of Columbia he says:

"We are with Bro. Baird, however, strongly, in the proposition that Grand Lodges are meddling too much with the affairs of subordinate lodges, and especially on the liquor question. We have always felt that there is not a great deal of difference between the man who stands in front of the bar and the one who stands back of it. We do not place them exactly on a par, but we believe the question can be most satisfactorily settled by the use of the black-ball. We are not in exact accord with our Grand Lodge, which now threatens to get stronger on the subject."

Under Iowa, discussing life membership, he says:

"We have never been able to understand this continued cry for life membership, unless it be upon the theory that we all have an element of gambling in our make-up. Any such scheme must of necessity be based upon the annual income from a given sum of money, which is supposed to bring to the lodge a sum equivalent to the annual dues. In the first place, this requires investment and management, which is a burden not required in the matter of ordinary dues and always carries with it the danger of loss by bad investments. In the second place, it is estimated to cover dues as charged at present, when there is a rapidly growing tendency in a majority of lodges to increase dues to meet increased expenses, and the holder of a life membership certificate avoids these increased dues, which is unfair to the other members. And then, why should there be any distinction in the matter of paying dues? The only argument we have heard advanced is that the man of wealth, who is able to-day to buy such a certificate, may be unable to-morrow to pay his dues, and this is no argument at all. In the first place it could only be true in one case in a thousand; and in the next place, in the cases where it happens to be true, the lodge should promptly remit the dues of the brother."

Maine for 1911 has most fraternal notice.

He says:

"The reviewer, Bro. Chase, evidently is not in sympathy with the proposition that all correspondence between lodges of different jurisdictions should pass through the offices of the Grand Masters of the two jurisdictions, and we are heartily with him on the proposition. It is getting to be so now-a-days that lodges will not be able to select the wall paper



with which to decorate their lodge-rooms without first submitting the matter to the Grand Master.

"He scorches Kentucky for allowing the Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine to address the Grand Lodge, but really we think no harm could come from this, for while these dusky sons of the desert are usually funny they are also usually harmless."

Under West Virginia he says:

"We notice that a loan was made by the Grand Lodge of part of its funds to a subordinate lodge to assist in erecting a building. While there is no legal objection to this, we have always doubted the wisdom of loaning the funds of either the Grand or Subordinate Lodges to any of its members, because of the possible embarrassment in the event that it should ever be necessary to enforce collection."

Under Wyoming, anent documentary evidence:

"The fact is, that documentary evidence is of no good whatever except to show that at the time it was issued the brother was in good standing in the particular lodge. All sorts of things may have happened to him since that time. We believe that the old-fashioned way of placing a man upon his masonic honor is the best, and it does not put the stamp of dishonesty and fraud upon the face of every mason who is so situated that it will be a pleasure to him to visit the brethren of his own or other jurisdictions."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The thing that has surprised us more than anything else in reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges is the almost recklessness with which Grand Masters set aside the fundamental rules of Freemasonry to enable Subordinate Bodies to rush through their candidates without regard to time. We can not but believe that this is a serious mistake, and that it tends to cheapen the fraternity in the eyes of those who reap the benefit from it. Much criticism has been offered against our Grand Lodge for making a mason 'at sight,' but in some of the jurisdictions reviewed the Grand Masters have granted dispensations to confer all three of the degrees on one day, and this is not very far removed from making masons 'at sight.'"

We trust that Bro. Williams may continue to write the Reports, for we have read this report with pleasure and with satisfaction, perhaps biased, because we find that many of his views are as held by us.

In the appendix are the reports of the Ohio Masonic Home, from which we learn that there are resident seventy-three men of the average age of 72 years, forty-seven women of the average age of 73 years, twenty-five boys of the average age of 12 years, and twenty-two girls of the average of 12 years.

In connection with the Home is a farm, garden and hennery.

It cost \$42,772.90 to run it for the year. The endowment fund is \$146,471.89.

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M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Goodspeed, Grand Master in 1884-5, died June 11, 1911. He was the oldest living Past Grand Master, "He filled the various positions in which he was called to serve with great credit."

## OKLAHOMA, 1911.

The Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of three hundred twenty-five lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Ruddell (portrait), has a brief introduction to his address. In it he mourns with those who lament because of their dead; tells us of the constitution by Special Deputy of sixteen new lodges; granted eighteen dispensations for new lodges, and others for many purposes.

Many propositions of local character appear in his address.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Wm. H. Talmage, delivered an oration upon the subject "Who is thy Brother?"

M. W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow submitted the new monitor for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

In the newly established Home there are seventy-six children, six old men and four old ladies.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Home we extract:

"The Board of Control contributed from time to time to persons out of the Home, for whom application was made, and the board upon investigation found entitled to our consideration, thinking that it was better for the Home and less expensive, and better for those to whom we contributed, than to insist upon an application being made for their admission into the Home."

The Board ask for \$18,000 for maintenance for a year and \$23,900 for needed improvements. To obtain the necessary funds, they recommend that the dues be raised one dollar and paid quarterly, making two dollars per year per capita.

The Masonic Home fund is \$38,789.60, and there is a payment of \$25,000 due the U. S. Government this year.

Much business was done.

Bro. S. M. Bond prepared the Foreign Correspondent's Report.

Under Mississippi we read:

"A good practice in effect in Mississippi, is the using of part of the income fund for the support of indigent brothers that are upon the charity of the local lodge, and who would rather stay at home than go to the one provided for them by the great fraternity to which they belong. The local lodge pays half the bill and the Grand Lodge appropriates as much as \$50.00 per year, letting the aged and indigent brother remain with his people, if he so chooses. We think this a wise plan, as there is no more expense attached to this manner of support than keeping them in the Home, and we feel that there is more enjoyment to be found among their old time friends and acquaintances of years ago than in a 'gilded palace' with comparatively strangers."

Maine was not reviewed.

### OREGON, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Wolverton (portrait), refers feelingly to the dead.

One lodge was constituted by proxy; two corner-stones laid by proxy; five dispensations issued for new lodges, and dispensations for other purposes granted.

Against the American Masonic Federation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, which was attempting to bestow degrees, 4° to 33°, he issued an edict.

His many decisions accord with the practice in Maine.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"The returns from the lodges upon the proposition whether the Grand Lodge should enter upon the project of establishing a Masonic Home in Portland, show that 35 lodges have voted in favor of the Home and 44 against. 37 lodges have failed to take action. Thus we find that the proposition has failed."

Card Certificates were ordered.

Bro. D. P. Mason presented his first Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is pleasantly and carefully reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"I find a great many of our sister jurisdictions in advance of ours in that they have well established and thoroughly organized Masonic Homes, and personally, I deeply regret that in this particular at least we do not emulate their example, for I candidly believe that Masonry can never accomplish her full mission till she devotes a large share of her funds to 'Acts of Charity and deeds of beneficence,' and this can be accomplished in no better way than in the establishment of well regulated homes for those of our own members who are so unfortunate as to need their fostering care."

### PENNSYLVANIA, 1911.

At the quarterly communication in March the Grand Lodge was in session one hour and twenty-five minutes, but considerable routine business was done and the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick, who was a visitor, addressed the Grand Lodge.

Nearly the same length of time was required for the quarterly communication in June. Routine business occupied the time.

It required forty-five minutes to transact the business presented at the quarterly communication in September.

September 25, 1911, a special communication was held to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge.

At the quarterly communication in December the officers were elected and various reports were submitted.

There is an Emergency Relief Fund of \$12,100.00, to be used "in case of woeful distress occurring in any part of the United States or its Provinces, whereby the masonic brethren of the locality may require aid and assistance."

In the Grand Lodge Charity Fund there is \$141,223.21. The Girard Bequest amounts to \$84,200. The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Fund amounts to \$114,800. The Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic Institution for Boys has a fund of nearly \$860,391.12. The Stephen Taylor Bequest amounts to \$18,400. The Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund in trust for Masonic Home is \$20,000, and in trust for Orphan Children is \$39,026.32.

The estimated receipts of the Grand Lodge with cash on hand amounts to \$196,121. The estimated expense amounts to \$110,420. The balance is to be used for the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown.

The Committee on Masonic Homes in their report say:

"Our previous reports traced the development of the Masonic Home idea through a number of years of consideration of the subject, and concluded in the last with an announcement of the selection of a site, and the purchase of 966 acres of land at Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, on which to establish and maintain a Masonic Home, to be under the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge, admission to which to be free of all money charges, fees, and subsequent considerations, and subject to such rules as may be from time to time made by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved by this Grand Lodge, so as to be a fully equipped home for dependent masons, their wives, mothers, widows, sisters, and orphan children.

"There are forty-five (45) tracts, on which there are seventeen (17) houses, thirteen (13) barns and the usual out-buildings."

The annual communication was held in December. A beautiful tribute of respect was paid to R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. William A. Sinn, who died October 17, 1911.

From the address of the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. George W. Guthrie, we quote:

"It is not permissible for a mason to use his masonic membership to promote his personal interests either in business or in politics.

"A brother convicted on a charge of attempting to use the fraternity for any such purposes could, and should, be expelled from Masonry; and every earnest, faithful mason should show his condemnation of such conduct by every means in his power.

"We cannot be too vigilant and severe in checking such attempts to use the fraternity improperly.

"If we permit the fraternity to be used for any selfish purposes, particularly if we permit it to be dragged into the bitterness of partisan politics, we invite the condemnation of all right-thinking men.

"To permit such actions to go unrebuked, will furnish a precedent for further abuses, and will inevitably do more to injure our Ancient and

Honorable Fraternity, than years of faithful and unselfish devotion can rectify.

"When the improper act is done by unwise supporters, without the personal knowledge or consent of the candidate, of course, he cannot be held personally responsible; but it is his duty promptly to repudiate the action, so that the guilty parties, if masons, shall receive the punishment which their offence deserves."

From his decisions, we quote:

"When a member has been made a life member of the lodge and exempted from all dues, in accordance with the by-laws, he cannot be again subjected to the payment of dues without his full and free consent. The faith of a lodge once plighted cannot be recalled.

"The Secretary having made a mistake in printing the name of a petitioner in the notices to the members, I set aside the approval of the petition, and ordered that a new ballot should be had, after due notice to the members.

"It is the law in this jurisdiction that a masonic lodge must not be opened on Sunday for any purpose whatever.

"If a funeral of a deceased brother is called for Sunday, the members may meet at the lodge room and proceed from there to the funeral, but a lodge must not be opened.

"Refused permission for a lodge to occupy the banquet room later than 12 o'clock P. M. That is the close of the day, and there is no reason why the brethren should not be on their way home by that time."

A Bather portrait of R. W. Bro. John B. Gibson, Grand Master in 1824, and of R. W. James Harper, Grand Master in 1826, grace the proceedings.

Bro. James M. Lamberton prepared the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"Whatever the 'masonic principles' on the subject may be, the 'masonic practice' extending over many, many years has been for lodges, from time to time and on proper occasions, to attend Divine service, and while we do not personally favor frequency of such services, in view of the fact that attendance is entirely voluntary, the sectarian character of the place of worship does not concern us."

Maine for 1911 has careful and brotherly notice.

We quote:

"We confess that we were for a time at a loss to understand Bro. McChesney's grounds for saying that he was the representative 'of the oldest Grand Jurisdiction in the United States,' but we believe we have found out. In the first place, we understand he disposes of the Provincial Grand Lodges that existed before the Revolution, by declaring that they were *not* Grand Lodges! And, then, he disposes of the present 'Grand Lodges of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,' because it was formed in 1792 as 'a new Grand Lodge,' by the *union* of the Saint John's Grand Lodge ('Moderns'), which, by its action in electing a Grand Master on March 7, 1777, had declared its independence of the Scottish Grand Lodge whose warrant it had held, and the Massachusetts Grand Lodge ('Ancients'). The Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed October 13, 1778."

Under Virginia:

"In his 1911 report, our Bro. Eggleston refers to Virginia as being 'oldest existing Grand Lodge in America,' 'the oldest in America,' and 'the senior Grand Lodge in America.'

"We confess to having been puzzled by this claim, but some light is thrown upon the subject by our brother's remark we have just quoted: 'It is not fair to add the years of their [*i. e.*, the Provincial "subordinate" Grand Bodies] existence to that of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in order to add to its claim of age.'

"We are ready to concede that, whatever may be the age of our *present* Grand Lodge, Pennsylvania is the oldest masonic jurisdiction in America; we do not ask any further proof; we admit it.

"Ordinarily masonic historians give Massachusetts as the first Grand Lodge to declare itself independent, and Virginia the second and Pennsylvania the third; but as the Massachusetts Proceedings speak of the present Grand Lodge as 'a new Grand Lodge' formed in 1792, by the union of 'The Massachusetts Grand Lodge' and 'The St. John's Grand Lodge,' *if* (and it is a tremendous 'if') you can accept Bro. Eggleston's view, as to the years prior to national independence, you may agree with his conclusion.

"Our dear brother's somewhat arbitrary method of sweeping away past years reminds us of the somewhat arbitrary derivation given by the late Bishop Williams of Connecticut, who asked one of his divinity students, how 'Middletown' was derived from 'Moses,' and upon the student's confessing his ignorance, the Bishop replied, 'Why you just cut off "oses" and add "iddletown," and there you are!'"

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Stewart, in the introduction to his address finds cause for thankfulness in the progress of the world and in the advance of Masonry during the year; laments the loss by death of many laborers in the masonic vineyard; then regrets that, by reason of illness in his family, he could not visit the lodges as he had intended, yet he managed to visit seven.

Of Mexican Masonry, from personal observation, he says:

"At the election of officers the Mexican element became disgruntled and the Representatives of seven lodges left in a body. The remainder proceeded to carry through the business and complete the session. The brother, however, who was elected and installed Grand Secretary after the session, took all records, etc., and went over to his Mexican brethren, who later formed up as a grand lodge appropriating the name of 'Valle de Mexico,' and attempting to leave the majority of the lodges without any real Grand Lodge. These lodges which are really the legitimate Grand Lodges of Mexico have now taken the name of 'York Grand Lodge of Mexico.'

"That they will be in a much better position than formerly to do good work, there can be no doubt; nor is there any doubt that the English and American residents are working as conscientiously and enthusiastically as we are, but unfortunately they have been handicapped by the Mexican element whose ideas and aspirations seem more in line with what is generally known as Latin Masonry."

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. C. MacDonald (portrait), had the care of the fraternity during the absence of the Grand Master. He visited seven lodges.

### **RHODE ISLAND, 1911.**

A fine likeness of the late M. W. Bro. Rugg graces the proceedings.

At the semi-annual communication in November the committee on the address of the Grand Master of the previous year made an extended report.

Memorials upon the life and character of M. W. Bros. George H. Kenyon and Henry W. Rugg were read.

At the annual communication in May, because of the death of M. W. Bro. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. James B. Gay, presided.

In his address he fully remembers the dead of his own and sister jurisdictions; makes return of the dispensations issued; reports the by-laws approved, and other details in connection with his office.

The District Deputy Grand Masters make full reports.

A memorial of Bro. William N. Ackley, Grand Master in 1887, who died March 27, 1911, was read.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The following resolution had a passage:

*“Resolved,* That the ritual work now in the custody of the Grand Secretary, be re-written by a committee of three to be appointed by the Grand Master, which having been accomplished, said original work shall be destroyed by them and the re-written work placed in the custody of the Grand Secretary.”

So likewise the following:

*“Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home in this state, and to devise ways and means for establishing such a home if said committee decides to recommend its establishment. Said committee to report at our next semi-annual communication.”

No Report on Correspondence.

### **SASKATCHEWAN, 1911.**

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Mayor of the City, a mason, of Regina, in which the annual communication was held.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Tate, we make the following extracts:

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"At the time of the formation of our Grand Lodge five years ago we consisted of 24 chartered lodges and 5 under dispensation. Now we have 65 chartered lodges and 18 under dispensation,—a total of 83 lodges. Our total membership at the time of the formation of Grand Lodge was less than 900; to-day we number approximately 4,000.

"The influence of Freemasonry in your community will be no stronger than the influence of the weakest member of your lodge. One poor piece of material built up into your masonic edifice will mar the whole structure and do more to lower the dignity and usefulness of the Masonic Institution than a dozen good masons will do to maintain its lofty traditions."

One corner-stone was laid; twelve lodges were constituted, seven by the Grand Master and five by his proxy; thirteen dispensations were issued for new lodges and thirty-five dispensations for other purposes, mainly to attend divine service.

The following decision, showing one of the advantages of the circumlocution office, is quoted:

"Can you grant permission to confer the third degree on F. C. from another jurisdiction: Held—Before permission could be granted necessary request from Mother Lodge through Grand Secretary of Jurisdiction to our Grand Secretary must be made."

Scotland appears in the lime light. He says:

"Complaints continue to reach us from Subordinate Lodges about the conduct of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in initiating residents within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, while temporarily in that country, without any inquiry being made in the country to which the man actually belongs as to whether or not he ought to be admitted."

He makes a paragraph or two upon the great importance of documentary evidence, and admits "that it has been of valuable assistance in the collection of dues and in keeping the lodge in a healthy financial condition."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters take up forty-eight pages of the printed proceedings and the Committee on Condition of Masonry report that "they indicate a most gratifying improvement in the tone of Masonry, throughout the Province, even when compared with the very satisfactory reports of last year."

The several committees presented reports relating to the business required by the local conditions.

We regret that this young sister jurisdiction thinks it necessary to have the details in the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals printed.

Bro. Arthur S. Gorrell submitted his second annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas he says:

"The saloon has become so great a menace to the moral upbuilding of the world at large, that Masonry can not maintain its integrity without



in some manner putting its stamp of disapproval upon the evil; and to give effect thereto, but reflects the wisdom of the Grand Jurisdictions. What is here said with reference to this matter is but a reflection of what the different Grand Jurisdictions have expressed in their different laws.

"Too much legislation. Too much talk, not only on the liquor question, but also on waivers of jurisdiction, and too much disregard for the original plan of Freemasonry which never contemplated the depriving of constituent lodges of their inherent rights."

Under Delaware we read:

"The question of a Masonic Home is a burning one in Delaware and they have decided to have one. While in no way wishing to criticize the judgment of such a splendid class of men as compose the Grand Lodge of Delaware, we think that they might well pause in their undertaking, until absolutely assured that the separation of old masons and their wives from all associations of their lives, is the best method of dispensing masonic benevolence. May we ask if the system of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) has been inquired into. We admit that the Home looks good, but are the best results obtained for the money expended."

Maine for 1910 has a place in the report.

Under Minnesota, commenting upon the great attention given to the higher degrees, he quotes from the address of the Grand Master a paragraph, which closes as follows:

"I am very much afraid my brethren, that, in this day and generation, there is far more strength in the Tiger's claw than in the Lion's paw."

And adds:

"And why has the lion's paw lost its strength? The tales were too long to tell, but it began when the Entered Apprentice was no longer recognized as a mason, when the temporal affairs of the lodge were confined to the third degree; when installations were first performed in public; when Grand Lodge permitted 'Escorts' of Knights Templar at public functions and when the general idea was permitted to grow that Craft Masonry was but the stepping stone to the (God save us) higher degrees.

"Get back, get back, to the simplicity of our fathers when lodges had some rights and were not smothered in the injudicious attempts of Grand Bodies to legislate for every evil of the craft."

### **SOUTH CAROLINA, 1911.**

Two hundred thirty-three lodges with a full list of officers were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James R. Johnson, makes use of a brief introduction, then passes to the consideration of the dead of other jurisdictions, since none from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina passed to

other realms. Of "physical qualifications," which the Grand Lodge has considered for some years, he says:

"I hope that this Grand Lodge will in its wisdom, open the door to such material as is found morally fit, and who have been knocking at our portals for many years, debarred only by some trivial physical disqualification; such for instance, as the loss of the joint of one little finger of the left hand, or one toe, or the loss of a small portion of the ear. We have in this respect as a precedent nine-tenths of all the Grand Lodges of the world, including the Grand Lodge of England, from whom we received our birth. In many instances their laws on this subject are much more liberal than the one now proposed, which in my judgment, if adopted, would not only have the effect of putting us in line on this very important subject with all others, but allowing us to spread the great light of Masonry to all *slightly imperfect physically, but pure morally, and who are desirable material.*"

He recommended a re-adjustment of districts; the appointment of a committee to prepare a history of the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges; a new edition of the "Ahiman Rezon"; and a card index of the membership in the lodges.

He visited quite extensively, and was uniformly courteously received.

Many dispensations were granted and a few refused, for does not the Grand Master say:

"I have been compelled to refuse the following requests for dispensations; the reasons assigned being in my judgment insufficient in some instances, and in others there were constitutional prohibitions existing. The power vested in the Grand Master for granting dispensations should be exercised with extreme care, remembering always that the dignity of the Institution is to be upheld at all hazards, and that it would be better far to have the individual somewhat inconvenienced, than to have the usual customs set aside to gratify some particular personal engagement. I believe that dispensations should be granted only in extreme cases."

Eight dispensations were issued for new lodges; three lodges were constituted by proxy; two corner-stones were laid in person and nine by proxy.

He reported thirty-eight decisions, of which we present the only one that appears new:

"The following case was presented to me:

"The E. A. degree was conferred upon a candidate in Vance Lodge, No. 230, who since discovered that he was only twenty years of age, he was positive at the time that he was twenty-one years old, but he has since heard from his parents, stating that he is only twenty years old. His application was presented in legal form, a committee appointed thereon, which reported favorably, and he was elected to take the E. A. degree, which was conferred upon him."

"Question asked: 'What shall we do about this candidate? Shall we hold him over until he is a year older, or shall we be granted a special dispensation?'

"Answer: It was illegal to have elected and conferred the degree upon this applicant before he was twenty-one years old, but inasmuch as it was done in good faith, and the candidate was under the impression that he was twenty-one years old at the time, we will waive that part of

it, but under the circumstances, I now direct that you do not ballot for his advancement to the F. C. or M. M. degree until after he has reached his twenty-first year."

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"I am very sorry to report that contributions from lodges and individual members have been less this year than heretofore. Some of the brethren are in favor of building, but it is the opinion of the Board of Trustees, in which I heartily agree, that owing to the peculiarity of the condition surrounding an Institution of this character, it would be extremely unwise to make any permanent arrangements until we are in a position to have it entirely free of debt. The very source from which this fund now receives its contributions would be taxed to the utmost to pay the running expenses of the Institution and the care of its inmates. Therefore, the Board considers it very unwise to contract any debt, as the income should be used for support of the Institution. I have no doubt that the Board of Trustees will make a very comprehensive report along this line, to which I commend your careful consideration.

"The Fund has increased at the rate of ten to eleven thousand dollars a year, and at present we have over sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars in hand. As soon as the Grand Lodge arrives at a definite figure to expend for building purposes, we can make some arrangements as to the future. I hope that some of our brethren, whose worldly affairs permit, will endow this Institution, thereby adding a regular source of income. I am satisfied that if a beginning is made, many contributions will follow. Until such is the case, however, even if the building is completed free of debt, the source of income will be more or less of an embarrassment to the Trustees."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted intelligent reports.

We notice in the report of the Masonic Board of Relief that one applicant for relief was from Maine.

Bro. J. L. Michie presented his second review of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions.

Under Alabama concerning the negro question, he says:

"Having been 'directed' by the Grand Lodge at its previous communication to make investigations into the New Jersey-Mississippi tangle (see page 7 of my report of last year), he says: 'I beg to report that I have made the inquiries, ascertained the condition to be as stated, and decided to take no action to disturb the fraternal relations now existing between the Grand Jurisdictions.'

"We think he was perfectly right. Why single out New Jersey? Why not do likewise with the Canadian Grand Lodges, also England, Scotland and Ireland, in fact, with all the Grand Lodges outside of the United States, yes, and perhaps a few in the United States? We are glad to note that the Grand Lodge concurred with the Grand Master."

Maine for 1910 is the wording of part of the title, but the proceedings are those of 1911.

Bro. Michie, please read Maine for 1911 once again to see if the following comments on the amendment to constitution now appears correct:

"Ohio having made Bro. Taft a brother 'at sight,' Maine now proposes to pay suitable respect to his memory when he dies, as witness the following proposed amendment to the constitution, which was 'entertained and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.'"

He further says :

"Bro. Chase does not like to see any reference to the 'Eastern Star' in Grand Masters' addresses, because 'Grand Lodges and particular lodges have to do with blue lodge Masonry, no more, no less.' Well, maybe so. We notice that when the Grand Master of Maine laid the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Portland, the Grand Lodge was escorted by Portland and St. Alban Commandery of Knights Templar, and that the 'Grand Commander (sic) of the Grand Commandery of Maine' made 'an eloquent and inspiring oration.'

"We never held that the Eastern Star was a masonic body. In our address of 1908 we said: 'Nowhere is it recognized as in any way belonging to the masonic fraternity.' Again, in 1909 we used this language: 'We cannot recognize the order as in any way belonging to, or being a part of the masonic fraternity,' adding, however, which we now reiterate, 'we should, as masons, do the best that in us lies for the advancement of the sisterhood that our mothers, our sisters, our wives and our daughters love and revere.'"

To which we say that when a chapter of the Eastern Star escorts the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction we shall be glad to notice the fact as a part of the procedure. There is some difference yet between twedle-um and tweedle-dee.

Further, it might have been written that the Past Master of Waterville Lodge, W. Bro. Warren C. Philbrook, the Honorable Attorney General for the State of Maine, made "an eloquent and inspiring oration," and told the truth. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonic Homes are doing a great, a good and noble work, and Masonry has a right to be proud, not vain, of her homes. We have given this subject a great deal of thought and study, and have come to the conclusion that the cheapest, best, most desirable, most homelike plan is to find a home for each dependent brother, his wife, his widow, or his child, in some other mason's house. So much money is sunk in real estate and 'improvements,' and the necessary attendants, the interest of which alone would support, in other mason's homes, all our needy brethren and their dependents."

"What are and what are not, the landmarks of our fraternity? Is it possible for the English speaking Grand Lodges to decide this question, once for all? We think not. We confess that, having been early taught to consider the landmarks of Mackey as authentic, we now and then meet one we never heard of before. The 'Lodge of Promulgation' on 19th October, 1810, used this language: 'It appears to this lodge that the ceremony of installation of Masters of lodges, is one of the two landmarks of the craft, and ought to be observed.' So it seems that in 1810 only two landmarks were recognized, now we have—how many?"

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA, 1911.**

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to the City of Chamberlain, where the Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication, by the Mayor, a mason, from which we quote:

"This being our home, we naturally think it is the best place on earth. We are something like the old Dutchman who always wanted the best place. He and his good old wife had lived many years in the old home, they had reared a large family of boys and girls, but now they were all married and gone, and no one remained in the old home but the old couple. One hot summer evening, they sat upon the porch of the old house. They were lonely and blue as they sat thinking of the happy days that were gone: neither spoke for a long time. Finally the old woman said, 'I wish I was in heaven.' The old man looked at her a moment, the perspiration running down his fat old face. He too had been thinking of some place where he would like to be, and said, 'Mudder, I wish I was down in the brewery.' Mudder gave him one withering look and said, 'Jacob that was shust like you. You always want the best place.'

"Now my friends and brother masons, we want you while here to have the best place, we want you to have the very best that Chamberlain can afford."

After the pleasing introduction, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Samuel S. Lockhart, of whom there is a fine (Bather) portrait, fittingly remembers the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, next mentions a pleasant reception by his home lodge and then has a word of praise for the Grand Lecturer.

One lodge was constituted by proxy, one corner-stone was laid, two Masonic Temples were dedicated and many dispensations to install officers, but "I have refused to grant dispensations in all cases to confer degrees out of time simply because the brother was about to leave the jurisdiction of the lodge, or on account of his going on a visit and wanted the degrees in order that he might visit lodges on his trip, with one exception," and "I refused to grant all applications for dispensations to accept petitions and confer degrees on candidates before they had resided the required time within the jurisdiction of the lodge."

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"Our universal receipt for dues with the Grand Lodge certificate upon the back is taking the place of separate identification cards of other Grand Jurisdictions and is becoming very popular. I think this body should promulgate a law compelling all members, whether visitors or not, to present one of these receipts or identification cards before being permitted to enter a lodge, it would do away largely with suspension for non-payment of dues."

Here you are at the end of the road and find a high stone wall. Dues not paid to your own lodge. No charges preferred against you; a mason in good standing, but cannot be admitted to your lodge because of no receipt.

Now, Bro. Michie of South Carolina, how does the following resolution strike you:

"It was resolved that as there were in session at this time in the city an organization composed of the noblest and best women of the state, respected and loved by all masons, that the Most Worshipful Grand

Master appoint a committee of three to convey to the Order of the Eastern Star the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge."

And then read the result. Now, would it not be well at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine to have a similar resolution introduced, but sent to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, which will be holding its annual convocation at the same time?

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

"Although the matter has not been referred to us this committee recommends that hereafter no brother shall serve more than three years in any elective office of the Grand Lodge except that of Grand Secretary."

Bro. Samuel A. Brown submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we find him a little sarcastic about "Divine Service." Read this:

"Dispensations for lodges to attend divine worship were declined with flippant remarks. It would be better if brethren who can be flippant with the subject of the worship of God could be left where they belong in Masonry, upon the back seat. It is time that lodges quit asking flippant Grand Masters for authority to discharge one of their most sacred masonic duties. Interference with this duty, by high officials, has disrupted more than one Grand Lodge. A Grand Master's decision cannot lawfully deprive a lodge of its right to practice according to the usages and customs of the Craft from time immemorial, even after it has been approved by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

"The Orphan's Home has a chapel. What for?"

Maine for 1910 is fraternally mentioned.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran's Association of South Dakota are found in this volume.

## TENNESSEE, 1912.

All the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of four hundred thirty-eight lodges were present at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jno. R. Rison, we quote:

"During the year peace and harmony have prevailed.

"From the best information I am able to gather, a very wise course is being pursued in the admission of members, those only being acceptable who will, in the opinion of the lodge, reflect no discredit on the fraternity; quality, not quantity, being the motto observed. Men of doubtful probity are being excluded."

Of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home he says:

"I was impressed with the urgent needs of the Institution. I at once set about devising plans by which matters could be improved and the Home rendered so that our masonic brethren would not be ashamed to invite their friends to visit it on all occasions, and could point to it with a just spirit of pride."

So he sent out a letter to the Wor. Master of each lodge, in which he said:

"Until now no substantial repairs had been made to the property since the erection of the buildings, more than twenty years ago.

"More furniture, table ware, farming implements, teams and cows had to be bought, the purchase of which could not be longer deferred.

"To pay for these absolutely necessary repairs and property makes it imperative upon me to request a contribution for this purpose, either from your treasury or by individual subscription, for as much as you can afford."

And from this appeal he realized more than \$2,000.

To those lodges that did not respond he sent a second letter, and as a result therefrom, increased the fund to more than \$3,300. And yet many of the lodges made no contribution.

A full list of his official acts is given and the account of his visitations is pleasant reading.

Of his official rulings we quote:

"A candidate who had been rejected by a subordinate lodge eighteen months before, petitioned for the degrees under a waiver of jurisdiction of the lodge in which he was rejected and was elected, and the First Degree was conferred on him. The W. M. of the lodge which had waived its jurisdiction now states to the W. M. of the lodge conferring the degrees that he was present at the time the vote to waive was taken and objected, and that he forgot to tell the committee. The W. M. asks, What must we do?

"*Answer.*—Objection comes to late.

"Is a brother who has served, by appointment, from time to time, as a Warden, eligible as W. M.?

"*Answer.*—No. He shall have *regularly* served as a *Warden* in some subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction.

"Where should a man in the U. S. navy petition for the degrees in Masonry, at his home port or where he resides?

"*Answer.*—He should petition at home, and have his lodge request some convenient lodge to confer the degrees."

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges.

He recommends "that a per capita of twenty-five cents be assessed, to be set apart for the erection and support of an old Mason's Home, either at Nashville, or at some other desirable point in the state, at such time as this Grand Body may deem best. This will make the total per capita for Masonic Homes only one dollar, and should be ample for generations, and in my opinion, will insure against all emergencies and render unnecessary any future special appeals for aid."

The Endowment Fund of the Widows' and Orphans' Home is about \$48,000.00.



From the report of the Board of Control we clip:

"We feel that it is unnecessary for this Board to go into detail as to the need of more money for maintenance. Try as you may, it simply cannot be run on the present allowance. The utmost, and we might say rigid economy has been practiced this year, and every dollar chopped off the expense accounts wherever possible. It will be impossible for such to be done another year, to the extent that it was this year, and in case no provision is made for relief, we consider it highly probable that your incoming Board will be forced to borrow from the banks, on their own responsibility.

"Aside from the Infirmary, now being built by the Order Eastern Star, ten thousand dollars could be profitably spent at the Home as follows: Manual training Shop and tools, \$2,000; new cow barn and dairy equipment, \$3,000; old furniture replaced by new and sanitary furniture, \$2,000; finishing, repainting and repairing buildings, \$1,000; entrance gate and new fences, \$500; fencing 100 acres, \$300; store room and play hall, \$500; walks and steam heat for Old Woman's Building, Boys' Dormitory, and Infirmary, \$800."

The Committee on Ways and Means in their report, which was adopted, say:

"We do not concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master to appropriate 75 cents to the Widows' and Orphans' Home and 25 cents to the establishment of a Home for aged and infirm Master Masons.

"In support of our non-concurrence in the suggested appropriation of 25 cents, permit us to say we do not feel that the time is auspicious for the inauguration of the movement looking towards the erection of a Home for old Master Masons. This Grand Lodge is familiar with the struggle which has attended the operations of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and it is our conclusion that we should more nearly perfect that enterprise and bring it to a higher degree of efficiency, before diverting our efforts in other directions, and thereby taking from the Home the financial assistance which it so greatly needs."

The cost per capita of the inmates, one hundred forty-three in number, of the Home, was \$93.56.

The per capita tax upon members of the lodges was placed at one dollar and twenty-five cents, of which seventy-five cents is for the Home.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Probably the most important thing of general masonic interest in the United States during the time covered by the proceedings we have examined, is the proposition to erect at Alexandria, Va., a Memorial to George Washington as a Mason. Most of the Grand Lodges that have taken action in this matter, especially in the Eastern and Middle States, seem strongly in favor of the Memorial. The Grand Masters of a number of the Grand Lodges have met at Alexandria and helped to formulate a plan and have urged its acceptance by other Grand Lodges. One South-western Grand Lodge, however, took the view that while Washington deserved and should receive high honor as a soldier, statesman and patriot yet he was not so active and prominent a Freemason as to be entitled to a special Masonic Memorial."

Maine for 1911 is fraternally mentioned.



**TEXAS, 1911.**

All the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of five hundred forty-six lodges were present at the annual communication held at Waco.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Walter Acker, we quote :

" I believe that we should care more for the essentials of Masonry and less for the non-essentials; that the martinet of Masonry with his steps, grips and words is of less importance than the student of the life of Masonry; that humanity needs less of abstract philosophical cobwebs and more of joy and cheer; less of imaginary symbolism and more of love; that the doctrine of hearts made lighter and lives made brighter will outlive all abstract speculation, all official distinction, all self-aggrandizement; that we should recognize more fully the life and doctrine of Him who was 'set as a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel'; that masons should worry and write less about what constitute the 'Ancient Land-marks' and believe and live the three essential landmarks—faith in God, hope in immortality and the daily application of the Golden Rule."

The dead are remembered; and the results from the requirements by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge for the previous year, are reported, but a case of alleged invasion of jurisdiction by a lodge in Missouri was still unsettled.

Twenty-four lodges were constituted by proxy; dispensations were issued for twelve new lodges; twenty-eight corner-stones were laid and many other dispensations for many and diverse functions; but he refused to grant a dispensation to lay the corner-stone of a building to be used for business purposes in connection with the lodge.

Of his decisions we quote;

" An original dimit having been lost, it is right and proper for the lodge granting the original to issue a duplicate.

" That it was right and proper for an Eastern Star Chapter to be permitted to hold in a masonic lodge room a public installation of its officers, profanes being invited thereto.

" That documentary evidence, even though under the seal of the lodge, should not admit any one as a visitor to any lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction. Each and every member presenting himself must prove that he is a mason by the infallible tests of the order."

The address covered sixty-two pages and we were tired when we finished the reading of it.

The Grand Orator delivered an oration upon the subject "The Lost Word," from which we quote:

" The fundamental principle underlying the masonic fraternity is a belief in the existence of God, the brotherhood of man and the immortality of the human soul. The supreme object of speculative Masonry is to inculcate these truths, for in them lie the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, of human progress, civilization and destiny.

"The true mason should be, from the time of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice, to the time at which he receives the full fruition of masonic light, an investigator, a laborer in the quarry, the forest and upon the temple, whose reward is to be a knowledge of the truth."

The buildings and lands of the Masonic Orphans' Home are estimated as worth \$250,000.00. The income the past year was \$58,562.05 and expense for maintenance of Home was \$40,831.88. There were enrolled at close of the year 212. There are thirty-one employees. The per capita cost for the Home was \$159.76.

All the committees make voluminous reports and thereby occasion the reader to take much time in consideration of matters which are of local interest. The committees seem to think it necessary to sustain their position by giving detailed and argumentative reports. At any rate the extended reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals do not require to be fully extended in the proceedings.

Bro. Thos. M. Matthews, Sr., who was prevented by physical disability from attendance upon the annual communication, presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his introduction, he puts an extract from the address of the Grand Master of Georgia and comments as follows:

"Would it not be well, is it not our duty as masons, to carry into and put into practice in our daily lives, in our business and our politics, the pure and noble principles which we profess? That as masons we use our influence and our best effort in seeing that the positions of trust and honor are filled only by the ablest—most moral men—men of unquestioned honesty and integrity, who cannot be bought by the interests; men who, like Cæsar's spouse, are above suspicion. If we will do this, what a power we could and would be in correcting and removing the evils and dangers which confront us. Will we do it? That's the question."

Maine for 1911 is fraternally reviewed.

### UTAH, 1911.

The stations of two of the Grand Officers were vacant at the opening of the fortieth annual communication. Sixteen, all but two, of the Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Representative of Maine was present.

There are fourteen lodges, one of which was not represented.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles B. Jack, says:

"In every lodge of our jurisdiction we have found an ambition to do exact ritualistic work, combined with an earnest desire to display that true spirit of Masonry which your Grand Officers have at all times and on every occasion sought to emphasize and inculcate."

A visit was made, at least once, to each subordinate lodge, and apparently these visits were very successful. The increase in membership was 141 and the total membership is 1,779.

A dispensation was granted for a new lodge and one to hold a regular lodge meeting one day earlier than the stated communication.

We do not believe that the last dispensation is right. How can a Grand Master give a dispensation to do a thing before it is time for it to be done?

He decided:

"Labor may be suspended in the Master Mason's degree and a lodge of Entered Apprentices opened in lieu thereof without passing through the Fellow Craft degree. But all lodges opened must be properly closed.

Of which the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, said:

"The practice of passing through the Fellow Craft degree from the Entered Apprentice to the Master Mason degree, and in the same manner from the Master Mason degree to the Entered Apprentice degree, has been so uniform and constant in the work of this jurisdiction that it has become a custom or usage. We, therefore, think that it is undesirable to disturb the practice and recommend that the decision be disapproved."

This decision agrees with the practice in Maine.

Another decision:

"If the Worshipful Master elect be not qualified for installation, none of the officers can be installed. A lodge starts anew each year, and if it has no member qualified to serve as Master, or does not see fit to elect such a brother, it must cease work."

We do not find that the Committee on Jurisprudence reported upon this decision. We dissent. A lodge elects its officers and there can be no reason why all the officers who are present for installation should not be installed into the places to which they were elected, unless they decline to be installed or unless objection is made, in which case provision is usually made for further procedure.

The system of instruction, by means of a Grand Lecturer, is commended.

The assemblage of seventeen hundred masons to commemorate the golden wedding of their esteemed and loved Grand Secretary is told in pleasant words.

The following recommendation, submitted by the Foreign Correspondent, was adopted:

"That the Grand Lodge of Utah in Annual Communication assembled declares the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, of which Bro. Jose J. Reynoso is Grand Master and Bro. William Thompson Grand Secretary, the only Grand Lodge in the Republic of Mexico with which the Grand Lodge of Utah is in fraternal relations."

The following Standing Resolution was adopted:

"No visiting brother shall be permitted to visit a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction unless he can and does produce written evidence under the seal of his lodge that he is in good standing; and said evidence must be attested by the Grand Secretary's signature and the seal of the Grand Lodge under which the lodge of the visitor is working."

Bro. Christopher Diehl submitted his Thirty-fifth Annual Report on Correspondence.

How good it is to read under Alabama the following:

"He makes a great mistake, though, when he calls Freemasonry an 'Order.' It is a Fraternity, 'ein Menseitsbund' (Union of Men); never was an Order and never will be."

Maine for 1910 is given ample space.

Commenting upon the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on the recommendations of the conference of the Grand Masters, he says:

"All honor to Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine. Of all the masonic writers and juris consults we have met on the round table of the reviewers' guild, he was the greatest. For thirty-five years he was our Master and teacher and with the masons of Maine we cherish his memory and to the last day of our life will cherish it with an unfading recollection."

He also agrees, for he says, Bro. Chase "quotes two paragraphs from Grand Master Brown's address, also his decision with which he 'cannot agree.' Neither can we, Bro. Chase, because Entered Apprentices are masons, and as such their rights must be respected. To look upon an Entered Apprentice as a Masonic 'Nonens' (Nonentity) is contrary to the ancient regulations of the Craft."

And farther on says:

"Concerning the present fad that all lodge correspondence must be conducted by Grand Masters, we cannot remember where that nonsense originated, but believe that it was gotten up by some Grand Master because he wanted to be the whole 'It' for the short space of twelve months, well knowing that after that time he would be nothing else but 'A Has Been.'"

We find that we are in agreement with him upon most matters, such as the leaving out the details in the reports of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals, the giving any attention to clandestine bodies, on the making a bastard a mason, the right of a non-affiliate to ask for membership when he wills, the restoration to membership in a lodge because of restoration to Masonry by the Grand Lodge, the uselessness of a circumlocution office in correspondence between lodges; but we are not ready to subscribe to the proposition that documentary evidence, such as is represented by receipts for dues or such like, is required.

Beneficial organizations founded upon the principle of dues and benefits, weekly or otherwise, form a contract between the member and the

lodge, and the member must be ready at all times to prove his side of the contract. No receipt for dues, no benefits. But Masonry recognizes no such proposition. It requires sufficient information to allow a brother to visit a lodge, but it should be left to the Master of the lodge to determine the sufficiency of the information. Assistance to be given to one who asks it is another question.

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Bro. Charles P. Lyford, Junior Grand Warden in 1873, died in Newton Center, Mass., January 17, 1910. He was born in Maine in 1838. "He was a devoted Methodist minister, a loyal citizen, and a faithful mason."

### VERMONT, 1911.

Sixteen officers of the Grand Lodge, twenty-two permanent members of the Grand Lodge and the representatives of eighty-five subordinate lodges answered to the roll call at this Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry L. Ballou, briefly introduces his address. He eulogizes the dead, especially Bro. Daniel S. Danforth, (portrait) who was Grand Marshal for eighteen years.

Of the condition of the craft he says:

"The reports of the District Deputies reveal the status of the several lodges of our jurisdiction. The system of lodge visitation and inspection by the Deputy and his report of the same to the Grand Master enables us to know the real situation as no other way which I can imagine would do. Their reports for this year show that the marked prosperity enjoyed in former years has been continued and that the fraternity is increasing in numbers, wealth, influence and usefulness."

We wonder if our Maine brethren can not find food for thought and digestion from this paragraph:

"The offices in our Grand Lodge are not positions of honor simply. They are that, but they are more than that, they are opportunities for service to the craft. They are not meant primarily to be a reward for services past, but security for nobler service in the future. Being elected or appointed to an office in the Grand Lodge is not a signal to rest on your oars, but 'Nunc nunc insurgite remis,' 'Now, now bend to your oars.' It is beneath us as masons to do all in our power to secure office and then at once relax into indifference as regards the duties and labors that should accompany the position."

Upon his recommendation resolutions were adopted to govern the action of lodges which wish to surrender their charters.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting reports.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 has full share of his valuable work.

Commenting upon the use of "affirm" instead of "swear," he says:

"We will merely say that under the Carolina decision no one could be made a mason in Vermont, because of the statute law, a relic of anti-masonic days, prohibiting extra-judicial oaths."

Under Mississippi we read:

"In view of long, valuable, distinguished services for Masonry by a worthy brother, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of masons was conferred upon him. We would courteously inquire as to whether the constitution of Mississippi recognizes such rank. If so, what is the provision for conferring it? If not a constitutional provision, of what value is the empty title? In this connection we note that another member was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Grand Lodge. The questions already asked are pertinent to this action."

From his conclusion we quote:

"As to the status of Freemasonry in the Orient, the real article is confined almost exclusively to foreigners. In Japan, there are three or four lodges of the Scottish Constitutions; in China, a few lodges of English and American parentage with a possible mixture from other nationalities foreign to the land; in the Philippines, there have existed so-called masonic bodies of Spanish origin, but all of them so far as known merely political and revolutionary clubs. Since 1898, and the American possession of the islands, repeated efforts have been made to place pure Freemasonry upon a solid basis there, but without any remarkable success. Outside of a lodge or two in Manila, composed mainly of the officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, of the army and navy and business and professional men of foreign extraction, it may be said the Freemasonry known to us is utterly unknown. No legitimate effort can possibly stretch the mantle of 'The Universality of Masonry' in any direction to cover the teachings and practices of the death dealing, political organizations to be found in various parts of the Islands."

## VIRGINIA, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William B. McChesney, in his address says:

"This has been a year abundant in advantages to the Craft. Our increase in membership is marked; the contributions to our charity have been larger than ever before. From every quarter comes the glad tidings of prosperity in the subordinate lodges; that interest in the ritual is growing, and that there are to-day more proficient masons than ever known in the history of the Grand Lodge. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and not once during the year have I had to interpose my authority to adjust differences."

He speaks of his visitations and invitations; tells of the corner-stones laid; issues dispensations for nine new lodges; and gives among others the following decisions:

"That because a man was a hump-back was no bar to his initiation.

"That after the minutes of the lodge have been read and approved, and lodge closed, no one could add to or subtract anything, without the consent of the lodge.

"That the petition of a man, who could not read or write, could not be received."

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"It is patent to me that the constant appeal made for the Masonic Home to the brethren, by every speaker who appears before a lodge, from the Grand to Subordinate Officers, for aid, has grown monotonous—it is worn out, and the brethren are weary. We all agree that this institution of ours must be cared for, sustained, improved and placed upon a substantial basis. The hour and the day has arrived, in my judgment, when this Grand Body must provide such a permanent income that your Board can, with certainty, make their contracts, feeling and knowing that the funds will be in hand at a fixed time of the year. You must meet this by taxation, and it should be equal."

Three of the District Deputy Grand Masters submitted no report.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is amply reviewed.

Commenting upon our remarks about the conferences of Grand Masters he says:

"If he had asked Bro. Mallet, he would have been told that many of those vital questions were discussed, but our agreement was to make no report as to any on which we were not unanimous. This 'perfect youth' question was one of them, and while most of us were in full accord that ability to fully conform to all the requirements of the ritual without friendly aid or artificial assistance should be the rule, there were some jurisdictions represented whose laws were different and more specific. Hence no word of our long debate on this subject was published."

Also in regard to physical ability he says:

"Bro. Chase is wrong, we think, in his idea that the question of eligibility along even physical lines should be left to the lodges. In our own experience the delegate from a remote mountain lodge once saw one of our prominent Past Masters walk up the aisle on crutches, and he applauded because he had just recovered from a railroad accident, which cost him a leg.

"This delegate went home, quoted the, as he thought, precedent and his lodge took in a one legged man. Have you no lodges, Bro. C., that need no restrictions?"

To his question we answer perhaps Yes, perhaps No.

Our general rule is "that Physical Disability, which does not prevent a man's being instructed in the mysteries of Freemasonry and does not amount to inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, is no bar to his admission."

But we have decided too that the Master must decide about the dis-



ability of a particular candidate, and if he cannot decide or does not want to decide he can have the question answered by the Grand Master.

Under Utah we read:

"The M. W. Grand Master recommended the printing of a uniform receipt for dues, with printed Grand Lodge seal and facsimile of the Grand Secretary's signature, to be used as credentials in visiting other jurisdictions. Now there are two good objections to this. First, imposters could get these printed forms and fill them out at will, or even have imitations printed. Secondly, and more important, if that be possible, no receipt for dues should ever be required of a visitor. To ask for one is an impertinence. Just so long as a brother is in good standing in his lodge it is nobody's business what he owes that lodge, except the lodge itself. There are some exempt from dues in every lodge, and they should not be required to show why to strangers. What would become of members of Kane Lodge, N. Y., of more than three years' standing, who pay no dues? The basis is all wrong. If documents must be shown, a lodge certificate, duly certified, with the Grand Secretary's signature in writing, or better still a Grand Lodge diploma, should everywhere suffice. We do not need Shrine methods in Masonry."

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We have the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Beverley R. Wellford, Jr., Grand Master in 1877-79, who died September 19, 1911.

"The State mourns the loss of one of her noblest citizens, the Judiciary one of its honored members, the Presbyterian Church one of its wisest counsellors and foremost laymen, Masonry one of its brightest lights and towers of strength, and all of us a loving and beloved brother."

### WASHINGTON, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jeremiah Neterer (portrait), in his address thus spake of Masonry in Washington:

"From every part of the jurisdiction come reports of increased numbers with higher standards and ambitions in ways of endeavor; of financial gains; of work more thoroughly and correctly done; of masonic inspiration absorbed and impressed; of the dissemination of brotherly love, relief and truth in good works and kindly acts, and of unbroken harmony and fraternal good-will within every part of our domain; and all indications are that the present is but an index as to what the future has in store."

The dead have suitable remembrance.

He decided:

"The funds of a lodge cannot be appropriated for the relief of persons except masons in good standing, their wives and minor children, and the widows and orphans of deceased masons."



Why not? Does the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Washington prohibit? Or perhaps the by-laws? How long since Masonry ceased to be a charitable institution? The question is not one of "cannot" but of the ability of the lodge to render financial aid without detriment to the claims of others.

The District Deputy Grand Master system does not seem to be an unqualified success. It appears to us that the putting upon these officers the duty of instruction in the work and the duty of inspection of the work is asking too much. But we think that however the lodges may be *instructed* it should be *inspected* both as to its masonic work and in other matters.

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges; twelve corner-stones were laid; two Masonic Temples dedicated, and dispensations issued for other purposes.

His conclusion is well worth the printing for general distribution among the craft.

We quote one paragraph:

"I believe that Masonry is worth while; that it stands for something. I believe that it is as enduring as the hills and that in the upbuilding of our institutions and in the advancement of our civilization its influence has been and will be a strong agency in the constructive order of things that are of real value. Masonry, if it is anything, is a constructive institution, and if it would advance with the advancing civilization it must develop into a strong constructive force, and form into active operation the growing mind of to-day, which will be the ruling force to-morrow. We must impress upon every neophyte not only the signs and secrets of this institution, but also impress upon his memory and inspire into his life and into the life of every individual the principles of Masonry which are contained within the extended points of the compasses, and place upon the trestle-board of life designs which should and must govern every man who enters its portals, and inspire every person with whom we may come in contact."

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that:

"Annual dues range from \$2.00 to \$15.00; 4 being fixed at \$2.00; 41 at \$3.00; 66 at \$4.00; 21 at \$5.00; 27 at \$6.00; 2 at \$8.00; 2 at \$12, and 1 at \$15.00."

The oration was fine. We quote one paragraph:

"Society is necessary as well as natural to us. With us all men are equal; we meet on a common level; we do not however apply this equally to their virtues, their talents, their dispositions or their acquirements. In these respects there is always great inequality among men; under the constitution of society it could hardly be otherwise. In the moral world and political as well as in the natural world diversity forms an important part of beauty, and as of beauty so of utility likewise. Social happiness which arises from the friendly intercourse of good offices could not be enjoyed unless men were so framed and so disposed as mutually to afford and to be in need of service and assistance. Hence arises the necessity, not only of a great variety, but even of great inequality in the talents of

men bodily and mentally. Masonry supposes mutual dependence, mutual dependence implies mutual wants. All our social exercises may be reduced to two divisions, namely, that of giving and receiving."

A site for a Masonic Home was selected at Puyallup. It consists of twenty acres of land and:

"The ground is improved with one 8-room house and one 4-room house, and two barns. There are buildings enough to enable the Home to be started for a few inmates, by fixing these buildings at a normal cost. Telephones, electric lights and delivery of supplies can be had at this point.

"The brethren of Corinthian Lodge propose to donate this site by warranty deed, with perfect title."

The resolution to have the Grand Secretary issue membership card receipts was lost.

Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under California we read:

"The laying of corner-stones, like the funeral ceremony, was a thing unknown to Masonry until within comparatively recent times. The ceremony is not in any sense 'masonic.' It grew from without rather than from within, and the only limitation is, or should be, that the building is to be dedicated to spiritual, moral or public uses. If otherwise limited it becomes a selfish pastime for masons merely and had better be discontinued."

Under Connecticut he has a good word for the Order of the Eastern Star:

"It is singular that in some of the New England states and in others, notably Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the Eastern Star is looked upon with disfavor, and the utterly foolish pretention is put forth, directly or by insinuation, that it is a sort of female Masonry. Those who foster this sentiment are blind to the true fact and have taken no occasion to inquire as to the purpose of the order, which is to promote social intercourse among masons and their families, and to relieve the distress of those who have claims upon it. It is entirely independent, and has everywhere prompted rather than discouraged masonic homes and other expressions of masonic charity."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed. He says:

"Bro. Chase is not sure that our Grand Lodge kept within bounds when it laid the corner-stone of the Governor's mansion. He hints rather than asserts that it is not a public building. The building is as you say of the 'White House,' Bro. Chase, a building owned by the state and occupied by the Governor during his term of service and is a 'Mansion.'"

Under Montana, on the subject of Masonic Home, he says:

"Montana, like many jurisdictions, has allowed sentiment to usurp judgment. The time was not ripe for the establishment of a home, but, nevertheless, a building costing over \$70,000 was erected and a monthly pay roll for help of \$450 put upon the craft. The cost per annum of maintaining the eleven inmates had been about \$6,000. Let us hope, inasmuch as we, too, have gone a little ahead of the times, that we will take counsel of others and content ourselves for several years to come with the buildings now on the property which we have acquired."

We very much regret that Bro. Chadwick finds that he must give up the work which he has so faithfully and intelligently done. We shall miss his comments, and while we have not always expressed our views we have been in accord with the views expressed by him, for have not we as well as he "received masonic instruction at the hands of Drummond, Cunningham, Robins, Vincil, Hodson, Inglesby, Barlow, Hedges, Wait and men of like character."

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This Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Joseph Smith, Grand Master in 1887-8, who died August 11, 1910; and of M. W. Bro. Louis Ziegler, Grand Master in 1885-7, who died January 15, 1911.

We have also received the announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Rev. William Pelan, Grand Chaplain, who died September 21, 1911.

### WEST VIRGINIA, 1911.

One hundred thirty-eight lodges were represented at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wyndham Stokes, has a brief introduction to his address; reports the distinguished dead; notes his attendance at the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; comments upon the Washington National Memorial Masonic Association; believes in the Masonic Relief Association; thinks that the necessary expenses of the Grand Master ought to be paid.

He very fully discusses the "Laying the Corner-stone of Churches," saying:

"We are supposed to lay the corner-stone of public buildings, and a church is not, in my opinion, such a public building for which we are justified in laying corner-stones. We are never asked, as far as I know, to lay the corner-stone of a Jewish Synagogue, or a Catholic Church, but we lay the corner-stones of Methodist, Baptist and other churches. As I understand it, a public building is one in which every person has the same rights, and this is not true of a denominational church—an Episcopalian has no business in a Presbyterian Church, nor has a Baptist any right in a Methodist Church. Therefore, I should suggest that this Grand Lodge express its opinion in regard to the matter and settle this question for all time, my view being that a church is not such a public building as we are allowed by the landmarks of the Craft to supervise the laying of a corner-stone. If we cannot attend divine service, and the Grand Lodge has held we cannot, why should we lay the corner-stone of an edifice in which services are held?"

He favors the abolishment of District Deputy Grand Masters, and "fix the powers of District Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy

Grand Lecturer in one man, and give him a proper title. This officer to perform the duties of both officers and to be appointed by the Grand Master, and by the lodges in the different districts, with the approval of the Grand Lecturer or Inspector."

He has many suggestions in regard to Dues, Aprons, Use of Lodge Rooms, The Order of Eastern Star, in fact, he seems to find that matters in Masonry need considerable revision to bring them to a state satisfactory to him.

Many decisions were made.

The address was lengthy and full of detail, about forty printed pages.

We notice in the Grand Secretary's report the appointment of Bro. A. Bertram C. Bray as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Maine.

A Grand Lodge Charity Fund was created, and to make such a fund ten cents per capita was to be paid in.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report, which was adopted, say:

"We do not agree with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master that orthodox churches are not of that order or kind that should be classed as 'public buildings' and consequently, it is doubtful whether the masonic fraternity has the authority to lay the corner-stones thereof. From time immemorial it has been its custom to perform this ceremonial rite, which, coupled with the fact that church edifices are always open, at stated times, for all persons who desire to worship therein, we are of the opinion that such customs should not be abandoned.

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this state, having at its convocation the present year, changed the wording of the obligation in the Past Master's degree so as to bind the candidate to the Grand Lodge as well as to the Grand Chapter, we concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master that a Chapter Past Master can hereafter attend a lodge of actual Past Masters."

Bro. Hiram R. Howard submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has a place.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase is still holding out against 'documentary evidence' because the 'band wagon,' he says, hasn't started yet, although the band is still playing. Probably my good brother might be induced to relent a 'wee bit' if he would again read the ancient regulation that each Master before installation is required to promise to submit to and support, wherein he agrees that no visitors shall be received into his lodge without *due examination*, and *producing proper vouchers* of his having been initiated in a regular lodge."

"Producing proper vouchers." Since we knew Masonry there never has been a time when it was not possible in Maine for a Master Mason in good standing to obtain through the Secretary of the lodge of which he was a member from the Grand Secretary a Grand Lodge certificate,

which we think would be a proper voucher; this is in such form that it can be carried in the pocket.

Furthermore, every candidate receiving his degree of Master Mason has given to him a diploma. Is not that a "proper voucher?"

Furthermore, do not the Ancient Charges say that it is your duty towards a strange brother "cautiously to examine him?"

Finally, is not the whole quotation as follows: "and producing proper vouchers of having been initiated in a regular lodge?"

We recall nowhere is anything said about "good standing"; perhaps the above may be implied to be that a Master Mason is meant when the word *initiated* is used. Probably when that was written in to the charge to Masters a man became a mason when he was initiated.

### WISCONSIN, 1911.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ernest E. Gatchell, in the introduction to his address speaks of the occurrences of fifty years ago, when the Grand Lodge met in annual communication.

The following are among his decisions:

"1. Socials, to which the public is invited and an admission fee charged, should not be held in the lodge room.

"2. It is lawful for a lodge to contribute of its funds to the establishing of a hospital to furnish a room in such hospital to be used by invalid masons, or to do any act of charity.

"4. An objection to initiation, addressed to the lodge, mailed to the Secretary, and by him handed to the Master, should be regarded."

The decision (2) does not agree with the decision in another jurisdiction.

Sixty-six special dispensations were issued, of which fifty-five had reference to candidates.

The Past Master's degree caused some misunderstanding, as it has in many other jurisdictions.

Two lodges were constituted and five corner-stones were laid by proxy.

Under the caption "Charity" he says:

"We are justly proud of the home method of caring for the unfortunate in contradistinction to the institutional. Let us not forget that our membership is growing at the rate of nearly a thousand a year. Let us not forget that our old members are growing older. In remembering these things, let us keep pace with them with our charity fund, so that in the future, as in the past, we may be always ready and able to answer all legitimate calls for help. Let us jealously watch our charity fund, so that should our annual tax per member of ten cents not be sufficient, we may make it such an amount that within the boundaries of Wisconsin there may be no unrelieved distressed worthy brother, and no lodge with its treasury hopelessly depleted."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under District of Columbia he says :

"Speaking of Masonic Homes, Bro. Baird says :

"It is noticeable that unheard of beneficiaries materialize as soon as a home is erected, and then they become the wards of the craft instead of burdens on individuals."

"This is undoubtedly true, except that large numbers of undesirables are unloaded into Masonic Homes that could not and would not be permitted to foist themselves upon the craft for support in any other manner than through the medium of Masonic Homes. Neither the lodges, nor the craft would support them if no such shelter were at hand, deeming them unworthy ; but on account of their insistence, and thinking that it would be a small matter to the entire membership of the Grand Lodge they obtain entrance to the home, when if there were no such institution they would be obliged to exert themselves for their own support, very much to their own good and the good of the fraternity."

Maine for 1910 is reviewed.

To the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, on the conferences of the Grand Masters at Philadelphia, he says :

"No one acquainted with the labors and ability of Bro. Drummond will contend for a moment that any Grand Lodge following his lead will go far from the well beaten paths of Masonry. This answer to the propositions of the Philadelphia Conference reminds one of the answer returned by the Caliph to his warriors, when, after having captured the vast library at Alexandria, they asked him what disposition should be made of it. He replied that if the books so captured agreed with the Koran they were not needed, and if they were contrary to its teachings, they were mischievous, and so the whole were destroyed."

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Nathan Clark Griffin, Grand Master 1897, who died May 10, 1911 ; of R. W. Bro. Charles H. Moore, Grand Senior Warden in 1903, who died June 2, 1911 ; of R. W. Bro. James M. Pereles, Grand Treasurer, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, who died December 11, 1910.

### WYOMING, 1911.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Hugh Hynds, we quote :

"It gives me pleasure to announce to you that peace and good fellowship has prevailed throughout this jurisdiction, and that although we have not advanced with great strides still we are increasing in numbers and influence. We have laid our masonic foundation good and strong, and are building the superstructure upon it with care and deliberation, and upon the broad principles of morality, virtue and truth."

The decisions are in accord with the practice in Maine.

A dispensation was issued for a new lodge ; three corner-stones were laid ; the account of his visitations are interesting.

The following resolution had a passage :

" *Resolved*, That a per capita tax of 50 cents be assessed and collected from each lodge annually and placed to the credit of the Masonic Home Fund now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and that this be a Standing Resolution ; also that all former financial and conflicting legislation, if any, on this subject be repealed."

Not only did the R. W. Grand Secretary receive resolutions bestowing praise upon him for his efficient services for twenty-five years, but also a substantial token of their esteem was presented to him in the shape of a "fine scarf pin and sleeve buttons, set with diamonds."

Other business, local in character, was done.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted his twenty-sixth Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Kentucky we read :

"Under the head of recognition he incorporates the Louisiana resolution, which lays the foundation for recognizing everything calling itself a masonic body.

"Sentiment, unless backed by something more real, should, it seems, have very little weight in determining such a momentous question as the recognition of many Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of doubtful parentage, nearly if not all of them being political machines and extremely shaky on the main landmark of the few upon which rests the perpetuity of our institution. Our Masonry has nothing in common with that practiced under such Grand Lodges and Grand Orients and, in our opinion, recognition of such shady bodies means more or less contamination. The questions of universality and recognition have already worked mischief in at least two of our Grand Jurisdictions whose members have gone to France and mixed up with masons of that country, whilst knowing they are under ban everywhere in this country through Grand Lodge action. In our opinion, there is not at this time as dangerous a proposition as the recognition of such bodies, and especially the recognizing and fraternizing with a man claiming to be a mason hailing from any masonic body which has not been recognized."

Maine for 1911 is reviewed.

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## ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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### ARKANSAS, 1911.

Four hundred sixty-three lodges were represented ; eighty-nine lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After the usual formal introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. F. G. Lindsey, mentions the dead, then gives the well known and well worn-



out advice to those, who burden the Grand Master with questions, to quit asking plain simple questions and to study the edicts.

However, he found fourteen which he thought ought to be reported, of which we quote:

"I hold that where six Master Masons of a Subordinate Lodge, one of whom is Worshipful Master, were present, and one Entered Apprentice, that an Entered Apprentice Lodge can be opened and that the Entered Apprentice can act as treasurer, *pro tem.*, and could be examined while open in that degree.

"It is not legal to transact the ordinary business of the lodge on St. John's Day. Such days are not days for ordinary lodge business and it would not be regular to grant dimits on such days and it should not be done."

Dispensations were granted for three new lodges; for the laying of seven corner-stones; and for other purposes.

He sets forth, in detail, many troubles with lodges and with Masters and suspended three Masters for unmasonic conduct. While his action is apparently justifiable, we see no reason for all the details to be given in his address.

The address required thirty-five printed pages.

In this jurisdiction there is a Masonic Orphans' Home, and the Grand Master urges action towards the establishment of a home for widows and aged indigent masons.

We congratulate the fraternity of Arkansas that the Masonic Temple is free from debt.

Considerable business was done, but it was local in character.

Bro. George T. Black presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but says that Bro. S. C. Parrish reviewed those which he did not.

From his introduction we quote:

"One other matter and that is the retaining of jurisdiction over rejected material when that material has removed from the Grand Jurisdiction where rejected to another. Our own holds five years, while Virginia holds none, and in fact the time is of different duration, in many, while in a great many it is the same. In justice to the applicant it occurs to us there should be uniformity as to this."

Maine for 1911 has its full share of his careful attention and wise remarks on matters which pass under his notice.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. George A. Dannelly, Grand Master in 1874, who died December 4, 1911.

"In all the past history of this Grand Lodge he stood with the first and foremost."



**CONNECTICUT, 1912.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Randolph B. Chapman (portrait) in his address says:

"We have had a prosperous year and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions remain cordial and the future looks bright. While we had lost none of our Grand Officers by death, the Grim Reaper has invaded our ranks and it becomes us, before proceeding with the report of our official acts of the year, to pay a tribute to those who have passed away. Let us, therefore, rise and listen to a reading of the roll of our honored dead."

An interesting summary of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters is given.

Several dispensations to lodges, such as are generally given by Grand Masters, were issued.

Among the list of Grand Representatives we note the appointment of "R. W. Isaac N. Jones, near the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Of the Order of the Eastern Star he says:

"The good works of this Order are well known to us all and it is fitting that public expression of the appreciation of the Craft be given. The address of the Grand Matron, Mrs. Mazie B. Clarke, on Grand Master's Day, was one of the most pleasing features of the day and was listened to with keen interest by all present."

He has a good word for the Masonic Home, and gives a glad hand to the George Washington National Memorial Association.

He made two decisions. We quote one:

"Can a brother, at the annual communication of a lodge, rise and place in nomination, or name a brother by suggestion, for any elective office of the lodge?"

"Answer. To my mind, the idea of open nominations is repugnant and it is an unwritten law of Masonry that such a course is unmasonic."

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico were recognized.

The per capita tax for defraying the expenses of the Masonic Charity Foundation is ninety cents; also five dollars of the initiation fee is required from each lodge.

Bro. Frank W. Havens submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 is reviewed.

What he says of Maine might well be said of Connecticut:

"Little of moment outside of its own jurisdiction occurred, but that little was taken care of with earnestness and dispatch."

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We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Samuel Bassett, Grand Master in 1893, who died August 14, 1911. "A brother who was everybody's friend, having completed the allotment of three score years and ten, crowned with the love of all who knew him."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1911.**

At the first stated communication in March the degrees were exemplified; at the second stated communication in May the Committee on Correspondence made a report which was adopted. The conclusion of the report is as follows:

"As the status of the Grand Lodge of Mexico is unchanged, your committee sees no reason for recommending further action of the Grand Lodge than that of acknowledging receipt of their letter and recognizing their change of name."

At the third stated communication in September no business of interest to the general masonic world was transacted.

A special communication was held on the 18th of October for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Temple to be erected by the Supreme Council A. A. S. R. An extended report of this auspicious occasion is given.

At the annual communication in December the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Claude Keeper, delivered an address from the introduction to which we quote:

"The year which has just closed has been one fraught with great interest, characterized by remarkable activity, and marked by happenings so momentous as to be far beyond the ordinary and the usual. It is a matter of much rejoicing to me that I am able to say that in all its work our fraternity has conducted itself and its affairs in such a manner and on such a high plane as cannot fail to redound to its credit, add to its reputation and increase its prestige at home and abroad. With a reassuring faith born of the consciousness of having been steadfast in the performance of duty, we may well face the coming years with high hopes for the future, strong in the encouragement of its promise, confident of the righteousness of our cause, and with an enduring gratitude for the beneficent care vouchsafed to us by Him who has been 'our help in ages past,' and who shall be 'our hope in years to come.'"

In one of his decisions he fully discusses the duties, rights and powers of the Master of a lodge. He says:

"From a careful study of the authorities, it seems evident that the Master is invested with unlimited and unlimitable power with regard to the arrangement of the work of his lodge, and that his discretion with regard to it is not subject to directions of any character."

Many other subjects are discussed by him in the address, which is another one of the lengthy kind, full of details and letters—about fifty printed pages.

At the St. John's day communication, December 27, 1911, the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The reports of the committees upon the doings at the annual communication were received and acted upon.

The Grand Officers were elected and installed.

From the report on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home we quote:

"As respects the present and future needs of the Home, it is confidently hoped that the contemplated joint fair, about which the brethren are familiar, will furnish the means for enlargement and much needed facilities of various kinds. The Home has now 17 members, practically all that it will comfortably accommodate. Others are and will be knocking for admission. Additional rooms are and will be demanded. The Home needs a children's department with educational and industrial facilities. It is a sad commentary upon our boasted care of and concern for the orphan that when such are left by any of our people without other home or kindred, they must be cared for in the various sectarian institutions of the jurisdiction. We can avoid this if we will."

The Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter O. E. S., pay in twenty-five cents per capita.

The disbursements average \$17.25 per capita per month, and the average number in the Home was eighteen.

Bro. Geo. W. Baird presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has a page in his valuable report. We quote:

"In the report of the Grand Secretary we find this:

"An appeal against the establishment of a Criminal Reformatory within three and a half miles of Mount Vernon from the officers of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, was read and ordered placed on file."

"Though it is a matter not within the purview of a lodge of masons to interfere with, it would seem that the communication, if understood, should receive a little better than such laconic treatment. The location of the proposed *penal colony* so near the tomb of General Washington was defeated, in Congress, upon the protest of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution."

We reply if "it is a matter not within the purview of a lodge of masons to interfere with." What business had the appeal before the Grand Lodge? And since the Grand Secretary saw fit to mention the appeal as one of the documents on his table? Was it not more courteous to have it read and placed on file, than to object to any consideration, since it had nothing to do with Masonry?

As a matter of fact, whoever sent such a document to the Masonic Fraternity, erred in the sending.

From his conclusion we quote:

"A private letter from a prominent mason in Peru intimates that the active workers in the Scottish Rite in Lima are not averse to the rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge, but are determined not to surrender jurisdiction over the first three degrees. It must not be forgotten that after a Grand Master (Mr. Christian Dam) removed the great light from the altar of the Grand Lodge, some years ago, other Grand Lodges interdicted the Grand Lodge of Peru, and though that great light was promptly replaced, the Grand Lodge of Peru waned and became inert, while the Consistory of the A. A. S. R. continued its activities, notwithstanding the slings and arrows of the industrious Jesuits in that priest-ridden Republic, and it may be that they will become a menace to the newly rehabilitated Grand Lodge of Peru. Added to this there are some few American Grand Lodges which are withholding recognition from the Grand Lodge of Peru."

We have also received the pamphlet containing the account of the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge February 18, 19, 20, 1911:

"The features of the celebration, were a reception during the evening of Saturday, February 18th, in the new Masonic Temple, Thirteenth street and New York avenue N. W., to which the craft generally, and its friends were invited; a Religious Service in the Belasco Theatre, LaFayette Place, on Sunday afternoon, the 19th, which was general in its admissions; a special communication of the Grand Lodge in the Temple on the morning of the 20th, and a banquet at the New Willard Hotel on the evening of the 20th."

And it is sufficient to say, that all these "features" were carried out to such an exact nicety, that the brethren may well rejoice.

### LOUISIANA, 1912.

The proceedings before us, as opened, disclose the work at the formation of the Grand Lodge one hundred years ago, and of the celebration of that labor, February 5, 1912, at the Tulane Theatre, by music, speeches; and in the evening by a banquet and more speeches.

The brethren of the French Lodge were addressed in the French language, the brethren of the Italian Lodge in the Italian language, and the brethren of the Spanish Lodge in the Spanish language.

One hundred thirty-one lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Before proceeding with the business of the communication a gold tea service was presented to R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert "as a testimonial in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. Thibaut, has a fine introduction to his address, in which he eulogizes the dead; reports the issuance of five dispensations for new lodges, and comments wisely upon the character of the membership of the Fraternity.

We quote a part of one of his decisions:

"In reply to a question whether a person born in Germany and retaining his citizenship with the land of his birth, though residing here for four years, was eligible for the degrees of Masonry, without waiver from the Grand Jurisdiction from which he hailed, I replied that specific cases carried with them certain conditions which should be considered. If it is clear that a person not a citizen, although he may have resided here for a number of years, does not intend to remain permanently in this country, he must be considered a transient, and hence Section 13, Art. II, applies to his case in full force. If, on the contrary, it is his intention to remain permanently in this country, he is eligible to membership without waiver of jurisdiction, although he be not a citizen in the full legal interpretation of the term."

In regard to a "Home" he says:

"The committee has met with no great encouragement, and the result seems to indicate in a material way that the plan of building a Home does not meet with the approval of the majority of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction."

From the report of the Secretary of Louisiana Relief Lodge we notice relief given to applicants from Maine of fifteen dollars, which appears to have been repaid.

The Grand Lodge Alpina was recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Orphanage in their report say :

"We further recommend that the children of our deceased brethren who need and are entitled to our assistance be left in the care and keeping of their mother, in order that home ties may not be severed and families may not be disrupted, but where it happens that both father and mother have been called to another sphere of existence, then the constituent lodge in whose jurisdiction the little ones are left shall exercise the watchful care of the parent and shall place the children, if possible, in a home or homes where they may be with each other and be trained up in the ways of morality and truth, always having regard for the particular religious belief of the parents, and placing the children with people of the same faith and order, if possible.

"Thus, instead of building a home of brick or stones, we will attempt to make every masonic residence in the State of Louisiana an ideal home, and will constitute every masonic widow a matron of the institution, a matron who will have charge of her own little ones, and can hear them lisp their nightly prayers, and tuck them in their little beds with loving hands and all the solicitude of a mother's heart.

"Masonic charity should be practicable in effect, and should strive to do the greatest good to the greatest number, and if the above suggestions and recommendations of your committee are adopted, then we believe that we have solved, in part at least, the question of how best to serve our dependent ones."

The following resolutions, bearing upon the building of a new Masonic Temple, were passed :

"*Resolved*, That the incoming Grand Master, together with a majority of the Board of Grand Lodge Hall Directors be, and they are hereby authorized to make the necessary financial arrangements, not in excess of \$350,000.00, for the building to be erected ; to execute all necessary contracts for the erection of said building, and to sign all necessary papers and documents in connection. Be it further

"*Resolved*, That a per capita tax of not more than \$1.25 per member be levied on each constituent lodge, all to accomplish the same purpose."

A learned address upon the subject "Masonry—The Great Gift to Man" was delivered by the Orator.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 is mentioned.

Bound into the proceedings is an "Outline of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Louisiana from its introduction to the reorganization of the Grand Lodge in 1850."

## MINNESOTA, 1912.

Two hundred twenty-four of the two hundred fifty-three lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Elmer A. Kling (portrait), the dead are remembered.

Three corner-stones were laid. These were all public buildings, so it may not seem surprising that "The Grand Lodge, escorted by a band, Co. G., Second Regiment, M. N. G., the G. A. R. Post, Modern Woodmen, Eagles, Odd Fellows, the Austin Fire Department, St. Bernard Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, Fidelity Lodge, No. 39, with representatives from many of the surrounding lodges, proceeded to the site of the new building, where the corner-stone was laid with due ceremony."

Many questions were answered by reference to the Masonic Code and only fifteen decisions are reported. We quote:

"The local agent of a brewing company who receives the supply of beer, has charge of the storage building, takes orders from customers and attends to the delivery and collections, is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and is one of the persons prohibited from receiving the degrees of Masonry under the regulations of this Grand Lodge, years 1897 and 1902. Neither his petition for initiation or affiliation can be received."

The other decisions are in accord with practice in Maine, and so might these two be found to conform if the same questions arose.

Dispensations were granted for three new lodges.

Discussing "The Work," with the idea that accessories in the way of robes and scenery were of advantage, he says:

"Results have shown that an amendment of this resolution should be made only after careful and deliberate consideration, and if changed the change should be so definite and plain that there could be but one construction to be placed upon it, so that none could plead ignorance of its intent in justification of its violation. Experience has shown me that nothing should be left to the discretion, sound or otherwise, of Masters of lodges, or the result will be that the accessories will become limited only to the ability of the lodge to provide them, and the force and beauty of the work lost in the addition of theatrical effects to amuse the brethren who witness the work, instead of its simplicity, seriousness and force instructing and edifying the candidate."

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That lodges be and are hereby permitted, to have the Scriptures chanted instead of read, or March Music played, during the circumambulations in the work of the three degrees; that the Lord's Prayer be permitted to be chanted before the Prayer at Initiation; that instrumental March Music be permitted during any time the candidate is marching;

that either a carpet, movable or built-in stair, may be used in the Second degree; that plain robes be permitted for all officers and others who actively participate in the second section of the Third degree and that a lantern or stereopticon and appropriate music be permitted in the lectures only, as distinguished from the 'work' in all degrees."

From the Report (Appendix B) of the Masonic Home Committee we excerpt:

"The various funds raised for the building of a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction aggregate at this time including interest about the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

"Heretofore very little has been done by the management in the way of a personal canvass for funds, the efforts in this direction have been principally confined to written circulars and communications sent to the lodges. It is somewhat difficult in attempting to raise money for a purpose of this character to impress upon the brethren the propriety of contributing to a mere fund that may be employed at some uncertain time in the future towards the construction and maintenance of a Masonic Home.

"The project of the setting apart and accumulating of a Widow and Orphan Fund was largely due to the wisdom and foresight of a number of prominent members of this Grand Lodge and others not now living, before any Home was ever contemplated, and even with this object in view, there is no doubt but that a large fund should still be kept and maintained by the Grand Lodge for the purposes of general relief when it may hereafter be needed."

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 received careful reading.

Under North Carolina we read:

"Following the report are nearly a dozen pages of statistics, apparently compiled by the Junior Grand Deacon. In our opinion a majority of these tables are a waste of time and space. Years ago we made an attempt in this direction, but, after spending several days in searching for and setting down long columns of figures, gave the thing up as a bad job, throwing the stuff into the waste basket. Not until grand bodies end their fiscal year at or about the same date, and issue their proceedings within reasonable time, can the total membership of any one year be approximately ascertained. Approximation, however, is but a higher degree in guessing. Then dual membership is quite an item in several jurisdictions, which cannot be eliminated. The English plan, that of estimating fifty members to the lodge, is perhaps as accurate, although far from being satisfactory."

To which we say "Amen," as our experience was the same.

With the proceedings is also bound the doings of the Masonic Veteran Association at their twentieth annual reunion.



**FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.****CHILI, 1910.**

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Victor W. Ewing, we quote:

"Three new ideas are now absorbing our minds, and we hope you will lend your valuable assistance to carry them into effect. They are: 1st to form a Gallery of Portraits of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Chile from 1862; 2d to found a Masonic Library in Santiago, and 3d to begin a Masonic Museum. We can already count upon some elements; but a great many more are wanting, and we trust our br. br. and lodges will help us on in these undertakings.

"It has been agreed upon in our Council to write the history of the first fifty years of the Grand Lodge of Chili and lodges under our jurisdiction, in order to publish it in 1912. It is necessary that this first epoch of Chilean Masonry should be perpetuated in the form mentioned, before it is the object of mystifications and conjectures for want of reliable informations. We shall in due time show the lodges the progress of the steps that will be taken towards the completion of this important work."

**CHILI, 1911.**

From his address we quote:

"The lodges that are working in Chili, under the dependency of Foreign Masonic Bodies cultivate fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges, though disagreement are not rare to be found amongst them, and which, we hope, the ample masonic tolerance will adjust.

"Indeed, besides the administrative labor, that of initiations, raising of salaries and that of merely masonic instruction, the lodges have been occupying themselves about the study of social and scientific subjects, exceedingly interesting.

"As regards to the masonic labor performed outside the Temples, we can say that the schools for grown up people, children and women, the societies of primary instruction, the societies for protecting poor students, and other associations about which we have spoken in former communications, they all are developing themselves with every success, through the careful efforts of the founder lodges.

"We can add that the newly formed lodges have already taken their posts of combat against ignorance and pain, for they all understand, with praiseworthy uniformity, that hint from our ritual—that Masonry is not a passive contemplation of good but active struggle against the evils which afflict men.

"Generally speaking, the condition of Chilean Masonry is satisfactory because it is adjusted to the exigency of present and past ages; but the zeal will never be excessive which we might spend in the selection of postulants for initiation, in keeping our ranks free from any blame, in avoiding irregular visitors, in preserving the discipline which regulates the works of all lodges and the relations between these and the Grand Lodge."



**COSTA RICA, 1907-8-9.**

"This Grand Lodge—styled the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica—restricts its operations to Craft Masonry, over which it exercises sovereign and absolute authority, judicial, legislative and executive in the Republic of Costa Rica."

The business at the quarterly meetings was routine.

**CUBA, 1910-11.**

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Aurelio Miranda, we quote :

"An important and plausible fact is the increase of membership of all the lodges. There have been many persons initiated, a good thing if all the new members admitted are, as they ought to be, worthy persons, a recommendation to that end should always be repeated, for it is not the quantity but the quality of the membership what must please us.

"Although twelve years have elapsed since the war for Independence ended and although all kinds of efforts have been made to the end, not all of the old lodges are again in working order. Perhaps the delay has been caused by the insecurity to be noted yet in the country, insecurity reflected as well in the single person as in societies, more to be noted in certain localities than in others ; but it is a fact that in many places Masonry has not been re-organized. There have been some localities in which masons have assembled, but the lodge could not start in due time, no consolidation having been effected, in others not even that could be done."

Bro. F. de P. Rodriguez presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine is reviewed.

**ENGLAND, 1911.**

The Pro Grand Master made a visit to Berlin, and from the comments on this visit we quote :

"In the present time of unrest, the question that I think must have caused a certain amount of anxiety in the mind of every brother having the true interests of Masonry at heart is as to whether in some parts of the world, political objects are not advanced under the name of Freemasonry, and I am sure it is a great relief to every English mason to know that in this respect the three Grand Lodges of Germany are identical with our own ; that they insist on as the first fundamental principle, belief in God, and also that they steadily set their faces against any introduction of political or religious discussion within the borders of their lodges."

He also disallowed a motion "to alter the established custom in the matter of appointments and precedence, and therefore affects the prerogative of the Grand Master." Besides other statements he says :

"There is no knowing whither we may be led if we begin to chop and change the laws of the Book of Constitutions in order to meet the casual difficulties of brethren who quarrel about precedence, who are not satisfied with long established custom and who will not trust to the discretion of the Worshipful Master whom they themselves elect."

### IRELAND, 1911.

Six warrants during the year were issued to establish new lodges.

"A number of Irish masons, resident in Bombay, desiring to meet in a lodge under their mother constitution, applied for a warrant which was granted, and is now working under the title of the 'St. Patrick' (No. 319), this being the third Irish lodge in India, the other two being located in Calcutta.

"It was reported that an English firm was offering for sale in Ireland a printed ritual purporting to give Irish working. As this Grand Lodge has always condemned the use of any printed ritual by its members, holding the view that by doing so any loss in strict uniformity was more than compensated for by greater privacy. The firm in question were asked to stop the sale of the book, which they did without demur."

Whether or not a chauffeur was eligible for admission was decided as follows:

"If he dwelt in his employer's house, and was supplied with clothes by him, then he substantially occupied the same position as a coachman, and was therefore ineligible for admission under the rules. On the other hand, if he was not subject to those conditions there was nothing in the occupation itself to bar his admission."

### NEW ZEALAND, 1911.

In regard to Provincial Grand Masters, which correspond to our District Deputy Grand Masters, we read:

"It has been ruled that this appointment is a prerogative of the Grand Master, and it has been argued that this should be so, as each Prov. G. M. is the Grand Master's particular representative in his own particular district.

"I would point out that this prerogative has been seriously and injuriously interfered with by the above alteration of the law, as the Grand Master now finds that to avoid discord the only plan it is possible for him to adopt is to appoint the brother who receives the greatest number of recommendations. This plan has since 1907 been invariably adopted, and the Prov. G. M.'s are now practically elected annually by the lodges instead of being appointed by the Grand Master.

"It can readily be seen that this state of things was never intended, and that the door is now open to the objectionable practice of lobbying and canvassing for recommendations or votes, which are now much the same thing.

"That this may give rise to jealousy, disappointment, and discord goes without saying; indeed, the present practice is worse than if a regular election for the office was arranged, and candidates were nominated

in proper form, as in a large district many lodges know nothing of what brethren other lodges are going to recommend, or, in other words, what candidates are in the field."

The rule in regard to physical qualifications is like the one in use in Maine.

Twelve new lodges were petitioned for.

Bro. Alfred H. Burton presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 is most fraternally mentioned. We quote:

"There are 25 districts, averaging eight lodges each. Very full reports are furnished by the D. D. Grand Masters. It is noteworthy how frequently it is declared that 'the installation was public.' Some Deputies are careful to record the frequency and character of the suppers or banquets at the close of meetings, mentioning, apparently with gusto, the dishes appearing thereat. 'Oyster-stew, coffee, and doughnuts'; 'the finest lobster-stew it has ever been my pleasure to partake of'; 'a fine fish chowder'; 'an oyster supper'; 'a sumptuous banquet'; thus—doubtless smacking his lips—does our brother express his appreciation. 'I have conferred the Past Master's degree upon seven Past Masters,' says one Deputy; while, remarks another, 'It is gratifying to note that so many of the lodges have received the representative of the Grand Lodge in form during the past year. It is an honor justly due the office, and I trust that this ceremony will be regularly observed by all the lodges in the district, where the hall accommodations are suitable.'"

### PERU, 1911.

We publish part of a letter received from our Grand Representative, F. L. Crosby, who has again been elected M. W. Grand Master:

"It will be my pleasant duty to endeavor to bring up our Grand Lodge to its former state of prosperity, and to foment and sustain the most fraternal relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine."

### PORTO RICO, 1911.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. F. Lippitt, we quote:

"I have been able to visit and inspect eighteen out of thirty lodges. As a rule the conditions I found were very satisfactory. My visits were a pleasure to me and I hope a source of profit to the craft at large. My attention was early drawn to the differences in the rituals used by the various lodges, there being no uniformity in the manner of entering the lodge nor even in the manner of giving the passwords. This without doubt was due to the lack of intercourse between the lodges. While I do not wish to lay undue stress upon the form of words used in doing the work of the lodges, still we must not lose sight of the fact that in so far as this differs in the difficult lodges just so much more difficult will it be for our members to visit here and to secure entrance to lodges in other jurisdictions. At the present time several of the lodges are almost

disrupted by internal dissensions due to the failure to elect to office persons preferred by certain parties in the lodges. Is it not possible to avoid this? I beg of you to make this the most prominent teaching of the coming year.

"In 1823 began the persecution under Ferdinand VII of Spain and after five years there remained only two lodges in the whole Island, these two continuing to work until 1859, when South Carolina founded in Santiago de Cuba a third in order that the three might unite to form a new Grand Lodge. This they did on December 5, 1859, under the name of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The life of this Grand Lodge as an independent organization has been continuous to date. In 1885 this Grand Lodge organized the Sovereign Grand Lodge of P. R. It has been believed that our Grand Lodge sprang from the Supreme Council of Colon and was therefore of Scottish Rite origin and for that reason some at least of the Grand Lodges of the U. S. have denied us their recognition. But this point of history demonstrates that our Grand Lodge is of York Rite origin as well as organization and will, I do not doubt, be of very material aid in securing recognitions as requested from our sister Grand Lodges.

"Now as a matter of fact, a man who has received the degrees in one of the lodges of the Gran Oriente Español is no more a mason than if he had found a book and learned the work of the degrees from it. The latter would not be received nor 'regularized.' I therefore recommend that all 'regularizations' from the Gran Oriente Español be prohibited and that all persons who have previously joined that Grand Orient and desire to become members of the Grand Lodge be required to subscribe to the oath acknowledging that Grand Orient as clandestine; and furthermore that all members of the Grand Lodge who are known to have joined lodges of that Grand Orient existing in P. R. be upon due trial and conviction expelled from Masonry. An open enemy is much better than a pretending friend.

"It is my intention to advertise to the Grand Lodges in the U. S. the existence of these clandestine lodges in this jurisdiction so that there may be no chance of their being received under the misapprehension that they are members of the Grand Lodge of P. R. as has happened in the past."

### QUEENSLAND DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1911.

No business of importance to interest the general reader was transacted.

### QUEENSLAND, 1911.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, we quote:

"We have 57 lodges on our roll. We aggregate between them over 2,000 members.

"The Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution has a credit of over £1,850. The Institution is supporting 9 orphans at present, and it must be a source of the utmost satisfaction to you, brethren, to know that the orphaned children of any of our brethren, will find in that noble Institution parental care and protection against the buffeting of the world.

"It is to be sincerely regretted that the Grand Lodges of the Mother

Country still hold aloof, but from what has recently taken place here we may hope for an early *rapprochement* which will bring peace into the ranks of Freemasonry in Queensland, and remove the questionable position as it exists now. 'Masonry universal' should be surely demonstrated by unity in one territory. The reasons given why union has not yet been accomplished certainly elude me."

### SCOTLAND, 1911.

We quote a little episode in which the United States is interested :

"Grand Secretary read a letter, written in terms of Law 100 of the Constitution, by Bro. Joseph Inglis, intimating that he would call attention to the circumstances of the initiation of J. A. Johnson, the pugilist, in Lodge Forfar and Kincardine, No. 225, and that he would move that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire be directed to enquire into the circumstances attending the nomination and initiation ; to ascertain how the meeting of the lodge was called ; what notice was given to the brethren ; what enquiry was made, in terms of Law 181 of the Constitution, into the character and qualifications of the applicant ; and, especially, whether enquiry was made at the town of his residence ; also who were his proposer and seconder, whether they knew the applicant personally, how long they had known him personally, and if he personally or by letter desired them to put his name forward for membership ; and on what date he did so ; and further, whether he made the necessary declarations in terms of Law 181 ; and that the result of the enquiry be reported to Grand Committee. Bro. Inglis intimated in his letter that he would further move that meantime the lodge be interpellated from conferring any further degrees on Mr. Johnson or requesting any other lodge to do so pending the enquiry, and until the interpellation be removed by instruction of Grand Committee or Grand Lodge."

"The Sub-Committee appointed on 21st December, 1911, to enquire into the actings of Lodge Forfar and Kincardine, Dundee, No. 225, in connection with the initiation of Mr. J. A. Johnson, presented its report. That report embodied the evidence taken by the Sub-Committee, and after consideration of it Grand Committee found that it had been amply proved—

(1) That the Right Worshipful Master and Past Master Smith, who were the proposer and seconder of Johnson, knew nothing of him or his qualifications for admission, and that he was not known to any of the brethren voting ; (2) That they took the recommendation of the Entered Apprentice M'Laglen, who himself had only been in Dundee for about a week, and about whom, prior to his admission, no enquiry had been made ; (3) That the Master had some hesitation, but that after advising with Past Masters Smith, Ross and Low he resolved to proceed with the initiation ; (4) That no reason whatever or even valid excuse has been given for the summary change of the hour of meeting from noon to 10 A. M., and that not one of the office-bearers of the lodge have maintained its validity, but, on the contrary, some have admitted that it was probably incompetent ; (5) That no proper notice was given to members of the lodge, and that admittedly no notice of the change of hour was given to at least one member who had told the Master that he was to object.

"Grand Committee therefore decided—

"1. That the meeting of Lodge Forfar and Kincardine of 13th October, 1911, held at 10 o'clock A. M., was illegal ; that all acts done at that

meeting should be declared null and void, including the pretended initiation of Mr. J. A. Johnson ; and that the lodge be directed to return his fees ;

"2. That, looking especially to its express approval of these illegal actings contained in the resolution passed by the lodge on 14th November, 1911, prior to the visit of the Provincial Grand Committee, Lodge Forfar and Kincardine be called upon to show cause why it should not be suspended for such time as Grand Lodge may decide ; and

"3. That Bro. Blues, Right Worshipful Master, and Bros. Smith, Ross and Low, Past Masters, be called upon to show cause why they should not be suspended for such time as Grand Lodge may decide, in respect of the active part they took in the proceedings in question."

At a later meeting of the Grand Committee we read :

"Grand Committee fully considered the whole proceedings and evidence, and after giving due regard to all that had been said on behalf of the lodge and by the brethren above named, unanimously resolved :—

"1. That lodge Forfar and Kincardine, Dundee, No. 225, should be suspended from this date until the first day of November, 1913.

"2. That Bro. Robert Thompson Blues, Right Worshipful Master of the lodge, should be suspended from all masonic privileges for a period of two years from this date, and that Bros. George Smith, John Ross and Alexander S. Low, Past Masters, should each be suspended from all masonic privileges for a period of one year from this date.

"Grand Committee gave judgment accordingly.

"Grand Committee further directed that the charter of the lodge should be handed to the Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire for return to Grand Lodge for safe custody during the period of suspension."

### **SOUTH AFRICA, 1911.**

The proceedings are of value to the craft in the jurisdiction but not of general importance, except the presentation of address to the M. W. Grand Master.

"The District Grand Secretary read the address from the four Constitutions existing in South Africa as follows :—

**"TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER**

**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND**

**STRATHEARN, K. G., K. T., K. P., ETC., ETC.**

**"MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,**

"We, Your Royal Highness's loyal and devoted brethren of the four Constitutions existing in South Africa and working under The United Grand Lodge of England, The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and the Grand East of the Netherlands, duly assembled by the invitation of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa (Western Division) tender to your Royal Highness our cordial and fraternal welcome on this your visit to open the first Parliament of the South African Union.

"We would first assure your Royal Highness of the heartfelt sympathy and profound condolence of the Craft in the sorrow caused by the death of His Late Majesty King Edward VII, The Protector of our Order, whose Memory will ever be cherished by us with Veneration and Gratitude.

"We trust that under the guidance of the The Great Architect of the Universe Your Royal Highness's visit to South Africa may conduce to

further the prosperity and happiness of this land, and we trust you may long be spared to guide the destinies of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, and to continue to extend Your Gracious Patronage to Your Irish and Scottish Brethren.

"We humbly beg Your Royal Highness to graciously convey to His Majesty The King, our Loyal Congratulations upon his Accession with the assurance that it will be the constant and fervent prayer of all members of our Fraternity, that His Majesty may reign happily for many years over a loyal, contented, and prosperous people."

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1911.**

At the half yearly communication in October, 1910, the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

At the annual communication we quote from the Report of the Board of General Purposes:

"Never before in the history of this state has the Craft been in such a flourishing condition as it is to-day. In this active and progressive period, the M. W. the Grand Master has granted warrants for no less than 8 new lodges.

"It will thus be seen that Freemasonry is extending rapidly to the newly-opened agricultural districts in the state.

"The Board, at the instance of the Masters' and Wardens' Association, both for hygienic and sentimental reasons, strongly recommend that all lodges shall provide for each initiate a small 'Volume of the Sacred Law' to be used by him during the various ceremonies, and finally presented to him when he has attained his Third degree."

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Lodges we note:

"One of these is the lack of punctuality in commencing the work of the evening, which often necessitates an unseemly rush towards the close of the proceedings, and which is hardly fair to visitors who come from a distance.

"The other is the lack of respect shown by some members to their lodge room and to the Badge of our Order. I have occasionally seen brethren smoking in the lodge room before the business of the evening begins, and it is a constant occurrence to see brethren smoking in the ante-room whilst clothed in the insignia of our Order. I feel sure that if this matter is only mentioned to the brethren they will see the impropriety of it."

For the first time is given a Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1910 has a place.

### **TASMANIA, 1911.**

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, at the half yearly communication in August, we quote:

"Many official visits have been paid by the Pro G. M. and myself, and it has been gratifying to note the excellent manner in which the de-



grees are worked. The greatest care and attention appear to be given to the ritual, and, personally, I have been much impressed with the spirit of emulation existing in the city lodges to excel each other in the working. The musical portion of the ceremony are efficiently conducted, and the work of the organists and choir adds greatly to the success and éclat of the proceedings."

### VICTORIA, 1910.

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"I have visited several lodge rehearsals and private lodge meetings, and have also conferred with several Masters, relative to the working of the respective degrees, and where there is a difference of opinion on any particular point, it seems to arise, in most cases, from some feeling of sentiment on the part of some of the Past Masters, or from long habit of working in a particular way, but upon the matter being discussed, the objections to my suggestions have been overcome, and will, in time, I hope, disappear.

"I am of opinion that, in the interests of uniformity of working, it would be desirable to hold lodges of exemplification in different country centres, and to invite the members of all lodges in the vicinity to attend in order that information may be imparted."

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1911.

The business at the several special and quarterly communications and at the annual communication was mostly local in its character.

The following, taken from the report of the Grand Secretary, does not agree with our belief or practice:

"I would again draw attention to the practice which has grown up during recent years of Masters holding over candidates for a month or longer, pending further investigation or for some other reason. Rule 158 provides that no person shall be made a mason unless proposed at one regular meeting and balloted for at the *next* regular meeting. It is therefore clear that if the ballot does not take place at the first regular meeting after nomination, the candidate must be considered as having been withdrawn, and cannot be balloted for without re-nomination, as the first nomination has lapsed. Grand Lodge first directed attention to this in 1904, and since then at various other times, but as some lodge officers never read any reports it is very hard to secure uniformity in practice."

The appropriate committee presented a Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which consisted of a review of sixty Grand Lodges of the English speaking world.

Maine for 1910 is fraternally mentioned. We quote:

"The Grand Master called the Grand Lecturer to the East, and the latter, after a short address, invited the officers of Portland Lodge, No. 1, to occupy the stations and exemplify the Master Mason's degree. This is a characteristic of this Grand Lodge, and we like the idea. It surely affords special opportunities for the representatives of distant and isolated lodges to become proficient and to obtain definite decisions on points of



doubt. We repeat, we like this idea, but would appreciate it even better if the exemplification were worked by Grand Lodge officers. This would give the exhibition a hall mark beyond question."

Under Mississippi, in regard to "Colored Men as Masons," the reviewer aptly says:

"The magnitude of the 'Color question' is far too great for more than passing reference in this review. At the same time the writer feels that no man, whether white or colored, who is 'totally, morally and intellectually incapacitated' is qualified to enter our ranks. Do the P. G. M. and the committee wish to leave the impression that every colored man is, for the reasons quoted, disqualified? If so, will they ask themselves the questions—Are there no good men wearing a colored skin? and, are the colored folk creatures of another Creator than the God whom we, as masons, acknowledge?"

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### Report • on • Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and  
Accepted Masons of the State of Maine :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report.

#### ALABAMA, 1912.

Four hundred thirty lodges were represented at the ninety-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge. There are five hundred twenty-three lodges, with a membership of 25,471.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present, as was the Grand Representative for Maine. But the Grand Representatives from two states failed to put in an appearance, and as this made the third failure, they became *persona non grata*, and their respective Grand Jurisdictions were asked to revoke their commissions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Daniel A. Green, of whom there is a portrait with a sketch of his life, introduces his address with a paragraph upon the permanency of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Dispensations were issued for seventeen new lodges; to *nine* lodges to continue work because the charter was destroyed by fire; and forty-one dispensations to ballot out of time and confer the degrees.

Of his decisions we quote:

"A subordinate lodge cannot in its by-laws require a proficiency test in conferring the degrees, before becoming eligible to election as Master or Warden.

"The masonic tradition of 'high hills and low vales' does not apply to modern conditions, so as to require lodge meetings to be held in the cellars or upper floors of a building. It is sufficient if the place of meeting can be properly and securely guarded from outside observation and intrusion."

The Grand Master issued dispensations for two lodges, each of which was within the limit of another lodge by its established rate of distance, and in his address made a special plea for the reason of his doing so, but the Committee on Jurisprudence cried nay! nay! and said the constitution must be upheld, and that such little things as mountains, gulfs and other natural barriers should not prevent.

Permission was given by the Grand Master to the lodge at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to solicit aid to erect there a hospital for masons.

To the inquiry of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico about the recognition of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France, he replied: "That this Grand Lodge did not recognize these bodies, for the reason that they did not require the Bible on their altars, and the non-recognition was a bar to visitation."

He speaks feelingly of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, which is completed "with every modern convenience and practically furnished completely in the most comfortable and even handsome style," at a cost of more than one hundred thousand dollars.

But:

"Our present facilities provide only for the accommodation of inmates in dormitories. This is the ideal way for children, but necessarily involves complications and inconveniences in taking care of the aged, the feeble and families. We need a few cottages to accommodate the especially feeble ones and to prevent the separation of small children from their mothers.

"I recommend that the Board of Control be authorized and empowered, if they see proper, to negotiate a loan of not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars, to be used for the purpose of erecting cottages, and that said Board be authorized to bind this Grand Lodge for the repayment of same."

The Board of Control of the Masonic Home in their first report say:

"During the administration of the Home Committee and this Board, there has been collected from various sources Ninety-four Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen and 28/100 Dollars (\$94,919.28), chargeable to the General Fund. Most of this amount came from comparatively small contributions—from individuals, either directly, or through the medium of their lodges, and it is a tribute to the general spirit of the rank and file of the brethren. A few of the brethren have made generous individual contributions, but the bulk of our resources has been derived from the small contributor."

No longer shall we read the detailed accounts of the cases of discipline, for, to its great credit, Alabama will not print them.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Of the Eastern Star, under Canada, replying to a question why it should be permitted to use the lodge room, he says:

"Because, to no other organization under heaven are we so indebted for aid in carrying on our grand mission, as we are to the O. E. S. Witness the noble work of these women in caring for the poor, needy and suffering—their successful efforts to furnish rooms of our Masonic Homes—their contributions for the building of these Homes—their erection of hospitals for the benefit of said homes, etc. We should be ingrates if we did not extend to them some courtesies. We do not admit them to the tyled lodge, nor will we ever do so, but, when the lodge is at refreshment, they will, by their presence, do no harm to it; on the contrary, they will make the room so tidy as men have not the faculty of making it."

Maine did not get around in season for review.

### ARIZONA, 1912.

Twenty chartered lodges were represented at the annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry A. Morgan (portrait), after a brief introduction to his address, mentions the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; then we note one of the "pleasant and harmonious" relations with sister jurisdictions, because we do not read what action the "designated lodge" took, but read:

"Numerous communications have been received from the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions, requesting some lodge in this jurisdiction to confer certain degrees on some sojourning candidate from their jurisdiction.

"The communications have been replied to and their requests referred to the lodge designated for such action as they might be pleased to take in conformity with our Constitution."

The question of the procedure for a lodge of Arizona to enter California for the purpose of burying one of its deceased members was happily settled.

One lodge was constituted.

The Grand Master decided that there would be no objection for a lodge "to rent a room for masonic lodge purposes over a private club room in which there is a buffet."

To which the Jurisprudence Committee say:

"It is not probable that two story buildings are going to be as plentiful as cacti in all parts of the state, nor do new lodges usually spring into existence prepared to build their own halls.

"A lodge should be capable of judging for itself what is a suitable

place of meeting, and as a Grand Lodge it would be poor taste for us to condemn or criticise the doings of any other fraternal organizations."

By invitation, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge, in full regalia, proceeded to the Court House Square in Prescott, where a tree, a native white oak from the Williamson Valley, was planted to commemorate the admission on that day of Arizona to statehood.

A regulation, requiring every brother within six months after receiving his M. M. degree to pass a satisfactory examination therein was adopted.

R. W. Thomas Stanford Bunch, Deputy Grand Master, died in office June 10, 1912.

"A man and a mason, held in the very highest esteem by his brethren of the Mystic tie, in whose councils and deliberations he was an important factor in all those things that pertained to the teaching of Masonry and the general and moral uplift of his brethren."

### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1912.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis J. Burd (portrait), without many extra words, gives us a statement of his acts as Grand Master.

The Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was properly addressed; the dead were appropriately remembered.

Under dispensations he says:

"While holding the opinion that the wearing of masonic regalia when attending Divine service, is wrong, in that the lodge is not at labor at the time, I have granted dispensations for that purpose, following the precedent set by my predecessors, and because our Constitution, by imposing a fee for these dispensations, tacitly authorizes them."

Dispensations were issued for nine new lodges; official visitations are briefly mentioned. In his account we notice that some lodges use the American work, some the Canadian work, some the Emulation work, some the English work, some the Oxford ritual; but he says elsewhere:

"That before granting dispensations for new lodges the brethren be required to work as a Lodge of Instruction for such time as is necessary to acquire proficiency in the ceremonial. Where applicants for dispensations are from so many different jurisdictions this is especially advisable.

"That more thought be exercised in granting dispensations to new localities, especially mining camps dependent upon one mine and prospects.

"That the requirement that Worshipful Masters elect be examined and found well skilled in our laws, our noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries before they are installed, be rigidly enforced, and not slighted as is too often done."

Three halls were dedicated ; six corner stones were laid.

We quote some of his recommendations :

"The brethren of the Emulation, Oxford, Stability, Australian, and Canadian Works, their differences being so small, would gladly welcome one standard, likewise the brethren using the works of some of our Sister Jurisdictions of the United States."

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted the reports of their visitations.

The committee on the address of the Grand Master say in their report, which was adopted :

"We are of the opinion that the granting of dispensations for new lodges should be left entirely to the Grand Master.

"In our opinion it is not expedient to confer past rank on District Deputy Grand Masters.

"We believe that on account of the diversity of ritual and the smallness of the jurisdiction the time has not yet arrived for the adoption of a Monitor."

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted one of his readable Reports on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Delaware we read :

"Delaware is one of the jurisdictions which have adopted the new fad of having the lodge's business done by the Grand Master, and in Delaware's case it did not seem to facilitate matters. The Grand Master was asked by the Grand Master of Oklahoma to allow one of his lodges to confer the degrees upon a candidate who had been elected by an Oklahoma lodge, but refused, because 'there is no method by which a lodge in this jurisdiction could determine the identity of the person mentioned.' The difficulty of proving identity, however, did not deter the Grand Master from asking the same favor from the Grand Master of California. The Grand Master of California was not such a stickler for procedure, or they have a better system of identification in that jurisdiction, for in this case the request was granted.

"In other instances the Grand Master failed to obtain even an answer to his letters, so that the plan does not seem to offer any advantages over the old way."

Under District of Columbia he says of charity :

"Bro. Baird opines that in British Columbia charity—or relief—is dispensed mainly by the Grand Lodge, and evidently prefers their plan, by which the individual lodges endeavor to take care of their own members who may need help. As it happens, that is exactly our way, too. The lodges disburse what relief may be needed, and it is only when the burden becomes too heavy that they are re-imbursed from the Grand Lodge funds."

Under Indiana we read :

"Indiana has started a fund for the erection of a Widows' and Orphans' Home, and, of course, has levied an assessment for that purpose. One lodge paid the assessment, but protested against the principle.



"Personally, we have every sympathy with the lodge in this matter. The obligation to extend relief to a worthy distressed brother, his widow and orphans, is subject to two limitations, the extent of the need, and the ability of the brother who contributes. The levying of a fixed assessment certainly contravenes the latter of these two points, for what would be reasonable to ask from one lodge might be a severe tax on the resources of another."

Maine for 1911 has two pages of his valuable space.

He says:

"One dispensation was to allow a lodge to participate in the ceremony of laying a corner stone. Why this was necessary we do not know."

Again:

"In the afternoon the Grand Master was able to be present and preside. Shortly after his arrival Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, when the Grand Master, for some reason which is not apparent, asked one of the Past Grand Masters to preside over the election."

There is no "reason" given by general masonic usage, nor by local masonic usage; but the custom prevails, and, in general, the same Past Grand Master presides year after year, and as he is, therefore, familiar with the local form of election, it passes off with dispatch and ease.

Under Nova Scotia we excerpt:

"The 'Home,' which represents an investment of over fifteen thousand dollars, has ten inmates, whose maintenance cost three thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars, or three hundred and fifty dollars per capita."

Under Western Australia, on the same subject, he says:

"The committee thinks that the building of Masonic Homes has become a mania in America. Fortunately the northern part of the continent has not yet become affected, except Nova Scotia. It is the opinion of the committee, with which we agree, that the system of granting annuities is far preferable to the building of Homes. In that way the persons assisted are left among their friends instead of being crowded into what is at best a semi-public institution where the fact that they are in receipt of charity cannot be concealed. The committee asks American masons, 'Why, then, did you adopt the Home?' and if one might make a guess the answer would be, 'Mainly for the sake of advertisement.'"

## CALIFORNIA, 1912.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alonzo J. Monroe (portrait), we learn that six special communications of the Grand Lodge were convened, three for laying corner-stones, two for dedication of masonic temples, one for installation of Grand Lodge officer. It is worthy of note that one of the corner-stones was that of a Carnegie library at Honolulu, Hawaiian Territory.

Four lodges were constituted and dispensations issued for eleven new lodges.

He speaks highly of the Home at Decoto, where the aged men and women, and the Home at San Gabriel, where the children of deceased brothers are cared for. He also commends the plan of raising as an endowment fund for the homes, \$1,000,000.00.

Here is something progressive in its character:

"Several lodges in our jurisdiction are now using an Index Card System for visitors kept by the Tyler. The visitor writes on a card his name, number of his lodge, who vouches for him, date to which his dues are paid, date of arrival, residence, date of dimit, etc. These cards are indexed and the Tyler is thus enabled to always know the standing and rights of visiting brothers. This system is well worth investigating and is recommended to the consideration of the lodges of the jurisdiction."

The conditions in some forty jurisdictions as to the liquor question is given in an appendix, from which we learn that twenty-four jurisdictions have nothing and sixteen have legislated to a more or less drastic degree.

Maine was found to have received from the San Francisco Board of Relief \$169.00, of which \$50.00 was repaid; from the Los Angeles Board of Relief \$465.50, of which \$400.00 was repaid. In their report this Board says:

"The large corporations and business houses require their employes to pass a physical examination before accepting them—and rest assured the physicians who make those examinations are honest and give their employers the benefit of the doubt. Forty years of age is also the limit."

The Oakland Board of Relief report an expenditure of \$4.25 for Maine and the burial with masonic honors of a member of Parian Lodge, No. 160, of Corinna.

The welfare of the Homes required considerable legislation.

M. W. Bro. James A. Foshay delivered the annual oration, subject—"Temple and Character Building."

Legislation making saloon keepers ineligible was passed.

Bro. Edward W. Hart presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, commenting on the presence of the Eastern Star in the hall, he says:

"The presence of a body of women in the midst of a Grand Lodge of Masons may be more dignified but hardly less incongruous than the 'knife boards' and 'doll racks' and other circus adjuncts in connection with corner-stone ceremonies."

Under Indiana we read:

"Our opinion upon the subject has not been invited, but if there is anything connected with Masonry that the female adjunct of the order may properly participate in it is in the administration, control and support of Masonic Homes, and we think, therefore, that the Grand Juris-

diction of Indiana should have been more than eager to welcome the offer of the Eastern Star to assist in the creation and carrying forward of the Masonic Home project."

Under Iowa we excerpt:

"As a money saver it must be admitted that the Masonic Home system is not a pronounced success, but as an aid to character building, both for the recipients of masonic aid and for those who contribute, it possesses elements of strength not embodied in the annuity or pension system, or pure donation arrangement, and inasmuch as Masonry has little, if anything, to do with successful finance, we may be excused if we prefer the Masonic Home system as exemplified in California, to the purely monetary administration of charity as exemplified in certain other American and foreign jurisdictions."

Maine for 1912 is well received.

### **CANADA, 1911.**

At the annual communication the Committee on Credentials reported 413 warranted lodges on the register, of which 337 lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt (portrait), in his address gives a good summary of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge; reported forty-three official visitations, which represented over 13,000 miles of travel.

The invasion of the jurisdiction of Canada by a lodge of Port Huron, Michigan, now pleasantly and fraternally settled, takes fifteen printed pages.

The work of the District Deputy Grand Masters was approved; seventy-six lodge halls were dedicated.

We quote, with the hope that the quotation may be carefully read by the brethren in this jurisdiction:

"At last Grand Lodge communication I suspended a brother who had a card printed with his name thereon as well as the office to which he desired to be elected. One would have thought that would be sufficient to stop this improper usage, but in the month of December last I received a letter from the officer of a lodge asking me to use my influence to have a brother from his city elected at this communication to a high office. As he was a subordinate officer, after carefully considering the matter, I determined not to suspend him, but pointed out to him how ignorant he was of masonic law and usage, and cautioned him to avoid such unmasonic conduct in future, and I trust he and others will pay attention to this. I have heard it said that those occupying high offices, or candidates for such offices, erring in this respect, are not interfered with. If any brother will give me direct proof I shall act, no matter what position the brother occupies or seeks."

From his rulings we quote:

"The corner-stone must be laid at the N. E. corner of the building.

"I refused to allow the second and third degrees to be conferred on a dying brother at his house. He could not comply with our ceremonies in any way, and for other reasons, which are apparent, I was obliged to refuse the request.

"The 3 L. Ls. should be placed two on the N. at each corner of the altar, and one at the the S. at middle of altar.

We quote the following to show the arbitrary action of the Grand Master because the lodge did not use the circumlocution office of the Grand Master to accomplish the end:

"A brother had received his first and second degrees in Humber Lodge, 305, and then having moved to the State of New York, wished to receive the third degree in a lodge in that jurisdiction, which had agreed to confer it. No request was made to me by the W. M. of Humber Lodge to have this done, or to request the Grand Master of New York to allow Courtland Lodge, Peekskill, N. Y., to have the degree conferred. Not only was the degree conferred, but within the time limited by our constitution for conferring the degree, although the constitution of New York allows this.

"I ordered the W. M. to be reprimanded, and the fee for a dispensation paid, also that the Grand Secretary explain to the Grand Master of New York that I had only heard of the action of the W. M. and to express regret therefor."

The true history of each lodge is found in the full reports of the twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, who required two hundred thirty-nine pages for their reports.

From the report of the Board on Benevolence we quote:

"Total amount on Grants made from General Fund, amounting to .....	\$27,745.00
Interim Grants from General Fund, since last annual communication .....	1,235.00
Interim Grants from Interest of S. C. B. fund .....	130.00
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	29,110.00
Grants Recommended from Interest of S. C. B. Fund at this communication, .....	4,070.00
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Total Grants, .....	\$33,180.00

"The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. amount to the sum of \$21,670.00."

Again:

"There were 400 cases considered by the committee: 187 from Local Boards, 213 from Private Lodges. The 187 from Local Boards consisted of 145 for widows, 27 for brethren, 9 for orphans, 2 for mothers, 2 for wives and 2 for sisters. The 213 from Private Lodges consisted of 142 for widows, 57 for brethren, 10 for orphans, 2 for wives, and 2 for mothers."

The details of trials are still published.

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Georgia we read:

He made no less than seventy-eight rulings. He says: 'I am impressed with the thought that if the Masters of the lodges would study the code and refer to it when questions arise, it would save letter writing and economize useful time.' It is quite evident, from the decisions given, that almost all of the questions asked could have been answered by reference to the constitution. How would it do to test a Master elect as to his knowledge of the constitution, and refuse installation if he be found ignorant of the fundamental law of Masonry in his jurisdiction?"

Under Iowa, discussing the position of Bro. Block about church going, he says:

"Well, Bro. Block's knowledge of masonic law is wider than ours. Still, we have known some very good masons who have gone to church, and have not suffered from the experiment morally or otherwise. Masonry is supposed to broaden men, and to make them tolerant of opinions which they cannot wholly share. Some good masons have been willing to admit that, while they believed themselves to be right, those who differed from them might not be wholly wrong. And then the clergymen who officiate at these services are generally masons, and when they are careful to say nothing which could offend members of other denominations. Lastly, the collections taken at the church services are for charitable purposes, and the recipients of the beneficence never pause to ask about the theological leanings of the masons who gave it."

Maine for 1910 is well reviewed.

In the matter of the District Deputies we quote:

"The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, in its report said:

"'With due appreciation of the labors and fidelity of the District Deputy Grand Masters, we would kindly suggest that they make the inspection of lodges the primary object of their visitations.'

"Doubtless there was something behind the returns which called for the reproof, but, on the face of the reports, it was undeserved. And just here one may ask, if the District Deputies are competent men, and if they faithfully do their duty, what need is there for a Grand Lecturer? In Maine the District Deputies are appointed by the Grand Master."

In reply to the first paragraph we answer, that the Committee on Condition of Masonry probably noted an increasing tendency of the D. D. G. Ms. to allow installation of the lodge officers to take the place of the inspection of actual work.

Secondly, the Grand Lecturer has under his care the proper and correct work, and by means of conventions, as a teacher of the work, he strives to inform the W. Ms. of lodges and others of this work, which they may have learned from their predecessors and others. The D. D. G. M. visits the lodge to witness the work, and thereby to observe and preserve the work as practiced in Maine. He becomes, as it were, the examiner of a class of students who had been taught by a competent teacher.

Finally, there is but one authority about the work—the Grand Lecturer; whereas if the D. D. G. Masters had it in their keeping there

might be twenty-five ways of doing some act or many words different in appearance but the same in meaning might creep in.

Under Nevada we quote:

"In the first place, Masonry in Scotland originated long before the time of James the first, who reigned from 1406 to 1437. The old lodge at Kilwinning was doubtless established between 1140 and 1191; and the Lodge of Perth and Scoon affirms that its first charter was obtained from Kilwinning in 1193 'or thereby.' It was asserted that St. Clair, Baron Roslin, was appointed by the King to be patron or protector of the Craft in the time of James the first; and, while that is probable, it cannot be proved. But he was not Grand Master. Even in the time of James the sixth, William Schaw was only Warden General and 'Maister of Wark,' though he laid down rules for the government of the Craft throughout Scotland. But there was no Grand Master in those days as we understand the term."

Under Wisconsin, of the Eastern Star he says:

"Well, the opinion of this present writer is that Canada will be content to adhere to Ancient Craft Masonry as it came to us from the fathers, and will not be led into any modern innovations. Canadian Masons hold still that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry, and hybrid hermaphrodite, androgynous, half-and-half Masonry has no place in their scheme. Already Grand Bodies in the United States are having trouble with the sisters; and in Wisconsin a Master of a lodge wanted to 'give a portion of the monitorial lectures' before the ladies. We had better stick to the landmarks, Bro. Jenks, then we will be quite safe. One of the landmarks is that each mason must be a man, and we find no provision made for as-it-were masons."

### CANADA, 1912.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present. Three hundred fifty-three lodges out of four hundred seventeen were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Aubrey White, (portrait), after a very pleasant introduction to his address tells us of the result of his efforts to have the semi-centennial benevolent fund contributions completed, saying with great truth. "Those of us who know anything about the collecting of money know that the two most difficult periods are the making of a satisfactory start, and the winding up when nearly all the money has been obtained." The fund was to amount to \$100,000.

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges, and of dedication of lodges, says:

"The work of dedicating lodges throughout this jurisdiction has been carried on by the various District Deputy Grand Masters. It is believed that nearly all the lodges in the jurisdiction have now been dedicated."

Dispensations, two hundred seventy-seven in number, were issued for various purposes, but a majority were for attending church, of which custom he says:

"There seems to prevail some sensitiveness about our appearing on the streets to attend Divine Service or other functions clothed in regalia. No such sensitiveness prevails in the Mother Grand Lodge or in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as functions are constantly held where the brethren appear in regalia. I apprehend that the regalia of a mason is a badge of honor rather than something to be ashamed of, and I would be glad to see my lodges turn out in regalia to attend Divine Worship more frequently than they do."

He visited several Lodges of Instruction in different districts, at which he met many of the Craft and of which he says:

"The intelligence and accuracy of the work in every district was simply marvelous and speaks volumes for the benefits derived from Lodges of Instruction. While desire for information was in all cases present, there was a readiness to accept with appreciation rulings given, which made harmony to abound."

The Grand Lodge of Canada has no Masonic Home, but it expended in charity the sum of \$32,837.50, and this with a membership of a little over 50,000.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted intelligent and detailed reports, 195 pages of the printed proceedings. Of these reports the Committee on Condition of Masonry say:

"Every lodge in the province, save one, appears to have had an official visit from the D. D. G. M. in charge, who not only scrutinized the work and the business methods of the lodge, but also gave wholesome advice and instruction. With a few exceptions these visits were made on the regular meeting nights of the lodges."

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 is well reviewed. To our screed on the levying of assessments for charitable work of the Grand Lodge, he says:

"Don't be sarcastic, Bro. Chase. Most of the masonic benevolence distributed to the needy is raised by assessment, direct or indirect. And there is fear that if only voluntary contributions were to be relied on some of the aged and destitute would have short commons."

We admit that a small part of the dues paid to the lodge and of the per capita tax paid by lodges to the Grand Lodge is used for benevolent purposes, and of course, the amount so paid is an assessment. We, however, had in mind the placing a command upon lodges or upon individual masons to pay a certain sum for benevolent purposes, either for building homes for the indigent, the infirm, the widow and the orphan or for the creation of a fund, the income from which shall be used for the purposes mentioned.

We also affirm that if "the aged and destitute would have short commons," because of the lack of voluntary contributions, it might be necessary to bring the members into the lodge and a second time teach them one of the primary principles of Masonry.



We think that the present method of assistance, either by masonic homes or with money from a masonic fund, is not comparable with the earlier way, used in my lodge, and the true masonic way, the taking of a collection, into which went the poor man's mite and the rich man's dollar, but with no difference in the sympathy towards the brother in his misfortune.

Under South Carolina we read:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. J. L. Michie. It is a good document full of interesting reading. Like some others he cannot quite understand the ruling of M. W. Bro. Macwatt that evening dress need not be worn in our Grand Lodge except at evening sessions. He says:

"A wise recommendation so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. We feel reasonably certain that not every mason in Canada can afford an evening dress suit, and the want of these "glad rags" might humiliate a worthy brother. We have never been in favor of "kid glove" lodges."

"Well, sumptuary laws have never been popular. Still, if Bro. Michie will carefully read the history of his own country he will learn that a Tennessee legislature once decided that no representative might appear in the legislative halls with bare feet. But the ruling or recommendation in question was only to the effect that officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada need not wear evening dress at day sessions. As to the kid gloves it may be remarked that many very respectable men have been known to wear them; and further that their use by masons is very ancient. Perhaps it would be hardly correct to say that kid gloves are a landmark of Masonry, though some of them are badly landmarked; still the English Regulations, compiled by Grand Master Payne in 1720, provided that 'every new brother at his making is decently to cloath the lodge, that is all the brethren present,' which means that he was to buy gloves for each brother present at his initiation. Further, William Schaw, who was 'Maistir of Wark, Warden of the Maisonis' for the King of Scotland in 1599, 'ordainit' that all fellows of craft should pay to the common books of the lodge the sum of ten pounds money, with ten shillings worth of gloves. So that there is precedent for the wearing of gloves as well as shoes by the Grand Master and his officers."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Another begging scheme which is being pushed to the limit is that of the so-called International Bureau of Switzerland. The ostensible object of the Bureau is to secure unity among all masonic bodies throughout the world. Some Grand Bodies (notably the Grand Orient of France) have violated the fundamental principles of primitive Masonry, have banished the Volume of the Sacred Law from their altars and the name of the great Architect of the Universe from their ritual, and regular masons have refused to hold fraternal intercourse with them. The gentlemen of the International Bureau hold that this is wrong, and that no matter how far a body calling itself masonic may wander from the ancient path—no matter how Godless may be its teachings—it should still be recognized as a body of the true fold. Every clandestine pretender ought to be welcomed to the great fraternity, and every adventurer with ambition to gratify or a scheme to promote ought to be received with open arms. But all these appeals for 'unity' are accompanied by stronger appeals for cash, and Masonry appears to be measured by the amount of money contributed to the treasury of the International Bureau."



**COLORADO, 1912.**

There were one hundred twenty-four chartered lodges, of which one hundred nineteen were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. W. Woodward, in his address thus speaks of the condition of the craft:

"I am glad to say that the state of the craft in Colorado is excellent. In a very few more years our constituent lodges will show an unsurpassed record for uniformity and conformation to the masonic law in the transaction of business."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges; fourteen requests were made, eighteen requests were granted, all about the conferring of degrees by courtesy, and yet some had to be refused.

Our brethren in Canada will read with regret the following:

"I have refused all requests for dispensations for lodges to attend church in a body."

Ten special dispensations for conferring degrees were granted; by-laws were approved; fourteen visitations made; three corner-stones laid; and one decision is reported:

"The status of a brother in Colorado who is not a member of any lodge, but who has paid \$1.00 per year dues for several years to another Grand Lodge, is that of a mason non-affiliated for more than one year."

Of course this means that Colorado does not recognize the right of another state to allow a mason to remain in good standing as a mason by paying dues to the Grand Lodge.

Truly, the Grand Master was a very busy man, and to do all that he tells in his address must have taken every day of the 365, and yet a corner-stone was not laid on Sunday nor a lodge permitted to attend church in a body.

The Benevolent Fund amounts to about \$34,000, the income of which is used for the relief of masons, their widows and orphans. There is no Masonic Home.

Colorado now has a Monitor and Diploma of its own, duly copyrighted and published, and the Grand Lecturer says:

"The basis of uniformity of work has been established in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge, through its proper officers, is now in a position to say to the craft in this state: No matter what variety of work the brethren of our lodges may have acquired in the past—whether in this jurisdiction or elsewhere—in the future those who learn the work must adhere to our Colorado standard. Thus in a few years, without violence, and with a minimum amount of confusion, we may hope to establish a reasonable uniformity of work."

Bro. William P. Benedict, Grand Orator, delivered an oration, in which in a masterly manner he discussed Masonry.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his twenty-eighth Report on Correspondence.

Under Florida we agree with him :

"If a brother is suspended for non-payment of dues and pays the amount it would seem that in all fairness he should be re-instated. If there has been any conduct on his part, in the interim, unbecoming a mason, charges should be preferred and if found guilty he should be disciplined. To continue the suspension after the brother has liquidated the indebtedness for which alone he was suspended, is to take an unfair advantage, and to leave him with no opportunity for vindication, in the event that his character has been wrongfully assailed. It may be an easy way to get rid of an undesirable member but it is not a just or honest procedure."

Maine for 1911 has a careful review.

From his conclusion we quote :

"The question of Masonic Homes is still paramount, and their establishment is so persistently advocated, that few jurisdictions seem able to resist the temptation to indulge in this expensive luxury. Even the smaller Grand Lodges are inclined to the belief that something is lacking in their equipment, if Masonic Home is not writ large in their annals and set as a beacon in their midst. We have no disposition to question the great good that is being accomplished by many of these institutions and we have never hesitated to give them full credit for the same in these reports, but Home advocacy has been carried to the limit and it is time to call a halt. Institutional charity is not to be commended to the smaller Grand Lodges."

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M. W. Bro. Andrew Sagendorf, Grand Master in 1883, died August 2, 1912.

"A pioneer of pioneers, through all the storms and vicissitudes of eighty-four years of life, our venerable and beloved brother lived the life of a clean and honorable man and upright mason. He witnessed the transformation of the desert into fields of waving grain and blooming orchards; he saw the splendid Capitol of a great and prosperous State arise and grow into stalwart strength and vigorous manhood, where during the long winter of 1858 the campfires of his own and a few other brave and hardy men glowed and sparkled beneath the shadows of the snow-capped peaks of the great Rockies."

M. W. Bro. John Bernard Haffy, Grand Master in 1908, died December 9, 1912.

"During his term as Grand Master he convened the Grand Lodge in fourteen Special Communications and personally presided on each occasion. He laid eleven corner stones, constituted two new lodges and dedicated one new Masonic Temple, a record that remains unequalled in the history of our Grand Lodge."

**DELAWARE, 1912.**

The greater part of the first day was devoted to the dedication of the Masonic Home.

In the evening the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Enoch Moore, (portrait), delivered his address, in which he alludes to the dead, briefly touches many topics, gives a brief history of the Masonic Home, from which we quote:

"The individual subscriptions by members of the different lodges, the enthusiasm of the membership, all over the jurisdiction has been very satisfactory indeed.

"There was paid the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars for the property, the Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,178.06. The balance, and to meet the expense of alterations and repairs has been subscribed by the members of this jurisdiction through their lodges."

Under recommendations he says:

"I would recommend that all lodges in the jurisdiction shall be required to pay into the Treasury of Grand Lodge for the use of the Masonic Home the sum of \$5.00 for each candidate entered during the year.

"That a per capita tax of one dollar be levied to be paid on the first day of July, 1913. Payment to be made to the Grand Secretary to be used for the maintenance of the Masonic Home."

And these recommendations were adopted.

The business was local.

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie presented his second Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under California he scores the printing of the full report of the Committee on Grievances:

"The Committee on Grievances presented fifteen pages of details of trials, covering almost any offense. None of which in our judgment should have been allowed to go into public print; it is neither elevating, instructive nor pleasing to read. It leaves a bad taste in the mouth even after reading such an admirable address as was presented by the Grand Orator. No difference how bad the under dog may be, there is no charity in giving him a public kick, and then give the other hounds a chance to keep it up. We earnestly wish our brethren who compile the annual reports would see it as we do and abandon the practice."

Maine for 1912 has a splendid review. We quote:

"The Grand Master delivered his annual address, giving a very full and satisfactory account of the labors during the past year. He issued 62 dispensations, many of which were granted to attend divine service on St. John's Day and a few were given to ballot on petitions out of the usual time; also for public installation of officers. These practices are not in vogue in Delaware, especially that of public installation of officers, for which we cannot see any good reason; the service surely does not give any satisfaction to the profane except what is chargeable to curiosity, and there is a splendid opportunity to cater to the vanity of the brethren interested. So against curiosity and vanity we cast a black ball."

Again he says:

"The question of Masonic Home received consideration, but action was deferred until next year. It is a great big question all over the country. There are two sides to the question of advisability, as to which is the best way to dispense charity—by the Home plan or by the pension system. Thus far the Home plan seems to have the floor; whenever a change is made, it is generally the establishing of a Home. The conditions, however, in the states are not all alike."

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M. W. Bro. John P. Allmond, Grand Master in 1873-4, the oldest Past Grand Master, died March 24, 1912.

### GEORGIA, 1912.

The Grand Representative of Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George M. Napier, in the introduction to his address says:

"In peace, harmony, good repute, Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction has attained high place. The year has been marked by great interest and activity in all matters pertaining to the progress and welfare of the Order."

Of his decisions we quote:

"A man of illegitimate birth is not by reason thereof ineligible to hold office in a masonic lodge. Such origin does not exclude him from membership, and if a member, he may be elected by his brethren to any office in their gift. Masonry throughout is upon the level."

Can he have read the recent discussions in regard to this subject?

He gives a glowing account of his "more than half a hundred Grand Visitations"; reports many dispensations for the doing of most everything, even to the attendance at divine service on a Sunday, at which let us hope that nothing was said or done to "wound the feelings of even the most sensitive brother."

Dispensations were issued for the constitution of eleven lodges and for four new lodges.

He recommends that less time be taken for debate and otherwise to the end that the length of the annual communication may be shortened and thereby the expense be cut down; but why have so many on the pay-roll of the Grand Lodge?

Discussing the secret work he says:

"The ritualistic work in Georgia Masonry is by no means uniform. There is some merit and some compensation in individuality. Even a limited amount of variety gives zest to our work. Yet divergence in this particular should be but slight."

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And recommends the establishing a Grand Lecturer.

Under the title "Masonic Home" he says:

"I am constrained to repeat the recommendation which I made to the Grand Lodge at its last communication, to the effect that it would be the part of wisdom for us to contribute to the maintenance of aged, indigent masons, their wives, and widows, in the locality where they have friends, and acquaintances, where they have lived for many years, rather than maintain them in the Home. The per capita expense of maintenance in the Home is about \$190.00 per year, and even one-half of this sum, with an equal contribution from the local lodge to the beneficiary, would as a rule, make the aged recipients of our bounty better off in the home of some relative or friend than in the Masonic Home.

"Unless we had separate buildings for the use of the old people and children, it is not best for either, to undertake an establishment containing young, active and healthy children and decrepit, feeble-minded, old people.

Committee on General Welfare do not believe that lodges should do business the one with the other, for they recommend "that before a circular letter or memorial on any subject be sent to said constituent bodies by any lodge or individual it must first receive the approval of the Grand Master, and any of said constituent bodies may disregard any such circular or memorial that is sent out without said approval." The recommendation was adopted.

The same committee have this to say about cipher ritual:

"It is aware that certain publications purporting to be rituals are in existence. But this Grand Lodge has never adopted, or even examined them, and it regards all such publications as clandestine and illegitimate, the publication of them as a violation of obligations on the part of some one, and the use of such a book in the lodge room, is a glaring violation of masonic law and ethics that should be punished with prompt expulsion from the Craft."

There was a fair amount of local business.

Bro. Charles L. Bass, whom we cordially and fraternally welcome to the Round Table, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Bro. A. Q. Moody, on 6th day of April, 1911, laid down the pen he had wielded with such rare ability for eleven years as Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Georgia and entered into that rest prepared for the people of God.

"In my work I have been guided by the idea that the duty of the Foreign Correspondent was to chronicle, not to criticise, review rather than recommend. And if I have gone beyond this; any criticism that has been made was done so in perfect kindness; any recommendation of a different course from that observed, submitted in the spirit of fraternity."

Maine for 1912 has two pages in his report.

In his address the Grand Master said :

"It is proper that I should make mention especially of one of the brethren. On account of his long and faithful service to Masonry, especially in his work as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother A. Q. Moody, of Boston, Georgia, greatly endeared himself to all the members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Brother Moody died at his home in Boston, Georgia, on April 7, 1912. He was a man fertile in resource and possessed of a cultured intellect and consecrated heart. As a minister of the Gospel, Scholar, Citizen and Mason, Brother Moody was a man of the highest type. He was conservative in action and devoted to the best interests of his home and country. He died ripe in years and crowned with honors, and has gone to his just reward."

### IDAHO, 1912.

Fifty-one chartered lodges and two lodges under dispensation were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank C. Bowman, after a brief introduction to his address, in it fittingly remembers the dead, reports a dispensation for a new lodge, the constituting of two lodges, the granting permission for lodges to do several things out of course.

Many questions were asked and answered, but they call for no especial mention.

Other matters of importance to the jurisdiction were mentioned.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote :

"The active and assisting brethren in many of our lodges are scarce, the burden of conferring degrees and transacting business in a majority of them devolving on the few—too few quite frequently to possibly insure creditable work.

"It has been stated by writers in several jurisdictions that too much stress is placed upon the necessity of proficiency in the ritual. It has been my observation that the lodges doing good work, impressively and with dignity, are the ones generally attended by a reasonable percentage of the membership. I therefore believe the Grand Lodge should not relax its efforts in the promulgation of the ritual as adopted. While I do not concur with those who would give less attention to the ritual, I most heartily advocate greater effort in the dissemination of general knowledge relative to the principles of our fraternity, the interpretation of its symbols, its history, general regulations, laws, etc. As an aid to the accomplishment of this object, I fraternally suggest that the Grand Lodge at this session select for its Grand Lecturer a brother who not only is fully qualified to and will communicate our ritual correctly, but who also is well versed in masonic lore and competent to discourse entertainingly and knowingly on all subjects relative to our fraternity."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Francis Jenkins, delivered a fine oration, from which we quote :

"Our institution is builded upon a foundation as broad as humanity and is as enduring as the human race. The indissoluble cabletow of affection which binds Masonry together is equal in breadth to that of the Universe and in length to the circumference of the world. It has been welded in the fiery furnace of trial, forged and fashioned upon the hard anvil of time, and although the weight of centuries has been suspended from it, yet not a single strand shows a strain.

"The work of art, whether it be wrought upon canvas, carved into marble, erected into tall shafts like monuments, builded into grand temples, towers or cathedrals, will all crumble into dust and pass away, yet Masonry notwithstanding will still survive, live and go on until time unavails eternity."

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico were recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Home submitted quite an elaborate report, which proposed the commencement of the enterprise by taking from the Widow and Orphans' fund twenty-five thousand dollars. This report was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Finances, which recommended no action at this time, but that the Committee on Home obtain more light, which recommendation was adopted.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"Your committee are of the opinion that the by-laws of this Grand Lodge as to time of election and the time of installation are mandatory, and that if for any reason a constituent lodge fails to elect officers at its stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist the power of of such lodge to elect officers for the ensuing year is lost, and that the old officers hold over, and that the Grand Master is powerless to give to such lodge the authority to hold such election at any other time. To give the Grand Master such power would not only permit him to set aside the by-laws of this Grand Lodge but also the by-laws of the constituent lodge, fixing the time of the stated meetings, which is required by the provisions of Section 3, Article 13, by-laws of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his eleventh Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has fraternal mention.

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M. W. Bro. Chester P. Coburn, Grand Master in 1883, died October 17, 1911.

"Bro. Coburn's record was pure and spotless, and he rounded out a well spent life."



**ILLINOIS, 1912.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, in his address thus speaks of the state of the Fraternity:

"The report which the Grand Secretary will make to you this year shows that we have 807 lodges, with a membership in round numbers of 115,000, a gain for the year of approximately 7,000."

He re-organized the District Deputy system and found out what we in Maine have long known, that it was the best method of inspection of lodges, especially when the expense was paid by the Grand Lodge. He says:

"The splendid results obtained show the wisdom of lodge visitation and inspection and I believe that the time has come when this Grand Lodge should recognize the District Deputies of the state by providing for this service at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and I trust that steps will at once be taken to secure a better organization of Masonry in Illinois through its District Deputy Grand Masters."

Twenty-two lodges were constituted; eight dispensations for new lodges were issued; eight masonic halls were dedicated; nine corner-stones were laid; and many dispensations for all sorts of purposes were granted.

He ably discusses the subjects of "Grand Lecturers" and "Schools" for the dissemination of the work.

Under "Discipline" we read:

"Early in the spring my attention was called to the fact that three members of a lodge in southern Illinois had participated in the masonic burial of a negro. An investigation was instituted, and it was found that a Past Master, a Past Senior Warden and a member of the lodge had assisted in the funeral ceremonies of a negro mason in the capacity of pall bearers, and had worn the regalia of the clandestine organization. They justified their conduct upon the ground that the negroes being short of help had importuned them. I ordered the lodge to prefer charges against the three offenders, which was done, with the result that the Past Master was expelled and his two companions were sentenced to definite suspension for one year."

He thus treats of "Cipher Rituals":

"For many years the Grand Lodge of Illinois has remained silent upon this important question, proceeding upon the theory that the less said about the matter the better. As a result of this course the use of cipher rituals has developed and expanded until it now possesses the state. Brethren who own them justify themselves with the statement that they did not know it was unlawful. The effect is felt in our schools of instruction and the comparatively small attendance in proportion to the number of masons in the state is unmistakable evidence that some brethren do not have to go away from home to learn the work. The time has come when this Grand Lodge must meet the cipher ritual question either by stamping out the evil and declaring itself unequivocally in favor of the dissemination of the work from mouth to ear, or by issuing an authorized ritual of the standard work of this Grand Jurisdiction."

We regret that he had to write the following:



"A growing evil in our masonic lodges is the habit of smoking during business or work. During the year a good deal of complaint has been entered against the practice not only by brethren but by Masters who were seeking some means of curbing the custom. There is no more argument for smoking in lodge than in church, and no mason of refinement and culture will do it. The brother who cannot refrain from smoking during the short period that the lodge is in session gives unmistakable evidence of the fact that there is one masonic lesson he has failed to master—that of learning to subdue his passions. I am fully of the opinion that smoking should never be tolerated in a lodge room during the conferring of any part of a degree. The Master has it in his power to order it stopped and to exclude any brother who disobeys because of violation of the discipline of the lodge."

Discussing "Intellectual Masonry" he says:

"A ritual is merely the vehicle by which we convey to the minds and hearts of men moral precepts and great truths; if it has for its object any other purpose, it is merely sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Our ritual is an exposition surfeited with excellent maxims of right living. We in Illinois acknowledge no superiors in the matter of ritualistic perfection. In the midst of our present ecstasy of ritualism it might be well to inquire whether our oral moralizing tends to better living or is it merely a revel in fine words and agreeable rhetoric. It is one thing to talk Masonry, but to think it and act it is quite another. There is a vast difference between Masonry of the tongue and Masonry of the deed. The whole trouble with our present system is that it does not teach men to think but to remember. We will never have better masons until we have more thinking masons, for the thinker is he who strives to awaken from the dream of life in which the multitude pass a listless existence."

Illinois has a Home for the aged at Sullivan and the Orphans' Home at La Grange. To maintain the former for the year 1912-3 the trustees recommend an appropriation of \$24,000.00, and for the latter, \$18,000.00.

Bro. Owen Scott presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence. From his "Proem" we quote:

"It is said that imitation is sincerest flattery. So great and powerful and useful has Masonry become, that certain unscrupulous persons, being unable to pass the tiled doors of legitimate lodges, have undertaken to counterfeit the genuine. Clandestine lodges exist in different parts of the country. A spurious brand of Masonry has been put forth and many good men have been deceived, thinking that they were becoming members of real masonic lodges. These clandestines have been so insistent that Grand Lodges everywhere are turning to additional safeguards for their own protection against frauds. Documentary evidence, in addition to 'strict trial and due examination,' is now demanded by from one-half to two-thirds of the Grand Lodges. The written evidence required is not only a receipt for dues, showing good standing, but a certificate of the Grand Secretary, attesting the regularity of the lodge, is also required. The list of regular lodges, prepared and authorized by this Grand Lodge and placed in the hands of officers of the lodges of this state, is regarded as a standard of authority by Grand Lodges all over the American continent. In many of them, this list has been procured and adopted for the guidance of their constituents. Perhaps nothing has ever been done of more practical value in detecting fraud than this list of regular lodges of the world. A visitor seeks admission. He presents a receipt for dues, showing that he is in good standing in his lodge. Only one question re-

mains. Is his lodge legitimate or clandestine? The Worshipful Master or the examining committee in a moment can turn to the authorized list of regular lodges and decide the question. If the visitor's lodge is found there he can be admitted and greeted as a brother. Should his lodge by name and number not appear, his pretensions are at once shown and he is denied admission. It is quite essential, therefore, that care should be taken to keep this list up to date and that lodges learn that therein is safety."

And yet there is the other side of the picture. To be sure it may be plain board, thin to a great degree, but yet sufficiently strong to prevent any damage. Yes, he knows that he is a mason in good standing, but Alas! poor Hiram, he does not carry his receipts in his pocket, although he names to you his lodge and its location, so away he is sent without having an opportunity to tell what he knows of Masonry, which he may have learned, perhaps, while sojourning in Illinois, from those printed rituals so prevalent there as it would appear from the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

Under Arkansas we read on the liquor question:

"So far as we are now able to say there is only one Grand Jurisdiction in the United States that leaves this matter entirely within the hands of subordinate lodges."

Bro. Scott queries:

"Can it be that Illinois is the one exception to which reference is made?"

To which we answer—No. It must be Maine.

Maine for 1912 is most fraternally reviewed.

Under Oklahoma we read the following criticism of the Masonic Home:

"Judging from the report of the board of control of the Home, farm operations are on such an elaborate scale as to obscure the real aim to care for the dependents in Masonry. The 'salary of farmers,' 'hay and feed' and 'seed' mounted up to the sum of \$8,045.78. The whole scheme of management appears most intricate and complicated this far away. It is hoped that it may be more simple and economic than it looks.

"The total membership in the Home is, boys 53, girls 44, men 10 and women 4—total 111."

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M. W. Bro. Charles F. Hitchcock, Grand Master in 1899-1900, died October 26, 1912.

"His sterling qualities of manhood caused him to be admired and respected by all, and his life and character furnish a fitting example for us who survive him."

**INDIANA, 1912.**

Five hundred thirty-three lodges were represented, six lodges were unrepresented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Swintz, briefly mentions many subjects in his report before he says, under the title of Grand Representatives:

"I recommended the following brother as Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

"Maine—R. W. Elmer F. Gay, D. D. G. M., January 1, 1912."

He constituted by proxy three lodges; issued dispensations for five lodges; dedicated two masonic halls; laid the corner-stone of six buildings; approved the by-laws of many lodges and says:

"In this connection I think it might prove beneficial to call attention to the more frequent errors. By action of this Grand Lodge all meetings of Subordinate Lodges are either 'stated' or 'called,' not 'regular' or 'special.' They are also 'meetings,' not 'communications' or 'assemblies.'"

He favors a general conference of the Grand Lodges. He says:

"As the initial step in this movement, I would like to see this Grand Lodge invite all other Grand Lodges in the United States to appoint official representatives to attend the first annual Grand Conference of F. & A. M. to be held in Indianapolis at a time to be decided upon if this suggestion meets with your approval. In that event it would also be necessary for this Grand Lodge to select a representative."

His decisions accord with the practice in Maine, except in the following in which we require a ballot:

"Vote on waiver of jurisdiction may be 'aye and nay' or by ballot. (As unanimous consent is necessary, vote by ballot would be more secret.)"

The Committee on the Masons', Widows' and Orphans' Home, appointed to solicit funds for the establishment of such a home, report that the total amount obtained was \$22,759.82.

The Grand Inspector in his report says:

"The minutes of many lodges inspected fail to state that the degree lectures were given in full, or given at all, when degrees are conferred. As a rule the entire lecture is given in the M. M. degree, but I found quite a few lodges that habitually omit the second and third sections of the lecture when conferring the E. A. degree."

He makes another truthful statement in the following:

"If the brethren can be assured that the lodge will be promptly congregated and opened on time, the time fixed by the by-laws, that the business will be transacted with reasonable dispatch, and the ceremonies impressively rendered, there would, I am sure, be less difficulty and complaint in the matter of lodge attendance."

Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, was permitted to take part in the observance of the Centennial of the Battle of Fort Harrison, on September 4, 1912.

The recommendations of the Grand Master that the official ballot shall consist of white balls and black cubes was sustained, but that the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist should be designated a masonic memorial day was not concurred in.

Several propositions for the location of the Masonic Home were received and referred to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Daniel McDonald once again presents his most readable "Indiana Annual Masonic Review."

Under Connecticut he discusses "Church Going":

"Very few of the Grand Jurisdictions of this country provide for the issuing of dispensations authorizing masonic lodges to attend divine service in regalia as such. The general regulations of some Grand Jurisdictions are so liberal that lodges are permitted to attend church or not, just as the members themselves may decide. The great trouble in lodges asking for dispensations from Grand Masters to attend church comes from zealous church members of the order who control the action of the lodge in that regard. Many of the members of every lodge belong to no church; attend none, and even those who are 'professors of religion' belong to different organizations, and therefore do not care to sit under the droppings of the ministers of other sanatuaries than their own. While no harm results from such church attendance, it is doubtful if any particular good comes of it."

Maine for 1911 has a little over three pages in his fine review.

Of Honorary Membership, under New Jersey, he says:

"We have never been able to see the advisability or utility of 'honorary membership,' as it prohibits the brother upon whom the doubtful honor is conferred from voting or holding office, but shall be entitled to sit in the lodge whenever it may be convened. As it seems to this writer, any affiliated Master Mason in good standing in any regularly constituted lodge in New Jersey, or any other Grand Jurisdiction, is already entitled to sit in the lodge whenever it may be convened, and so this honorary membership confers no honor upon him that is not already accorded to him by the general laws governing membership and visitation. The masons of ancient times and those all along down the line during the ages of its existence never thought of incorporating into the grand and beautiful system such a thing as 'honorary membership,' and so as we look at it, the conferring of honorary membership is an evidence of masonic toadyism never contemplated by the founders of the order."

## IOWA, 1912.

The Public Exercises prior to opening of the Grand Lodge are given in full in the proceedings.

Four hundred sixty-seven of the five hundred twenty working lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Louis Block, of whom there is a fine portrait (Bather), has a fine introduction to his address from which we quote:

"As a constructive force, fastening firm and deep the foundations of noble human life and making for the lasting peace and happiness of the people, Masonry stands to-day without an equal. Wherever she has gone, abiding blessings have followed in her footsteps. Never has there been so positive and perennial a power for good in the world. Well has she been named 'the benefactor of mankind, born in the very cradle of the race.' Righteous cause never appealed to her in vain. The friend of the free school and the free church, the lover of liberty and light always and everywhere, she has ever stood—

"For the wrong that needs resistance,  
For the cause that lacks assistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that she can do.'"

The death of M. W. Bro. Lewis J. Baker is especially mentioned.

A new burial service at his request is to be presented for approval and the appointment of a committee to prepare a book of Masonic Ceremonials is recommended.

He discusses quite fully under the title "Demit" the fate of the mason who, under the jurisdiction of Iowa, takes a demit. We do not hold the same views. We believe that a demitted mason has the right to deposit his demit and ask for affiliation in any lodge and if rejected to apply to another lodge. Legislation by several Grand Lodges to prevent the taking a demit by making it almost impossible for the demitted mason to obtain a membership in another lodge seems to have been the cause of much trouble in Iowa; for he says:

"If, after he takes out his demit, he moves from the territorial jurisdiction of his parent lodge, he can not, without moving back again, become a member of that lodge, and the new lodge to which he applies for affiliation can, by a vote of one-third of the members present in one case, and by four negative votes in another case (according to the time in which he applies) shut him out from all the privileges of Masonry—save that of being tried and expelled for a masonic offence committed."

Then there is another view. The profane was "free to come." Why should not the mason be "free to go"? And if "Once a mason, always a mason," why should he not be subject to discipline as a mason, even if a demitted mason, should he transgress the usual masonic laws?

He discusses quite fully the subject of "Ballot Boxes," and recommends that a uniform ballot box be adopted and describes as a model box the one that is used in Maine.

He speaks of the "Masonic Charity" as practiced in Iowa as follows:

"Under their most intelligent management and smoothly working organization, our Grand Lodge has educated children, found employment for widows and orphans, kept up the interest payments on mortgaged homes, paid for business college scholarships, supplied food, clothing,

and school books; has taken care of the sick in homes and hospitals, and has administered substantial relief in a very effective way, without any publicity whatever. It has done great work in helping the unfortunates to help themselves, and has administered aid to them without causing them to lose that personal pride and self-respect which are the strength and support of every true man and woman. Our deeds of charity have been quietly done to those dependent upon us without tearing them away from their old home ties and the circle of their life-long friends. I have not heard of one single instance in which the Trustees were not quick to respond effectively and intelligently to the cry for relief coming from a worthy sufferer.

"Our present law limits the amount which can be contributed in any one year to the relief of any one case to the sum of \$200. I would recommend that this limit be increased to the sum of \$300."

Six corner-stones were laid; six masonic halls were dedicated; and many visitations were made.

We note that on the first day "At 3 o'clock P. M., the Grand Master ordered the Grand Marshal to form the lines to go with him to the site of the location of the first lodge in Iowa territory, where the tablet ordered by last Grand Lodge had been placed, when it was unveiled with appropriate ceremony."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we quote:

"The Grand Master recommends a law, or regulation, requiring lodges to abandon the ancient custom of meeting at a particular time of the moon's phases, and fix the time upon a definite week-day in each calendar month.

"Just what the objection is to permitting lodges to decide for themselves the time for such meetings is not made to appear, and your committee think it unwise to interfere with a reasonable discretion in such matters, unless there is substantial prejudice to result. Hence we recommend that the law be left in its present condition.

"Under the express law of this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as jurisdictions generally, the loss of a foot is an absolute bar to the reception of an applicant for the degrees and the Grand Master thinks the law should be so changed as that a Grand Master may, by dispensation, permit a lodge to receive petitioners with an artificial leg or foot.

"It is not difficult to conceive of changes in the laws and usages of Masonry by which its labors and influence could be broadened and different classes of persons be brought within the folds, and, perhaps, great good be thereby accomplished, but it is to be remembered that the different institutions of the world engaged in the betterment of mankind are all working within defined and somewhat restricted lines. Masonry, in this respect, is peculiar, in that it was not conceived on the theory of an open door for all whom it might benefit, but on the theory of a band of workers, in body perfect, honest heart, adapted to masonic achievements; and it early defined the qualifications of its membership, and throughout its history it has adhered to such plan of work.

"To take the one step suggested by the Grand Master would likely be the entering wedge for others, and we think it best to stand by *Masonry* in its distinctive feature as to physical qualifications for membership, and we do not recommend a change in the law."

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Joseph F. Newton, delivered an able address on the "Mission of Masonry." We quote:

"The Mission of Masonry! When the spirit of this order has its way upon earth, as at last it certainly will, society will be a vast league of sympathy and justice, business a system of human service, law a rule of beneficence; the home will be more holy, the laughter of childhood more joyous, and the temple of prayer mortised and tenoned in simple faith. Evil, injustice, bigotry, and greed, and every vile and slimy thing that defiles humanity will skulk into the dark, unable to endure the light of a juster, wiser, more merciful order. Industry will be upright, education prophetic, and religion not a shadow, but a real presence, when man has become acquainted with man and has learned to worship God by serving his fellows. When Masonry is victorious every tyranny will fall, every bastille crumble, and man will be not only unfettered in mind and hand, but free of heart to walk erect in the light and dignity of the truth."

There was a large amount of business. The reports of the committees are long and exhaustive on all matters. But as the matters treated were local we do not comment.

Bro. Charles C. Clark presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

From his prologue we quote:

"Our views of the province of the Correspondent are those we have held for years, and a diligent reading of the opinions of the eminent lights at the round table has failed to change them. His field is, or should be, to fairly epitomize the Proceedings reviewed, making such comments, favorable or otherwise, as his experience or the bent of his mind dictates. We have never seen and never expect to see in this life, an individual or an institution incapable of mistakes. To us the doctrine of the infallibility of human action does not appeal. Therefore we regard that man as no true friend who fails to see, or seeing fails to advise us of our faults, our errors or our mistakes."

Under Alabama, concerning Masonic Homes, he says:

"The Masonic Home Committee reported the main building completed at an expenditure of about \$75,000. A bond issue of \$50,000 had been authorized by the Grand Lodge, but was deemed unwise in the state of the money market and abandoned. We sincerely hope that the brethren have not saddled themselves with an onerous idol. Iowa still clings firmly to the 'fund' plan."

Under Arkansas:

"Report also shows fifty-six children in the Home, and the cost of their upkeep over \$200 each per annum, not counting interest on the investment. We wonder if any one can question that these waifs would be infinitely better off and their keep cost less if they were given shelter in a true masonic private home life."

Under California:

"In California there is an annual per capita tax for Home purposes only of \$1.00. There are two Homes, one at Decota for adults and one at San Gabriel for children. At the former the per capita cost was \$5.30 per week, the plant cost about \$320,000, and counting a reasonable interest on the investment, which, of course, is lost, the per capita cost would run up to over \$8.00 per week. When wear and tear and depreciation are taken into account, it is safe to say that \$10 per week would be nearer right. At San Gabriel the per capita figured the same way is \$6.00 and



\$7.70. It seems to us that a few examples like this should satisfy any doubters we may have of the wisdom of our plan."

Under Delaware:

"The Committee on Masonic Home recommended an incorporation, that the corporation be empowered to purchase a Home when considered advisable, that a per capita tax of \$1.00 be levied for Home purposes, that \$1,500 of the Grand Charity Fund and all the Grand Reserve Fund be turned over to the corporation."

Under District of Columbia:

"The Masonic Home Committee reports the need of new buildings and a complaint of the per capita cost, which they rather lamely answer by saying (1) that homes could not be found for their charges—there are but seventeen; (2) that it costs comparatively little more to maintain thirty, forty, or fifty than it does half that number; and (3) that the per capita cost decreases as the membership increases."

Under Georgia:

"The Masonic Home has thirty-six inmates, twenty-eight children and eight old people; the per capita cost is \$193 per annum, and he wisely suggests that the adults would be happier among their old haunts."

Maine for 1911 has its full share in his able report.

We quote:

"The Grand Master issued dispensations to ballot out of time, 'for adequate reasons fully explained to me,' but what they were we may never know, and one to open a regular meeting a half hour ahead of the regular time. We presume the lodge had some by-law fixing the regular time, and we think there is no prerogative of the Grand Master, or at least there ought to be none, which should make it possible. Members ought to be absolutely certain of being able to rely on their own laws, and if the time of meeting may be thus arbitrarily changed a half hour, it might be as easily put a day or a week earlier, and thus unfit material be surreptitiously foisted upon the lodge. We have known of its being done where the time of meeting was anticipated but an hour. Grand Masters and especially Grand Lodges are too much in the habit of overriding rights of the subordinate lodges, which should be absolutely sacred. We are thoroughly opposed to so much legislation and believe that all lodges and the craft generally would be much better off if Grand Lodges would arrogate less unto themselves."

To his reasoning and conclusions we assent, but in reply would say that we know some lodges in Maine do not specify in their by-law, the hour of meeting but do require by their by-laws that a notice should be sent to each member of the hour that the lodge is to congregate.

Again:

"Certificates of charter were granted three lodges. This we understand takes the place of the new charters which are granted in many jurisdictions when the old one has been lost or destroyed."

These certificates of charter under certain restrictions are used in place of the charter itself for working purposes. When a charter is lost (an



occurrence that has not happened in my forty-five years knowledge in (Maine) or destroyed by fire a new charter is issued.

To our comments on the stand taken by Bro. Block upon attendance by masons as a lodge we quote not only because it is fair to Bro. Block but also to show the style and ability of Bro. Clark:

"Among his Iowa brethren there is no need of any defence of Bro. Block or his positions. They know that among the entire list of the really sincere, enthusiastic, whole-souled, and staunch supporters of the principles of the institution there is none who ranks higher, and it is just this support of these very principles in their purity that leads him to take the strong stand he does in the matter of official lodge attendance upon church services. There is no tenet of Freemasonry that so appeals to a man of the breadth of mind of Bro. Block as its absolute freedom from demon-inationalism. The glory of its history, the simplicity of its creed, the record of its years of achievement, is its steadfast adherence to the uncomplicated formula upon which it was originally cast, the magnificence of the structure of to-day is seen, not in the frills and trimmings and arabesques and minarets and towers which mark the frivolity of the passing impression, but in the noble and even severe simplicity which has ever characterized its lines. The rock which has held the temple safe and sure through all the 'whips and scorns of time,' through tempests which have wrecked many a budding and promising sect; through storms which have shaken the churches in many a land has been this simple yet magnificent cardinal principle of the fatherhood of God and its corollary, the brotherhood of man. If may, therefore, well give us pause and create in the thoughtful lover of the craft much concern when there is seen the tendency in some lodges to participate *as a lodge* in the services of one particular church. The antagonism among the churches themselves is not so remote nor the bitterness of creed fights so unforgettable as not to lead a true lover of the somewhat hard and fast tenets of Freemasonry to hesitate in giving apparent support to some one creed or some one profession. True, the antagonism has largely died away, the bitterness, thank God, is no more, and we sincerely trust it has perished forever, but to a genuine, simon-pure mason such as Bro. Block, the maintenance of the order in its pristine purity, untrammelled by adherence to any form of church observance, appears and must inevitably appear as the *sine qua non* of its continued growth and prosperity."

Under Mississippi on the subject of Homes he says:

"The report on the Orphans' Home shows an almost phenomenally low rate, and with the experience of others we confess we do not see how they do it. The number of children is fifty-four and their keep averaged \$10.55 per month. The Grand Lodge, however, has invested in the Home about \$65,000, and when interest on this sum and a reasonable amount of depreciation are figured, it will be seen that the average cost of this cheapest-kept of Homes is more per capita than individual treatment would cost, and in addition a board of managers must devote a large amount of time gratis. The endowment fund, out of which comes aid for indigent masons and widows, amounts to about \$93,000."

Under Missouri:

"The laws were amended so as to make the Grand Lodge dues \$1.25 per capita, three-fifths of which go to the Home fund. We wonder what our members would say to such an annual tax?

"The report on the Home makes interesting reading. We learn that the investment amounts to the sum of \$190,000; that there are 154 inmates, 39 men, 52 women, 32 boys, and 31 girls; that the average cost of maintenance, not counting interest on the investment, is about \$4.50 per capita per week."

Under Montana 1910:

"The report of the superintendent of the Home shows that a total of eleven inmates have been cared for. The financial report shows that the cost of the maintenance of the Home for the ten months of its operation has been \$6,930. This, divided among the eleven persons, would indicate a per capita of over \$600, besides the interest upon the sum invested. Rather an expensive luxury. It seems that there is a total of over \$100,000 invested."

Again in 1911:

"The Home has assets of \$141,332. The report of the Trustees shows that the 'affairs of the Home have proceeded during the year just closed in a fairly satisfactory manner, when all the circumstances are taken into consideration,' which doesn't sound very encouraging. There were twelve beneficiaries of the Home, and their maintenance cost \$16,832, not to mention interest on the investment, or an average of over \$1,400 per member."

Under Nebraska:

"The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the assets of the Grand Lodge to be upwards of \$63,000, including 346 shares in the Home of the par value of \$100 each. There were in the Home fourteen women, twenty men, and two boys, and the annual cost per capita, not including interest on the cost of the plant and depreciation, was \$263.41."

Under New Mexico:

"The Committee on Masonic Home recommended deliberation in the selection of a final site, and the Grand Lodge thought the same. They, however, invested \$1,000 in the purchase of a tract known as the 'Kit Carson land.'"

Under South Carolina:

"The balance in the Home fund is \$62,367.90, an increase over last year of \$15,555.59. The trustees of the fund call attention to the lack of interest in it and recommend that the establishment of a Home be postponed 'until we have ample funds in hand to support it without going into debt.'"

Under Tennessee:

"The per capita tax of 50 cents per year is not sufficient to properly support the Home. Special improvements are needed in the shape of a steam heating plant. The average cost per member is \$8.12 per month."

Under Virginia:

"The report of the Committee on the Masonic Home impresses upon the brethren the importance of making liberal provision, because the natural wear on the property requires constant outlay of money, and because the demand for admittance is getting greater."

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, in order to provide for the Masonic

Home, filed a report requiring each lodge to transfer to the Masonic Home fund \$5.00 for each Entered Apprentice degree conferred."

Under Washington:

"The Committee on the Masonic Home renders a very interesting report on their endeavors to find a site. The brethren of Washington have been extremely generous in their offers and no less than thirteen sites, all of them with great advantages, were offered. The committee finally recommended the proposition of the brethren of Puyallup. This was an offer of twenty acres of land lying within the city limits of that town, twelve acres being fine, rich bottom land in a high state of cultivation, eight acres on the hillside overlooking the valley."

Under Wyoming:

"A resolution for a per capita tax of 50 cents for the Masonic Home fund was adopted, the same to be a standing resolution."

We owe our thanks to Bro. Clark for his many statements in regard to Masonic Homes.

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We have received balustres announcing the deaths of

M. W. Bro. Rollin M. Hunter, Grand Master in 1907, died June 26, 1912.

M. W. Bro. Liberty E. Fellows, Grand Master in 1893-4, died July 17, 1912.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Chapman, Grand Master in 1872-3, died August 27, 1912.

M. W. Bro. Aylett R. Cotton, Grand Master in 1855, died October 30, 1912.

Three were distinguished lawyers and one a successful business man.

## KENTUCKY, 1912.

In the introduction to his address M. W. Grand Master Bro. Dave Jackson says:

"I have answered every call where it has been possible to so do, and have used my best efforts to put into the hearts of the Craft that it should mean much to be a mason, and there is something for each of us to do."

He feelingly mentions the death of Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

From his decisions we quote:

"Is it legal or masonic to use in open lodge the following book: 'King Solomon and His Followers?' It is a valuable aid to the memory, strictly in accordance with the latest authors. This book is printed in ciphers and crooks, etc."

"The Grand Lodge of Kentucky does not endorse such books, and the lodge that uses such books takes a risk of having its charter taken from

it, and if I knew of a lodge using them in open violation of our law I would at once arrest the charter. Other states have nothing to do with Kentucky masonically.

"Question.—Is a man who is storekeeper and gauger eligible to petition a masonic lodge under our present law?

"Held.—Yes. He is working for the Government and not for the distiller.

"Question.—Is a man who works in a restaurant and serves intoxicating drinks to parties violating our masonic law?

"Held.—Yes. The court holds that the man who delivers the goods and receives the money is guilty of the sale.

"A lodge has a petition from a party, appointed committee, investigation made and he was declared duly elected. After which a member of another lodge appeared on the scene and objected to the work being conferred. What shall we do? Can an outside member step in and stop the work?

"Held.—No. Each lodge must use its own judgment. Every lodge is a body of its own, and if the lodge decided to confer the work thus, can do so. A member of this lodge that received the petition can stop him, but not a member of an outside lodge."

Dispensations were issued for eleven new lodges; for conferring the E. A. degree on more than the constitutional number the same day in eight instances; also, forty-three official visitations were reported.

He has an abounding praise for the Homes; reports the payment of \$16,000 towards the debt of the Masonic Theatre and the bonded indebtedness to be \$165,000.

Troubled by the correspondence from other jurisdictions he presented the following rule for consideration :

"Subordinate lodges have the recognized right to correspond with any other regular lodge in the world; make request for waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate, or that the symbolic degrees, or any of them, be conferred upon a candidate who has been elected to receive the same by the lodge making the request. When the said degrees shall have been conferred in accordance with such request, the candidate becomes, or remains, a member of the lodge for which the work was done. Provided, however, that the legitimacy of subordinate lodges conducting such or any correspondence shall be personally known or avouched by reliable lists, or by the respective Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges under which said lodges are holden."

He urges "Uniformity of State Work" by having a Grand Lecturer who shall give his entire time to the work, and his idea was adopted.

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1912 has fraternal mention.

Under Washington:

"Strange as it may seem, in such matters, in many instances, masonic lawmakers show more consideration for those under discipline for the infraction of masonic law, sometimes in cases involving moral turpitude, than for a *brother* who has been suspended for failure to pay his lodge dues. The trouble is, that while, under present conditions, it is at times

necessary to suspend a brother for this reason, yet when he pays his dues, that fact should automatically re-instate him. Such was at one time the law in Kentucky, but a provision, similar to that of the Washington law, we presume, was finally inserted in the constitution, and it required years of persistent effort to secure even a modification of its stringent provisions. The law now is that after two years, the suspended brother, after paying the amount for which he was suspended, must petition for re-instatement, his petition must be referred to a committee, and lie over one month, then, if three-fourths of the members present so vote, by secret ballot, he is re-instated. And all this for what? Because he failed to pay, possibly, one year's dues, was suspended therefor, and for two years so remained. Is money and the getting of money of such importance to Masonry?"

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M. W. Bro. Harry Bailey, Grand Master in 1901, was assassinated January 27, 1913, in the performance of his duty as a Revenue Officer of the United States.

### MANITOBA, 1912.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Wemyss, in his address speaks feelingly upon the deaths of brethren; tells us that it has been a season of harmony and peace; that the growth of the fraternity has been steady and substantial.

He visited every District Meeting and paid official visits to a number of lodges, some of which had not received a Grand Master for many years.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The principles of Masonry do not change, but the application of these principles to the needs of a rapidly changing world must change if the craft would keep abreast of the times. No era that the world has ever known has, I believe, been more progressive along the lines in which we as masons are peculiarly interested, than our own days. Our application of the principles of Masonry, if we are to serve aright our day and generation, if we are going to maintain for our grand old craft the proud position it has won in centuries gone by, must be correspondingly progressive. Our fathers lived up to the light as they saw it, we with our fuller light must meet our increased responsibilities or be recreant of the trust that has been handed down to us."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give a clear understanding of the condition of the lodges.

The Board of General Purposes recommended the following:

"That a visiting brother must produce to the satisfaction of the examining committee, documentary evidence that he is a member in good standing or a dimitted member of a regularly constituted lodge owing allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Body; and further that any brother who may continue to be a visitor beyond the year in which he was last examined, must produce documentary evidence of good standing in his lodge for the current year, before being admitted.

"That a combined form of receipt for dues and visiting certificate be adopted and that all subordinate lodges be required to use said form."

No Report on Correspondence.

### MARYLAND, 1912.

"The 125th, but in fact the 129th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge" was celebrated at Easton, on May 14, 1912.

"About four hundred brethren from the lodges of the Eastern Shore were lined up in procession, and escorted the Grand Lodge to Spring Hill Cemetery where the body of Dr. John Coats, the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland lies buried; the grave and monument having been decorated by the brethren of Coats Lodge, No. 102, of Easton.

"The Grand Lodge formed a hollow square around the burial lot, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, placed a beautiful wreath of flowers upon the grave. This wreath was about three feet in diameter, and was composed of American Beauty Roses, Laurel and Palms, with a royal purple ribbon across the top, inscribed 1787-1912."

Bro. John M. Carter, Past Grand Master, then delivered a brief memorial of Dr. John Coats, after which the Grand Lodge proceeded to town and enjoyed luncheon.

Then came the business of the semi-annual communication. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, made a verbal address.

A paper, prepared by Bro. Edward T. Schultz, Historian of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, entitled "Origin of Freemasonry" was read. We quote:

"On St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717, an assemblage of masons was held at the 'Goose and Gridiron' tavern in the city of London, in compliance with a resolution adopted by the four old lodges of London and some other old brethren, to revive Masonry which had fallen into great disorder, to revive the quarterly communications of the officers of lodges, to hold an annual assemblage and feast and to choose a Grand Master among themselves. A number of adjourned meetings followed, when the ancient charges and regulations were formulated and adopted and thus was organized the Grand Lodge of England, the premier Grand Lodge of the world."

The several officers and committees made their reports, which contained nothing of importance to the general reader.

Bro. John M. Carter, Past Grand Master, submitted a summary of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from May, 1887, to May, 1912, during which time Grand Master Shryock has served as Grand Master.

Two special communications, one to dedicate the new Masonic Temple at Cumberland, Maryland, one to lay the corner-stone of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, were held,

At the annual communication in November, Grand Master Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, again made a verbal address.

The following Amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"No brother shall be installed Worshipful Master of a lodge in Baltimore City unless he present a certificate from the *Committee on Work*, or the *Grand Lecturer*, that he is qualified to confer the three degrees of Masonry, and *pass a satisfactory examination* on the *23d Article of the Constitution*, and the Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge pertaining to the government of subordinate lodges, and no brother outside the city, unless he present such a certificate from said committee, or from the Grand Inspector of his lodge."

Bro. Edward T. Schultz submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Colorado he sensibly remarks on the subject of church attendance:

"There is no compulsion for any member of a lodge to attend such services. We apprehend that on such occasion no reference is made to the peculiar dogmas or doctrines of the church in which the services are held and therefore a brother, no matter what his religious belief may be, would not be offended. It would be a very indiscreet speaker, indeed, who would enunciate upon such occasions any other creed than that of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Maine for 1912 has more than a page of his valued space.

Under Wyoming he puts up the best defence for perpetual jurisdiction that we have read. We quote in part:

"Do you, or do you not, agree that Freemasonry is an *ancient, honorable and universal Fraternity?* Universal in so far that wherever it has a lodgment it is one and the same fraternity, founded upon the same *unchangeable, immutable principles*, and *governed by the same equally unchangeable general regulations, usages, customs and precedents.*

"That every regular and duly constituted lodge is the agent, the representative of the entire fraternity for the district or territory in which it is located, that it has the control and jurisdiction over all masons, whether affiliated, unaffiliated or sojourning, as well as jurisdiction over material residing within its jurisdiction. That as the agent and representative of the fraternity, it has the power to bring to trial any brother who may be charged with a masonic offence and if found guilty by the regular process of law, may suspend or expel him from all the rights, privileges and benefits of the fraternity; and that this sentence is universally respected by every mason and every mason's lodge wheresoever dispersed during the continuance of such sentence.

"That when a profane petitions a lodge, it is for *membership* into the *great universal fraternity of masons*, the question of membership in a particular lodge is in no way involved in his application, that when said application is presented and action thereupon in the usual and prescribed method is taken and is found to be unfavorable, it is the voice of the entire fraternity, and is to be accordingly respected by the members of that fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

"If, as I know you must, agree to all this, I will ask you why the verdict of the lodge rejecting an applicant and thereby holding that he is unworthy for membership in the fraternity should not be equally as binding upon the fraternity everywhere, as the verdict depriving a brother of the



rights and privileges of the fraternity? As a matter of fact, you know, that said verdict *is* respected so long as a rejected applicant remains within the jurisdiction which rejected him. But strange to say according to the new doctrine, if the applicant removes into another jurisdiction and remains there from one to five years, one jurisdiction (New York, as we learn from the Grand Master's address three years ago) the jurisdiction over the applicant ceases immediately upon his removal from the state, and the agents, or representatives of the fraternity in the district into which the applicant has removed may take up the petition and make one a mason whom the representatives of the same fraternity, located only a mile or less distant, has pronounced unfit, unworthy to be made a member of that fraternity."

From his conclusion we quote:

"And now in the eighty-sixth year of my natural life and fifty-ninth year as a member of our beloved fraternity, I think I may repeat the words I said last year 'that after these many months of labor I find myself as fresh as when I commenced and I think that after a few days' rest I could be ready to commence the preparation of the next year's reports.' And I do not know how better to close these remarks than by also repeating the words I then used: 'If this be my final conclusion, may it also be my benediction to my brethren and companions of the Corps, my good friends in and out of the fraternity, and to all good masons where-soever dispersed.'"

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Bro. Edward T. Schultz, Past Senior Grand Warden, Committee on Correspondence, died March 11, 1913, after a brief illness.

An indefatigable worker, a clear, conscientious writer, a close student in Masonry, a firm believer in the ancient usages and customs of Freemasonry, a strong reasoner, has gone to his rest. Long may his wise utterances remain in the minds of his readers.

### MICHIGAN, 1912.

Four hundred lodges were represented, sixteen lodges were not represented at the annual communication. All but two of the living Past Grand Masters (seventeen) were present, as was the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jas. G. Dillon, in his introduction says:

"Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is prosperous, and it is a source of pleasure to advise you that peace and harmony now exists among the craft, and that we are on friendly relations with all of our sister Grand Jurisdictions."

No death occurred among the officers or past officers of Michigan, but he mentions at some length the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Four halls were destroyed by fire; four charters lost; four duplicate charters issued. In Maine dispensations would have been issued to per-



mit the lodges to continue to work until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, when charters would have been asked for. Perhaps the laws of the Grand Lodge of Michigan provide that charters shall issue as was done by the Grand Master.

A large number of dispensations were issued for conferring degrees out of the usual course and for other purposes.

The Grand Master accepted an interruption to the delivery of his address, that Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell, the Dean of the Grand Lodge, ninety-five years old, and Past Grand Master A. T. Metcalf, who presided a half century ago over the Grand Lodge, might be introduced to the Grand Lodge.

The officers of three lodges were severally "constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed."

This happening to these officers must have been almost as terrible as the traveling of the hot sands of the desert. Fortunately at one place where this performance was held, there appeared to be an abundance of cherry pie to sustain the officers of the Grand Lodge, if none others, in the performance of their arduous duties.

Four masonic halls, one Masonic Home dedicated; three corner-stones laid; dispensations for four new lodges granted; many lodges of instruction and many lodges visited. The Grand Master was highly entertained upon his visitations at banquets and by other functions, and received as mementoes a pocket ax, a silver trowel, and two silver loving cups.

Relief to the amount of one thousand dollars was sent to the sufferers by a fire which destroyed two villages in the state.

He gives a detailed account of his dealings with the Masonic Home, and among other things says:

"One of the important matters which will be presented to you for consideration will be the increase of per capita for maintenance of the Home. This is a proposition, not only from a business standpoint, but one of masonic duty as well. The present per capita is considerably lower than in any of our sister Grand Jurisdictions that are maintaining Masonic Homes.

"Let us take a liberal view of this matter and let us manifest a most liberal attitude in the consideration of its future demands. It is our duty to support our Home."

The services, including the speeches, at the time of the dedication are given.

He recommended the appointment of an official stenographer for the annual communication; the furnishing of an official identification certificate, as documentary evidence, to a Grand Lodge officer; the passing of a stringent law against the use of spurious keys; the adoption of the report of the Committee on Ritual and Monitor; gives nearly seven pages

to the Hot Springs Lodge, No. 62, of Arkansas, request, and recommends the granting of their request to solicit funds.

From the report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home we quote:

"Forty-seven beneficiaries have been under care during the entire period, barring leaves of temporary absence, and twenty-one others have enjoyed the asylum of the Home for portions of the seven months varying from two to one hundred ninety-six days, averaging ninety-eight days.

"The ages of the brethren range from fifty-one to ninety-seven years, averaging seventy-four, and those of the women from fifty-three to eighty-nine years, also averaging seventy-four.

"Considering the advanced age of the great majority of the beneficiaries, their physical condition has been as good as might be reasonably expected. The aggregate cost of medical attendance, nursing, medicines, stimulants and hospital service was \$1,101.24, averaging \$2.73 per month per beneficiary; \$500.50 of the sum was paid for hospital service."

The average weekly per capita cost is \$4.84.

The home at Alma, which was given to the fraternity, was repaired at a net cost of \$24,159.53, and it needed about \$665 more to complete the work.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which had under consideration a communication from colored masons (so-called) of Michigan asking for recognition, which was denied, we quote:

"Your committee has no desire to discuss at length the subject of colored Masonry in the United States. A brief statement of the reasons for our recommendation may not, however, be out of place. The first charter or warrant granted to organize a lodge of colored masons was granted by the Grand Lodge of England to Prince Hall, of Boston, in 1784. The charter, however, did not arrive in Boston so that it could be used until 1787. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was regularly organized in 1777; so that at the time the Prince Hall charter was granted the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had been organized for seven years and had exclusive jurisdiction in that commonwealth during that time. When it arrived, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had been organized ten years with exclusive jurisdiction, so that at the time the Prince Hall charter was granted, there was no masonic body in the world but the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which could grant a charter to organize a regular lodge of masons in the state of Massachusetts. The charter, therefore, was illegal and void from the beginning and all bodies organized in pursuance of its provisions were clandestine."

The Grand Lodge adopted the Grand Master's recommendation about documentary evidence for Grand Officers.

Another fad added to Masonry.

Twelve wood cuts of twelve Michigan Masonic Temples are given.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his eighth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

He is governed by the following extract from the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge:

"The committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1911 has over two pages.

## MISSISSIPPI, 1912.

March 12, 1911, an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Vicksburg to pay the last funeral honors of Masonry to Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Frederic Speed, once a resident of Portland, Maine.

December 27, 1911, another emergent communication was held at Natchez to bury M. W. Bro. Enoch G. DeLap, Grand Master in 1887.

At the annual communication the Grand Lodge of Maine was represented by R. W. Frederic G. Speed.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John S. Brooks, in his address says:

"Brethren, it affords me unbounded pleasure to announce that peace and harmony prevail, and that the great moral principles, as taught in the several masonic lectures, seem to be shaping the lives and conduct of our brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and I must attribute a large measure of this success to your admirable system of dispensing masonic instruction through your District Deputies and your Schools of Instruction. I assure you that it is a source of very great satisfaction to visit different lodges, and to observe the almost perfect rendition of the work and lectures of the several masonic degrees, and to note the zeal and fidelity of the Craft as they realize and understand more thoroughly the meaning of these great moral principles, the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the human soul, the great Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

The dead of his own and other jurisdictions are fittingly remembered.

Five new lodges were constituted; dispensations were granted for seven new lodges and for other purposes; and three corner-stones were laid.

We note:

"On August 4th I appointed Frederic G. Speed as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, and at their request."

He issued an edict against clandestine Masonry as exemplified by the Cerneau Rite, declaring that any brother a member of that Rite and of a blue lodge should be tried, if he remains a member of the Rite after sixty days from the edict.

Also an edict against the keeping of the records of a lodge with a lead pencil.

Several recommendations were made. One had reference to the conferring of the degrees upon one Jack Johnson by a lodge in Scotland.

We have the same feeling that possesses every mason towards the performance of that lodge, but we do not believe that the incident obtains strength by a recital of social inequality nor by language like the following:

"Therefore, if any Grand Jurisdiction desires to descend in the scale of social equality to the lower level of the negro they can do so, but in justice to ourselves and to the perpetuity of the purity of the white race, we must sever fraternal relations with them and not permit them to drag the high moral principles of our sacred institution in the mire of shame and dishonor."

The District Deputy Grand Masters, with two or three exceptions, made reports of the condition of the lodges as found by them.

The trustees of the Masonic Home for children report the number of children as seventy-five and the cost per capita per month \$12.25. The endowment fund is about \$100,000. The maintenance is provided for by the interest on the endowment fund and a per capita tax. The actual cost of the plant was \$66,848.04.

The Grand Lodge provided for a private seal for the Grand Master which should contain the words "Private Seal, Grand Master of Masons, Miss."

The question of Cerneauism was ably treated and the action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is to be commended.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this M. W. Grand Lodge recognize as lawful Master Masons and lawful Brother Masons those who received their symbolic degrees in a Scottish Rite Lodge, provided that in the country or jurisdiction from which he hails the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is the dominant body, and no Grand Lodge exist in said country; and provided further that the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite under which such lodge works or exists is in fraternal relations with the Supreme Council of the Southern or Northern Jurisdictions of the United States of America."

Bro. Harry Howard submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We quote from his introduction:

"For the information of those who read this report, I wish to say that our action in severing our fraternal relations with New Jersey on account of Alpha Lodge being composed almost entirely of negroes has been looked upon by the masonic world with laughter. It waits with wonder our action in regard to all the other Grand Lodges which admit negroes to membership, England, Scotland, Nova Scotia, and many others with whom we hold fraternal relations, and whose lodges recognize no difference in race, color or creed. Asks us what we propose doing with Scotland, that has made a mason of that black bruiser, Jack Johnson.

"The question is stated in its simplest form: Is it wise to open our doors to negroes? Mississippi answers no, and Oklahoma, our only friend, approves our action."

Maine is remembered.

Quoting from the report of the Grand Lecturer that part which related to the non-attendance of the District Deputy Grand Masters at the schools of instruction, he draws the following inference:

"So fourteen of them lost their positions and new ones were appointed."

But the inference correctly taken, perhaps, is however not true. The District Deputy Grand Master holds office one year, and, unless he declines a re-appointment, is generally re-appointed for another year and then steps down and out. The fourteen had served the two years and so by custom were not re-appointed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"After days of preparation and play the candidate discovers that Masonry promises him absolutely nothing. That every time he has gone to the lodge, it has been the same old story, he has done all the promising and the burden has been placed upon his shoulders.

"But afterwards in the long reaches of the silent night when the sublime lesson of Hiram, the widow's son, comes forward in the working brain, the man learns the tidings of great joy: That he who conquereth himself is greater than he who conquereth a city; that all mankind is a Brotherhood in God's great universe; that the tree of knowledge, the heritage of the rushing centuries, with its immortal food grows within reach of every man's hand; and finally, that the everlasting arms of the Father, have carried us here to be born upon this earth and that these same hands receive us into 'The Inner Chamber of Life' where we hope to meet our Pilot face to face."

### MISSOURI, 1912.

Four hundred and twenty lodges were represented at the ninety-second annual communication.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge it was entertained by music and song from the children of the Masonic Home and the Moolah Orchestra.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arch A. Johnson, after a brief introduction to his address, says under the topic of Masonic Homes:

"I sincerely hope that our interest and enthusiasm has not spent its force, but that at this session of the Grand Lodge a plan will be adopted for raising the funds necessary to replace the antiquated central building now in use with a splendid structure in keeping with the needs of the institution. The craft is certainly able to provide the means with which to build such an edifice."

Two masonic temples were dedicated; eighteen corner-stones laid, mostly by a proxy; dispensations for six new lodges were issued; and others for the usual cases which require a dispensation.

Many decisions were given, of which we quote the only one that is particularly striking:

"My attention has been called to a recent issue of a masonic journal published in Kansas City, made up largely of advertisements of candidates for political offices, giving their lodge membership and masonic history. Such publications in a masonic journal are in violation of masonic law.

"In a subsequent issue of the same journal the editor apologizes for the political issue of the paper, saying that he was not informed as to the law on the subject."

The Grand Secretary reports that for the seventh consecutive year every one of the 617 lodges have made their reports and paid their dues.

Under Masonic Home, he states that for the year 1910-11 the three-fifths of the per capita tax netted the Home \$38,956.80, and for the year 1912, \$40,950.75.

The Supreme Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Home in their report say:

"The expenditure of an additional \$100,000 on the property in construction and ornamentation, a very small amount for ornamentation, will make it a finished product.

"Two plans have been proposed for the purpose. First, a special per capita improvement tax. Second, an increase of the tax for maintenance. In the opinion of this committee the first is preferable if levied for a definite time, say fifty cents per annum for four years, when it would automatically cease and be no longer necessary. If the maintenance tax is increased it will probably not be lowered. We, therefore, further recommend that you instruct the Board of Directors to proceed to complete the Home as herein indicated, as rapidly as possible, and levy a special per capita improvement tax of fifty cents per annum for the next succeeding four years for the purpose."

It was voted to lay the special tax of fifty cents per annum for four years upon every member liable for dues.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances required more space than any other business, because all the details, which had better be left out, were given.

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The matter of Homes for the aged, indigent and the children of deceased masons is exciting more than usual interest and discussion. According to our best information, 'in the United States twenty-three Grand Lodges have provided Homes; two expect to have them in the near future; eight have approved the plan of Homes, but have deferred action; and sixteen have either rejected proposals to establish Homes or have taken no action on the subject.'

"The expense of maintenance, per capita, is variously estimated, but the average under normal conditions seems to be something over \$200, not counting the cost of the plant, nor the possible income from farms, shops, etc., which are in some cases connected with the Home."

Maine for 1912 is fraternally remembered.

Under Washington, discussing the relief of others than masons, he says:

"As we understand it, masonic 'charity should know no bounds,' and what is true of the individual mason is also true of the lodge. We know of one masonic body whose charities go out to all alike, and this is the true spirit; at the same time consenting to the principle that to helpless and needy masons, their widows and orphans, the hand of charity should be first extended.

"Moreover, we do not believe in that measure of paternalism which would lay its hand on the treasury of a lodge or limit its activities so long as no principle of Masonry is violated."

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M. W. Bro. Leroy Branch Valliant, Grand Master in 1904, died March 3, 1913.

"He was an exemplary citizen, a brave soldier, a righteous Judge, and a Freemason in the true meaning of the word."

### NEBRASKA, 1912.

Nineteen lodges were not represented at the annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Gibbons, in the introduction to his address gives good advice and then says:

"All matters brought before you should be duly considered, and each representative should bear his share of the responsibility of all legislation enacted. It is too often the case that matters of great importance are left to be decided by the few who are faithful; then, afterwards, criticism is made in regard to such legislation. It is therefore desirable that you should be present at all times during our deliberations. You owe this duty to the lodges you represent, as well as to the Grand Lodge."

From which we infer that at times representatives are conspicuous by their absence.

Once again we must refer to the "circumlocution office," for we read:

"During the year I have corresponded with several Grand Masters relating to waivers of jurisdiction over petitioners and conferring of degrees. All requests made by me were cheerfully granted, and similar courtesies were extended by me when asked for."

Seven corner-stones were laid; one hall dedicated; two lodges constituted; and dispensations for several purposes, but only one to confer degrees out of time; visitations to many lodges chronicled.

Many other matters appertaining to the welfare of the Craft and showing that he had labored diligently with an eye single to the welfare of Masonry in Nebraska, were reported, but as they were of local importance we make no comment.



The Grand Custodian with his assistants should appear, from the length of the reports, the detailed account of their doings, the many functions performed, to be about the "whole push." We quote one paragraph:

"Thus ends another year's labor, the twelfth, with loyal Craftsmen delving in the quarries for gems of Truth, penetrating the forests in search of Light, moulding in the clay grounds, pillars of beauty; traversing the plains hand in hand on the same cable tow, standing together for weal or woe, watching well our warp and woof; striving to see that the shuttle of our influence, is by tender words, kind acts of love weaving threads of joy and sunshine into someone's life rather than the shadows of misery, despair, and heartaches."

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Wor. Bro. Poucher, Grand Orator, delivered an able and entertaining oration on "Subjection and improvement." We quote one paragraph:

"Mastery means full use and control; it does not mean repression, but full expression through control. It means control of the body, developed and held to its true use; it means control of the mental powers fully developed and held steady to their true purpose; above all control of the spirit, master of all, developed and reigning masterfully over all. 'Nothing in excess,' is a maxim as venerable as that other counsel of wisdom, 'Know thyself.' Tennyson writes:

"Self-knowledge, self-reverence and self-control  
These three lead life to sovereign power.'"

"Most people are like the leaning tower of Pisa, somewhat inclined in one fashion or another from a true perpendicular, or, at least, like Giotto's Tower in Florence, unfinished, still lacking a crowning grace, but the masonic character has a touch of beauty as well as strength and majesty, as is described in Solomon's Temple: "At the top of the pillars was lily work."

The following resolution was adopted—another interference with lodge rights:

"*Resolved*, That all lodges in this jurisdiction be required to use uniform receipts for dues, provided by the Grand Secretary, and to use no others."

By proper legislation the offices of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer become one office.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 receives generous treatment.

## NEVADA, 1912.

All the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were present at the annual communication.

The introduction of the address, in which the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Herman Davis, sets out "The Year's Work," as done by him, is



rather pessimistic, and the tone of that part under "Condition of the Craft" would lead one to suppose that the jurisdiction of Nevada was getting away from the true spirit of Masonry.

The requests for conferring degrees from other Grand Lodges were received and granted and reciprocity in that direction was practiced.

Diplomas were issued by him to one widow and to two brethren. We wonder what the nature of the diplomas was.

Every lodge (twenty-five) in the jurisdiction was visited by him during his term of office, and he says :

"Advice, encouragement, and assistance have been given wherever necessary, and I have striven to awaken enthusiasm and interest in the Fraternity, endeavoring to induce the craft to study the beauties and principles of Freemasonry, and apply them in their every-day-life, in their homes, and their business and social relations with their fellow-men, and doing all within my power to strengthen the ties of brotherly love throughout the state."

He makes a detailed report (thirteen pages) of these visitations, and reports many delinquencies and some praiseworthy deeds, and throughout his address shows that he tried "to purify the morals" of his brother mason and to elevate the standard of Masonry.

He discusses at some length "Documentary Evidence" but adds nothing to the weak arguments already given for its use. Here is a quotation from his address:

"Every Master at the time of his installation promises that he will 'receive no visitors into his lodge until after due examination and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular lodge.' Necessity forces us to go a step further in the matter, and insist that visitors be in good standing. During the past two years seven cases have come to my knowledge where suspended or expelled masons have taken the test oath and passed satisfactory examinations, enabling them to visit lodges."

What made the "necessity?" When and where? Did the Constitution of Nevada help to make suspended members by its Section 78?

Further on he discusses "Non-affiliates," and to show how far away he is from true masonic custom we quote:

"If a man be a mason at heart, he will contribute not only his moral support, but financial support as well to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

"It is there he receives either directly or indirectly the benefits which accrue to all masons, and he is not entitled to the name of mason if he is not willing to take upon himself other burdens than contributing a few dollars and cents each year to a lodge in another jurisdiction, even though it be the lodge which made him a mason."

He made a recommendation in regard to the liquor question which the Committee on Jurisprudence slightly changed in its wording, and the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommends to its constituent lodges that no petition for the degrees, nor application for affiliation shall, in future, be received from any person engaging in the business of selling intoxicating liquor or liquors as a beverage, nor shall any member in this jurisdiction, not so engaged at the present time, be permitted to engage in such business under penalty of expulsion."

Of his decisions we quote:

"The fee for all of the degrees applied for must accompany the petition for those degrees. Secretaries should firmly insist upon this.

"Any by-law which divides members of a lodge into classes and exempts one class from paying the same dues as another is unjust and illegal. Every member of a lodge must pay dues while financially able to do so, no matter what his age. A lodge may remit dues to worthy and deserving members who are financially unable to pay, but each case must be considered individually, and upon its merits."

And the first decision was not approved and the second approved.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we quote one of the best arguments for the continued laying of dues upon one suspended from his lodge for N. P. D. We do not agree with him nor do we care to discuss the question, but as we read we thought of six dollars per year for the twenty years would be only one hundred twenty dollars for him to pay to the lodge when he was seventy, and, then, if he was rich he might be willing to pay for his vacation—idleness as a mason. But the brother who pays promptly his dues for all the time that the brother suspended N. P. D. was on his vacation, and yet never goes to a lodge meeting or masonic function is a worker. Read:

"Bro. Titcomb, under Connecticut, notes that a brother suspended N. P. D. can only regain membership by a majority vote, and adds, 'By our law full payment of dues re-instates, without a vote of the lodge.' Such is our law, and it has proved most effective. Our brother thinks making dues accrue during suspension wrong, as something is charged for nothing. We can't agree. Suspension is a punishment. If a brother is suspended N. P. D., owing a year's dues, say six dollars, when he is fifty years of age, remains in suspension for twenty years, and then comes back into the Brotherhood, regaining all its rights and benefits, on the payment of six dollars, wherein lies the punishment? Surely that's a cheap way of holding on to invaluable rights and privileges and at the same time letting others carry your masonic burdens for twenty years. Masonry is work. Work is one of God's laws and Masonry took it as its surest foundation stone. Our candidates are taught that labor is the condition which God has imposed on us all, and in Masonry, too, we as masons must fill our time with positive service and good. What! Rest for twenty years? A vacation in Masonry? And then back in line by paying six dollars? Work is a mason's strength, his glory and it should be his pleasure. If in Masonry, as in the world, we can get rid of idleness we can easily bear our burdens. They who punish a member with a vacation and then accept him, after years of idleness, as a brother? The word punishment fits not such a definition. As to charging some-

thing for nothing, nay, brother, we charge something to make the punishment, and as each year rolls by the punishment is accepted knowingly, knowing, too, that each non-payment withholds rights and privileges inestimable, that millions hold dear. It is the working masons, generally those crowded with work, that build our homes for the aged and orphans, our libraries, our hospitals, and that do the great charities of the craft. A mason suspended N. P. D. is an idler in Masonry. He is as useless to any purposes of Masonry as is a dead man. He neither works nor carries burdens. He is unprofitable. If he wants our respect, let him pay up and get his working clothes on. With Carlyle we agree, 'One monster there is in the world—an idle man.'

Maine for 1911 has most fraternal mention.

Under Ohio we read:

"We note that the Bible has taken to traveling. Now that the trowel and the Bible are well under way, it is in order for the square and compasses, the level, the plumb line, the chisel, the mallet, and all the rest, to get the movement, for every little movement has a meaning all its own, and so has every little symbol. We don't object to a visit from the most of these travelers, but when the bee-hive arrives, excuse us."

Under North Carolina we read:

"Many dispensations were granted. Too many. This dispensation granting seems to be a habit, and a growing one at that. Now habits of punctuality, order and diligence are all right, but the other habits, the ones quickly acquired and hard to break off, are a greater plague than ever afflicted Egypt. We think a dispensation to confer degrees out of time is one of the plaguey kind. It may give the candidate the ride of his life in a hurry-up wagon, but when the higher degrees are in sight, the blue lodge degrees are out of sight, and out of mind, too. Such dispensations hang on the wheels of Masonry's true progress, and are generally to the shame of the candidates. South Carolina certainly has that plaguey hurry habit. Six pages of dispensations, and sixteen dispensations to confer degrees on more than five and as high as ten candidates at one communication. To our knowledge this is the record movement of the hurry van—'Granting dispensations should be exercised with extreme care, remembering always that the dignity of the Institution is to be upheld at all hazards.' The quotation is the way our good brother feels about it."

Just a little illustration of Bro. Vanderlieth's sarcastic wit we find under West Virginia, on the subject of making masons at sight:

"In an occasional lodge on August 17, 1911, the Grand Master says he conferred the three degrees at sight on one John H. Holt. While we are not in favor of this form of P. D. Q. Masonry, yet we record this day in August among the red letters on the calendar. Bro. Holt was neither a Prince of Zalesozyko Miatso, nor a President-elect from Youghioghenny, but just a plain citizen, poor but honest, dwelling in the town of Huntington, W. V. Mirabile dictu!

"To avoid all criticism he received all the degrees in the usual manner. The only things dispensed with were due inquiry into the candidate's character, the usual probation of a month, the balloting upon the petition. No opportunity was afforded for an objection to advancement being made, no examination in open lodge as to suitable proficiency was held, the lunar month space between degrees was not thought of, and all philosophy and analogy were violated by giving more than one degree in a day.

"But tush! these are but trifles in Masonry! Shake, Bro. Holt, for once, at least, a plain, every-day citizen was given a chance at this time-immemorial-ancient-and-high-prerogative of a Grand Master. Let the welkin ring!"

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1912.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry S. Bridges, in his address refers to the harmony and progress of Masonry in the jurisdiction, but cautions about the character of the applicant; remembers the dead, and regrets that he could not visit all the lodges, but says he "found the ritual well maintained and an evident desire on the part of the officers of each lodge to be as perfect in the work as possible."

He had to answer many inquiries "on questions of Masonic Law and Usage," and says:

"If Masters of lodges were careful to search the Constitution at all times, they would find therein the direct answer to nearly every question that can be asked. They should also cause the Constitution to be read in the lodge, that 'none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.'"

The following motion was passed:

"That the Board of General Purposes be directed to inquire into the possibility of having a Grand Lodge Certificate provided in a reduced size if practicable, and if not, to recommend a plan for procuring Certificates which may be easily carried in a small form."

No Report on Correspondence.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1912.

The semi-annual communication for the exemplification of the work was held December 27, 1911, at Manchester.

There was a large attendance, abundant enthusiasm, and:

"The brethren were delighted to welcome as a visitor at all the sessions of the day R. W. Bro. Isaac A. Clough, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine."

At the annual communication fifty-three lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Wiggin, after paying due respect to the memory of the dead of his own jurisdiction says:

"Masonically the year has been void of strife, contention or serious infraction of our regulations. Peace and fraternal good-will, to the best of my knowledge, prevail in all lodges; none of the ancient landmarks of the craft have been dimmed or obliterated; numerically we are stronger

by one hundred and twenty-two than one year ago. I do not feel that there has been diminution of interest or failure to investigate carefully the character, habits and masonic worth of those who have sought admission to our fraternity."

We observe that he objected to the By-Laws of some lodges in that it was proposed to close the lodge for the stated communications in July and August. He says:

"It will be a matter of but a few years before the doors of many of our lodge rooms will be closed during July and August. This modernization of our ancient craft does not appeal to me. I believe an increased interest and more and better attended communications should be the idea to struggle and work for, rather than the closed door, therefore I withheld my approval of such legislation."

\*The fiftieth anniversary of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72, the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and the one hundredth anniversary of Humane Lodge, No. 21, were attended by him.

He makes praiseworthy mention of the Masonic Home, and under the same topic says:

"I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when this Grand Lodge will take hold of this matter and raise a fund that will make it possible to care for at least double the worthy people we are caring for to-day. Possibly you, my brother, with means, either small or large, may ask yourself this question: What can I do to promote this worthy object? Here is the answer: Of your abundance, while living, contribute liberally, and among your legatees, when this world shall know you no more, let the Masonic Home be numbered and generously remembered."

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are quite full and interesting and give to the reader a fair knowledge of the condition of the craft.

An amendment to the constitution (which provides for the holding of "Lodges of Instruction" in masonic districts) was adopted. We quote that part of the amendment having reference to the expense:

"The expense of a Lodge of Instruction, not including expenses of Grand Officers, shall be borne by the lodges within the masonic district in which said lodge is held, in proportion to their respective members, and each of said lodges shall pay its proportion of said expenses to the District Deputy Grand Master within one month after such a Lodge of Instruction shall have been held, and he shall use the same to pay said expenses."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Iowa we read:

"The law in New Hampshire is that a Master Mason holding a dimit from a legitimate lodge may deposit his dimit with his application for membership in any lodge on earth, and, notwithstanding the assertion of

the Iowa committee, we understand that the New Hampshire way is in fact the general law of affiliation, and that Iowa's way is the exception."

And so it is the law in Maine.

Maine for 1911 has its review. He says:

"Looking at the general report of the Committee on Finance, we discover that they report the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund as \$60,208.13. We have attempted to discover whether or not anything from this fund has been used during the year for charitable purposes, but, if such has been the case, its disbursement has not been reported in a way sufficiently conspicuous for us to detect it. It leads us to wonder for what they are piling up this special fund.

"Right here we learn that from the Charity Fund beneficiaries received during the year \$1,162.

### NEW JERSEY, 1912.

A fine portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leslie A. Burritt, graces the proceedings.

One hundred eighty-two lodges were represented at the annual communication, nine were unrepresented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The Grand Master gives a brief introduction, then passes to mention of the dead, and especially of R. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Roray, who served one district as District Deputy for twenty-one years, almost to the day.

One of the "notable events" of the year of his administration was the celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newark.

Two corner-stones were laid; one lodge was constituted and warrant for a lodge was issued.

The question of the constituting of a lodge to work in the Italian language was brought to him, and he treated the petitioners for such a lodge with great courtesy and explained to the petitioners for the lodge what requirements were needful before such a lodge could be constituted.

Inasmuch as any defect in the physical condition of a candidate must, by the decision of the Grand Lodge, be submitted to the Grand Master for decision, he had to decide upon ninety-seven cases, which were disposed of as follows:

"Permission to receive has been granted in sixty-two cases, refused in twenty-nine cases, and there are six pending."

Of the work of the District Deputies he speaks highly, saying:

"It has been a pleasure to read their reports, for upon these is based in a large degree our knowledge as to conditions throughout the state. Those submitted for my examination carry nothing but good news and reflect credit upon the makers."

Upon the recommendation of the ritual committee, the following was adopted:

"That it be made the duty of the W. M. of every lodge to instruct each newly-admitted member in those essential points of the M. M. degree which are necessary to improve his qualification for admission into any lodge which may subject him to examination, and that by some words at his final reception he be encouraged to seek this information from the source referred to."

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, A proposition has been made to secure by private subscription the house on Willow street, Trenton, which was the first Masonic Temple built in the State of New Jersey, and the land surrounding it, for the purpose of turning the land into a public park and of restoring the house by making it a perpetual memorial of Masonry; be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey that such a proceeding is worthy of the endorsement of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that contributions might well and worthily be given towards this project by brethren and lodges throughout the state; and further, that the Grand Lodge contribute five hundred dollars towards the same."

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs again submitted one of his delightful reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A translation and review of eight German Grand Lodges and four others was by R. W. Bro. Adolph Klee.

Under California, defending to a slight degree the way in which New Jersey disposes of the question of "physical defect," he says:

"The printed tally of 'Visible physical defects' passed on by our Grand Master is noted, and in this particular New Jersey is accorded 'a record \* \* \* that is not approached by any other Grand Lodge of which we have any knowledge.'—Well, we are inclined to be comforted at the admission of being *primus inter pares* on any account, in fact prefer the record of our Grand Master's apparently industrious examination of physical defectives to certain pages indicating the results of a lack of examination of moral defectives, which we have sometimes noted in other proceedings. In reports of masonic trials, for instance, the 'monotony of monogamy' is brought into higher relief than is needful in otherwise readable pages, not excepting those now under review."

Maine receives a clear statement of its work at the annual communication of 1911. Commenting upon the Report on Correspondence he answers us as follows:

"New Jersey for 1910 came under his scrutiny and it is possible that the pedagogic spirit of accuracy may have been slightly disturbed by the suggested presentation of a Lodge Manual to the newly raised Master Masons 'in order that they have a better idea of the Ritual'—immediately following the quoted absolutely prohibited use of 'book, document or paper, written or printed . . . purporting to be the secret ritual of Freemasonry' by regulation. Brother Chase is not the only reviewer who has read into our record a meaning, suggested by our printed rec-



ord. The answer is that our Lodge Manual is *not* the secret ritual, a fact not clearly expressed in the minutes of Grand Lodge."

Under Oregon we read :

"Clandestine masons came in for an unusual amount of recognition and reprobation. Not only by edict were the degree peddlers banned, but legislation was sought and granted under which masons and other fraternal societies were enabled to prosecute 'these frauds'—and the subject received the consideration of a special committee which reported a solemn interdiction of any and everybody acting or attempting to act against the dignity and sovereignty of Grand Lodge and forever exempting them from eligibility as applicants for real Masonry within the jurisdiction. So far as these precautions attempt to identify Freemasonry as against the unauthorized variety and to put the unwary on their guard, they may be of service in the rare instances of unsophistication to be met in Oregon, but they seem to have been utilized by these very peddlers to sell wares thus advertised so often as to have effectively perpetuated the mean trade. That so-called higher degrees should be foisted upon Master Masons by fraud and pretence is commoner and not particularly conducive to sympathetic regret by the friends of the victimized."

### NEW MEXICO, 1912:

Thirty-two chartered lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William B. Walton, in the introduction to his address says:

"It gives me great pleasure to report to you that Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has made satisfactory progress during the year; that peace and harmony prevail among our members; that there has been a substantial increase in membership, and that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in good condition. Surely, we have much for which to be thankful."

Then the Grand Lodge are asked to rise while the roll of the dead is called.

Dispensations had to be granted for the purposes of installation and for joint occupancy. His rulings appear to be correct. Lodges were constituted and halls dedicated. Dispensations were issued for two new lodges. One corner-stone was laid.

M. W. Bro. James H. Wroth of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made an exhaustive and valuable report on the question of the recognition of France.

Bro. Wroth also presents the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas on the temperance question he says:

"New Mexico has never legislated upon this subject, but the strong probability is that it never will, but leaves that to the good sense of the lodges as they well know the temper of the Grand Lodge and probable consequences should they permit flagrant individuals to enter."



And we in Maine agree.

Maine for 1912 is fully treated.

Under Missouri, discussing the question of the voting of a Master Mason who could not pass an examination in the lodge, he wisely says:

"The man who has been made a Master Mason, is a Master Mason absolutely and in fact, whether he has passed an examination or not. The question of the *examination proposition* that has come up in the past few years, is purely and simply for the purpose of enabling such members to visit and to be prepared. The minute he stands before the East a full-fledged Master Mason, he is absolutely and inherently entitled to all the privileges thereby gained. No Grand Lodge or lodge has a right to curtail these privileges. To force a man to stand an examination is an interference with his rights. New Mexico believes that they *should* stand examination, but gives them in return for so doing a Grand Lodge diploma, realizing that there is no law past, present or future that will compel them to do it against their will."

From his conclusion we quote:

"I have elsewhere quoted in this review that the time was approaching when masons would need to lose their legislative differences and come together—not at all in a political sense—but from a sense of justice and right. I believe the time is coming when the masons of this country will—and should be the bulwark against personal aggression—specific creeds and any desire of any faction to control. More especially do I allude to civic liberty and the American school system. These must be kept free from political or other interference. I am not a pessimist, but I can detect under the indifference of parties and voters, a slowly crystallizing tendency for factional control. This must be combated, and as we promised in the E. A. Charge, 'to be a good citizen,' it is our duty to see that such tendencies are eradicated. We should not desire our own particular ideas of schools, but we must see that every one has a 'square deal,' leaving it to them to pick out their particular creed or party after due and complete education."

## NEW YORK, 1912.

This volume of proceedings is graced with a fine portrait of M. W. Rev. Bro. William Walter, First Grand Master of Masons, Atholl Warrant, Grand Lodge of New York, 1781-2-3; and of R. W. Bro. James Herring, Grand Secretary, 1829-46, Founder of the Hall and Asylum Fund; and of M. W. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy, commenting upon the pleasure and benefit derived from attendance on lodge meetings, he says:

"My one regret is that the number of such men is not greater. Carefully compiled statistics show that less than twenty-five per cent. of the men of the Craft are active. What can be the reason for such indifference? Every Master of a lodge is imbued with the conviction that he

must do something to stimulate its activity—are the means employed adequate? The mere making of masons will not bring strength to our Institution, if they are to offer no stronger attachment than do those men of to-day who can lay claim to membership of many years' standing, but are seldom seen at our communications.

"Other organizations, reaching out to attract men, offer various inducements; advantages of a more or less benevolent nature; and far-reaching influences are likewise exerted to assist their membership in divers ways. All of these organizations together do not possess a modicum of the prestige which is Masonry's as a world-wide Institution, nor do they possess its underlying worth; yet men seem to give them largely of their time. Why? Is the social outlet which they crave to be found there? Do they meet there that enlivening good-fellowship which men seek after a busy day?"

The distinguished dead are remembered by name; the dispensations granted are reported; the ceremonies performed on various occasions are given; and the exercises at the dedication of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Home at Utica are given in full.

From the report of the Trustees of the Utica Home we quote:

"The entire Home plant represents an investment, as a reference to the Balance Sheet will indicate, of \$625,000. That sum includes the original cost of the property, the present replacement value of all buildings and additions thereto, and the equipment necessary for the operation of the entire plant, with no allowance however, for any enhancement of the value of the land.

"In 1893, its opening year, it cost to maintain it, \$20,000, and in 1910, its highest year, \$125,000, dropping to \$122,00 in 1911. For the first eighteen years of its existence the cost of operation and maintenance aggregated approximately \$1,163,000.

"These figures mean that for maintenance alone the Home has cost the Craft on an average \$64,600 per annum for eighteen years; but if the cost of the plant be included, the average sum per annum paid by the fraternity is approximately \$103,000."

The detailed account of the Report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home takes about fifty-six pages of the proceedings.

From the Report of the Grand Historian we quote:

"The present report contains the sketches of thirty lodges, and in every instance, with but one exception, the officers and members of the lodges have rendered valuable assistance in furnishing data obtained from the lodge records."

From the introduction to the Report of the Committee or Correspondence we quote:

"Our great fraternity forms a vast chain which encircles the globe, and when we consider the number, the standing, the wealth of this great army of over two millions, men of education and all above the average citizen in their several communities, we stand amazed at the enormous potentiality of our fraternity and look forward to a possible use of all this power for the good of the world and especially for the good and benefit of this, our own glorious country. What a bulwark against disorder, lawlessness and crime, and what a fortress to protect life, property and secure happiness to all our orderly fellow citizens, for this army of

good and true, has but one object, one aim: To reverence the Great Jehovah, and help, aid, and assist the poor, the needy and distressed.

"We may, however, mention that the A. and A. Rite of Italy invites our Grand Lodge to participate in a masonic meeting to be held at Rome, September, 19-22, which is to be of international character, and also asks for an interchange of Representatives.

"We recommend that both these requests be denied, the first because all sorts of alleged masonic bodies participate at these meetings, and the second is obvious, we do not exchange Representatives with Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite."

Maine for 1911 has a little more than a page.

That part of the report having reference to "Foreign Grand Lodges" is especially full of information.

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The Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Christopher G. Fox, died September 5, 1912.

"More than half a century Bro. Fox stood in the forefront of masonic activities. He was a man fertile in resources, cultured in intellect and consecrated in heart. Tireless in toil and conservative in action. Ripe in years and full of honors, he has gone to his reward."

### **NORTH DAKOTA, 1912.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert Morrison, in the introduction to his address speaks of several important adjuncts to the good of mankind, mentions the death of several prominent masons and the disaster of the "Titanic."

Three lodges were constituted; one dispensation for a new lodge granted; four corner-stones were laid and one masonic temple dedicated.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Not only have we progressed in membership, but we have shown marked advancement in other respects. Substantial and enduring temples have been built, some now under construction, while others are to be built. To my mind this shows splendid proof of the zeal and interest of the brethren in the perpetuation of our time-honored institution."

The conclusion of the report of the Grand Secretary in part reads:

"We realize that this report is already too long, and no doubt some of the good brethren among Fraternal Correspondents will be saying that we are getting out of our sphere and trenching upon the preserves of the Grand Master. However, we deem it our duty to present these things which come constantly under our notice, and about which we believe the Grand Lodge desires information. If, however, the Grand Lodge desires merely dry figures from its Grand Secretary, we shall be glad to be instructed."

By action of approval upon this clause of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Lodge of North Dakota indicates that its lodges are not able to do business for themselves:

"Work by Courtesy. In the future requests made to lodges in foreign grand jurisdictions for the conferring of degrees by courtesy shall be transmitted through the Grand Master; and all similar requests from foreign grand jurisdictions shall be referred to the Grand Master."

A large amount of business was introduced and referred to committees to report thereon at the next annual communication.

Bro. James W. Foley presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has most favorable mention.

Under New Hampshire, he says:

"We understand the propriety of having degrees conferred by Wardens, but cannot see an earthly reason why any degree should be conferred by a Past Master, unless for some reason the Master is physically incapacitated. We think the Master of the lodge should be the Master, in fact as well as in name."

### OHIO, 1912.

Five hundred eighteen lodges were represented; six lodges were unrepresented; all the Grand Officers were present and all the Past Grand Masters except one.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas B. Guitteau, we quote:

"I am pleased to inform you that during the past year the Craft has enjoyed great prosperity, that there has been marked increase in membership, that no serious differences or misunderstandings have occurred, and that peace and harmony prevail. Great physical improvements have taken place, new temples and halls have been erected and fitted up in almost every section of this Grand Jurisdiction, and much pride has been manifested in the furnishings of the same. With very few exceptions our lodges are in a most flourishing condition, and the ritualistic work is rendered with an enthusiasm and care that can but ultimately attain perfection."

Under the topic of "District Lecturers" he says:

"In my opinion, the *Entered Apprentice Degree* is one of the most important in the whole system of Masonry. It is here that the candidate receives his first impression of the Order, and the first tangible proof that he is a mason. Therefore, I instructed the District Lecturers to inspect the lodges, if possible, in the *Entered Apprentice Degree*. I trust that my successor may deem it wise to request that the inspections under his administration be made in the *Fellow Craft Degree*, as I believe it an excellent plan that lodges be inspected in each degree once every three years."

Six dispensations to establish new lodges were granted; ninety dispensations for other purposes were granted, but none for conferring degrees out of time; seven lodge rooms were dedicated; four lodges were constituted; ten corner-stones were laid.

We quote:

"On March 27, 1912, upon the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of Maine, I appointed Bro. Convers E. Leach, Junior Grand Warden of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, as Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio *near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine*, to succeed Bro. W. J. Burnham, deceased."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Nelson Williams presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arkansas we find ourselves in accord with the following opinion:

"Our opinion is that we should go extremely slow in recognizing Foreign Grand Lodges, for it is much better for us to withhold recognition for a time than to grant the recognition and afterwards learn that we have made a mistake."

Under Colorado he helps us by giving a blow at "Documentary Evidence":

"The by-laws were amended so as to provide for Documentary Evidence to be held by a brother before he shall be entitled to an examination, which means that if we paid our dues last December and received a receipt therefor, which we still hold and which can not be taken from us, and we were expelled last January for unmasonic conduct, our receipt would be evidence in that Grand Jurisdiction that we were still a mason in good standing in our lodge, notwithstanding the fact that we had been expelled therefrom."

Maine for 1912 is reviewed. Although the reviewer well knows that the Grand Lodge of Maine is one of the few jurisdictions that still allows to its subordinate lodges the freedom of adjusting its own affairs, he says of Bro. Stephen Berry's report:

"Usually he does not occupy more than a few lines, but he had an interesting subject to present at this time, and it took more space. His subject was 'Fire-escapes,' and he says: 'I have been asked what the regulations are about fire-escapes on Masonic Halls. As there are none, I submit the question whether the Grand Lodge should recommend them, and guard against eaves-droppers in connection with them.' While Grand Lodge is about it, and honestly endeavoring to regulate the affairs of subordinates, we would suggest that it might be well to determine by resolution whether the subordinates should heat their halls with the hot-water or steam system, or retain the old-fashioned stoves."

Now, did he really believe when he wrote the above that our Bro. Berry was concerned about "fire-escapes"? The mild sarcasm by which Bro. Berry shaded the foolish questions that were asked and also the foolish-

ness of Grand Lodges to legislate upon foolish questions, is well known to us who have known Bro. Berry so long, for he is a man of wit and infinite jest.

Under Wisconsin we read :

"He recommended the discontinuance of smoking in the lodge rooms during the work, and we believe it should be absolutely prohibited. It is a sad reflection upon some of our teachings of temperance, fortitude, and prudence to say that a brother can not refrain from smoking during the rendition of the work. Our own idea is that it ought also to be prohibited in the ante-rooms during the work, as we find that brethren leave the work and go to the ante-room for the purpose of smoking, and usually indulge in laughter and loud talk, which interferes with the work. At the banquet table it is an entirely different problem."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Our second ramble through the realm of Symbolic Freemasonry has been a most enjoyable one. We have made seventy stops to rest and refresh ourselves, and, strange to say, the only labor we have performed was at our resting places.

"At every stop we have found masonic soil of great fertility, and the product, so far as quantity is concerned, is all that could be desired; but, from the amount of fertilizer that is being used in many of the jurisdictions, in the shape of special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time, we are fearful that the dominant thought is not quality, but quantity.

"At many of the stops we found the Documentary Evidence Sprayer in full operation endeavoring to prevent the blight of clandestinism from fastening itself upon the golden fruit. It remains to be seen how successfully it does the work.

"While the old theory was that nothing but perfect fruit should be gathered, we found in a number of places that holes had been punched in the Physical Qualification Tester and that all sorts of fruit were slipping through. It may be that the fruit is just as palatable, but it don't look as good, and we are afraid it will lower the general average."

The volume of proceedings is illustrated not only by portraits of M. W. Grand Master Guitteau and of the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. Edwin S. Griffiths, but also of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. Bromwell, to whom was presented a testimonial in recognition of services, a beautiful desk and chair. It also places before us some twenty-five Masonic Temples to admire.

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The Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Leander Burdick, died January 1, 1913.

"A man of firm convictions, yet courteous and tactful; a warm friend; a wise counsellor, and devoted to his wife and children; he lived his life honorably and conscientiously, and has left an unrivaled record for integrity and probity."

## OKLAHOMA, 1912.

Three hundred forty-five of the four hundred and eight lodges were represented.

From the introduction to the address of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexis Eddleman, we quote:

"It is my pleasure to be able to tell you that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this grand jurisdiction; that but little discipline has been required; that the great work of building and maintaining our Masonic Home, was neither a dream nor a spasm, but a living idea, and that it thrives and grows in the hearts of the brethren, and that they may be safely trusted to rally to its support and meet its requirements. We realized in the beginning that a hard year was before us, and the tax upon our resources heavy, but the brethren have stood by their guns, and said by their actions, the Home must and shall succeed."

He announces the constitution of fifteen lodges; dispensations were issued for nine lodges; twenty-one dispensations to confer degrees *out of time*, to the gain of the treasury of the ten dollars each, were issued; a dispensation was granted "to convene a lodge of Master Masons in a Low Valley at Cold Springs and confer the Master's Degree. This, I am advised is an admirable place, is picturesque, secluded and safe."

We do not usually criticize, but we must make use of the "deadly parallel" and quote two separate clauses from his subject "Special Dispensations:

"I have granted twenty-one dispensations to confer degrees out of time. In each instance the reasons given were deemed sufficient. Usually the parties were removing from this Grand Jurisdiction.

"I have declined to grant dispensations to confer degrees out of time when the only reason given was that the candidate might get through in time to take Scottish Rite Degrees in the next class. I think a man should have sufficient time to digest and appreciate the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry before going further and we should guard against letting a candidate get the idea that all of the good in Masonry is in the 'Higher Degrees.'"

We leave the reader to see the distinction between the two paragraphs so far as the knowledge of Masonry is concerned.

From his decisions we quote:

"A brother with a dimit more than one year old is *prima facie* a wilful non-affiliate and the burden is upon him to show that he has been so situated or his circumstances and conditions had been such that it was out of his power to affiliate with a lodge.

"Q. Has the lodge the right to demand the advance price, the fees having been raised in the meantime, for the remaining degrees where the brother has delayed his advancement for six to twelve years?

"A. Ordinarily, no; but where a brother has delayed such a length of time as six to twelve years, he has no right to complain if the fees have been raised in the meantime and he is required to pay the increased amount.



"A judgment of conviction in a court cannot be used as evidence on the trial of a brother, over objection.

"Q. Can a brother be held for a masonic offence who owns a pool hall and hires another party to conduct it?

"A. If the pool hall is such a one as is condemned by our law, Page 166, Proceedings of last Grand Lodge, yes. If the brother hires another to sell whiskey, he is just as guilty as if he sold it himself. It matters not that the brother mentioned does not run the pool hall in person; this would not exonerate him."

Further on we read:

"The Grand Lodge has expended for the dissemination of the work about ninety-five hundred dollars in the last two years. Subordinate lodges have paid practically the same amount, and in addition have paid railroad fare, hotel bills, etc., so that I think it is safe to say that, all told, as much as twenty-five thousand dollars have been expended for this work in the last two years. Under present conditions this is too heavy a tax.

"I have discussed this matter with the Grand Lecturer and am confident that he and the other custodians can devise a plan by which the same, or better results, can be obtained and at much less cost."

We note that the decision of the Grand Master in regard to "judgment of the court" was not approved.

The affairs of the Masonic Home and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge required a good deal of attention.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alberta he says:

"In the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the Grand Lodge opens in the E. A. degree and lays the corner-stone in that degree and E. A. & F. C. join in the procession."

Under Connecticut we read:

"This writer is of opinion that the lodge as a lodge should only attend Divine Worship at the funeral service of a deceased brother.

"Going to church as a lodge in regalia too spectacular—too much show."

Maine for 1911 has favorable mention.

## OREGON, 1912.

The Grand Representative for Maine was not present to be received and welcomed at this annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas M. Baldwin (portrait), in his address says:

"The Grand Master should devote all his time, absolutely, to the interests of the craft during his term of service. He should visit every lodge in the jurisdiction, and by wise counsel and advice, and by the influence



of his presence among the brethren, he would thus render them benefits not obtainable from any other source."

Under "Appointments" we read:

"April 4, 1912, upon the recommendation of R.W. Brother Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, I appointed Bro. Frank E. Monroe Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice E. D. Eastman, deceased."

Three lodges were constituted; dispensations were granted for four new lodges; three corner-stones were laid and two masonic halls were dedicated.

Of his opinions we quote:

"Question—Is it a violation of any masonic law to allow the ladies of the Eastern Star, as an organization, to take part jointly in the funeral services by occupying one side of the hollow square at the grave and depositing the flowers into the grave after the masons have deposited the sprig of acacia?"

"I would grant to the Eastern Star every privilege not inconsistent with the law and established customs of Masonry, but as the burial of a brother is strictly masonic work, and as the lodge is at labor during the whole service, it is not proper or permissible to permit anyone not a mason to take part in the funeral ceremonies, except the clergy."

"I hold that a subordinate lodge conducting a funeral service may invite (or permit to join in the funeral procession) other societies, or appendant orders, to act as escort, whose position shall be assigned by the lodge conducting the ceremonies. The Order of the Eastern Star might be invited to join in the procession and to render its beautiful and impressive funeral service at the close of the masonic ceremonies."

The last clause of the last paragraph does not agree with the last sentence in the second paragraph. Nor do we agree that the words "except the clergy" should have any place in the paragraph. If the masonic lodge is to have charge of the funeral ceremonies and the commitment of the body is included, it should have entire control and no person nor society should interfere after it has taken charge. The religious services and those of any society should be held and then the masonic lodge.

From his conclusion we quote:

"I have derived the greatest pleasure and profit from my opportunity for social and fraternal intercourse with the brethren, and from and through them I have gained some of the most pleasant experiences of my life. I am grateful for so many things at the hands of my brethren that I know not where to begin to recount them."

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report, which was adopted, thus report on the decisions of the Grand Master before quoted:

"We further report that Decision Number 2 should be approved, except the sentence, 'The Order of the Eastern Star might be invited to join in the procession and to render its beautiful and impressive funeral service at the close of the masonic ceremonies.'"

The committee further reported as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence would report against granting to any lodge permission to incorporate under the laws of Oregon, because we are opposed to establishing a precedent that is opposed to the principle of sovereignty of the Grand Lodge over its constituent lodges."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. David P. Mason presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1911 has two pages.

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The R. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. William Allen Cleland, died February 27, 1913. He had served in the office of Grand Treasurer since 1905.

### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1912.

A preliminary meeting "for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons" for the Philippine Islands was held at Manila on November 17, 1912. There were present at this meeting representatives of three lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of California, viz: Manila Lodge, No. 342, Cavite Lodge, No. 350, and Corregidor Lodge, No. 386.

At this meeting it was resolved to meet in convention for the organization of a Grand Lodge on December 11, 1912, at Manila, so that the two lodges working under the Scottish Constitution might have notice of the proposed convention.

The convention met at the time appointed and a Committee on Credentials was appointed, which reported that the charters of the three lodges before mentioned were regular and that the representatives thereof were qualified to organize a Grand Lodge.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and adjourned until December 18, when the committee reported a completed constitution, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then elected the officers provided for by the constitution, who were duly installed.

December 19, 1912, the M. W. Grand Lodge was opened and the three lodges which formed the Grand Lodge were granted authority to continue masonic work under the authority of the Grand Lodge.

December 23, 1912, the Grand Lodge again met and passed the necessary resolutions to set at work the machinery of a Grand Lodge.

## QUEBEC, 1912.

Fifty-nine of the sixty-four lodges were represented at the forty-second annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank Charters, in his address, after a brief welcome to the members of the Grand Lodge, extends greeting to the Duke of Connaught, who had come, as the first Royal Governor, to Canada.

He reports "a year of real progress," and says:

"Masonry, apparently, never was more popular in this Province of Quebec than at the present time. While we earnestly rejoice at this fact, let me urge the exercise of great care in admitting members into our lodges. Gain in numbers may mean progress, but it might also mean weakness, if by any means there should be a lowering of the standard of qualification. Quality rather than quantity must ever be our motto."

Dispensations were granted for the usual functions, and refused in particular cases.

Speaking of a new ritual he says:

"There is a simple, quiet dignity about our ritual which makes it what it is intended to be, a sermon to edify and instruct the candidate rather than a spectacle to entertain the brethren."

We again quote:

"One of the most interesting, and, to myself, satisfactory duties which has devolved upon me during the year, was the unveiling of a handsome monument in Mount Royal Cemetery on October the 14th last, to the memory of Most Worshipful Brother John Helder Isaacson, Honorary Grand Master, and for so many years our revered Grand Secretary. May his labors and earnest love and affection for our fraternity be ever remembered by his brethren for all time to come, and the example of his zeal be a constant incentive to earnest effort."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters submitted intelligent and pleasing reports of the Craft in their respective districts.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"Canadian masons have felt a justifiable pride in the appointment of the Grand Master of England, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught as their Governor-General. His Royal Highness the late Duke of Kent, and His late Majesty King Edward VII, both of whom were Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, had also visited Canada and the United States, but in each case this was prior to their election as Grand Master. The Duke of Connaught is, therefore, the first Grand Master of English Freemasons to visit and to reside on this side of the Atlantic, but following the precedent in regard to Masonry set by His Majesty King Edward VII upon ascending the Throne, it would not be reasonable to expect H. R. H., while occupying the post of Governor-General, to participate in any masonic function."

Maine for 1911 has a place in the report.

Under Oregon we read:

"We do not know what the conditions in Oregon are, but it may be that as in Quebec there are not enough destitute or helpless masons to warrant the erection of a Home. In such a case it would of course be the height of folly to build, for with us the cost of building, equipping and maintaining a Home would be more than sufficient to keep all our indigent brethren rolling in luxury.

"We cannot praise too highly the noble charity that is manifested by most of the larger masonic jurisdictions of the British Isles and the United States in their magnificent Homes, but in smaller jurisdictions where, perhaps, the indigent masons may easily be counted on a few of the fingers of one hand, they can be much more comfortably and more economically supported or assisted in homes of their own than in a charitable institution, be it ever so homely."

### **RHODE ISLAND, 1912.**

At the semi-annual communication, November 20, 1911, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James B. Gay, was absent on account of illness; and on the twenty-eighth of the same month the Grand Lodge held an emergent communication to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory, for his death occurred on the twenty-fifth of the month.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Wendell R. Davis, presided at the annual communication and in his address lovingly laments the death of the Grand Master who had, a little more than a year ago, buried his predecessor, the lamented Bro. Henry W. Rugg.

Dispensations of a routine character were granted; numerous "jurisdictional courtesies" were granted and many "releases of jurisdiction," both in favor of lodges in other jurisdictions and also lodges in Rhode Island received attention; and one corner-stone was laid.

Much space is given to the affairs of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The Grand Lecturer in his report, discussing the conferring of the work, says:

"Advancement in office is but a 'survival of the fittest,' and the careful and painstaking ritualist is invariably rewarded by well-deserved promotion, thus stimulating that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

The Grand Secretary was authorized officially to communicate with masonic bodies recognized by Rhode Island the names of those of symbolic lodges of Rhode Island who remain unaffiliated with those lodges.

No Report on Correspondence.

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M.W. Bro. James Bacon Gay died November 25, 1911.

"He was modest and unassuming, but was endowed with a good understanding of business affairs, which, united with his never varying promptness and diligence and his strict integrity, made him in all things thoroughly dependable, and won for him the admiration and respect of his associates."

### SASKATCHEWAN, 1912.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Hopkins, we quote:

"It is a pleasure to me to announce that this Grand Lodge continues to prosper. The increased membership of the past year has been astonishing, and I am led to believe that with but few exceptions, the very best men in the Province are being received into our institution. I believe that the moral teachings of Masonry are having an effect on not only the masons of our Province, but on the citizens as well. It is not to be wondered that Masonry is increasing in our great country, and apart from Masonry our Province is increasing and developing with greater strides than any other part of the Dominion."

He gives a full account of his official visitations; urges the holding of Lodges of Instruction, so that the work adopted by Saskatchewan may not be polluted by the work brought in from other jurisdictions by those who migrate to that province; makes an appeal for contributions to the benevolent fund of the Grand Lodge, and thus discourses upon a subject which causes some friction in Maine:

"I am of the opinion that some of the districts throughout our Grand Lodge jurisdiction adopt a wrong method in the selection of D. D. G. Ms. I do not approve of the idea of each lodge taking its turn in this selection, but feel that the most qualified brother in the district should at all times be chosen to represent the district as D. D. G. M., regardless of the lodge to which he belongs, even if it necessitates the selection of a brother from one lodge continuously."

Of his rulings we quote:

"(2). Question:—Does the Master cause the Ballot Box to be placed on the Altar after the vote for any brother to inspect, or is it the usage that only the W. M., the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden see the inside of the Ballot Box after the vote?

"Answer:—After the vote is taken and the Ballot inspected by the Junior Warden, the Senior Warden, and the W. M., the Ballot Box is then placed on the Altar for the inspection of any brother who desires to do so."

But the Committee on Jurisprudence in their report say, "We suggest that the matter be left to the decision of the Master of the Constituent Lodge in which the ballot be taken."

The District Deputy Grand Masters made quite full reports of the condition of their respective lodges.

Bro. Arthur S. Gorrell submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"Grand Lodge voted \$2,500.00 for the expenses of the Conclave of Knights Templar, which, in the face of an appeal from the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund does not look good, nor do we think it desirable or proper that Craft funds should be devoted to any body which, although recognized, is not included in the original plan of Freemasonry."

Maine has a very full review. He quotes our views about the "Eastern Star" and the "Shrine," and adds:

"So too are we a 'Shriner' and so too we have read in the addresses of Grand Masters about the 'Eastern Star.' Yet, what these Grand Masters say does not make the Order a Masonic Order. We believe that Grand Lodges and particular lodges have to do with 'Blue Lodge' Masonry, no more, no less.

"But Shriners seem to love their fellow Shriners, etc., etc.

"In a strange town . . . same badge.

"Well may the true mason ask what of the future, when Masonry will be called upon to grapple in the death hold with its inveterate and implacable enemy. Are the stern Calvinistic teachings of our forbears to be utterly overwhelmed by the rising tide of fun, frivolity and fickleness."

### **SOUTH CAROLINA, 1912.**

Two hundred thirty-two of the two hundred forty-six lodges were represented at the one hundred thirty-sixth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Brother George S. Mower, contains the following sentiment:

"The permanence and influence of Masonry, while primarily resting upon the excellence of its tenets, must also depend in a great degree upon how we illustrate their effect upon us in the discharge of the various duties and in meeting the responsibilities resting upon us in all the relations of life."

The dead are remembered: dispensations for almost everything granted: eleven lodges constituted; dispensations for three new lodges issued; corner-stones laid and decisions given.

If the late ruling of the M.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, that a lodge should close at midnight, held in South Carolina, how could the E. A. degree be conferred on "more than five and not more than ten" at one communication, unless the work was begun very early in the afternoon? But it may be that the candidates are all taken at once through all the work.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"At this writing the total of the fund is nearly seventy-three thousand dollars. From one point of view this result is a gratifying showing, but from other points of view it is not especially flattering.

"My opinion, in general terms, is that a sufficient fund should be accumulated to provide for the establishment of the Home and to furnish an endowment sufficient to yield an income which, with an annual appropriation within the means of the Grand Lodge, will provide for its maintenance in a proper and creditable manner, in keeping with the sentiment which inspires its establishment. Until such time comes it would be in keeping with the purpose of the Grand Lodge to use some or all of the income from the fund already on hand to extend aid in proper cases. The foundations of this enterprise should be laid so broad and deep as not to invite failure in the future."

Eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters presented reports of the condition of the craft in each lodge of their respective districts.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"Every candidate for initiation in this jurisdiction must be without maim or defect in his body or mind that may render him incapable of learning or practicing the art, and who can comply literally with all the requirements as to initiation ceremonies without artificial aid or friendly assistance."

There was a large amount of local business transacted.

Bro. J. L. Michie presented his third Annual Review of the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1912 is thoroughly mentioned.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Mississippi and Oklahoma have not yet recovered from their severe attack of negrophobia; luckily the infection has not spread to other jurisdictions, but is strictly confined to the States named. We wonder if these jurisdictions will sever fraternal relations with England and Scotland. As mentioned last year, England made the Sultan of Zanzibar a mason at sight, and now Scotland has instituted a lodge composed wholly of negroes at Panama, and has also instituted a lodge there of white brethren, neither of which recognizes or visits the other.

"Can American Grand Lodges meet on some common ground as to the pre-requisites necessary for the Fraternal Recognition of Foreign Grand Bodies? Surely the time has come when some uniform system should be adopted, and not present to the profane world the curious spectacle of some Grand Lodges recognizing Grand Lodges which their Sister Grand Lodges—with whom they have fraternal relations—refuse to have anything to do with. For instance, South Dakota extends fraternal recognition to a round dozen of Grand Lodges on the Continent of Europe, not one of which has fraternal relations with South Carolina; yet South Carolina and South Dakota exchange Grand Representatives. It seems like one boy telling another: 'You can come and play in my back yard, but you can't bring any of your friends with you.'

"With a few notable exceptions, Masonic Homes are causing their owners a great deal of anxiety and worry. In the different Masonic Homes throughout the United States the per capita cost of maintenance runs all the way from \$75 to \$263.41.

"In a large majority of Homes the Trustees are having a hard time to



keep their expenses within their revenue, and are continually calling on the brethren for increased aid. Grand Lodges are finding their assessments or dues inadequate for the purpose, and resort to various means to 'raise the wind.' Another year's reading of the proceedings of nearly every one of the English-speaking Grand Lodges has strengthened the position we took last year. Masonic Homes are expensive hobbies, and the interest of the money spent in their erection would go a long way in supporting necessitous masons, their wives, widows and orphans."

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M. W. Bro. James Ferdinand Izlar, Grand Master in 1879, died May 25, 1912. "Masonry lost one of its most distinguished members, a man who loved the order, who practiced its most worthy precepts, and who was ever zealous in his service to the craft."

### SOUTH DAKOTA, 1912.

The record says of the thirty-eighth annual communication:

"Upon roll call it was found that only a few of the Grand Officers were present, (the remainder of the officers and representatives of nearly all of the lodges east of the Black Hills being on a belated special train) but that a constitutional number of lodges were represented and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of South Dakota was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Edward Ashley."

This action required thirty minutes, when the Grand Lodge called off until 1.30 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles L. Brockway, of whom there is a fine portrait by Bather, after a brief introduction to his address, fraternally remembers the dead; reports the constituting of seven lodges; the granting of seven dispensations for lodges; the laying of three corner-stones; the issuance of dispensations for several purposes, but none for the advancement of candidates, nor for a ballot on petitions out of time.

The business was local.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Florida, on the subject of Masonic Homes, he says:

"For ourselves we believe that for the good of the beneficiaries it is not wise policy to open a Home for the aged. With their own kin, a small stipend would yield more comfort and happiness than the most up-to-date Home in existence; and for the children, an adoptive home of a Master Mason will yield them a natural life like that of other children. We firmly believe that every normal masonic orphan with a reasonable amount of trouble could be placed in a mason's home.

"But the helpless and incurable, to be found in every jurisdiction, in our opinion, would be best cared for in an institution."

Maine for 1911 is fraternally reviewed.



The Grand Lodge of South Dakota laments the death of R. W. Bro. Charles William McDonald, Past Grand Treasurer, who died March 11, 1912, and of M. W. Bro. Oscar Sherman Gifford, Grand Master in 1882-3, who was greatly loved and respected by his many friends and brethren.

### TENNESSEE, 1913.

Four hundred thirty-seven lodges were represented, eighteen not represented at the ninety-ninth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Lynn Bachman, for his introduction quotes poetry, and then reminds us that death is ever present.

Many dispensations were required; five corner-stones were laid; one dispensation for a new lodge issued; many requests for conferring degrees by courtesy were granted; and one of his visitations says:

"The state is large, the lodges are many. My time was limited and duty prompted all my goings. The real needs of subordinate lodges are few, and many of them can be better met by arousing a spirit of progress among the brethren by having the Masters of these lodges do the work themselves, rather than ask the Grand Master to exemplify it for them. No Master is worthy to sit in the east if he can not put on the entire work, without evasion, equivocation or mental hesitation, and no lodge should elect a brother to any station before he learns the work. In all my visitations, this was the worst enemy I found to real interest and progress. There is no real study to know how. The second section of the third degree is the most splendid tragedy in existence. The scene, the actors, the holy purpose involved, make it in dramatic effect more thrilling than Shakespeare's Hamlet. Why, then, a laugh; why the actor a buffoon? Why not vindicate the eternal truth that a man true to self and the interest committed cannot be false to any man? Life may come and life may go; my secret goes on forever."

We quote a decision, as it has a bearing upon the "circumlocution office":

"We have a bill against Annapolis Lodge, No. 89, of Maryland. The bill is for conferring degrees upon their candidate. They refuse to pay it, on the ground that they asked it as a courtesy, which we deny. We ask that you take the matter up with the Grand Master of Maryland.

*Answer.*—There is no fixed rule governing the division of fees between lodges, conferring degrees for each other. It is expected that lodges agree in this regard, though the lodge doing the work has a right to demand, should it see fit to do so, the entire fee or even more than the entire fee for conferring degrees.

"The usual custom is to divide fees between the lodge doing the work and the one requesting the work done. In this instance it seems to be a question of veracity, and I should pass it by."

Of the Widows' and Orphans' Home he says:

"I am sure that the day of hard toil and enduring sacrifice is over and that this splendid exhibition of masonic love, relief and confidence will march on under the benediction of God and the earnest co-operation of all the brethren of this jurisdiction to greater usefulness and more glorious results, until the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee shall open wide its doors to every widow and orphan who shall ask our care and protection."

He recommends one of the new fads, as if a Grand Master's seal added weight to a Grand Lodge seal:

"I recommend that the Grand Secretary be ordered to secure a proper seal for the use of the Grand Master in keeping with the dignity and influence of the office."

Here is another recommendation:

"I recommend that any jurisdiction permitting or sanctioning cipher rituals shall be barred from fraternal relations with this jurisdiction."

From the report of the Board of Custodians of the Work we quote:

"We feel that so far as the perpetuity of the work is concerned, we are doing our duty, and that to-day the purest ritualism to be found anywhere in this broad land is promulgated in Tennessee. Our ritualism is intended to appeal to the reason and intelligence of men. Not one step taken by a candidate, from the time he seeks admission as an Entered Apprentice to the time he is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, is taken without a reason, which reason is fully explained—all without unnecessary show or ostentation, and without any act whatever on the part of the fraternity to divert his mind from the moral lessons being inculcated or in any wise lead him to believe that there is any foolishness in this time-honored fraternity. We are sorry to say that such is not the case in many other jurisdictions. We are, therefore, proud of the plain, effective ritualism which has been handed down for a century through the honored patrons of our order in Tennessee."

The average number of residents in the Widows' and Orphans' Home was 147, and the average cost per year was \$123.13.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"We discover, as we think, a tendency in certain jurisdictions—particularly in South Carolina, Louisiana, Colorado and Illinois and in some of the dependencies of Great Britain—to favor well-invested benevolent funds, the income of which is to be used for distributive charity and helpfulness, rather than acquire costly and showy properties, which, without endowment, are often hard to maintain.

"The tendency seems to be to disqualify for masonic membership any person who permits himself to become actively, even though remotely, connected with the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor for a beverage, or who knowingly and willingly derives income or profit therefrom, or lends to it any encouragement whatever."

Maine for 1912 has a place in his condensed review.

M. W. Bro. Americus V. Warr, Grand Master in 1877, elected thereto from the floor without service as Warden, died Oct. 2, 1912.

"He was a generous, whole-souled, pious, upright man and mason loved his fellow man and was devoted to charity and good works. He went to his grave loved and honored by all who knew him—mason and non-mason alike."

### TEXAS, 1912.

All the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of four hundred and forty-eight lodges were present at the seventy-seventh annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sam P. Cochran, (portrait), in his address says:

"I am happy to inform you that we are in peace and amity with the entire masonic world; our relations with all of our sister Grand Jurisdictions resting upon a basis of true harmony and good will. Nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb these happy relations without; and within our own jurisdiction abundant harvests have crowned the labors of the husbandman, employment at ample remuneration has awaited the willing workman, and prosperity has again settled within our borders, and cheers our business community."

The dead are remembered.

Twenty-three lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for eight new lodges; twenty-nine corner-stones were laid; three new lodge rooms were dedicated; many other matters connected with the well being of Masonry were reported, but none of interest to the Craft at large.

Of his decisions we quote:

"That honorary membership in lodges in this state are not permitted.

"It is contrary to masonic principles to furnish intoxicating liquors at a banquet given by a lodge and paid for with lodge funds, even though the banquet be given at a place other than the lodge room."

There were only eighty-six cases of masonic trial; and commenting thereon he says:

"Again, a careful reading of the numerous cases reported by the Committees on Grievances and Appeals, cannot fail to show that too many men are allowed to become Master Masons who should never have been permitted to cross the threshold of a masonic lodge. Men guilty of all sorts of evil deeds are not only found among our members, but frequently through a miscarriage of justice, or false sympathy, or too great laxity or indifference on the part of lodge officers and members, are allowed to escape punishment altogether. We should not only purge our lodges, but put up double guards that such characters may never gain entrance. *Let masonic justice stand for something!*

The address was quite lengthy, sixty-five printed pages, but contained, in detail, information which was probably interesting to the Craft in Texas. But Texas is a large state and its masonic affairs are varied and diversified. There are about 56,000 masons and 851 lodges, of which a little more than one-half were represented at the annual communication.

Bro. Geo. W. Tyler, Acting Chairman, presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We quote his "Foreword":

"R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, P. G. M., while serving his twenty-fifth term as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, departed this life on the 14th day of June, 1912. He fell in the full possession of his faculties and in the active discharge of his duties. He had pursued these duties with such diligence that his completed manuscript reviews of forty-four of the Grand Lodges lay upon his table when he expired. These have been forwarded to the undersigned, whom the Grand Master was pleased to designate as acting Chairman for the unexpired term. A consensus of opinion was then had among the members of the committee, and we decided unanimously to bring to you these reviews as the

LAST REPORT OF BRO. MATTHEWS, without any change, addition or diminution whatever, and the same are herewith presented accordingly.

"We feel that in so doing we pay the highest honor within our power to Bro. Matthews, and it is fitting that the result of his last labors should stand in our proceedings in consecutive order, and as a proper conclusion to the twenty-four reports that have hitherto come from his able pen—the whole rounding out and completing a splendid and enduring monument to his ability, learning and masonic fidelity."

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The Grand Lodge of Texas also laments the death of M. W. Bro. R. M. Lusk, Grand Master in 1899, who died February 21, 1913.

### UTAH, 1912.

All the lodges, fifteen in number, were represented at the forty-first annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Gilbert B. Pfoutz, delivered an address to be commended in that it clearly, briefly and comprehensively stated the conditions under each topic treated.

The dead are remembered; the incidents of the 125th anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are recalled; the deductions resulting from the visitations to all but two of the lodges are given.

One lodge was constituted; two dispensations were issued for new lodges; the by-laws of lodges were approved.

He says:

"During the year we have made a gain of 204 members, the greatest in our history. I hope they are all MASONS."

The following substitute amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge was adopted:

"SEC. 1. Each constituent lodge shall choose the following elective officers (including Trustees, if provided in its by-laws) annually by ballot, at the first regular meeting in December, namely: A Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. The election shall be held in the following manner:

"The Secretary shall call alphabetically the roll of the members entitled to vote, and as each one's name is called he shall deposit his ballot; but no member is entitled to vote nor can he be elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of the lodge. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice."

Bro. Christopher Diehl presented his thirty-sixth annual Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has a page of review.

From his conclusion we quote:

"To know that a certain work is finished is always a relief, more especially so when the workman is eighty-one years old and has been handicapped by sickness for over a year. For those reasons I have no apologies to make for the imperfections of the foregoing pages. I have earnestly tried to make it readable and could do no more. I hope my Utah brethren will read it, and if it is of any benefit to them, I shall consider it a liberal recompense for the many weary hours I spent on its production. I do not believe that I ever will be able to write another Report on Correspondence, and I do wish the officers and members of the Grand Lodge would consider this my last one."

R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, (since October 8, 1872), died September 17, 1912.

"His contributions to masonic literature, through his annual reports on Correspondence, his part in the preparation of the several revisions of the Masonic Code, and of the Masonic Ceremonials for this jurisdiction, and his historical papers dealing with masonic events, gave him an influential position among the craft, of this and other jurisdictions, and brought him an ever widening circle of acquaintances and friends.

"The personal qualities of Bro. Diehl were such as to endear him to all with whom he had to do. Bright, genial, kindly, simple in tastes, lavish of service, and with a broad human frontage, he made friends, and retained them, without effort.

"In his last report to the Grand Lodge, Bro. Diehl expressed the wish that it might be accepted as his 'swan song,' and though he would like to 'die with the harness on,' still he felt that his brethren should permit him to retire. The response to this suggestion was unanimous re-election as Grand Secretary. But, while the confidence and affection of his brethren could soften, they could not stay the ravages of disease. After the close of the Grand Lodge session in January, 1912, he did not again appear in his office, the work of which was cared for by others. The inter-

vening months brought pain, and weariness, and weakness, but he fronted the last enemy, Death, with a will undaunted, and the Great Peace fell upon him as softly as twilight gathers,—and he slept!

“Such was our friend. Formed on the good old plan,  
A true and brave and downright honest man.”

### VERMONT, 1912.

A sketch of the life, with portrait, of the M. W. Grand Master, graces the volume of proceedings.

There were present at the annual communication seventeen officers of the Grand Lodge, twenty-three permanent members, and representatives of seventy-six subordinate lodges. Twenty-seven lodges were unrepresented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry L. Ballou, is very beautiful with its word pictures. We quote:

“The unloosing of ice-streams, the banishment of snow and cold, the bursting out of pastures and forests and fields into green, the clothing of gardens and orchards with blossoms, are some of the brilliant results of springtime; but the cause and beginning have not attracted attention. It is in the silent sunbeam and the gentle caress of the south wind. It is hidden among the silent forces, as quiet and unobtrusive as the breath of a child.

“So our lodges have been quietly at work, the rough ashlar becoming perfect ashlar, polished and prepared for the temple beautiful. Character has been developed to an extent little realized by the uninitiated. From our lodge meetings the brethren have gone forth to affect society profoundly. Like all sublime achievements and important results, strength has been conceived in the brooding places of silence.”

He pays tribute of respect to the memory of the dead, and of the condition of the Craft says:

“We did more work during the past year than in any other of the one hundred and nineteen of our existence, having initiated 632 and raised 649. We are the strongest masonic jurisdiction in our country, with the exception of Maine, in proportion to our inhabitants, and we are gaining on our brethren of the Pine Tree State.”

The account of the dedication of a lodge room, of the laying of two corner-stones, of the centennial of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 23, of his visit to Alexandria, Virginia, to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, is pleasingly presented.

Under the title “Representative System” he says:

“If a Grand Lodge is to have a Representative, such office should be held by a mason who is not incapacitated or indisposed to attend Grand Lodge, but by one who is an active, enthusiastic Craftsman, who can be counted upon to respond to his name when the roll of Grand Represent-

atives is called. If we are to maintain the system, it must be awake, not dormant.

"Because I believe in the system when maintained as the Fathers of Masonry intended it should be, I directed the Grand Secretary to advise certain of our sister jurisdictions that a change in their Representative would promote better representation. As they readily acted upon the suggestion, a number of changes have been made during the past year. I wish it might be that when in the future a Representative discovers that he can attend Grand Lodge but occasionally, he would immediately resign that a mason who can attend may be appointed."

Reporting upon the dispensations issued by the Grand Master the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence say:

"The Grand Master has no authority to grant a dispensation authorizing any action which is contrary to the constitution, by-laws, or standing regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"As a general proposition the Grand Master has no power to grant any dispensation which, in effect, amends the by-laws of a lodge.

"Your committee further recommend that the following general regulations be adopted relative to the granting of dispensations by the Grand Master.

"1st. The application for a dispensation should state fully the reasons for the request over the seal of the lodge.

"2d. The dispensation itself should set forth the substance of the application including the reasons therefor as given therein.

"3d. The dispensation should state specifically the purpose for which the dispensation is granted."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 is well reviewed. We quote:

"Among other dispensations reported is found authorization for a lodge to open a 'regular meeting' at an hour earlier than that prescribed in the by-laws, something we did not expect of a Grand Master of Maine, without so much as the raising of an eye-brow on the part of Grand Lodge."

Under Minnesota we read:

"A 'Kruger letter' appears in the proceedings, the same old stereotyped communication found in so many other reports of the year, from the ubiquitous representative of all America near the Belgian Grand Orient. It affords interesting reading, once or twice perhaps, but rather palls on one who runs up against it nearly everywhere, like a patent medicine advertisement, along the masonic highways and byways of an entire continent."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Everywhere has been found activity, progress, a broader conception of masonic duty and more extended practice of masonic precept. Prosperity reigns: peace and harmony generally abound. Jurisdictional differences are still with us, but are gradually yielding to the ameliorating influences of masonic public sentiment. We do not mean to affirm that the millennium is at hand. No one anticipates that in his day and generation. But with rare exception, greater consideration than ever before is accorded differences of law and usage obtaining in the several Grand Jurisdictions, all tending to dignify and strengthen masonic effort. Pica-



yunish policies are being abandoned. Masonic independence is becoming more independent each year in the true sense of the word, viz: Generous, fraternal recognition of the rights of others. In this is found the growing strength and beauty of the union of hearts and hands in the grand work of a Great Fraternity. May nothing ever lessen its grandeur or its magnificent power for the uplift, in its quiet, peaceful way, of humanity."

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M. W. Bro. Altred A. Hall, Grand Master in 1887, died January 21, 1912.

"When barely twenty-one years of age he was initiated and was Master of his lodge at twenty-three. His promotion in the various branches of our Institution was most rapid. He was Grand Lecturer at twenty-seven; Grand High Priest at thirty; Grand Commander at thirty-four; Grand Master at thirty-eight and honorary member of the Supreme Council 33° N. M. J. at forty-two. Each of these offices he filled with grace, dignity, and wisdom."

### VIRGINIA, 1912.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William B. McChesney, we quote:

"Our membership has grown greatly, and I believe that the material is of the kind that will bring strength to our Order. Without any attempt at comparison, all the indications to-day are that we are as ritualists in a better condition than ever before. Interest is growing still and the work in the lodges is being done with an enthusiasm that can but bring perfection. That it was necessary that I should make a call for the aid of our Masonic Home during the year was unfortunate, but the response shows that charity is still alive and active."

After brief memorials to the distinguished dead of his jurisdiction he gives an account of his visitations, mentions the invitations that he was obliged to decline, reports the issuance of dispensations for two new lodges and permission given to twenty-one lodges, (some of them more than once), to lay corner-stones.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Declined to permit a lodge to lay a corner-stone of a church on the Sabbath Day, although approved by the Church, Master of the lodge Grand Officer and Past Grand Master. Considered that it had been so often decided, that it was an unchangeable landmark.

"That a member who appeared in the ante-room after the lodge had acted upon his citation for non-payment of dues, was not present and the action of suspension was legal. His petition for re-instatement and asked for at the same session, and acted upon, was legal. There were eight members present, and on the ballot to restore him to the rights and benefits of Masonry there were five ballots cast favorable and three against. The Master declared him restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry. The ballot was spread for membership, and not being clear, he was de-



clared rejected. Decided, that the decision of the Master declaring him restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry was erroneous, and that he should at the next stated communication of the lodge so enter it upon the minutes, and order him suspended, both from the rights and benefits, as well as membership, and to so notify the applicant."

Discussing the subject of "Masonic Home" he says:

"A study of the 21st Annual Report of the Masonic Home, which is before you, shows that the distribution of the assistance given is not in accordance with equity. At the risk of being considered persistent, I am compelled to again recommend, that for the support and maintenance of this our Home, there must be an increase of per capita tax. Your action at the last Grand Annual Communication, in appropriating five dollars of the initiation fee for the Home, will not, nor can ever, be satisfactory. It is an uncertain quantity. What is necessary and what should be done is to say to your Board of Governors, that there will be to your credit every year a fixed sum, and this amount should be sufficient to support and build up this our Home, without having them conjecture what will be the income from initiations, or what can be had by appeals to those who are liberal. Say to every brother, 'It is a just debt you owe and must be paid,' and make it as it should be, upon all alike. It is bound to be the final outcome, and we should as well meet it first as last."

The Committee on Grand Master's Address in their report, which was accepted, said about the decision quoted above:

"They cordially concur in all of his decisions, save and except No. 10; they think his ruling entirely correct if the brother cited for non-payment of dues, and who appeared in ante-room after the lodge had acted on his case, did not tender the amount for which he was cited, but they infer he did tender the same as he petitioned for restoration and membership,—that is, he had no right of petition unless his dues were paid or remitted, —and that, the tender being made during the session, made it the plain duty of the Master to order his secretary to make no minute of the suspension."

The Text-book as revised by Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, and the twenty-five Landmarks of Masonry as found in 'Mackey's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry,' was substituted for the Ahinan Rezon.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia, discussing educational qualifications, he says:

"We, of course, know not how it is in British Columbia, but in Virginia, Masonry includes men of every class, but the very best of each class. Many are, while not illiterate ignoramuses, hard working men whose literary light is but meagre and who read little but the daily paper. To them Masonry is a delight, and when distress presents its claim there is no quicker response nor more liberal, according to the means of the giver, than they give. There are no truer friends than many of this class make, and one of the delights of Masonry to a cultivated, refined man is the opportunity Masonry gives him to know many of these splendid nature's gentlemen as he otherwise could not."

Maine for 1911 has fraternal attention.

We have received the announcement of the death of R. W. George W. Carrington, Grand Secretary for nearly twenty years, who died February 4, 1913, and who "served the Craft with freedom, fervency and zeal equalled by few and surpassed by none."

### WASHINGTON, 1912.

All the lodges except five were represented at the fifty-fifth annual communication. There were also present sixteen Past Grand Masters, but the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The introduction to the able address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David S. Prescott, (portrait), is short. The dead are remembered.

Of his decisions we quote:

"The head waiter in a restaurant or cafe where liquor is sold as a beverage cannot receive the degrees."

Dispensations were granted for the customary reasons; permission was given to many lodges to move; by-laws were approved; dispensations for nine new lodges were issued; three Masonic Temples were dedicated; four corner-stones were laid; eight lodges were constituted.

We quote:

"Under the caption 'APRON,' page 152, of our Monitor, are these words: 'At the initiation of every candidate he should be presented, as his own property, with a white lambskin apron.'"

"I am unable to find in our code any authority for the statement just referred to, that a candidate SHOULD be presented with an apron, as his own property.

"An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason derives no benefit from the possession of a masonic apron; he is not permitted to attend any masonic function or funeral, masonically clothed; nor would he be accorded a masonic burial.

"Many Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are on our rolls who, under varying circumstances, may never receive the degree of a Master Mason; and until such time as the candidate does receive that degree, a masonic apron is absolutely of no value to him.

"The candidate is presented with the Working Tools and their uses explained; but he does not retain them as his own property; they, like the apron, are used to teach a symbolic lesson.

"I am in full accord with the custom of presenting a lambskin apron at the conclusion of the Third degree, with the name of the recipient, dates of the several degrees, and name and number of his lodge inscribed under the flap; then a suitable presentation address along masonic lines would be permissible."

The new Masonic Home at Puyallup was dedicated during the afternoon.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was granted, but recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and of the Grand Orient of Belgium was deferred.

The Grand Orator to some extent spoke on the subject of Clandestine Masonry.

The following quoted report explains itself:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the reception by Sunnyside Lodge of a petition for the degrees of Masonry from a person previously rejected by a lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois, submit the following report:

"From the earliest history of this Grand Lodge it has claimed the right to judge of the fitness of material residing in this Grand Jurisdiction. While recognizing the right of another Grand Jurisdiction to exercise perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material while residence continues in that jurisdiction, we still affirm our right as a Sovereign Grand Lodge to accept material, otherwise qualified, regardless of previous rejection in another Grand Jurisdiction.

"We recommend that the ruling of the Grand Master, to the effect that Sunnyside Lodge is not required to ask the lodge in Illinois for a waiver of jurisdiction, be approved."

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Louisiana we read:

"The Grand Master is somewhat worried over the fact that the good Sisters of the Eastern Star prefer to meet in masonic lodges wherever practicable, and thinks that this law on their statute books is a plea for masonic recognition, to which he is unalterably opposed. We think the good brother is unduly excited over the matter. We can see very clearly why our wives and sisters should prefer to have their meetings in lodge rooms that masonic bodies own, rather than go to those of foreign organizations. The Eastern Stars are not trying to be masons and do not care to be, and personally we feel that it is time the hysterical attacks on our own families, simply because they have formed an organization which recognizes masonic relations only, should cease. We much prefer a Chapter of the Eastern Star, guided and directed by Masonry, as a tenant for a masonic lodge room to any other organization."

Maine for 1911 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The growing assumption by Grand Lodges of many of the functions which belong strictly to the local lodge seems very evident. Compulsory insurance, compulsory Boards of Relief, restrictions upon the management of real estate of the lodges, compulsory use of Grand Lodge-provided ballot boxes, and many other matters of detail are creeping in here and there which Grand Lodges should recognize as not belonging to them at all. No wonder some fellows, seeing to what length the lodges have permitted them to go, are anxious for a National Grand Lodge, that they may have more worlds to conquer. Many of the requirements are salutary, but they should be advisory, not mandatory. The proceedings of some Grand Lodges read like the mandates of despotic power, not like the consultation and legislation of a representative body. Listen, brethren,

ren, to Bro. Gorrell of Saskatchewan when he says, 'Get back, get back, to the simplicity of our fathers, when lodges had some rights and were not smothered in the injudicious attempts of Grand Bodies to legislate for every evil of the Craft.'

"The over-riding of the provisions of the Constitution as to residence, time between degrees, physical qualifications, etc., seem to be on the increase. Why should a man who has lived from twenty-one to thirty or so years in a community have the fundamental law of the institution set aside for his benefit, just because, at the last moment before he leaves the town, he makes up his mind that it would be a pretty good thing to be a mason where he is going? Why should a man who cannot comply with our ritual because of his physical condition have the law set aside for him, just because he wants to get in? There are many good men who will never be masons and the institution will continue to go on its way just the same. About ninety per cent. of those for whom this is done recount the fact for the balance of their lives, as though to prove how desirable they were by the effort made to secure them."

### WEST VIRGINIA, 1912.

Representatives of one hundred thirty-seven subordinate lodges were present.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John M. McConihay, in the introduction to his address speaks of the prosperity of the State and of the Craft, but regrets the loss of the R. W. Grand Secretary and others as well as the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Two lodges were constituted: dispensations issued for two lodges; fourteen corner-stones laid, but he refused to do such work on Sunday; several decisions were reported.

His address showed that he had been very attentive to the interests of the fraternity and had examined into all causes of trouble with extreme carefulness.

In the report of the Grand Secretary we read:

"I am glad to be able to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and that Masonry is in a healthy and flourishing condition, is keeping up with the progress of the state as shown by the splendid new Masonic Temples now being erected in the cities of Clarksburg, Huntington, Bluefield, New Martinsville and at other points in the state."

The Committee on Work reported:

"On Wednesday and Thursday, the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees were exemplified before representatives of the subordinate lodges and many visiting brethren. Much interest was manifested by all the brethren present. There is uniformity in the work throughout the Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Lecturer and his Deputies are recommended to those who desire to become proficient in the work as they are the only persons authorized to give efficient instruction."

Quite a large amount of business of local importance was transacted.

Bro. George W. Atkinson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He introduces himself:

"Although I have had twenty years' experience in this sort of work, yet I have been out of the harness for six years, and as a consequence of this lengthy hiatus, I find myself quite rusty, and I shall necessarily fall far below the high standard set by Bro. Howard during the six years of his occupancy of a chair at the Round Table as the able representative of this thrifty and aggressive Grand Lodge."

Under Alabama we read:

"Our Alabama brethren have launched a Masonic Home, and I hope it will turn out all right. When a Grand Lodge is able to maintain one, without going too much in debt and without impoverishing the subordinate lodges, it is a proper thing to do; but as the expense of maintaining one is so very great, it will be found much cheaper, and certainly more satisfactory, for a Grand Lodge to care for its indigent wards in private homes or in some well managed private institution which can be found in all, or most all of the states of the Union. No Grand Lodge can afford to turn its back upon its needy, worthy brothers, their widows and orphans, but there are other ways than erecting Homes to do it, unless, as I have stated above, the funds are in sight to keep them going without running in debt to do it."

Under Georgia he thus comments on the system of D. D. Grand Masters, of which system we are a strong supporter from our knowledge of its workings in Maine:

"The Committee on Welfare reported against the plan of using D. D. G. Ms., and pronounces the system a failure. It is difficult for me to understand why this conclusion was reached. In the most of our Grand Lodges the plan has worked well. When they attend to their duties faithfully, they cannot fail to render valuable service. It is impossible for the Grand Master to visit all of the lodges, but it is not only possible, but it is intended that the District Deputies shall visit and inspect every lodge in their respective districts, and report their findings to the Grand Master. They are, figuratively speaking, the eyes through which the Grand Master sees and knows what is going on in all of the lodges, and therefore knows how to deal with the conditions of the Craft as they exist. Take from him these assistants, how, I ask, would it be possible for him to know how the different lodges are demeaning themselves, except those that he is able to personally visit?

Maine for 1912 receives goodly notice. We quote:

"In alluding to Bro. Howard's Correspondence Report, he still adheres to his former expressed views, that a mason should not be required to carry around in his pocket documentary evidence that he is a mason, before he is allowed the privilege of visiting other lodges. I confess there are two sides to this matter, but it is very evident that the documentary plan is the safer method to guard against imposters, because you know, Bro. Chase, the one who imposes himself most upon the brethren is the smooth-mouthed rascal who can stand the most rigid examination in the ante-room, and who has been expelled for unmasonic conduct. How, then, can a lodge guard against him, except documentary evidence of his 'good standing' is required."

M. W. Hiram Reese Howard, Grand Master in 1886, R. W. Grand Secretary from 1905 until his death, died May 9, 1912. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence during the time he was Grand Secretary, and as such we learned to appreciate his ability.

"Of him it can be truly said, his life was dedicated to the cause of Masonry, as is beautifully illustrated by the following story, which explains how he came by the name, by which he has always been known. His father, Joseph L. Howard, who was an unusually enthusiastic mason, with the generous consent and assistance of his mother, gave him the name of Hiram, after a well known character in Masonry, and Reese after the good brother who was then Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. We believe we can safely say he never varied far from the lines of this beautiful consecration to the cause of Masonry, for he was ever faithful, energetic, free and outspoken, positive and active in his efforts towards the upbuilding of the Great and Glorious work."

M. W. Bro. Joseph Hall, Grand Master in 1898, died January 25, 1913. "The brethren knew and admired him for his strong, common sense, his energy and enthusiasm."

### WISCONSIN, 1912.

A brief introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alexander E. Matheson, then the dead are remembered, and then the decisions, of which we quote:

"A brother who holds a dimit from a lodge in the State of Maine desires to petition a subordinate lodge in this state for membership. He is now and has been for a number of years engaged in the saloon business. Can the lodge receive and act upon his petition?"

"A. Yes. Section 6, Article 26 of the Constitution, applies to the petition of a person not a mason, and does not apply to one already a Master Mason.

"No. 3. A lodge cannot waive jurisdiction over 'material' residing in its masonic territory.

"Q. A man desires to petition for the Symbolic Degrees. He is a lawyer by profession and occupation, but has an interest in a saloon business. He does not give personal attention to the business, but has an interest in it derived by inheritance from his father, and shares in the profits. Can the lodge receive and ask upon his petition?"

"A. No. There can be no difference in principle between one who has whole interest in a saloon and one who has only partial interest, between one who takes all of the profits of the saloon business, and one who shares in the profits with another.

"Q. Have wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Master Masons the right to wear masonic emblems?"

"A. The Grand Master is not aware that there are any masonic regulations as to this matter. He is of the opinion that it is proper for the female members of the families of Master Masons in good standing (widows, wives, mothers, sisters and daughters) to wear masonic emblems.

Masonry honors womanhood and if a woman related to a Master Mason as stated wishes to manifest her appreciation of the Craft and to invoke the consideration and protection that comes from wearing a masonic badge, she should be permitted to do so. Certainly the wearing of such badges by women cannot mislead anyone as to membership in the Craft. As to chances of imposition, they are remote. On the other hand, such a badge may afford assistance and protection at times when needed."

Fifty-nine special dispensations were issued; one lodge constituted; two corner-stones laid; three masonic halls dedicated; many visitations made; a plea for the discontinuance of smoking in the lodge room when the lodge is at work was made. Many minor matters were touched upon in the address.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

There was a large amount of local business.

Bro. Aldro Jenks submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"A new regulation providing in substance that when a Grand Lodge reverses the decision of a subordinate lodge, whereby a brother is suspended or expelled, such reversal shall restore the accused to membership in his lodge without the consent of such lodge, failed of adoption. The regulation is correct and should have been written into the fundamental law. If a brother is wrongfully deprived of his membership in his lodge by conviction which cannot be sustained, he ought to be placed in the same position he was in before he was unlawfully and wrongfully convicted. Any such rule is a denial of justice."

Under District of Columbia we read:

"In the District of Columbia, a candidate may receive the E. A. degree immediately upon his election. It sometimes happens that a candidate expecting a favorable ballot is rejected. Of course, such events are very embarrassing. In one lodge it was attempted to prohibit the conferring of a degree upon a candidate upon the day of election. The Grand Master held that this was beyond the power of the lodge, inasmuch as it took from the Master the discretion inherent in his office concerning the arrangement of his work, and as such constitutes an invasion of his prerogatives. In this decision he was upheld by the Grand Lodge acting through its Committee on Jurisprudence. In Wisconsin, a provision of our constitution forbids the conferring of the E. A. degree upon a candidate in a shorter period than six days after his election, thus not only avoiding these unpleasant incidents, but also affording every member by secret objection made to the Master, an opportunity of preventing the initiation of one whom he deems unworthy."

Maine for 1911 was pleasantly remembered.

Under Mississippi:

"The trustees of the Masonic Home were authorized by resolution to pay out of the maintenance fund to any lodge a sum not exceeding \$50 in any one case, and in any one year, for the support of any indigent aged brother Master Mason, or widow or daughter of a Master Mason, provided the lodge shall have contributed an equal amount to that contrib-



uted by the trustees for the support of such indigent person, and were further authorized to pay a like sum (\$50 a year) to any one person who was an indigent mason, or to their widow or daughter in distress who is not a charge upon any lodge, upon a certificate of the lodge under whose jurisdiction such indigent person may reside.

"We think this policy is one that is to be commended. So far as possible by extending temporary aid, such dependents should be prevented from becoming inmates of a Masonic Home. The Home will fill up fast enough with permanent residents. If a needy person having claims upon our bounty can be tided over a difficulty, they will frequently become self-sustaining again, but if they once enter a Masonic Home they are apt to remain there, a permanent burden to the Craft."

Under Pennsylvania:

"We seldom have cause to criticise the acts of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Few Grand Lodges have adhered as tenaciously to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity as has Pennsylvania. We cannot, however, pass over the report of the Grand Master, 'that he had *set aside* the action of a lodge in approving and initiating a petitioner who had been previously rejected in another lodge.' When a brother has received the degrees in a regularly constituted lodge of masons, the obligation he has taken makes him a mason in fact, and it is beyond the power of any Grand Master to set aside his initiation, and nullify the work. You might as well proclaim that an illegitimate child, because it did not come regularly into the world, is not a human being. There are some facts which even a Grand Master cannot alter, and the fact that one has made his masonic vows in a regular masonic lodge makes him a mason, no matter how irregularly those conferring the degrees may have acted."

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The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. Daniel McLaren Miller, Grand Master in 1902, which occurred April 25, 1912. "He was honest, earnest, sincere and sympathetic."

## WYOMING, 1912.

In his address to the members of the thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harold Banner, thus speaks of the condition of the fraternity in his jurisdiction:

"The Masonic Order in Wyoming is making a strong, healthy growth. In the past year four dispensations have been issued for the formation of new lodges in towns whose present condition, and future prospects, insure their permanency and stability, and in our younger lodges, as well as in the older ones, it has pleased me to notice that much care is being given as to the character of the members obtained, and that *quality* and not *quantity* is the one point that is worthy of consideration.

"Our financial condition is distinctly good. Many lodges, as they have become able to afford it, have built and now own their own homes, and others contemplate building as soon as they can do so creditably and safely, wisely deferring operations until they can feel assured that they will not be assuming a burden that might be too heavy for them to bear."



Of his decisions we quote:

"Can a member holding a dimit from a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction and at present residing within the jurisdiction of a Wyoming lodge, place his dimit and apply for affiliation with any lodge in the state, or must he make application to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides?"

"The holder of a lawful dimit, therefore, is entitled to apply for affiliation to any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction."

"*Question.*—Can a lodge refund the fees of initiation to ministers of the Gospel?"

"*Answer.*—No. Except in the length of residence required in this Grand Jurisdiction, Masonry makes no distinction in favor of any individual or profession."

Dispensations were issued for three new lodges and other things; three corner-stones were laid; two Masonic Temples were dedicated; some twenty-six lodges visited; by-laws approved.

He recommended that—

"The Grand Lodge By-Laws shall be amended to read so that all correspondence relating to comity in conferring degrees or other official business between lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions shall be held through the Grand Master of this state and the Grand Master of the state or country in which the foreign lodge is situated, and that such communications shall have the seal of the Grand Lodge attached."

"From the experience of the past year it is my opinion that only in this manner can we secure compliance with our by-laws in states and countries other than our own whose requirements as to the conferring of degrees are not as rigid as in Wyoming."

The liquor law was amended by inserting the words "as a beverage." Now we presume the apothecary will be eligible for the degrees.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, (portrait), presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"The Grand Lodge of Alabama is one of the very few having the initiative and referendum system in full swing, under which all constitutional amendments are submitted. Under the boasted referendum system Grand Lodge action is discounted and as a governing body it has no standing and under the same system governments will cease to be such only in name, preceding the reign of Anarchy."

Maine for 1912 has a page in his valued report.

So you were one who received a copy of Maine's proceedings with a little Grand Commandery sandwiched in. So did we. We wonder who were the others. We do not write the Grand Commandery report, but it is the same binder for both reports and signatures were mixed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"It is generally if not universally held by regular Grand Lodges of this country that to entitle a Masonic Grand Lodge to recognition at this time it must have been formed by a majority or not less than three legitimate chartered subordinate lodges deriving their authority from one or more

Grand Lodges which can trace their pedigree to the Grand Lodge of England or organized speculative Masonry of the British Isles. That it must be absolutely independent of and free from any control of a Supreme Council or any government. That it must require the Bible to be placed and retained on its altar and that of each of its subordinates, at least in all Christian countries. That as a regular Grand Lodge it has sole control of the three craft degrees and of all the territory in the state, province or country where located, with such other rights as makes it a legitimate sovereign body under the above test beyond question.

"From the best information obtainable we find that while a few Grand Bodies on the continent of Europe not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, such as those of Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, may be able to trace their pedigree through the York Rite as above required, nearly if not all other unrecognized Grand Bodies on said continent and elsewhere are simply political machines and the creation of lodges illegally chartered by Supreme Councils or organized by the latter and therefore clandestine. Of the others mentioned we find the Grand Lodge of Belgium and Alpina of Switzerland in close communion with and defenders of the Godless Grand Orient of France with a strong suspicion if not a certainty resting over them that the Bible is removed from the altar when objected to and that some of their lodges along with some of those in Germany substitute for the Bible what is known as 'The White Book,' having the one word 'God' on its outside cover with all the inside leaves blank. It is also charged that some kind of a treaty between Germany and said Orient has been entered into. Statements have been made charging that the Grand Lodges of Denmark, Sweden and Norway require that candidates must all be Christians; that each of them are directly under governmental control and subject to be snuffed out at any time, as in Russia, by ukase of the government. Under such conditions they are certainly not sovereign bodies, therefore none of them are entitled to recognition.

"The universal rule has been that when a legally formed Grand Lodge desired official recognition it applied therefor to the regular and legally constituted Grand Lodges and not to any Subordinate Lodge, Supreme Council or individual. Recently, however, one man in Washington set up the claim that he had the right to recognize two clandestine negro masons or any other man claiming to be a mason, irrespective of any Grand Lodge recognition. Following this we find, as heretofore stated, a few other masons making the same claim, with two, if not three, Grand Lodges ignoring said universal rule by adopting the resolution permitting their lodges and members thereof to recognize individual so-called masons hailing from clandestine lodges the Grand Lodges of which they have never recognized. The inconsistency of such action must be apparent to everybody and is an endorsement of one of the most dangerous heresies against Craft Masonry ever advocated. Universality is the shibboleth used to foist said heresy upon our institution, which, if it means anything, it must include the organized clandestine negro masons, who, from a legal standpoint, are as much entitled (without a leg to stand upon) to share in such universality as the ones provided for in said resolution and we are surprised at any Southern Jurisdiction failing to see that universality in Craft Masonry is and will be an impossibility until the millennium is ushered in thousands of years hence or the Supreme Architect changes the brains of all people. If Grand Lodges are to continue as sovereign in their respective jurisdictions in this country they should prohibit under penalty instead of permit their lodges to allow men from Scottish Rite Lodges in foreign countries to visit, as it is clear they cannot pass strict examination, and by legislation require their lodges to try and expel every member who breaks his obligation by recognizing clandestine masons in

this or any other country before the Grand Lodge of the latter has been duly recognized. See Iowa in this report."

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## ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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### ARKANSAS, 1912.

Four hundred sixty-eight of the five hundred fifty-four lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Mark P. Olney, we quote:

"The year has been marked by no great degree of prosperity to the craft, yet I am free to say that practically no discord exists throughout the state and a steady growth has been enjoyed numerically, and what pleases me far more, there seems to be an uplift in the brotherly feeling which we all so much need, and which will cause us to remember our obligations to each other.

"No great calamity has befallen us during the year, and yet silently and almost without warning hundreds of our brethren have been crossed over the last river by that 'boatman pale,' and have safely moored their frail barks in peaceful harbors, and are at rest."

Under "Dispensations" he says:

"Special dispensations have been asked to do almost every imaginable thing, and where the good of Masonry permitted, it has been my privilege to grant these, though I have been loath to grant dispensations to make masons in other than the regular way, and in every case where I have done otherwise than this I felt that the occasion warranted the action. I have granted fifty-five dispensations to elect and install officers or some one officer after the regular time.

"Ten dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time, mostly wherein parties were going away and into communities where there are no lodges.

"Seven petitions were honored to lay corner-stones of public buildings."

The status of the appeal for funds for the erection of a Sanitarium and Temple at Hot Springs is given.

Under "Schools of Instruction" he commends the plan used in Maine:

"In my opinion, if the District Deputies held schools at central places in their respective districts, where Masters, Wardens and others who care to learn the established work could go at comparatively little expense, that much more good could be accomplished than by visitation in lodges, though this should, in my judgment, never be dispensed with."

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Salvador was recognized.  
No Report on Correspondence.

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M. W. Bro. James W. Sorrels, Grand Master in 1889-90, died Jan. 14, 1913.

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1912.**

A stated communication of the Grand Lodge was held in March, when the three degrees were exemplified.

At the May stated communication the Committee on Burial Service reported that the Masonic Service should not be refused because the body of the brother was to be cremated and suggested changes to be observed in the service used, and the report was adopted.

At the September stated convocation the subject of raising funds to complete the buildings of the Masonic Home was presented. The reciprocity, concerning candidates, with the jurisdictions of Maryland and Virginia was practically abrogated.

The following legislation in regard to "Liquor Saloons" was adopted:

*"Resolved,* That no constituent lodge of this Grand Lodge shall hold its communications in any building or premises where a public bar is maintained for the sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors or beverages, or derive profit by lease or rental from, or own, any such building or premises; provided that a lodge shall be exempt from the provisions of this resolution during the present term of an existing lease or rental of a building or premises owned by it and so used, but not after the expiration of such lease or term of rental."

We question the taste in the passing of resolutions, by a Grand Lodge, to brother masons who have shown courtesy to members of that Grand Lodge when privately traveling within the confines of the abodes of the brethren.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ben W. Murch, (portrait), delivered at the annual communication we quote:

"The report which I submit to you as Grand Master of Masons of this jurisdiction for the year now so near its close is brief. The reason for this brevity is found largely in the fact that we have had during the year few masonic events out of the ordinary, and that the lodges have been doing their work so quietly, with such little friction, with such a clear understanding of their duty, with such intelligent direction by their officers, that the Grand Master, officially, has had very little to do except to enjoy thoroughly his associations with his brethren, the most pleasant, the most inspiring, the most instructive associations of a lifetime."

The dead are remembered; the visitations and fraternal courtesies suf-

ficiently mentioned; the laying of the corner-stone of the University Club reported, and of the home building he says:

"I am more than pleased to be able to report to you that eighteen of our twenty-nine lodges and all the Eastern Star Chapters have pledged the amount, three dollars per member, subject to the call of the building committee."

From the report of the Committee on Accounts we quote:

"The Grand Lodge has embarked in the business of taking over and caring for the new Masonic Temple. One result of this action was the levying a tax on the fraternity to be applied on the indebtedness on the Temple. The Grand Lodge thus becomes a trustee for the fraternity in the application of this fund."

Quite a large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. Geo. W. Baird presented his thirteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

We agree to the sentiment expressed in the following quotation under Georgia:

"While the inhibition of a seller of liquor is in the *Georgia* masonic law, and must be adhered to in the Grand Lodge, it is, we think, an innovation in the body of Masonry. The lodges which formed the first Grand Lodge, in 1717, claimed and were accorded rights which the Grand Lodge was obliged to respect, and which led to a constitution and to the installation services of an elected Master, and one pledge is that he does not accord the right of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry. One of the inalienable rights of a lodge is that of making its own membership. Unless a lodge is depraved, it can, we think, be trusted to black-ball rum-sellers if they are not wanted in the lodge. We very much fear that this prohibition fad in so many of our Grand Lodges, may recoil like a boomerang."

Maine for 1912 has a page in his valued report. We quote:

"The distinguished reviewer asks us 'what business had the appeal [to interfere or to prevent a penal colony being placed so near the tomb of Washington] before the District of Columbia Grand Lodge,' since it was not within our purview to act on it. He thinks the brother erred who presented the appeal. We do not disagree with him, save that the brother may have thought the right of appeal has been regarded as sacred ever since Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence."

From his conclusion we quote:

"American Grand Lodges have, we think, been remiss in declining invitations from the international congresses, which invitations have come to us from Europe. It would be better to stretch hands across the sea and greet legitimate, altruistic masons. We exchange Grand Representatives with many Foreign Grand Lodges, but that is almost the limit of our acquaintance.

"In London there is 'The Catholic Truth Society,' which has published a cyclopedia for Catholics. It says:

"*Freemasonry*: a secret society, which professes by means of symbolic language and certain ceremonies of initiation to lay down a code of morality formed on brotherhood of humanity only; now a most powerful body,

spread throughout the world, having for its principal object opposition to Christianity. This aim was naturally long kept hidden, and disguised under the misleading title and show of philanthropy, so that many well-meaning persons, especially in England, have been deluded into joining it. Some date its origin as far back as the building of Solomon's Temple; others connect it with the medieval masonic guilds, or the suppressed Knights Templar. It has been repeatedly condemned by the Holy See."

### FLORIDA, 1913.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert W. Gilchrist, in his address reports the constitution of ten new lodges, the approval of by-laws, the granting of dispensations to confer degrees short of time; the laying of corner-stone, and dispensations for eleven new lodges and for other purposes.

He decided that a book-keeper and cashier of a liquor house were ineligible for initiation. Also we quote one more of his reported decisions:

"In this letter you state that a brother E. A. has been dimitted from a sister Grand Jurisdiction, and he applied to receive the F. C. degree in your lodge, and that you ordered the petition to take the usual course, appointing a committee, etc.

"This raises a nice point. The regulations of our Grand Jurisdiction have not provided for the same, inasmuch as in our lodges an E. A. is not dimitted. A lodge which has conferred the E. A. degree waives or transfers its jurisdiction, or the work is done by courtesy. He is not dimitted. The U. D. lodge could not affiliate him. The Grand Master is authorized upon request of the lodge to add the names of dimitted brothers to the lodge membership. Our regulations have not provided for the dimit of an E. A.

"The question with me is whether the Grand Master, upon request of the lodge, direct his name to be added to the list of E. A.'s of your lodge or whether you should do as you have done. I approve the action of your lodge, with the hope that the Grand Lodge will declare itself more explicitly on this point."

From the report of the Committee on Work we quote:

"Your committee is profoundly impressed with the value and importance of this method of disseminating Grand Lodge work, and while we have labored under many disadvantages in the first year of its operation, one of which was the absence of our co-worker, Bro. Johnson, at these conventions, we feel sure that it is the best method of teaching the work yet employed by the Grand Lodge, and with the experience gained in the past year, still better results may be confidently expected in the near future if this system is continued.

"By thoroughly teaching the work of one degree during each day and conferring that degree upon an actual candidate at the evening session, gives the masons of Florida a better opportunity to acquire the work as practiced in this Grand Lodge than they have ever had before."

The Committee on Jurisprudence report on the decision quoted above as follows:

"This ruling is with reference to the effect of a dimit granted in another jurisdiction to an E. A. mason. In this state such dimitts are not granted, but the committee are of the opinion that such a dimit granted in another state would be in effect a waiver or relinquishment of jurisdiction over the E. A. to whom it was granted."

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 is remembered.

From his conclusion we quote:

"To be a mason and hail fellow well met and to have others call him 'Brother' is to many aspirants the height of their ambition in Masonry. They rush through until they wear the fez and claim to be a 'shriner.'"

"What do such know of Masonry? It were better that, as in some continental countries, there were a considerable interval of time between the degrees and that the candidate be required to know something of the meaning of what he hears and sees.

"Keep the blue lodge ever before you, much as you may admire the rest of the degrees. Your faithful discharge of your duty to God and man is amply inculcated in the first three degrees.

"We do not decry the value of the tenets and teachings of the various branches of Masonry. They are all valuable and teach important lessons. They should not be considered a detraction from or allowed to overshadow the blue lodge."

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We have received the announcement of the death of Bro. R. W. Syd L. Carter, Deputy Grand Master in 1899-1900, who died February 25, 1913. "He was honored and esteemed for his many good deeds."

### KANSAS, 1913.

Four hundred lodges on the rolls, of which three hundred thirty-seven were represented by five hundred fourteen brethren, who with the Grand Officers and others present made a total representation of eight hundred and eleven at the fifty-seventh annual communication. Among this goodly number was to be found the Grand Representative for Maine.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Easton Hutchison, (portrait), resembles many that we have read in that it is pleasing and general as appears by the following quoted paragraph:

"The success and attainments of the lodge are not wholly measured by its numerical increase. The other elements which show growth and development must be taken into consideration at the same time in making the inventory. The value of each note and bond in the bank has more to do in the computation of the total assets of the institution than the number of the notes and bonds."



During the year seven lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges, and eighty-two dispensations for various purposes, besides forty-one for conferring degrees without waiting the statutory time.

Six corner-stones were laid by the Grand Master and two by proxy. District Conventions are commended and the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters is highly praised and the hope expressed that the time may come when the ritualistic work will be under their direction and thereby be deprived of the services of "Custodians, Lecturers and Instructors."

He commends the Masonic Home, and appeals for help to carry on the work, not by increasing the per capita tax, but by the Grand Lodge making from its funds a donation of ten thousand dollars.

W. Bro. Richard M. Pickler delivered an oration on the subject of "The Long Search."

Recognition was denied the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

The new Code of Laws adopted at this communication appear in the proceedings.

Bro. Matthew M. Miller submitted his eleventh Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has nearly three pages in his admirable report.

To show the style and ability of Bro. Miller as a writer we quote:

"Between the moon and the calendar, which was alleged to be a conspiracy between the two, Harmony Lodge, No. 38, thought it was thrown out of gear with the masonic world by depriving it of a chance to hold its annual election by the sweet silvery light of the moon. The Grand Master listened to their plea, granted them a dispensation to hold a special, when the moon would be in gear, and all was happy until that austere, self-sufficient body called the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence called attention to the fact that they in their wisdom had arranged for the wanderings of the moon and made ample provision for fullness, to meet all the necessities of the land of steady habits, in Standing Regulation No. 28, and that the issuance and use of the dispensation was entirely a work of supererogation. (Sumner.)"

Under Oklahoma we read:

"The Grand Treasurer came fortified with thirteen pages of report and 'figgers,' fortified by a certificate of bank as to deposit of masonic funds, which seem to have demonstrated that the treasury was all right. We have puzzled, however, over some of the conundrums propounded in the report by the Treasurer to his brethren, *e. g.*: 'I want you to ask yourselves and answer to your own consciences, "Whither do we drift?" "Why this impetuous haste?" "Are we forgetting our MOTHER?" And then in italics: *'The so-called higher degrees are all right only so long as they do not wean us away from the Blue Lodge. \* \* \** Some of us are yet sticking by the old home where we were born.' Winding up with: *'Brethren, stick to your mother.'*

"Of course it is to be expected that one who never has been weaned should insist upon the necessity that the brethren stick to their mother.



In fact, he is a poor man and a poorer mason who ever goes back on his mother. But there is one feature in the case that has never dawned upon our advising brother. Incidentally among others he mentions the Shrine—that it could not exist without the Blue Lodge. We do not know, but we guess that the 'impetuous haste' was caused by some of the youngsters, to whom 'ass's milk' and 'zem-zem' were the most desirable sustenance afforded on earth, and the wild hegira was simply emblematic of the unrestrained joy at the chance for access to the maternal founts."

### MASSACHUSETTS, 1912.

A fine portrait (Bather) of our esteemed friend, the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas W. Davis, graces the proceedings.

At the quarterly communication in March the question of the jurisdiction of the lodges in Greater Boston was fully set forth; the condition of the Masonic Home at Charlton briefly stated; the Grand Orient of Italy was not recognized.

At the quarterly communication in June an amendment to the Grand Constitution was adopted, by means of which five dollars for each initiate is to be paid to the Masonic Home Fund. M. W. Bro. C. W. Gallagher gave another chapter in the life and history of "John Paul Jones."

At the quarterly communication in September the Grand Constitutions were amended, by which change the number of Chaplains was increased.

A charter was granted to a new lodge in Boston—Shawmut.

At the Quarterly Communication (Annual) in December in his address the M. W. Grand Master, Everett C. Benton, says:

"Our Fraternity in this Commonwealth renders the ritual with commendable accuracy, adds yearly to its membership, and maintains an honored position in the great masonic family. But I long to see a greater enthusiasm in the exemplification of its principles, a more exact conformity to its professed virtues, and a greater desire to extend the beneficent aims of our Institution. Our principles, humane and moral, are the world's need. Masses of men could be made better, stronger, more worthy of the blessings of a free government, if they accepted and exemplified our noble principles. Our population is cosmopolitan. Within our borders are found men of nearly every race and sect. We declare Freemasonry to be universal, and yet as individuals we yield too often to prejudices on account of blood or faith. It is our duty to seek the uplifting of every man, worthy to be of our number. Character is the great standard of our profession. Honesty, uprightness, righteousness do not depend upon nationality or ancestry, nor upon one's religious faith."

During the year one Masonic Temple was dedicated; four cornerstones were laid; two lodges were constituted; many visitations made, among which we note:

"March 21, I attended the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Portland Lodge, No. 1, of Portland Me., which secured its charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I was presented to the Worshipful Master by the Grand Master of Maine."

Of the lodges under dispensation he says:

"One of the lodges in the Canal Zone, located on the Atlantic Coast, is composed mainly of American citizens who had been organized as a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but surrendered their charter from that body that they might be directly allied masonically with the brethren of their own country. I am advised that their request for a charter will be brought before you for consideration to-day. The second lodge in the Canal Zone, to be located on the Pacific Coast of the Isthmus, is to occupy apartments in which a chapter and a commandery under United States jurisdictions are already meeting."

From the Report of the Masonic Home Committee we learn:

"For the average of twenty-four residents, during the year 1912, charging up against them the cost of administration, house expense, heat, light and power, maintenance of real estate and machinery, insurance and miscellaneous expenses, that is, the total current expense, the cost per person has been \$748.13. If the full capacity of the present plant—say fifty—was reached, the estimated expense would be \$476.62,—about \$300 less, per person; the cost maintenance of the plant, including fuel and light, repairs, insurance and wages, being divided among the greater number."

The Stated Communication held in December was for the purpose of installing the officers and celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, at which there were many witty speeches from several speakers.

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## FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

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### ENGLAND, 1912.

At the annual Grand Festival, discussing the conferring of Past Grand rank, the M. W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, says:

"It is a high honor for any mason to hold any office in the Grand Lodge of England. That was the old idea, and it is the idea which we wish to see revived. No brother, whatever his social rank or position outside of Masonry, need think it derogatory to his dignity to accept any office in the Grand Lodge. It ought to be sufficient to any mason to be a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and although there are gradations of rank and precedence for the necessary purposes of ceremonial, those distinctions ought not to arouse the slightest envy or pride in the breast of any true mason. Grand Officers are Grand Officers, and to that extent there is equality among those who have been singled out from the thousands of their brethren, and recommended for a distinction of which any man who understands and adheres to masonic principles may be proud. No brother has a right to be promoted to office in Grand Lodge either by virtue of seniority, or for any other reason which can be mechanically defined."

**IRELAND, 1912.**

From the address of the Deputy Grand Master we quote:

"It would even be most desirable to secure, if that is possible, a much more striking resemblance between the Ceremonials of our Order in England, Ireland and Scotland than exists. I was glad the other day to ascertain that a deputation from the Grand Master's Lodge went over to London, by invitation, for the purpose of exemplifying our mode of conferring the three degrees. It has frequently happened, in lodges both in England and Scotland that I have been present at, that I found such striking differences in the ritual that really you would not think they were giving the same degree as we give it in Ireland.

"Our Grand Lodge of Instruction here has done a great deal to assimilate to one form the sometimes divergent forms in which degrees have been conferred hitherto in the different lodges in Dublin. It would also be most desirable if the influence of the Grand Lodge of Instruction could be extended to the remoter parts of Ireland, where very often the degrees are given in a way different from that in which they are given in Dublin. Our ceremonies, in my opinion, should be conducted in the same way throughout the whole masonic world."

The Board of General Purposes ruled that "the funds of a lodge were collected solely from masonic sources for masonic purposes only and should not be used for any other purpose whatever"; also "it was regarded as a most undesirable and irregular proceeding for a lodge to ask for assistance from any outside source for a purely masonic object."

As a matter of information we quote:

"During the year the international language known as Esperanto made its appearance in Irish Masonry, the Vernon Lodge, 127, Coleraine, having the distinction of being the first lodge in Ireland to be opened and closed in Esperanto. The communication was held by our Coleraine brethren in honor of visiting Freemasons who were attending the Annual Congress of the British Esperanto Association."

**YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO, 1912.**

Quite a large amount of local business was transacted.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. H. Seamon, in his address says:

"The disturbed conditions of the country; the sudden and remarkable political changes; have caused a feeling of unrest and uncertainty that has obstructed our numerical growth but not our usefulness. Never before has this Grand Lodge been equally as useful. The distress prevalent all over the Republic has made constant drains upon the funds of the subordinate lodges and the resources of the individual members, yet no case of need has been turned down and help has been given in many instances when the petitioners had no claims upon us. The consciousness of duty well performed is the best reward our members can ever have."

In the report of the Grand Secretary we read:

"The so-called Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, composed of seceding members from this Grand Lodge, is a strictly Scottish Rite Body; working under Scottish laws and ritual and recognizing the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. as a superior body. The other so-called Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, viz., Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon and the Grand Lodge 'Cosmos' of Chihuahua, also work under Scottish laws and ritual and recognize the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. as a superior body. The York Grand Lodge of Mexico works under York Rite laws and ritual and acknowledges no body as its superior. This being the case, it follows logically and absolutely that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is the only Grand Lodge which can hold jurisdiction over York Rite Masons in the whole Republic of Mexico, and it exercises such jurisdiction and will continue to exercise such jurisdiction until other York Rite Grand Lodges are organized in the States of Mexico."

Bro. W. H. Seamon presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Kansas we excerpt:

"The ideals of the Scottish Rite, the dominant rite amongst people of the Latin race, are chiefly for political reforms; when left to themselves the lodges partake more of the character of an American political club than they do of an English masonic lodge; along these lines they have accomplished much for the cause of better government and, for years to come, they will be able to do good along these lines. When the necessity for political work is over in Latin countries I wonder often, whether their masonic lodges will continue; when we notice that they fall asleep when political activity is below normal, one has reason to believe that eventually Masonry will die out among Latin people; it is a difficult question to determine.

"While we have good reason to feel indignant (and there is a feeling of indignation for their confiscation of our property) towards the Mexicans who rebelled from the authority of this Grand Lodge, yet I have not heard a harsh word spoken by any brother; we recognize the futility of living under the same roof and if, in the course of time, some means may be found by which we can feel friendly towards each other we will be glad to welcome it; but we will never allow our control by Scottish Rite laws and ideals; we are now free and free we will remain."

Maine for 1911 is reviewed.

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The R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. George W. Deits, died April 9, 1913.

## NEW SOUTH WALES, 1912.

A proposition for building a Masonic Temple by the Grand Lodge at Sydney for the use of the Grand Lodge and the city lodges was defeated.

The following resolution was adopted:

"To declare that meetings of lodges, or the members of lodges, on Sundays, for the purpose of instruction, rehearsal, or other masonic practices, except for Church or funeral services, are inimical to the best interests of Freemasonry."

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The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Bro. L. Whitfield.

Under Indiana we read:

"If we are proud of any one thing more than another with regard to Masonry as practiced in this territory it is the utter absence of the brass band parade that one hears of in some foreign jurisdictions, and the strong prejudice that exists here against anyone advertising to the world at large, either by wearing regalia in public or adorning himself with masonic charms, the fact that he is a member of our organization."

Under Maryland we read:

"Re the 'Cipher Ritual,' I think it is a pity that any documentary ritual, cipher or otherwise, should be permitted or necessary. But experience has shown that something of the kind is necessary, and that without it the work would be variant, traditional, and incomplete. The printed or written ritual is a mark of decadence, but modern man has so much more to crowd into his time, and so much less time to devote to esoteric subjects than his ancient brethren, that the printed ritual, unauthorized and excrement though it be, cannot be done without."

## NEW ZEALAND, 1912.

Discussing the question of appeals for assistance one brother said:

"With reference to the clause in the report on the subject of life insurance, he might state that in almost every instance where application was made to the Board for relief it was found that the applicant, or the deceased brother whose death necessitated the application, had not insured his life in any form. Grand Lodge would do well to recommend the lodges to make it a *sine qua non* that every applicant for membership of the craft should have made suitable provision for his wife and family. Freemasonry was to a great extent a luxury, and a man who would not, or could not, pay a premium for life insurance in the interests of his family was not, in his opinion, entitled to become a member of the craft. He had no doubt that if this were pointed out to the lodges it would appeal strongly to them, and make them more careful in their choice of candidates. Let a candidate be ever so good a fellow, it was not fair for him, no matter how good a fellow, it was not fair for him, no matter how good his intentions, to afterwards throw his dependents upon the benevolence of the Craft."

Bro. Alfred H. Burton presented his third Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has a page in his valuable report.

## QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1912.

Considerable opposition to the Masonic Homes seem to have developed if we rightly read the discussion about the adoption of rules for them. We quote:

"Whenever the matter comes up in District Grand Lodge there seems to be some objection to the rules being passed. Brethren will recollect that at the request of District Grand Lodge a special meeting was called last year, and we met for the purpose of going into the question of these Homes. I honestly believed that it was the intention to go into the question, amending but accepting the rules in some way to carry out what many brethren felt was their desire—to see District Grand Lodge do something to mark Masonry in Queensland as being progressive. Yet we find some brethren standing in the doorway to prevent these rules being passed. I do not object to allowing the rules to stand over; but at the next meeting I quite anticipate that we will be met with some other proposal to prevent the bringing into existence of these Homes.

"Any stick seems sufficient to prevent the establishment of these Homes. I believe that every member of District Grand Lodge desires to see them started; but District Grand Lodge is divided between two parties, each pulling its own way, and between the two we cannot get the Homes going. If the matter is to be allowed to stand over we can only accept the position. If we are not going to start them we should return the money to brethren who gave it, and wait for better and happier times."

One speaker thus describes Masonry in Queensland:

"We know that amongst the Freemasons of Queensland there are men in the very closest business relations—partners, in fact—who can extend the hand of brotherhood in their daily vocations, but when Freemasonry is introduced into their lives—Freemasonry which teaches brotherhood, harmony, peace and unity—they are as far asunder as possible. We know that although here in Queensland these visitations cannot take place, if two masons or two men go to New South Wales, they will be received there. They can visit each other in New South Wales, but they cannot in Queensland. They can visit each other in Western Australia, or in New Zealand; but they cannot in Victoria, or South Australia, or Tasmania. They can visit each other in lodges in Ireland; but they cannot do it, except surreptitiously, in England or Scotland."

The rules above mentioned were adopted later at a special meeting.

## QUEENSLAND, 1912.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, in his address says:

"Our relations with sister Grand Lodges in the world are most satisfactory, and there are but few left now with whom fraternal relations are not yet established. Meanwhile we are beholding our souls in contentment, strictly adhering to the masonic lines we have set ourselves in our intercourse with those of our brethren who do not at the present see eye to eye with us, and I would ask you most sincerely to continue in that course. And when the happy day of union arrives, we shall be able to apply with the greatest satisfaction the words of Homer:

"There with commutual zeal we both had strove,  
In acts of dear benevolence and love,  
Brothers in peace, not rivals in command."

Let us also remember that 'there is no more sure tie between friends than when they are united in their objects and wishes.'

Ireland recognized the Grand Lodge, and one of the speakers at the quarterly communication at which the information was given said:

"When the third and successful attempt to form a Grand Lodge of Queensland was made in 1903, I was asked to head the movement, but being at that time Provincial Grand Master of the territory under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, could not see my way clear, without first obtaining the consent of that most eminent brother, my honored chief, to accept the honor offered to me. That consent having been given, I most cordially took up the work, and the Grand Lodge of Queensland was regularly formed in 1904; and after it had been constituted the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, accompanied by many of his officers, did this Grand Lodge and myself the honor of visiting our city for the purpose of installing me as the Grand Master, to which office my brethren had elected me.

"In 1905 on the initiative of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland a Conference was held in London of five (5) representatives from each of those Grand Lodges and two (2) representatives from the Grand Lodge of Ireland to consider how and when new Grand Lodges in the colonies should be recognized. At that Conference it was decided by a majority, after considerable discussion and protests from the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that a new Grand Lodge in the Colonies should not be recognized unless at least two-thirds of the lodges working under each jurisdiction should have joined or be prepared to join in the erection thereof.

"The representatives of Ireland disagreed to the apparent retrospective wording of the resolution, and it has been a sore point with many prominent brethren of that Grand Lodge that the recognition of Queensland Grand Lodge has been delayed. Recently these brethren have been working most strenuously on our behalf, and after correspondence with myself extending over nearly two years the matter of recognition was brought strongly before the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in December last year, when the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with our Grand Secretary and obtain officially the full information respecting all matters in connection with the formation and progress of this Grand Lodge."

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1912.**

Discussing the incorporation of lodges the M. W. Grand Master said:

"It has come to my notice that one of the lodges proposes to be incorporated. I am aware that one of the strongest lodges of our Constitution—Emulation—is incorporated, but my advice is against it. We do not want any official or government interference with masonic matters. We are a secret order and we do not want to do anything that will require us to make reports or expose our affairs to the outside world."

Much discussion arose over the question of a change in the management of the Trust Funds. To the reader it would seem that the Grand Lodge could have chosen its own trustees and then these chosen trustees could have negotiated with the other trustees upon any proposition presented by the one or the other.

The proceedings contain a history of Freemasonry in South Australia.



A Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented.

Under Alabama we read:

"In South Australia we prefer to judge a liquor seller by his moral character, not by his occupation. We would suggest to our Alabama brethren that, if it is a violation of the Constitutions to admit a liquor seller, logically, it is equally a violation to admit a liquor buyer. Each is guilty of trafficking."

Maine has a place in the report.

Under West Virginia we read:

"It is amusing to find that the 'Grand Matron of the order applied to the Grand Master in regard to the building of a Masonic Home, under the joint auspices of 'The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star' and the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Master promptly gave that proposal its 'quietus.'"

### **TASMANIA, 1912.**

From the address of the Grand Master at the annual communication in February we excerpt:

"It must be gratifying to us all to feel that we are in a position to render relief and assistance to our worthy poor and distressed brethren or their relatives when called upon. The building up of this fund, which now reaches nearly £4,000, is a source of continued congratulation to us all. I would certainly like to see a greater increase to the direct contributions of the brethren at the various installations. Many of those who attend are not now members of any lodge, and they might naturally be expected to give freely on such occasions, if only to mark their appreciation of the good work being done, and so make some amends for lost opportunities. Their withdrawal from active membership has apparently prevented them from practicing their earliest masonic impressions. Few special subscriptions are now received from unattached brethren, which ought not to be.

"The reports of the various Inspectors of lodges show that they have been very active during the year, and their visits have been well received, and the results are generally satisfactory."

From an Oration delivered by the Past Grand Chaplain we quote:

"Brotherly Love within the lodge, for it should be inconceivable that brethren should quarrel over lodge matters. Differences of opinion there will be, differences of opinion there must be, for we are men with varying outlooks and different points of view. But one thing, above all, Freemasonry ought to teach us, and that is, that we can agree to differ, can agree in differing. Strongly as we may feel, we learn to bow to the opinion of the majority, remembering ever that not one's own profit or advancement, but the greatest good of the greatest number should be our end and aim."

A digest of the annual reports of some of the Sister Grand Lodges was presented.

The M. W. Grand Master, in his address at the August communication, among other good things said:



"My attention has been recently called to the action of a Sister G. L. which is expressing disapproval of Sunday masonic meetings. While it is not my desire to encourage meetings of lodges on that day, still I can see no harm whatever in the continuance of ritual instruction on Sunday afternoons, especially where these meetings are conducted by and in the presence of, thoroughly qualified Past Masters, who exercise full control in preserving the same order that is invariably noticeable in all Lodges of Instruction. Sunday masonic services, where the brethren and their wives can assemble, and where the masonic function is carried out with the assistance of the Chaplain, are, to my mind, most enjoyable and desirable."

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1912.

From the address of the Deputy Grand Master at the quarterly communication in July, we quote:

"Masonry, brethren, is not the growth of a day, nor even of a century. Neither is it some evanescent religious phase, or the dull vaporings from the brain of some doubtfully sane enthusiast. From time immemorial it has been a great constructive force, free from religious or political bias, wide enough to embrace all shades of opinion, with purposes clearly defined, with aims and objects noble and inspiring, sounding in clarion tones down through the ages the sacred and eternal principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; Brotherly Love deep and abiding, great enough to include all men, but more especially those who are 'of the household of faith'—Truth unchanging, immutable, proving itself in every thought, word and deed—Relief, mercy, charity, to all who suffer in body, soul, or spirit."

We give the regulation regarding relief:

"Under Rule 94, B. of C., a mason is eligible for relief if he has been a member of a West Australia Lodge for two years, which limitation, however, does not apply to cases of shipwreck, capture at sea, loss by fire, blindness, serious accident or illness. The widow and children of such a brother are eligible for relief also, as well as the widow and children of a brother who has died within two years of his initiation, and, so far as W. A. claimants are concerned, the only one not eligible for relief is a mason (or the widow of such mason) who has called off, or who has been struck off within the stipulated period of two years, and who has suffered none of the misfortunes mentioned. In such a case no more than £5 could be granted. Brethren of other Constitutions must have subscribed two years before they are entitled to any relief beyond £5, and this also applies to their widows and children. These rules are more or less similar to those of the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, with the exception that in England the subscribing period is four years, and in Ireland three years."

From the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings, we quote his criticisms:

- "(1) Master's copy of the Book of Constitutions absent from his table.
  - "(2) Signs given in a careless manner, especially in Second Degree.
  - "(3) Lack of punctuality in opening, one lodge being half-an-hour late.
  - "(4) Important charges being given by junior officers.
- "In addition to the above I have also found in several lodges:

- "(5) That the entrusting of signs was done in a perfunctory manner.  
 "(6) That the List of Excluded Brethren was not in the possession of the Junior Warden.  
 "(7) That in the principal lodge-room of the Masonic Temple the I. G.'s knocks are frequently given in an unnecessarily loud manner."

A Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented.

Under Georgia, we read:

"Where lodges are permitted to initiate, pass or raise apparently an unlimited number of candidates at the one ceremony, in our view the degree must lack impressiveness. Where is the necessity to rush candidates through the degrees in this way? A lodge engaged in making masons wholesale—like some of the Georgia lodges appear to be—cannot spare sufficient time to give the new members any solid grounding in masonic knowledge outside the ordinary ritual work, the inevitable result being the inefficient mason who is looming so prominently in so many of the American Jurisdictions."

Maine for 1911 has a page in the report.

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ALBRO E. CHASE, *for the Committee.*

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## Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication.



MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 5, 1914. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, at nine in the morning.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	M. W. Grand Master;
THOMAS H. BODGE,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master;
FRED C. CHALMERS,	" Senior Grand Warden;
GEORGE A. GILPATRIC,	" Junior Grand Warden;
ALBRO E. CHASE,	as " Grand Treasurer;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" " Secretary;
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Gor. Grand Secretary;
REV. WILLIAM H. FULTZ,	W. Grand Chaplain;
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	as " Marshal;
SILAS B. ADAMS,	" " Senior Deacon;
CHARLES P. HATCH,	" " Junior Deacon;
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Steward;
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "
ARTHUR H. SARGENT,	" " Stand. Bearer;
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant;
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	" " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer;
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist;
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler.

Also 254 delegates, representing 188 of the 203 chartered lodges, 9 of the 12 living Past Grand Masters, with 30 out of the other 41 permanent members, including 41 of the 59 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Brother WILLIAM H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Voted*, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

*Voted*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Voted*, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.  
*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Committee on Transportation arranged with all railway and steamship lines, excepting the Boston and Maine Railroad, which declined to

give reduced rates but suggested the purchase of mileage books by delegates in combination, which would effect the purpose. The slight increase of rates referred to last year took effect this year.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*  
JAMES E. PARSONS,

The Grand Master appointed the following:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### *On Doings of the Grand Officers.*

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

##### *On the Pay Roll.*

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, WARREN D. TRASK, ELMER E. CROCKETT.

##### *On Unfinished Business.*

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

#### CREDENTIALS.

BRO. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }  
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 5, 1914. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Arthur D. Pierce, M; Charles B. Hinds, SW.
- 2 WARREN, by H. Elbridge Moan, M; Herbert Harris, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Melvin H. Simmons, M.
- 6 AMITY, by Leander M. Kenniston, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Harry D. Davis, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by Joseph S. Stetson, M; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Fred I. Morrison, M; William H. Stackpole, SW; Clarence E. Thompson, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by James I. Shute, SW.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by James W. Eastman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Frank H. Gray, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by George W. Barber, Proxy.

- 14 SOLAR, by Arthur J. Smith, M.
- 15 ORIENT, by Frank Clark, M.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Nelson E. Moore, M; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by George A. Coffin, JW; Harry S. Boyd, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Stuart W. Goodwin, M; Wiggin L. Merrill, SW; Lee M. Smith, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by William R. Beazley, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry E. Knapp, SW; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Arthur E. Grose, M; Fred Raymond, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Charles W. Roberts, M; John H. Cooper, SW; Joseph B. Mitchell, JW.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Monroe V. Curtis, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Warren A. Nichols, M; William C. Libbey, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Edwin T. Clifford, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by William W. Brown, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Harris P. Ilsley, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Fred W. Bunker, M; John M. Getchell, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Reuel W. Smith, M.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Byron A. Evans, M; Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph L. Williams, SW; Ralph B. Lewis, Proxy.
- 32 HERMON, by Frank E. Dill, M; Donald S. McNaughton, SW; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Clarence E. B. Walker, M; Charles B. Davis, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Orin B. Frost, M; Warren D. Trask, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by John W. Coleman, M; Louis W. Riggs, SW; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by Frank G. Norton, JW; James W. Mitchell, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Benjamin H. Elkins, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Frank B. Arnold, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by John A. Haynes, M.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Henry Taylor, SW.
- 42 ———FREEDOM, not represented.
- 43 ALNA, by Gerald A. Stetson, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Frank G. Wise, M.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Ernfield J. Crosby, M; Wallace W. Jones, JW; Edward T. Bagley, Proxy.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Edward G. Buxton, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by George M. Gordon, M.
- 48 ———LAFAYETTE, not represented.

- 49 MERIDIAN SPLendor, by Frank E. Sheridan, M ; Lewman B. Soper, Proxy.
- 50 AURORA, by Edward C. Payson, M ; George T. Stewart, SW ; Milton W. Weymouth, JW ; Oscar H. Tripp, Proxy.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Clarence P. Lord, M ; Frank A. Prescott, SW ; Samuel H. Miller, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Herbert E. Horne, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Adelbert H. Bailey, Proxy.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Joseph Scott, M.
- 55 ———FRATERNAL, not represented.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Alfred P. Cobb, M ; Perley F. Smith, Proxy.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by George W. Dockham, M.
- 58 UNITY, by Albert R. Murch, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Edward A. Merrill, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by G. Fred Gillchrest, M.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Edward Goodwin, Proxy.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Charles E. Tallman, M ; Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by George F. Colbath, M.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Arthur M. Baker, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Albert G. Durgin, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Nathaniel H. Harnden, SW.
- 68 MARINERS', by James H. Duncan, M.
- 69 HOWARD, by Newell F. Perry, Proxy.
- 70 STANDISH, by Ralph W. E. Shaw, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Charles R. Ripley, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Carl L. Hews, M ; Henry S. Brown, Proxy.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Wade C. Trask, M.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Albert H. Hunter, M.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles T. Harris, Proxy.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by Woodbury H. Stevens, SW.
- 77 TREMONT, by Earll W. Gott, SW ; Eben F. Richardson, Proxy.
- 78 ———CRESCENT, not represented.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Emil F. Witten, M.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myron C. Jewett, M ; Elmer W. York, SW ; Mottier L. French, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by William S. Dresser, M ; William K. Herrmann, SW ; Fanning J. Burbank, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by LaForest True Spear, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Harold H. Hodge, M ; Edwin N. Miller, Proxy.
- 84 EUREKA, by Elmer E. Allen, Proxy.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by George T. Whitaker, M.

- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy,  
87 BENEVOLENT, by Everett F. Robinson, Proxy.  
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Edward R. Wingate, Proxy.  
89 ——— ISLAND, not represented.  
90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*  
91 HARWOOD, by Carl H. Bryant, JW.  
92 ——— SILOAM, not represented.  
93 HOREB, by Daniel W. Ballantyne, M.  
94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.  
95 CORINTHIAN, by Lynne H. Blanchard, Proxy.  
96 ——— MONUMENT, not represented.  
97 BETHEL, by Clarence K. Fox, M.  
98 KATAHDIN, by Edwin R. Woodbury, JW.  
99 VERNON VALLEY, by Harry E. Williams, SW;  
100 JEFFERSON, by Albert W. Askett, M.  
101 NEZINSCOT, by Fred S. Irish, M.  
102 MARSH RIVER, by Harry E. Staples, M.  
103 DRESDEN, by Ernest C. Palmer, M.  
104 DIRIGO, by Randall S. Maxwell, M.  
105 ASHLAR, by Frank M. Cummings, M.  
106 TUSCAN, by Lewis H. Lackee, Proxy.  
107 DAY SPRING, by Harold C. Moulton, Proxy.  
108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*  
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Harry M. Daniels, SW ; Carroll S. Douglass,  
Proxy.  
110 ——— MONMOUTH, not represented.  
111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.  
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Alfred L. Sawyer, M.  
113 MESSALONSKEE, by John H. Johnson, M ; James H. Witherell,  
Proxy.  
114 POLAR STAR, by John W. Ballou, Proxy.  
115 BUXTON, by Oscar D. Rand, Proxy.  
116 LEBANON, by William B. Longley, M.  
117 GREENLEAF, by Daniel G. Chaplin, Proxy.  
118 DRUMMOND, by William A. McDonald, M.  
119 POWNAL, by Alvah C. Treat, M.  
120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*  
121 ACACIA, by Ralph L. Stackpole, M.  
122 ——— MARINE, not represented.  
123 ——— FRANKLIN, not represented.  
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Charles L. Marrows, M.  
125 MERIDIAN, by Fred G. Parsons, M.



- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Frank E. Bramhall, M.  
127 PRESUMPCOT, by J. Irving Hayden, M.  
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Theodore A. Smith, Proxy.  
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.  
130 TRINITY, by Lafayette T. Porter, M.  
131 LOOKOUT, by Clarence D. Wallace, M.  
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Charles S. Hamlin, M.  
133 ASYLUM, by Frederic L. Chenery, Jr., Proxy.  
134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*  
135 RIVERSIDE, by Arthur W. Flagg, M.  
136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*  
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Charles M. Mayo, M.  
138 ———LEWY'S ISLAND, not represented.  
139 ARCHON, by Joseph J. Garland, Proxy.  
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Clifford B. Richardson, Proxy.  
141 AUGUSTA, by Albert M. Pingree, M; George F. Giddings, Proxy.  
142 OCEAN, by Isaac H. Storer, M; Lyman F. Getchell, Proxy.  
143 PREBLE, by Calvert Longbottom, Proxy.  
144 SEASIDE, by Clarence E. McKown, M.  
145 MOSES WEBSTER, by William C. Kessel, M; Mark P. Smith, JW.  
146 SEBASTICOOK, by C. Lee Stewart, Proxy.  
147 EVENING STAR, by Wellington H. Eastman, Proxy.  
148 FOREST, by Raymond Ham, M; Ralph Scribner, Proxy.  
149 DORIC, by John M. Douglass, M; Earl H. Jackson, SW.  
150 RABBONI, by James M. Palmer, M.  
151 EXCELSIOR, by Martin G. Black, Proxy.  
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Melville R. Wilbur, SW.  
153 ———DELTA, not represented.  
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Albert M. Child, Proxy.  
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Frank Tobie, M; George B. Shorey, Proxy.  
156 WILTON, by Walter D. Bean, M; Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.  
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Ralph W. Bailey, Proxy.  
158 ANCHOR, by Guy E. McFarland, M.  
159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*  
160 PARIAN, by Thomas F. Burrill, Proxy.  
161 CARRABASSETT, by Harry B. Harris, M.  
162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.  
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Linwood A. Ryder, M; John Roberts, SW;  
Edwin G. Ryder, Proxy.  
164 WEBSTER, by A. Linn Bangs, Proxy.  
165 MOLUNKUS, by Frank A. Ambrose, Proxy.  
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Everett S. Coombs, M.

- 167 ——— WHITNEY, not represented.  
168 COMPOSITE, by Samuel T. Heal, M.  
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Almon F. Johnson, M; Isaac S. Lowell,  
Proxy.  
170 CARIBOU, by Floyd A. Smith, M.  
171 NASKEAG, by Owen L. Flye, Proxy.  
172 PINE TREE, by Warren S. Coombs, Proxy.  
173 ——— PLEIADES, not represented.  
174 LYNDE, by Claude O. Hunt, M.  
175 BASKAHEGAN, by Benjamin E. Parker, SW; Martin L. Porter,  
Proxy.  
176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*  
177 RISING STAR, by Roy F. Leach, JW; Norris L. Grindell, Proxy.  
178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by George C. Simpson, JW.  
179 YORKSHIRE, by Benjamin A. Parker, M; Brainerd S. Drake, Proxy.  
180 HIRAM, by William A. Seyford, M; David E. Moulton, Proxy.  
181 REUEL WASHBURN,—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in  
1882.*  
182 GRANITE, by Frederick R. Penley, M.  
183 DEERING, by Nathan C. Redlon, M; William H. Richardson, SW;  
Fred A. Handy, JW; Isaac A. Clough, Proxy.  
184 NAVAL, by Alonzo E. Titus, M.  
185 BAR HARBOR, by Fred W. Sawyer, JW; Arthur W. Brown, Proxy.  
186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Charles E. Larrabee, Proxy.  
187 IRA BERRY, by Harvey H. McIntyre, M; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.  
188 JONESPORT, by Warren L. Noyes, M.  
189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, M.  
190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.  
191 DAVIS, by Diah Sweet, M; Charles B. Richardson, Proxy.  
192 WINTER HARBOR, by Hilliard G. Smallidge, Proxy.  
193 WASHBURN, by Hadley I. Learned, M.  
194 EUCLID, by Waldo E. Houghton, SW.  
195 RELIANCE, by Elmer E. Crockett, Proxy.  
196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.  
197 AROOSTOOK, by Edmund W. Hunter, M.  
198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Charles L. Bowden, Proxy.  
199 BINGHAM, by Wallace W. Stoddard, M; Philip A. Wood, SW.  
200 COLUMBIA, by Eugene W. Vaughan, M; Sidney P. Young, JW.  
201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by John Robertson, M.  
202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Maurice E. Sampson, M.  
203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Benjamin K. Ware, M.  
204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Sumner J. Wyman, M.

- 205 ———NOLLESEMIC, not represented.  
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Dougal S. Price, M; John J. Marr, Proxy.  
 207 ABNER WADE, by James Baillie, SW.  
 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by Isaac T. Moore, Proxy.  
 209 FORT KENT, by Harry E. Hasey, Proxy.  
 210 ———BAGADUCE, not represented.  
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Eugene H. Brown, M; Herbert J. Parsons, Proxy.  
 212 MCKINLEY, by Charles W. Martin, M.

Chartered lodges, 203; represented, 188; delegates, 254.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present :

M. W.	CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HENRY R. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALFRED S. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWIN A. PORTER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK E. MONROE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WALDO PETTENGILL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN W. BALLOU,	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	-	-	-	-	-	"

R. W. JOHN H. MCGORRILL, - - - - -	P. J. G. W.
" ADELBERT MILLETT, - - - - -	"
" JAMES C. AYER, - - - - -	"
" ALBERT M. AMES, - - - - -	"
" GEORGE W. HOLMES, - - - - -	"
" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, - - - - -	"
" SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, - - - - -	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - - -	"
" ERNEST P. PARLIN, - - - - -	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, - - - - -	M. W. Grand Master.
THOMAS H. BODGE, - - - - -	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
FRED C. CHALMERS, - - - - -	" Senior Grand Warden.
GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, - - - - -	" Junior Grand Warden.
ALBRO E. CHASE, - - - - - as	" Grand Treasurer.
STEPHEN BERRY, - - - - -	" Grand Secretary.
CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - - -	" Cor. Grand Secretary.
HARRY B. HOLMES, - - - - -	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
FRED L. GARDNER, - - - - -	" " 2d "
JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON, - - - - -	" " 3d "
THOMAS C. STANLEY, - - - - -	" " 4th "
HARRY A. FOWLES, - - - - -	" " 5th "
RALPH W. MOORE, - - - - -	" " 6th "
ELIHU D. CHASE, - - - - -	" " 7th "
WILBUR F. CATE, - - - - -	" " 10th "
CHARLES R. GETCHELL, - - - - -	" " 11th "
MOSES A. GORDON, - - - - -	" " 12th "
ERNEST C. BUTLER, - - - - -	" " 13th "
EDWARD L. WHITE, - - - - -	" " 14th "
JOHN N. FOYE, - - - - -	" " 15th "
DAVIS G. LOVEJOY, - - - - -	" " 16th "
WM. H. OHLER, Jr., - - - - -	" " 17th "
AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, - - - - -	" " 18th "
FRANK E. ROBBINS, - - - - -	" " 19th "
JOHN E. CLARK, - - - - -	" " 20th "
DANIEL B. PACKARD, - - - - -	" " 22d "
ALBERT R. LEAVITT, - - - - -	" " 23d "
CHESTER E. CHIPMAN, - - - - -	" " 24th "
FRED R. BAILEY, - - - - -	" " 25th "

REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	-	-	-	-	W.	Grand Chaplain.
SILAS B. ADAMS,	-	-	-	-	"	" Senior Deacon.
CHARLES P. HATCH,	-	-	-	-	"	" Junior Deacon.
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	"	" Steward.
RALPH H. BURBANK,	-	-	-	-	"	" "
ARTHUR H. SARGENT,	-	-	-	-	"	" Stand. Bearer.
WARREN C. KING,	-	-	-	-	"	" Pursuivant.
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	-	-	-	-	"	" "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	"	" Lecturer.
WALTER S. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	"	" Organist.
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	-	-	-	-	"	" Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.  
 Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU.  
 Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD.  
 British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.  
 Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.  
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES.  
 District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.  
 Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.  
 Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.  
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.  
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.  
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.  
 Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES.  
 Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS.  
 Mississippi—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.  
 Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.  
 Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER.  
 Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.  
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.  
 New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.  
 New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.  
 New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR.  
 New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.  
 Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.  
 Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH.  
 Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.  
 Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE.

Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL.  
 Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE.  
 Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.  
 Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.  
 Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.  
 South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.  
 Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.  
 Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN.  
 Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.  
 Victoria—GEORGE A. GILPATRICK.  
 Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.  
 Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.  
 West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.  
 Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,  
 RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*  
 CHARLES B. DAVIS,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

Grand Master ELMER P. SPOFFORD then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

## **ANNUAL ADDRESS.**

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

In obedience to the requirements of the constitution, we are again assembled within the halls of the Temple to review the record of the past masonic year, to deliberate upon the present and to counsel together for the future. It is meet that we should pause at the very threshold of these proceedings, and with one mind acknowledge our dependence upon God and invoke His blessing upon our beloved country in these troublous times, and on our present undertakings.

I congratulate you upon the happy conditions attending the opening of this annual communication. Freemasonry in Maine is enjoying great prosperity; peace and good will prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and our foreign relations continue cordial and fraternal.

Our constituent lodges are active and earnest in their efforts to advance the interests of the craft, and our members are united and untiring in their endeavors to promote the great and beneficent purposes of the institution.

The membership of the lodges too is increasing by a gradual and healthy growth,—the net gain during the past year being 422, making the present total membership 30,294.

What a splendid army of earnest, active, devoted men, recruited from the best citizenship of the state and enlisted in the noble cause of Brotherhood, Fraternity and Universal Benevolence! They are doing their full part in the onward march of freedom, truth and justice.

But in our ever increasing numbers we should take care that none are admitted save those who will be fit exemplars of the principles upon which the institution is founded. And I deem it my duty to repeat here the solemn warning of my predecessors that a faithful watch must ever be maintained at the outer door that no unworthy applicant may gain admission to the temple.

“Our rapid increase of late years, and the large numbers who are almost daily seeking admission to our Order, seem to render it necessary that we exercise a more than ordinary degree of caution in the admission of members. We owe it to ourselves, as well as to the permanence of our Institution, that such, and such only, should be enlisted with us whose lives are squared by those virtues which form the guiding rules of all our associated action. Any indiscreet haste in the admission of improper persons may occasion a life-long disturbance of the harmony of the Lodge with which they are connected, or of any other into which, by their privileges as masons, they are allowed to enter. An error of this

kind once made can rarely, if ever, be repaired without adopting those unpleasant and final expedients which are ever attended with the most injurious consequences. As it is one of the infirmities of human nature that men judge of an institution like ours by the most unworthy of its members, it will follow that the low moral rank of such members in the community will characterize and mould public opinion with reference to the whole masonic body. When such weighty consequences hang upon the exercise of this right, prudence dictates that we should, in exercising it, be governed by the most cautious and well considered deliberation."

#### MORTALITY.

The Grim Reaper has been busy during the past year, and we have lost by death 574 members. "Behold, how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close!"

He has also entered the portals of the Grand Lodge, and taken from us a dearly beloved brother.

On April 7th, with great sorrow, I announced officially the death of R. W. MILLARD FILLMORE HICKS, Grand Treasurer, who died at his home in the city of Portland, Friday morning, April 3d. Brother HICKS was stricken with apoplexy on March 31st, and did not thereafter regain consciousness. His funeral in this Temple Sunday afternoon was conducted by Ancient Landmark Lodge in the presence of a large assemblage of masons and friends.

Brother HICKS was born in North Yarmouth, Maine, July 31, 1850, and his family had been connected with the local history of that community for more than two centuries.

He took up his residence in Portland when a young man, and entered upon a business career in that city, which continued to the time of his death.

In Freemasonry, Brother HICKS was one of the notable men of Maine.

In business relations, and in every position of honor or trust,



he was earnest, honest, loyal and true; and while we deplore his death as a distinct loss to the Craft, we rejoice in the memory of the excellence of his character and the greatness of his worth.

He has left us and we shall miss him, but we cherish fondly the hope and belief that we shall meet again.

There is a legend in Grecian mythology as told in the Tragedy of Ion, that when it became known that the King of Argos must lay down his young life in obedience to a decree of the gods, she whom he loved most dearly pleaded with him in her grief and anguish to tell her if they should meet again. He answered:

“ I have ask'd that dreadful question of the hills  
That look eternal; of the flowing streams  
That lucid flow forever; of the stars,  
Amid whose fields of azure my raised spirit  
Hath trod in glory; all were dumb; but now,  
While I thus gaze upon thy living face,  
I feel the love that kindles through its beauty  
Can never wholly perish;—we *shall* meet  
Again.”

And so, brethren, whether we “take counsel of the love we bear the dead,” or whether we appeal to the abiding faith of the mason in the eternal goodness and mercy of God, we can answer with the Greek, We shall meet again.

“ And so beside the Silent Sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.  
“ I know not where his islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond his love and care.”

I have requested M. W. Albro E. Chase, P. G. M., to prepare a memorial to Brother Hicks that the same may be presented at this communication of the Grand Lodge.

## APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I have issued special authority in the following cases :

May 23, 1913, to Bro. F. H. Savage of LaGrange, to install W. Bro. Harry A. Fowles, D. D. G. M. for the 5th District.

May 31st, to Bro. Owen L. Flye, Past D. D. G. M., of Brooklin, to install W. Bro. Thomas C. Stanley, D. D. G. M. for the 4th District.

May 31st, to Bro. Leon S. Howe, Past D. D. G. M., of Presque Isle, to install W. Bro. Harry B. Holmes, D. D. G. M. for the 1st District.

May 31st, to Bro. A. B. Hutchins, Past D. D. G. M., of Orland, to install W. Bro. Archie L. White, D. D. G. M. for the 21st District.

May 31st, to Bro. I. H. Wight of Bethel, to install W. Bro. Davis G. Lovejoy, D. D. G. M. for the 16th District

May 31st, to M. W. Henry R. Taylor of Machias, to install W. Rev. John M. Bieler, Grand Chaplain.

May 31st, to R. W. Leander M. Kenniston of Camden, to install W. Bro. Charles A. Wilson, D. D. G. M. for the 9th District.

June 6th, to Bro. Arnold Leighton of Milbridge, to install W. Bro. Joseph F. Leighton, D. D. G. M. for the 3d District.

June 30th, the former appointee having declined, I appointed W. Bro. Fred L. Gardner of Dennysville, D. D. G. M. for the 2d District, and I specially authorized W. Bro. William A. Allen of Crescent Lodge, No. 78, to install him.

August 4th, to R. W. Charles W. Crosby of Kent's Hill, to install W. Bro. Moses A. Gordon, D. D. G. M. for the 12th District.

April 7, 1914, I appointed and installed M. W. Albro E. Chase, Grand Treasurer, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, caused by the death of R. W. Millard F. Hicks, in compliance with the requirements of Section 18 of the Constitution.

On the same day, Bro. Chase resigned as member of the Committee of Finance.

## BY-LAWS.

By-Laws, or amendments thereof, have been approved as follows :

June 21, 1913,	Jonesport Lodge, No. 188.
June 23, "	Springvale Lodge, No. 190.
July 3, "	Warren Lodge, No. 2.
July 9, "	Crescent Lodge, No. 78.
July 28, "	Aurora Lodge, No. 50.
Feb. 14, 1914,	Deering Lodge, No. 183.
April 2, "	Washington Lodge, No. 37.
April 2, "	Marine Lodge, No. 122.
April 2, "	Bingham Lodge, No. 199.
April 14, "	St. Croix Lodge, No. 46.
May 1, "	Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163.

## DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued as follows :

May 7, 1913. Naskeag Lodge, No. 171, to receive the petitions for degrees of two applicants whose legal residences for the past year have been in Brooklin, Maine, but who have not been personally within the jurisdiction of the lodge for the past six months.

June 7th. York Lodge, No. 22, to form a public procession on Wednesday, June 18th, in the ceremonies of the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the constitution of said lodge.

June 13th. Arundel Lodge, No. 76, to form a public procession and participate in the ceremonies of the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the constitution of York Lodge, No. 22.

June 13th. Ocean Lodge, No. 142, to form a public procession and participate in York Lodge's one hundredth anniversary observance.

July 8th. Morning Star Lodge, No. 41, to receive the application for degrees of a candidate who had resided within the juris-

tion of said lodge for more than six months last past, but who had not resided in the state for one year.

July 28th. Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon its own candidate at Wilson's Mills, a place within its jurisdiction, in a hall to be inspected and its security approved by the Worshipful Master of Bethel Lodge.

August 13th. Reliance Lodge, No. 195, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant who had resided in Stonington for six months last past but had not resided within the State of Maine for one year.

August 29th. Marine Lodge, No. 122, to receive and ballot upon a petition of an applicant for the degrees at the stated communication of said lodge in September.

September 15th. Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, to occupy and hold its meetings in Grange Hall in North Anson Village, the hall previously occupied by this lodge having been destroyed by fire.

October 6th. Upon the petition of Bros. Fred B. Colby, et als., accompanied by the recommendations required by the constitution, I granted a dispensation for a new lodge under the name of Kemankeag, to be located at Rangeley; and I appointed Bro. Eugene I. Herrick to be the first master; Bro. Fred B. Colby to be the first senior warden; and Bro. Sylvader Hinkley to be the first junior warden of said new lodge.

October 21st. Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129, to elect officers at a stated communication of said lodge to be held November 1st; due notice thereof to be given.

October 24th. Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, to confer the E. A. degree on its own candidate at a convention of lodges to be held with Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, at Lewiston, on November 20th.

October 24th. Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, to confer the F. C. degree on its own candidate at same convention.

November 1st. St. George Lodge, No. 16, to elect officers at a special communication to be held November 10th, at 7.30 P. M. Due notice to be given.

November 10th. The petition for a new lodge to be known as Limestone Lodge and located at Limestone, in the county of

Aroostook, having been referred to the Grand Master by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, upon consideration, I granted a dispensation therefor and appointed Bro. Albert H. Damon to be the first master of said lodge; Bro. Harry Leighton to be the first senior warden; and Bro. Aubrey C. Frost to be the first junior warden.

October 15th. Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, to receive the petition for degrees of an applicant who had resided at Bar Harbor in the State of Maine for the past year, but had not been personally within the jurisdiction of said lodge for at least six months during said period.

December 3d. Naskeag Lodge, No. 171, to confer degree on its own candidate at a convention of lodges of the 4th Masonic District, to be held at Odd Fellows Hall in the town of Brooklin December 10th.

December 3d. Eggemoggin Lodge, No. 128, to confer the M. M. degree on its own candidate at said convention to be held at Brooklin on December 10th.

December 26th. Pacific Lodge, No. 64, to hold a special communication of said lodge at the hall of Pleasant Lake Grange in the town of Stetson, on Friday, January 9, 1914, for the installation of officers.

January 2, 1914. Marine Lodge, No. 122, to receive and ballot upon an application for degrees at the annual communication of said lodge in said January.

March 3d. Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, to hold its meetings in G. A. R. Hall, West Newfield, the hall previously occupied by this lodge having been destroyed by fire.

#### FIRES.

August 19, 1913, Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, at North Anson, lost its lodge building by fire, and nothing was saved except the charter. The loss was estimated at \$7,000, with \$2,500 insurance.

February 7, 1914, the hall occupied by Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, was destroyed by fire and everything lost except the

charter. The financial loss amounted to about \$500, with \$200 insurance.

#### NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT.

November 6th, I received a communication from the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, asking for recognition and an exchange of representatives, and the same was referred by me to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

#### CENTENNIAL OF YORK LODGE.

On June 18, 1913, York Lodge, No. 22, of Kennebunk, observed the one hundredth anniversary of its constitution with appropriate ceremonies.

Officers of the Grand Lodge and officers and members of neighboring lodges joined with York Lodge in making the centennial a memorable occasion.

This lodge has completed a full century of earnest and active endeavor in the diffusion of masonic light and knowledge, and merits well the high place which it has attained among the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

July 26, 1913, I commissioned Bro. Herbert E. Goold of Sussex to be the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

September 24th, I commissioned Bro. Sanford Crosby Dinsmore of Reno to be representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

December 10th, I nominated R. W. George A. Gilpatric to be the representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

December 12th, I commissioned Bro. Claude Prager, P. M. of Mt. Neboh Lodge, No. 257, of New York City, to be represent-

ative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New York.

February 14, 1914, I commissioned W. Bro. Charles M. Beach of New Milford to be representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

April 28th, I nominated R. W. Fred C. Chalmers to be the representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice R. W. Millard F. Hicks, deceased.

#### DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALL AT FORT FAIRFIELD.

On December 3, 1913, I called a special communication of the Grand Lodge to be held at Fort Fairfield on Thursday, December 18th, at eight o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112.

The Grand Lodge was opened in special communication at Fort Fairfield at the appointed time, and I was assisted in the dedicatory ceremonies by the following Grand Officers:

Bro. G. E. Bartlett as D. G. M.; C. C. Harvey as S. G. W.; K. C. Haycock as J. G. W.; W. G. Chamberlain as Gr. Treas.; H. L. Stevens as Gr. Sec.; B. A. W. Boyd as Gr. Chap.; Alan L. Bird, Gr. Mar.; R. N. Wallace as G. S. D.; A. W. Richardson as G. J. D.; J. W. Fisher as G. S. S.; C. S. Burpee as G. J. S.; W. N. Gould as Gr. Org.; Winslow E. Howell, Gr. Tyler.

The new hall was dedicated in ample form in the presence of some four hundred masons, who had gathered from the various sections of Aroostook County and from across the border of the Dominion of Canada to assist in the impressive ceremony of dedication.

The Grand Master delivered an address, and former D. D. G. M., Dr. Sawyer, installed the officers of the lodge, which was followed by a banquet.

Eastern Frontier Lodge is now possessed of a hall fitted and furnished with modern conveniences and the officers and members are active and earnest in the promotion of the interests of the fraternity.

## INVITATIONS AND VISITATIONS.

During the second year of my administration, I have continued to receive numerous invitations to functions in this and other states, which very much to my regret I was obliged to decline; but many such invitations were accepted by me and I have been received always and everywhere with the respect and courtesy due to the office of Grand Master.

## TESTIMONIAL TO GRAND SECRETARY.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in the year 1856, Bro. Stephen Berry of Portland was appointed assistant to his father, who was then elected Grand Secretary. Bro. Berry continued in the office of Assistant Grand Secretary for a period of 35 years, and upon the death of his father in 1891 he succeeded to the office of Grand Secretary, which by successive elections he has filled to the present time.

In recognition of this unparalleled service, the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication requested the Grand Master to present to the Grand Secretary some suitable testimonial of the Grand Lodge's appreciation of his masonic service of more than a half century.

Acting under the provisions of this resolve, I invited the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Past Grand Masters to a dinner on January 21, 1914, to meet Grand Secretary Berry, and upon that occasion, for and in the name of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, I presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. Berry a silver Loving Cup, suitably inscribed, in recognition of your appreciation of his 58 years of faithful and devoted service to the Craft; and I assured him of the love and esteem in which he is held by his masonic brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The cup was accepted by Bro. Berry in a speech which was replete with interesting anecdotes and reminiscences which he had gathered from his long experience as your chief recording officer and in his association with the officers and members of the Grand Lodge for a period of more than fifty years.



I but bespeak the sentiment of your hearts when I express the hope that our venerable brother may be long spared to continue in the service which has been the chief work of his life.

#### DECISIONS.

Many questions have been submitted to me for decision during the past year, but I present to you for your review only such of my decisions as seem to be without precedent in the masonic jurisprudence of this state.

1. *Ques.* Can a mason who is not in good standing (having been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues) prefer charges against another mason?

*Ans.* An accusation signed by a master mason who at the time stands suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, is "under the signature of a master mason," within the meaning of the Constitution, and may be received and acted upon by the lodge.

The propriety of receiving and acting upon accusations so preferred should be decided by the master of the lodge in each case on the presentation of the charge.

2. *Statement:* A lodge makes application for dispensation to confer a degree upon the candidate of another lodge at a district convention of lodges.

*Held:* That while such conventions are recognized in a way in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, there is no express provision of law in relation to them, and the degrees conferred at such conventions must be subject to the provisions of the constitution and standing regulations of the Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Master cannot authorize the conferring of a degree by one lodge upon the candidate of another lodge without setting aside the provisions of Standing regulation No. 15, which is not permissible. The application for a dispensation was, therefore, denied.

3. The law does not prescribe any definite period within which a candidate must be advanced.

4. *Statement:* A young man without family resides four or five months each year within the jurisdiction of a certain lodge, and spends the rest of the year largely in travel. He claims the place as his home, pays personal taxes to the town and votes there when present at the time of elections.

*Ques.* Has such lodge jurisdiction over the candidate?

*Ans.* Masonic residence is determined by presence and intention. This applicant has resided in Maine for the past year and his dwelling place is within the jurisdiction of said lodge within the meaning of the Constitution; but as he has not been personally present within the jurisdiction of the lodge for at least six months during the past year, his petition cannot be received without dispensation.

5. *Ques.* Is a brother in good standing when he is several years in arrears of dues?

*Ans.* A brother's good standing in a lodge cannot be denied until, after due trial, he has been dealt with for some masonic offence.

6. *Statement:* A petition for degrees accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction is presented to a lodge, and upon action being had thereon, the applicant is rejected. Six months having elapsed, the applicant files a new petition with said lodge.

*Ques.* Must a second waiver of jurisdiction be obtained.

*Ans.* No, provided the applicant still resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge which granted the former waiver.

7. The action of the lodge in disciplining a member for violation of a provision of the by-laws of said lodge does not require confirmation by the Grand Lodge unless the offence involves moral turpitude.

8. *Ques.* Can appropriation be made from funds in the lodge treasury for the purchase of a past master's jewel to be presented to a retiring master.

*Ans.* No. Lodge funds created by dues and assessments levied against and collected from its members, are trust funds, and are held by the lodge for the purpose of defraying the ordinary,

usual and necessary expenses of the lodge and for the relief of the sick, the poor or the distressed, and of widows and orphans. No part of such fund can properly be diverted to any other use or expended for any other purpose.

9. *Ques.* In the case of an applicant whose petition has been rejected more than once and who still resides within the jurisdiction of the rejecting lodge, whether the five year period mentioned in Section 96 of Article VI of the Constitution begins to run from the first or from the last rejection?

*Ans.* The common rule of the masonic fraternity is that the admission of candidates into the order must be accompanied with complete unanimity. The Constitution recites that this general rule is so sacred and fundamental that no candidate can be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction without a clear and unanimous ballot in his favor.

Prior to the amendment of Sec. 96, which was adopted in 1898, a candidate who should be rejected by a lodge in whose jurisdiction he continued to reside, could never at any time make application to any other lodge for the degrees without the unanimous consent of the rejecting lodge. But by the amendment, after a period of five years from such rejection such consent will be regarded as granted unless more than three negative ballots shall appear.

This amendment affects the general and established rule of unanimity, and is in derogation of it, and it should be construed strictly and not interpreted as conferring upon the candidate any greater privilege than the plain intent of the Grand Lodge requires.

The five year period, therefore, begins to run from the date of the *last* rejection.

10. A dispensation cannot be granted authorizing the reception of a petition for degrees by an applicant who has been rejected within six months.

11. A dispensation cannot be granted authorizing the reception of a petition for the degrees under the provisions of Section

92 of the Constitution, unless the applicant be a resident of the state.

CONCLUSION.

I thus submit an account, brief as possible, of such of my official acts during the past year as seem to be of sufficient importance to merit your attention and consideration. The time is near when I shall surrender the powers of this great office, and return to you the trust which you so generously and with such unanimity placed in my hands.

The record of my stewardship is before you.

For whatever of success that has attended my administration, I want to acknowledge, with a heart deeply grateful, the cordial and fraternal co-operation and assistance which I have ever received from you, and from the officers associated with me. You and they have been loyal and true,—your part has been well performed. It is because of the devotion and almost filial affection of its members, that Freemasonry and the great principles which it represents are growing stronger and more helpful as the days and years go by.

I cannot close this report better than in the language of Charles W. Moore, of whom the lamented Drummond once said that in his day and generation there was “no more correct expositor of masonic law on this continent,”—surely a rare compliment, coming as it did from one who in later years towered high above his fellows in masonic learning, and as an expounder of masonic principles.

Moore said: “Masonry is indeed an universal institution. History does not furnish a parallel. It exists where Christianity has not gone; and its claims will be respected even where the superior claims of religion would fail. It is never obscured by the darkness of night. The eye of day is always upon it. Its footprints are to be traced in the most distant regions and in the remotest ages of the earth. Among all civilized peoples, and in all Christianized lands, its existence is recognized. Unaffected by the tempests of war, the storms of persecution, or the denun-

ciations of fanaticism, it still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven, with not a marble fractured, not a pillar fallen. It still stands, like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil, and its broad limbs spread in broad outline against the sky; and in generations yet to come, as in ages past, the sunlight of honor and renown will delight to linger and play amid its venerable branches. And if ever, in the Providence of God, lashed by the storm and riven by the lightning, it shall totter to its fall, around its trunk will the ivy of filial affection, that has so long clasped it, still cling, and mantle with greenness and verdure its ruin and decay."

ELMER P. SPOFFORD, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Grand Lecturer were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND LECTURER.

SABBATH, May 1, 1914.

Most Worshipful ELMER P. SPOFFORD,  
Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

During the year now closing four "schools of instruction" have been held, at Presque Isle, Guilford, Kennebunk and Lewiston.

I had made all necessary arrangements to hold the school at Presque Isle, and was anticipating much pleasure from again meeting my brethren in Northern Maine, but on the day before the date appointed I was confined to my house by illness. In this emergency I telephoned to R. W. Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, and, although the call was sudden, he very kindly accepted my invitation to act in my place. I have received from him the following report:

PORTLAND, April 15, 1914.

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer;

As per your request, I opened a school of instruction at Presque Isle, October 22, 1913. Owing to the severe rainy season of three weeks'

duration, the attendance was not large, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm, and a very profitable day was spent in the study of the work as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Trinity Lodge, No. 130, which entertained the school, was well represented, and Worshipful Master LAFAYETTE T. PORTER and Rt. Wor. HARRY B. HOLMES, District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st District, spared no pains to make the school a success.

Four districts were represented by their District Deputy Grand Masters: HARRY B. HOLMES, 1st District; FRED L. GARDNER, 2d District; HARRY A. FOWLES, 5th District; FRED R. BAILEY, 25th District.

There was an attendance of about 50 during the day and in the evening over 200 from all parts of Northern Maine witnessed the excellent work of Trinity Lodge in the exemplification of the Master Mason's degree. A banquet was served at the close of the work.

Faternally yours,

ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On October 29, 1913, I met many brethren in the hall of Mt. Kineo Lodge at Guilford, and a very interesting school was held, lasting from 10 A. M. until 6 P. M. Deputy FOWLES of the 5th District and Wor. Bro. DOUGLAS, Master of Mt. Kineo Lodge, had been untiring in their efforts to secure a large attendance, and the local brethren were very generous in their hospitality, furnishing dinner and supper to all visitors.

At the different sessions 4 District Deputy Grand Masters and nearly one hundred brethren were present, representing many lodges. But few of these brethren had ever attended a school of instruction, and their interest and pleasure were quite manifest. I am confident that the instruction received at the Guilford school will be imparted to many so-called rural lodges which will be very glad to receive it.

After the supper Mt. Kineo Lodge worked the M. M. degree in a manner which the visiting deputies were able to highly compliment.

The deputies present were from the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th Districts.

On November 5th I held a school at Kennebunk in the hall of York Lodge. About 50 brethren were present, including Junior Grand Warden GILPATRIC, 2 District Deputies, and representatives from 14 lodges.

While not as many were present as should have been, considering the location, there was no lack of interest and no time was permitted to pass unoccupied. Perhaps the few present were as zealous in the work as more would have been, and I have no doubt the school will prove to have been of much benefit to the lodges in Western Maine. The presence of such skilled ritualists as R. W. Bros. GILPATRIC, CROSBY and CLOUGH was appreciated by me, and I endeavored to make them useful to the

other brethren. York Lodge was most hospitable to her visitors, and presented work in the evening for the inspection of D. D. G. M. ROBBINS of the 19th District and D. D. G. M. COLBY of the 18th District.

**SCHOOL AT LEWISTON.** Before sending out notices for schools to be held this year I had not learned that one was desired at Lewiston, consequently that place was not named in the first notice. I soon received so many and so urgent requests for a school there in connection with a convention of the lodges of the 24th District, that, with your approval, I issued a special notice for a school at Lewiston on November 20th. This was, I think, the first instance in this state where a school of instruction has been officially held in connection with a district convention, although I have been present at conventions. A committee composed of representatives of each lodge in the district invited me to meet with them to make arrangements for what I may term a "a dual meet," or a school and a convention at the same time. It was finally arranged that the time from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. should be given to the Grand Lecturer for giving instruction in the ritual, that the time from 4 to 6 P. M. be given to Nezinscot Lodge of Turner to confer the E. A. degree, and that the time after the 6:00 o'clock supper be given to Tranquil Lodge, Auburn, to confer the F. C. degree, and to Ashlar Lodge, Lewiston, to confer the M. M. degree.

The attendance at the school fully justified its calling, for there were present more than 500 brethren, representing 46 lodges, including several permanent members of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Chaplain, many past District Deputies, and 9 District Deputy Grand Masters. The hospitality of the brethren of the 24th District was apparently unbounded. They furnished to all present a dinner at noon and a banquet at 6.00 o'clock, and I think the committee must have given caterer Grant a "free hand," for the abundance, appearance, and quality of the viands have never been surpassed at any school which I had previously attended.

Great interest in the study of the ritual was maintained throughout the school session by the very large number present. So many unusual questions were asked me that I suspect some of the "scholars" had been preparing themselves to "stick the school-master."

The work of the three lodges in apprenticing, passing and raising actual candidates was certainly most creditable to their accuracy in the ritual and their skill in its application, and no doubt will be appropriately noticed in the reports of the deputies who inspected it.

Besides R. W. Bro. CHIPMAN of the 24th District, there were present deputies from the 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 22d Districts.

I have not heretofore favored the plan of uniting "school of instruction" and "district convention" if all three degrees must be worked, for

it appeared to me to give too little time for acquiring correct ritual and too much time for exhibiting what is sometimes incorrect ritual. It requires at least six hours to give proper instruction in the ritual of the three degrees, including the time occupied in answering the many questions asked. It requires the closest attention from all present, and is very fatiguing work. I have very seldom been able to close a school before 5.00 o'clock and feel that I have done full justice to it. To have a meeting continued after that long enough to work in full the three degrees makes it very tedious, and usually limits, or entirely prevents, the instructive remarks of the visiting officials and the social intercourse for which time should always be allotted. I have therefore preferred to have the school complete its work in full, and to ask the local lodge to give in the evening a practical illustration of a part of what has been taught during the day. This plan has apparently given general satisfaction, but it requires much preparation and liberal hospitality from the local lodge, which in some instances may be too burdensome. The attendance and enthusiasm at the Lewiston school have gone far toward convincing me that a modified plan of union may possibly be better. If sufficient time can be given for instruction, the expenses for hospitality (and consequent increased interest in the success of the meeting) be divided among the lodges in the district in equable proportion, and not to exceed two degrees be worked by the lodge or lodges selected for that purpose, it is possible that even better results than we now have may follow. I do not recommend this, but simply offer the suggestion to the brethren.

I am able to report that of your 25 deputies all except those from the 3d, 7th, 9th, 11th, 20th, 21st, and 23d Districts attended one or more schools, and of the 7 at least 1 had attended previous schools.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER. *Grand Lecturer.*

BELGIUM.

The Grand Master presented a letter from Bro. ALBERT J. KRUGER, our Grand Representative to Belgium, which was ordered on file.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

The Grand Master made a statement in regard to a tablet in the Washington Monument, and the matter



was referred to a special committee of which the Grand Master shall be one. Bros. EDMUND B. MALLET and ALBERT M. PENLEY were named as the additional members.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Credentials were presented by Representatives from Grand Lodges by

R. W. THOMAS H. BODGE, Porto Rico, and  
R. W. GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Victoria,

and they were received and welcomed.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was accepted, and was referred to the Committee on Publication, as recommended:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 5, 2914.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Standing Committees will report in regard to the routine duties of my office.

The Secretaries of only ten lodges acknowledged the receipt of the annual proceedings, namely: Mt. Tir'em, Mt. Moriah, Hermon, Knox, York, Waterville, Rural, David A. Hooper, Somerset and Hiram. It is desirable that they be acknowledged so that it may be known that they do not go astray.

The returns came in about as usual. Five came before March 1st, which is injudicious, because, although the Secretary can be sure that no more work be done, he cannot be sure that some member may not die. Only eight lodges adopted the childish method of correcting the list of members by bringing forward the wrong number of members.

We are now unable to supply Volumes IV and V of the proceedings, 1859 to 1863, and 1864 to 1866. As over fifty years has elapsed since their publication, if they had been stereotyped the cost of plates, interest and insurance would have amounted to more than resetting the type, and I recommend that an edition of 500 of volume four, 1859 to 1863, in-

clusive, be printed, to be followed later by volume five. Volume four contains the very interesting and important correspondence of Bro. Drummond with the Grand Lodge of England which brought that Grand Lodge to consent to recognize our theory of territorial jurisdiction. After 1866 when the great fire occurred, we have a good supply. I recommend that this be referred to the Committee on Publication.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

#### RETURNS.

He also presented the report on Returns, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 5, 1914.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 203 chartered lodges and 2 under dispensation.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
Initiated, .....	1,206...	1,266 ...	1,327 ....	1,281 ...	1,271
Raised, .....	1,191 ...	1,235 ....	1,338 ....	1,255 ....	1,234
Affiliated, ... ..	135 ....	112 ....	107 ...	102 ....	77
Re-instated, .....	78 ...	65 ...	70 ...	56 ....	64
Dimitted, ... ..	192 ...	165 ....	173 ...	149 ....	167
Died, .....	545 ...	608 ....	571 ...	553 ...	574
Suspended, .....	1 ....	0 ....	0 ....	0 ....	0
Expelled, .....	2 ....	1 ....	1 ....	3 ....	0
Susp. from membership, ..	192 ....	179 ....	212 ....	185 ....	262
Deprived of membership, .	6 ...	3 ....	5 ...	0 ....	2
Number of members, ...	28,328 ....	28,781 ....	29,345 ...	29,872 ...	30,294
Rejected, .....	329 ....	301 ....	364 ...	267 ....	314

The gain is 422 or 1.41 per cent., a decrease from last year, when it was 527.

The death rate is 19.21½ to a thousand, an increase over last year.

The average lodge membership is 147.77.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
EDWIN A. PORTER, } *Committee.*  
JAMES C. AYER, }

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1914.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	12	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	3	0	384	2
2	Warren,.....	10	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	145	2
3	Lincoln,.....	3	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	0	161	0
4	Hancock,.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	92	0
5	Kennebec,.....	7	5	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	129	1
6	Amity,.....	5	5	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	256	3
7	Eastern,.....	8	5	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	159	1
8	United,.....	8	10	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	223	3
9	Saco,.....	5	5	1	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	218	5
10	Rising Virtue,...	11	9	2	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	231	3
11	Pythagorean,...	8	9	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	120	1
12	Cumberland,....	9	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	193	3
13	Oriental,.....	4	4	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	201	3
14	Solar,.....	3	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	237	0
15	Orient,.....	7	6	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	146	1
16	St. George,.....	3	3	0	0	1	5	0	0	4	0	114	0
17	Ancient Landmark,	16	16	1	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	558	13
18	Oxford,.....	4	8	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	199	3
19	Felicity,.....	4	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	0
20	Maine,.....	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	152	3
21	Oriental Star,...	7	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	216	2
22	York,.....	8	8	2	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	152	5
23	Freeport,.....	9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	160	3
24	Phoenix,.....	9	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	168	2
25	Temple,.....	5	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	105	0
26	Village,.....	4	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	121	0
27	Adoniram,.....	7	7	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	70	0
28	Northern Star,...	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	111	2
29	Tranquil,.....	15	12	0	2	1	9	0	0	3	0	371	4
30	Blazing Star,....	3	5	0	3	1	1	0	0	5	0	395	7
31	Union,.....	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	114	0
32	Hermon,.....	12	12	0	4	2	4	0	0	8	0	395	4
33	Waterville,.....	17	20	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	399	15
34	Somerset,.....	9	9	2	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	197	2
35	Bethlehem,.....	23	22	2	1	0	6	0	0	7	0	357	1
36	Casco,.....	10	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	182	1
37	Washington,.....	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	1
38	Harmony,.....	8	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	187	1
39	Penobscot,.....	6	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	169	2
40	Lygonia,.....	13	13	0	4	6	12	0	0	29	0	425	1
41	Morning Star,...	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	0
42	Freedom,.....	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	94	1
43	Alna,.....	4	4	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	157	0
44	Piscataquis,....	6	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	206	1
45	Central,.....	5	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	93	1
46	St. Croix,.....	8	13	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	178	1
47	Dunlap,.....	6	8	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	277	4

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N.P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
48	Lafayette,.....	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	115	2
49	Meridian Splendor	3	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	156	0
50	Aurora,.....	15	14	2	1	4	11	0	0	9	0	370	0
51	St. John's,.....	5	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	141	0
52	Mosaic,.....	13	17	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	183	3
53	Rural,.....	6	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	70	2
54	Vassalboro,.....	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	74	0
55	Fraternal,.....	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	1
56	Mount Moriah,...	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	63	1
57	King Hiram,.....	5	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	133	1
58	Unity,.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	3
59	Mt. Hope, (Ch. sur.												
60	Star in the East, .	12	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	225	6
61	King Solomon's,...	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	123	0
62	King David's,....	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	70	0
63	Richmond,.....	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	156	2
64	Pacific,.....	2	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	10	0	79	0
65	Mystic,.....	5	5	1	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	139	0
66	Mechanics,.....	3	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	134	0
67	Blue Mountain,...	7	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	148	4
68	Mariners',.....	8	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	22	0	117	0
69	Howard,.....	4	6	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	141	0
70	Standish,.....	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	105	1
71	Rising Sun,.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	80	0
72	Pioneer,.....	1	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	3	0	159	6
73	Tyrian,.....	2	5	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	225	4
74	Bristol,.....	5	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	124	0
75	Plymouth,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	33	0
76	Arundel,.....	5	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	110	2
77	Tremont,.....	5	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	142	0
78	Crescent,.....	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	133	1
79	Rockland,.....	9	7	1	0	0	8	0	0	9	0	209	0
80	Keystone,.....	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	123	0
81	Atlantic,.....	8	9	0	0	1	10	0	0	6	0	333	0
82	St. Paul's,.....	4	4	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	169	0
83	St. Andrew's,....	17	17	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	299	4
84	Eureka,.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	94	0
85	Star in the West,.	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	77	0
86	Temple,.....	9	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	242	1
87	Benevolent,.....	19	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	81	1
88	Narraguagus,....	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	98	1
89	Island,.....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	105	1
90	Hiram Abiff, (Ch. rev.												
91	Harwood,.....	11	14	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	172	0
92	Siloam,.....	9	9	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	206	3
93	Horeb,.....	4	5	1	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	199	1
94	Paris,.....	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	120	0
95	Corinthian,.....	3	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	115	0
96	Monument,.....	5	5	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	274	1
97	Bethel,.....	5	5	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	122	0
98	Katahdin,.....	8	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	140	0
99	Vernon Valley,...	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	1
100	Jefferson,.....	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	92	0
101	Nezinscot,.....	1	2	0	1	2	6	0	0	1	0	92	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
102	Marsh River,.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	70	0
103	Dresden,.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	1
104	Dirigo,.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0
105	Ashlar,.....	27	28	3	1	1	11	0	0	4	0	337	4
106	Tuscan,.....	8	9	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	183	2
107	Day Spring,.....	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	69	0
108	Relief, ( <i>ch. recalled</i> ).....												
109	Mt. Kineo,.....	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	133	2
110	Monmouth,.....	9	9	0	1	1	6	0	0	2	0	129	1
111	Liberty,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	77	0
112	Eastern Frontier,...	13	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	166	0
113	Messalonskee,....	13	11	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	106	2
114	Polar Star,.....	9	9	1	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	263	0
115	Buxton,.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	117	0
116	Lebanon,.....	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	112	1
117	Greenleaf,....	12	12	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	176	0
118	Drummond,.....	9	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	98	0
119	Pownal,.....	7	7	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	94	0
120	Meduncook, ( <i>ch. s.</i> ).....												
121	Acacia,.....	5	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	81	0
122	Marine,.....	8	10	2	1	0	5	0	0	2	0	266	0
123	Franklin,.....	7	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	55	0
124	Olive Branch,...	7	6	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	89	2
125	Meridian,.....	10	10	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	182	0
126	Timothy Chase,...	11	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	139	2
127	Presumpscot,....	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	131	3
128	Eggemoggin,....	10	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	0
129	Quantabacook,....	6	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	64	0
130	Trinity,.....	15	14	0	2	2	6	0	0	3	0	187	5
131	Lookout,.....	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	53	0
132	Mount Tir'em,....	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	76	0
133	Asylum,.....	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	63	0
134	Trojan, ( <i>consol'd</i> ).....												
135	Riverside,.....	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	110	1
136	Ionic, ( <i>ch. sur. '82</i> ).....												
137	Kenduskeag,....	5	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	105	3
138	Lewy's Island,....	10	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	168	0
139	Archon,.....	7	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	10	0	60	0
140	Mount Desert,....	2	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	84	0
141	Augusta,.....	14	15	0	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	348	2
142	Ocean,.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	75	1
143	Preble,.....	4	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	178	6
144	Seaside,.....	9	7	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	252	4
145	Moses Webster,...	15	12	1	2	2	7	0	0	2	0	211	1
146	Sebasticook,....	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	0
147	Evening Star, ...	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	88	0
148	Forest,.....	6	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	138	0
149	Doric,.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	102	0
150	Rabboni,.....	15	9	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	272	2
151	Excelsior,.....	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	45	1
152	Crooked River,...	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	0
153	Delta,.....	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	1
154	Mystic Tie,.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	1
155	Ancient York,....	4	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	163	11

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156	Wilton,.....	3	4	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	148	1
157	Cambridge,.....	8	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	1
158	Anchor,.....	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	82	2
159	Esoteric, <i>consol.</i> '08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
160	Parian,.....	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	0
161	Carrabassett,.....	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	90	0
162	Arion,.....	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	70	0
163	Pleasant River,...	10	9	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	209	9
164	Webster,.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	57	0
165	Molunkus,.....	7	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	2
166	Neguemkeag,....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0
167	Whitney,.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	95	0
168	Composite,.....	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	110	0
169	Shepherd's River,	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	56	1
170	Caribou,.....	5	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	188	6
171	Naskeag,.....	7	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	89	0
172	Pine Tree,.....	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	128	3
173	Pleiades,.....	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	162	0
174	Lynde,.....	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	72	0
175	Baskahegan,...	9	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	144	2
176	Palestine,.....	<i>Consolidated</i>					<i>ed '95</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
177	Rising Star,.....	5	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	97	0
178	Ancient Brothers,	11	13	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	278	8
179	Yorkshire,.....	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	104	1
180	Hiram,.....	7	10	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	310	8
181	Reul Washburn,...	<i>Consolidated</i>					<i>ed '82</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
182	Granite,.....	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	94	0
183	Deering,.....	21	18	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	1	421	5
184	Naval,.....	12	8	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	183	8
185	Bar Harbor,.....	10	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	244	0
186	Warren Phillips,...	11	11	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	265	1
187	Ira Berry,.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1
188	Jonesport,.....	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	9	0	127	0
189	Knox,.....	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	0
190	Springvale,.....	6	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	143	4
191	Davis,.....	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	122	1
192	Winter Harbor,...	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	124	0
193	Washburn,.....	11	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	8	0	87	0
194	Euclid,.....	9	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	168	1
195	Reliance,.....	16	15	1	2	1	4	0	0	7	0	204	0
196	Bay View,.....	5	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	108	0
197	Aroostook,.....	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	143	3
198	St. Aspinquid,....	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	93	2
199	Bingham,.....	8	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	183	10
200	Columbia,.....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	105	3
201	David A. Hooper,	8	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	157	0
202	Mount Bigelow,...	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	71	1
203	Mount Olivet,....	12	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	76	0
204	Mount Abram,....	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	92	0
205	Nollesemic,.....	4	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	154	1
206	Island Falls,...	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	148	0
207	Abner Wade,....	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	0
208	N. East Harbor,...	6	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	2
209	Fort Kent,.....	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	79	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. S.	P. D.	D.	Mem.	R.
210	Bagaduce,.....	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1
211	Meduncook,.....	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0
212	McKinley,.....	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	70	0
	Kemankeag, U. D.,....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3
	Limestone, U. D.,... ..	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3
		1271	1234	77	64	161	574	0	0	262	2	30,294	314	

## CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

He also presented requests for Certificates of Charter from the following lodges, which were granted:

Rockland Lodge, No. 79, Rockland.

Keystone Lodge, No. 80, Solon.

Davis Lodge, No. 191, Strong.

## NEW LODGES.

He further presented the books and papers of Kemankeag Lodge, U. D., at Rangeley, and Limestone Lodge, U. D., at Limestone, with petitions for charters, and they were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,*

*in account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.*

1914.

## RECEIPTS.

April 20.	Harry B. Holmes,	D. D. G. M.	1st Dist.,.....	\$330.40
	Thomas C. Stanley,	"	4th " .....	314.00
	Elihu D. Chase,	"	7th " .....	146.80
	Charles Kneeland,	"	8th " .....	232.20

	Wilbur F. Cate,	D. D. G. M. 10th Dist.,	334.00
	Charles R. Getchell,	" 11th "	478.80
	Moses A. Gordon,	" 12th "	12.60
	Davis G. Lovejoy,	" 16th "	320.60
	Frank E. Robbins,	" 19th "	394.60
	John E. Clark,	" 20th "	164.20
	Daniel B. Packard,	" 22d "	233.60
	Chester E. Chipman,	" 24th "	526.80
	Fred R. Bailey,	" 25th "	214.00
	Charles A. Wilson,	" 9th "	517.60
27.	Albert R. Leavitt,	" 23d "	242.20
	Joseph F. Leighton,	" 3d "	258.00
29.	Archie L. White,	" 21st "	429.20
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			\$5,149.60
Grand Chapter 3/10 office expenses,			391.56
Grand Commandery 2/10 office expenses,			261.04
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			<u>\$5,802.20</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April 24.	Chester E. Chipman, expenses 24th Dist.,	\$14.80
	John N. Foye, " 15th "	46.10
	Fred R. Bailey, " 25th "	21.99
	John E. Clark, " 20th "	10.25
	Frank E. Robbins, " 19th "	23.19
	Davis G. Lovejoy, " 16th "	16.71
	Moses A. Gordon, " 12th "	26.11
	Charles R. Getchell, " 11th "	13.20
	Wilbur F. Cate, " 10th "	18.70
	Charles Kneeland, " 8th "	19.58
	Elihu D. Chase, " 7th "	15.25
	Thomas C. Stanley, " 4th "	37.85
	Harry B. Holmes, " 1st "	12.35
	E. T. Harmon Co., floral tribute,	15.00
	Masonic Trustees, Portland, March rent,	108.33
	George D. Loring, binding reports,	38.50
25.	Charles A. Wilson, expenses 9th Dist.,	25.57
	Joseph F. Leighton, " 3d "	36.14
30.	Stephen Berry, salary to April 30, 1914,	175.00
	" " balance account Grand Lodge,	28.05
	" " account room,	.40
	Stephen Berry Co., printing notices, circulars, &c.,	43.40
	" " " envelopes, seals, slips,	4.80



Daniel B. Packard, expenses 22d Dist., .....	18.00
Convers E. Leach, Librarian, .....	4.50
Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent April, 1914, .....	108.33
Albro E. Chase, postage, .....	1.12

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 \$883.22

Balance cash on hand Portland National Bank, .... 4,918.98

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 \$5,802.20

Fraternally submitted,

 ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

## FINANCE.

Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN, for the Committee of Finance, made a partial report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1914.

Your Committee of Finance have examined and approved such bills against the Grand Lodge as have been presented since the installation of the present Grand Treasurer, and have certified them to him for payment.

The records of the Grand Lodge are correctly written up to date and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the present Grand Treasurer have been examined and found correct. For a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements we refer you to his report.

The present Grand Treasurer has received.....\$5,802.20

He has paid out..... 883.22

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 Balance in his hands at present time,.....\$4,918.98

We recommend that

To Grand Lecturer be paid ..... \$25.00

To Grand Treasurer, including cost of bond,..... 300.00

To Grand Secretary,..... 700.00

as compensation for their services for year ending

May 1, 1915.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for year ending May 1, 1914,..... 150.00

Respectfully submitted,

 HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }  
 EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*

The report of Grand Treasurer CHASE was then accepted.

DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. HOWARD D. SMITH reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Grand Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations for new lodges be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

We congratulate the Grand Master on the successful administration of his great office for the past two years.

Fraternally submitted,

H. D. SMITH,  
JAMES E. PARSONS, } Committee.  
C. W. CROSBY,

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

LIBRARY.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE submitted the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations were adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1914.

The Committee on Library report an uneventful year. The Librarian reports the binding of eighty-six volumes of Proceedings. We recommend that,

First: The Committee on Library be authorized, if they deem it necessary, to purchase volumes for the Library.

Second: That they cause to be bound such volumes of Proceedings as are necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,  
ALBRO E. CHASE,  
JOHN W. BALLOU, } *Committee.*

#### HISTORY.

BRO. MERTON L. KIMBALL presented the following, which was accepted:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.

*To the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Maine.*

During the past year only three lodges have filed histories, but the fewness of numbers is compensated for by the admirable character of the contributions to masonic annals.

York Lodge, No. 22, Kennebunk, the history of the first one hundred years, 1813 to 1913, inclusive, by George A. Gilpatric and Albert W. Meserve, print, 186 pages, royal octavo. The volume is illustrated with several portraits, and is written in a terse but clear style which makes the seeker after facts delighted. A brief biographical sketch of each member for the whole century is a most valuable appendix to the book.

Marine Lodge, No. 122, Deer Isle. Org. 1864, to January, 1914, a half century of honorable record, by H. W. Small, M. D., 191 pages, royal octavo. This is our Grand Master's lodge, and the writer has produced a book of which our Most Worshipful Brother may well be proud; it is a fascinating account of the growth of the fraternity in the seagirt isle of its location, and shows how large a place the Craft fills in the hearts of those who dwell among the great waters of the ocean. The book is adorned with many portraits, largely those of strong men who have wrested a living from the Atlantic, serving their brethren while serving the welfare of the community.

Sebasticook Lodge, No. 146, Clinton, 1891 to 1914, 4th part, by A. W. Low, in print, paper, royal octavo, 22 pages.

We regret to say that Solar Lodge and United Lodge are still deaf to the unanimous desire of the fraternity that they give us something from their early annals.

Fraternally submitted,

MERTON L. KIMBALL, }  
WILLIAM N. HOWE, } *Committee.*

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1914.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, asking for recognition, have considered the proposition :

The three lodges which formed this Grand Lodge were Manila Lodge, No. 342, Cavite Lodge, No. 350, and Corregidor Lodge, No. 386, all having been duly chartered and constituted under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California, U. S. A.

Your committee recommend that the recognition be granted and that fraternal intercourse be had by means of an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE,  
ALFRED S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and recommendation unanimously adopted.

## EGYPT.

Bro. CHASE further reported the following, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 5, 1914.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Egypt, asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge, have considered the matter and recommend that the request be not granted.

ALBRO E. CHASE,  
ALFRED S. KIMBALL, } *Committee.*

MILLARD FILLMORE HICKS, GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. CHASE presented the following memorial, which was unanimously accepted and ordered on record :

"Death is another life. We bow our heads,  
And, going out, we think, and enter straight  
Another golden chamber of the King's,  
Larger than this we leave, and lovelier."

With every painting of beauty and pleasure we see the heavy tints of sorrow. In every home there is a vacant chair. In each heart there is a memory of departed loved ones.

Death is the common lot of all. We shrink at the thought of death. Masonry throughout its teachings undertakes to impress upon the mind, the heart and soul of its members familiarity with the thought of death and with it the thought of immortality.

Our ancient brethren loved one another and cherished the spirit of fraternity. Their hearts were solemnized by the breaking of ties which bound together and in unison human souls. They always trod with easy step, with a fresh memory, with bleeding spirits, the graves of their departed loved ones. Ever were they sorrowfully conscious that

"There is no union here of hearts  
That hath not here its end."

A true Mason, an upright man, a loyal citizen, one we loved, honored and respected is dead. His labors here are over. The greatest of all mysteries, the mystery of life, has been revealed to him in the awakening glories of Eternity.

MILLARD FILLMORE HICKS was born in North Yarmouth, Maine, July 31, 1850, "and his family had been connected with the local history of that community for more than two centuries."

His education was obtained in the common schools and from the hard experience of life.

His business in Portland from boyhood was as a dealer in flour and grain.

At the formation of the Portland, Maine, Water District in 1907 he was elected as one of the Trustees and upon organization of the Trustees he was chosen Treasurer, both of which positions he held at the time of his death.

Bro. HICKS was a man actuated by the highest ideals. Life to him meant the performance of every duty and to their faithful accomplishment he devoted all his abilities and energies. He was a cheerful, hopeful man, seeing the silver lining to whatever clouds confronted him. He had his share of burdens to bear, but he bore them patiently and well, as we, who knew him best, can testify.

Bro. HICKS received the Symbolic Degrees in 1872 in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M., of which he was Master in 1908.

He received the Capitular Degrees in 1873 in Greenleaf Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., over which he presided as High Priest in 1895.

He received the Degrees of the Cryptic Rite in 1878 in Portland Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, and was its Master in 1890.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in 1878 in St. Alban Commandery, No. 8, K. T., of which he was Eminent Commander in 1890.

He was elected R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1904 and held that position at the time of his death. He was also Treasurer of the Order of High Priesthood.

He enjoyed the distinction of having received all of the degrees controlled by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, including the thirty-third and last degree, which was conferred upon him by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America in 1894 and was crowned an active member in 1903.

Bro. HICKS was, at the time of his death, M. E. Grand Sovereign of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Grand Cross of Constantine of the United States of America. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Bro. HICKS earned all of these honors and many more. Beginning his work in the subordinate bodies and having the ability to study the deeper and higher mysteries and having a laudable ambition to participate in the most exalted sphere of the Fraternity, his efforts were crowned with success.

As a Mason, Bro. HICKS made its teachings the rule of his conduct. His sympathy and kindness were marked traits in all the relations of his life. He labored assiduously in Masonry; its principles of toleration, liberty, equality, charity and brotherhood he wove into his character.

Therefore he was not in sympathy with the attempt often made to level all men in Masonry to an equality as to office and honors, by placing weakness in official position where power should reign, wealth at the top instead of men with brain-power. He believed that the Masonic Brotherhood implies that every gradation should be inspired with sympathy and a true benevolence for every other.

Bro. HICKS was stricken on March 31, 1914, and without gaining consciousness died April 3d. His funeral was held at Masonic Temple, Sunday, April 5th, in the presence of a large number of friends and of the craft. The services were conducted by the Officers of his Masonic Lodge. The burial was at Evergreen Cemetery.

As we dropped the sprig of acacia we thought of the kindly, generous heart forever stilled, the pleasant, cheerful face and cordial hand clasp

we shall so sadly miss, but we realized that it will be but for a little while, for one and all we are

“‘Nearing home,’ the shadows gently falling,  
Hide from our view earth’s harsher sights and sounds;  
And voices loved and lost are softly calling,  
Telling where home and happiness are found.”

ALBRO E. CHASE.

#### MILEAGE.

The Grand Master called attention to Standing Regulation No. 1, respecting mileage, which he thought might need revision, and, on motion, it was

*Voted*, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to take into consideration the advisability of reconstruction of Standing Regulation No. 1, and to report at this session.

At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 5, 1914. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

The Grand Master appointed Brothers W. SCOTT SHOREY and FRANK E. MONROE to act on the Committee on Publication.

#### GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

BRO. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE submitted the following, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that nothing has been presented for their consideration.

A notable condition. An evidence of harmony, upon which we desire to congratulate the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*  
H. D. SMITH,

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report in print of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted, and permission given to add reviews of later reports. (*See Appendix.*)

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and he was received and welcomed as such.

## ELECTION.

At three o'clock the Grand Master invited Past Grand Master HUGH R. CHAPLIN to preside over the election of Grand Officers. He appointed as committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, RALPH W. MOORE.
- II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. AMES, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:



Permanent Members present, 1 each,	39
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	38
186 lodges represented (3 votes each),	558
Total number votes,	635

The committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Augusta;
WALDO PETTENGILL,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Rumford;
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	" <i>Senior Grand Warden,</i>	Portland;
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Belfast;
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" <i>Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland.

*Committee of Finance*—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; FRANK J. COLE, Bangor. (Bro. COLE resigned later.)

*Trustees of Charity Fund for three years*—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, Bangor; ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deer Isle.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bro. CHAPLIN for his assistance.

At 4:15 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
 Wednesday, May 6, 1914. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 P. M. by the Senior Grand Warden.

The Senior Grand Warden called to the East

M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. NATHAN C. REDLON, Master of Deering Lodge of Portland, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the place to the Senior Grand Warden.

On motion of Bro. WM. H. OHLER, JR., it was

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Deering Lodge for the excellent work of the afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was then, at 4:45, called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Thursday, May 7, 1914. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding in place of the Grand Master, who was kept away by illness.

#### PAY ROLL.

BRO. CLIFFORD J. PATTEE reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 7, 1914.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Pay Roll beg leave to report that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, }  
WARREN D. TRASK, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and schedule ordered paid.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

Your Committee on Publication have attended to the duty assigned them and report that they would not recommend the publication of Volume Four and Five of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, 1859 to 1863 and 1864 to 1866 at the present time.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, }  
W. SCOTT SHOREY, } *Committee.*  
FRANK E. MONROE, }

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Bro. EDWIN A. PORTER presented the following, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the reports of the several Grand Officers and find that the Fraternity, as a whole, is in a most prosperous condition.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts have faithfully attended to their duties, and their reports show a uniformity of work, well and impressively done.

That the records and books are well kept, dues well collected and the lodges in good financial condition.

We believe the schools of instruction are of great benefit to the efficient working of the craft.

Every District Deputy Grand Master should attend at least one of these schools of instruction, and in case of his failure to do so he should furnish substantial cause.

We recommend the continuance of these schools of instruction.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN A. PORTER, }  
ALBERT M. PENLEY, } *Committee.*  
WILLIAM N. HOWE. }

FINANCE—MILLARD F. HICKS.

BRO. HUGH R. CHAPLIN submitted the following:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

Your Committee of Finance makes the following report:

From the books kept by our late Grand Treasurer HICKS and from other proper sources of information, we have made up a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements from the date of the last report to the Grand Lodge made by him to the date of his decease April 3, 1914. A copy of said statement accompanies this report. Its items are properly vouched and it shows that his aggregate receipts were.. ....\$13,889.75 and that he disbursed ..... 6,727.97

leaving balance cash in his hands..... \$7,161.78

The statement also shows that he had a Bond of the Town of Dexter, par value \$1,000.

We also found that there should be in his possession belonging to the Charity Fund:

Cash, .....\$ 1,967.89

and securities aggregating at par as follows:

Bonds and a Mortgage,..... 47,200.00

Stocks,..... 7,700.00

Deposits in various Savings Banks, ..... 18,109.30

A list of said Bonds and Mortgage, Stocks and Savings Banks Deposits will be found in one of the receipts hereinafter referred to.

May 6, 1914, your committee were present when the Executor of the will of Bro. HICKS delivered said Bonds, Mortgage, Stocks, Savings Bank Deposits and Cash to Grand Treasurer CHASE, who signed duplicate receipts therefor, one covering what belongs in the General Treasury of the Grand Lodge and one covering what belongs to the Charity Fund. One of each he delivered to said Executor and one to us. Those delivered to us accompany this report.

It is personal pleasure to each of us to state what everybody acquainted with him would know to be true, that the accounts of Bro. HICKS furnish full proof of his integrity and of his painstaking attention to the duties of his office. He was surely worthy of the trust which the Grand Lodge reposed in him.

We recommend that his full salary from November 1, 1913, to May 1, 1914, none of which he had drawn, be paid to the Executor of his will.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }  
EDMUND B. MALLETT, } *Committee.*

1913.

## RECEIPTS.

May	1.	Balance from old account, .....	\$10,248.85
June	3.	From Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, 2 dispensations to Naskeak, No. 171, .....	6.00
July	22.	" dispensation to Kemankeag Lodge, ..	25.00
Aug.	18.	" Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, dispensation to Reliance, No. 195, ..	3.00
Sept.	5.	" " " Marine, No. 122, ..	3.00
Oct.	1.	" interest to Sept. 20, 1913, ..	82.70
Nov.	14.	" dispensation to Limestone Lodge, ..	25.00
	29.	" Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, dispensation to Bar Harbor, No. 185, .....	3.00
1914.			
Jan.	13.	" dispensation to Marine, No. 122, ..	3.00
			<hr/> 150.70

## RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

1914.

March 17.	Moses A. Gordon, 12th District, .....	274.80	
18.	Ralph W. Moore, 6th District, .....	473.20	
19.	Fred L. Gardner, 2d District, .....	220.80	
20.	Ernest C. Butler, 13th District, ..	340.00	
21.	Harry W. Fowles, 5th District, .....	355.80	
	Augustus S. Colby, 18th District, .....	233.20	
26.	Edward L. White, 14th District, .....	366.80	
30.	William H. Ohler, Jr., 17th District, .....	841.60	
	John N. Foye, 15th District, .....	334.80	
27.	Town of Dexter, coupon, .....	17.50	
		<hr/>	3,458.50
	Interest Portland National Bank to March 20, 1914,		31.70
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	Total Receipts, .....		\$13,889.75

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1913.			
May	8.	Pay roll as per order, .....	\$2,455.00
	12.	W. E. Howell, Grand Tyler, services 1913	
		Session, .....	30.00
		Walter S. Smith, Organist, services 1913, ..	10.00
		E. S. Miller, man on elevator, .....	1.00
		Wm. W. Roberts, stationery, ..	1.57
	16.	F. M. Hunnewell, labor for lodge work, ..	5.00
		Convers E. Leach, Librarian, to May 1,	
		1913, .....	5.50
	24.	George D. Loring, binding reports, ..	55.00
June	4.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, May rent, ..	108.34
	10.	Merton L. Kimball, expense to attend Gr.	
		Lodge to report as Chairman of	
		Committee on History, .....	15.90
		American Bank Note Co., 200 Diplomas, ..	40.00
	17.	Albro E. Chase, Chairman on Correspond-	
		ence, .....	150.00
		George C. Shaw & Co., catering for work-	
		ing lodge, .....	21.00
	28.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, June rent, ..	108.34
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Di-	
		plomas, .....	100.00
July	22.	J. A. Merrill & Co., 12 dozen Aprons, ..	27.00
	29.	Stephen Berry, salary to July 31, 1913, ..	175.00
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, rent July, ..	108.33
Aug.	26.	"    "    "    "    Aug., ..	108.33
	30.	Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary,	
		Mailing bill, .....	34.67
		Notices, envelopes, letter heads, ..	28.10
		Grand Lodge Room, .....	9.13
		1,500 copies 1913 Proceedings, .....	569.98
Sept.	11.	J. A. Merrill & Co., Grand Master's Apron, ..	28.85
	27.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, Sept. rent, ..	108.33
Oct.	29.	"    "    "    Oct. rent, ..	108.34
		Stephen Berry, salary to Oct. 31, 1913, ..	175.00
		M. F. Hicks, salary 6 mos. Oct. 31, 1913, ..	150.00
Nov.	5.	Edward J. Fletcher, Town of Dexter Bond,	890.00
		Accrued interest on same, .....	12.05
	29.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, Nov. rent, ..	108.33

Dec.	9.	Frank E. Sleeper, expenses 3 schools of instruction,.....	80.75	
		Salary 1913-14, .....	25.00	
	30.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, Dec. rent, .....	108.33	
	1914.			
Jan.	9.	American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,.....	100.00	
	30.	Stephen Berry, salary to Jan. 31, 1914,....	175.00	
		Masonic Trustees of Portland, Jan. rent,...	108.33	
Feb.	4.	J. A. Merrill & Co., Testimonial to Stephen Berry,.....	94.00	
		Expenses at presentation of cup,...	30.00	
	26.	Masonic Trustees of Portland, Feb. rent, ..	108.34	
March	25.	Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, dues 1913, remitted,.....	19.40	
			<hr/>	6,597.24

## EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

March	25.	Harry A. Fowles, 5th District,.....	44.85	
		Ralph W. Moore, 6th District,.....	14.25	
		Fred L. Gardner, 2d District,.....	23.88	
		Augustus S. Colby, 18th District, ..	24.75	
		Ernest C. Butler, 13th District,.....	14.00	
	30.	William H. Ohler, Jr., 17th District, ..	9.00	
			<hr/>	130.73
		Total Disbursements,.....		\$6,727.97

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

## DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Bro. ARCHIE L. TALBOT reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 7, 1914.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the business submitted and make report as follows:

In the matter of a petition of ALBERT H. DAMON and twenty others of Limestone, for a Charter for Limestone Lodge, U. D., in the town of Limestone, the requirements of the Grand Lodge having been complied

with, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the Dispensation be continued until the lodge is constituted.

In the matter of a petition of FRED B. COLBY and thirty-one others of Rangeley, for a Charter for Kemankeag Lodge, U. D., in the town of Rangeley, the requirements of the Grand Lodge having been complied with, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the Dispensation be continued until the lodge is constituted.

Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,  
EDMUND B. MALLEY, } *Committee.*  
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

#### FINANCE—CARD INDEX.

Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

At the last annual communication the Finance Committee was empowered to examine into the system of a card index of the membership of subordinate lodges and the probable cost thereof, and was directed to report at this session.

The cost of cards and cases necessary for 30,000 names will not exceed \$200, and in our opinion the labor of filling out the cards for the present membership will cost not exceeding \$600.

Taking into consideration the relief which will be afforded to the Secretaries of subordinate lodges and the ease with which membership details may be extracted from the cards when the system has been perfected, we believe that the system should be adopted.

We therefore recommend that the Finance Committee be instructed to put the system into operation and to expend not exceeding \$800 in doing so.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, } *Committee.*  
EDMUND B. MALLEY,

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

#### CHANGE IN REGULATION, NO. I.

Bro. CHAPLIN further reported:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

The Committee of Finance, to which was referred the suggestion of the Grand Master relative to a change in Standing Regulation No. I, I,



have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Standing Regulation be amended by striking out the words "such sum as is granted by the several railroads or steamboats" and inserting in place thereof the words "four and one-half cents for each mile one way," so that said Standing Regulation as amended shall read as follows:

1. 1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage four and one-half cents for each mile one way to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem.

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }  
EDMUND B. MALLET, } *Committee.*

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

#### JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. HUGH R. CHAPLIN submitted the following, which was accepted:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Master, request that they be permitted to make their report thereon to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, }  
CHAS. I. COLLAMORE, } *Committee.*  
HUGH R. CHAPLIN, }

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that nothing had been presented to them, and the report was accepted.

## PAY ROLL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN, the names of the Committee on Pay Roll were added to the Pay Roll.

## GRAND MASTER SPOFFORD.

Bro. HUGH R. CHAPLIN presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

IN GRAND LODGE, May 7, 1914.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in Annual Communication assembled, desire to express to M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Grand Master, our sincere regret that his indisposition prevents his attendance this morning, and that it will delight all of us to hear of his speedy recovery.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause the foregoing resolution to be brought to the immediate notice of our Grand Master.

## INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Deputy Grand Master invited Past Grand Master CHARLES I. COLLAMORE to install the Grand Officers, and he requested Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR to act as Grand Marshal. Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE was presented and was installed as M. W. Grand Master, prayer being offered by Grand Chaplain WM. H. FULTZ.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	" <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Ft. Fairfield
FRED L. GARDNER,	" " <i>2d</i> "	Dennysville
WILLIAM C. IRONS,	" " <i>3d</i> "	Addison
THOMAS C. STANLEY,	" " <i>4th</i> "	Brooklin
HARRY A. FOWLES,	" " <i>5th</i> "	La Grange
RALPH W. MOORE,	" " <i>6th</i> "	Hampden

ELIHU D. CHASE,	<i>R. W. D. D. G. M.</i>	<i>7th Dist.,</i>	Unity
EDWARD GOODWIN,	"	<i>8th</i>	Lincolnville
ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"	<i>9th</i>	Rockland
WILBUR F. CATE,	"	<i>10th</i>	Dresden
LESLIE W. MALOON,	"	<i>11th</i>	Litchfield
LESTER M. ANDREWS,	"	<i>12th</i>	Oakland
CARL C. PIPER,	"	<i>13th</i>	Fairfield
MONROE V. CURTIS,	"	<i>14th</i>	Freeport
FRED E. TREFETHEN,	"	<i>15th</i>	Wilton
DAVIS G. LOVEJOY,	"	<i>16th</i>	Bethel
WILLIAM H. OHLER, JR.,	"	<i>17th</i>	Portland
JAMES W. EASTMAN,	"	<i>18th</i>	Fryeburg
CLARENCE E. THOMPSON,	"	<i>19th</i>	Saco
PITT H. JONES,	"	<i>20th</i>	Springfield
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	"	<i>21st</i>	West Sullivan
BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS,	"	<i>22d</i>	Pittsfield
OSCAR D. RAND,	"	<i>23d</i>	West Buxton
WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN,	"	<i>24th</i>	Lewiston
FRED R. BAILEY,	"	<i>25th</i>	Patten
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i>		Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	"	"	Bath
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	"	"	Kittery
REV. HENRY E. DUNNACK,	"	"	Augusta
REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"	"	Bangor
L. ELWOOD JONES,	"	<i>Marshal,</i>	Winthrop
GEORGE F. GIDDINGS,	"	<i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Augusta
CHARLES P. HATCH,	"	<i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Portland
ELMER A. DOTEN,	"	<i>Steward,</i>	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	"	"	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	"	Biddeford
DAVID E. MOULTON,	"	"	Portland
GEORGE R. HALL,	"	<i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Lewiston
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	"	<i>Standard Bearer,</i>	Limerick
WARREN C. KING,	"	<i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
J. IRVING HAYDEN,	"	"	Raymond
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	"	<i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER S. SMITH,	"	<i>Organist,</i>	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	"	<i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The remaining Grand Officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by Bro. COLLAMORE, and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bros. COLLAMORE and TAYLOR for their assistance.

He then named the following Standing Committees:

*On Credentials.*

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HOWARD D. SMITH, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

*On Publication.*

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

*On History.*

MERTON L. KIMBALL, FESSENDEN I. DAY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Dispensations and Charters.*

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

*On Amendments to the Constitution.*

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, ELMER P. SPOFFORD.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence.*

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, HUGH R. CHAPLIN.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

ALBRO E. CHASE, ALFRED S. KIMBALL, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM.

*On Condition of the Fraternity.*

EDWIN A. PORTER, ALBERT M. PENLEY, WILLIAM N. HOWE.

*On Library.*

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, JOHN W. BALLOU.

*On Transportation.*

STEPHEN BERRY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

*On Returns.*

STEPHEN BERRY, EDWIN A. PORTER, JAMES C. AYER.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bro. FRANK J. COLE resigned his position as a member of the Committee of Finance, which was accepted.

Bros. GIDDINGS, HATCH and JONES were appointed as a committee to receive, sort and count votes, and having attended to that duty, they reported the election of Bro. ELMER A. DOTEN, of Portland. The report was accepted.

## THANKS.

On motion of P. G. M. FRANK E. SLEEPER, it was unanimously

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD for the able, zealous and successful administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge for the past two years.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of this Annual Communication had been completed, and the report was accepted.

## CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved, and at 11:15 the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by the Rev. WM. H. FULTZ, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :



*Stephen Berry*

*Grand Secretary.*

The ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 4, 1915, at 9 o'clock A. M.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.**

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND,

Tuesday, May 5, 1914.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—THOMAS H. BODGE, *as President*,

FRED C. CHALMERS,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,

ARCHIE L. TALBOT,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer stated that the income was about \$3,000.

The Secretary presented 84 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

Bro. Howard D. Smith, for the Committee, reported that the present method of distributing the income was most satisfactory, and the report was accepted.

Bro. Waldo Pettengill, for the Committee, reported that no change in the matter of investment was desirable, and the report was accepted.

Adjourned until 4:30 Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1914.

Met in Grand Lodge office at 4:30 P. M.

Present—CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,  
 ARCHIE L. TALBOT,  
 LEANDER M. KENNISTON,  
 FRANK E. SLEEPER,  
 \* HOWARD D. SMITH,  
 FRED C. CHALMERS,  
 ALBRO E. CHASE, *as Secretary.*

In the absence of the President, Bro. Charles I. Collamore presided.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule, which was accepted.

*Voted*, That one represent thirteen dollars.

*Voted*, That \$1,911.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The report of the late Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Millard F. Hicks, was read and accepted as follows:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1914.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the  
 Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund.	Income.
25 shares Canal National Bank stock, . . . . .	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
18 shares Casco National Bank stock, . . . . .	1,800.00	108.00
14 shares First National Bank Stock, . . . . .	1,400.00	98.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co. stock, . . . . .	2,000.00	120.00
3 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. bonds, . . . . .	1,500.00	67.50
1 Town of Brunswick bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
2 Northern Pacific Railway Co. bonds, . . . . .	2,000.00	80.00
2 Rockland Water Co. bonds, . . . . .	1,500.00	75.00
2 Wladikawkas Railway Co. bonds, . . . . .	2,000.00	80.00
2 Kennebec Light & Heat Co. bonds, . . . . .	1,000.00	50.00
1 Mousam Water Co. bond, . . . . .	500.00	25.00
1 Denver City Tramway bond, . . . . .	500.00	25.00
5 Portland Water Co. bonds, . . . . .	5,000.00	200.00
2 Rumford Falls Water Power Co. bonds, . . . . .	2,000.00	80.00
1 Delaware, Ohio, Water Co. bond, . . . . .	500.00	30.00

3 Toledo Terminal Co. bonds, . . . . .	2,200.00	98.95
6 Boston & Maine Railway Co. bonds, . . . . .	6,000.00	240.00
3 Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. bonds, . . .	3,000.00	120.00
1 Portsmouth, Berkley & Suffolk Water Co. bond,	500.00	25.00
1 Town of Everett, Mass., bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
1 Town of Hyde Park, Mass., bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
1 Town of Methuen, Mass., bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
2 Standish Water & Constructing Co. bonds, . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
1 City of Portland, Oregon, bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
1 City Water Co. of E. St. Louis bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	50.00
1 City of Springfield, Mass., bond, . . . . .	1,000.00	40.00
5 City of Minneapolis, Minn., bonds, . . . . .	5,000.00	200.00
1 Newton & Northwestern Railway Co. bond, ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows:		
4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, 184, . . . . .	800.00	
Cert. No. A203, 5 shares com. stock, 500.00		
Cert. No. A228, 3 shares pfd. stock, . . . . .	1,000.00	
1 E. S. Moody note, secured by mortgage on real estate, . . . . .	5,000.00	
	<u>\$54,900.00</u>	<u>\$2,202.45</u>

Belfast Savings Bank, . . . . .	\$ 552.02	\$ 22.30
Maine Savings Bank, . . . . .	1,188.35	48.00
Portland Savings Bank, . . . . .	1,332.03	53.80
Augusta Savings Bank, . . . . .	980.84	39.60
Skowhegan Savings Bank, . . . . .	926.31	37.40
Waterville Savings Bank, . . . . .	973.74	39.32
Wiscasset Savings Bank, . . . . .	1,007.03	40.68
Bath Savings Institution, . . . . .	982.58	39.68
Brunswick Savings Institution, . . . . .	958.83	38.70
Gardiner Savings Institution, . . . . .	965.87	39.00
Portland National Bank, Savings Department, . . . .	1,933.79	78.10
Chapman National Bank, Savings Department, . . .	559.35	22.58
Fidelity Trust Co., . . . . .	5,146.48	102.92
	<u>\$17,507.22</u>	<u>\$602.08</u>



## CASH ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

1913.

May 1.	Balance from old account, .....	\$2,330.64
	From Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, unexpended balance .....	146.69
	Income from all investments except Savings Banks, ..	2,202.45
	Interest from Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., ..	137.11
	Savings Banks Dividends added, .....	602.08
	Returned from California donations, .....	16.00
	Total Receipts, ....	<u>\$5,434.97</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1913.

May 8.	Paid Beneficiaries, .....	\$2,355.00
	Placed in hands of Grand Master, .....	500.00
	Rent of Box in Safety Vault, .....	10.00
	Savings Banks Dividends added, .....	602.08
		<u>\$3,467.08</u>
	Balance to new account, ....	<u>1,967.89</u>
	Cash in Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., .....	\$5,434.97

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *for Grand Treasurer.*

The renewal of the bond of the Grand Treasurer elect, M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, for \$10,000 with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, was presented and was accepted.

At 5:30 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.Attest: ALBRO E. CHASE, *Acting Secretary.*

A true copy.

Attest: STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary.*

## Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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### ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

*First*, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

*Secondly*, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

*Thirdly*, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

*Fourthly*, to other cases of distress.

### ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

### ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 5, 1858.

*Voted*, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 8, 1862.

*Voted*, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause

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to be signed by the beneficiartes respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

*Voted*, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 4, 1871.

*Voted*, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 8, 1872.

*Resolved*, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 6, 1885.

*Voted*, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 5, 1886.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1889.*

*Voted*, That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:                      STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

## CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

—1914.—



THOMAS H. BODGE, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
WALDO PETTENGILL, Deputy Grand Master,	"
ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Senior Grand Warden,	"
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	elected May 7, 1912, for three years.
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " 7, " " " "
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " 6, 1913, " " "
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " 6, " " " "
CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,	" " 5, 1914, " " "
ELMER P. SPOFFORD,	" " 5, " " " "

## STANDING REGULATIONS.

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1910.

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*Resolved*, That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge. [1911, p. 224.]

I. 1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage four and one-half cents for each mile one way to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

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## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.

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[Part Fourth, Art. I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

## Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.

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### FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, having been duly installed to said office by Past District Deputy Grand Master LEON S. HOWE, of Presque Isle.

During the past masonic year I have visited all the lodges in this district, in each case inspecting work in one or more of the degrees, also the records of the lodge.

January 2d, I visited Washburn Lodge for the purpose of installation. This installation was held jointly with that of the Order of the Eastern Star. The meeting was largely attended by members of both organizations.

At the regular February meeting of Monument Lodge, Houlton, I inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work in this lodge is particularly well done. The officers are all young men, all of whom take a keen interest in the lodge work. They have developed one of the best working lodges in the district. The records are well kept, dues well collected, and although they have not been doing their usual amount of work the past year, their lodge meetings are well attended and members show a great deal of interest.

I was present, on February 17th, at a special meeting of Aroostook Lodge for work in the M. M. degree. Owing to the very severe weather the attendance was not large, although all of the regular officers were present and performed their work in an excellent manner. The records of this lodge are in the hands of Bro. WILLIAM BURNS, who makes a capable secretary and keeps the dues well collected.

On March 10th, I visited Limestone Lodge, now working under dispensation, and inspected work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees. Although this lodge has been organized but a few months, the officers are doing

their work in a very creditable manner. All the brethren are greatly interested in Masonry and I feel sure that this lodge has a most promising future.

March 11th, the members of Trinity, my home lodge, were invited to meet with the brethren of Washburn Lodge. There were some forty of the brethren who accepted this invitation and at this meeting I made my official visitation. The M. M. degree was conferred upon two candidates and was done in a most impressive and able manner. This lodge is doing an exceptionally large amount of work. The records are well kept by Bro. E. M. HINES, dues well collected and the lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

The next evening, at a special meeting of Caribou Lodge, I inspected work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees. The ritual work in these two degrees was practically perfect. This lodge has been doing very little work this year, but I find from the records, which are very well kept, that the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

March 25th, I officially visited Eastern Frontier Lodge. At this meeting work was performed in the F. C. and M. M. degrees. The work was of a very high order and reflected much credit on the officers of the lodge. They have a beautiful new masonic home and the lodge is one of the most flourishing in the district.

I have been a regular attendant on the meetings of Trinity Lodge, where I have witnessed work in all the degrees. This work is always well done and the lodge meetings well attended. We feel that we have in Bro. V. E. HOWE one of the best secretaries in the district. Records are neatly and accurately kept and the dues well collected. I installed the officers of this lodge at a public installation held February 13th.

Masonry in the First Masonic District is in an excellent condition. I find the work in the various lodges very uniform and have found it necessary to make but few corrections. I think this is largely due to the school of instruction which was held in Presque Isle on October 22d, it being well attended by the officers in this district.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and other members of the lodges which I have visited for the many courtesies extended during my term of office, also you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me in the appointment to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. HOLMES, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Presque Isle, March 30, 1914.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Secoud Masonic District.

I was installed by W. M. WILLIAM R. ALLAN, at a stated communication of Crescent Lodge July 2, 1913.

October 22, 1913, I attended a school of instruction at Presque Isle. This school was called by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, but owing to sickness he was unable to attend, so he requested R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, of the Seventeenth District, to conduct the school. Bro. CLOUGH went through the ritual very thoroughly from beginning to end. There seemed to be a great deal of interest in the work by all who were present, and much benefit was received. In the evening I had the pleasure of witnessing Trinity Lodge, No. 130, of Presque Isle, work the M. M. degree on one candidate in a most impressive manner, in the presence of a large number of masons. After the work the brethren repaired to the banquet room for refreshments.

November 5th, I made an official visit to Crescent Lodge, No. 78, and witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree and M. M. degree. As this is my home lodge, and as I have attended nearly every meeting this year, I am of course familiar with its manner of working and its business methods. Crescent Lodge painted and papered its lodge and banquet rooms this summer, expending about three hundred dollars, and now have a very attractive home. The Secretary, Bro. E. S. WILBUR, keeps his records in an excellent manner and very neat; the dues are well collected. Refreshments were served after the work.

November 20th. Last evening I visited Washington Lodge, No. 37, and had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the E. A. degree. W. M. FRANK TRECARTEN, is doing good work and has a fine lot of officers with him, so the future of Washington Lodge is insured for some time to come.

Past D. D. G. M. IRVING W. CASE is the efficient secretary, and has the dues unusually well collected. The books of the treasurer show the lodge in good financial condition. After the meeting one of Lubec's famous clam stews was served, with coffee, cake and cigars, thus giving an opportunity of getting better acquainted with the brethren. On this occasion I was entertained most pleasantly by P. D. D. G. M. CASE, for which I here wish to thank him.

December 8th, by invitation of its W. M., HERBERT J. DUDLEY, I visited St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree



on three candidates. St. Croix Lodge is fortunate in having such a fine corps of officers. Bro. DUDLEY is a good working officer. Past D. D. G. M. ISAAC N. JONES is secretary and keeps the records in a neat and systematic manner. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

December 28th, I publicly installed the officers of Crescent Lodge, No. 78, P. M. WM. R. ALLAN as Marshal. This was a joint installation of Pennamaquan Chapter, O. E. S., No. 146, and Crescent Lodge, and was one of the largest we have had for a long time. An interesting program consisting of readings, vocal and instrumental music was presented after the installation of the officers. Refreshments were served in the banquet room at the close of the meeting.

On January 12th, I received an invitation to install the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 37, but owing to a severe cold I was unable to accept much to my regret, as one is always sure of a warm reception from the brethren of Washington Lodge.

February 2d, I made an official visitation to Eastern Lodge, No. 7, and was very cordially received by the brethren, with many of whom I have long been acquainted. Work on two candidates in the E. A. degree was presented in a correct and impressive manner. Although this was the first time the master and wardens had worked as such, they are to be commended in every respect. In Past D. D. G. M. WHEELER C. HAWKES, Eastern Lodge has found a most valuable secretary; the records are well kept and the dues well collected. Eastern Lodge is to be congratulated on its ritual and floor work and its financial condition. Oysters were served in the banquet room at the close of the work. There was a good attendance at this meeting, also about twelve members from Crescent Lodge.

February 18th, I made an official visitation to Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, at Princeton, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree; the work was well done and the ritual very nearly perfect. There was a good attendance. The lodge is in an excellent condition financially, and has been doing considerable work this year. Refreshments were served at the close of the work. After refreshments I conferred the P. M. degree on Bro. JESSE HORSMAN, a Past Master. I wish here to thank the officers and members of Lewy's Island Lodge for the pleasant reception which was extended to me.

March 19th, I held a convention of the lodges in the Second District with Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke. The attendance was unusually large and much interest was manifest throughout the work.

The lodge was opened in due form promptly at 2:30 o'clock by the officers of Crescent Lodge. After a few introductory remarks I declared work suspended in the M. M. degree and a lodge of E. A. opened, waiv

ing all ceremony. I then invited the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 37, to exemplify the work in the E. A. degree. The work of Washington Lodge as usual was good. Although the committee selected to follow the work and make corrections noted some errors, most of them were slips. The lectures were given in full by different officers in a very impressive and almost perfect manner.

The lodge of E. A. was then closed and a lodge of F. C. declared opened, and I invited the officers of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, to perform the work in the F. C. degree. Eastern Lodge has always done good work and that of this afternoon was no exception; their floor work is fully up to the standard and very few corrections were to be made. A recess was then declared and the guests and members repaired to the banquet room, where a fine supper was served, the ladies of Pennamquan Chapter, O. E. S., having charge of the tables.

Labor was resumed promptly at 8 o'clock P. M. The lodge of F. C. was declared closed, and work resumed in the M. M. degree. The officers of Crescent Lodge now resumed their stations and proceeded to the work of the M. M. degree. The work of the officers of Crescent Lodge in this was good, particularly the ritualistic part. This was the first time they had worked the M. M. degree in their present stations. On account of railroad arrangements and lack of time we were obliged to omit a part of the lecture and report of the committee on ritual.

After the work we had some interesting remarks from Past D. D. G. M. W. F. BRADISH of Eastern Lodge, who has been a mason for nearly fifty years, Rev. Bro. GAMBLE of St. Croix Lodge, and Past D. D. G. M. I. W. CASE of Washington Lodge. Bro. CASE in his remarks stated that it would be twenty-five years to-morrow (the 20th) since the first convention was held in this district, and that that convention was held with Crescent Lodge, and during that time we had not missed holding a convention.

Past Master D. W. HERSEY, who sat at my right, stated that he was Master of Crescent Lodge at that time, and made some very interesting remarks. There were twelve others present who were at the first convention.

Past D. D. G. Masters W. C. HAWKES and I. N. JONES were with us on this occasion and an unusually large number of Past Masters. On account of poor railroad connections on the Princeton Branch and a heavy storm the previous night, Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, had but a small representation and none of its officers were present.

This was one of the largest conventions ever held in this district, over one hundred and ninety having sat down to the banquet.

Since our last convention the Second District has been called to mourn

the loss of Past D. D. G. M. MILLARD D. LAWRENCE of St. Croix Lodge, No. 46. Resolutions of respect were presented by Past D. D. G. M. JONES of St. Croix Lodge, and it was ordered that a copy be spread upon the record, and that a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased brother.

I have this year presented eleven Past Masters with diplomas, and worked the P. M. degree on Bro. JESSE HORSMAN, a P. M. of Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138.

I consider the Second Masonic District of Maine in a good healthy condition. The lodges are well officered and are all doing a fair amount of work which is good work, and in all cases the lodges seem to be in the hands of those who have the interest of Masonry at heart and look well to the financial part also.

I was in hopes to have been able to visit the lodge held for practice by the members of Crescent Lodge residing in Perry, but have not as yet, although I hope to do so before the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the lodges in the Second District for the courteous manner in which I have been received on my official visitations and the many kindnesses extended to me.

I appreciate, Most Worshipful, the honor you have conferred upon me and thank you sincerely.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRED L. GARDNER, *D. D. G. M., 2d M. D.*

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### THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my annual report.

I was re-appointed D. D. G. M. of the Third District at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Portland May, 1913. Was installed at Milbridge June 15th, by P. M. ARNOLD LEIGHTON, shortly after which I received my commission.

January 8th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, assisted by Bro. V. L. PLUMMER as Chaplain and Bro. WM. C. IRONS as Marshal. The installation was a joint one with the O. E. S. The evening was very pleasantly spent and a large gathering was present; a six o'clock supper was served in the banquet hall of the Grange

Hall. I examined the books at this visit and found them very nicely kept and dues well collected.

The new officers, under the direction of Bro. LEWIS H. LACKEE, Master elect, will, I am sure, take great interest and perform their work with earnestness and zeal.

January 20th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Jonesport Lodge, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. EDWIN CUMMINGS as Marshal and Rev. Mr. RAINY as Chaplain. The installation was public, and O. E. S. invited; a large number were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, as the ceremonies were pleasantly interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. After the entertainment all retired to the dining room, where a banquet was served. At this visit I examined the books, finding them in perfect order and dues extra well collected, and nearer to being wholly collected than ever before.

January 26th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Pleiades, No. 173. The officers were all new to their stations and are taking great pains in the work and the ritual. I feel sure that under the leadership of Bro. G. E. HINKLEY the lodge will continue to prosper and do the good work that it has in the past two years. Bro. JOE STEVENS, in the office of secretary, is keeping the books, records, etc., in fine condition and the dues well collected.

February 2d, on invitation, I privately installed the officers of Harwood Lodge at Machias. At this meeting it was my privilege to witness the work in the M. M. degree, which was very ably done. After the work we retired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and all its officers are doing their best to perfect themselves in the ritual. The dues are well collected and books kept nicely.

February 3d, I installed the officers of Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler. This installation was public and the O. E. S. was invited, a good attendance being present and the evening very much enjoyed. The records of the lodge are in good condition and dues well collected.

February 4th, I installed the officers of Warren Lodge, No. 2, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. WARREN F. WISWELL as Marshal and the Rev. Mr. SCISSON as Chaplain. At this meeting I examined the books and found the records well kept and dues collected most satisfactorily. The lodge is getting on fine in paying up for their new hall.

February 16th, I held a convention of the lodges at Machias, the officers and members of Harwood Lodge entertaining in a very generous manner. On account of the extreme cold weather and bad traveling it was impossible for some of the lodges to be represented, although the convention was well attended and all well pleased with the working of

the different degrees. After opening in the M. M. degree work was suspended and brethren chosen from the different lodges to work the E. A. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, all points for criticism taken up and thoroughly discussed. The lodge was then closed and a lodge of F. C. opened in its stead with the officers of Tuscan Lodge presiding, who did the work in first class manner, very little criticism made. After closing the lodge of F. C. we were called from labor to refreshment and invited to the banquet hall, where a bountiful supper was served. At 8 o'clock the lodge was called from refreshment to labor again, the officers of Harwood Lodge opening a lodge of M. M. and working the degree, which was done in a way that was very pleasing and beneficial to all present; the work was followed by remarks that were very interesting from members of the different lodges, among them being some very pleasing remarks from Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR, the pleasure of whose company was enjoyed by all, he staying through the whole session, both afternoon and evening.

March 16th, on invitation, I installed the officers of Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88. The installation being private, I witnessed the opening and closing of a regular lodge, also the method of carrying on their work. I examined the books at this meeting and found the dues well collected and records nicely kept.

In conclusion I will say that I am pleased to report all the lodges of the district in a most satisfactory condition and the officers taking great interest in their work.

I wish to thank the officers and brethren of this district for their courtesy and hospitality during my term as D. D. G. M., and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally yours,

J. F. LEIGHTON, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

Millbridge, April 28, 1914.

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you the annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held in Portland May 6, 7, 8, 1913, I was appointed D. D. G. M. Not being present at the Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment, I was in-

stalled in Naskeag Lodge June 4th, by Past D. D. G. M. OWEN L. FLYE.

October 29th, I attended the school of instruction held at Guilford. I earnestly urge that every District Deputy Grand Master attend one or more of these meetings.

On November 17th, my first official act was to visit Eggemoggin Lodge at Sedgwick, accompanied by Past D. D. G. M. OWEN L. FLYE. Witnessed the work in the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was very well done. The records are in the hands of Bro. ALLEN and are correctly and neatly kept; dues well collected. Refreshments were served at close of work.

December 10th, I called a convention of the lodges of the Fourth Masonic District, meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, Brooklin. The convention was called to order at 2 P. M., opened with prayer by Rev. Bro. A. E. TARBELL. 250 masons were present; every lodge in the district was represented. It had been expected that our Most Worshipful Grand Master would be with us, but owing to very important business he was called to Portland the day before the convention. Reliance Lodge of Stonington exemplified work in the E. A. degree, Bro. CHARLES BLAKE acting as candidate. The work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. Rising Star Lodge of Penobscot exemplified work in the F. C. degree, Bro. THO'S GRINDLE acting as candidate; this lodge has the reputation of always doing good work. At 6 o'clock the convention was called from labor to refreshments, and a supper was served in the banquet hall by the ladies of "The Harvest Home Society." At 8 o'clock the convention was again called from refreshments to labor, and Eggemoggin Lodge of Sedgwick proceeded to work the M. M. degree on an actual candidate, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner. Following this came speeches by the brothers, and a general good time. At the close of the convention light refreshments were served in the banquet hall. The convention was pronounced a success in every way, and it is my wish that they still continue.

By invitation, on January 10, 1914, accompanied by Past Worshipful E. H. BRIDGES, we visited Bagaduce Lodge, North Brooksville, where I conferred the P. M. degree on the present Master, assisted by Past Worshipful E. H. BRIDGES as Marshal, after which the officers were installed by Bro. BRIDGES assisted by Bro. WILLIAM KANE as Marshal, in a very pleasing way. Installation private to masons and wives; remarks by visitors and a fine banquet at close.

On January 28th, I visited Rising Star Lodge at Penobscot for inspection, where I witnessed the M. M. degree conferred on one candidate. Although I have not had the pleasure of visiting many lodges, I can truly

say that this was the best work I ever witnessed. The officers were all young men and showed that they had been well instructed and trained in their floor work, and were students of the ritual. The hall was filled to its capacity; there were visitors from Bucksport, Bluehill, Castine, Orland, Brooksville, Sedgwick and Brooklin. I had the pleasure of meeting there R. W. D. D. G. M. ARCHIE L. WHITE of Bucksport. This lodge has a fine hall, which has recently been painted inside, also a new carpet and furniture, which shows that they are in a prosperous and interested condition. The books are still in the hands of Bro. CUSHMAN and are models of accuracy and neatness. I find this lodge in first class shape, with dues well collected. Refreshments were served at the close.

March 5th, I visited Hancock Lodge at Castine for inspection. It being their stated meeting and no work, the officers exemplified the M. M. degree. As this lodge has had no work for the past year and no practice, they did as well as could be expected. Dues very well collected. Refreshments were served.

March 10th, I visited Marine Lodge at Deer Isle. This being a special meeting and no work the evening was spent in social converse. I gave the officers what instruction they needed. This is the banner lodge of the district and does fine work. The records are kept by Past D. D. G. M. MOSES D. JOYCE. Dues closely collected.

March 16th, I visited Ira Berry Lodge at Bluehill. This lodge has done no work the past winter. The officers very kindly exemplified the E. A. degree, which was well done considering that some of the regular officers were absent. I made what corrections were necessary, which were received in the same spirit as that in which they were given. The records are kept by Bro. HINCKLEY and are very neat and accurate; dues well paid. At the close a fine banquet was served in the banquet hall.

April 4th, I visited Reliance Lodge at Stonington. It was their stated meeting and a large number were in attendance, considering the condition of the roads. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate, which was done in a very creditable and impressive way. After the work there were speeches by visiting brethren, followed by refreshments. The records are kept by Bro. ROLLINS Y. STINSON, who has been secretary for the last thirty years, and are very correct and neat; dues closely collected. This is a large lodge and has many Past Masters, and ranks among the first in the district. They have a very fine hall to which they have lately added a steel ceiling and had newly painted; they have also installed a new lighting system, all of which is a great credit to Reliance Lodge, and shows they are in a first class, interested and prosperous condition.



I have not visited Bagaduce Lodge at North Brooksville as I intended for inspection, owing to bad traveling, but at the installation I inspected the books and found them correctly kept.

I have attended every meeting of Naskeag, which is my own home lodge, and while it may seem out of place for me to praise the work of this lodge, I feel that in justice to the officers I can say that it compares favorably with the lodges of the Fourth District. Bro. ROLAND FLYE is secretary, which assures us that the books are kept in a correct and business-like way, with the dues very closely collected.

I have conferred the Past Masters' degree on one candidate, and have issued Past Masters' diplomas to all entitled to them.

In conclusion, it affords me great pleasure to state that all the lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown me by the officers and members of the different lodges, and to you, M. W. Grand Master, my thanks for the unexpected honor you conferred on me by appointing me to this responsible office.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS C. STANLEY, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*  
Brooklin, April 28, 1914.

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### FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1913-14.

*October 22d, School of Instruction, Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle.*

*October 29th, School of Instruction, and Inspection, Mount Kineo Lodge, No. 109.*

I attended the school of instruction at Guilford, conducted by R. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER. There was a fair attendance. Had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the following Deputies: CHAS. KNEELAND of the Eighth, T. C. STANLEY of the Fourth, and R. W. MOORE of the Sixth Districts, and we certainly appreciated the manner in which the Grand Lecturer instructed us in the correct wording of the ritual. I feel that it should be the duty of each Deputy to firmly impress upon the minds of the brethren of each lodge in his district the importance of getting out a large attendance to these schools.



In the evening after the school of instruction, the officers of Mount Kineo Lodge worked the M. M. degree, which is a trying ordeal for the officers of any lodge when they realize that the Grand Lecturer and four Deputies are watching for a chance to make all the corrections that they can find to make. Considering this fact I feel that they did excellent work, and that there were fewer corrections to make than would naturally be expected under the circumstances. I examined the records and found them correctly kept. Dues fairly well collected and the lodge in a prosperous condition. Banquet served at close. I feel that the lodge should be complimented on the hospitable manner in which it entertained its visitors on the occasion.

*November 6th, Installation Composite Lodge, No. 168.*

I publicly installed the officers of Composite Lodge, No. 168, LaGrange, assisted by Past Master B. F. CREHORE as Marshal. A musical program in connection with the installation made a very pleasant evening's entertainment. Banquet served at close.

*November 10th, Inspection Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163.*

I made my official visit to Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, Brownville, and inspected their work, which was done in a very pleasing manner in the M. M. degree, and very nearly correct; the few corrections necessary were kindly received. The records are in good hands and well looked after.

*November 13th, Inspection Mosaic Lodge, No. 52.*

I visited Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, Foxcroft, and inspected their work in the M. M. degree, which was fairly well done, the officers of this lodge manifest an interest in making themselves proficient in their work. The records are in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. JAMES T. ROBERTS and it is needless to say that they are correct.

*December 8th, Installation Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163.*

I privately installed the officers of Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, Brownville, assisted by Past Master L. S. JOHNSON as Marshal. After the installation the brethren responded to remarks for the good of the order. Banquet served at the close.

*December 9th, Inspection Columbia Lodge, No. 200.*

I visited Columbia Lodge, No. 200, Greenville, and as there was no candidate they exemplified the work in the F. C. degree, which was very well done. Owing to the extreme cold weather that night there was rather a small attendance. The records are neatly and correctly kept. Oyster stew served at close of lodge.

*January 9th, Inspection Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44.*

I inspected Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, Milo; work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner; the corrections that I deemed necessary to make were kindly received. I believe that the brethren of this lodge are trying to get their work so that it will conform to the ritual as near as possible. I found the dues well collected and the records correctly kept.

*January 10th, Installation Mount Kineo Lodge, No. 109.*

I privately installed the officers of Mount Kineo Lodge, No. 109, Guilford, into their respective stations. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent with the musical program and the remarks that followed. Oyster stew served at the close.

*January 12th, Inspection Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207.*

I visited Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, Sangerville. This was one of the coldest and roughest nights of the winter. Knowing that this lodge had only about sixty members, I doubted their being able to get out a quorum, but was agreeably surprised to find about twenty-five in attendance. What this lodge lacks in numbers, it makes up in enthusiasm. Work in the E. A. degree, which was well done. I found the records in good condition.

*January 16th, Installation Doric Lodge, No. 149.*

I publicly installed the officers of Doric Lodge, No. 149, Monson. This was a joint installation with the O. E. S. I was assisted in the installation by Past D. D. G. M. W. R. HUGHES as Marshal. A musical program was rendered by JACKSON'S orchestra and was very entertaining, followed by remarks from many of those present. A fine banquet was served at the close.

*January 29th, Installation Mosaic Lodge, No. 52.*

I publicly installed the officers of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, Foxcroft, into their respective stations, assisted by Past D. D. G. M. ALLEN P. CLARK as Marshal. A good musical program was rendered, after which many responded with very pleasing remarks. At the close a fine banquet was served.

*February 9th, Inspection Penobscot, Lodge, No. 39.*

I made my official visit to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, Dexter, and inspected the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, which was done in a very impressive manner. There were fewer corrections to make than one would expect of new officers, this being their first work in their pres-

ent positions. There was a large number of members and visitors present. Records are well kept. With the interest that the new officers manifested I predict a prosperous year for this lodge.

*February 20th, Installation Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44*

I publicly installed the officers of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, Milo, into their respective stations, assisted by Past Master A. E. LEONARD as Marshal. A fine musical program was rendered by home talent, after which many responded with instructive and interesting remarks. About two hundred members and visitors were present. A banquet served at the close.

*February 23d, Inspection Doric Lodge, No. 149.*

I made my official visit to Doric Lodge, No. 149, Monson, and inspected the work in the E. A. degree on two candidates, which was well done, few corrections being necessary. This lodge is favored in having three Past District Deputies that take an active interest in the lodge. It is also to be congratulated on its fine masonic home. While they have assumed quite a large debt, I do not feel that it will burden them, as their rent from various sources will nearly meet their obligations as it becomes due. The dues are well collected, and the records are in efficient hands.

I have attended all the meetings of my own lodge, Composite, No. 168, excepting one. In visiting Mount Kineo Lodge at Guilford, which meets on the same night as ours, I was obliged to miss this meeting. Instead of making an official visit to my own lodge I have followed the work and made corrections as needed each night. The lodge is in good condition and enjoying a fair degree of prosperity.

During the past year nothing has been brought to my attention to impair the harmony and fraternal relations of the various lodges within the Fifth District, and in every case, whether inspection or installation, there has been extended to me a most courteous reception by the various lodges, for which, I sincerely thank the brethren.

In closing, permit me to say, that while I most heartily approve of an accurate rendering of the ritual, yet the officers should bear in mind that they must not only endeavor to render the ritual correctly, or as nearly so as possible, but at the same time, they must endeavor to impress upon the candidate the important teachings of Masonry, and while we lay great stress upon the correct rendering of the ritual, yet it is not the ritual or the work in the lodge which makes Masonry what it should be, but it is the working out of those most excellent principles and maxims in the daily life of the members of the fraternity which will make it the power in the community that it should be.

The duties of the office of District Deputy have been performed by me to the best of my ability, and I wish to thank you for the confidence reposed in me by your appointing me to this position. And I thank you for the honor conferred.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. FOWLES, *D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.*

LaGrange, March 14, 1914.

### SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to present my annual report for the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1913-14.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, I attended the school of instruction held by R. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Guilford.

Thursday evening, October 30th, I made a visit of inspection to Mystic Lodge, No. 65, at Hampden, where two candidates were raised. The work was nearly perfect with but few errors, and those of a nature which did not interfere with the impressiveness of the work. The officers of Mystic Lodge are giving a great deal of earnest consideration to the work and the affairs of the lodge, from which gratifying results are being obtained. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, the records well kept, membership increasing, considerable money being devoted to charity, and the officers and members working together in harmony for the good of the Order.

Tuesday evening, December 9th, I inspected Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, at Bangor; work in the M. M. degree. The corrections made were received by the officers in the proper spirit, and the interest taken in the work speaks well for the continued success of the lodge. The records, under the capable supervision of M. W. Bro. COLLAMORE, were models of neatness and accuracy, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. A banquet was served during intermission, at which interesting remarks were made.

Wednesday evening, December 17th, I visited Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, at Kenduskeag, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was rendered in a very satisfactory manner, but few corrections being necessary. The officers and members of this lodge are working faithfully for the good of the Order and the results obtained are worthy of commendation. Kenduskeag Lodge is fortunate in numbering among its

members P. D. D. G. M. HARVEY, whose assistance has been of material benefit. The records as kept by Bro. HARVEY were in excellent condition. The lodge property is being improved and its affairs are in good condition. A large number of visitors were present from adjacent lodges, and a banquet was enjoyed at High Twelve.

Tuesday evening, December 23d, I installed the officers of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, at Hermon, assisted by LESLIE N. SPARROW as Marshal and THURSTON HUNT as Chaplain.

Wednesday evening, January 7, 1914, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono. Very few corrections, and those of a minor nature, were necessary. The records are kept in first class condition by Bro. DURGIN, and much interest is taken in the lodge and its work by the officers and members.

Friday afternoon, January 9th, I inspected work in the F. C. degree at Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, Charleston, and installed the officers the evening of the same day. The work was rendered in a very satisfactory manner and shows that a great deal of effort is being made by the officers and members to continue the high standard so long enjoyed by Olive Branch Lodge. The assistance given by P. M. FRANK D. WEYMOUTH and others is properly appreciated and the hospitality of its members is enjoyed by many of the Craft from other lodges. Banquet at close.

Saturday evening, January 10th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon. The corrections necessary were well received by the officers, who are working faithfully for the good of the Order. The records are well kept and the lodge is in good condition. Refreshments at close of work.

Wednesday, January 14th, I visited Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, at Carmel, inspecting work in the E. A. degree and installing the officers. The work was well rendered and much interest taken by the officers and members. The lodge has had a very prosperous year, leading the district in number of initiations, and P. M. MELONE deserves credit for his efforts. The lodge property is being very much improved, its records are well kept and its affairs are in good condition. After the installation ceremonies refreshments were served and a general discussion of masonic work was enjoyed.

My visit of inspection to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, on Friday evening, January 16th, was especially pleasing, in that it enabled me to gratify an ambition I have had that I might have a lodge in this district whose work would be so well done that, with justice to its officers and myself, I could offer no corrections or suggestions for its improvement. The correctness and impressiveness of the work and the solemnity

of the obligation as administered by W. M. TORRENS could not fail to produce a favorable impression on the minds of the candidates as well as the members present. The work of Bro. TORRENS and the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge entitles them to the commendation of all true lovers of the fraternity. The statement that its records are handled by P. M. HARRY W. LIBBEY needs no assurance of mine as to their accuracy. Banquet at the refreshment hour.

Tuesday evening, January 27th, I installed the officers of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor, assisted by LESLIE N. SPARROW as Marshal and Rev. Bro. MARTIN as Chaplain.

Friday evening, January 30th, I installed the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, assisted by LESLIE N. SPARROW as Marshal and GEORGE W. E. BARROWS as Chaplain.

Monday evening, February 16th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, at Old Town. The work was rendered in a manner that showed careful attention had been given to the ritual and instructions of the Grand Lecturer, and very few corrections could be made. A banquet at the close of the work and the presence of P. D. D. G. M. CLARENCE B. SWAN added to the enjoyment of the evening. The records under the capable supervision of P. M. WHITING need no assurance as to their neatness and accuracy.

Friday evening, March 6th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport. A deep interest in the work is taken by the officers and members of Howard Lodge and their work shows the results of careful study. The records are exceptionally well kept by Bro. BAKER. The assistance given by the recent Masters of the lodge is appreciated by the present officers and the members. Refreshments were served during intermission.

From my report to the Grand Treasurer you will note a substantial increase in membership during the past year; very few suspensions for non-payment of dues were necessary, and I am very glad to report that the lodges in this district are taking a deep interest in Masonry and are making satisfactory progress.

Allow me to express to you my appreciation of the honor conferred on me and to acknowledge the debt of gratitude I owe to the officers and members of the lodges of this district for the courtesies extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. MOORE, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*

Hampden, March 19, 1914.

## SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

On September 18th, I visited Quantabacook Lodge at Searsmont, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was well performed and I had but few corrections to make. This lodge is in good condition, with dues well collected.

October 9th, by invitation, I installed the officers of Unity Lodge at Thorndike. It being their regular meeting, the lodge was opened and business done, after which, the ladies and members of the O. E. Star being invited, I publicly installed their officers. Supper was then served and a social hour enjoyed. The records and finances are well cared for by P. D. D. G. M. ALBERT W. WARD.

On November 12th, I visited Central Lodge at China and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. This lodge is in very good standing, having had several candidates the past year. The records are well kept and the finances well looked after.

January 15th, I publicly installed the officers of my home lodge, Star in the West at Unity. This lodge has not had any work this year, but the outlook is good for the coming year.

On February 4th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree in Marsh River Lodge at Brooks. The work was well done and a great deal of interest is shown among the members. The records are correctly kept and dues well looked after.

On February 5th, I visited Seabasticook Lodge at Clinton and witnessed work in E. A. degree. Also, by invitation, on March 5th, visited this lodge and witnessed work in M. M. degree on two candidates. The work was well performed and but few corrections necessary. A large number of visiting brethren were present and the evening much enjoyed by all. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, its members having a very evident desire for the welfare of the lodge.

I was unable through sickness and other causes to visit Liberty Lodge at Liberty.

In closing, I wish to thank the officers and brethren of this district for the cordial and courteous welcome I have received when visiting them, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

ELIHU D. CHASE, *D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.*

Unity, April 20, 1914.



## EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District.

I was appointed by you at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and not being present, I was installed June 4th, by P. D. D. G. M. ALBERT P. AMES.

On October 29th, I visited a School of Instruction at Guilford.

On January 6th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of King David's Lodge at Lincolnville, assisted by W. Brother THOMAS of King David's Lodge as Chaplain, and W. Brother L. A. GARDNER of Pownal Lodge as Marshal. After ceremonies a fine banquet was served.

January 13th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Mariner's Lodge at Searsport, assisted by Bro. H. C. HOLMES as Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. JAMES E. WENTWORTH as Marshal. Although the weather was intensely cold there was a good sized company present. After the ceremonies there were music and speeches, followed by a fine banquet.

January 15th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers of Island Lodge, Islesboro, assisted by W. Bro. GRINDLE as Chaplain, and W. Bro. E. L. SPRAGUE as Marshal. There was a large number of brethren, with their wives and friends present, and the spirit of brotherly love was certainly in evidence. There were speeches, fine music, and a banquet. I am indebted to the new W. Master and his wife for courtesies extended to me at that time.

January 19th, by request, I publicly installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge at Northport, assisted by W. Bro. C. O. DICKEY of Excelsior Lodge as Chaplain, and W. Bro. L. A. GARDNER of Pownal Lodge as Marshal. Refreshments were served in the lodge room.

January 22d, I publicly installed the officers of my own (Pownal) Lodge, assisted by R. W. Bro. A. M. AMES as Chaplain, and W. Bro. FRANK V. DAVIS as Marshal. The ceremonies were pleasingly interspersed with fine vocal music by a trio of young ladies, and were followed by speeches and a fine banquet.

February 5th, by invitation, I privately installed the officers of Timothy Chase Lodge of Belfast, assisted by W. and Rev. Bro. A. A. BLAIR as Chaplain, and W. Bro. L. A. GARDNER of Pownal Lodge as Marshal. It being the stated meeting the lodge was called to order at 5.30 P. M., and the regular business transacted. Refreshments served at 6.30. Labor resumed at 8 o'clock, when I was called to the East, and pro-



ceeded to install the officers. After the installation P. M. SAMUEL LORD presented the retiring Master with a Past Master's jewel. The new officers then worked the E. A. degree on two candidates in a very creditable manner.

February 9th, I made my official visit to Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, Belfast. Stated communication, ballot, and work on F. C. degree on three candidates. The work was well done, and what few corrections I made were kindly received. The lodge is in a good financial condition, and the records are neatly kept by R. W. Bro. C. J. PATTEE.

February 10th, I inspected King David's Lodge at Lincolnville. This was their stated communication. There being no candidates on hand, they exemplified the E. A. degree, which was done in an almost perfect manner. The few corrections I made were received in the right spirit. The finances of the lodge are in good condition and the records well kept.

February 11th, I inspected Excelsior Lodge at Northport. Stated communication. They had no candidate on hand, but a petition was received at this meeting. They exemplified work on the E. A. degree, which was done very well indeed. I made a few needed corrections, which were well received, and conferred the Past Master's degree on four candidates. The brethren own their hall and have about \$220 on hand. The records are well kept.

March 5th, made my official visit to Island Lodge, Islesboro. They had no work on hand, but there was prospect of some coming soon. By a queer coincidence this lodge had also planned to exemplify the E. A. degree, which they did in a satisfactory manner. Although the new Master had had but little practice he was quite perfect in ritual work. The lectures were given by P. M. GRINDLE and P. M. PENDLETON in a pleasing manner. This was their stated meeting, and I was well pleased with the manner in which they conducted their business and paid their bills. The records are neatly kept, and the lodge is in good financial condition, and owns its hall. While there I enjoyed the genial hospitality of the Worshipful Master.

March 26th, at a special communication of Timothy Chase Lodge at Belfast, I inspected work on the M. M. degree on two candidates. This lodge is doing splendid work, every officer performing his part in a dignified and impressive manner. It was a pleasure to me to witness such fine work. I made a few corrections, which were received in a true masonic spirit. I neglected to examine the records, but feel sure they are well kept by Bro. C. E. JOHNSON, who has been Secretary for a long time, and I know the lodge is in a good financial condition.

I have not officially inspected Pownal Lodge at Stockton Springs. It being my home lodge I have attended all of its stated meetings, and every special meeting but one. I was Wor. Master until I was installed D. D. G. Master in June, and since then have taken an active part in its work and business affairs. I have done my best to help keep the work up to a high standard. The lodge is in a fair financial condition, and has no outstanding bills. The records are neatly kept by Wor. Bro. L. A. GARDNER.

I am sorry to say that I have not inspected Mariner's Lodge of Searsport. Circumstances have been such that I could not do it. Last November they had their last work, and I was invited to attend, but owing to sickness I was unable to attend. When I installed their officers in January I offered to meet with them for rehearsal at any date they might choose; not having heard from them, I set a date for to-morrow night, March 31st, but as I have a severe cold, have been obliged to cancel this also. I will ask P. D. D. G. M. J. E. WENTWORTH to inspect for me at their stated meeting April 7th, and if everything is not satisfactory I will report to you.

My visits with all the lodges have been very pleasant occasions to me, and everywhere I have been received with kindness and courtesy which was due to me as your legal representative. I have received and receipted for the dues from all the lodges and will mail them, with a check to balance the same, to the Grand Treasurer, on April 1st.

I wish to thank all the brethren for their kindness, and the spirit of brotherly love they have extended to me, and I thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment as your representative.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES KNEELAND, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*  
Stockton Springs, March 30, 1914.

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### NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District for the year March 1, 1914.

October 27, 1913, by invitation of retiring Master, R. W. ROBERT K. SHIBLES, I publicly installed the officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, Rockport, assisted by P. S. G. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON as Marshal and Rev. Bro. DAVID I. UPHAM as Chaplain. After the installation a

musical entertainment, interspersed with remarks by several brethren, added to the pleasure of the occasion. A fine banquet was served by the ladies of Harbor Light Chapter O. E. S., of which about 150 partook. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

October 31st, by invitation of the W. M., I publicly installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden, assisted by R. W. WILLARD C. POOLER as Marshal and Rev. Bro. LEWIS D. EVANS, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maine. At 6:30 a fine banquet was served to about two hundred brethren and ladies. At 8 P. M. the installation took place, interspersed with music, and at close of the ceremony R. W. Bro. L. M. KENNISTON was called to the East and in a few well chosen remarks presented to R. W. HENRY L. MAKER and R. W. WILLARD C. POOLER past master's jewels. They responded in a manner that showed their appreciation of the gift.

On February 4, 1914, I officially visited Aurora Lodge, No. 50, Rockland, accompanied by about seventy-five members from my own lodge. I was received with full masonic honors by this lodge, whose members know so well how to carry out these ceremonies. There were present about two hundred and seventy-five members and visitors, 27 lodges being represented. At 6:30 a fine banquet was served by the ladies of Golden Rod Chapter, O. E. S., the banquet hall being very artistically and appropriately decorated. I found the records in the hands of that veteran Secretary, R. W. Bro. ROBINSON, a model of neatness and accuracy, with dues well collected. Treasurer R. W. A. H. NEWBERT'S books were all that could be required. The history is somewhat behind but the historian hopes to complete it this year. The work was in the M. M. degree on four candidates and was done in a very creditable manner, this being the first time these officers had conferred that degree. The Worshipful Master, in that clear and impressive manner I have not heard excelled. All the officers were very proficient in their work, very few corrections being necessary. This lodge in its splendid quarters and the fine orchestra it possesses gives it advantages that few lodges in this state can excel. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served and at a late, or perhaps an early hour, the members departed with many happy recollections of an evening well spent.

February 6th, I officially visited Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 203, Washington, accompanied by R. W. L. M. KENNISTON of Amity Lodge, No. 6. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree on three candidates, which was very satisfactory; some errors in ritual were noted and corrections made accordingly. The W. M., Bro. B. K. WARE, I would particularly commend for his work, both as a ritualist and director in floor work. The attendance was good, being 47, and a very stormy night too, 22 of whom

were visitors. Very interesting remarks were offered by R. W. Bro. KENNISTON and others. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served.

February 7th, I had the pleasure of inspecting their new masonic hall which was practically complete as far as construction of wood work went, so that I was enabled to see what it would be when all finished; and after careful consideration, believing it safe for masonic purposes, I gave them permission to occupy it when completed. The members of this lodge deserve great credit for their untiring zeal in their efforts to secure a new masonic home. Many of them have given liberally of their time and means. There again, Bro. WARE, who has served them so long and faithfully, is still a directing spirit at the head of the column.

February 28th, visitation to Knox Lodge, No. 189, South Thomaston, accompanied by fifteen members of my own lodge, four from St. Paul's, about sixty members and visitors being present. Saw work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner. The W. M., Bro. C. R. CRAWLEY, being as near to the ritual as I have seen in the district. Very few errors appearing anywhere in the work. I find the records in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. W. S. CLARK, neatly and correctly kept and dues very well collected. I also find the accounts of the treasurer were approved by the Finance Committee at the annual meeting. History written and printed to 1910. Remarks were offered by R. W. L. M. KENNISTON of Amity Lodge, R. W. FRED ANDREWS, St. Paul's, and other members and visitors. Refreshments were served at the close of the lodge. I am also pleased to say that railroad communication has been established to within less than a half mile of the lodge room, so that any brother can visit that lodge very easily now.

March 6th, visited Orient Lodge, No. 15, Thomaston. Witnessed work in M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner. Some errors noted in ritual, but of minor importance, which were pointed out and corrected. Work as a whole was very satisfactory. Records neatly and correctly kept; dues well collected. History in progress. W. M. Bro. CLARK is a very enthusiastic mason and is supported by a corps of able officers. This lodge in their new and commodious quarters are very pleasantly situated. This being a very old lodge and embracing in its membership many sea captains, who have taken great interest in its welfare, have secured rare pictures from foreign lands which now decorate and beautify their rooms. There were present at this meeting 28 members and visitors, which, considering the bad snow storm, I thought was a very good representation. I here met R. W. CHARLES R. BRACKETT, P. D. D. G. M., and was cordially greeted by all. Remarks of interest to all were heard from some of the visitors and members. At the close

of the lodge a fine banquet was served by the ladies of Grace Chapter O. E. S.

March 9th, I made my official visit to St. George Lodge, No. 16, Warren. As there was no work the E. A. degree was exemplified and very well done. Some few errors were noted and corrected. The W. M. informed me that there had been but very little work for a year or more, but the officers and members seem very interested in the welfare of their lodge and I have no doubt as to the future of this lodge. Records, in the hands of Bro. BRIGHAM, are correctly kept and dues fairly well collected. Lodge free from debt. Average attendance 20. History written to 1906. I met P. D. D. DUDLEY GOULD, who is a member of this lodge. Interesting and pleasant remarks followed the work. Refreshments served after close of lodge.

March 10th, I made my official visit to Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145, Vinalhaven. This I found to be one of the banner lodges of this district. The hospitality of its members cannot be excelled. I was accompanied on this trip by R. W. GEO. ROBERTS, who, although living in Rockland, is still a member of and P. M. of Moses Webster Lodge; also by Bro. JOHN W. HOPKINS, of Temple Lodge, East Boston. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on four candidates, which was done in a very creditable manner, few errors of any kind appearing. The W. M., WILLIAM C. KESSEL, in that distinct and deliberate manner, could not fail to favorably impress candidates with the high importance of masonry. I found the records in the hands of Bro. F. L. ROBERTS, well cared for and dues well looked after. History up to 1910. There was one particularly pleasing feature of this lodge, that of taking care of and looking after charity. This is one place where the call of want is not heard in vain. The brethren of this lodge believe in living up to the principles of the order, and respond willingly and generously to all calls, an example which we might with safety imitate in all lodges. At close of the work remarks were offered by R. W. GEO. ROBERTS and other prominent masons, of which this lodge has many. After the close of the lodge a banquet was served, of which about one hundred partook, and a social and pleasant hour was passed, and we all went home in the small hours of the morning.

March 12th, I made my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31, Union, accompanied by R. W. L. M. KENNISTON of Amity Lodge. Witnessed exemplification of work in F. C. degree, which was very well done; few errors appearing; S. D. I would specially compliment. Records correctly kept; dues well collected. History written to 1910. This lodge owns its hall and is nearly clear of debt. Average attendance 10. I made some corrections and gave some instructions in regard to the work, which were

well received by the officers. Remarks were made by R. W. Bro. L. M. KENNISTON and P. D. D. G. M. FRED MILLAY. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served, to which about 30 sat down.

March 14th, being unable to visit Eureka Lodge, No. 84, St. George, I am indebted to R. W. Bro. MANFRED HUMPHREY of Eureka Lodge, who kindly consented to make the visitation for me and reported as follows: "Witnessed work on M. M. degree; the rendition of the ritual fully up to the standard. Records correctly kept, dues well collected. Financial condition of the lodge good. They own their own hall and are about to install a new lighting system. History written to 1909. Lodge generally in a prosperous condition." I wish to extend my thanks to R. W. Bro. HUMPHREY for the service rendered me at that time.

March 16th, I made my official visit to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, Rockport, accompanied by R. W. Bro. L. M. KENNISTON. There being no work present the E. A. degree was exemplified and very well done; some minor errors appearing, which were corrected. Records well kept by Bro. CARLETON STEWARD, who has made a good record as a collector; the dues, although \$5.00 a year, are nearly collected. Bro. STEWARD issued a statement January 1, 1914, of the financial condition, and the members have responded to that so readily that the Trustees have been enabled to reduce their indebtedness over 33 per cent. in the last 18 months, which I consider an excellent record. The Trustees this evening burned up bonds and notes which had been taken up to the amount of \$1265. Remarks by Bro. KENNISTON and others. There were present on this occasion about 60 members and visitors. At the close of the lodge a banquet was served.

March 24th, I made my official visit to Rockland Lodge, No. 79, Rockland. Witnessed work on two candidates in F. C. degree. The candidates were required to pass the whole of the E. A. degree, which they did in a manner that reflected credit upon themselves and their instructor, after which the F. C. degree was conferred upon them in a very satisfactory manner, few corrections being necessary; especially would I compliment the S. D., who was filling the office *pro tem*. The W. M. is a very earnest and zealous mason, and I have no doubt that with a little work this lodge would stand well with any of the lodges in the district. The records are in the hands of R. W. Bro. A. I. MATHER and need no comment. At the annual meeting only \$20 were on the books of uncollected dues, which, considering that its membership is over 200, is a remarkable record. Remarks by R. W. Bro. EDWARD BERRY, Rockland Lodge, GEORGE W. ROBERTS, Moses Webster Lodge, C. R. CRAWLEY, Knox Lodge, F. C. FLINT and Worshipful EDWARD C. PAYSON of Aurora Lodge, R. W. FRED ANDREWS, St. Paul's Lodge. After the

close of the lodge refreshments were served, about seventy-five members and visitors being present.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of Amity Lodge, No. 6, this being my home lodge, and did not deem it necessary to make a special visit. I have witnessed work in all the degrees, and in regard to the quality I will say, that this old lodge maintains its reputation for work that is well known in this district. Modesty forbids me saying more. There has not been a large amount of work here for the past year. W. M. PILLSBURY is an enthusiastic mason and is supported by an able corps of officers. Records neatly kept; dues well collected. I am informed by R. W. Bro. ROBINSON that the history is written to 1910. This lodge, free from debt, has about \$400 in the treasury and nearly \$500 in the charity fund; \$4,500 in Masonic Temple Association Stock, and in a general way can be considered in a very prosperous condition.

In conclusion, M. W., I wish to thank you for the appointment, also the officers and members of the several lodges for the kind, courteous treatment I have received wherever I have met with them, and M. W., I have tried to be of some service to them as your representative.

I think that as a whole the past year, although we have made a loss of eight members in this district, has been in many ways a prosperous one. No discord of any consequence has occurred to my knowledge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. WILSON, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Camden, April 3, 1914.

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### TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my first report as D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Portland, May, 1913, I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Tenth District. Not being present at that meeting, I was installed by R. W. THOMAS H. BODGE.

October 29th, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Dresden, No. 103, assisted by P. M. C. J. CHENEY as Marshal and Bro. G. T. COTTON as Chaplain. The installation being public, a large number of members and ladies were present. After installation a banquet was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

November 20th, I attended the school of instruction held at Lewiston.



The school was presided over by the Grand Lecturer, and a very pleasant and profitable day was spent.

January 9th, I installed the officers of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, of Wiscasset. The installation was private, the ceremonies being interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

January 30th, I officially visited Alna Lodge, No. 43, at Damariscotta. Work was performed in the M. M. degree. The work was of the very best in every particular. The records are very correctly and neatly kept. Dues well collected.

March 20th, I made my official visit to Seaside Lodge at Boothbay Harbor. The M. M. degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. Dues are very well collected and records are kept in excellent shape.

April 6th, I visited Bristol Lodge, No. 74. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate. This lodge does very good work. The records, in the hands of Bro. E. J. ERVINE, are very correctly and neatly kept.

March 9th, at my request, Bro. THOMAS L. RICHARDS inspected the work of Meduncook Lodge at Friendship. He reports the work done in a very satisfactory manner. Dues well collected.

I have attended all of the meetings of my home lodge, Dresden, No. 103. This lodge is doing very good work. The records are well kept and dues well collected. We are starting in to build a new hall and hope to have it up and ready to occupy within the year.

I am sorry to say that a series of unfavorable circumstances have prevented my visiting the other lodges in the district. I believe that the lodges which compose this district are all in a prosperous condition.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Tenth District for their courtesy and kindness extended to me during my visits, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Faternally submitted,

WILBUR F. CATE, *D. D. G. M. 10th M. D.*

Dresden, April 28, 1914.

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### ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The following is my second annual report as Deputy for the Eleventh Masonic District.

KENNEBEC LODGE, No. 5, HALLOWELL. December 10th, I installed



the officers elected at the previous annual communication in November. Wor. CHARLES E. BRANN assisted me as Chaplain and Wor. GEORGE E. DIXON as Marshal. The date for the official inspection was April 8, 1914. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very dignified and impressive manner by Wor. MELVIN H. SIMMONS and his officers. This is my home lodge and I naturally take pride in its good work. The charter was dated in 1796, which shows that it is one of the oldest bodies in the state. The records are well kept, and a little closer attention to the collection of dues will put it in first class condition in this respect as it is in all others.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. I officially visited this lodge March 23d. Capable men fill the important offices of this fine body of masons, and the candidate was indeed fortunate to have the benefit of such an array of talent upon his introduction to the mysteries of freemasonry, as work was presented in the important Entered Apprentice degree. An unusual feature and a pleasing one was that the Senior Deacon was the father of the candidate. In addition to the improvements noted last year, this lodge has provided itself with a new set of chain collars and jewels, which present a very neat and imposing appearance. R. W. Bro. L. E. JONES still holds the important office of Secretary and reports the dues well collected and the finances of the lodge in good order. At the close of the work refreshments were served, followed by remarks from those called on, including the candidate.

HERMON LODGE, NO. 32, GARDINER. November 25th, I made the official visit to this large and popular lodge and was received with their usual courtesy and cordial welcome. The Master Mason degree was the work of the evening and it was skillfully done. Wor. JOHN W. GRANT possesses the qualifications of a good officer and this, coupled with the efficient co-operation of his subordinates, was responsible for the success of the evening. Inspection of the records showed them to be in their usual good condition as were the financial affairs of the lodge. A fine banquet served in the banquet hall after the close of the work ended a very pleasant and profitable evening.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, NO. 35, AUGUSTA. October 27th, was the date set for the inspection of this successful lodge. I was formally received with the customary courtesy and warm greeting accorded visiting officers. The work was in the Master Mason degree and it was thoroughly carried out in the effective and finished manner that is characteristic of the efforts of this lodge. The records and finances are in good order and the dues fairly well collected. A banquet served in the banquet hall brought a pleasant evening to a close.

November 24th, I installed the officers, assisted by Wor. GEORGE C.

LIBBY as Chaplain, and the retiring Master, Wor. CHESTER S. KINGSLEY as Marshal. A happy event occurred in the gift of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. KINGSLEY by the lodge. At the close of the ceremonies ample justice was paid to a banquet that had been prepared.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 41, LITCHFIELD. September 23d, upon invitation, I publicly installed the officers. Bro. GARDINER ROBERTS acted as Chaplain and R. W. Bro. H. M. STARBIRD as Marshal. A musical program with readings was carried out and the number present attested to the popularity of masonry in the community. I was again present March 10, 1914, and witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree, which was creditably performed. The records and dues are in their usual good condition.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. Accompanied by Bro. E. T. WORTHING, I visited this lodge March 9th. The Fellow Craft degree was chosen and a substitute candidate was used for the rehearsal. There is good material in the official list of this lodge and the interest that an actual candidate would create would undoubtedly produce the good work that these brethren are capable of doing. Wor. O. F. SPROUL, the Secretary, exhibits a neat set of records and reports the monetary affairs of the lodge generally satisfactory. I conferred the Past Master's degree upon three eligibles and issued to each a diploma.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. November 22d, I installed the officers with Rev. Bro. COOK acting as Chaplain and W. Bro. BLAISDELL as Marshal. At the conclusion of the ceremony remarks were forthcoming from several of the brethren, after which an oyster stew was served which found full favor with all.

January 10th, I made the official visit. Work was presented in the Master Mason degree and the candidate was thoroughly invested with the teachings of this very essential portion of Symbolic Masonry in a satisfactory manner. Bro. OTIS G. RANDALL remains at the post of Secretary and he reports the dues well collected and the affairs of this live lodge in good shape. Remarks by Rev. Bro. COOK, Bro. HARRY COCHRANE and others, followed by refreshments, brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. May 27th. This lodge was inspected early as the Master, Wor. WM. F. LEAVITT, was soon to leave the state. The Master Mason degree was the work of the evening and it was put on in the manner obtained in this lodge for a number of years. It was a very finished production of this fine old degree and showed that much pains had been taken to rival the efforts of similar occasions.

January 20th, I installed the officers. Rev. Bro. WM. F. LIVINGSTON

officiated as Chaplain and Wor. CLAUDE W. TOWNSEND as Marshal. The ceremony was public and the lodge room was well filled with relatives and friends of the brethren. Appropriate music was rendered at the proper intervals and a pleasing program of reading and singing was given after the exercises. A fine banquet was served in the banquet hall at which the large company was bountifully served.

I accepted an invitation to the annual dinner of the Augusta Lodge Past Master's Association, where I had the pleasure of meeting with you and listening to the words of commendation you had for this worthy organization and similar ones throughout the jurisdiction.

A review of the work of the year in this district shows a small gain over last year ; but a gain nevertheless.

My recommendations to the various lodge have been along the line of securing as far as possible a uniformity in rendering the work of the degrees. I find that in two of the lodges there is a tendency to emphasize beyond their merits some of the minor parts of the work which seems to have grown out of the state of perfection that has been attained in putting on the Master Mason degree. I have made the point, that where the ritual is silent, we should be silent also. I have suggested that inspections be held in the other degrees to bring them up to the point of excellence arrived at in the higher one.

I have nothing but words of appreciation for the warm greetings and hearty welcomes that have been accorded me by the brethren of the district, and I desire to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the confidence reposed.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES R. GETCHELL, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

Hallowell, April 24, 1914.

## TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District.

On November 20th, I attended the school of instruction at Lewiston under the supervision of M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer.

On December 1st, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Vernon Valley, No. 99, assisted by Past Master FRED W. FOSS as Marshal and

BRO. CARLTON E. TURNER as Chaplain. This was a private installation. Good music was furnished by some of the brethren. A banquet followed the meeting, as this was on a stated meeting, and a social hour much enjoyed by all.

On February 5th, I made my official visit to Neguemkeag Lodge, No. 166, at Vassalboro, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was worked in a very impressive manner. The work of the Master was worthy of special mention. The very few corrections were well received. There was a large attendance and a number of lodges represented. There were about twenty from Rural Lodge, No. 53, of Sidney. Records in the hands of Bro. WILLIS B. CROSBY; dues well collected.

On March 7th, I made my official visit to Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates, who were thoroughly posted in the preceding degrees. The officers did their work in a dignified and impressive manner, very close to the ritual. The few corrections were well received. The records are still in the hands of Bro. ARTHUR W. HAMMOND and are neatly and correctly kept. The dues well collected.

On March 10th, I made my official visit to Asylum Lodge, No. 133, at Wayne, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The Master not being present, the Senior Warden took the chair. The work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. A large delegation from Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at Readfield, were present. The few corrections were well received. The records are still in the hands of Past Master FREDERICK L. CHENERY; dues well collected.

On March 11th, I made my official visit to Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, at North Vassalboro, and witnessed the work on one candidate in the E. A. degree, which was done in a very pleasing manner and close to the ritual. The very few corrections were well received. Was pleased to meet P. D. D. G. M. BERT K. MESERVEY, who was present at the meeting. The records are still in the hands of Bro. MELVIN E. HUTCHINSON and are correctly and neatly kept. Dues well collected.

On March 27th, I made my official visit to Messalonskee Lodge, No. 133, at Oakland, and witnessed the work on two candidates in the F. C. degree, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner, very close to the ritual. The work of the Senior Deacon was worthy of special mention, it being his first experience in working the F. C. degree. Past D. D. G. M. JAMES WITHERELL was present. Records are still in the hands of Past D. D. G. M. ORESTES E. CROWELL; they are very neatly and correctly kept.

On April 4th, I made my official visit to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, at

Readfield, and witnessed the work on three candidates in the E. A. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. This lodge has had more than an average lot of work during the year. The few corrections were well received. The records are still in the hands of Bro. COSTELLO WESTON. They are neatly and correctly kept.

On April 6th, I made my official visit to Waterville Lodge, No. 33, and witnessed the work on one candidate in the M. M. degree, which was of a high order and nearly letter perfect. The hall has been remodeled and refurnished the past year, has a fine pipe organ. Organist and quartet are such as Waterville Lodge can furnish, which is of the very best. W. M. WALKER and his officers deserve much praise for their hard and faithful work. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS and are the best I have ever seen; dues well collected. There was a large attendance, nearly or quite two hundred being present, many other lodges being represented.

I have not officially visited Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99, my home lodge, but have been present at most of the meetings the past year, and have witnessed the work in the three degrees. This lodge is well officered and doing good work. Electric lights have been installed during the past year, which makes the hall much more attractive and pleasant. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CARLTON E. TURNER and are neatly and correctly kept. Banquet and social hour have followed the work in all of the lodges and been much enjoyed by all.

I have made my official visits on stated meetings in all of the lodges but two, and have witnessed the work in all three degrees. There has been a large amount of work in the eight lodges that compose the Twelfth Masonic District. All of the lodges have had regular candidates when I made my official visits. All of the eight lodges are in prosperous condition with efficient officers and doing good work in peace and harmony.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the Twelfth District for the kindness extended to me as your representative. For the spirit in which my instruction and corrections have been received. And to you, Most Worshipful, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

MOSES A. GORDON, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*

April 29, 1914.

**THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.**

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I hereby submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

It seems but a few days since I made my first report as District Deputy, but upon examination of the calendar it appears that another milestone of Masonry is in sight and will be behind us in a few days. While there have been many deaths among the brethren of this district, yet during the past year the number of affiliated masons has increased twenty-five.

One of my first and most pleasant duties which I have had the pleasure of performing during the past year, has been to attend the school of instruction held at Lewiston the same day the lodges of the Twenty-fourth District met in convention at Lewiston. While the school of instruction was of special interest, yet it was a great opportunity for the District Deputies to witness most excellent work in all three degrees. I hope that such a custom will be firmly established, so that there will be at least one masonic convention each year in the state.

During the past summer Northern Star Lodge at North Anson lost its home when practically all of the business part of North Anson Village was destroyed by fire, but the brethren of that lodge are to be commended for their united efforts in the establishing of a new home. It did not seem advisable for Northern Star Lodge to try to erect a building alone, therefore, the lodge united with the I. O. O. F. and have now a home which fully accommodates their needs.

During the past year I have been called upon by seven of the eight lodges in this district to install the officers, but have been able to attend the installation in but six of the lodges. Keystone Lodge at Solon, Euclid Lodge at Madison and Siloam Lodge at Fairfield held public installations.

I have also visited all of the lodges in this district and have witnessed work in one degree in each lodge with the exception of Bingham Lodge, where I saw all three degrees worked.

The records of all of the lodges are neatly and accurately kept, being in the hands of experienced secretaries, and in most cases, the dues are well collected. All of the lodges are on a good financial basis, and have competent and enthusiastic officers who are endeavoring to follow the ritual as accurately as they are able.

It seems to me that while it is the duty of the officers to correctly render the ritual, yet they are apt to lose sight of the fact that the first duty

is to properly impress the candidate with the beauty and sublimity of the lessons taught in Masonry. I find that the officers and brethren are not well informed in regard to masonic jurisprudence. More time and attention should be given to the ancient charges and regulations, together with the decisions as found in the text book. In many of the lodges the candidates are not required to learn enough of the lectures before they are advanced. Great stress should be laid upon the proficiency of the candidates before advancement.

I have felt that it would have been better to have made two visits to each of the lodges in this district, and I recommend that the District Deputy for next year be authorized and instructed to make two visits and that his expenses be paid.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of this district for the courtesies shown me during the year and for their hearty support in carrying out any suggestions which I have made, and I wish to express to you my appreciation for the confidence which you reposed in me by appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST C. BUTLER, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Skowhegan, April 11, 1914.

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#### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the pleasure to submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Acacia Lodge of Durham extended to me a kind invitation to inspect their lodge on the evening of October 21st. There was work on one candidate in the M. M. degree and it was given in a manner which showed a close study of the ritual. Bro. EVELETH keeps the books in a neat manner. A banquet followed the work.

On November 2d, I publicly installed the officers of Village Lodge, which installation was followed by a banquet. A large number enjoyed the literary program.

On December 19th, I officially visited Freeport Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The degree was given in a fine manner and needed very few corrections. Bro. FRED WARD keeps the books in a



neat condition and the dues are well collected. The work was followed by a pleasant hour at banquet.

Polar Star worked the F. C. degree on February 4th for inspection. The work was given in a creditable manner and the few corrections were accepted in a brotherly spirit. We all spent a very enjoyable hour at the banquet.

I witnessed work in the M. M. degree at Ancient York Lodge on one candidate on March 9th. The ritual was closely followed and given in an impressive manner. The lodge is in a fine financial condition and the Secretary's books are neatly kept by Bro. PARKIN.

On the evening of March 10th, I visited United Lodge and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The degree was given in a most excellent manner and the business of the lodge was carried on in a business like manner. The excellent banquet was given by the Eastern Star and was enjoyed by all.

On March 16th, I visited Solar Lodge and work was given in the M. M. degree. Solar Lodge still keeps up its fine reputation for good work. Very few corrections were needed. A banquet followed the work.

On April 6th, Richmond Lodge exemplified work in the E. A. degree. This lodge has had no work since the present officers were installed. A number of corrections were needed. The work was followed by a banquet.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of Village Lodge, it being my home lodge. The officers endeavor to give the work a little better each time.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and I assure you that my work among the several lodges of this district has been a source of pleasure and profit to me.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD L. WHITE, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

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### FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

During my term of office I have visited and officially inspected the ten lodges comprising this district, and have met with the most courteous and masonic reception from each of the several lodges.



I attended the school of instruction held in Lewiston, conducted by Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, which greatly assisted me in my work throughout the year.

On December 10th, I made my official visitation to Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, located at Phillips, and work was performed in the Master Mason degree and was most excellently done, and all members manifested a great interest; the books were well kept and dues well collected. Banquet.

On December 13th, I officially visited and inspected Mt. Bigelow Lodge, located at Flagstaff. Being a misunderstanding relative to dates as to my official visit, this lodge was handicapped owing to the fact that many of the officers were away in the woods, making it necessary to substitute from members who had not taken part in their various stations, but notwithstanding such facts, very nicely performed the work in the Fellow Craft degree. All manifested a deep interest in the work of the lodge, and the lodge members in addition to the townspeople joined in making my visit to this lodge long to be remembered.

On Jan. 12th, I officially visited Maine Lodge, No. 20, located at Farmington. Taking into consideration that the night of my visit to this lodge was one of the coldest nights of the past winter, I met with one of the warmest of receptions by a large number of its members. Work was performed in the Entered Apprentice degree, and left a lasting impression on me as well as with all, being unusually well performed. Much interest as is always the case with our lodges was manifested. The records are still in the hands of GEORGE B. CRAGIN, and any one familiar with his care and precision can see that he is one of the valuable assets of Free Masonry, and well worthy of our commendation.

On February 5th, I made my official visit to Whitney Lodge at Canton, which is my own lodge, consequently must be brief in words of praise. However, I believe that work well performed, and great interest manifested, should be recognized under any and all circumstances. I must say that being familiar with all conditions and circumstances I must credit them with a general desire for excellent work along masonic traditions, and for the good work of its officers. Bro. DANA A. YATES remains Secretary of this lodge, and presents a splendid set of records, and all dues are well collected.

On February 13th, I officially visited and inspected Davis Lodge, No. 191, located at Strong. Work was performed on two candidates in the Master Mason's degree, and reflected great credit on all its officers and members, in addition to its being very pleasant to me on account of its excellence. A large delegation was present, demonstrating the great amount of interest in their lodge's welfare, and assisting greatly in mak-

ing all of their meetings enjoyable gatherings, as I am pleased to acknowledge they all have been on this and previous visits. The books are still kept by Past District Deputy Grand Master CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, who needs no words of mine of praise to commend his continuance in that office, which must work for the general welfare of this prosperous lodge. Banquet at close of lodge.

On February 24th, I made my visitation and inspection of the work of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, located at Weld, and the cordial feelings of my previous visits were carried out on this occasion, but more particularly I want to commend the work of the officers and members of this lodge, and the interest that is always manifest. The work exemplified on this visit was in the Entered Apprentice degree, and I am more than justified in reporting that it was the most impressive work I have witnessed in my official visits throughout my district, which demonstrates the careful study that must be given to the ritual, and must of necessity add greatly in making an impression on those who receive the degrees of Freemasonry from the hands of this most prosperous and brotherly lodge. The records are still maintained in their previous excellence by Bro. ORLETUS PHILLIPS, who continues to be as painstaking as formerly, all combining to make my visits to this lodge both pleasant and profitable.

On March 6th, I officially visited and inspected Franklin Lodge, No. 123, located at New Sharon, and was accompanied by Past District Deputy Grand Master FRED RAYMOND, a member of Oriental Star Lodge of Livermore Falls. The work in the Master Mason degree was exemplified, owing to the fact that it was impossible for the candidate to receive such honors to be present, and I am pleased to note that the manner in which the work was done was indicative of careful and thorough study on the part of its officers, and merits great praise from me, and showed the greatest amount of progress of any lodge in my district from the previous year. This lodge has purchased new regalia, which adds greatly to its working force and impressiveness, and has added materially in an added interest on the part of all its members. After the work instructive and entertaining remarks were given by Past District Deputy Grand Master FRED RAYMOND and others, and this was one of the best meetings I have had the pleasure of attending in my official capacity, and merits praise from my hands, and must be good for further progress and continued prosperity. Banquet at close.

On March 11th, I visited and inspected officially Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, located at Livermore Falls, and was royally entertained by one of the largest gatherings of the official year, and on that occasion was a guest of Bro. RAYMOND, who has done such efficient work as District Deputy Grand Master of this district in years past, and still exerts an in-

fluence for good in this his own lodge, and other lodges which comprise it, which demonstrates that good work well performed will always have a lasting impression. Work was unusually well performed in the Fellow Craft degree, and was a continuation of the excellence of all the work of this very prosperous lodge. Records are in the hands of Bro. FRED RAYMOND, and are kept in excellent shape, being a continuation of the work done for a large number of years by its previous Secretary, GEORGE O. EUSTIS, which has been very influential in maintaining the splendid and continued growth of this lodge. Banquet at close.

On March 12th, I made my official visit to Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 204, located at Kingfield, and was on this occasion, as on previous visits, met and cordially entertained by all its members. Work was performed in the Master Mason's degree, and its excellence was to be greatly commended. This lodge still manifests its great interest in Freemasonry, and must exert a lasting impression for good in the community, more especially its members, who still hold the close interest and welfare of their lodge and its members. Banquet at close.

On March 25th, I made my official visit to Wilton Lodge, No. 156, located at Wilton. Work on this occasion was splendidly performed in the Master Mason's degree, and was up to the standard of excellence always upheld by this lodge, which is sufficient praise. An unusually large attendance was present and manifested the great interest in this lodge, and for its continued prosperity. The records are still in the hands of Bro. FRED TREFETHEN, and are worthy of special mention, as I consider such Secretaries to be a valuable asset to the welfare of any lodge. He is very efficient in the collection of dues, which is essentially necessary for the continuation of the welfare of all lodges. Banquet at close.

In closing my report, on this my second year as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District, I want most heartily to thank the officers and members of all the lodges comprising same for their continued interest in the welfare of their several lodges, which is very necessary for the continued growth and consequent good that Freemasonry has and always will exert in our state, and most sincerely hope that the prosperity made in my two years, may be enlarged under the care and guidance of my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN N. FOYE, *D. D. G. M. 15th M. D.*

**SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.**

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District.

My first official act was to visit Jefferson Lodge at Bryant's Pond, October 14th, and install the officers, assisted by P. M. H. C. ROWE of Bethel Lodge as Marshal and Rt. Wor. N. I. SWAN of Jefferson Lodge as Chaplain. The installation was public, and, although the night was stormy, a good number were present. A banquet was served after the installation.

On November 18th, I visited King Hiram Lodge at Dixfield, and witnessed the work in the Entered Apprentice degree. The officers did not follow the ritual very closely, but showed that they were in earnest, and did the work in an impressive manner. The lodge owns the building in which the hall is located, and is in a good financial condition. The dues are very well collected and the records well kept. After the work I installed the officers, with the help of Past Master H. C. ROWE of Bethel as Marshal.

On November 20th, I visited the school of instruction at Lewiston. This meeting was largely attended and was a very helpful and enjoyable occasion.

December 4th, assisted by Wor. Bro. H. C. ROWE as Marshal and Bro. W. C. CURTIS as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Bethel Lodge at a public installation. After installation refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

December 11th, I visited Crooked River Lodge at Bolster's Mills. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked on one candidate. The work was very well done, very few corrections being necessary. The records are well kept but the dues are not collected as they should be. I think this may be partly owing to the fact that the lodge owns the building it occupies, and so do not have to press members for money to pay current expenses. After the work I installed the officers for the ensuing year, following which an oyster supper was served.

January 6th, I visited Jefferson Lodge at Bryant's Pond. The lodge is in a good condition financially, with the dues very well collected. The records are in the hands of Wor. Bro. J. L. BOWKER, and are models of neatness. The lodge had no work at the time and I did not require them to exemplify any. From what I know of this lodge, having visited it a great many times in the past, I am sure that they will do good work when the time comes.

February 4th, I visited Blazing Star Lodge at Rumford. Two candidates were given the Master Mason degree. The regular officers worked one of the candidates and a Lodge of Past Masters the other. The work was done in a very creditable manner, this being the first time the regular officers had worked the degree. Very few corrections were made. The dues are very well collected and the records well kept.

February 9th, I visited Granite Lodge at West Paris. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked on one candidate. The work was well rendered, few corrections being needed. The records are well kept and the finances are in good condition. The dues are not as well collected as I should wish. On the whole I consider Granite Lodge a live lodge.

Owing to the difficulty in getting from Bethel to Buckfield and return, two days being required to make the trip by public conveyance, I asked Rt. Wor. J. N. FOYE of Canton, to visit Evening Star Lodge for me. He visited this lodge on March 9th, and reports the lodge in a prosperous condition with the records well kept. The Entered Apprentice degree was worked in a very able manner, very few corrections being necessary.

On March 10th, I visited Paris Lodge at South Paris. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was done in a very pleasing manner, the officers following the ritual very closely. The lodge is enjoying a period of prosperity and is getting quite a number of members that any lodge could be proud of. The records are in the hands of Bro. WALTER L. GRAY and are exceptionally well kept. At the annual meeting only \$24.00 in dues were owing to the lodge.

On March 20th, I visited Oxford Lodge at Norway. The lodge had no candidate but exemplified the work in the Fellow Craft degree. Anyone who is acquainted with Oxford Lodge knows that the work is always well done. This was no exception, and the work was as nearly perfect as one is often allowed to witness. The records are very neatly and correctly kept by Past Master H. D. SMITH, who has served as secretary for a long time. I think Oxford Lodge is the banner lodge in this district, if not in the state, for the business like way that the affairs of the lodge are conducted. At the annual meeting only eight dollars in dues were owing to the lodge.

I have made no official visit to Bethel Lodge. This being my home lodge I have attended most of the meetings. The lodge has not had any work during the winter but has some in sight now. The lodge has a good set of officers and is able to do good work when it comes along. The records are well kept and the dues well collected, only twenty-five dollars being due at the annual meeting.

On the whole, Most Worshipful, I think Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the Sixteenth District. I have been kindly received by the

lodges I have visited and made to feel that I was among "friends and brothers."

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred on me by appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth District.

I am fraternally yours,

D. G. LOVEJOY, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

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### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I am pleased to submit the following report of my work as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited each lodge in the district and found them all in excellent condition. The ritual work has been rendered so nearly perfect that but few corrections have been necessary in any of the lodges. On each occasion of my official visits I have watched the work closely for infractions of the elements which go towards making our work so beautiful, and when I have discovered any of these I have invariably called the attention of the officers or members to them.

The ritual work of all the lodges in this district is, in my opinion, of a very high standard. All the lodges have a line of officers of which the membership may justly feel proud. Harmony seems to prevail throughout the district and there is a brotherly and friendly spirit shown by the members in their fraternal visits to the several lodges.

The attendance at each of the lodges when I have visited them has been very gratifying, in some instances the halls having been overcrowded. The members have in all cases paid strict attention to the degree work, and this, in my opinion, is significant of the quality of work that is being done in the various lodges.

One hundred and nine have been initiated in this district, giving a net gain of twenty-three for the year.

I have been officially received in each lodge and my suggestions and corrections have been accepted in the spirit that shows the officers are anxious to do the work in the best possible manner.

I have been favored by the presence of many of the Past Masters of the various lodges and my suites have made a very fine appearance at each of my visitations.

The official duties performed by me have been as follows :

**PRESUMPSCOT LODGE.** On October 11th, accompanied by Wor. CLARENCE E. TURNER, of Hiram Lodge, as Marshal, I inspected this lodge. The work was the Master Mason's degree and was performed in a very creditable manner. Some corrections and suggestions were made. Refreshments were served. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so large as is usual in this lodge.

**DEERING LODGE.** November 3d, I visited this lodge and inspected their work. The E. A. degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Senior Deacon, Rt. Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH filled the position, doing it in a very creditable manner. Wor. C. E. TURNER accompanied me and acted as Marshal. Rev. Bro. S. J. SMITH, Captain-Chaplain of the Coast Artillery Corps for the Portland District, U. S. A., was present and gave a very interesting half hour talk on Free Masonry as he saw it in China. A large number of members were in attendance. Refreshments were served.

**HIRAM LODGE.** November 11th, I installed the officers of my own lodge, Wor. DAVID E. MOULTON, the retiring Master, acting as Marshal.

**HARMONY LODGE.** November 18th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, I officially visited this lodge. Work was in the Master Mason's degree and was exceptionally well performed. I made a few suggestions for the benefit of the officers. There was a good attendance. Refreshments were served.

**STANDISH LODGE.** November 13th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal and Wor. JOHN A. S. DYER of Hiram Lodge, I inspected the work of this lodge in the E. A. degree. A good attendance was present and the work was done in a very impressive and dignified manner. Refreshments were served. I made several suggestions for the benefit of the officers.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.** November 20th, I attended the School of Instruction held at Lewiston, at which nine Deputies were present and about 100 brethren. Most Worshipful F. E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, conducted the school, and it was very interesting and instructive. Degrees were conferred by different lodges after the close of the school.

**WARREN PHILLIPS LODGE.** Wednesday, January 21st, I visited Warren Phillips Lodge, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in an excellent manner, and very close to the ritual. I pointed out a few things in the work for the instruction of the members present. The officers of this lodge are all young men and they take a great deal of pride in doing their work. Refreshments were served.



HIRAM LODGE. February 24th, I had the great pleasure of inspecting the work of my home lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. Work was in the Master Mason's degree and was performed in a very impressive manner. Few corrections were necessary, the work being of a very high order. There was a large attendance. Refreshments were served. Hiram Lodge has started a new library and already the members have generously donated quite a number of books of interest to the Craft, and in a short time we hope to have a library of which we may justly feel proud.

PORTLAND LODGE. March 25th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, I visited Portland Lodge. The Master Mason's degree was conferred in an exceptionally correct and impressive manner. The work of the evening was carried on in a very dignified manner and was much appreciated by the large number in attendance. Refreshments were served.

TEMPLE LODGE. March 26th, I officially visited Temple Lodge and was very much pleased with the correct manner in which they conferred the Master Mason's degree. The work was performed in a very impressive manner. Rt. Wor. ISAAC A. CLOUGH acted as Marshal. There was a good attendance. Refreshments were served.

ATLANTIC LODGE. March 31st, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, I visited Atlantic Lodge and inspected their work, which was in the Entered Apprentice degree. The degree was conferred in a very commendable manner and made an excellent impression on all present, as well as the candidate. The hall was well filled with members and visitors. Refreshments were served.

ANCIENT LAND-MARK LODGE. April 7th, I had the pleasure of inspecting Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, and was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The work of the evening was in the Master Mason's degree and was conferred in a manner that deserved and received the attention of every brother in attendance. The degree work was rendered very close to the ritual and in a most impressive manner. A quartet rendered several selections in a very pleasing manner. I offered a few suggestions and spoke of some matters of importance to the Craft. There was an extra large number of brethren in attendance. Refreshments were served.

CASCO LODGE. April 13th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, I visited Casco Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree. The work as performed on this occasion shows that the officers are interested and that the lodge should be proud of its present line of officers. Some few corrections and suggestions were



given, but as the ritual was followed closely and in a very dignified manner, few corrections were necessary. The attendance was very good. Refreshments were served.

I have examined the books of each Secretary and have found in every lodge that the records are well kept and up to date, and in most lodges the dues are very well collected.

I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the courtesies extended to me on my several visits, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative for this district.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. OHLER, JR., *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Portland, April 14, 1914.

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### EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. Wednesday, November 5th, in company with Bro. GEORGE F. KENNISON of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I attended the School of Instruction held with York Lodge at Kennebunk. This school was all that could be desired, although the attendance by Deputies was small; every effort was put forth by the brethren of this lodge to make our stay with them one to be remembered.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE, NO. 11, FRYEBURG. On the evening of August 11th, in company with several members of Mt. Moriah Lodge, I visited Pythagorean Lodge of Fryeburg and witnessed the work in the E. A. and M. M. degrees, both of which were excellently worked, showing careful study. The records are still in the hands of the same faithful Secretary, Bro. TOBIAS L. EASTMAN, are neatly and correctly kept and dues well collected.

On Monday evening, January 12th, assisted by P. M. FRANK A. HILL as Marshal and P. M. B. T. NEWMAN as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Pythagorean Lodge. The installation was private.

ORIENTAL LODGE, NO. 13, BRIDGTON. On Saturday evening, January 10th, I made my official visit to Oriental Lodge and witnessed the excellent working of this lodge in the M. M. degree with one candidate. This was the first work of the newly installed officers, and they surely did themselves credit; hardly an error through the whole degree, which

showed they were prepared to fill a higher office previous to their installation. The records are still in the hands of Bro. D. EUGENE CHAPLIN, which is all that needs to be said in the line of records. Dues well collected.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, No. 56, DENMARK. On Thursday evening, January 15th, at a special meeting of Mt. Moriah Lodge, assisted by Bro. PERLEY F. SMITH as installing Marshal and P. M. CHARLES E. PINGREE as Chaplain, I installed the officers of this my home lodge. This installation, being followed by the installing of the officers of Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., was quite largely attended by masons and their families.

On Wednesday evening, March 11th, I made my official visit to my home lodge, Mt. Moriah. Our officers are the same as last year and are doing good work. The work for the evening was in the M. M. degree with three candidates present. Our records are still in the hands of Bro. WM. C. ORDWAY, who has served in this capacity for a number of years and is doing good work. Dues well collected.

GREENLEAF LODGE, No. 117, CORNISH. Friday evening, November 7th, I visited Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish. Their work was in the M. M. degree with two candidates present. This lodge is doing good work as the officers take an interest in the order and study the ritual thoroughly, keeping their work well up in every particular.

On Friday evening, March 7th, I made my official visit to Greenleaf Lodge and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree upon one candidate, which was done in their usual impressive manner, the officers working together in harmony. The records are in the hands of Bro. F. A. NORTON and are well kept, and dues well collected.

MT. TIR'EM LODGE, No. 132, WATERFORD. On Tuesday evening, December 9th, I made my official visit to Mt. Tir'em Lodge. Their work was in the M. M. degree with one candidate present, and as this is the only work this lodge has had during the year, some corrections were necessary, which I trust were kindly received. This being their annual meeting the officers for 1914 were elected and the same officers serve for the ensuing year as did for the past. The records are in the hands of their faithful Secretary, Bro. WARREN V. KNEELAND, are well kept and dues well collected.

At a special meeting called for the purpose on Friday afternoon, January 2d, I installed the officers of Mt. Tir'em Lodge, assisted by Past District Deputy CLARENCE H. PRIDE as installing Marshal and Rev. Bro. GEORGE W. SIAS as Chaplain. This installation was followed by the installation of the officers of Keoka Chapter, No. 12, O. E. S., in the evening, with a bounteous supper between. Installations were public.

On the evening of February 10th, I again visited Mt. Tir'em Lodge. The work for the evening was in the F. C. degree with two candidates present. By invitation from the W. M., Bro. CHAS. W. HAMLIN, I conferred the degree. During my visit I enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Senior Deacon, Bro. ROLAND L. WOODBURY, who made my visit very pleasant.

DELTA LODGE, NO. 153, LOVELL. Thursday evening, December 11th, I made my official visit to Delta Lodge and had the pleasure of witnessing some excellent work in the F. C. degree with two candidates present. The work of the officers of Delta Lodge plainly shows that they have studied their ritual, hardly a correction being necessary. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER, a very efficient Secretary. Dues are well collected. This being the annual meeting, their officers were duly elected for 1914, the chairs being filled by the same officers as in 1913.

On the evening of January 8th, with the assistance of Bro. E. N. FOX as installing Marshal, and Rev. Bro. M. O. BALTZER as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Delta Lodge, and also had the pleasure of witnessing the working of this lodge in the M. M. degree.

SHEPHERD'S RIVER LODGE, NO. 69, BROWNFIELD. On Wednesday evening, September 17th, in company with several members of Mount Moriah Lodge, I visited Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield. The work for the evening was in the M. M. degree with one candidate present. As there was some slight misunderstanding in regard to the work for the evening, a number of their members were absent, including the Master, and your District Deputy was called upon to do the work of the evening. The records are in the hands of Bro. JESSE L. ROWE, who is doing good work in this place. I find the dues well collected.

Wednesday evening, January 14th, assisted by Past District Deputy ISAAC L. LOWELL as installing Marshal and Bro. E. G. GILES as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Shepherd's River Lodge. The installation was private.

In closing my work as D. D. G. M. of the 18th Masonic District I wish to thank the brethren of the seven lodges for the glad hand of fellowship, courteous treatment, and by no manner of means forgetting the fine banquets given me on each and all of my visitations, and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

AUGUSTUS S. COLBY, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Denmark, March 23, 1914.

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## NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Nineteenth Masonic District.

On November 5th, I attended a school of instruction at York Lodge, Kennebunk, at which time many points of masonic interest were brought out and a great deal of information was imparted, which was very beneficial to the Craft. The Fellow Craft degree was worked in the evening in a creditable manner. Wor. Bro. MERRIMAN has decidedly improved in his ritual work since my visit last year.

November 20th, I visited Naval, my home lodge, at Kittery, and witnessed work in the first degree. The work on this occasion was performed in a creditable manner. Wor. Bro. BURNHAM is a good mason and always gives his best efforts to his lodge. Assisted by Wor. Bro. RUNDLETT as Marshal and Wor. Bro. DURGIN as Chaplain I also installed the officers of Naval Lodge.

December 11th, I visited Arion Lodge at Goodwin's Mills, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree, which was well done. Wor. Bro. TAYLOR is an impressive worker. I also installed the officers at this meeting. Special kindness was shown me at this time by Wor. Bro. GORDON of Biddeford and Bro. BURBANK of Saco.

December 12th, I visited Yorkshire Lodge of North Berwick. I will say for the benefit of the Craft that you, Most Worshipful, were present on this occasion and gave us a splendid and beneficial talk on Ancient Masonry. The work was the Master Mason's degree and was well done. Wor. Bro. BRACKETT is one of the best ritualist in this district.

January 26th, I visited St. John's Lodge, South Berwick. The third degree was worked in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. BUTLER has improved in his work this past year and is making St. John's a good master.

February 10th, I visited St. Aspinquid Lodge of York, and witnessed work in the Master Mason's degree, which was exceptionally well done. Wor. Bro. BAKER is one of the best workers in this district. I also inspected their new hall on this occasion, which is well adapted for masonic purposes.

March 11th, I visited Ocean Lodge at Wells, and witnessed work in Master Mason's degree, which was done in an impressive manner. Wor. Bro. STORER is a good mason and takes a great interest in his lodge.

March 23d, I visited Dunlap Lodge of Biddeford, and witnessed work

in the first degree, which was well done. Wor. Bro. GORDON is a good worker and he has the assistance of some very able Past Masters.

March 25th, I visited Saco Lodge of Saco. The work was that of the Entered Apprentice degree, which was performed in fine shape. Wor. Bro. MORRISON is doing good work. After the work I was obliged to wait about two hours for my train, at which time I was very pleasantly entertained by members of the "Viking Club."

April 7th, I visited Arundel Lodge of Kennebunkport, and witnessed work in the third degree, which was well done. Wor. Bro. STEVENS takes a great interest in Masonry, and his son, who is in the West, is the best worker in that station that I have seen this year. Again this year I had to stop over all night and was splendidly entertained by Bro. SILAS PERKINS.

In concluding I will say that all the lodges in this district are in good financial condition and records are well kept. On all my visits I have been received with kindness and courtesy and on every occasion refreshments were served at the close.

I thank you, Most Worshipful, for my second appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. ROBBINS, D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.

Kittery, April 11, 1914.

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## TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit the following report as D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth Masonic District.

September 6th, I made an official visit to Baskahegan Lodge, No. 175, Danforth. There being no work on that occasion, some time was devoted to a discussion of the ritual. This lodge is well-officered and is doing a goodly amount of work. The financial condition is good and records correct.

December 13th, made an official visit to Forest Lodge, No. 148, Springfield. The E. A. degree was worked upon one candidate in a very creditable manner. This being the first work of the new officers I found it exceptionally good. Records in the hands of Bro. TRASK were neat and correctly kept. Dues well collected.

December 16th, made an official visit to Horeb Lodge, No. 93, of Lincoln, where I witnessed work in the E. A. degree, which was correctly

and impressively performed. The officers of Horeb Lodge are interested in doing good work, giving special attention to following the ritual closely. The records, in the hands of Secretary WEATHERBEE, are accurately and neatly kept. Dues promptly collected.

Pine Tree Lodge, No. 172, Mattawamkeag, being my home lodge, and having attended most of its meetings during the fall, I did not make an official visit. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and its records, in the hands of Bro. SMITH, are correctly kept.

I have installed the officers in all the lodges and from careful observation I find that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the different lodges for their kindness and courtesy during my visits, which I greatly appreciate. And to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. CLARK, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

Winn, April 5, 1914.

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## TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-first Masonic District.

Having been installed early in the year by P. D. D. G. M., A. B. HUTCHINS of Orland, I entered on the work of the year with much enthusiasm. Business cares, however, soon made attention to the duties of my office very difficult and as the year progressed, practically impossible. It was my purpose early in the winter to ask to be relieved, but in the hope that I should have time in the latter part of the year to visit the various lodges in the district, I still held on. I was unable to attend any one of the schools of instruction and have been able to visit only two lodges.

On February 3d, I visited Rising Sun Lodge of Orland and witnessed an exemplification of the Entered Apprentice degree. Rising Sun Lodge has had no work for some time. It has a capable corps of officers, and although there is need of study of the ritual, the spirit shown in the lodge is an indication of renewed interest in Masonry in this lodge. The records are well kept by Bro. S. R. HUTCHINS. Since visiting this lodge, applications have been received and no doubt in due time Rising Sun Lodge will make a better showing than during the past year or two.

On March 11th, at the invitation of W. Bro. BEASLEY, I officially visited Felicity Lodge, my own lodge. The Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in the presence of about one hundred brethren and visitors. The work was especially well done and the work of W. Bro. BEASLEY as Master was worthy of especial mention. In him Felicity Lodge has a Master of exceptional ability. The other officers are mostly young men, good masons and much interested in the work. Bro. WARREN, the new Secretary, is well fitted to perform the duties of his office, and his records will be among the best kept in the state.

As above stated, much to my regret, these are the only lodges I have visited. I have carefully examined the returns from all the lodges, and from a study of them am convinced that Masonry in the Twenty-First District is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

I thank you for the honor you conferred on me, and express to you and to the brethren of the various lodges in the district my regret that I could not properly attend to the duties of the office.

Faternally submitted,

ARCHIE L. WHITE, D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.

Bucksport, May 4, 1914.

## TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

June 12th, I officially visited Meridian Lodge of Pittsfield, and witnessed work on three candidates in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very able manner, although many of the regular officers were absent.

In November I attended the school of instruction in Lewiston, where great benefit was received, both from the study of the ritual and also witnessing work in the three degrees.

February 10th, by invitation, I visited Cambridge Lodge, where I witnessed work in the F. C. degree on two candidates, which was very well done by officers who were new to the several stations. As the night was very cold the attendance was small. Those who were present made up in enthusiasm what was lacking in numbers.

March 5th, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge of Newport. Work was in M. M. degree, and was very well done by officers new to the several stations.

March 7th, found me with Parian Lodge of Corinna. Work at this time being done by Penobscot Lodge of Dexter. No inspection was attempted. Other work being in sight I had promised myself the pleasure of an official visit to this lodge, but have been unable to do so through lack of notification.

I have made no official visit to Pacific Lodge. It being my home lodge I have attended all meetings, making such corrections as I deemed necessary.

Other lodges in this district I have not visited. Some of them from lack of correspondence with officers and not knowing when work was on hand. Others from difficulty in reaching the lodge rooms.

In conclusion, I heartily thank the brethren wherever met for their uniform courtesy on all occasions; also, many thanks to you, M. W., for the great honor conferred upon me by the appointment as D. D. G. M. of the 22d District.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL B. PACKARD, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

April 30, 1914.

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### TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report for the Twenty-third Masonic District.

I was installed at the session of the Grand Lodge in May, 1913.

On January 7, 1914, I visited Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, at West Newfield, accompanied by Bro. F. P. SPENCER of Drummond Lodge. Many of the members were necessarily away from home, which made the number present less than the average. There was no work. Some routine questions were asked and answered. The records are in good form, and the Treasurer's account shows the balance on the right side.

February 4th, I made my official visit to Freedom Lodge, No. 42, at Limerick, in company with Bro. C. L. NEAL of Drummond Lodge. Work had been arranged to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees on same candidate. On account of illness of candidate work was postponed. They exemplified work in F. C. degree in a very creditable manner; the ritual was followed closely. At close of lodge refreshments were served.

January 24th, I inspected and approved the new masonic hall of Springvale Lodge, No. 190. They have a beautiful masonic home of which they may well be proud; it is an honor to the 23d District.



February 9th, I had the pleasure of visiting Buxton Lodge, No. 115, at West Buxton, in company with Bro. S. M. BOOTHBY of Drummond Lodge. As there was no brother to avouch for us, I was examined by P. D. D. G. M. HARGRAVES and Secretary HARMON. I think that any brother who cannot be avouched for should look well to ritual before he tries to enter this lodge. Election of officers, postponed from January meeting on account of storm, was the work of the evening, and was very nicely done. The reports of Bros. Secretary HARMON and Treasurer BERRYMAN speak of prosperity of lodge.

February 10th, in company with Bro. S. M. BOOTHBY, I visited Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington, the oldest lodge in this district. They are enlarging their hall and making everything connected with it more desirable. The F. C. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very creditable manner. The officers were all in attendance, but many members were absent on account of the extreme cold night. Conferred the P. M. degree on W. M. AVERY.

March 10th, I inspected and approved the hall, known as the Hannaford hall, for temporary use by Day Spring Lodge, No. 107, for masonic purposes, their hall having been destroyed by fire in February, 1914.

March 10th, I visited Springvale Lodge, No. 190, at Springvale, in their new masonic hall, where I found a large number of members and visitors present. They conferred the M. M. degree on one candidate in a very impressive and creditable manner. The records are still in the hands of Bro. HORNE, which means O. K. After closing lodge we repaired to the dining hall, where a fine banquet was served.

March 11th, I made my visit to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, at Alfred. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a very able manner. Records in fine shape. Financial standing good. Refreshments served after close of lodge.

I notified Preble Lodge, No. 143, at Sanford, that I would be with them on the fourth of March, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my being there. I have interviewed the Senior Warden and Secretary and from their reports I should say Preble Lodge was up to date.

Drummond Lodge, No. 118, at Parsonsfield, my own lodge, has had as many visits as I could give them. They are having quite a lot of work and doing most of it well; have had nine initiates during past year.

Every lodge in this district has increased its membership, except one, and that one has only lost one member.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges for their courtesy and kindness extended to me during my visits to them.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Faternally submitted,

ALBERT R. LEAVITT, *D. D. G. M. 23d M. D.*  
Parsonsfield, 1914.

## TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,  
*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

I have officially visited and inspected the work of the eight lodges composing the Twenty-fourth Masonic District and was cordially received. The lodges in this district are in a very prosperous condition, having initiated 81 members during the year, and the degrees are worked in a manner that is highly commendable. Peace and harmony prevail. The dues are well collected and the records are correctly and neatly kept by all the Secretaries.

I wish to thank the Secretaries for their promptness in sending in their reports.

November 8th, by invitation, and with the assistance of W. Bro. IRVING FROST of Oxford Lodge, Norway, as Marshal and Rev. Bro. WILLIAM H. GOWELL as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.

November 13th, I made my official visitation to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, Mechanic Falls, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. This was very nicely done, considering that it was the first time the new officers had worked the M. M. degree. A few corrections and suggestions were made at the close of the work. This was followed by a fine banquet.

November 17th, by invitation and with the assistance of W. Bro. HARRY V. TAYLOR as Marshal and Bro. E. H. HODGKINS as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 178, Auburn. After installation the E. A. degree was worked by the new officers in a very correct and impressive manner.

November 20th, the Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful FRANK E. SLEEPER, held a school of instruction at Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, Lewiston. There was a very large attendance, one of the largest and most enthusiastic shools ever held, very ably presided over by our Grand Lec-

turer. Nine of the D. D. G. Ms. were present. We hope the good work may continue.

In the evening a convention of the eight lodges of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District was held. About 500 members were present. Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, of Turner, worked the E. A. degree, Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, of Auburn, the F. C. degree, and Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, of Lewiston, the M. M. degree. The work of these lodges was done in a manner deserving much praise and credit to the officers. A lunch was served at noon and a banquet at 6 P. M.; expenses assumed by the lodges of this 24th district. This was a very enjoyable event and we hope that another may follow in the near future.

January 2d, was the date of my official visit to Nezinscot, No. 101, Turner, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, done in a very correct and impressive manner, maintaining the high standard of former years. Visitors from Ashlar and other lodges. At the close of the lodge a fine oyster supper was served.

January 7th, being unable to visit Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, Auburn, I invited W. Bro. LEWIS V. WINSHIP, Past D. D. G. M., to inspect the work of that lodge, which he did and reported the lodge in a prosperous condition.

January 21st, I made my official visit to Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, Lewiston. Lodge opened in full form; work in the M. M. degree was very creditably done as to ritual, the officers taking great interest in the work. A large number were present with many visitors. A fine banquet was served at close of lodge.

February 4th, by invitation, I installed the officers elect of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, Auburn, assisted by Wor. Bro. PIKE as Marshal and Rev. Bro. ARTHUR T. STRAY as Chaplain.

February 5th, I made my official visit to Webster Lodge, No. 164, where work was performed in the F. C. degree, which was done finely considering that this lodge has not had any work for the year. I made a few corrections and suggestions. Several visiting brethren were present and a good time was reported by all. At close of the lodge a fine oyster supper was served.

February 16th, I made my official visit to Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, Auburn. Work in the M. M. degree was done in a very correct and impressive manner. I did not deem it necessary to make any corrections, as the ritual was very closely followed.

I have not made any official visit to Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, New Gloucester, as this is my home lodge, and I have attended most of the meetings during the year and we are striving to do good work.

In closing this, my second annual report, I wish to express to the brethren of the several lodges my full appreciation of the kind and cordial manner in which I have been received during the two years that I have served as D. D. G. M. I trust that my successor will receive the same hearty support. And to you, Most Worshipful, my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

CHESTER E. CHIPMAN, *D. D. G. M. 24th M. D.*

South Poland, April 27, 1914.

### TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. ELMER P. SPOFFORD,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fifth District.

During the fall I received a communication from the Grand Lodge, that a school of instruction would be held at different places in the different districts, and I made up my mind at once to attend at least one of them, as I knew from former experience, that they are very helpful and instructive, having had the pleasure of attending one at Houlton in November, 1911.

Presque Isle being the nearest place for me to attend, I availed myself of the opportunity and started the night before so to be there the next forenoon at the opening. On arrival at the hall, we found that the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, was unable to come, owing to illness, but had obtained the services of R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, a brother well skilled in the arts and architecture. An all day session was held and a thorough study of the work was made and many very valuable insights into the mysteries of the order were received. In the evening the M. M. degree was worked before a very large attendance, several coming from neighboring towns. A few days after my arrival home, I told the master of Katahdin Lodge that if he would like to ask the officers and some of the members to meet at the lodge room I would give them the benefit of my trip by trying to tell them some of the new pointers that I learned at the school. We accordingly met and I think all received some help.

My first visit for inspection was at Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, Millinocket, February 5th, where I witnessed the work in the M. M. degree in

the presence of a good attendance. The work was done in a very creditable manner, and notwithstanding the fact that Nollesemic Lodge has met with two disastrous fires, they are in good financial condition and, with no future mishaps, ought to prosper with pleasure to themselves and honor to the fraternity.

On February 25th, I visited Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland, and as there was no candidate in readiness for degrees the meeting was turned into a kind of school of instruction and anyone had the privilege to ask questions on the ritual work, and a very enjoyable evening was passed in this way, and I hope some information was received that may prove helpful. After the meeting an oyster stew was served in the dining room, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The next evening, February 26th, I visited Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209. I was met at the station by the master, Bro. ROBBINS, and Bro. SHEAN, an old schoolmate of mine, and taken to the Hotel Dickey, where I found a room already assigned to me. In the evening, as there was no candidate for any degree, a substitute was worked in the M. M. degree. The work was performed with very strict conformity to the ritual and in a very satisfactory manner. It was plain to be seen that the officers put a good deal of study on the work and had profited by it. After the work a very few suggestions were made and the meeting closed, to proceed to the Dickey House, where a very sumptuous course dinner was served to a large attendance, the entire dining room being used. After the banquet Bro. FENLASON was appointed toast master and he performed the duties of the office in a very graceful and entertaining manner. Several speakers were called upon for remarks and everyone seemed prepared.

I had made arrangements to visit Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, and Island Falls, No. 206, on March 10th and March 11th, but owing to my mother being taken ill March 8th, I was unable to do so or to get anyone to make the trip for me. My mother continued sick during the month of March and died March 28th, so I was not permitted to visit these lodges during March and have not been able to during April. I very much regret that I could not visit these lodges or get some one to do it for me, but under the circumstances I hope to be pardoned. From outside reports both lodges are doing good work and are both prospering.

I have made no real official visit to my own lodge, Katahdin, but have been to nearly all of the meetings and can say that Katahdin Lodge is doing good work under a very efficient board of officers. Some good material has been taken in to work on and the lodge is steadily advancing. Many improvements have been made in the hall, the most important being a new reading room, which greatly adds to the drawing of members to attend the meetings.

In closing, I wish to thank the officers and members of the different lodges that I have visited for their courtesy, also to thank you for the appointment as D. D. G. M., as it was certainly not only an unexpected pleasure but an honor that I never expected to have, and I very much regret that owing to unavoidable causes I was not able to do more work in the district.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRED R. BAILEY, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

Patten, April 29, 1914.

# Officers of the Grand Lodge,

1914

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## WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1914.

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DISTRICT.

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Omar F. Carr, M; James Baillie, SW;  
James Lynch, JW; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Monday on or after  
full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Ralph P. Stackpole, M; John E. Merrill, SW;  
Lyndon E. Sylvester, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon  
Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, Decem-  
ber. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Willis F. Avery, M; Robert W. Haley, SW;  
Harold C. Haley, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on  
or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Edwin F. Stetson, M; Amasa B. Hall, SW;  
Arthur P. White, JW; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Fri-  
day; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Allie O. Pillsbury, M; Louis C. Sawyer, SW; Millard  
B. Lory, JW; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before  
full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Guy E. McFarland, M; Alva F. Gamage,  
SW; Willard N. Thorpe, JW; John A. Turner, S. Meeting Wednes-  
day on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Harrie L. Webber, M; J. Webster Ben-  
nett, SW; George C. Simpson, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center St.,)  
S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. William W. Andrews, M; Charles O.  
Caswell, SW; George A. Coffin, JW; Ralph E. Rowe, (9 Crosby St.,)  
S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Frank Tobie, M; William A. Hollis,  
SW; Oscar B. Ingalls, JW; William Parkin, Box 144, S. Meeting  
Monday on or before full moon, election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Horace H. D. Smith, R. F. D. 1, Hampden Highlands, m; Leon F. Edminster, Dixmont, sw; Maurice A. Mudgett, jw; Stephen Mudgett, R. F. D. 4, Brooks, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Adelbert S. Taylor, m; Clinton F. Warren, Alfred, sw; Byron L. Hill, jw; J. Burton Roberts, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Edward W. Hunter, m; Harley B. Dority, sw; Paul T. Bubar, jw; William B. Burns, Mars Hill, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. George N. Stevens, m; Woodbury H. Stevens, sw; Abner Boothby, jw; Silas H. Perkins, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Frank M. Cummings, m; Phillip E. Coombs, sw; George E. Bearce, jw; Fred I. Morrell, s. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Horatio G. Foss, m; Thurlow B. Tarbox, sw; Albert W. Riggs, jw; Frederick L. Chenery, s. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. William S. Dresser, m; William K. Herrmann, sw; Arthur Manchester, jw; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Albert M. Pingree, m; Frank S. H. Callaghan, sw; Edward L. Ripley, jw; Weston Lewis, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Edward C. Payson, m; George T. Stewart, sw; Milton W. Weymouth, jw; Lorenzo S. Robinson, Box 568, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Elwin E. Steele, m; Neal F. Dow, sw; Harry Saunders, jw; Ira J. Cousins, s. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Bert H. Young, m; Kenneth McLean, sw; Fred W. Sawyer, jw; Benjamin L. Hadley, s. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. James A. Haley, m; Ben E. Parker, sw; Rufus A. McClain, jw; Martin L. Porter, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Millard F. Blake, m; John A. Dodge, sw; Cyrus A. Brewer, jw; Norman S. Fuller, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Alfonso B. Loring, m; Walter A. Smith, sw; Adoniram J. McGown, jw; Camillus K. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Clarence K. Fox, m; True A. Eames, sw; Jameson L. Finney, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Orin B. Frost, m; John C. Arnold, sw; Harold A. Allan, jw; Pearle E. Fuller, s. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. W. W. Stoddard, m; P. A. Woods, sw; Howard Russell, jw; George L. Baker, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Byron A. Evans, m; Frank M. Rawley, sw; Arthur W. Frecker, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Colby B. Whittemore, m; Nathaniel H. Harnden, sw; Harry A. Chandler, jw; J. Blaine Morrison, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Albert H. Hunter, m; Vinal D. Kelsey, sw; Matthias A. Benner, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Frank H. Hargraves, m; Pliny A. Crockett, sw; Joseph F. Sands, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Herbert V. Chadbourne, m; Stanwood I. Mower, sw; Jacob T. Brown, jw; Frank J. Hersey, s, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Floyd A. Smith, m; Judson C. Briggs, sw; John H. McDaniels, jw; Harry M. Vinal, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Harvey B. Harris, m; Percy H. Williams, sw; Charles L. Williams, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. John W. Coleman, m; Louis W. Riggs, sw; Charles B. Corliss, jw; Aug. H. Humphrey, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Ernfield J. Crosby, m; Charles A. Pinkham, sw; Wallace W. Jones, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Eugene W. Vaughan, m; Isaac A. Harris, sw; Sidney P. Young, jw; Benjamin F. Brown, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Samuel T. Heal, M; Allan A. Kirkland, sw; Lewis M. Blake, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Fred S. Fuller, M; Percy Butterfield, sw; James C. Young, JW; D. A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Ira D. Boydon, Perry, M; James Abernethy, West Pembroke, sw; Gershom P. Ricker, Perry, JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Jonathan L. Dyer, M; Melville R. Wilbur, sw; Arthur Smith, JW; Edward A. Wight, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Walter W. White, M; Ara D. Hodgkins, sw; Ernest H. Pratt, JW; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. John Robertson, M; Peter Milne, sw; Arno Wooster, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Diah Sweet, M; Percy M. Brown, sw; Charles E. Richards, JW; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. John Smith, M; Oliver F. Hammond, sw; Ray G. Davis, JW; Harold C. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Nathan C. Redlon, M; William H. Richardson, sw; Fred A. Handy, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Seth F. Heald, M; Bennett McDaniels, sw; Max C. Eastman, JW; Preston B. Walker, Box 46, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Randall S. Maxwell, South China, M; Cony N. Webber, R. F. D. 52, sw; Calvin A. Rowe, JW; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. John M. Douglass, M; Earl H. Jackson, sw; Henning T. Johnson, JW; Walter C. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Ernest C. Palmer, M; Charles H. McDaniel, sw; Joseph L. Houdlett, JW; Herbert H. Blinn, S, Gardiner, R. F. D. 11. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. William A. McDonald, m; Ellsworth W. Sawyer, sw; W. G. O. Ridlon, jw; Samuel M. Boothby, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. George M. Gordon, m; William J. Dean, sw; Edwin R. Small, jw; Hudson F. Staples, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Edward C. Firth, m; John A. Wentworth, sw; Frank R. Holmes, jw; Wheeler C. Hawkes, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Alfred L. Sawyer, m; Horace C. Buxton, sw; A. W. Richardson, jw; Hiram L. Stevens, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. William H. Pervear, m; Eugene P. Clapp, sw; Raymond C. Bridges, jw; Frank C. Allen, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Ernest H. Ward, m; Waldo E. Houghton, sw; Henry R. Pierpont, jw; Daniel M. Nichols, s. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Ernest Rawley, m; Charles D. North, sw; Charles E. Wheeler, jw; Elmer E. Allen, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Wilson H. Conant, m; Frank M. Lamb, sw; James E. Warren, jw; Arthur L. Newton, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Oscar H. Drinkwater, m; Everett Bird, sw; Charles V. Crockett, jw; Rodel A. Packard, s. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. William R. Beazley, m; Walter B. Smith, sw; Harry C. Page, jw; Edward L. Warren, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Raymond Ham, m; Frank R. Shepard, sw; Bert E. Budge, jw; Lysander W. Trask, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Alexis O. Robbins, m; Harry W. Grinnell, sw; Isaac W. Dow, jw; Grover C. Bradbury, s. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Edgar L. Corson, m; Frank J. Hopkins, sw; Clyde C. Day, jw; Fred W. Sanders, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Emery S. Littlefield, m; Maynard A. Hobbs, sw; Fred J. Sherburne, jw; George H. Williams, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23

- Freedom, 42, Limerick. John H. Smith, m; Raymond Quint, sw; Lester W. Carpenter, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Robert E. Randall, m; Leon L. Bean, sw; Ralph M. Anderson, jw; Fred E. Ward, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Frederick R. Penley, m; Ralph A. Bacon, sw; Samuel R. Johnson, jw; Edgar F. Barrows, s, (R. R. 1.) Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Charles H. Davis, m; Burt C. Webb, sw; Leslie C. Ayer, jw; Francis A. Norton, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Warren P. Hooper, m; Walter C. Brown, sw; Hosmer McKoon, jw; Frank S. Perkins, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Stephen E. Patrick, m; Fred'k R. Summersides, sw; Waldo G. Fenlason, jw; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Roy E. McKenzie, m; Ralph W. Albee, sw; Carl H. Bryant, jw; Albert S. Allan, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Frank E. Dill, m; Donald S. McNaughton, sw; Frederick A. Danforth, jw; Harry E. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. William A. Seyford, m; Fred S. Woods, Portland, sw; William O. Verrill, jw; Josiah F. Cobb, (430 Preble St.) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Daniel W. Ballantyne, m; Ard Edwards, sw; Kinsley A. Ballantyne, jw; Artemus Weatherbee, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Edward S. Young, m; Willis P. Tripp, sw; Walter A. Cowan, jw; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Harvey H. McIntyre, m; Frank L. Stover, sw; Arthur M. Herrick, jw; Arthur C. Hinckley, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Herman M. Farrow, m; Cleveland Adams, sw; Wm. E. Hatch, jw; Howard C. Pendleton, Dark Harbor, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Dougal S. Price, m; George A. Palmer, sw; Frank L. Downs, jw; Frank L. Mooney, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25



- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Albert W. Askett, m; H. Alton Bacon, sw; Fred M. Cole, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Warren L. Noyes, m; Ulysses C. Norton, sw; Horace Beal, jw; Henry A. Mansfield, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Leonard W. Harris, m; Ralph I. Miles, sw; Edwin R. Woodbury, jw; Caleb W. Scribner, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Eugene I. Herrick, m; Fred B. Colby sw; Sylvader Hinkley, jw; Charles L. Harnden, s. Meeting first Wednesday. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Charles M. Mayo, m; Walter N. Batchelder, sw; Elmer W. Cole, jw; F. Ernest Harvey, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Melvin H. Simmons, m; Lloyd O. Powers, sw; John F. McKelvie, jw; Ernest S. Currier, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Myron C. Jewell, m; Elmer W. York, sw; David S. Tozier, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. George R. Alexander, m; James H. Peavey, sw; Warren A. Pitcher, jw; Robie F. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. George W. Dockham, m; Edgar P. Judkins, sw; Orlando A. Bisbee, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. George F. Gillchrest, m; Burton E. Flanders, sw; Roland T. Waltz, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles R. Crowley, m; Oscar L. Bassick, sw; Harvey D. Crowley, jw; Winfield S. Clarke, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Herman W. S. Lovejoy, m; J. Grant Henry, sw; Edward G. Palmer, jw; Costello Weston, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgework. William B. Longley, m; Lewis L. Robinson, sw; Dennison J. Haynes, jw; Ernest W. Gilman, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Winfield F. Packard, m; J. A. Dunlap, sw; L. O. Daggett, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M; John C. Sherman, SW; Grover C. Cox, JW; Leslie F. Hurd, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Albert H. Damon, M; Harry Leighton, SW; Aubrey C. Frost, JW; Austen W. Sherburne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 25
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Charles E. Cowley, Jr., M; Roy R. Marston, SW; Carl M. P. Larrabee, JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Clarence D. Wallace, M; Charles E. Maker, SW; Fred G. Dennison, JW; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. John A. Haynes, M; Fred E. Milliken, SW; Carl R. Wiberg, JW; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Claude O. Hunt, M; William H. Snow, SW; S. Everett Hunt, JW; Frank O. Prescott, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Charles W. Martin, M; William H. Thurston, SW; Loren W. Rumill, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. George A. Thomas, M; Henry E. Knapp, SW; E. Herbert Dingley, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Paul W. Scott, M; Benjamin C. Smith, SW; Arthur B. Haskell, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. James H. Duncan, M; George R. Wilson, SW; Alfred S. Trundy, JW; Harry E. Bangs, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Harry E. Staples, M; A. R. Pilley, SW; Clarence E. Hamlin, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Albert Guy Durgin, M; Herman H. Hanson, SW; William A. Davidson, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Eugene H. Brown, M; Wilbur A. Morse, SW; Swansea G. Burns, JW; John D. Mitchell, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Fred G. Parsons, M; Thomas F. Connor, SW; Edwin F. Dodge, JW; Jay H. Scribner, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22

- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Frank E. Sheridan, m; Fred G. Greenway, sw; Harry Merrill, jw; Lewman B. Soper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. John H. Johnson, m; Albert H. Lord, sw; Virgil C. Totman, jw; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Leon V. Bowers, m; Arthur L. Todd, sw; George L. Daggett, jw; Freeman C. Harris, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. C. Oscar Flanders, m; Willard E. Day, sw; Harold H. Flanders, jw; Otis G. Randall, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Bernard Archibald, m; Nathaniel Tompkins, sw; Arthur O. Putnam, jw; Charles E. F. Stetson, (18 High St.), s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Clarence E. Maloon, m; Henry Taylor, sw; Edwin O. Tarr, jw; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Herbert E. Horne, m; Arthur A. Dinsmore, Dover, sw; David L. Cameron, jw; David E. Dinsmore, Dover, s. *p. t.* Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. William C. Kessell, m; Herbert W. Fifield, sw; Mark P. Smith, jw; Freeman L. Roberts, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Sumner J. Wyman, m; G. Dane Vose, sw; Earl L. Wing, jw; Arthur C. Woodard, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Maurice E. Sampson, Stratton, m; Edward L. Donahue, sw; Edgar S. Jones, Stratton, jw; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. William M. Hamor, m; Fred H. Parker, sw; Harry E. Bordeaux, jw; Burton A. Fernald, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Sumner C. Bennett, m; Harry M. Daniels, sw; Raymond W. Davis, jw; Fred Mellor, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Alfred P. Cobb, m; Perley R. F. Bradbury, sw; A. Scott Wentworth, jw; William C. Ordway, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Benjamin K. Ware, m; George W. Hall, sw; Charles L. Finn, jw; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Charles S. Hamlin, m; Elbridge P. Kimball, sw; George W. Sias, jw; Warren V. Kneeland, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Arthur M. Baker, m; Samuel S. Emerson, sw; Everett F. Curtis, jw; William H. Tribou, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Harry N. Ferren, m; Albert M. Child, sw; Lester D. Lee, jw; Orletus Phillips, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Albert H. Willey, m; George B. Ricker, sw; John M. Sherwood, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Rolph C. Willey, m; William F. Cousins, sw; Harold D. Powers, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Alonzo E. Titus, m; I. James Merry, sw; Charles R. Wasgatt, jw; David G. Walker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Everett S. Coombs, m; John M. Cates, sw; John W. Kennedy, jw; William B. Crosby, R. F. D. 50, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Fred S. Irish, m; Edward L. Haskell, sw; Royal W. Bradford, jw; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Leon F. Kent, m; Frank O. Daisey, sw; Howard W. Chase, jw; Joseph Nickless, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Ernest C. Ober, m; Reuben F. Lurvey, sw; Mark H. Reed, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Fred W. Bunker, m; Thomas H. Murphy, sw; Bertram W. French, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Isaac H. Storer, m; Marcellus A. Donnell, sw; John A. Carians, jw; Frank L. Buker, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19

- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Charles L. Marrows, M; Ernest T. Dexter, SW; Herbert R. Southgate, JW; Frank D. Weymouth, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Frank Clark, M; John T. Rider, SW; Osborn T. Sumner, JW; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Howard W. Jones, M; John W. Emery, SW; Everett L. Haley, JW; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. John N. Sinnett, M; Charles W. Gammon, SW; Carroll M. Hall, JW; Fred Raymond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Stuart W. Goodwin, M; Wiggin L. Merrill, SW; Frank L. Brett, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George F. Colbath, M; George G. Grinnell, SW; Frank L. Gordon, JW; Daniel B. Packard, Dexter, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Samuel P. Ireland, M; Thomas F. Burrill, SW; Lester G. Shepherd, JW; Guy C. Nutter, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Delbert M. Stewart, M; George F. Eastman, SW; George C. Fernald, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Lee F. Schoff, M; Charles W. Yeaton, SW; John W. Springall, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Warren A. Nichols, M; Orris S. Vickery, SW; Ernest S. Webber, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred A. Budge, M; Albert F. Martin, SW; Fred D. Sherrard, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Carl L. Hews, M; Albert A. Towne, SW; Charles H. McQuarrie, JW; Henry S. Brown, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Frank G. Wise, M; Charles S. Bradeen, SW; L. Forrest Dean, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5

- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Linwood A. Ryder, m; John Roberts, sw; Joseph G. Henderson, jw; Harvey W. Ryder, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Gleason E. Hinkley, m; James S. Wyman, sw; Jason D. Wallace, jw; Joe E. Stevens, s. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Frank L. Clark, m; Dana Small, sw; Samuel A. Parkhurst, jw; Charles T. Harris, Detroit, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Raymond C. Brown, m; Daniel S. Brierly, sw; E. Motley Fuller, jw; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Arthur D. Pierce, m; Charles B. Hinds, sw; T. Ernest Harmon, jw; Albro E. Chase, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Alva C. Treat, m; Edgar L. Heath, sw; Joe G. Harriman, jw; Lincoln A. Gardner, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Alfred Howarth, m; William O. Nicholls, sw; Orrin D. Clark, jw; John Wright, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. J. Irving Hayden, m; William K. Foster, sw; Joseph B. Manchester, jw; William H. Cram, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Frank Jones, m; Noah McDonald, sw; Elmer A. Harnden, jw; Tobias L. Eastman, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Orrin P. Jackson, m; Fred E. Miller, sw; Clarence R. Simmons, jw; Allen L. Maddocks, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. James M. Palmer, m; John M. Googin, sw; John B. Goss, jw; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.), s. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Thomas F. Barbour, m; John Wallace, sw; Alexander McGuffie, jw; Rollins Y. Stinson, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Charles E. Tallman, m; Jack Reed, sw; Lewis R. Gaubert, jw; William R. Fairclough, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Elijah S. Heath, m; Merl F. Bridges, sw; Roy F. Leach, jw; Benjamin H. Cushman, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4

Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Charles R. Ripley, m; Charles E. Gibbs, sw; Lewis M. Ames, jw; Seth R. Hutchins, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21

Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Joel H. Curtis, m; James I. Shute, sw; Harold H. Colby, jw; Charles I. Collamore, s. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6

Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Arthur W. Flagg, m; Harold E. Dow, sw; Forrest C. Hodgkins, jw; Charles W. Besse, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December. 10

Rockland, 79, Rockland. Emil F. Witten, m; Thomas L. McBeath, sw; Anson M. Glidden, jw; Albert I. Mather, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

Rural, 53, Sidney. Edmund P. Williams, m; Clyde G. Blake, sw; Chas. S. Taylor, jw; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12

Saco, 9, Saco. Fred J. Morrison, m; William H. Stackpole, sw; Archibald F. Houston, jw; Abram T. Lord, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19

St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Harold H. Hodge, m; Carroll A. Weeks, sw; Arthur L. Johnson, jw; Harry W. Libbey, s. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6

St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Arthur H. Baker, m; Edward C. Cook, sw; Everett F. Davis, jw; Willie W. Cuzner, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19

St. Croix, 46, Calais. Edward G. Buxton, m; Henry R. Gillis, sw; Frederick V. Packard, jw; Isaac N. Jones, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

St. George, 46, Warren. Nelson Moore, m; Chester B. Hall, sw; Edgar C. Crawford, jw; George E. Brigham, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Clarence P. Lord, m; Frank A. Prescott, sw; Arthur E. Chester, jw; J. Willey Whitehouse, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19

St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. LaForest True Spear, m; Ralph H. Trim, sw; Horatio G. Jenkins, jw; Carleton W. Steward, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9

Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Clarence E. McKown, m; James B. Perkins, sw; John N. Fish, jw; Russell V. Matthews, s. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10

- Sebasticoock, 147, Clinton. C. Lee Stewart, m; Linwood S. Eastman, sw; B. G. True, jw; Irvin M. Holt, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Almon F. Johnson, m; Ralph W. Giles, sw; James W. Wentworth, jw; Jesse L. Rowe, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Ralph A. Jewell, m; Lester M. Davis, sw; Chas. H. Gibson, jw; Carl C. Piper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Arthur J. Smith, m; Ralph H. Dunton, sw; Karl F. Van Baman, jw; Albert L. Strout, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Carleton M. Holt, m; Charles W. Sheaff, sw; George H. Plummer, jw; Charles M. Lambert, s. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Daniel S. Stokes, m; Arthur Low, sw; Ernest L. Ogden, jw; Arthur E. Horne, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Avery V. Brooks, m; Robie C. Marean, sw; Joseph T. Swasey, jw; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Edward A. Merrill, m; John A. Harlow, sw; George M. McLellan, jw; Fred J. Whiting, s. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. G. T. Whitaker, m; Austin T. Myrick, sw; Fred A. Whitten, jw; Reuel M. Berry, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edwin T. Clifford, m; Joseph L. Cobb, sw; Francis G. Wadsworth, jw; Levi E. Jones, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Roscoe C. Booth, m; Harry W. Washburn, sw; Percy C. Knight, jw; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Frank E. Bramhall, m; Willis G. Haseltine, sw; Henry B. Ladd, jw; Charles E. Johnson, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Reuel W. Smith, m; George L. Foss, sw; Geo. C. Wing, Jr., jw; Arthur C. Sprague, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Henry L. Gray, m; Earll W. Gott, sw; Eugene S. Thurston, jw; William R. Keene, Manset, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21



- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Lafayette T. Porter, M; Philip D. Phair, sw; Ray H. McGlauffin, JW; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lewis H. Lacker, M; Milford H. Brown, sw; Elisha D. Wass, JW; Veranus C. Plummer, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Wade C. Trask, M; Windsor A. Golderman, sw; William R. Harris, JW; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Edmund C. Harding, M; Ralph L. Williams, sw; George L. Oliver, JW; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Joseph S. Stetson, M; Ernest L. Mayberry, sw; William S. Rogers, JW; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody St.) S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Albert R. Murch, M; Fred N. Flye, sw; Guss L. Cates, JW; Albert W. Ward, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Joseph Scott, M; C. Maurice Wyman, sw; George L. Hunt, JW; Melvin E. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Wesley C. Comstock, M; Harry E. Williams, sw; Allston W. Tyler, JW; Carleton E. Turner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Charles M. White, M; Caleb W. Sedgley, sw; Anson P. M. Given, JW; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. H. Elbridge Moan, M; Ralph S. Smith, sw; Morrill S. Pope, JW; C. Hollis White, Box 217, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Joseph D. Small, M; Frank A. Chase, sw; James R. Waltman, JW; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Hadley I. Learned, M; Percy M. Porter, sw; Sherman G. Packard, JW; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Frank W. Trecartin, M; Harry L. Walton, sw; Frank G. Norton, JW; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Clarence E. B. Walker, M; Charles L. Jones, sw; Henry W. Abbott, JW; Charles B. Davis, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12

- Webster 164, Sabattus. Scott W. Higgins, M; Charles Stoeher, sw;  
George T. Bain, jw; Herbert L. Jordan, s. Meeting Thursday on  
or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., M; Arthur M. Packard,  
sw; Orletus C. Fuller, jw; Dana A. Yates, Box 87, s. Meeting first  
Thursday; election, September. 15
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Walter D. Bean, M; Harry J. Trefethen, sw;  
Charles W. Sharkey, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednes-  
day week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Frank A. Turner, M; William E.  
Gerrish, sw; Frank L. Davis, jw; Frank E. Weston, s. Meeting  
first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Charles W. Roberts, M; John H. Cooper, sw;  
Joseph B. Mitchell, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday  
on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Benjamin A. Parker, Jr., M; H. Edwin  
Hayes, sw; Elmer B. Kendall, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meeting  
last Friday; election, December. 19

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**BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,**

From March 1, 1913, to March 1, 1914.

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THOSE MARKED \* WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

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- 1 Portland, Portland. George E. Brown, March 10; William T. Ballard, June 4; Charles Frank, June 13; Sumner D. Webber, September 19; Albert W. Childs, October 2; Thomas J. Murphy, October 6; James F. Heming, October 7; Hall L. Davis, January 31.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. Joseph Loring Chase, March 23; Jerome B. Eaton, September 16; Melvin E. French, November 21.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Fuller G. Clifford, May 2; Sullivan E. Wright, May 30.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. R. C. Harrington, April 26; Warren J. Carter, June 16; George S. Fuller, August 29; Hiram L. Grindell, December 4; William Hosken, January 2.
- 6 Amity, Camden. Charles W. Atkins, June 30; John A. McKay, July 19; Willis P. Young, August 17; John L. Felton, December 24; William F. Graves, January 26.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Edward M. Small,\* April 20; Colin MacNichol,\* May 14.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Joseph M. Growes, April 19; Frank L. Snow, May 14; William M. Otis,\* September 23; Joshua L. Chamberlain, February 24.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Robert Cleaves, September 7, 1912; Samuel Chase, August 21; Frank Dunning, September 25; Winfield S. Dennett, October 20; Edwin B. Smith, January 5; Walter F. Johnson, January 27.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Frank C. Noyes, April 18; Edwin S. Thompson, May 5; Charles J. Wardley, May 20; Philip H. Coombs, July 9; Joseph G. S. Kimball, January 1.

- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Frank Sawtelle, May 11; Charles Norman, October 28; Henry D. E. Hutchins, November 29.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Alvah Johnson, April 2; Sumner C. Knight, June 27; Abel C. Hinds, December 15; William Clayton.
- 14 Solar, Bath. Frank R. Mason, March 21; Morrill S. Pierce, March 31; George S. Brown, May 8; John McKeiver, September 8; Fred S. Bosworth, September 15; Wellington C. Preble, October 29; William H. Fiske, December 18; Samuel W. Rogers, December 26; Redford Kelley, January 16.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Alexander Copeland, March 30; David L. Fuller, December 1.
- 16 St. George, Warren. Alden A. Spear, September 21; Kendal Atkins, September 28; John L. Stevens, October 6; Ralph S. Robinson, December 8; Clifton Thompson.
- 17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. Leroy H. Tobie, January 31; Richard H. Ball, February 25; Warren O. Carney, March 13; Francis W. Burton, May 17; John L. Russell, June 19; Edw. L. Stanwood, June 25; Octavius C. Elwell, August 11; George M. Moore, September 14; George H. Turner, November 20; Thos. W. W. Atwood, November 24; Albert B. Cummings, January 17.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Henry H. Freeman,\* April 6; Morrill M. Fuller,\* August 20; Josiah Dutton, November 5; Orin Swift,\* November 28; Frank S. Gammon,\* December 4.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. James F. Nevins, March 7; Charles A. Luce, June 23.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. Fred H. Webster,\* September 5; Charles E. Davis, September 26.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Wm. Horatio Wood, March 27; Rosellas N. Maxim, August 31; Job Drew Thompson, November 7.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. Daniel Day, April 8; William E. Garfield, July 12; George B. Littlefield,\* October 31; John I. Keniston, February 23.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Benjamin Coffin, May 11.
- 24 Phœnix, Belfast. Nathaniel E. Keen, March 22; Henry W. Mariner,\* March 26; John W. Jones,\* June 26; Albert T. Stevens, June 29.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. Charles A. Nash,\* September 25.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. Allen H. Drummond,\* May 1; Stephen W. Carr, September 17; Joseph P. Cotton, December 13; Alvah M. Curtis,\* February 15.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Oscar Small, July 3; Lorenzo Spencer, December 17; Frank M. Bradbury, January 27.

- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Samuel A. Parsons, October.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. S. Lester Young, March 23; K. V. Saunders, May 6; M. F. Ricker,\* July 3; H. Dinsmore, September 18; W. J. Pennell, October 29; John A. Turner, December 12; George R. Page,\* December 24; William H. Keith, January 7; C. E. Greenleaf, February 17.
- 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Walter Z. Twitchell,\* September 15.
- 31 Union, Union. George L. Sidlinger,\* April 13; Alenza F. Morse,\* January 15.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. Frank W. Cox, March 1; Ammi Davenport, April 27; Thomas A. Jewett, July 24; Asbury Stilphen, August 16.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. Wallace J. Boothby,\* April 2; Charles T. Haverland, January 13.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Isaac Dyer,\* March 5; Orrin A. Priest,\* May 8; Forrest Goodwin, May 28; Lewis Anderson,\* November 9; Augustus I. Sawyer,\* February 3.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. David C. Stone, March 5; Roland N. Nickerson, March 10; Frederick L. Benn, July 1; Henry A. Heath, October 25; Benj. F. Pettengill, February 5; J. Frank Pierce, February 17.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Horace G. Ross, April 28; Frank W. Barker, August 13; E. Frank Corliss, October 6; John Coombs, October 13; Edward H. Wilson, December 30; Charles H. Foss, January 17.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. George E. Crockett, August 3; Charles F. Morton, February.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. E. H. Jones, March 4; George E. Brewster, February 16; John Martin, February 21.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. William P. Woodward, March 3; Horatio N. Jay, May 16; John F. Royal, May 26; Josiah H. Smith, June 13; William H. True, June 14; Arthur W. Greeley, June 26; John F. Whitcomb, August 13; Orrin W. Tripp, September 12; Frank W. Rollins, October 11; William T. Doyle, October 26; Emory O. Bonsey, December 7; Fred P. Whittaker, December 11.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. James E. Chase, Charles F. Smith, August; Isaac F. Lapham, September 3.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Nathaniel Littlefield,\* June 24.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. Samuel D. Wyman, March 15; Jacob S. Harris, March 20; Charles M. Thompson, October 30; Henry P. C. Wright, November 1; Harlan R. Perkins, November 30; Byron Cunningham, January 31.

- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Charles Connor, December 21.
- 45 Central, China. James A. Ridlon, March 10; William A. Fletcher, October 12; Dennis G. Mudgett, November 23.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. Henry I. Herald, March 28; John Q. Gould,\* May 24; George H. Eaton, July 9; John Wood, August 3; Millard D. Lawrence,\* January 13.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Richmond H. Ingersoll, March 25; Amos G. Goodwin, June 27.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Willis H. Wright, April 2.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Richard M. Goodwin, March 14; Charles F. Henry,\* July 1; Alexander Cooper, July 13.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. William A. Murray,\* March 9; William J. Addie, March 14; William B. Hills,\* March 25; William H. Brown, March 30; James T. Whitmore, May 15; Henry M. Wise, June 30; Job P. Ingraham, August 17; Dorr J. Stryker, October 15; Alonzo P. Ginn, November 8; Charles H. Waldron, December 9; Oliver G. Hall, January 3.
- 51 Saint John's, South Berwick. Morrill Goodwin, April 24; John W. Morrison, July 15; Clarence J. Hobbs, October 15.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Samuel D. Sanborn, April 3; John F. Carsley, April 13; Andrew J. Chase, May 10; John N. Merrill, October 2.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Reuel Field,\* March 27; Edwin B. Sherman,\* June 11; Frank L. Norris, July 25; Charles T. Hamlin, August 6; Warren A. Barnard,\* February 2.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Arthur R. Priest, August 3.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Washington C. Taylor, May 16.
- 56 Mt. Moriah, Denmark. Augustus A. Pingree, April 11.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Martin L. Wyman, January 13; Chas. Stanley, February 19.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Alonzo Coffin, September 8.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Asa H. Rolfe,\* March 28; Alden E. Perkins,\* March 29; James L. Rand,\* March 30; James R. Oakes,\* January 14.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Edwin E. Willett, April 30; Andrew J. McLeod,\* July 22.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. Harry Crehore, April 8; John F. Mahoney, May 8; J. W. Pottle, October 20.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Charles W. Price, April 25; Ruel H. Adams, May 11.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. Frank B. Wood, May 12; Alliston H. Quimby; George H. Locke; Horace L. Gordon,\* December 8; John Stevenson; John T. Brown,\* January 20.

- 65 Mystic, Hampden. William R. Barker, March 8; Robert J. Gould, June 12; Joseph Maker, September 4; Joseph C. Eveleth, October 7.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. William Henry Colburn, April.
- 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Fred B. Burns, March; Nelson E. Vining, September 5; Daniel F. Hodges, December 8.
- 68 Mariners', Searsport. Lincoln A. Colcord, March 5.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Fred H. Avery,\* June 29; George Blake, August.
- 70 Standish, Standish. John M. Flint, March; C. J. F. Knapp, September.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Robert F. Carlisle, December 16.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. Leroy C. Dorman, June 6; Alonzo T. Kalloch, June 7; Frank H. Craig, July 20; Lester E. Percival, October 28; Silas S. Gilman, December 22.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Frank L. Davis, March 25; William B. Bucknam, May 1; Tristain Andrews, May 10; William B. Dunn, May 25; Delphine B. Bicknell, May 27; Charles R. Libby, July 4; George O. Goodwin, November 12.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. Henry C. Huston, March 3; Robert M. Sproul,\* April 25; Samuel T. Pope,\* August 28; William H. Clark,\* March 1.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. B. F. Simpson, January 20; Henry S. Thorne, February 21.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Orlando Drown, March 17.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. George A. Fulsom, November 24.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Albert W. Hibbard, July 17; Seward A. Smith, August 12.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. John P. Scott, May 9; Fred J. Simonton, May 12; Oliver P. Hix, May 23; Alvah F. Green, May 29; Maynard S. Austin, June 22; Erwin T. Johnson, September 27; Luther Franks, November 30; Hiram Hall, January 12.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Ralph W. Mathews, March 9; Sullivan Newton, October 2.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. Walter H. Small,\* March 18; George A. Decelle,\* April 16; John Johnson, Jr.,\* May 20; Alpheus Rogers, June 14; Thomas Fisher,\* June 17; Nathaniel Haskell, June 19; Frederick A. Sparrow, July 25; Ramon O. Williams,\* October 2; Cyrus M. Caswell,\* October 17; Whitmore R. Garland, February 11.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Wendell B. Havener, May 27; John P. Simonton, June 24; Abraham S. Buzzell, September 15.

- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Frank A. Robinson, July 1; Thomas W. Burr, November 12; Henry N. Fairbanks, December 17; William H. Gorham, January 7.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. William C. Barrows, July 15.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Curtis E. Mitchell, September 20; Abner Hodgdon, February 14.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. William C. Phinney, April 9.
- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. Arthur F. Buswell, January 11.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Samuel R. Belyea, September; Edward S. Workman, November 12; Eben E. Church, February.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. William F. Keller, October 9.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Foster M. Thompson, April 21; Rufus T. Crane, April 24; Hosea T. Harper, June 15; Nathan G. Smith,\* November 7; William W. Ackley, December 21.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Hiram J. O'Connor, March 10; Amos F. Gerald; Charles H. Richmond; George E. Pratt, December 31; John H. Parkin, February 8.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. William Pettengill, 1908; Ira F. Haynes,\* July 30; Frank R. Dougherty, December; Ogden Smith, January 5; Rufus S. Page, January 29; George W. Lord, February 25.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. T. B. Rowell; Walter Young; C. F. Pratt.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Charles E. Skofield, March 28; William Reed, April 15; Frank A. Nevers,\* August 3; James Crandall,\* November 6; Lionel T. Clough,\* February 12.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Robert S. Bennett, May 16; Tallyrand G. Lary, June 10; James C. Billings, August 12.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Clinton Carpenter, March 14; Daniel Sanborn, October 17; Edwin Kennedy, November 1.
- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Joseph S. Burns, July 26; William F. Harding.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. William L. Blake\*; Albert Young; Welcome F. Fuller; Fernando F. Mason\*; Asa R. Millett\*; Carlos E. Kempton.\*
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. G. G. Dickey, March 3; A. E. Davis, May 22.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Warren E. Pressey, March 31; George A. Calahan, May 1; George H. Field, May 28; George M. Bean, June 18; Charles H. Plummer, June 22; John M. Jackson, July 2; William Stevens, July 24; Levander N. Tarbox, September 22; Edwin F. Scruton, October 19; James H. Linney, December 7; Sylvanus B. Hayes, December 10.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. George W. Farnsworth, February 3; William Dumphee, October 8; Isaiah N. Merritt, November 3; Willard



- D. Coffin, December 6; Francis M. Cole, Lost at sea; Everett C. Coffin, Lost at sea.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. M. A. Hinckley, June, 1911; J. W. Libbey, June 23, 1912; G. R. Parsons, February 25; C. W. Gordon, July 24; O. F. Frost, September 22; William Philbrook, November 1.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Percy Leman, April 15; Llewellyn F. Ludwick, July 11.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. James A. Phair, October 9; H. O. Perry, October 11.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Alfred G. Ricker,\* May 12; Rev. Aura L. Gerrish,\* June 6; Levi A. Ellis,\* July 21; Albert S. Young, August 3; Rev. George G. Hamilton, October 15; Albert F. Bachelder,\* January 9; Samuel J. Thayer, February 28.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Arthur Gibbs, March 25; Frank D. Munroe, May 28; Walter B. Lanning, June 3; William C. Besselier, June 20; Edwin M. Fuller, August 8; Frank W. Dye, December 18; Albion M. Potter, January 19.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Daniel Huntoon,\* March 3; Furman A. Smith,\* September 13.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Henry W. Spaulding,\* April 17.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. John Bradiey, March 31; George W. Clark, September 13; John Parker; Ezra B. Pike, January 18; Howard Brackett, February 2.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Joseph S. Rogers,\* December 11.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Willard M. Griffen, June; Louis F. Murray, November 23; William Griffen, December 10; R. P. Goodhue, December 27.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. Joshua N. Bangs, June; Alfred W. Varney, August.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Charles A. Pressey, May 19; Judson Torrey, June 1; Charles H. Greenlaw, July 14; Samuel Cole, July 16; Horace P. Davis, February 3.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. Jabez S. Mooers, February 16.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Abner B. DeWitt,\* August 19; Wilbur R. Clark, August 24.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. James Connor, November 23; Edgar Weymouth, December 30.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. John W. Vaughan, October 31.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Delancy Sears,\* January 23.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Myron B. Lassell,\* March 28; Alanson G. Caswell, August 24.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Otis J. Witham, March 3; Charles C. Pomroy, Jr., May 30; Amasa Howe, June 25; Eben Williamson,

- August 16; Victor E. Elliott, December 8; Perley C. Brown, January 10.
- 131 Lookout, Cutler. Oliver S. Church, July 1; Augustus McGuire, September 20; G. Victor Ackley, December 6.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Charles E. Wilson, November 5.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. W. Jennings, March 26; Willis A. Knapp, April; Henry S. Balentine; Davis P. True.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. A. H. Weeks; J. H. Beale.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Francis Hawey, March 5; Marcellus L. Fisher, October 28; John F. Dolliver, February 13.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. George Yates, April; L. S. Crosby, April 27; T. J. Calligan, July 18; R. K. Hoor, September 2; George E. Lane, September 2; Thomas Lanier, September 21; I. A. Caldwell, December 20; George Dinsmore, February.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Franklin Chase, May; John T. Porter, September; Thomas Batchelder.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. John W. Somes.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Isaiah Handy, November 6.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. George G. Hatch,\* March 9.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Thomas Stubbs, July 19; Francis L. Senior, November 9.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. John E. Kelley,\* March 1; Samuel J. Cavanor,\* April 10; Albert H. Kenniston, August 27; John H. Foster,\* September 19; Arthur L. Montgomery, September 28; Sidney G. Studley,\* December 10; Oscar H. Neilson, December; Hiram S. Spofford, January 16.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Elisha Cooper, Unknown; Robert W. Wiley,\* May 2; William J. Jameson,\* June 24; Henry E. Calderwood,\* August 2; John W. Woodard,\* November 12; Charles Littlefield,\* December 29; Hanson L. Raymond, January 9.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Alfred Cole, March 13; Lewis B. Spaulding, June 27; George E. Pulsifer, February 13.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. James F. Budge, May 26.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Stephen H. Patten,\* September 12; Luther N. Smith, November 17.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Newell Linnell, January 21; Noel B. Potter, February 17.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. John B. Nealey, March 24; Rufus E. Patterson, October 5.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Howard F. Mains, September 10.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Sidney E. Tolman, January 1; Orrin R. Maxwell, February 17.

- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. Samuel J. White, February 26.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. Alexander Copeland, March 15; Orren Brainerd, June 25; John O. Legroo, February 15; William W. Butterfield, February 19.
- 158 Anchor, South Bristol. Llewellyn S. Gamage, August 15; Austin S. Thompson, December 7; J. Washburn French, December 27.
- 160 Parian, Corinna. Stephen S. Burrill, December 17.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. John N. Brann, May 19; Frank Weymouth, August 8; Lewis P. Foster, October 29.
- 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. William M. Staples,\* September 18; Harris B. Knox, October 24; Amos R. Hanson, February 20.
- 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. William C. Wells, May 16; Alfred Hillman, November 30; William M. Jones, January 14; Charles S. Johnson, January 30.
- 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Ezra M. Jackman, April 29.
- 168 Composite, La Grange. Andrew H. Dyer, October 5.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Palemon C. Mills; Daniel W. Pierce, August 21; Charles H. Fogg, January 23; James R. Hill, February 25.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. Robert McCubrey, April 19; Milton A. York, February 17.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. James D. Gray, April 18; Admiral F. Blake, October 8.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. John McMullen,\* October 4.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Gilbert S. Kelley, November 29.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. John B. Miller; George H. Smith, November 28.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Duncan McKenzie; Harry W. Knight; Frank H. Eales, January 28.
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Charles N. Leach, March 4; Hosea B. Wardwell,\* November 30.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Abbott L. King,\* April 4; Eliphalet H. Hutchins,\* August 7; Charles S. Bartlett,\* September 12; Francis Corson,\* December 1; Leonard H. Macomber,\* January 8; Lionel O. Brackett,\* January 9.
- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Eben E. Morrison, May 13; Benjamin F. Turner, September 9; David W. Boyle, November 24.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Thomas H. Cook, Jr.,\* April 11; Wilbur C. Jordan, June 26; Brown F. Atkin,\* September 25; Albert J. Doughty, December 16; Edwin D. Thompson,\* January 11; Benjamin F. Tarbox, January 26.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Joseph H. Dunham, October 14; Peter C. Fickett, December 20; Israel F. Emmons, January 15.

- 183 Deering, Portland. Edward B. Sargent,\* March 30; Loren C. Nielsen,\* April 17; John W. Lovely,\* May 29; Charles O. Moses,\* September 5; Franklin White,\* October 26; George E. Thompson, November 10; Charles E. Stoneham, January 22.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Oliver P. Remick, March 17; Alfred F. White, November 5; Frank T. Clarkson, December 30; John W. Webster, February 4.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Samuel C. George, June 1; John A. Rodick, February 19.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Charles W. Foy, January 28; A. C. Chute, March 10; Moses D. Purington, May 4; E. A. Anderson, October 27.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. Angus H. Hopkins, September 8; William H. Faulkingham, April 14.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Benjamin D. Littlefield, August 12.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. Harry M. Dorsey,\* August 29.
- 191 Davis, Strong. William E. Bates,\* March 13; Oscar Sweet,\* December 23.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Ira B. Foss, May 10; Peleg L. Tracy, January 26.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. Reuben H. Story, May 28.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Nyron Churchill, May 23; Percy B. Ireland, January 21.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Robert R. Knowlton, February 3; Joseph Jackson, March 14; Frank G. Allen, November 20; Wilmot B. Thurlow, December 30.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Andrew Adams; Herbert J. Seavey; Alfred L. Bennett.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. John M. Ramsay, January 1.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Willie P. Cummings, June 17.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Charles H. Sawyer, August 7.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Francis Stanley, January 24.
- 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Ruel E. Paine,\* July 12; Fred T. Blackwell,\* November 11.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Charles Lynch,\* February 16.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Everett Lander, February 10.
- 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. Lester F. Bradbury, May 2.
- 212 McKinley, McKinley. Fred J. Rich,\* April 2.

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OF

**Millard Fillmore Hicks,**

R. W. GRAND TREASURER 1904 TO 1913.



Born at North Yarmouth July 31, 1850.

Died in Portland April 3, 1914,

AGED 63 YEARS, 8 MONTHS, 3 DAYS.



"Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me."

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**Past Grand Masters.**

M. W. WILLIAM KING,	M. W. TIMOTHY CHASE,
" SIMON GREENLEAF,	" JOHN MILLER,
" WILLIAM SWAN,	" JABEZ TRUE,
" CHARLES FOX,	" HIRAM CHASE,
" SAMUEL FESSENDEN,	" JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
" ROBERT P. DUNLAP,	" WILLIAM P. PREBLE,
" NATHANIEL COFFIN,	" TIMOTHY J. MURRAY,
" REUEL WASHBURN,	" JOHN H. LYNDE,
" ABNER B. THOMPSON,	" DAVID CARGILL,
" HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS,	" ALBERT MOORE,
" THOMAS W. SMITH,	" EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
" JOHN T. PAINE,	" MARQUIS F. KING,
" ALEX'R H. PUTNEY,	" HORACE H. BURBANK,
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" DAVID C. MAGOUN,	" SAM. L. VALENTINE,
" ASAPH R. NICHOLS,	" JOHN J. BELL.

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R. W. GEORGE THACHER,	R. W. F. LORING TALBOT,
" JOHN L. MEGQUIER,	" T. R. SIMONTON,
" JOEL MILLER,	" WILLIAM O. POOR,
" EZRA B. FRENCH,	" SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,
" ISAAC DOWNING,	" JOHN B. REDMAN,
" WILLIAM ALLEN,	" ARLINGTON B. MARSTON,
" GUSTAVUS F. SARGENT,	" JOSEPH M. HAYES,
" DAVID BUGBEE,	" WILLIAM H. SMITH,
" EDMUND B. HINKLEY,	" CURTIS R. FOSTER,
R. W. JAMES M. LARRABEE.	

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" FRYE HALL,	" HENRY H. DICKEY,
" STEPHEN WEBBER,	" A. M. WETHERBEE,
" WILLIAM SOMERBY,	" EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,
" THOMAS B. JOHNSTON,	" CHARLES W. HANEY,
" WILLIAM KIMBALL,	" GOODWIN R. WILEY,
" JOHN WILLIAMS,	" WILFORD J. FISHER,
" STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM,	" SAMUEL G. DAVIS,
" OLIVER GERRISH,	" ALGERNON M. ROAK,
" JOSEPH COVELL,	" SAMUEL L. MILLER.

## List of Lodges by Districts.



### DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 96 Monument, Houlton.                | 170 Caribou, Caribou.   |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 193 Washburn, Washburn. |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle.           | 197 Aroostook, Blaine.  |

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED L. GARDNER, Dennysville.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 Eastern, Eastport.  | 78 Crescent, Pembroke.        |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. |                               |

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM C. IRONS, Addison.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Warren, East Machias.      | 131 Lookout, Cutler.      |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias.         | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point.   |                           |

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—THOMAS C. STANLEY, Brooklin.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 Hancock, Castine.       | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot.      |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle.    | 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill.        |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington.        |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin.    | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |



**DISTRICT NO. 5.**

District Deputy Grand Master—HARRY A. FOWLES, La Grange.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 39 Penobscot, Dexter.      | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo.      | 168 Composite, La Grange.       |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft.       | 200 Columbia, Greenville.       |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville.    |
| 149 Doric, Monson.         |                                 |

**DISTRICT NO. 6.**

District Deputy Grand Master—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor.     | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor.      |
| 60 Star in the East, Oldtown. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel.        |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden.           | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono.         | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag.   |
| 69 Howard, Winterport.        | 174 Lynde, Hermon.            |

**DISTRICT NO. 7.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ELIHU D. CHASE, Unity.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 45 Central, China.          | 111 Liberty, Liberty.        |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike.        | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton.   |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks.    |                              |

**DISTRICT NO. 8.**

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWARD GOODWIN, Lincolnville.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 24 Phoenix, Belfast.           | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast.   |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport.       | 151 Excelsior, Northport.     |
| 89 Island, Islesboro.          |                               |

**DISTRICT NO. 9.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6 Amity, Camden.       | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport.        |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston.  | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor.     |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union.       | 189 Knox, South Thomaston.      |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland.   | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington.   |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. |                                 |

**DISTRICT NO. 10.**

District Deputy Grand Master—WILBUR F. CATE, Dresden.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset.         | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta.        | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor.  |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol.     |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol.          | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay.   |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden.         | 211 Meduncook, Friendship.     |

**DISTRICT NO. 11.**

District Deputy Grand Master—W. LESLIE MALOON, R. F. D. 2,  
Sabattus.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop.   | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills.    |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner.   | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth.      |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta.        |

**DISTRICT NO. 12.**

District Deputy Grand Master—LESTER M. ANDREWS, Oakland.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 33 Waterville, Waterville.       | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield.         | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland.    |
| 53 Rural, Sidney.                | 133 Asylum, Wayne.            |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro.   |

**DISTRICT NO. 13.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CARL C. PIPER, Fairfield.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan.        | 161 Carrabasset, Canaan.   |
| 80 Keystone, Solon.            | 194 Euclid, Madison.       |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield.          | 199 Bingham, Bingham.      |

**DISTRICT NO. 14.**

District Deputy Grand Master—MONROE V. CURTIS, Freeport.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 United, Brunswick.    | 63 Richmond, Richmond.          |
| 14 Solar, Bath.         | 114 Polar Star, Bath.           |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport.  | 121 Acacia, Durham.             |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

**DISTRICT NO. 15.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED E. TREFETHEN, Wilton.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 20 Maine, Farmington.              | 167 Whitney, Canton.          |
| 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 Davis, Strong.            |
| 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips.        | 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 Franklin, New Sharon.          | 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield.   |
| 154 Mystic Tie, Weld.              | 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley.      |
| 156 Wilton, Wilton.                |                               |

**DISTRICT NO. 16.**

District Deputy Grand Master—DAVIS G. LOVEJOY, Bethel.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 18 Oxford, Norway.        | 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond.       |
| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield.        |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield.  | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris.    | 182 Granite, West Paris.            |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel.        |                                     |

**DISTRICT NO. 17.**

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM H. OHLER, JR., Portland.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Portland, Portland.          | 86 Temple, Westbrook.             |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham.   |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth.            | 180 Hiram, South Portland.        |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham.            | 183 Deering, Portland.            |
| 70 Standish, Standish.         | 186 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland.         |                                   |

**DISTRICT NO. 18.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES W. EASTMAN, Fryeburg.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterville.     |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton.    | 153 Delta, Lovell.                |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |
| 117 Greenleaf, Cornish.   |                                   |

**DISTRICT NO. 19.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CLARENCE E. THOMPSON, Saco.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9 Saco, Saco.                 | 142 Ocean, Wells Depot.          |
| 22 York, Kennebunk.           | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills.      |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford.         | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick.    |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 184 Naval, Kittery.              |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport.    | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |

**DISTRICT NO. 20.**

District Deputy Grand Master—PITT H. JONES, Springfield.

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 93 Horeb, Lincoln.       | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth.    |

**DISTRICT NO. 21.**

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, West Sullivan.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19 Felicity, Bucksport          | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor.       |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth.          | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland.          | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor.   | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor.   |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley.           |

**DISTRICT NO. 22.**

District Deputy Grand Master—BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS, Pittsfield.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter.            | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth.         | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland.       | 160 Parian, Corinna.      |

**DISTRICT NO. 23.**

District Deputy Grand Master—OSCAR D. RAND, West Buxton.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 27 Adoniram, Limington.        | 115 Buxton, West Buxton.    |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick.          | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred.          | 143 Preble, Sanford.        |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

**DISTRICT NO. 24.**

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, Lewiston.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston.          |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn.           | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston.         |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls.     | 164 Webster, Sabattus.         |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner.         | 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. |

**DISTRICT NO. 25.**

District Deputy Grand Master—HARDY A. SAWYER, Fort Kent.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 72 Pioneer, Ashland.         | 205 Nollesemeic, Millinocket.   |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten.         | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent.       |

## ~Recapitulation--1914~

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Lodges enrolled, .....	214
"    extinct, .....	9
"    working, .....	205
"    granted charters at communication, 1914, .....	2
"    represented at communication, 1914, .....	188
Number of representatives, .....	254
Lodges to make returns, .....	205
Making returns in time, .....	205
Initiated, .....	1,271
Raised, .....	1,234
Affiliated, .....	77
Re-instated, .....	64
New lodges and corrections, .....	52
Total increase, .....	1,427
Dimitted, .....	167
Died, .....	574
Suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	0
Expelled, .....	0
Lost membership by non-payment of dues, .....	264
Total decrease, .....	1,005
Net increase, .....	422
Members, March 1, 1913, .....	29,872
Members, March 1, 1914, .....	<u>30,294</u>
Grand Lodge Receipts, .....	\$12,547.43
"    "    Disbursements, .....	\$11,078.27
Amount of Charity Fund, .....	\$72,407.22
Income of Charity Fund, .....	\$3,060.66

## Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 2, 1913,	Henry C. Miller, Birmingham.
Alberta, May 27, 1914,	J. A. Jackson, Ponoka.
Arizona, Feb. 11, 1913,	Leroy Middleton, Globe.
Arkansas, Nov. 18, 1913,	David L. Mills, Pine Bluff.
Belgium, 1914,	Charles Magnette, Brussels.
British Columbia, June 19, 1913,	William Henderson, Victoria.
California, Oct. 13, 1913,	John D. Murphey, Bridgeport.
Canada, July 15, 1914,	William D. Macpherson, Toronto.
Cuba, March 26, 1911,	Aurelio Miranda, Habana.
Colorado, Sept. 16, 1913,	William S. Pickerill, Durango.
Connecticut, Feb. 4, 1914,	Edgar H. Parkman, Thompsonville.
Delaware, Oct. 1, 1913,	Frank B. Massay, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 17, 1913,	T. John Newton, Washington.
England, March 4, 1914,	Lord Ampthill, London.
Florida, Jan. 20, 1914,	Aphas L. Wilson, Marianna.
Georgia, Oct. 28, 1913,	Robert L. Colding, Savannah.
Idaho, Sept. 9, 1913,	Curtis F. Pike, Boise.
Illinois, Oct. 14, 1913,	Henry T. Burnap, Upper Alton.
Indiana, May 26, 1914,	Martin A. Morrison, Frankfort.
Iowa, June 10, 1913,	Frank B. Whittaker, Hillsboro.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1913,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 18, 1914,	Charles H. Chandler, Topeka.
Kentucky, Oct. 21, 1913,	Orie S. Ware, Covington.
Louisiana, Feb. 2, 1914,	James H. Caldwell, Robeline.
Maine, May 5, 1914,	Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.
Manitoba, June 10, 1914,	Lynds S. Vaughan, Selkirk.
Maryland, Nov. 18, 1913,	Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 10, 1913,	Melvin M. Johnson, Waltham.
Michigan, May 27, 1913,	William M. Perritt, Detroit (acting).
Minnesota, Jan. 21, 1914,	Robert E. Denfield, Duluth.
Mississippi, Feb. 17, 1914,	Robert A. Carson, Columbus.
Missouri, Sept. 30, 1913,	Van Tremont Boor, Kansas City.
Montana, Sept. 18, 1912,	John G. Bair, Great Falls.
Nebraska, June 3, 1913,	Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow.

## Addresses of Grand Officers.

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### GRAND SECRETARIES.

### CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

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Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.	William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.
Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary.	S. Y. Taylor, Calgary.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson.	Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	George T. Black, Salem.
Georges Petre, Brussels.	None.
W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.	W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.
John Whicher, San Francisco.	Edward H. Hart, San Francisco.
Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont.	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Carlos G. Charles, Habana.	Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Habana.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
George A. Kies, Hartford.	George A. Kies, Hartford.
Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington.	Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
Sir Edward Letchworth, London.	None.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
William A. Wolihin, Macon.	Charles L. Bass, Atlanta.
Theophilus W. Randall, Boisé.	George E. Knepper, Kendrick.
Isaac Cutter, Camp Point.	Owen Scott, Decatur.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.	Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis.
Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.	Louis Block, Davenport.
Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.	Matthew M. Miller, Topeka.
Dave Jackson, Louisville.	William W. Clark, Owensboro.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans.	Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria.
Stephen Berry, Portland.	Albro E. Chase, Portland.
James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.	Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
George Cook, Baltimore.	Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore.
Thomas W. Davis, Boston.	None.
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.	Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.
John Fishel, St. Paul.	Irving Todd, Hastings.
Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg.	Harry T. Howard, Biloxi.
John R. Parson, St. Louis.	Charles C. Woods, St. Louis.
Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena.	Herman S. Hepner, Helena.
Francis E. White, Omaha.	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Nevada, June 10, 1913,	William M. David, Carson City.
New Brunswick, Aug. 26, 1913,	Frederick J. G. Knowlton, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 20, 1914,	Stephen S. Jewett, Laconia.
New Jersey, April 22, 1914,	Charles P. Russ, Trenton.
New Mexico, Oct. 20, 1913,	Nathan Jaffa, Roswell.
N. South Wales, June 11, 1913,	Dr. C. U. Carruthers.
New York, May 5, 1914,	George Freifeld, Brooklyn.
New Zealand, May 14, 1913,	Maurice Thompson, Invercargill.
North Carolina, Jan. 13, 1914,	John T. Alderman, Henderson.
North Dakota, June 16, 1914,	Frank H. Sprague, Grafton.
Nova Scotia, June 10, 1914,	Wm. Medford Christie, Windsor.
Ohio, Oct. 22, 1913,	Charles J. Pretzman, Columbus.
Oklahoma, Feb. 11, 1914,	William P. Freeman, McAlester.
Oregon, June 11, 1913,	S. S. Spencer, Eugene.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1913,	J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia.
Peru, 1911,	
Philippine Islands, Feb. 3, 1914,	Newton C. Comfort, Manila.
Puerto Rico, 1913,	W. F. Lippitt, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 24, 1914,	George S. Inman, Montague.
Quebec, Feb. 11, 1914,	John E. Wright, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 18, 1914,	J. Fred Parker, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 18, 1914,	L. T. Macdonald, Regina.
Scotland, Nov. 6, 1913,	R. King Stewart, Murdostoun.
South Australia, April 16, 1913,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 9, 1913,	George T. Bryan, Greenville.
South Dakota, June 9, 1914,	George Philip, Fort Pierre.
Tasmania, Feb. 19, 1914,	William G. E. Macartney, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 28, 1914,	Thomas J. Bonner, Rives.
Texas, Dec. 2, 1913,	A. W. Houston, San Antonio.
Utah, Jan. 20, 1914,	James Wm. Cherry, Mount Pleasant.
Vermont, June 10, 1914,	Charles H. Darling, Burlington.
Victoria, Dec. 17, 1913,	Rev. Albert T. Holden.
Virginia, Feb. 10, 1914,	Phillip K. Bauman, Lloyds.
Washington, June 11, 1914,	William J. Sutton, Cheney.
West Virginia, Nov. 12, 1913,	Thomas P. Jacobs, New Martinsville.
West. Australia, April 24, 1913,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 9, 1914,	Bernard F. Keeler, La Crosse.
Wyoming, Sept. 3, 1913,	Fred C. Barnett, Cody.



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## CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.	Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.
J. Twining Hartt, St. John.	James Vroom, St. Stephen.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord.	Harry M. Cheney, Concord.
Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton.	Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.	James H. Wroth, Albuquerque.
Arthur H. Bray, Sidney.	S. Scott-Young,
Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.	William Sherer, Brooklin.
Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin.	Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin.
John C. Drewry, Raleigh.	John A. Collins, Enfield.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.	James W. Foley, Bismarck.
Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.	Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.
Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.	Nelson Williams, Hamilton.
Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City.	Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo.
James F. Robinson, Portland.	David P. Mason, Albany.
John A. Perry, Philadelphia.	James M. Lamberton, Harrisburg.
J. Benjamin Choza, Lima.	None.
Amos G. Bellis, Manila.	H. Eugene Stafford, Manila.
Jose G. Torres, San Juan.	H. Glyde Gregory, San Juan.
Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.	Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.
Will H. Whyte, Montreal.	E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
S. Penrose Williams, Providence.	William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket.
John M. Shaw, Regina.	Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina.
David Reid, Edinburgh.	None.
Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide.	J. R. Robertson.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia.	A. S. Rowell, Piedmont.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.	Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls.
John Hamilton, Hobart.	
John B. Garrett, Nashville.	Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga.
W. B. Pierson, Waco.	George W. Tyler, Belton.
Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City.	Charles B. Jack, Salt Lake City.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington.	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor.
Charles James Barrow, Melbourne.	David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond.	Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond.
Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.	Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle.
John M. Collins, Charleston.	George W. Atkinson, Charleston.
J. D. Stevenson, Perth.	J. D. Stevenson, Perth.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee.	Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville.
William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga.	William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga.

## REPRESENTATIVES

### Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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- Alabama—CHARLES H. WINSTON, Bodka.  
Alberta—CLAUDE W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.  
Arizona—MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, Oakland, Cal.  
Arkansas—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.  
Belgium—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.  
British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.  
Canada—COLIN W. POSTLETHWAITE, Toronto.  
Colorado—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.  
Cuba—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.  
Connecticut—CHARLES M. BEACH, New Milford.  
Delaware—JACOB H. EMERSON, Middletown.  
District of Columbia—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.  
Florida—WILLIAM S. WARE, Jacksonville.  
Georgia—WILLIAM B. KENT, Unknown.  
Idaho—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.  
Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.  
Indiana—ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.  
Kansas—DAVID B. FULLER, Eureka.  
Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.  
Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.  
Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.  
Michigan—WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee.  
Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.  
Mississippi—FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg.  
Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.  
Montana—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.  
Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.  
Nevada—SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.  
New Brunswick—HERBERT E. GOOLD, Sussex.  
New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.

- New Jersey—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.  
New York—CLAUDE PRAGER, 461 Fourth Ave., New York.  
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.  
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.  
North Carolina—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.  
North Dakota—WALTER L. CARTER, Wahpeton.  
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.  
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.  
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.  
Oregon—JOHN MCCrackEN, Portland.  
Peru—  
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.  
Quebec—JOHN BOTHWELL TRESIDDER, Montreal.  
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.  
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.  
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.  
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.  
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.  
Tasmania—WM. G. WILKINSON, Launceton.  
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.  
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.  
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.  
Vermont—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.  
Victoria—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.  
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.  
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.  
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.  
West Virginia—A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.  
Wisconsin—GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

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### **Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine.**

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- Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Liberty.  
Alberta—MANLY G. TRASK, Bangor.  
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.  
Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.  
Belgium—ELMER P. SPOFFORD, Deer Isle.  
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.  
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, Bar Harbor.  
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.  
Cuba—LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.  
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.  
Delaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.  
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.  
Florida—FRED. C. CHALMERS, Bangor.  
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.  
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.  
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.  
Indiana—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.  
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.  
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.  
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.  
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.  
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.  
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.  
Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.  
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.  
Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.  
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.  
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.  
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.  
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT, Seasmont.  
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.  
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.  
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.  
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.  
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.  
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.  
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.  
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.  
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.  
Peru—ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Norway.  
Prince Edward Island—GEO. W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.  
Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.  
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.  
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.  
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.  
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.  
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.  
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.  
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.  
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.  
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.  
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.  
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.  
Victoria—GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.  
Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.  
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.  
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.  
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.  
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

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# Grand Lodge of Maine.

1915

## Ninety-Sixth Annual Communication.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Tuesday, May 4, 1915. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine met in Annual Communication in Masonic Temple at nine in the morning.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

THOMAS H. BODGE,	M. W. Grand Master;
WALDO PETTENGILL,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master;
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	" Senior Grand Warden;
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,	" Junior Grand Warden;
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" Grand Treasurer;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" " Secretary;
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary;
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain;
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "
L. ELWOOD JONES,	" " Marshal;
GEORGE F. GIDDINGS,	" " Senior Deacon;
JOHN C. ARNOLD,	" " Junior Deacon;
ELMER A. DOTEN,	" " Steward;
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " "
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" " "
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant;
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer;
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist;
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler.

Also 259 delegates, representing 195 of the 205 chartered lodges, 5 of the 10 living Past Grand Masters, with 25 out of the other 41 permanent members, including 36 of the 59 representatives of other Grand Lodges, together with visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, prayer being offered by the Rev. Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL,

*Voted*, To dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual communication, and that as printed they be confirmed.

On motion of Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER,

*Voted*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this annual communication.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL,

*Voted*, That the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ assistants, not exceeding four, to aid him in the work of his office during the session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to place the names of such employees upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH as Assistant Grand Secretary.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. STEPHEN BERRY submitted the following report, which was accepted:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1915.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Transportation arranged with passenger lines as usual, except that the Eastern Steamship Co. joined the Boston & Maine

R. R. in declining concessions, and notified the lodges and members of the terms granted.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
WM. FREEMAN LORD, } *Committee.*  
JAMES E. PARSONS,

The Grand Master appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Doings of the Grand Officers.*

HOWARD D. SMITH, JAMES E. PARSONS, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

*On the Pay Roll.*

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, WARREN D. TRASK, FRANK H. BODGE.

*On Unfinished Business.*

ALBERT M. PENLEY, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, }  
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1914. }

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to their duties and would report that the chartered lodges are represented as follows:

- 1 PORTLAND, by Charles B. Hinds, M; T. Ernest Harmon, SW; Percy C. Dresser, JW; George F. Gould, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by James R. Talbot, M; Herbert Harris, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by William D. Patterson, Proxy.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Walter C. Brown, M; Roland B. Brown, Proxy.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Lloyd O. Powers, M; George E. Dixon, Proxy.
- 6 AMITY, by Wilson D. Barron, JW; Leander M. Kenniston, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by William S. Mildon, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by William S. Rogers, JW.
- 9 ———SACO, not represented.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by James I. Shute, M; Frank P. Denaco, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by Benjamin T. Newman, Proxy.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Frank H. Gray, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by John W. Emery, M; George W. Barber, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Ralph H. Dunton, M.

- 15 ORIENT, by William C. Lenfest, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LANDMARK, by Charles O. Caswell, M; George A. Coffin, SW; William W. Andrews, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Fred E. Smith, SW; Raymond H. Eastman, JW; Merton L. Kimball, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by William R. Beazley, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry E. Knapp, M; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Fred Raymond, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Charles W. Roberts, M; Albert W. Meserve, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Leon L. Bean, M.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Orris S. Vickery, M; Wilmer J. Dorman, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Levi D. French, SW; Elwood E. Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Caleb W. Sedgley, SW.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by James F. Pillsbury, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Trueman B. Carl, JW; John M. Getchell, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by George L. Foss, M; Daniel L. Stetson, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Frank M. Rawley, M; Fred O. Eaton, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by Ralph L. Williams, M; Ralph B. Lewis, SW.
- 32 HERMON, by Donald S. McNaughton, M; Harry E. Larrabee, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Charles L. Jones, M.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Charles W. Sheaff, M; Edward F. Merrill, JW; John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by John Clyde Arnold, M; Warren D. Trask, JW.
- 36 CASCO, by Louis W. Riggs, M; Charles B. Corliss, SW; Augustus H. Humphrey, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by James W. Mitchell, JW.
- 38 HARMONY, by Fred R. Summersides, M; Charles E. Cobb, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Lee F. Schoff, M.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Chester E. Norris, Proxy.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Henry Taylor, M.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Chadbourn O. Woodsome, JW.
- 43 ALNA, by Alfred W. Huston, Proxy.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles S. Horne, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles A. Pinkham, M; Wallace W. Jones, SW.
- 46 ST. CROIX, by Henry R. Gillis, M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by George M. Gordon, Proxy.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Cyrus D. Winters, M; Frank H. Bodge, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Fred G. Greenway, M; Lewman B. Soper, Proxy.
- 50 AURORA, by George T. Stewart, M.

- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Clarence P. Lord, M; Frank A. Prescott, SW; John M. Burleigh, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Eugene A. Whittredge, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Clyde G. Blake, SW.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by C. Maurice Wyman, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by James H. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Adolphus D. Fessenden, Proxy.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by Charles L. Dillingham, Proxy.
- 58 UNITY, by Fred N. Flye, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE,—*Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Kent R. Fox, Proxy.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by G. Fred Gillchrest, M.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Joseph E. Thomas, SW.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Wallace N. Price, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC, by George G. Grinnell, M.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Samuel S. Emerson, M.
- 66 MECHANIC'S, by Hermon H. Hanson, M.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Nathaniel H. Harnden, M.
- 68 MARINERS', by George R. Wilson, M.
- 69 HOWARD, by Edward S. Young, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Robie C. Marean, M; Fred B. Sanborn, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Fremont B. Patten, Proxy.
- 72 PIONEER, by C. Fred Coffin, JW.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Jesse M. Libby, Proxy.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Charles T. Harris, Proxy.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by George N. Stevens, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by John C. Ralph, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Frank C. Gardner, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Emil F. Witten, M.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myron C. Jewett, M; Mottier L. French, SW.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by William S. Dresser, M; William K. Herrmann, SW; Fanning J. Burbank, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Frank C. Cobb, Proxy.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Ernest L. Lyman, JW.
- 84 ———EUREKA, not represented.
- 85 STAR IN THE WEST, by Austin T. Myrick, SW; Fred A. Whitten, Proxy.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Oliver A. Cobb, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Walter A. Smith, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by William F. Campbell, Proxy.
- 89 ———ISLAND, not represented.

- 90 HIRAM ABIFF,—*Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by Ralph W. Albee, M.
- 92 SILOAM, by Benjamin M. Bradbury, Proxy.
- 93 HOREB, by Frank R. Linton, M; Daniel W. Ballantyne, Proxy.
- 94 PARIS, by Charles E. McArdle, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Lynne H. Blanchard, Proxy.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Charles E. F. Stetson, Proxy.
- 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, SW.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Irving H. Bragg, JW.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Joseph W. Allen, JW.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Albert W. Arkett, M.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles F. Bradford, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Willard S. Jones, M.
- 103 DRESDEN, by George T. Cotton, Proxy.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Joseph A. Banks, Proxy.
- 105 ASHLAR, by Frank M. Cummings, M; Philip E. Coombs, SW.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Lewis H. Lackee, M.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Oliver F. Hammond, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF,—*Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Charles S. Bennett, M; Carroll S. Douglass,  
Proxy.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Willard E. Day, M.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, M.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by A. Loomis Sawyer, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by James H. Witherell, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Daniel S. Brierley, M; Joseph E. Anderson, Proxy.
- 115 BUXTON, by Frank Hargraves, Proxy.
- 116 LEBANON, by Lewis L. Robinson, M.
- 117 GREENLEAF, by Lester C. Ayer, M; Harry G. Swasey, JW; Daniel  
G. Chaplin, Proxy.
- 118 DRUMMOND, by Woodbridge G. O. Ridlon, M.
- 119 POWNAL, by Harry S. Kearney, JW.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK,—*Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ACACIA, by Ralph P. Stackpole, M; Lyndon R. Sylvester, JW.
- 122 MARINE, by Herman W. Small, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by Fred W. Saunders, Proxy.
- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Charles L. Marrows, M; Ernest T. Dexter, SW.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Thomas F. Connor, M; Orin E. Libby, Proxy.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Lynwood B. Thompson, JW.
- 127 PRESUMPSCOT, by William K. Foster, SW; John C. Nichols, Proxy.
- 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by John W. Cousins, Proxy.
- 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Frank W. Bryant, JW; Ariel B. Knight, Proxy.

- 130 TRINITY, by Sherman W. Boone, M.
- 131 LOOKOUT, by Caleb G. Aldrich, M.
- 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Elbridge P. Kimball, Proxy.
- 133 ASYLUM, by Thurlow B. Tarbox, M.
- 134 TROJAN,—*Consolidated with Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, in 1888.*
- 135 RIVERSIDE, by Harold E. Dow, M.
- 136 IONIC,—*Charter surrendered in 1882.*
- 137 KENDUSKEAG, by Walter N. Batchelder, M.
- 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Willard E. Streeter, Proxy.
- 139 ARCHON, by Fred M. Johnston, Proxy.
- 140 ———MOUNT DESERT, not represented.
- 141 AUGUSTA, by Francis S. H. Callaghan, M; Albert M. Pingree, Proxy.
- 142 OCEAN, by Perley C. Goodwin, M; Lamont A. Stevens, Proxy.
- 143 PREBLE, by Frank W. McCann, Proxy.
- 144 SEASIDE, by George A. Boyd, Proxy.
- 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Freeman L. Roberts, Proxy.
- 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Linwood S. Eastman, M.
- 147 EVENING STAR, by Olpha L. Varney, Proxy.
- 148 FOREST, by Raymond Ham, M.
- 149 DORIC, by Earl H. Jackson, M.
- 150 RABBONI, by John M. Googins, M; Louis B. Costello, JW.
- 151 EXCELSIOR, by Rodel A. Packard, Proxy.
- 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Sumner J. Skillings, M.
- 153 ———DELTA, not represented.
- 154 MYSTIE TIE, by Albert M. Child, M.
- 155 ANCIENT YORK, by William A. Hollis, M; George B. Shorey, Proxy.
- 156 WILTON, by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
- 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Reginald H. Farrar, SW.
- 158 ———ANCHOR, not represented.
- 159 ESOTERIC,—*Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.*
- 160 PARIAN, by L. Everett Hutchins, SW.
- 161 CARRABASSETT, by Harvey B. Harris, M.
- 162 ARION, by J. Burton Roberts, Proxy.
- 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by John Roberts, M; Erwin G. Ryder, Proxy.
- 164 WEBSTER, by Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., Proxy.
- 165 MOLUNKUS, by Frank A. Ambrose, SW.
- 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Benjamin J. Sherman, SW.
- 167 WHITNEY, by John N. Foye, Proxy.
- 168 COMPOSITE, by Lewis M. Blake, M.
- 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Ralph W. Giles, M.
- 170 CARIBOU, by Floyd A. Smith, M.
- 171 NASKEAG, by Owen L. Flye, Proxy.

- 172 PINE TREE, by Virgil W. Hobbs, Proxy.
- 173 PLEIADES, by Joseph F. Leighton, M.
- 174 LYNDE, by Claude O. Hunt, M.
- 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
- 176 PALESTINE,—*Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
- 177 RISING STAR, by Albert P. Leach, Proxy.
- 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by J. Webster Bennett, M; Ned Willis, JW.
- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Elmer B. Kendall, JW; William B. Littlefield, Proxy.
- 180 HIRAM, by William A. Seyford, M; Frederick G. Hamilton, Proxy.
- 181 REUEL WASHBURN—*Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
- 182 GRANITE, by Ralph A. Bacon, M.
- 183 DEERING, by William H. Richardson, M; Fred A. Handy, SW; Stephen W. Dimick, JW; Francis E. Chase, Proxy.
- 184 NAVAL, by I. James Merry, M.
- 185 BAR HARBOR, by Kenneth McLean, M; Arthur W. Brown, Proxy.
- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Joseph D. Small, Proxy.
- 187 IRA BERRY, by Charles A. Snow, Proxy.
- 188 ———JONESPORT, not represented.
- 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, M.
- 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
- 191 DAVIS, by Diah Sweet, M.
- 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Hoel H. Hanson, JW.
- 193 WASHBURN, by Perry M. Porter, M.
- 194 EUCLID, by Waldo E. Houghton, M.
- 195 RELIANCE, by Ralph E. Seekins, JW.
- 196 BAY VIEW, by Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
- 197 AROOSTOOK, by Paul T. Bubar, Proxy.
- 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by John D. Keene, Proxy.
- 199 BINGHAM, by Philip A. Wood, M.
- 200 COLUMBIA, by Adelbert G. Rogers, JW.
- 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Fred E. Blaisdell, M.
- 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Danville C. Durrell, Proxy.
- 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Benjamin K. Ware, M.
- 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Fred Hutchins, Proxy.
- 205 NOLLESEMIC, by Howard W. Chase, M.
- 206 ISLAND FALLS, by George A. Palmer, M; John J. Marr, Proxy.
- 207 ———ABNER WADE, not represented.
- 208 NORTH EAST HARBOR, by George E. Turner, Proxy.
- 209 ———FORT KENT, not represented.
- 210 BAGADUCE, by Neal F. Dow, M.



- 211 MEDUNCOOK, by Wilbur A. Morse, SW.  
 212 MCKINLEY, by Herbert P. Richardson, Proxy.  
 213 ———KEMANKEAG, not represented.  
 214 LIMESTONE, by Dennis F. Getchell, Proxy.

Chartered lodges, 205 ; represented, 195 ; delegates, 259.

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W.	WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	FRANK E. SLEEPER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBRO E. CHASE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDMUND B. MALLET,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.	LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. S. G. W.
"	DANIEL P. BOYNTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HERBERT HARRIS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. PENLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES E. PARSONS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES W. CROSBY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WILLIAM N. HOWE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
"	AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WM. FREEMAN LORD,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ADELBERT MILLETT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDWARD G. WESTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	GEORGE W. HOLMES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

THOMAS H. BODGE, - - - -	M. W. Grand Master.
WALDO PETTENGILL, - - - -	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
ISAAC A. CLOUGH, - - - -	" Senior Grand Warden.
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, - - - -	" Junior Grand Warden.
ALBRO E. CHASE, - - - -	" Grand Treasurer.
STEPHEN BERRY, - - - -	" Grand Secretary.
CONVERS E. LEACH, - - - -	" Cor. Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, - - - -	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
WILLIAM C. IRONS, - - - -	" 3d "
JULIAN H. HOOPER, - - - -	" 4th "
RALPH W. MOORE, - - - -	" 6th "
ELIHU D. CHASE, - - - -	" 7th "
EDWARD GOODWIN, - - - -	" 8th "
ALBERT H. NEWBERT, - - - -	" 9th "
WILBUR F. CATE, - - - -	" 10th "
W. LESLIE MALOON, - - - -	" 11th "
CARL C. PIPER, - - - -	" 13th "
MONROE V. CURTIS, - - - -	" 14th "
FRED E. TREFETHEN, - - - -	" 15th "
DAVIS G. LOVEJOY, - - - -	" 16th "
WILLIAM H. OHLER, JR., - - - -	" 17th "
JAMES W. EASTMAN, - - - -	" 18th "
CLARENCE E. THOMPSON, - - - -	" 19th "
PITT H. JONES, - - - -	" 20th "
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, - - - -	" 21st "
BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS, - - - -	" 22d "
WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, - - - -	" 24th "
HARDY A. SAWYER, - - - -	" 25th "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY, - - - -	W. Grand Chaplain.
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, - - - -	" " "
L. ELWOOD JONES, - - - -	" " Marshal.
GEORGE F. GIDDINGS, - - - -	" " Senior Deacon.
ELMER A. DOTEN, - - - -	" " Steward.
CHARLES B. DAVIS, - - - -	" " "
RALPH H. BURBANK, - - - -	" " "
DAVID E. MOULTON, - - - -	" " "
WARREN C. KING, - - - -	" " Pursuivant.
FRANK E. SLEEPER, - - - -	" " Lecturer.
WALTER S. SMITH, - - - -	" " Organist.
WINSLOW E. HOWELL, - - - -	" " Tyler.

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.  
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY.  
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE.  
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER.  
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY.  
Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS.  
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE.  
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES.  
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.  
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.  
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.  
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES.  
Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH.  
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON.  
Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE.  
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON.  
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.  
New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT.  
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS.  
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS.  
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL.  
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH.  
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD.  
Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL.  
Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE.  
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER.  
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE.  
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH.  
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY.  
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON.  
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY.  
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY.  
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.  
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON.  
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY.  
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. ADAMS,  
RALPH H. BURBANK, } *Committee.*  
CHARLES B. DAVIS,

The report was accepted, and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions might be made.

Vacancies in the Standing Committees for this session were filled.

Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE then delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

### **ANNUAL ADDRESS.**

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge;*

With hearts full of gratitude to Almighty God for his love and protecting care which has brought us through another year of life and again permitted us to assemble in annual communication, we have, led by our Grand Chaplain, humbly sought his blessing upon our work. We adore him as our Great Creator and do not presume to enter upon any great and important undertaking without first looking to him for guidance and direction. In all our deliberations and actions while here assembled and legislating for the Craft, may we not forget "we are in the presence of the Holy One whose eyes behold, and whose eyelids try the children of men."

We are certainly to congratulate ourselves upon the peace and harmony which obtain between the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. The few ripples are hardly to be perceived in the vast calm that is so general. In nearly every case where any difference has arisen it has been found, after careful inquiry, to be caused by some member and not to be the fault of the Craft in general.

Our growth has been steady and healthy and probably as great as is desirable,—the net gain for the year being 590. We cannot be too often reminded it is quality and not quantity we should

look for in estimating our gains. One good earnest worker, with love for the Craft and knowledge of our mysteries, will go farther toward strengthening our Fraternity than many whose apparent aim in obtaining the degrees is to use them as means to some ulterior end, and whose chief assistance is in the dues they pay.

We are to be congratulated upon the strong, intelligent, devoted men who make up the membership of the lodges of Maine, practicing out of the lodge the duty they have been taught in it. Wherever men are known as masons they are looked upon as worthy of confidence, and when they forget their obligations and violate their vows the Craft must suffer for the lapse from virtue, and should be faithful to deal with them.

As we come together and meet each other with the strong hand-clasp and words of hearty greeting, we are not unmindful some whom we have been accustomed to meet in former years are no longer with us. Their work here is ended, and they have entered upon another life; what its joy and bliss we can only conjecture. So long as we are human we cannot refrain from longing for the presence of those who have passed beyond the veil; but by the sprig of acacia we are ever reminded that there is another and better life into which we shall all enter; for it we are daily preparing ourselves, aye, and in a measure the lives of others, for no man can live to himself alone.

Since our last annual communication the summons: "Come up higher; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" has been heard within this Grand Lodge, and the call obeyed by three of our well beloved Past Grand Masters, including the Senior and Junior in point of service.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES I. COLLAMORE died at his home in Bangor July 13, 1914, aged 79 years. He received the symbolic degrees in Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, in 1865, and so had nearly rounded out a full half century of masonic life. He was elected Grand Master in 1879 and 1880, and had been a regular attendant upon all the sessions of the Grand Lodge, serving upon some of the most important committees.

MOST Worshipful Brother ELMER P. SPOFFORD died at his home in Deer Isle December 12, 1914, aged 52 years. He was elected Grand Master in 1912 and 1913, and though able to be present during only a part of the session of 1914, it was hoped he might regain his health and be spared to the Craft for many years; but it was not to be. After seeking the best that medicine and surgery could perform he returned to his home and calmly awaited the summons.

MOST Worshipful Brother ALFRED S. KIMBALL died at his home in Norway April 12, 1915, aged 72 years. He received the symbolic degrees in Oxford Lodge, No. 18, Norway, in 1864, and became a charter member and second Master of Mt. Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, Waterford. He was elected Grand Master in 1902 and 1903, and was a most valuable member on important committees, being the successor of M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond as chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

OSCAR D. RAND, District Deputy Grand Master for the 23d District, died April 14th at his home in Buxton, aged 64 years. He was one of the most prominent citizens of his home town and a Past Master of Buxton Lodge, No. 115, which conducted the funeral services.

I have requested M. W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith to prepare a memorial for Past Grand Master COLLAMORE; M. W. Bro. Edmund B. Mallet a memorial for Past Grand Master SPOFFORD; and R. W. Bro. Howard D. Smith a memorial for Past Grand Master KIMBALL, and they will be presented later at this session of this Grand Lodge.

Masonry in Maine has met with a great loss, but we cannot mourn because they have gone from our sight. If the teachings of Masonry mean anything it is surely that what we call Death is but the door to the Celestial Lodge above, into which all who faithfully perform their tasks here below hope to be admitted. As we consider how one short year ago they were with us and active in our deliberations, methinks their spirits are with us even now, and we can almost hear them say:

" Farewell, friends! Yet not farewell;  
Where I am, ye too shall dwell.  
I am gone before your face,  
A moment's time, a little space.  
When ye come where I have stepped,  
Ye will marvel why ye wept;  
Ye will know by wise love taught,  
That here is all, and there is naught.  
Weep a while, if ye are fain,  
Sunshine still must follow rain!  
Only not at death—for death,  
Now I know—is that first breath  
Which our souls draw when we enter  
Life, which is of all life center,  
He who died \* \* \* sends  
This to comfort faithful friends."

## DECISIONS.

While many questions have been asked during the year, replies have in nearly all cases been largely to quote from former decisions or the Constitutions and Regulations. In the following there will be little that is entirely new, but some of the questions have perplexed the Craft and so report is made for future reference.

*Query.* A member, resident within the jurisdiction of a lodge, secures a dimit. Can he without changing his residence make application to and become a member of another lodge?

A dimitted member may petition for membership in any lodge in any jurisdiction, regardless of his residence or its location.

*Statement.* A member of a lodge in Massachusetts joins a lodge in Maine without taking a dimit from the Massachusetts lodge. Is he legally a member of the Maine lodge?

Section 134 of the Constitutions reads: "No brother shall be a member of more than one lodge \* \* \*," and in 1863 the Committee on Jurisprudence reported: "If the question is to be understood can a brother be admitted a member of a lodge in this

state while yet a member of a lodge in another state, we consider the Constitution imperative, *he can not.*" A petitioner for affiliation must always file his dimit before becoming a member of the electing lodge.

Later inquiry was made as to what disposition should be made of the case, as the brother in question had been carried on the records and reported as a member for some time. I directed the proper course would be to enter at length upon the lodge records all the facts in the case, adding thereto in effect that the lodge had no jurisdiction, and unintentionally, contrary to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, accepted and recorded as a member the brother in question; therefore the whole proceedings are null and void and the brother has never been a member of the lodge; and an explanation of the fact should be entered when the returns to the Grand Secretary are next made.

*Statement.* The petition of an applicant for the degrees was balloted on and, although only one cube appeared, the Master declared the candidate rejected and did not pass the ballot a second time. Must the rejection stand?

The rejection is legal, and the candidate must abide by the decision, though a second ballot should have been taken immediately, one negative only appearing on the first ballot. The informality does not invalidate the declared rejection. The petitioner must wait six months from the date of rejection before another application can be made.

Has a member who was present at the ballot upon an applicant for the degrees the right to later object to his initiation?

The fundamental law that complete unanimity must be expressed in every case up to the time a candidate is initiated gives every member, whether present at the ballot or not, the right to object; and we can conceive instances where further information would warrant, yes, compel a brother to object, even though he had balloted favorably.

A lodge performed the usual masonic burial service at the funeral of a brother. Later a public memorial service was proposed



at which it was the desire of the family that the lodge be present, and the question was asked if such were permissible.

I replied, while it would unquestionably be very gratifying to the brethren to comply with the request of the family to pay this further tribute of respect to the departed brother, there is no warrant for such course, so far as I can find, and the decision that a lodge cannot appear as such at the funeral services for a deceased brother when the body is not present would indicate permission for the contemplated action cannot be given. The usual service already performed is all that can or could be done.

A brother, raised in one of our lodges in 1885, dimitted and removed to a western state several years ago, reported he had lost his diploma and dimit through theft and wished duplicates. What action should the lodge take?

I advised as follows: No duplicate of the diploma and dimit can be issued. The action to be taken in the case is for the lodge to receive the communication for record; then vote to instruct the secretary to make abstracts from the records showing that on a given date a certain Oliver Lane was raised a Master Mason, and on another date was, at his request, granted a dimit; setting forth the reason for issuing such statement is that said Oliver Lane claims to have lost his diploma and dimit through theft. Caution should be used that this be delivered only upon reasonable evidence of the identity of the party requesting it, and without recommendation, that improper use may be guarded against so far as possible.

A lodge elected and initiated a candidate. Objection was then made to his further advancement by an out-of-town member who was unaware that his name was even being considered. Would the objection in the circumstances stop the candidate?

The fact the objector did not know the petition was in until after ballot and initiation has no legal bearing upon the case. Every petition is received, referred, reported and balloted upon under certain restrictions and all requirements were fulfilled. An objection before initiation is equivalent to rejection by ballot, but

if objections to the advancement of a candidate are made after initiation such objections must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by vote of the lodge.

Previous to the proceedings in one of the trials to which your attention will be called, arose the question of the extent of the jurisdiction of a lodge over a dimitted mason and offences alleged to have been committed by him.

Recognizing the law that "a lodge has jurisdiction over offences committed by its members, wherever they may be, or by masons residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction, and offences committed therein by masons residing elsewhere," and "if the offence is committed by the member of another lodge, his own lodge has concurrent jurisdiction in the matter," I advised the lodge to proceed to try the accused on all the specifications, regardless of the location of the places at which the offences were committed; believing that the generally accepted law as to the jurisdiction over members of the lodge may with propriety be extended to give to the lodge the same wide jurisdiction over offences committed by dimitted and unaffiliated masons still resident within the jurisdiction of such lodge.

Objection was made to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice, and certain members of the lodge believed the candidate should be allowed to appear to defend himself.

I fail to find warrant for admitting him to the hearing and further believe it unnecessary, unwise and unlawful to do so. It is not a trial, nor has the candidate the right to appearance and defense as a Master Mason on trial would have; neither has he the right to any information as to the objections or reasons for failure to receive advancement or the transactions of the lodge further than the results that affect his candidacy; how those results are obtained is not of his concern, as he is not of the membership acting.

Cases of this kind will sorely tax the faithfulness of the members to their obligations to secrecy regarding the transactions of the lodge.

Some years ago a lodge suspended a member for non-payment of dues. Later he paid all arrearages and two years advance dues.

The records show that soon after it was "voted a dimit be granted," but no report was made of it to the Grand Secretary until the second year following. His ledger account was not closed and he has paid dues regularly. Upon change of secretaries the situation was discovered and inquiry made as to the proper procedure.

After learning by correspondence that the dimit was never delivered or even issued, that the brother, who had moved to a distant state, had considered himself in good standing and had no wish to sever his membership, and the lodge wished to retain him, I directed that on the page of the records showing a dimit was granted a foot note should be added to denote that same was never issued and consequently the brother's membership was never severed. In the records of the next stated meeting it would be well to have such report inserted, and when the returns are next made to the Grand Lodge, report him as a member in good standing, with an explanation that while he was reported dimitted on the returns of 1913 it was an error.

A life member of a lodge asks for and receives a dimit. He desires to affiliate with another lodge. Can he do so, being a life member of the first lodge?

The expression "life member" is somewhat of a misnomer; it merely indicates no further dues need be paid as certain conditions have been complied with.

A brother who is dimitted from a regular lodge, and holds his dimit can apply in the usual manner to become affiliated with any lodge. The fact he was a life member of his lodge at the time of taking a dimit has no bearing upon the case. Dimission from the lodge severed his connection and he now has neither vote nor standing therein.

## BY-LAWS.

By-Laws, or amendments to same, of

Hiram Lodge, No. 180,  
Limestone Lodge, No. 214,  
Star in the East Lodge, No. 60,  
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124,  
Preble Lodge, No. 143,  
Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99,  
Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213,  
Atlantic Lodge, No. 81,  
Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44,  
Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35,  
Kennebec Lodge, No. 5,  
Doric Lodge, No. 149,  
Excelsior Lodge, No. 151,  
Day Spring, No. 107,

have been approved. In nearly all cases the amendments have been to change the nights of meetings or to raise the dues. The lodges are wisely learning that the dues should be sufficient to care for the ordinary expenses without the necessity of receiving, or shall we say procuring, candidates to benefit from the fees. To insure independence a sure and sufficient income is as necessary for the lodge as for the individual.

## CONSTITUTIONS.

One year ago you voted that charters should issue to two lodges which had been working under dispensation.

August 12th, the constitution of Limestone Lodge, No. 214, was performed.

Owing to the distance I was accompanied by only the Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler of the officers of the Grand Lodge, but the brethren from the neighboring lodges were present and assisted in the work.

This new lodge starts off with every prospect of healthy growth and cannot fail to become a credit to its promoters and a power for good in the community.

This lodge was assigned to the 1st District.

October 28th, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain Fultz, the Grand Marshal, Grand Tyler, the District Deputy for the 15th District, and Past Junior Grand Warden Ernest P. Parlin, I went to Rangeley and constituted *Kemankeag Lodge*, No. 213. Like *Limestone Lodge*, this new lodge starts out under favorable conditions, having capable officers and enthusiastic members; and while the membership may never become very large, the strength of no lodge is to be determined by its numbers.

This lodge was assigned to the 15th District.

#### DEDICATION.

On September 2d, one of the hottest days of 1914, the hall of *Mt. Olivet Lodge*, No. 203, was dedicated. With me on that occasion were the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler, Past Senior Grand Warden *Leander M. Kenniston* and Past Junior Grand Warden *Adelbert Millett*. Visiting members from other lodges were present and assisted in the work.

The brethren of this lodge are to be commended for their efforts to secure such satisfactory quarters and congratulated upon having them so nearly paid for. May they long enjoy this new home, which is commodious and well adapted for work.

I have received many courteous invitations to be present at different gatherings in this state and elsewhere, but owing to close confinement by business have been able to accept only a very few. Had it been possible I should have been pleased to meet with the brethren often, for I appreciate the advantages resulting from assembling whenever convenient.

The Centennial of *Freeport Lodge*, No. 23, was held August 26, 1914, and certainly that lodge is to be congratulated upon its achievements in one hundred years. Every necessary arrange-

ment for a successful gathering was carried out and a delightful day and evening enjoyed by the members and guests. After work in the afternoon by Past Masters, presided over by Past Grand Master Edmund B. Mallet, and a social hour, a sumptuous banquet was served to the members and visiting brethren and their ladies; and this was followed by speeches and one of the pleasantest evenings Freeport Lodge has ever known.

#### PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE.

Late in March I received from Bro. Alonzo G. Milliken and 28 others a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge to be located at Old Orchard, accompanied by the permission of the two lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected, with the proper deposit.

After careful deliberation I concluded the wisest course would be to hold the matter in abeyance and refer it to this Grand Lodge.

Your attention is therefore called to the petition and correspondence in connection therewith, all papers being present for your consideration.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

One of the matters that has claimed much of my attention has been the appeals for contributions for the sufferers from the war now devastating so many of the countries of Europe. Insistent requests and almost demands have been made for me to send out appeals to the lodges and members. While there is no question in the mind of every man that the suffering and destitution are intense and efforts should be extended toward relief, just how that can be best administered is a problem.

Active relief measures have been taken and are being carried forward all over the land, and Maine has been doing her full share. Foremost upon the committees are masons, and the most prompt and liberal contributors are members of our fraternity; while not acting in the specific character of masons they are doing

the work indicated by their professions and obligations and "give without stint and help without ostentation." I have made no appeal to the Craft, believing every true member of the fraternity would assist so far as his ability would permit and conscience dictate, and knowing the need of assistance would be greater when we assembled than at any earlier moment.

#### INTER-JURISDICTIONAL.

Eureka Lodge, No. 84, requested waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate by John Abbott Lodge and Somerville Lodge of Massachusetts, which was granted.

Star of Bethlehem Lodge and Robert Lash Lodge of Chelsea, Massachusetts, waived jurisdiction over one candidate and refused a waiver over another in favor of Seaside Lodge, No. 144.

Bremond Lodge, No. 241, at Newport News, Virginia, conferred the F. C. and M. M. degrees upon a candidate for Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at the request of the latter.

Ezekiel Bates Lodge of Attleboro, Massachusetts, requested Waterville Lodge, No. 33, to confer the three degrees upon an elected candidate, with which request they cheerfully complied.

The Grand Master of Georgia was requested to permit Palestine Lodge, No. 486, of Atlanta, Georgia, to work the degrees on a candidate elected in Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, of Bath, the candidate having gone South since his election, which permission was courteously given.

The Grand Master of Ohio requested that the M. M. degree might be conferred upon a F. C. of Amity Lodge, No. 5, of that Grand Jurisdiction by Naval Lodge, No. 184, of Kittery, with which request Naval Lodge complied.

I received a complaint of Heroine Lodge, No. 104, of Kansas, against Horeb Lodge, No. 93, regarding expenses incurred in connection with the death of a member of the latter lodge. Inquiry failed to establish a just claim for the full amount expended, but as Horeb Lodge has instructed the Kansas lodge to perform the burial services it would seem any expenses incurred for such pur-

pose should be paid by the requesting lodge. I presume the matter has been amicably adjusted.

Beth-horon Lodge of Brookline, Massachusetts, received and accepted the petition of a five times rejected candidate of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, and worked the E. A. and F. C. degrees upon him before the matter was called to the attention of other than members of the offending lodge. Promptly upon receiving information in the case the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts arrested further action pending inquiry and called for a report from Beth-horon Lodge. This was made in detail and forwarded to Blue Mountain Lodge with my suggestion they could waive jurisdiction, should they so elect, and an unpleasant and unfortunate situation would be relieved. After due consideration such waiver was refused and a report of the action sent to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. All correspondence in relation to this case is present for such action, if any, as this Grand Lodge wishes to take.

#### NOMINATIONS.

July 18th, I nominated R. W. Isaac A. Clough as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice Charles I. Collamore, deceased; and R. W. Clifford J. Pattee as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Montana near the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice Leander W. Fobes, deceased.

July 23d, I nominated R. W. Waldo Pettengill as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

October 13th, I commissioned Bro. George W. Harvey of Manila as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

December 14th, I commissioned Bro. George L. Brooks of Newark as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

March 16th, I re-nominated M. W. William R. G. Estes as Grand



Representative for the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Grand Master Burnap has written the commission has been forwarded for him.

#### COMPLAINTS.

J. C. A. complained against J. C. and charges were filed in Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, and a verdict of guilty rendered.

A. F. R. complained against L. W. S. and charges were filed in Whitney Lodge, No. 167, and conviction followed.

N. L. S. et al. complained against L. E. D. and charges were filed in Trinity Lodge, No. 130, and the respondent was found guilty.

I present for your review all the papers in connection with these cases.

Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, voted to restore to membership one who was indefinitely suspended, and requested permission to do so. As all papers in connection with the trial had become lost or mislaid I was unable to consider the matter intelligently, and recommend the correspondence in connection therewith be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

What appeared likely to become a serious situation between two of our lodges came before me for adjustment. After careful inquiry and much correspondence I became convinced the whole unpleasantness resulted from the acts of one member who apparently dominated the lodge complained against. I found he had construed the laws to suit his views in some instances and pleaded ignorance in others. How one who had presided over a lodge, been a district deputy and acted as secretary could so fail to understand the fundamentals was a surprise to me. I was strongly tempted to suspend him from his office, but decided harmony could be best assured by a strong representation of the need of careful adherence to our rules and regulations and a regard for the rights of others. It was a one man affair, and he has promised greater care in future, but it shows how much trouble may come from injudicious proceedings.

In the report of one District Deputy I noticed a stated meeting was called at 5 P. M., and made inquiries to learn why the apparent disregard of the provisions of the by-laws, and was informed no hour is named for opening, though 7:30 P. M. is the usual and understood time, and further was told it had been the custom to open at any time to suit the convenience of the Master and officers. While it is permissible to open special meetings at any hour, due notice being given, it certainly appears an infringement upon the rights of members to open a stated meeting two and one half hours in advance of the usual and understood hour, without notice to every member. I recommend a standing regulation be adopted making the hour for opening stated meetings half past seven in the evening, unless otherwise provided in the by-laws.

In several instances reports have come that it has been and still is almost impossible for candidates for the degrees to receive a clear ballot, and inquiries made to learn what can be done. Among the landmarks complete unanimity and inviolable secrecy regarding the ballot are enjoined; and to attempt to discover who has thrown an unfavorable ballot and the reason therefor is an offence to be dealt with summarily. While it may be some one who should never have been accepted into the lodge will for apparently insufficient reasons cast a black ball, it should be borne in mind that often a member may know of good reasons why a candidate should not be admitted, and at the same time not care to make known to the public or even lodge and brethren the misdeeds of the petitioner. Often a man of good repute is rejected and the general membership is confident an injustice has been done, and later the man is discovered to be totally unfit to receive the honor solicited.

Every member who ballots considers the qualifications from his own view point and knowledge, and each must decide for himself how he shall vote; and follow the dictates of conscience. Any man worthy to be a mason can be depended upon to do the right in this, for it is a matter of duty to God, his neighbor and himself, and how he discharges that duty will be upon his conscience so long as reason lasts.

Should it unfortunately happen that an unworthy person has been accepted and made a member the lodge must suffer for its lapse from vigilance. If any member makes known the fact he is obstructing the work of the lodge unreasonably and rejecting worthy material from unworthy motives, charges should be filed and a trial held.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted to the following named lodges for purposes stated :

June 15th, to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to open the lodge and work the F. C. and M. M. degrees at Wilson's Mills, situate within the jurisdiction of the lodge, in a hall not their own, the security of same to be fully proven. I granted this mainly because such permission had been given by my predecessors, but I believe this practice should not be encouraged, for it savors too strongly of seeking the candidate.

July 10th, to Washington Lodge, No. 37, to ballot upon a petition in less than the usual time. This was the only permission given for such purpose, and in effect was more apparent than real, as the petition was in the hands of the secretary the constitutional time, saving a few hours, and that lapse was owing to a misunderstanding about the nights for meeting.

September 23d, to Rural Lodge, No. 53, to elect officers at a stated meeting following the annual, no quorum having been present at that time.

September 23d, to Liberty Lodge, No. 111, to elect officers at a stated meeting following the annual, owing to no quorum at that time because of a tangle with the moon.

October 16th, to Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, to work the degrees on their own candidate, in a hall not their own, at a District meeting.

October 21st, to Carrabassett Lodge, No. 161, to elect officers at a stated meeting following the annual.

October 22d, to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to elect a Junior War-

den at a stated meeting following the annual, the brother elected having declined to be installed.

November 16th, to Dresden Lodge, No. 103; December 18th to Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117; and December 26th to Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210, to elect officers at stated meetings, no elections having been made at the date of the annuals.

February 9th, to Tremont Lodge, No. 77, to elect a Master, and such other officers as might be necessary to fill vacancies because of such election, the brother elected for Master at the annual meeting having declined to be installed.

March 4th, to Lookout Lodge, No. 131, to work the F. C. or M. M. or both degrees upon their own candidate, in a masonic hall not their own, at Machias on the occasion of a district convention.

April 26th, to Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to work the Master Mason degree on their own candidate, in a hall not their own, before the Grand Lodge at this session.

I have refused several requests for dispensations to hold elections and transact the business of the annual meetings earlier than the date named in the by-laws; holding we cannot forecast no quorum or no meeting because of some coming attraction which may keep the members away. As requests for dispensations for permission to do the work of the annual on later dates have not been received, except in one instance, it is evident the Craft have been more faithful to their duties than they thought they would be, a cause for congratulation surely.

Permission has been given to Island Falls Lodge, No. 206; Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145; Meridian Lodge, No. 125; Liberty Lodge, No. 111; and St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, to receive and ballot upon the applications of persons residents within the jurisdiction of the lodges named, but who, because of business engagements, had not personally been within the jurisdictions all of the required time. This was done to follow the ruling of the Grand Master last year, on which the Committee on Jurisprudence will later report.

October 16th, permission was given Parian Lodge, No. 160, to

remove its charter for one evening to Stewart Hall, the occasion being a meeting of the lodges of the district, the security of said hall to be satisfactory to the District Deputy Grand Master.

I have received many requests for dispensations to ballot out of time, and have refused all but the one already mentioned. Were a report made of the reasons given for the requests, you would be surprised at the apparent frivolity of many, and the almost total inadequacy of all.

Refusal for dispensation to ballot out of time is first based upon the fact all should be used alike. The candidate is the seeker for that within the gift of the lodge. He should understand we have certain laws to which all must conform—more particularly, if possible, those outside of the fraternity. If he is not willing to do this in order to obtain the degrees what sort of obedience and loyalty can we expect from him later.

The ancient charges and regulations should be strictly adhered to, and on no account should favors be extended for the simple convenience of candidates. Those who do not sufficiently value the honor they solicit to be ready to conform to the requirements cannot have a just appreciation of the dignity of that for which they petition. The lodge or officers who are willing to ask to have set aside the plainly expressed provisions of the Constitutions, to enable candidates to obtain the degrees by a short or easy method, cannot but convey the idea they need the petitioner for a member and will do anything to secure him as such. Nearly all who desire to enter by an easy and quick route are, unconsciously or otherwise, actuated by mercenary or other unworthy motives, and that they may derive benefit from membership rather than give support to the institution.

#### CARD INDEX.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the Finance Committee was instructed to procure and put in operation a card index system of the membership of the subordinate lodges. This work has been undertaken and in the future will be of inestimable value and

convenience to all the lodges of this jurisdiction as well as to the Grand Lodge. To obtain the full benefit of the system the co-operation of the secretaries of the subordinate lodges is needed, and the first great assistance they can render is to give one christian name in full in addition to the surname. Where initials only are given the efficiency of the index is impaired and the committee is handicapped in its efforts.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The reports of the District Deputies encourage us to think our work is in a prosperous condition in nearly every section.

One of the matters that caused me the greatest anxiety on my taking up the work of the office of Grand Master was the selection of the Deputies to carry on the inspections and give instructions to the lodges that our work may become more nearly perfect, both as regards the rendition of the ritual and observance of the ancient charges and regulations. Sometimes there appears to be a desire to adopt some supposed improvement in procedure, but in nearly every case it is found the Craft are willing and anxious to adhere to the landmarks. The attitude of the District Deputies has much to do with conditions.

In nearly every case the Deputies during the past year have faithfully discharged their duties, as will be found upon perusal of their reports. One report showed no inspection other than at an exhibition of work at a convention of the lodges of the district, though installations had been performed for each lodge in the district. Inquiry elicited the information that had been the practice in that district in the past. It is needless to say that Deputy's attention has been called to the fact his duties are far different, and it is hoped and confidently expected different custom will be established in future.

While it is desirable in many instances for the District Deputy to install the officers of the lodges, it is no part of his official duties, but a courtesy extended in response to a request and should be paid for by the lodge. It is essential that each Deputy

attend at least one school of instruction each year and inspect the work and condition of every lodge under his care, making such corrections and suggestions as are required.

#### CONCLUSION.

Brethren, the work of the year has passed beyond our control; what we have done must abide in our lives and the lives of others. As we look back are we satisfied with our labors? and is the world better because we have lived? If not we have fallen short of our high calling.

But I believe the works of Masonry in this state are advanced, that the brethren measure up a little higher than ever before. Never in its history has the world been called upon to show such liberality of giving as during the past six months and nobly has the demand been met. Whatsoever things are good and true and noble and of good report are ours if we will claim and practice them. All about us are opportunities for making others happier by smoothing the path that must be trodden by all. To few is given the opportunity to do great things, but life is made up of daily tasks, and the faithfulness with which we perform the work that comes to our hands is the measure of our usefulness.

As we proceed with the work of this session may we ever bear in mind our labor is for the future craftsmen.

"Our to-days and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build." Take care, my brethren, that the rough ashlar become perfect ashlar, fit stones for that spiritual building each is erecting for eternity.

THOMAS H. BODGE, *Grand Master.*

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

PAST GRAND MASTER HENRY R. TAYLOR.

The Grand Master read the following letter from  
Past Grand Master HENRY R. TAYLOR:

MACHIAS, April 29, 1915.

DEAR BRO. BERRY:

Much to my regret, I am constrained this year to omit my usual attendance upon Grand Lodge. For more than half a century it has been my privilege and pleasure, with each returning May, to enjoy the greetings of our brothers, and engage in our mutual duties.

I realize how few of the early members are yet spared to us, and how many have passed away to the "Great Beyond."

I trust that the present session will be blessed with all that shall promote the best interests of Masonry and justify the labors of "faithful craftsmen."

As there is hardly a probability of my future presence will you please ask my non-appointment on the Committee of Royal Arch History, also withdrawal as candidate for Junior Vice President, Order of High Priesthood.

Pardon me if I add, fifty-two times to attend the Grand Lodge sessions I have journeyed by stage-coach, steamboat and railroad, the intervening 220 miles, between Machias and Portland, which (including return) amounts to 22,880 miles.

With sincere regards to you especially, and to the brethren with whom it has been my enjoyment to associate, "lo! these many, many years."

Fraternally yours,

HENRY R. TAYLOR.

On motion of Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, it was

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to Bro. TAYLOR.

EDWIN A. PORTER.

The Grand Master read a communication from Bro. EDWIN A. PORTER, which was ordered to be spread upon the records:



PITTSFIELD, May 3, 1915.

*Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE, Grand Master,  
and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I find that my professional duties will oblige me to be with them during the coming week, therefore I shall be obliged to be absent at this Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge for the first time for about twenty years. It is with regret that I do so, and my heart and mind is with you. Wishing you God speed,

I am fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. PORTER.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The report of the Grand Secretary was presented and accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1915.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The Standing Committees will report upon my routine duties.

The Secretaries of 21 lodges acknowledged the reception of the proceedings this year (a gain of 100 per cent.) namely: Aurora, Bethlehem, Caribou, D. A. Hooper, Eureka, Felicity, Hiram, Knox, Moses Webster, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tir'em, Pacific, Pioneer, Preble, Piscataquis, Rising Virtue, Rural, Seaside, Somerset, Springvale and Vassalboro.

The returns came in so promptly that I was obliged to write for only twelve of them. The hind captain came limping in last as he has done for five successive years, and sent his dues to me because he did not know who the District Deputy of his district was, although the name and address was given in three distinct places in the proceedings.

The returns show a gratifying increase over last year, although it is disappointing to occasionally open one to find the pages of work entirely blank and no change except a death, for that change never fails us.

Having seen an application, received by a lodge, which did not contain the statements required in Section 101 of the Constitution, I wrote the Master advising him to use only proper applications, of which I sent him a copy, and I advise that District Deputies should examine the applications received in lodges and note if the requirements are complied with.

I renew my recommendation of last year that Volume IV of the Proceedings be reprinted.

Early in the year a letter from the Grand Lodge of South Australia asked for a piece of wood, typical of Maine, to be made, with other pieces from all jurisdictions, into a setting maul to be used in laying the corner

stone of their new Masonic Temple. Bro. Eugene C. Smith kindly procured a piece of mast pine and got out a slab of the required dimensions which I sent by parcel post. A letter has just come acknowledging its receipt, and cordially thanking us for courtesy and promptness. This is noteworthy as illustrating the present efficiency of the postal service. King Solomon, in his time, could not have sent it so far, and Augustus Cæsar, a thousand years later, would have equally failed, yet it is very simple for us now.

This is the 60th annual communication at which I have occupied this desk. Not one of those present in 1856 is left for me to congratulate, but the ever changing representation keeps the Grand Lodge always young and vigorous despite its near approach to a century of existence, and I congratulate you all on that youth and vigor.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

#### LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1915.

Your Committee on Library submit the following report:

The Librarian reports the binding of thirty-two (32) volumes of proceedings.

We recommend that—

First. The Committee on Library be authorized, if they deem it necessary, to purchase volumes for the Library.

Second. That they cause to be bound such volumes of proceedings as are necessary to keep up the files of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE, }  
WILMER J. DORMAN, } *Committee.*

PORTLAND, April 28, 1915.

*To the Committee on Library, Grand Lodge of Maine.*

The routine of matters connected with the Library have been taken care of as usual.

Thirty-two volumes have been bound during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

## RESTORATION.

BRO. CHASE presented a petition from David S. Clarke for restoration, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

## RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the report on returns, which was accepted, as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, Tuesday, May 4, 1915.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Returns would report that returns have been received from all the 205 chartered lodges.

The following summary shows the comparison with the last four years:

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Initiated, .....	1,266	1,327	1,281	1,271	1,392
Raised, .....	1,235	1,338	1,255	1,234	1,408
Affiliated, .....	112	107	102	77	106
Re-instated, ..	65	70	56	64	77
Dimitted, .....	165	173	149	167	210
Died, .....	608	571	553	574	592
Suspended, .....	0	0	0	0	0
Expelled, .....	1	1	3	0	2
Susp. from membership, ..	179	212	185	262	214
Deprived of membership, ..	3	5	0	2	1
Number of members, ....	28,781	29,345	29,872	30,294	30,884
Rejected, .....	301	364	267	314	338

The gain is 590 or 2 per cent., an increase over last year, when it was 422.

The death rate is 19.54 to a thousand, an increase over last year.

The average lodge membership is 150.65.

The accompanying abstract will show the work in detail.

Fraternally submitted,

STEPHEN BERRY, }  
JAMES C. AYER, } *Committee.*

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1915.

Nos.	LODGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland,.....	16	18	0	0	4	7	0	0	11	0	380	4
2	Warren,.....	5	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	143	0
3	Lincoln,.....	2	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	153	1
4	Hancock,.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	93	2
5	Kennebec,.....	8	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	131	2
6	Amity,.....	5	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	9	0	245	3
7	Eastern,.....	7	8	0	2	1	5	0	0	2	0	161	2
8	United,.....	6	7	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	228	3
9	Saco,.....	11	11	0	0	3	9	0	0	2	0	215	6
10	Rising Virtue,.....	8	10	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	236	3
11	Pythagorean,.....	7	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	128	0
12	Cumberland,.....	9	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	194	3
13	Oriental,.....	5	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	202	1
14	Solar,.....	8	6	0	0	4	8	0	0	2	0	229	2
15	Orient,.....	1	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	142	0
16	St. George,.....	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	119	0
17	Ancient Landmark,.....	21	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	558	11
18	Oxford,.....	6	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	199	3
19	Felicity,.....	7	10	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	124	0
20	Maine,.....	11	8	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	158	1
21	Oriental Star,.....	7	7	0	0	1	6	0	0	3	0	213	1
22	York,.....	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	148	2
23	Freeport,.....	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	161	2
24	Phoenix,.....	8	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	178	2
25	Temple,.....	7	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	113	0
26	Village,.....	2	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	119	0
27	Adoniram,.....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	64	0
28	Northern Star,.....	7	12	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	119	0
29	Tranquil,.....	11	14	2	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	379	4
30	Blazing Star,.....	21	16	0	2	0	5	0	0	3	0	315	5
31	Union,.....	2	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	116	0
32	Hermon,.....	10	8	3	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	397	3
33	Waterville,.....	25	24	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	421	9
34	Somerset,.....	8	6	3	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	199	3
35	Bethlehem,.....	11	11	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	363	2
36	Casco,.....	4	6	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	184	1
37	Washington,.....	8	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	140	0
38	Harmony,.....	6	4	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	186	3
39	Penobscot,.....	9	7	2	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	168	2
40	Lygonia,.....	9	5	1	4	4	15	0	0	19	0	397	2
41	Morning Star,.....	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	103	0
42	Freedom,.....	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	95	2
43	Alna,.....	5	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	156	0
44	Piscataquis,.....	17	12	13	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	226	9
45	Central,.....	14	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	107	2
46	St. Croix,.....	8	8	0	1	0	5	0	0	7	0	175	1
47	Dunlap,.....	19	14	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	285	2

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. S.	Dues. D.	Mem.	R.
48	Lafayette,.....	9	9	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	115	0
49	Meridian Splendor	8	8	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	160	0
50	Aurora,.....	25	20	2	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	377	1
51	St. John's,.....	16	15	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	151	0
52	Mosaic,.....	8	8	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	186	1
53	Rural,.....	7	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	78	2
54	Vassalboro,.....	5	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	76	0
55	Fraternal,.....	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	74	0
56	Mount Moriah,....	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	65	2
57	King Hiram,.....	6	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	136	1
58	Unity,.....	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	52	0
59	Mt. Hope, ( <i>ch. sur.</i> )												
60	Star in the East,...	11	9	2	0	3	5	0	0	2	0	227	6
61	King Solomon's,...	4	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	122	0
62	King David's,.....	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	71	0
63	Richmond,.....	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	155	0
64	Pacific,.....	7	8	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	5
65	Mystic,.....	6	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	143	1
66	Mechanics',.....	13	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	144	0
67	Blue Mountain,...	7	6	1	2	29	0	0	0	0	0	128	1
68	Mariners',.....	3	3	0	7	0	2	0	0	14	0	111	2
69	Howard,.....	4	3	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	138	0
70	Standish,.....	8	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	108	3
71	Rising Sun,.....	6	6	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	85	0
72	Pioneer,.....	6	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	165	2
73	Tyrian,.....	3	3	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	226	4
74	Bristol,.....	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	124	0
75	Plymouth,.....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	38	0
76	Arundel,.....	11	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	120	3
77	Tremont,.....	8	8	0	1	0	4	0	0	6	0	141	1
78	Crescent,.....	5	5	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	132	1
79	Rockland,.....	19	17	0	1	1	5	0	0	4	0	217	0
80	Keystone,.....	7	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	129	2
81	Atlantic,.....	12	11	0	1	2	7	0	0	0	0	336	6
82	St. Paul's,.....	4	3	1	1	5	7	0	0	5	0	157	0
83	St. Andrew's,.....	15	21	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	311	4
84	Eureka,.....	15	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	104	0
85	Star in the West,...	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	0
86	Temple,.....	7	9	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	246	0
87	Benevolent,.....	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0
88	Narraguagus,.....	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	95	2
89	Island,.....	6	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	106	1
90	Hiram Abiff, ( <i>ch. rev.</i> )												
91	Harwood,.....	6	6	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	174	0
92	Siloam,.....	13	13	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	212	3
93	Horeb,.....	6	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	198	0
94	Paris,.....	8	10	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	129	0
95	Corinthian,.....	4	6	0	0	2	5	0	0	4	0	110	1
96	Monument,.....	14	12	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	279	1
97	Bethel,.....	8	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	126	0
98	Katahdin,.....	8	8	0	2	3	3	0	0	3	0	141	3
99	Vernon Valley,....	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	87	1
100	Jefferson,.....	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	93	0
101	Nezinscot,.....	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	89	0

Nos.	Lodges.	M. P. Dues.								N. P. Dues.		Mem.	R.
		In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	S.	D.		
102	Marsh River,.....	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	69	1
103	Dresden,.....	5	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	69	0
104	Dirigo,.....	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	84	1
105	Ashlar,.....	16	16	4	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	350	6
106	Tuscan,.....	4	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	181	0
107	Day Spring,.....	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	60	0
108	Relief, ( <i>ch. recalled</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
109	Mount Kineo,.....	12	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	145	0
110	Monmouth,.....	4	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	133	1
111	Liberty,.....	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	79	0
112	Eastern Frontier,.....	8	12	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	167	0
113	Messalonskee,.....	4	5	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	109	0
114	Polar Star,.....	9	9	0	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	267	0
115	Buxton,.....	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	117	0
116	Lebanon,.....	7	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	119	2
117	Greenleaf,.....	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	170	0
118	Drummond,.....	4	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	102	0
119	Pownal,.....	10	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	98	0
120	Meduncook, ( <i>ch. s.</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
121	Acacia,.....	10	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	89	0
122	Marine,.....	5	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	263	0
123	Franklin,.....	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	53	0
124	Olive Branch,.....	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	95	4
125	Meridian,.....	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	186	0
126	Timothy Chase,.....	8	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	142	0
127	Presumpscot,.....	6	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	135	0
128	Eggemoggin,.....	4	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	135	0
129	Quantabcook,.....	3	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	68	0
130	Trinity,.....	18	14	0	1	3	5	1	0	0	0	101	6
131	Lookout,.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0
132	Mount Tir'em,.....	2	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	76	1
133	Asylum,.....	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	63	0
134	Trojan, ( <i>consol'd</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
135	Riverside,.....	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	110	0
136	Ionic, ( <i>ch. sur. '82</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
137	Kenduskeag,.....	4	5	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	108	2
138	Lewy's Island,.....	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	174	1
139	Archon,.....	6	6	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	65	0
140	Mount Desert,.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	83	0
141	Augusta,.....	32	31	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	377	2
142	Ocean,.....	5	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	77	0
143	Preble,.....	18	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	188	14
144	Seaside,.....	8	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	260	0
145	Moses Webster,.....	6	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	212	1
146	Sebasticook,.....	3	3	0	1	3	2	0	0	5	0	129	2
147	Evening Star,.....	5	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	91	0
148	Forest,.....	11	11	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	147	1
149	Doric,.....	3	6	0	3	0	6	0	0	10	0	95	1
150	Rabboni,.....	6	11	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	278	0
151	Excelsior,.....	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	0
152	Crooked River,.....	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	97	0
153	Delta,.....	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	85	1
154	Mystic Tie,.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	72	1
155	Ancient York,.....	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	157	0



Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. S.	P. D.	D.	Mem.	R.
210	Bagaduce,.....	7	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	4
211	Meduncook,.....	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0
212	McKinley,.....	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	0
213	Kemankeag,.....	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	3
214	Limestone,.....	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	4
205		1392	1408	106	77	210	592	0	2	214	1	30,884	338	

He also presented the following letter:

NORWAY, April 16, 1915.

DEAR BRO. BERRY:

Please convey to both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter at the coming annuals the deep appreciation felt by both my mother and myself for beautiful floral tributes sent for my father's funeral. The ties which bound him to the Masonic Grand Bodies were long, strong, and much cherished in his heart, and have not been weakened, I believe, because he now sits in the Celestial Lodge above, where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides. His last work on earth was the completion of his annual report on Masonic Jurisprudence, sent by me since his death to the Grand Master. Fraternally yours,

MERTON L. KIMBALL.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1915.

*Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.,*

*in account with ALBRO E. CHASE, Grand Treasurer.*

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# RECEIPTS.

May	5.	From balance of old account, p. 39, 1914,.....	\$ 4,918.98
	6.	" V. C. Wilson, Executor Estate M. F. Hicks, .....	7,161.78
		" Limestone Lodge for dues, .....	.60
Sept.	29.	" " charter fee, .....	30.00
	20.	" interest on deposit to date, .....	97.08
Oct.	1.	" Thomas H. Bodge, Grand Master, Dispensation, Washington Lodge, No. 37,.....	3.00
	29.	" Ohio Free Mason Flood Committee, returned, .....	167.67
	31.	" Kemankeag Lodge charter fee, .....	30.00



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March 27.	From interest on deposit to date,.....	70.72
	" Grand Chapter of Maine 3/10 office,.....	388.80
	" Grand Commandery of Maine 2/10 office,...	259.20
	" Town of Dexter Bond, coupons one year,...	35.00
	" Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bond, coupons one year,.....	22.50
20.	" Wm. H. Hartshorn, D. D. G. M. 24th Dist.,	514.40
	" Fred L. Gardner, " 2d "	224.40
	" William C. Irons, " 3d "	226.60
22.	" Clarence E. Thompson, " 19th "	510.40
	" Pitt H. Jones, " 20th "	179.40
25.	" Ralph W. Moore, " 6th "	458.00
26.	" Albert H. Newbert, " 9th "	563.80
	" Edwin F. Clapham, " 21st "	396.60
29.	" William H. Ohler, " 17th "	893.60
	" Davis G. Lovejoy, " 16th "	370.20
30.	" Carl C. Piper, " 13th "	353.80
	" Julian H. Hooper, " 4th "	254.40
April 10.	" Fred E. Trefethen, " 15th "	369.60
	" Lester M. Andrews, " 12th "	312.60
	" Elihu D. Chase, " 7th "	172.40
12.	" Hardy A. Sawyer, " 25th "	236.00
	" James W. Eastman, " 18th "	193.80
13.	" W. Leslie Maloon, " 11th "	488.20
	" Wilbur F. Cate, " 10th "	312.00
14.	" Benjamin S. Mathews, " 22d "	266.00
16.	" Monroe V. Curtis, " 14th "	363.00
23.	" Edward Goodwin, " 8th "	236.80
27.	" Oscar D. Rand, " 23d "	268.40
	" Wm. S. Davidson, " 1st "	353.00
29.	" Harry A. Fowles, " 5th "	477.60
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		\$22,180.33
	" Town of Dexter Bond, .....	1,000.00
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		<u>\$23,180.33</u>

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

May 7.	Pay roll as per order,.....	\$ 2,474.60
15.	Edward L. White, expense D. D. G. M.,.....	10.04
	Albro E. Chase, Foreign Correspondence, .....	150.00
	Albert R. Leavitt, expense D. D. G. M.,.....	20.00

May	18.	Walter S. Smith, Organist, .....	10.00
	28.	American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
		Wm. W. Roberts, stationery, .....	1.10
	18.	E. P. Spofford, telegrams, etc., .....	9.25
June	3.	Virgil C. Wilson, Executor, salary M. F. H. 6 mos.,	150.00
	4.	Masonic Trustees, rent to May 31, .....	108.34
		Winslow E. Howell, Grand Tyler, .....	30.00
		C. M. Rice Paper Co., paper, .....	.40
		People's Steam Laundry, laundry, .....	.40
	9.	H. N. Maxfield, Treasurer Mount Vernon Chapter, Bond No. 84, 4 per cent. Sagadahock Light & Power Co., .....	481.81
	30.	Masonic Trustees, rent to June 30, .....	108.33
		C. J. Pattee, Committee on Pay Roll, .....	11.15
		Elmer E. Crockett, " " .....	10.95
		W. D. Trask, " " .....	8.45
		W. E. Howell, 3 Assistants 3 days each, ....	18.00
July	22.	Isaac A. Clough, School of Instruction at Presque Isle, .....	27.00
		Masonic Trustees, rent to July 31, .....	108.33
	23.	Stephen Berry, salary to July 31, .....	175.00
Aug.	5.	A. J. Loder, floral emblem, C. I. C., .....	10.00
Sept.	11.	Stephen Berry Co., printing proceedings, .....	570.19
		" " " sundry printing, .....	38.85
		" " " white envelopes, .....	4.65
		" " mailing bill, .....	34.32
	29.	Masonic Trustees, rent to Aug. 31, .....	108.34
		" " " " Sept. 30, .....	108.33
		American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
		Thomas H. Bodge, expense Limestone Lodge, ...	72.33
		P. E. Simmons, moving druggett, .....	4.00
Oct.	29.	Loring, Short & Harmon, filing cabinet and cards,	195.90
	31.	Stephen Berry, salary to date, .....	175.00
Nov.	28.	F. O. Bailey, Co., oak cabinet, .....	49.00
		Thomas H. Bodge, expenses Kemankeag Lodge, ..	33.93
		Winslow E. Howell, " " " ..	13.40
		Masonic Trustees, rent to Oct. 31, .....	108.33
		" " " " Nov. 30, .....	108.34
Dec.	30.	Frank E. Sleeper, expenses Schools of Instruction, " " salary, .....	39.64 25.00
	31.	A. J. Loder, floral emblem, E. P. S., .....	10.40
		People's Steam Laundry, laundry, .....	1.20
		Masonic Trustees, rent to Dec. 31, .....	108.33

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Jan.	11.	Stephen Berry, room expenses, .....	.96
	30.	" " salary to date, .....	175.00
Feb.	1.	American Bank Note Co., 500 M. M. Diplomas,...	100.00
		Masonic Trustees, rent to Jan. 31, .....	108.33
March	1.	" " " " Feb. 28, .....	108.34
April	1.	" " " " March 31, .....	108.33
	5.	American Bank Note Co., 200 P. M. Diplomas,...	40.00
	14.	Stephen Berry Co., printing, .....	25.55
	27.	" " salary, .....	175.00
		" " expense of Grand Lodge Room,....	3.95
		" " sundry items, .....	44.87
		Convers E. Leach, services as librarian, .....	5.00
		Masonic Trustees, rent to April 30, .....	108.33
		Albro E. Chase, salary for year, .....	300.00
		" " making card index, .....	500.00
		" " postage and express, .....	4.87

## EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

April	5.	Wm. H. Hartshorn, 24th District,.....\$	1.90
		Fred L. Gardner, 2d District, .....	22.82
		Clarence E. Thompson, 19th District,....	40.97
		Ralph W. Moore, 6th District, .....	18.07
		Edwin F. Clapham, 21st District, .....	29.40
		Albert H. Newbert, 9th District, .....	32.89
		William H. Ohler, 17th District, .....	5.75
		Davis G. Lovejoy, 16th District, .....	16.68
	6.	Carl C. Piper, 13th District, .....	17.26
	10.	Fred E. Trefethen, 15th District, .....	43.95
		Lester M. Andrews, 12th District, .....	25.87
		Elihu D. Chase, 7th District, .....	23.25
	12.	Hardy A. Sawyer, 25th District, .....	19.55
		James W. Eastman, 18th District, .....	20.80
	13.	W. Leslie Maloon, 11th District, .....	26.05
		Wilbur F. Cate, 10th District, .....	37.25
	14.	Benjamin S. Mathews, 22d District, ...	13.09
	23.	Julian H. Hooper, 4th District, .....	18.56
		Edward Goodwin, 8th District, .....	23.50
	27.	Wm. S. Davidson, 1st District, .....	22.50
	29.	Harry A. Fowles, 5th District, .....	36.00

	William C. Irons, 3d District, .....	27.52	
	Monroe V. Curtis, 14th District, .....	10.40	
			533.97
April 30.	E. P. Crockett, flowers A. S. K., .....	5.00	
	Balance, Town of Dexter Bond, .....	1,000.00	
	Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. Bond, .....	481.81	
	Cash on deposit Portland National Bank, .....	13,418.39	
			<u>\$23,180.33</u>

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Grand Treasurer.*

Bro. CHASE also submitted a new form of Returns, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

#### BLUE MOUNTAIN LODGE.

The Grand Master presented the complaint of an invasion of the jurisdiction of Blue Mountain Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

#### HISTORY.

Bro. MERTON L. KIMBALL reported as follows:

PORTLAND, May 4, 1915.

*To the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Maine.*

Your Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine submits its annual report, as follows:

Somerset Lodge, No. 34, Skowhegan, has filed its history in type-written manuscript for the years from 1890 to 1915, being Part III since the organization of the lodge. Since only five years remain before the centennial of the lodge will take place, it was thought best not to print until that time, when it can be brought down to 1920 and include the observance of the centennial exercises. The facts are all carefully and admirably arranged, a fine table of work, prepared by Past Masters Butler and Lancaster, accompanies the history, and it is only necessary to say of the literary quality of the work that it was written by Past Grand Master William R. G. Estes. We are glad to see that he is also commissioned by vote of the lodge to continue the history to 1920, and we feel that it is

the warm desire of every member of this Grand Lodge that Bro. Estes, despite his four and four-score years, be spared in vigor and health to complete the labor, and to participate in the rejoicings of the one hundredth anniversary five years hence. That done he may perhaps well say "Now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace," but it is his duty to remain with us, if such be the will of the S. A. O. T. U., to finish this last task of masonic labor placed in his hands by his loving brethren.

Arion Lodge, No. 162, Goodwin's Mills, presents its history from its organization in 1871 to 1915, in print, 81 pp., octavo. It is written by J. Burton Roberts, and in spite of the handicap of the loss of the lodge records by fire in 1899, it is admirably arranged and prepared. The fact that it was not placed in the hands of the committee until this morning prevents a more extended review.

We are informed by the Grand Secretary that a history of Whitney Lodge at Canton, No. 167, in print, octavo, from its organization in 1872 to 1915, 45 pp., has been filed with him, but since no copy was furnished by the lodge to the Committee on History, we are unable to review their work.

Faternally submitted,

MERTON L. KIMBALL, }  
WILLIAM N. HOWE, } *Committee.*

Report accepted.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives were received and welcomed:

WALDO PETTENGILL from the Philippine Islands.  
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE from Montana.  
WILLIAM R. G. ESTES from Illinois.  
ISAAC A. CLOUGH from Mississippi.

#### NEW LODGE.

The petition for a new lodge at Old Orchard was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the following memorial :

The words of the great laureate of England are unto us to-day,—“The face of death is toward the Sun of Life, his truer name is—Onward.”

Not otherwise would we think of him whose outward presence we greatly miss, but whose influence will live in our fraternity, a benediction to us and a blessing to masonic generations yet unborn.

All the higher lessons of our Institution would bid us think of him as having experienced the reality of the unseen, for there is a peculiar and intimate meaning to every Master Mason, who has been raised on the five points of honorable fellowship, in those words of the great Apostle,—“It is sown in weakness, it is *raised* in power, it is sown a natural body, it is *raised* a spiritual body.”

His life must be estimated by other standards than the mere measurement of years, and perhaps there is no finer valuation of a manly life, than that of the seer who said,—

“We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts not breaths,  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should  
Count time by heart-throbs: He most lives, who thinks the most,  
Feels the noblest and acts the best.”

Freed now from the concealments of the flesh, the outward fetters and pains of mortality, it is ours to greet him to-day in this place where he loved to be, as newly born in the Risen Light of the Eternal Love.

M. W. CHARLES IRVING COLLAMORE was born January 8, 1836, and died July 13, 1914.

He was made a Master Mason in Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., June 13, 1865. Elected Worshipful Master 1870, and served his Lodge as Secretary for forty-one years. For two years he served as President of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Block in Bangor, and for twenty-five years was its Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. COLLAMORE was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter on November 8, 1866. He served his Chapter as High Priest in 1881-1882.

On April 13, 1870, he was made a Select Master in Bangor Council and served that Council as T. I. Master in the years 1872-73-76-77-78.

He was knighted in St. John's Commandery, K. T., on June 7, 1867, and was Eminent Commander in 1886.

Such was our M. W. Brother's record in the York Rite. In the Ancient

and Accepted Scottish Rite his record was as follows: On July 13, 1883, he received the 14th degree in Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection, and was Thrice Potent Master in the years 1891-92-93. He received the 16th degree on February 27, 1889, and the Rose Croix in Bangor Chapter on June 18, 1889. In Maine Consistory he received the 32d degree on March 28, 1890.

But we all knew him best as an honored member and untiring leader in these Grand Bodies of the York Rite. Our M. W. Brother was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge of Maine on May 6, 1879, and re-elected on May 4, 1880.

He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter during the years 1890 and 91.

Bro. COLLAMORE served the Grand Council, R. & S. M., as M. I. G. M. during the years 1873-74-75.

I know that you will all agree with me that any merely extended funeral eulogy; anything approaching the outward show of ceremonial sorrow would be foreign to all the suggestions of a life of manly simplicity and sincerity. Nobly and faithfully has he kept those requirements of the prophet,—“What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?”

We shall best observe his memory to-day, and honor his name most truly, not by sounding words of praise or eulogy, but by being loyal to the high principles of life inculcated by this Masonic Institution which he so deeply venerated and loved, and to which he gave all the best powers of his mind and heart, and within which shall ever be enshrined the labor and the loyalty of a true man, and, in the finest sense of the word, the influence and inspiration of a *Master* Mason.

“Sunset and Evening Star!

And one clear call for me,

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep,

Turns again Home.

“For though from out our bourne of time and place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to meet my pilot face to face,

When I have crossed the bar.”

ASHLEY A. SMITH.

The memorial was accepted and a page ordered to be inscribed to his memory.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET presented the following memorial :

**ELMER PEARL SPOFFORD, Past Grand Master.**

The coming of death is as inevitable as is the dawn which follows the retiring stars, or the shadows that thicken as the sun disappears behind the western hills, and yet, he always seems to come upon us without warning,—may indeed have notice of his early visitation,—yet his actual coming is usually sudden and unexpected and brings a throb of sorrow and anguish to the heart.

When we realize that death is but a Messenger sent by Almighty God to transform the Sons of Men into Sons of Light and everlasting joy, he no longer appears to us as one of hideous mien, but rather as an Angel of Mercy to conduct us through the dark valley and land our enfranchised spirits in the peaceful abodes of the blessed.

So, when our honored and beloved fratres enter into that "dreamless sleep which kisses down the eyelids still," we bow our heads in sorrow; our hearts are burdened with grief and we feel that their departure from us has left a void which cannot be filled. We lay them away in their last long sleep; we sing the mournful requiem over their remains; we tender to the bereaved mourners our sincere sympathy, and over the memory of our departed fratres the waves of oblivion too soon have rolled their ceaseless tides.

This is the state of man: "To-day he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; to-morrow blossoms and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring he falls like Autumn leaves to enrich our Mother earth."

ELMER PEARL SPOFFORD was born at Deer Isle February 8, 1863, and was the son of Frederick Pearl and Caroline Elizabeth (Haskell) Spofford. He received his early education in the public schools in Deer Isle, after which he taught several terms of school in Deer Isle; later he attended Westbrook Seminary, from which he graduated June 26, 1882, and subsequently completed a higher course of studies under private tutors. He was married June 2, 1887, to Miss Lenora A. Rich. They have had no children.



Mr. SPOFFORD was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine in 1887, to the Circuit Court of the United States in 1908. In 1888 he was elected County Attorney for Hancock County and held that position four years (1888-1892). He was elected a member of Governor Powers' Council 1897-1898. Appointed Supervisor of the United States Census in Maine in 1900. Elected to the Maine Legislature in 1901. Was appointed Judge of Western Hancock Municipal Court in 1901 and served until 1910. He served as State Senator from 1903 to 1907; Supervisor of United States Census in 1910, and was appointed Chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Maine in 1910 and re-appointed in 1913.

Bro. SPOFFORD was made a mason in Marine Lodge, in Deer Isle, March 26, 1889; a Royal Arch Mason November 17, 1892, in Atlantic Chapter, Vinalhaven; Royal and Select Master in King Hiram Council February 17, 1899, at Rockland; made a Knight Templar in De Valois Commandery at Vinalhaven. Received the 14th degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Kennebec Valley Lodge of Perfection at Augusta; the 16th and 18th degrees at Augusta and the 32d at Portland June 1, 1899.

In Marine Lodge Bro. SPOFFORD was elected Senior Deacon in 1889-1890, and served as Worshipful Master in 1891-1892. On the institution of Pine Tree Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M., at Deer Isle, Bro. SPOFFORD was a charter member and served as High Priest three years.

In the Grand Lodge he was elected Senior Grand Warden in 1898, Deputy Grand Master in 1910-1911, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1912 and 1913.

Bro. SPOFFORD was a member of Harbor View Chapter O. E. S.

Bro. SPOFFORD had served many years as a member of the School Board in Deer Isle, Superintendent of the Mount Adams Cemetery Corporation, President of the Deer Isle Acetylene Co., and was a director in the Union Trust Co. in Ellsworth.

Bro. SPOFFORD was recognized for his genial companionship, liberality in charity, a friend to every one, an enemy to none. A man of highest character, upright integrity, faithful to all duties, and doing his work to the commendation of all, he has left a deep impression of his worth as a man, mason, friend, and husband. He is survived by a wife, two sisters and two nephews.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLET, *Past Grand Master.*

The memorial was accepted and a page ordered to be inscribed to his memory.

At noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
 Tuesday, May 4, 1915. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

#### FINANCE.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLET reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 4, 1915.

Your Committee of Finance have examined and approved the bills against the Grand Lodge and have certified them for payment to the Grand Treasurer.

The records of the Grand Lodge are faithfully and completely written up to date and the accounts of the Grand Secretary are correct.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined and have been found correct. For a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge we refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A summary of this business of the office is as follows:

1914, May 5.	Cash on hand from old account,.....	\$ 4,918.98
	Cash receipts for 1914-1915,.....	17,261.35
		<u>\$22,180.33</u>
	The expenditures have been,.....	8,761.94
1915, May 4.	Cash on hand new account,.....	\$13,418.39

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is \$72,407.22.

We recommend that

To Grand Lecturer be paid,.....	\$ 25.00
To Grand Treasurer, including cost of Bond,.....	300.00
To Grand Secretary,.....	700.00
as compensation for their services for year ending May 1, 1916.	
To the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1915,.....	150.00
Assistant Grand Secretary,.....	15.00

We recommend that there be transferred from the funds of the Grand Lodge to the Charity Fund the following:

1 Town of Dexter Bond, \$1,000.00, 03½, July 3, 1937,.....	\$1000.00
1 Sagadahoc Light & Power Co. 1st Bond, 04½, April, 1922,	500.00
For the continuation of Card Index,.....	500.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. MALLEY, { Committee.  
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then accepted.

#### CERTIFICATES OF CHARTER.

Certificates of Charter were asked for and voted to the following lodges:

Tremont, No. 77, South West Harbor.  
St. Paul's, No. 82, Rockport.  
Mosaic, No. 52, Foxcroft.  
Mariners', No. 68, Searsport.  
Plymouth, No. 75, Plymouth.  
Northern Star, No. 28, North Anson.  
Corinthian, No. 95, Hartland.

#### ELECTION.

At three o'clock the Grand Master invited Past Grand Master ALBRO E. CHASE to preside over the

election of Grand Officers. He appointed as committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOKEY, CHARLES W. CROSBY, FRANK J. COLE.  
 II. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. AMES, MILLARD M. CASWELL.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of votes to be:

Permanent Members present, 1 each,	30
Grand Officers present, 1 each,	36
195 lodges represented (3 votes each,)	585
Total number votes,	651

The Committees, having attended to their duties, reported the election of

THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Augusta;
WALDO PETTENGILL,	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master,</i>	Rumford;
FRED RAYMOND,	" <i>Senior Gr. Warden,</i>	Liv'more Falls;
FRANK B. ARNOLD,	" <i>Junior Grand Warden,</i>	Dexter;
ALBRO E. CHASE,	" <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>	Portland;
STEPHEN BERRY,	" " <i>Secretary,</i>	Portland.

*Committee of Finance*—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor; EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ELMER A. DOTEN, Portland.

*Trustees of Charity Fund for three years*—ARCHIE L. TALBOT, Lewiston; LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.

*Trustees of Charity Fund for two years*—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport; ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bro. CHASE for his assistance.

#### TEMPLE VS. HARMONY LODGES.

The complaint of Temple Lodge, No. 86, against Harmony Lodge, was presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

## DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. JAMES E. PARSONS reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 4, 1915.

Your Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, to whom were referred the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the matter of the petition for a dispensation for a lodge at Old Orchard be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

We commend the action of the Grand Master on the requests for permission to ballot in less than the stated time.

We recommend that the recommendation of the Grand Master in regard to a fixed hour for the opening of stated communications of lodges be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We earnestly call the attention of the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity to the Grand Master's report on District Deputy Grand Masters.

We congratulate the Grand Master on the able and successful administration of his office for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES E. PARSONS, } *Committee.*  
CHARLES W. CROSBY, }

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

At 4:45 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

**SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.**

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Wednesday, May 5, 1915. }

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

**PUBLICATION.**

BRO. MILLARD M. CASWELL reported as follows:

Your Committee on Publication have attended to the duties assigned them and beg leave to report that they deem it inexpedient at this time to republish Volume 4 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1859 to 1863.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, }  
EDWARD G. WESTON, } *Committee.*  
W. SCOTT SHOREY, }

Report accepted and adopted.

The Grand Master called to the East M.W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, who, after some remarks, invited Wor. JOHN C. ARNOLD, Master of Bethlehem Lodge of Augusta, with his officers, to assume the stations and to confer the Master Mason's degree, which was done. Music was furnished by Portland Lodge Quartet.

The Grand Lecturer resumed the East, and after brief comments surrendered the place to the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, it was

*Voted,* That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the officers of Bethlehem Lodge for the beautiful and correct rendering of the ritual in the work of the afternoon.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING.

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MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }  
Thursday, May 6, 1915. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 A. M.

ALFRED SANDERS KIMBALL.

BRO. HOWARD D. SMITH presented the following memorial:

"To the Past go more dead faces  
Every year:  
As the loved leave vacant places,  
Every year."

Looking down the line of men whose names adorn the annals of the craft we find no brother whose work has been more useful to the order than that of Past Grand Master KIMBALL. No man ever stood higher in the esteem of all citizens in the community in which he lived all his life, nor was a warmer friendship ever felt for man than the deep regard entertained for him by all who knew and honored him. In town, county and state he filled many offices with honesty and fidelity.

He was born in the Town of Waterford December 20, 1842, studied law and began to practice in his native town in 1864.

In 1882 he removed to the neighboring town of Norway, which was his home until his death. His masonic life was a long and useful one. He received the blue lodge degrees in Oxford Lodge, Norway, in 1865, and immediately dimitted to become a charter member of Mt. Tir'em Lodge, Waterford. He was elected Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1897, Deputy Grand Master in 1899-1900, and Grand Master in 1901 and 1902. He was for many years chairman of the Committee on Ma-

sonic Jurisprudence, and his best work was done on this important committee. He was the first High Priest of Oriental Chapter, Bridgton, and served the Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe in 1909. He was a charter member of Oxford Council, No. 14, Norway, serving as T. I. M. in 1893 and M. I. Grand Master 1907. He received the degrees of Knighthood in Portland Commandery in 1872. Upon the death of the lamented DRUMMOND he was elected President of the Order of High Priesthood and held that office until the last summons came. He had received all the degrees of the Scottish Rite, being admitted to the Thirty-third degree in 1906. He was elected Grand Master Ad Vitam of the Sovereign College of Allied and Christian Degrees for America in 1901.

If I might be pardoned for a word personal in this connection, it would be the expression of my great regard for this noble craftsman. I can testify to his manly character and moral worth, no less than to those honest qualities which gave him prominence.

I can speak out of my own knowledge of that spirit of charity, friendship and fraternity which he so constantly exercised.

I rejoice that I have personally known him these many years and that the memory of his good deeds still abides.

To him the words of the poet may well apply :

" Sleep calmly on ; thy noble life  
With cares and love replete  
Has left on us its impress, rife  
With mem'ries fond and sweet.

" Sleep peacefully : earth's work is done,  
Within a fairer clime  
All hopes and aspirations bloom,  
And reach fruition's time.

" Sleep on, dear friend : such lives as thine  
Have not been lived in vain  
But shed an influence, rare, divine,  
On lives that here remain."

The memorial was accepted, ordered to be printed, and a page was ordered to be inscribed to his memory.

FINANCE—FORM OF RETURN.

BRO. EDMUND B. MALLETT reported as follows :



IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1915.

Your Committee of Finance, to which was referred the matter of proposed form of returns, have had the same under consideration and ask for further time to consider the change and to report at the annual communication in May, 1916.

EDMUND B. MALLET, { Committee.  
ELMER A. DOTEN, }

Report accepted and request granted.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

BRO. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, reported that no business had been presented to them, and the report was accepted.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

BRO. ARCHIE L. TALBOT presented the following:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 6, 1915.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters have attended to the business referred to them and make report as follows:

The petition of H. ALONZO MILLIKEN and twenty-eight others for a Dispensation for a Lodge at Old Orchard to be named Orchard Lodge, is recommended by two of the nearest lodges whose territorial jurisdiction would be affected by the formation of such new lodge, viz: Saco Lodge, No. 9, Saco, and Hiram Lodge, No. 180, South Portland, and is recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master, within whose District the petitioners reside.

It appears, however, that the territorial jurisdiction of Temple Lodge, No. 86, at Westbrook, would also be affected by the formation of a lodge at Old Orchard. Temple Lodge has not recommended that a dispensation be granted for a lodge at Old Orchard, and has not been consulted in the matter.

It thus appears that Part Third, Article 1, Section 63, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Standing Regulation 12, have not been complied with.

Therefore, your committee recommend that further time be granted the petitioners and when the requirements of the Constitution and Standing Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall have been fully complied with, the question of issuing a dispensation for a lodge at Old Orchard be left with the Grand Master. Fraternally submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,  
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } Committee.  
EDMUND B. MALLEY,

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted, and permission given to complete it. (*See Appendix.*)

#### CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. ALBERT M. PENLEY submitted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 6, 1915.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity have attended to the duties assigned them and submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the reports of the several Grand Officers and are pleased to say that the Fraternity is in a prosperous condition.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts have attended to their duties very faithfully, and their reports show that the work is uniformly and impressively done.

The records and books are well kept, the lodges in good financial condition, and a better collection of dues is noted.

We believe the schools of instruction are productive of results which add to the efficient working of the craft, and we recommend that the schools be continued.

Every District Deputy Grand Master should make special effort to attend at least one of these schools; in case of his failure to do so he should be required to give reasons in writing.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT M. PENLEY,  
WILLIAM N. HOWE, } Committee.  
FRANK J. COLE,

Report accepted and adopted.

PAY ROLL.

BRO. CLIFFORD J. PATTEE reported as follows :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1915.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.*

Your Committee on Pay Roll beg leave to report that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, }  
WARREN D. TRASK, } *Committee.*  
FRANK H. BODGE, }

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

On motion of Bro. ALBRO E. CHASE, it was

*Voted*, That the names of the members of the Committees on Credentials and Pay Roll be placed on the Pay Roll.

JURISPRUDENCE.

BRO. ALBRO E. CHASE presented the following report, which was accepted :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, May 6, 1915.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have examined the decisions of Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE, which were referred to them, and report that the same are in accordance with Masonic Law as practiced in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }  
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*

BRO. CHASE also submitted the following :

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

PORTLAND, May 6, 1915.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master for 1914, found on Pages 23, 24 and 25 of the Proceedings, continued for report to the present session, have care-

fully considered the same and are of the opinion that they contain a correct statement of the law as heretofore promulgated by a long line of reasoning from many of Maine's most distinguished Grand Masters and Masonic Jurists, and therefore recommend their approval.

Faternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, }  
WALDO PETTENGILL, } *Committee.*

1865, PAGE 84.

Grand Master PREBLE. Funds cannot be used to hire bands to attend funerals or excursions; such things must be by subscriptions.

1873, PAGE 87, ALSO 1875, PAGE 528.

Grand Master CARGILL in report on the Chicago Fire Fund strongly emphasizes the idea of the trust fund for lodge and charitable purposes only.

1876, PAGE 17.

Grand Master MOORE. In no case can funds be appropriated for a public holiday.

1877, PAGE 283.

Grand Master MOORE. Cannot be used for insuring members; can only be used for necessary lodge and charitable purposes, in which all can equally share; there can be no class legislation in Masonry, no distinction in membership. A lengthy report was drawn out on the subject by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence composed of Past Grand Masters PREBLE, DRUMMOND, and Bro. H. H. DICKEY, no doubt written by Bro. DRUMMOND.

The report was laid on the table for future consideration.

#### INSTALLATION AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Master invited Past Grand Master FRANK E. SLEEPER to install the Grand Officers, and he requested Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY to act as Grand Marshal.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE was presented and installed as M. W. Grand Master, prayer being offered by the Rev. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

CONVERS E. LEACH,	<i>R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,</i>	Portland
WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	" <i>D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,</i>	Fort Fairfield
WINFIELD F. PACKARD,	" " <i>2d</i> "	Princeton
WILLIAM C. IRONS,	" " <i>3d</i> "	Addison
JULIAN H. HOOPER,	" " <i>4th</i> "	Sedgwick
ERWIN G. RYDER,	" " <i>5th</i> "	Brownville Jct.
RALPH W. MOORE,	" " <i>6th</i> "	Hampden
CHARLES W. JONES,	" " <i>7th</i> "	China
EDWARD GOODWIN,	" " <i>8th</i> "	Lincolntonville
ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	" " <i>9th</i> "	Rockland
VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY,	" " <i>10th</i> "	East Boothbay
W. LESLIE MALOON,	" " <i>11th</i> "	RFD 2, Sabattus
SANGER N. ANNIS,	" " <i>12th</i> "	Waterville
CARL C. PIPER,	" " <i>13th</i> "	Fairfield
FRED E. WARD,	" " <i>14th</i> "	Freeport
FRED E. TREFETHEN,	" " <i>15th</i> "	Wilton
JOHN M. HOLLAND,	" " <i>16th</i> "	Dixfield
EDGAR F. CASWELL,	" " <i>17th</i> "	Gorham
JAMES W. EASTMAN,	" " <i>18th</i> "	Fryeburg
J. BURTON ROBERTS,	" " <i>19th</i> "	Goodwin's Mills
PITT H. JONES,	" " <i>20th</i> "	Springfield
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	" " <i>21st</i> "	West Sullivan
BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS,	" " <i>22d</i> "	Pittsfield
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" " <i>23d</i> "	Limerick
WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN,	" " <i>24th</i> "	Lewiston
SAMUEL R. CRABTREE,	" " <i>25th</i> "	Island Falls
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain,</i>	Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	" " "	Bath
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Kittery
REV. HENRY E. DUNNACK,	" " "	Augusta
REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
L. ELWOOD JONES,	" " <i>Marshal,</i>	Winthrop
GEORGE F. GIDDINGS,	" " <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	Augusta
CHARLES LEROY JONES,	" " <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	Waterville
ELMER A. DOTEN,	" " <i>Steward,</i>	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " "	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "	Biddeford
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" " "	Portland
GEORGE R. HALL,	" " <i>Sword Bearer,</i>	Lewiston

JOHN N. FOYE,	<i>W. Grand Standard Bearer,</i>	Canton
WARREN C. KING,	" " <i>Pursuivant,</i>	Portland
J. IRVING HAYDEN,	" " "	Raymond
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " <i>Lecturer,</i>	Sabattus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " <i>Organist,</i>	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " <i>Tyler,</i>	Portland

The remaining Grand Officers, elected and appointed, who were present, were installed by Bro. SLEEPER, and proclamation thereof was made.

The Grand Master resumed the East and thanked Bros. SLEEPER and PENLEY for their assistance, and the Grand Lodge, also, by vote, thanked Bro. SLEEPER.

The Grand Master announced the following :

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

##### *On Credentials.*

SILAS B. ADAMS, RALPH H. BURBANK, CHARLES B. DAVIS.

##### *On Grievances and Appeals.*

HOWARD D. SMITH, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, LEANDER M. KENNISTON.

##### *On Publication.*

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

##### *On History.*

WILLIAM H. HOWE, FRED C. CHALMERS, ADELBERT MILLETT.

##### *On Dispensations and Charters.*

ARCHIE L. TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, EDMUND B. MALLET.

##### *On Amendments to the Constitution.*

WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD.

##### *On Masonic Jurisprudence.*

HUGH R. CHAPLIN, ALBRO E. CHASE, WALDO PETTENGILL.

##### *On Foreign Correspondence.*

ALBRO E. CHASE, AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, ASHLEY A. SMITH,

##### *On Condition of the Fraternity.*

ALBERT M. PENLEY, WILLIAM N. HOWE, EDWIN A. PORTER.

*On Library.*

GRAND MASTER, WILMER J. DORMAN, JOHN W. BALLOU.

*On Transportation.*

STEPHEN BERRY, WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, JAMES E. PARSONS.

*On Returns.*

STEPHEN BERRY, JAMES C. AYER, DANIEL P. BOYNTON.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. HOWARD D. SMITH reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,  
PORTLAND, May 6, 1915.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them and respectfully present the following report:

In the case of Trinity Lodge, No. 130, at Presque Isle, against Bro. LIONEL E. DUDLEY, wherein Bro. DUDLEY was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of Trinity Lodge be approved and confirmed and that Bro. LIONEL E. DUDLEY be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton, against Bro. LYMAN W. SMITH, wherein Bro. SMITH was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of Whitney Lodge be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. LYMAN W. SMITH be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, at Sherman Mills, against Bro. JOHN CUSHMAN, wherein Bro. CUSHMAN was expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of Molunkus Lodge be approved and confirmed, and that Bro. JOHN CUSHMAN be hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of Portland Lodge, No. 1, Portland, asking for the restoration of Bro. DAVID S. CLARKE, your committee recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of Portland Lodge be approved and con-

firmed, and that Bro. CLARKE be restored to all the right and benefits of Masonry.

In the case of complaint of Warren Lodge, No. 2, against Harwood Lodge, No. 91, for invasion of jurisdiction, your committee find that Harwood did invade the jurisdiction of Warren as charged; but Warren Lodge waives all claims to restitution of the fees. This case was amicably settled between the parties.

In the case of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, for restoration to membership of ALBERT W. MURRAY, the committee report that no evidence has been presented to them that the lodge was ever duly notified of the application of Bro. MURRAY or to show what action the lodge has taken in the matter.

We therefore recommend that the papers be returned to the lodge that it may comply with the constitutional regulations.

In the case of Temple Lodge, No. 86, against Harmony Lodge, No. 38, complaint for invasion of jurisdiction, the parties agree, and the committee so find that the complaint is sustained, but there appears to have been no wilfull intention.

In the case of Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 67, against Beth-Horan Lodge of Brookline, Mass., for accepting the application of candidate within five years of a rejection by Blue Mountain, it appears by the correspondence in the case, that Beth-Horan did make some inquiry prior to initiation, and possibly acted under some misapprehension.

It now appears that Blue Mountain refuses a waiver of jurisdiction, and your committee recommend that the matter be continued in the hands of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD D. SMITH, ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	}	Committee.
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The report was accepted, and with a slight amendment, the recommendations were adopted.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. ALBERT M. PENLEY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of this Annual Communication had been completed, and the report was accepted.



## CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Assistant Grand Secretary and were approved, and at 11:10 the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by the Rev. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :

*Stephen Berry**Grand Secretary.*

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The ninety-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine will be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, on Tuesday, May 2, 1916, at 9 o'clock A. M.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## TRUSTEES . OF . THE . CHARITY . FUND.

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MASONIC TEMPLE PORTLAND,  
Tuesday, May 4, 1915.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 P. M.

Present—THOMAS H. BODGE, *President*,  
WALDO PETTENGILL,  
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,  
CLIFFORD J. PATTEE,  
STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,  
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,  
FRANK E. SLEEPER,  
EDMUND B. MALLET,  
ASHLEY A. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1915.

*To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the  
Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.*

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund.	Income.
25 shares Canal National Bank Stock,.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150 00
18 " Casco National Bank Stock,.....	1,800.00	108.00
14 " First National Bank Stock,.....	1,400.00	98.00
20 " Westbrook Trust Co.,.....	2,000.00	120.00
3 bonds Sagadahoc Light & Power Co.,.....	1,500.00	67.50

1	bond	Town of Brunswick, .....	1,000.00	40.00
2	"	Northern Pacific Railway Co., .....	2,000.00	80.00
2	"	Rockland Water Co., .....	1,500.00	75.00
2	"	Wladikawkas Railway Co., .....	2,000.00	80.00
2	"	Kennebec Light & Heat Co., .....	1,000.00	50.00
1	"	Mousam Water Co., .....	500.00	25.00
1	"	Denver City Tramway Co., .....	500.00	25.00
5	"	Portland Water Co., .....	5,000.00	200.00
2	"	Rumford Falls Water Power Co., .....	2,000.00	80.00
1	"	Delaware, Ohio, Water Co., .....	500.00	37.50
3	"	Toledo Terminal Co., .....	2,200.00	99.05
6	"	Boston & Maine Railway Co., .....	6,000.00	240.00
3	"	Chicago & North Western Railway Co., ..	3,000.00	119.40
1	"	Portsmouth, Berkeley & Suffolk Water Co.,	500.00	25.00
1	"	Town of Everett, Mass., .....	1,000.00	40.00
1	"	Town of Hyde Park, Mass., .....	1,000.00	40.00
1	"	Town of Methuen, Mass., .....	1,000.00	40.00
2	"	Standish Water & Construction Co., .....	1,000.00	40.00
1	"	City of Portland, Oregon, .....	1,000.00	40.00
1	"	City Water Co. of East St. Louis, .....	1,000.00	50.00
1	"	City of Springfield, Mass., .....	1,000.00	40.00
5	"	City of Minneapolis, Minn., .....	5,000.00	200.00
1	"	Newton & North Western Railway Co. ex- changed for securities in the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway Co. as follows:		
		4 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 59, 178, 183, 184, .....	800.00	
		Cert. No. A203, 5 shares com- mon stock, .....	500.00	
		Cert. No. A228, 3 shares pre- ferred stock, .....	300.00	1,000.00
1	note (Moody) secured by mortgage, .....		5,000.00	500.00
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			\$54,900.00	\$2,209.45

Maine Savings Bank, .....	\$ 1,188.35	\$ 97.94
Portland Savings Bank, .....	1,332.03	109.76
Augusta Savings Bank, .....	980.84	80.80
Skowhegan Savings Bank, .....	926.31	76.30
Waterville Savings Bank, .....	973.74	80.24
Wiscasset Savings Bank, .....	1,007.03	82.98

Bath Savings Bank, .....	982.58	80.96
Brunswick Savings Bank, .....	958.83	78.98
Gardiner Savings Bank, .....	965.87	79.56
Portland National Bank, Savings Department, ....	1,933.79	159.36
Fidelity Trust Co., Savings Department, .....	5,146.48	314.98
Chapman National Bank, Savings Department, ....	559.35	46.06
Belfast Savings Bank, .....	<u>552.02</u>	<u>45.48</u>
	\$17,507.22	\$1,333.40
	<u>\$72,407.22</u>	

## CASH ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

1914.		
May 1.	Balance from old account, .. .. .	\$1,967.89
	From Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, unexpended balance, .....	256.13
	Income from all investments except Savings Banks, ...	4,079.10
	Exchange of Bonds, .....	25.00
	Interest from Union Safe and Deposit Co., .....	126.53
	Charity unexpended and returned, .....	39.00
	Total receipts, ... .. .	<u>\$6,493.65</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1914.		
May 7.	Paid beneficiaries, .....	\$1,859.00
	Placed in hands of Grand Master, .....	300.00
	Paid beneficiary Hiram Lodge, No. 180, .....	52.00
	Rent of Box in Safety Vault, .....	10.00
	Returned Coupons, .....	46.25
	Savings Banks added, .....	1,333.40
	Balance cash on hand, .....	<u>2,893.00</u>
		<u>\$6,493.65</u>

Fraternally submitted,

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Master reported that he and the Committee of Finance had examined the securities and had found them all correct, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 86 applications for aid, which were referred to a committee of two.

*Voted*, That the question of the re-investment of the surplus funds be referred to a committee to be composed of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and one to be selected by them.

Adjourned to 4 P. M. Wednesday.

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WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1915.

Met in Grand Lodge office at 5 P. M.

Present—THOMAS H. BODGE, *President*,

WALDO PETTENGILL,

FRED RAYMOND,

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*,

LEANDER M. KENNISTON,

FRANK E. SLEEPER,

HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Committee on Applications for Aid reported a schedule, which was accepted.

*Voted*, That one represent thirteen dollars.

*Voted*, That \$2,593.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

The renewal of the bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000 with the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as surety, was presented and accepted.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

STEPHEN BERRY, *Secretary*.

## Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

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### ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

*First*, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

*Secondly*, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

*Thirdly*, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

*Fourthly*, to other cases of distress.

### ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

### ARTICLE III.

Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or of the nearest lodge, vouching for his masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 5, 1858.*

*Voted*, That every brother intrusted with funds be required to take receipts for the same, when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1862.*

*Voted*, That each Almoner be provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such Almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts such Almoner is to cause

to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

*Voted*, That no Almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this board for the full amount of such appropriation when the money has been drawn by such Almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of Almoner for this Charity Fund.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 4, 1871.

*Voted*, That hereafter no application for relief be considered by the Trustees, unless made in writing, according to Article III of the Regulations of the Charity Fund.

*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to make a list of such applications, including all that come to his hands up to Monday evening preceding the day of the Annual Communication, and that all applications presented after that time be referred to the next annual meeting of the Trustees.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary notify every lodge of this action, at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 8, 1872.

*Resolved*, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund *must* state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 6, 1885.

*Voted*, That hereafter all applications for relief, not seasonably presented in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, be passed over.

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*In Board of Trustees*, Portland, May 5, 1886.

*Voted*, That the Grand Secretary, when he sends his papers to the different lodges for their returns, issue a circular to each lodge, notifying them that applications to the Board of Trustees for relief must be made in accordance with the rules of the Board of Trustees,—otherwise they will not be considered.

*In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 3, 1889.*

*Voted,* That whenever the Grand Treasurer has any money to invest, or considers any change should be made in the investments, it shall be necessary that such investments and re-investments shall first receive the written approval of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, or either two of them.

A true copy from the Record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:                      STEPHEN BERRY, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

## CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

—1915.—



THOMAS H. BODGE, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio.
WALDO PETTENGILL, Deputy Grand Master,	"
FRED RAYMOND, Senior Grand Warden,	"
FRANK B. ARNOLD, Junior Grand Warden,	"
STEPHEN BERRY, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	elected May 6, 1913, for three years.
HOWARD D. SMITH,	" " " " " " "
ARCHIE L. TALBOT,	" " 4, 1915, " " "
LEANDER M. KENNISTON,	" " " " " "
EDMUND B. MALLET,	" " " " " two "
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " " " " "



## STANDING REGULATIONS.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.

*Resolved*, That immediately preceding the hour for the election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as is provided in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall announce the number of votes in the Grand Lodge. [1911, p. 224.]

I. 1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay to one delegate who shall be present on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and (unless excused by the Grand Lodge on account of his own sickness or that of his family) attend during the session, for mileage four and one-half cents for each mile one way to Portland from the station or landing place in the town where the lodge is located, together with such additional sum for stage fare from the place of location of the lodge to such station or landing place when such is paid; and two dollars for each day's actual attendance, not exceeding three days, when the delegate is a member of the lodge he represents; and the same mileage and per diem to District Deputy Grand Masters and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem. [Amended 1914, p. 55.]

## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted since Edition of Constitution, 1910.

[Part Fourth, Art. I, Page 42 of the Constitution.]

SEC. 127. No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death. [1912, p. 53.]

## REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

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SABATTUS, May 4, 1915.

Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE,  
Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

Two "schools for masonic instruction" have been held during the past year. One or two more were desirable.

1914, October 28, I held a school at Kittery on invitation of Naval Lodge, at which were present District Deputy Grand Masters from the 9th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 23d Districts, and brethren from 12 Maine, 1 Alabama, 1 District of Columbia, 1 Florida, 4 Massachusetts, 1 Michigan, 2 New Hampshire, 4 New York, and 1 Ohio lodges.

All present were greatly interested in the work of the school, and the presence of 18 visitors from the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, as well as those from 7 other Grand Jurisdictions, added much to the variety of the questions asked. Naval Lodge was most hospitable to all visitors during the day, and in the evening worked the M. M. degree upon two candidates.

I feel very sure that the school will prove to have been an aid to more correct Maine work in the lodges of the extreme western section of this Grand Jurisdiction.

1914, November 6, I opened a "school" at Pittsfield on invitation of Meridian Lodge, at which were present 38 members of that lodge and 75 visiting brethren, representing 36 lodges.

District Deputy Grand Masters were present from the 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 22d and 24th Districts.

Every brother appeared to feel that the school was for his personal benefit, and his interest and zeal continued unabated through each session. From the presence of so many District Deputies, representing so large a portion of our state, I am confident that the school at Pittsfield will be remembered as a most profitable one.

It is to be regretted that the Deputies from the 4th, 5th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 20th, 21st and 25th Districts did not attend either school. I presume that the distance and time required to attend, (and possibly ignorance as to expenses), may account for one-half the absentees, but I sincerely hope that, as the Grand Lodge pays the expense of Deputies in attending one school, we may have present next year a percentage of 100, or at least 96, instead of 68 as this year.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. SLEEPER, *Grand Lecturer.*

## Reports • of • District • Deputy • Grand • Masters.

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### FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I hereby submit my official report as District Deputy of the First Masonic District, having been duly installed to said office by Past District Deputy Grand Master H. B. HOLMES of Presque Isle.

I attended the school of instruction held at Pittsfield and found it very interesting and instructive. This school was under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER.

During the year I visited every lodge in the district and witnessed work in all of them and all in the Third degree with the exception of my home lodge (Eastern Frontier), where I have been a regular attendant on all the meetings. It was not necessary in the past year to grant any dispensations in this district. I received invitations to install the officers of three lodges, namely: Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield, Trinity of Presque Isle, and Limestone of Limestone, which I did, assisted by Past Master W. N. GOULD as Marshal.

On January 20th, by invitation of W. M. A. H. DAMON, I installed the officers of Limestone Lodge at Limestone, being assisted by Past Master W. N. GOULD as Marshal.

January 27th, at the request of W. M. A. L. SAWYER, I installed the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112, of Fort Fairfield, being assisted by Past Master G. E. BARTLETT as Marshal. After the installation ceremonies were over Bro. ALEX. McDOUGALL, who for ten years had been the faithful and efficient Tyler of this lodge, was conducted to the East, where Bro. E. K. GUILD in very fitting and appropriate remarks presented to him on behalf of the members of Eastern Frontier Lodge a beautiful gold watch chain and charm, which was received very feelingly by Bro. McDOUGALL. This being his seventy-fifth birthday it seemed very fitting to make the presentation.

On February 4th, I visited Caribou Lodge, No. 170, of Caribou, and found a good attendance, a number of members from Limestone Lodge being present. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was very creditably done. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, the dues being well collected and records well kept.

February 10th, I visited Monument Lodge, No. 96, of Houlton, and received a very cordial welcome. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a very large attendance and the work was exceedingly well done, a great deal of interest being shown by all the officers and members. The records and finances of this lodge are in excellent condition, and in Bro. C. E. F. STETSON Monument Lodge has a Secretary of whom they must feel justly proud. To criticize the work done in this lodge would require one better posted than I am. I must say that the work done by Monument Lodge excels that of any lodge in this district. I was greatly disappointed to be unable to arrange to have Monument Lodge exemplify the work before the Grand Lodge. It would have given me a great deal of pleasure to have a lodge from the First District work before the Grand Lodge, and I sincerely hope it can be arranged for another year.

February 23d, I again visited Limestone Lodge, this time to inspect the work. I drove to Limestone accompanied by Bros. W. N. GOULD, H. F. KALLOCH and D. W. HAINES and we were very cordially received. I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but they have made remarkable progress in the work. The lodge is in the hands of capable officers who should be commended for the work done and interest taken. A great deal of this being due to the untiring efforts of their W. M., Bro. A. H. DAMON. The records of this lodge are well kept and dues well collected, owing to the careful and faithful attention of their Secretary, Bro. A. W. SHERBURN. After making some remarks on the work and offering some suggestions, the W. M. called on Bros. KALLOCH, GOULD and HAINES, who heartily responded. Remarks were also made by Bro. J. O. RUTTER, Chaplain of Limestone Lodge. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

March 1st, by invitation of W. M. L. T. PORTER of Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, I visited this lodge for the purpose of installation and inspection. A very cordial and friendly greeting was extended to me by the brethren of Trinity Lodge. There was a large attendance and a great deal of interest manifested. I was very ably assisted in the installation exercises by Bro. WM. R. PIPES as Marshal. After the installation the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates and it was very acceptably done, considering that this was the first time the newly elected officers had worked this degree. A great deal of credit is due the Past

Masters and older members of this lodge for the interest taken. Trinity Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having taken in 18 members this year, the largest number of any lodge in the district. The books and records of this lodge are in the hands of Bro. V. E. HOWE. The dues are well collected and the records are particularly well kept, showing efficiency and thoroughness in every detail.

March 26th, I visited Aroostook Lodge at Blaine, and met with a very cordial reception. I was accompanied by Bro. W. N. GOULD, who was raised in this lodge twenty years ago, and this was the first time it had been his privilege to attend since being raised. It was very gratifying to him as well as to the older members present. Work was done in the M. M. degree in a very acceptable manner. There was a good attendance and a great deal of interest manifested. After making some corrections and offering some suggestions, which were very thankfully received, remarks were made by visiting brethren and members of the lodge, after which we repaired to the dining room where a banquet was served and a very enjoyable time spent. This lodge is well officered, the dues fairly well collected, and the records well kept.

March 31st, I was with Washburn Lodge on my official visit and met with a very warm welcome. There the M. M. degree was worked on two candidates in a very satisfactory manner, all of the officers taking their parts well, particularly so as this was the first time they had worked the M. M. degree after being installed. There was a good attendance, quite a number of visitors being present, and all the officers and members showing a great deal of interest in the work. After offering some suggestions and giving some instructions in regard to floor work, we repaired to the Church Vestry, where a most delicious banquet was served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. The books and records of this lodge are looked after by Bro. E. M. HINES, who in a great measure is responsible for the growth and prosperity of Washburn Lodge. The dues are well collected and the records faithfully kept, and I can report Washburn Lodge in a prosperous condition.

I have been a regular attendant on all the meetings of my home lodge (Eastern Frontier, No. 112,) and have witnessed work in all the degrees. The work is done in a very good manner, a great deal of interest being shown in both the ritualistic and floor work, the lodge being in the hands of capable and efficient officers who take a great deal of interest in the work.

I sincerely hope that arrangements can be made to hold a school of instruction in this district sometime during the year, as they are very interesting and instructive, and produce most profitable results.

I find Masonry in the First District in a very prosperous and progres-

sive condition. The work in the several lodges in the district being very uniform and all the officers striving to do their best to keep it so.

I wish to express to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me as District Deputy Grand Master of the First District, and trust I have in some degree merited your confidence. I also wish to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for the very kind and courteous manner in which I have been received.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. DAVIDSON, *D. D. G. M. 1st M. D.*

Fort Fairfield, April 28, 1915.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District.

I was re-appointed D. D. G. M. of the Second District at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge held at Portland in May, 1914, and was installed by P. G. M. CHARLES I. COLLAMORE at Masonic Temple in Portland May 7th.

On November 6th, I attended a School of Instruction at Pittsfield held by Dr. SLEEPER. Although I had a long way to go and had to be away from home three days, I felt amply paid for the time taken.

Dr. SLEEPER said it was one of the best schools he had ever held. There were fourteen of the twenty-five Deputies present and a great deal of interest was manifested in the work. In the evening Meridian Lodge worked the M. M. degree in a very impressive manner.

February 1st, I made an official visitation to Eastern Lodge, No. 7, and witnessed the work in the E. A. degree. Although some of the regular officers were absent good work was creditably presented.

P. D. D. G. M. HAWKES is Secretary and keeps the books very neatly and the dues well collected. There was an unusually large number of the members present and we had a very pleasant meeting. At the close of the work a banquet was served. I find Eastern Lodge in a prosperous condition. During the past year they have made improvements in their hall, remodeled their ante-rooms, installed a furnace, a beautiful carpet, and new system of electric lighting, and now have one of the best lodge rooms in Eastern Maine.

February 10th, I visited Lewy's Island Lodge, No. 138, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree. The work was good. I made some suggestions and examined the books, and find that this lodge is in an excellent financial condition with a fine set of officers. The records are still in the hands of Bro. THEO. MORRISON and are in excellent shape. The dues are well collected. Lewy's Island Lodge also has a substantial Charity Fund with which to aid a distressed worthy brother. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

February 17th, I visited Washington Lodge, No. 37. Work in the F. C. degree was presented in a very impressive manner on three candidates, and the ritual was very closely followed. The new Master, Bro. HARRY L. WALTON, is very much interested in his work and the lodge is doing good work. I examined the books of the Secretary, Past D. D. G. M. CASE, and the Treasurer, P. M. MCBRIDE. They are well kept and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. There was an extra large number of the brethren in attendance. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. On this occasion I was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Bro. WALTON.

March 1st, I visited officially St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree on two candidates in a manner which received the attention of all present. St. Croix Lodge always does good work and there were few corrections to make. In Bro. H. R. GILLIS the lodge has a very efficient officer. P. D. D. G. M. JONES is to be commended on the neatness of his books and the small amount of dues uncollected. There was an unusually large number of the members present.

March 3d, I made an official visit to Crescent Lodge, No. 78, and had the pleasure of witnessing work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees. Most of the officers are new in their stations, but do very good work. I made some corrections and suggestions and examined the books, finding them very neatly kept and the dues well collected. I have been present at most of the meetings of Crescent during the past year and find the officers anxious to learn and much interested in their work.

One thing that has made it difficult for Crescent Lodge to keep up to the standard of work they desire, is the fact that the membership is scattered, and for the past seven or eight years the several Masters and many of its officers have lived six miles from the lodge room, thus making it difficult to have all the regular officers at each meeting. I think much credit is due those officers and members of Crescent Lodge who have worked so hard for the past few years to keep the standard of work it now does and the healthy condition it is now in.

March 30th, I received a dispensation from M. W. G. M. THOMAS H. BODGE for Washington Lodge, No. 37, to hold a convention of the lodges

of the Second District in the K. of P. Hall, their hall being too small for the occasion, the K. of Ps. having offered Washington Lodge the use of their hall for that purpose.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT LUBEC. March 31st, by invitation of Washington Lodge, No. 37, I called a convention of the lodges of the Second District to be held at Lubec on this date. I engaged a special train from Calais to Eastport and return and made arrangements for an extra trip of the Lubec Ferry to return to Eastport at the close of the convention. The day was ideal, and there were about two hundred and fifty masons present, including several brethren from the Third District.

At 3 o'clock a lodge of M. M. was opened in due form by the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 37, at which time the W. M., HARRY L. WALTON, in a few well chosen words welcomed the officers and members of the several lodges to the convention. Bro. WALTON then invited me to preside. I then declared work suspended in the M. M. degree and a lodge of E. A. opened in its stead, and asked the officers of St. Croix Lodge to exemplify work in the E. A. degree. The work of St. Croix Lodge was very close to the ritual and creditable in every respect; it called for but few corrections.

The first lecture by the S. W. and S. D., the second by the J. W. and S. D., and the third by the W. M., H. R. GILLIS, were all rendered in a very correct and impressive manner. St. Croix Lodge has good reason to be proud of its officers. I then declared this lodge of E. A. closed and a lodge of F. C. opened, and invited the officers of Crescent Lodge, No. 78, to exemplify work in the F. C. degree. The S. W. and S. D. were unavoidably absent, but their stations were filled by members of their own lodge, and their work, both ritualistic and floor, was excellent; but owing to lack of time it was necessary to omit the lectures.

The convention was then called from labor to refreshment and the brethren marched to the Church on the Hill, in the vestry of which the ladies of Quoddy Light Chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., furnished a most delightful and inviting banquet. The ladies of the O. E. S. certainly know the shortest way to a man's heart. After the banquet the brethren were entertained at the moving picture room till 7:30.

At 8:00 labor was resumed and I declared this lodge of F. C. closed and a lodge of M. M. opened. The officers of Washington Lodge, No. 37, then resumed their stations and exemplified work in the M. M. degree. The work of Washington Lodge was very impressive and the ritual closely followed. Although as in the F. C. degree we were limited for time and obliged to omit the lectures, several points of interest were taken up.



We had with us on this occasion P. D. D. G. Ms. HAWKES of Eastern Lodge, CASE of Washington Lodge, MANN of St. Croix Lodge, also a good number of the Past Masters in the district. We were pleased to have a number of brethren from the Third Masonic District with us on this occasion, among whom were P. Ms. W. F. POPE, F. L. TALBOT, J. R. TALBOT and W. MYRICK. This has been one of our largest and best conventions and I believe some good will come out of it. Washington Lodge is to be congratulated upon the manner in which they entertained the convention, and it will be a long time before those who were present will forget the general feeling of good fellowship which prevailed throughout the meetings.

Harmony and good will prevail among the lodges and Masonry in the Second District is in a prosperous condition. At each of my official visitations there was an unusually large number of the brethren present, and much interest is manifest throughout the entire district.

I wish to thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges in this district for the courteous manner in which I have been received on my visits and the many expressions of good fellowship which have been extended to me.

In closing my second year as D. D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District I wish, Most Worshipful, to thank you sincerely for the honor conferred upon me, and I assure you that the work among the lodges has been a pleasure.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRED L. GARDNER, *D. D. G. M. 2d M. D.*

Dennysville, April 10, 1915.

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### THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report of the Third District for the year 1914-15.

I was appointed by you at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge and was installed by Past D. D. G. M. JOSEPH F. LEIGHTON at Milbridge, and soon after received the jewel and apron.

November 6, 1914, I attended the school of instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER at Pittsfield and felt well repaid for my trouble. In the evening I witnessed work in the M. M. degree by the Pittsfield lodge. The work was well done with very few mistakes.

January 9, 1915, I installed the officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, assisted by Bro. WILLIAM H. STEWART as Chaplain and Bro. HARRY TABBUTT as Marshal. The installation was public. I examined the records and found everything in good condition. Supper was served in the Grange Hall.

January 18th, by invitation, I visited Pleiades Lodge, No. 173. I installed the officers, assisted by Bro. GRANT as Chaplain and Bro. ADVER WALLING as Marshal. Installation was private. Bro. JOSEPH LEIGHTON, Past D. D. G. M., has been re-elected Master and I feel sure, as he takes a great interest in the lodge, everything will boom under his supervision, as present conditions are good.

On January 19th, I was called to install the officers of Jonesport Lodge. Joint installation with Chapter of Eastern Star. Was assisted by Bro. JENKINS as Chaplain and Bro. HARRY TABBUTT as Marshal. Supper served in banquet hall after ceremony. This lodge has a fine new hall, all out of debt and in excellent condition.

February 5th, I installed the officers of Warren Lodge, No. 2. Installation was private, and as the weather was bad there were very few present. Found lodge in a prosperous condition.

I installed the officers of Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler, on February 12th, assisted by Bro. SMITH as Chaplain and Bro. FRED THURLOW as Marshal. Installation public. This lodge is in a better condition than for years.

February 19th, I was called to Machias to install the officers of Harwood Lodge, No. 91. Installation was public and a large attendance, very pleasant time. Was assisted by Past D. D. G. M. WILLIS ALLEN as Marshal and Bro. BIELER as Chaplain. After installation refreshments were served in the hall.

On Thursday, February 23d, I visited Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, at Cherryfield. Installation private, assisted by Bro. CASE as Chaplain and Bro. LEWIS LACKEE as Marshal.

I called a convention to be held at Machias on March 10th. We were cordially received by Harwood Lodge. Jonesport Lodge was to have worked the First degree and Pleiades the Second, but both were unable to appear in sufficient numbers to do the work, so I substituted Tuscan Lodge for the First in the afternoon, and the work was done in a very creditable manner.

The Fellow Craft degree was worked by members from different lodges. After the afternoon session we repaired to the banquet hall where a bounteous supper was served. The convention convened again about 7 o'clock, when the M. M. degree was exemplified by Lookout Lodge of Cutler on a regular candidate. The work was rendered in a very pleasing and effi-

cient manner. The attendance was large and on the whole I consider the convention a very profitable and enjoyable affair.

In conclusion, I am pleased to say I found the records of all lodges most satisfactory and the officers interested in their work. I wish to thank the officers and brethren of this district for their courtesy and hospitality extended me during my term as D. D. G. M., and you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM C. IRONS, *D. D. G. M. 3d M. D.*

Addison, March 29, 1915.

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#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you the annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

December 20th, I was appointed D. D. G. M. to fill out the balance of the year of Bro. THOMAS C. STANLEY, who moved to Bangor, and not being able to complete his year as D. D. G. M. resigned. January 1st I received from Bro. STANLEY the collar and jewel.

January 5th, I was installed in Eggemoggin Lodge by Past D. D. G. M. OWEN L. FLVE, assisted by D. D. G. M. T. A. SMITH.

January 20th, I assisted in installing the officers of Eggemoggin Lodge, Past D. D. G. M. Bro. T. A. SMITH as installing officer, who did the work in a very pleasing manner. This is my home lodge, so I will neither praise nor criticize, but will say the lodge is in a prosperous condition. Records well kept, dues nearly all collected.

January 26th, I attended the installation at Bagaduce Lodge and conferred the Past Master degree on Bro. NEAL F. DOW. Past D. D. G. M. Bro. T. A. SMITH installed the officers. After partaking of a bountiful supper, we spent a very pleasant social hour.

February 20th, visited Bagaduce Lodge; witnessed work in the Master Mason degree. The officers take a great interest in their lodge, but were not as well versed in the ritual as they should be. They have quite a lot of work on hand. The records are well kept and dues fairly well collected. Twelve members of my own lodge were present and we enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

March 3d, visited Rising Star Lodge at Penobscot. I arrived there at 7 P. M., cold after a ride of 15 miles, but when I entered the hall I found

the cold was all on the outside. A fine supper was waiting, prepared by the Eastern Star members. They had no work, so exemplified part of the Master Mason degree. This lodge has energy and snap and young men for officers, who rendered the work letter perfect. The records are in the hands of Bro. WARDWELL and are finely kept. The dues are all collected.

April 1st, visited Hancock Lodge at Castine. Witnessed work in the Entered Apprentice degree on three candidates, this being the first work they had done for some time, but it was well performed. This was their first meeting in their new hall. They now have very fine quarters. They have formed a Masonic Club whose rooms are always open to masons, who are invited to make these rooms their headquarters when in Castine. Records are well kept, dues with two or three exceptions are all collected.

April 19th, visited Ira Berry Lodge at Bluehill. Witnessed work in the Fellow Craft degree on two candidates. The work was well performed. The records are neatly kept; the dues are very well collected.

I visited Naskeag Lodge at Brooklin. There only being a few present we spent a short time in a social way and went home. This is a prosperous lodge.

I am sorry to say that a series of unfavorable circumstances have prevented my visiting the lodges at Deer Isle and Stonington. In the early winter these lodges had no work, so I put my visit off and of late other things have prevented me from visiting them.

I have nothing but words of praise for the warm greetings and hearty welcomes that have been accorded me by the brothers of the several lodges I have visited. And to you, Most Worshipful, many thanks for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Faternally submitted,

J. H. HOOPER, *D. D. G. M. 4th M. D.*

North Sedgwick, April 26, 1915.

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#### FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I hereby submit my second report as D. D. G. M. of the Fifth Masonic District.

It seems but a few days since I made my first report as District Deputy, but upon examination of the calendar it appears that another milestone of Masonry is in sight and will be behind us in a few days.

During the past year I have been called upon by seven of the nine lodges in the district to install their officers, but have been able to attend the installations in but five cases.

I have visited all the lodges in the district, and have inspected the work in one or more degrees in each lodge, and whatever I might say in praise of the work in one lodge, would be equally true to all. I feel to commend the officers of the lodges in this district, in the effort they have made in correct rendering of the ritual, and the impressive manner in which they have done their work. I also note the increased interest taken in examining the candidates as to their proficiency before advancement.

The lodges of this district enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than ever before, there having been ninety initiates in the nine lodges, which breaks all previous records for this district.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of this district for the courtesies shown me during the year, and for their hearty support in carrying out any suggestions which I have made, and I wish to express to you my appreciation for the confidence which you reposed in me by appointing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, and I thank you for the honor conferred.

Yours fraternally,

HARRY A. FOWLES, D. D. G. M. 5th M. D.

La Grange, April 29, 1915.

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### SIXTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the Sixth Masonic District for the year of 1914-15.

Wednesday evening, October 28th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, at Kenduskeag. The correctness of both the ritual and floor work made my task an exceptionally easy one and showed the W. M. MAYO had retained and put to good use a greater portion of the instruction received during his attendance at the Grand Lodge. The records as kept by P. D. D. G. M. HARVEY were up to their usual high standard. A large number of visitors were present and the well known and appreciated hospitality of Kenduskeag Lodge was enjoyed by all.

Friday, November 6th, I attended a very interesting school of instruction held by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Pitts-

field. The instruction received from Bro. SLEEPER has been of very much assistance to me during the year.

Friday evening, December 4th, I inspected work in the F. C. degree by Howard Lodge, No. 69, at Winterport. The work was very well done and in a manner which showed that deep interest is taken by the officers and members. The records as kept by Bro. BAKER are models of neatness and accuracy. Refreshments were enjoyed at High Twelve.

Friday evening, December 11th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor. The almost perfect work of this lodge has always been an inspiration to me and has been of very much benefit to the Sixth District, as it has helped to show us the beauty and solemnity of the masonic degrees when the ritual and floor work has been correctly and impressively carried out. The work on this occasion was up to its usual high standard. The well known hospitality of St. Andrew's Lodge was extended to a large number and the evening enjoyed by all. The records as kept by P. M. H. W. LIBBEY were in excellent condition.

Tuesday evening, December 15th, I visited Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor, for inspection of work in the M. M. degree. The capable manner in which the work was performed made the evening a very enjoyable one. Careful attention is being given to both the ritual and floor work by Rising Virtue Lodge, with results beneficial not only to that lodge and its members but to the officers and members of other lodges who visit it and to whom a cordial welcome is always extended. A statement that the records are kept by R. W. Bro. F. J. COLE is sufficient testimony as to their accuracy. The assistance given the lodge by Bro. COLE has been very helpful and is much appreciated by the officers and members.

Friday evening, December 18th, I installed the officers of Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport, assisted by Rev. Bro. A. J. LOCKHART as Chaplain and Bro. L. R. MOORE as Marshal.

Wednesday evening, December 30th, I installed the officers of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, Kenduskeag, assisted by Bro. W. K. NASON as Chaplain and Bro. W. E. NASON as Marshal.

Thursday evening, December 31st, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, Charleston. The work was done in a very creditable manner and showed that much time and attention had been given to it by the officers and members. As this was the annual meeting I had the pleasure of listening to the reports of the various officers, which showed the lodge to be a prosperous condition. The records as kept by Bro. WEYMOUTH were up to his usual high standard of efficiency.

Monday evening, January 4th, I installed the officers of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, at Carmel.

Wednesday evening, January 6th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66, Orono. Two candidates were raised and the work was done in a manner reflecting credit on the officers. Very much interest is being taken in the work and affairs of the lodge by the officers and members, the good results of which are apparent. The records are kept in a careful and accurate manner by Bro. DURGIN and this lodge is one of the most prosperous in our district.

Friday evening, January 8th, I installed the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, Bangor, assisted by Bro. G. W. E. BARROWS as Chaplain and P. M. HAROLD H. HODGE as Marshal.

Saturday evening, January 9th, I installed the officers of Mystic Lodge, No. 65, Hampden, assisted by Bro. WARREN E. LOUD as Chaplain and Bro. A. A. POMEROY as Marshal.

Tuesday evening, January 26th, I installed the officers of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor, assisted by Rev. Bro. GAMBLE as Chaplain and Bro. L. R. MOORE as Marshal.

Thursday evening, January 28th, I installed the officers of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, Hermon, assisted by Bro. TAYLOR as Chaplain and Bro. L. R. MOORE as Marshal.

Saturday evening, February 27th, I visited Lynde Lodge for inspection of work in the M. M. degree. The work showed that careful attention had been given to the ritual and the previous instruction given the officers, and but few corrections were necessary. The records are kept in a careful and accurate manner by Bro. E. L. LEATHERS. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Monday evening, March 1st, I inspected work in the M. M. degree at Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, Old Town. The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner with very few corrections necessary. The records are handled in a capable and careful manner by P. M. MERRILL.

Thursday evening, March 18th, I inspected work in the F. C. degree by Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, Carmel. Very few corrections were necessary, and the work showed the results of careful study by the officers. The books and records are cared for in a very capable manner by Bro. JOHNSON.

I have not made any regular official inspection of my home lodge, Mystic, No. 65, Hampden, as I have been present at most of its meetings. The officers elected for this year are taking a special interest in the lodge and its work, from which very favorable results are being obtained. Special meetings for practice in the work of the various degrees are being

held and 1915 will be the most prosperous year, from several standpoints, that we have had for some time.

In closing my service as a member of your official family I desire to express my deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred on me, Most Worshipful. Whatever success I have met with in this district has been largely due to the cordial co-operation and support which has been so freely given me by the officers and members of its various lodges, and to them I acknowledge my gratitude and express my thanks.

Faternally submitted,

RALPH W. MOORE, *D. D. G. M. 6th M. D.*  
Hampden, March 19, 1915.

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### SEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

On October 20th, by request, I publicly installed the officers of Quantabcook Lodge, No. 129, at Searsmont.

Saturday evening, October 24th, I installed the officers of Liberty Lodge, No. 111, at Liberty.

October 31st, with several brethren of my home lodge, I visited Liberty Lodge. There was no work, but the evening was very pleasantly spent in instruction. The records are in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. W. J. GREELEY, and the dues well collected.

November 6th, I attended the school of instruction held by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, at Pittsfield.

On Tuesday evening, December 29th, I installed the officers of Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, at Unity. This is my home lodge, and as I have attended about all the meetings I have not thought an official visit necessary. This lodge is having quite a number of candidates and the outlook is good for an improved condition.

Wednesday evening, January 27th, I visited Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was well done and but few corrections were necessary.

January 28th, I visited Unity Lodge, No. 58, at Thorndike. There was no candidate, but part of the work was gone through and instruction given. The evening was spent very pleasantly to the advantage of the lodge and myself.



Thursday, March 25th, I inspected work in the E. A. degree by Seabastcook Lodge, No. 147, at Clinton. A deep interest in lodge affairs is taken by this lodge and the work shows close study. This is the largest lodge in the district and is in a very prosperous condition.

On March 31st, I visited Central Lodge at China, and inspected work in the M. M. degree. The work was well performed and but few corrections made.

I was unable to visit Quantabacook Lodge at Searsmont, but from the report of the lodge to the Grand Secretary the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

There has been a gain in membership and more interest is shown in the lodges in the district during the past year than in the year preceding.

In closing allow me, Most Worshipful, to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me and to express my appreciation of the hospitality the officers and brethren of the district have shown me.

Fraternally submitted,

ELIHU D. CHASE, D. D. G. M. 7th M. D.

Unity, April 15, 1915.

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#### EIGHTH DISTRICT.

EDWARD GOODWIN, Lincolnville, D. D. G. M.

No report received up to June 15th.

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#### NINTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1914-15.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge held at Portland, May 5, 6, and 7, 1914, I was appointed D. D. G. M. for this district. Not being present at the Grand Lodge at the time of my appointment, at your request, I was installed into said office at a stated meeting of Aurora Lodge held on June 10th, by P. D. D. G. M. FRANK A. PETERSON, assisted by Wor. JAMES A. RICHAN as Marshal.

October 28th, I attended a school of instruction at Kittery, conducted by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, and although it was a long distance from

my home and occupied nearly three days of my time, I felt amply repaid for my time and trouble.

It is a matter of regret that more of the Deputies do not avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these schools. A very pleasant and profitable day was spend in going over the ritual and work, and in the evening Naval Lodge worked the M. M. degree upon two candidates. The work was excellent and but few errors were noted. One thing to be commended was the examination of the candidates upon the preceding degrees conducted in open lodge; their proficiency could be avouched for by all present.

December 10th, by invitation of the retiring Master, Wor. EDMUND C. HARDING, I publicly installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 31, at Union. A large number of the brethren and invited guests were present. Interesting remarks by several of the brethren and visitors. A fine orchestra furnished music for the occasion. After the installation a fine banquet was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

January 1st. This was the date of my first official visit: the place, Mt. Olivet Lodge at Washington. A drive of 22 miles over the hills of Knox County brought me to the hospitable home of Wor. Bro. BENJAMIN K. WARE, where I received a royal welcome. After refreshing the inner man and resting a bit we repaired to the lodge room to witness the raising of three brethren to the sublime degree of a M. M. The lodge meets in their new hall, dedicated last fall, which takes the place of the one destroyed by fire. It is a fine hall and reflects great credit upon the brethren of the lodge, who have contributed liberally of both time and money to complete it. They have it all paid for with the exception of \$450, and Bro. WARE informed me that he expects to cancel that during the coming year. I found the records, in the hands of Wor. GEORGE L. SPRAGUE, to be in good shape and dues well collected. Lodge history has not been written. There was a good attendance of the members, a large delegation from Riverside of Jefferson, and visitors from several other lodges. The work of the evening was very well done; a few errors were noted and corrections made. The brethren seemed anxious to have the work right and many questions were asked. This lodge has done a very large amount of work during the past year; I doubt if another lodge in the state, located in as small a town, can show as many candidates raised. Wor. Bro. WARE is certainly a hustler. Conferred the P. M.'s degree upon Wor. Bros. ARTHUR O. SHERMAN and BENJAMIN K. WARE. Banquet served after the work.

January 4th, I inspected St. Paul's Lodge at Rockport. King David's Lodge at Lincolnville had been invited and responded in goodly numbers, including R. W. EDWARD GOODWIN, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth

District, and R. W. LESLIE D. AMES, P. D. D. G. M. of the same district. A large delegation from Amity at Camden were present and included R. W. Bros. KENNISTON and WILSON. R. W. FRANK A. PETERSON and others from Aurora accompanied me on my visit. Work was presented in the M. M. degree with one candidate. The work was well done and required few corrections. The records, in the hands of Bro. CARLTON W. STEWARD, are all that can be desired; dues well collected and financial conditions good. A reduction of \$500 during the past year in their indebtedness upon their hall is noted. Lodge history is behind and attention called to the same. Fine banquet served at the close.

January 12th. This was the date of my official visit to Moses Webster Lodge at Vinalhaven, and about 18 miles of very rough water parted me from the brethren of this hospitable isle. I made the trip, however, and was obliged to tarry with them until the 14th, as it was too rough and stormy for the steamer to return the next day. I was met on the arrival of the boat by the Wor. Master, MARK P. SMITH, and driven to the hotel. In the evening I witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree upon one candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. The floor work was the best it has ever been my good fortune to witness. What few corrections were needed were received in a kindly spirit, and from the fusilade of questions fired at your representative it was evident that the brethren desired to know just what was the proper thing. There was a large attendance of the brethren, and I had the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with R. W. CLAES E. BOMAN, P. D. D. G. M. The records, in the hands of Bro. F. L. ROBERTS, are models of neatness; dues well collected and lodge history written to 1910. A substantial reduction of the indebtedness has been made during the past year. Banquet served at the close, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

January 16th, assisted by Wor. JAMES A. RICHAN of Aurora Lodge as Marshal and Wor. MILTON E. BASSICK of Knox Lodge as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Knox Lodge of South Thomaston at a public installation. Wor. Bro. CROWLEY enters upon his fifth year in the East with a record that spells success for Knox Lodge in the year that is to come. Remarks from several of the brethren and a fine banquet followed the installation, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all.

January 19th, by invitation and with the assistance of Wor. SIMEON A. DUNCAN of Rockland Lodge as Marshal and Wor. JAMES A. RICHAN of Aurora Lodge as Chaplain, I publicly installed the officers of Rockland Lodge, No. 79, at Rockland. There was a large attendance, a fine orchestra furnished music, speeches by several of the brethren and dainty refreshments at the close, served by the members of Golden Rod Chapter, O. E. S., all contributed to a very pleasant evening. A pleasing feature

was the presence of three brethren who were raised in this lodge over 50 years ago: R. W. ALBERT I. MATHER, the present Secretary, R. W. GEORGE ROBERTS, now a member of Moses Webster Lodge at Vinalhaven, and Bro. FREEMAN H. SMITH of North Haven. The veterans were given a hearty welcome.

January 21st, I publicly installed the officers elect of Eureka Lodge at St. George, assisted by Bro. ALBERT J. RAWLEY of Eureka Lodge as Marshal. There was a good attendance and good music added to the pleasure of the occasion, and at the close a fine banquet was served. Remarks by Rev. J. L. SAWYER and several of the brethren. Wor. Bro. MANFRED HUMPHREY enters upon his ninth term in the East. The brethren of Eureka know a good thing when they see it.

February 4th, found me at Union on my official visit to Union Lodge, No. 31. This was the last lodge in the state to receive a charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The work of the evening was the F. C. degree upon one candidate, and although this was the first work of the new officers its high character was to be commended. Candidate required to show proficiency before passing. Very few corrections were needed. The records are still in the hands of Wor. Bro. C. M. LUCAS, who is entering upon his 18th year in the office of Secretary. I found them well written, dues well in hand and financial conditions good. Indebtedness upon their hall reduced to \$75, which they expect to liquidate during the coming year. History written to 1910. At the close conferred the P. M. degree upon Wor. Bros. EDMUND C. HARDING and RALPH L. WILLIAMS. Fine banquet at the close of the meeting.

March 4th, I visited Eureka Lodge at Tenant's Harbor for the purpose of inspection. There being no candidate the work of the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. HUMPHREY is a skillful workman and he has good support. This lodge has done a large amount of work during the past year and has cancelled the last of its indebtedness upon their fine hall. The records, in the hands of Bro. ELMER E. ALLEN, are well written and dues promptly collected. At the close refreshments were served and a very pleasant hour enjoyed.

March 6th, found me at South Thomaston for the purpose of making my official visit to Knox Lodge. As they had no candidate they exemplified the work of the E. A. degree in a fine manner. Very few corrections were needed. Wor. Bro. CROWLEY is one of our best ritualists and a very interested mason, and has the support of a very efficient corps of officers. Records still in the hands of R. W. WINFIELD S. CLARKE, who reports dues well collected and finances of the lodge in good condition with no indebtedness. They own their hall and are well situated. At the

close a delicious clam stew was served in the banquet hall and a very pleasant social hour enjoyed by all.

March 9th, I officially visited Orient Lodge at Thomaston. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, having been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1805. There being no candidate in waiting the work of the F. C. degree was exemplified for my inspection in a very satisfactory manner. What corrections were needed were received in the proper spirit. The lodge history found to be somewhat back and attention called to the same. Records in the hands of Bro. A. J. ELLIOT are models of neatness, dues well collected and financial conditions good. The lodge has not had much work during the past year. This is the home lodge of R. W. CHARLES G. BRACKETT and I had the pleasure of meeting him on this occasion. At the close a fine banquet was served by the ladies of Grace Chapter, O. E. S.

March 10th, I called a convention of the lodges composing the Ninth Masonic District at the Temple, Rockland. The attendance far exceeded my most sanguine expectation, 312 Master Masons being in attendance, representing 24 lodges in Maine; 6 from Massachusetts; 3 from Vermont and 1 each from New Hampshire and Rhode Island. At 2:30 P. M. I called the convention to order, and after briefly stating the object of the convention called the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 6, of Camden, to the chairs. They proceeded to open an E. A. lodge and exemplify the work of that degree; the work was done in a very correct and impressive manner. After the work a few corrections were made, many questions were asked and several points of the work discussed.

Rockland Lodge, No. 79, of Rockland, was then asked to occupy the stations and exemplify the work of the F. C. degree; this they proceeded to do; this lodge has the reputation of doing good work and this occasion was no exception. As in the preceding degree some slight errors were noted and corrected.

The convention was then called off until 7:30 P. M. At 6:30 a banquet was served in Temple Hall by the ladies of Golden Rod Chapter, O. E. S., and although the crowd far exceeded all expectations they were able to handle it in a manner to call forth praise from all present. Aurora Lodge, No. 50, assumed all the expense of the banquet. A fine orchestra discoursed music during the banquet.

At 7:30 the convention was again called to order, Aurora Lodge, No. 50, taking charge and working the M. M. degree upon two candidates. As this is my home lodge and I have been present at all of its meetings during the year I had not planned to make any official visit, but Wor. Bro. STEWART requested that I officially inspect the work on this occasion. The work was well done and called for but few corrections. Rec-

ords of the lodge still in the hands of that veteran Secretary, Wor. Bro. L. S. ROBINSON, and are well kept; dues fairly well collected and financial conditions O. K. Lodge history not progressing as it should and attention called to the same.

The convention was pronounced a decided success and the general desire expressed that it should be made an annual event.

I was assisted in the work of the convention by R. W. EDWARD GOODWIN, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District, and P. D. D. G. Masters from the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Districts, to all of whom I return my thanks.

March 15th, made official visit to St. George Lodge at Warren. There was a large attendance of the brethren, many visitors being present from Rockland, Thomaston and Union. The work was in the M. M. degree upon one candidate and was rendered in a very satisfactory manner. Very few corrections were needed and what were seemed to be received in the proper masonic spirit. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. G. DUDLEY GOULD, who is a member of this lodge; and R. W. CHARLES G. BRACKETT of Orient was among the visitors. Books of the lodge well kept and dues fairly well collected. Finances in good shape. At the close banquet was served in the banquet hall.

March 19th, found me at Camden on my visit to Amity, No. 6, the oldest lodge in the Ninth District. There was a large attendance, visitors being present from several lodges. One candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due form. The work was well done and reflected great credit upon the officers of this veteran lodge. Very few corrections were needed. This is the home lodge of R. W. LEANDER M. KENNISTON, P. S. G. W., and R. W. CHARLES A. WILSON, P. D. D. G. M. of the Ninth District, and both were in attendance, Bro. KENNISTON taking an active part upon the floor. The lecture was illustrated by pictures thrown upon the wall from a fine stereopticon. R. W. EDWARD GOODWIN, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District, and R. W. LESLIE D. AMES, P. D. D. G. M. of the same district, were among the visitors. The books, in the hands of Wor. Bro. M. T. CRAWFORD, are well kept and dues well collected. The brethren have engaged in a little house cleaning during the past year, dealing with some of the brethren who have neglected to contribute the mite they should toward the maintenance of the organization, and as a result the membership shows a slight falling off. Financial condition good, practically the same as reported last year by R. W. Bro. WILSON. At the close hot stew and coffee were served and the brethren enjoyed a very pleasant social hour.

March 23d, was the date of my official visit to Rockland Lodge, No. 79, at Rockland. Orient Lodge of Thomaston were the special guests of

the evening and several other lodges were well represented. The work of the evening was the F. C. degree upon one candidate. It has never been my good fortune to see the work done better and all present were able to agree upon this point. The records are still in the hands of that veteran Secretary, R. W. ALBERT I. MATHER, who is now serving his 20th year in that office. I very much doubt if in the whole state a finer set of books can be found, and Rockland Lodge is to be congratulated upon being able to retain Bro. MATHER in this position. Dues are well collected and finances in the best conditions for years. Lobster stew was the chief attraction in the banquet hall after the work. With the assistance of Wor. JAMES A. RICHAN of Aurora Lodge as Marshal I conferred the P. M. degree upon Wor. Bros. GEORGE T. STEWART of Aurora and OREL E. DAVIES and EMIL F. WITTEN of Rockland Lodge.

In closing I will say that I have visited officially every lodge in the district at least once and witnessed work in the same. I have allowed each Master to arrange a date and I have not failed to connect in a single instance.

The standing of the lodges throughout the district is high, they are well officered and doing good work, and better than all this, peace and harmony prevail.

Ninety-six new members have been received during the past year and a net gain of 21 in the district, as against a loss of 8 members during the preceding year.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges composing the Ninth Masonic District for courtesies extended to me during my official visits to their several lodges as your representative.

And to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT H. NEWBERT, *D. D. G. M. 9th M. D.*

Rockland, March 25, 1915.

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### TENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

November 6th, I attended the school of instruction held at Pittsfield,



conducted by the Grand Lecturer. This meeting was largely attended and a very helpful and pleasant occasion.

December 23d, I installed the officers of my home lodge, Dresden, No. 103. The ceremonies were interspersed with music and readings, followed by a fine banquet.

January 22d, I made my official visit to Alna Lodge at Damariscotta. The work was in the M. M. degree and was thoroughly carried out in the effective and finished manner which is characteristic of this lodge. As the ritual was very closely followed very few corrections were necessary. The records and finances are in good order; dues well collected.

January 29th, I inspected work in the M. M. degree by Seaside Lodge at Boothbay Harbor. The work was rendered in a manner that showed careful attention had been given to the ritual; few corrections were made. The records are very correctly and neatly kept; dues well collected.

March 19th, I made my official visit to King Solomon's Lodge at Waldoboro. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very impressive manner. Some few errors of minor importance were pointed out and corrected. Records neatly and correctly kept; dues well collected.

March 24th, visited Riverside Lodge at Jefferson. Witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was done in a very correct manner. The officers are young men who are interested in the work and are following as near to the ritual as I have seen it done in this district. The records, in the hands of P. D. D. G. M. CHARLES W. BESSE, are neatly and correctly kept.

March 25th, I made my official visit to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at Wiscasset. The work in the M. M. degree was performed in a very creditable manner. Some few corrections and suggestions were made. The records are very correctly kept.

March 29th, at my request, P. D. D. G. M. THOMAS S. RICHARDS visited Meduncook Lodge at Friendship. He reports work well done and dues well collected.

April 1st, accompanied by P. M. NORRIS S. LORD, I visited Bay View Lodge at East Boothbay. The M. M. degree was conferred in an exceptionally correct and impressive manner. This lodge has one of the finest halls in the district and the brethren were pleased to report that they had just made their last payment and were preparing to celebrate the event. The records are finely kept; dues well collected.

I have not officially visited Dresden Lodge, my home lodge, but have been present at all of the meetings and have witnessed work in the three degrees, and have made such correction as I thought necessary each night. The lodge is doing good work; dues well collected. This lodge



is building a fine hall, which will be one of the best in the district. We hope to have it completed and ready for dedication in June.

The lodges of this district are in a very good condition. On all of my visits I have been received with kindness and courtesy, and on every occasion refreshments were served. I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me.

Fraterally submitted,

WILBUR F. CATE, *D. D. G. M., 10th M. D.*

Dresden Mills, April 21, 1915.

### ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year ending May 4, 1915.

I was installed July 18th by R. W. Bro. WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-fourth District.

November 6th, I attended the lodge of instruction held at Pittsfield by M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The forenoon and afternoon sessions were devoted to instruction in the work of the ritual. The attendance was large, and the interest and enthusiasm manifested made the occasion a very pleasant and profitable one.

KENNEBEC LODGE, NO. 5, HALLOWELL. On November 18th, by invitation, I publicly installed the officers, assisted by Bro. D. C. SKILLIN as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. GEORGE E. DICKSON as Marshal. The installation was pleasantly interspersed with music by Snare's Orchestra. Following the work a fine program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings, was evidently much enjoyed by the large assembly of masons and their guests. A fine banquet was served at the close.

January 13th, was the date of my official visit. This was a special communication, and Wor. Bro. POWERS and his officers proceeded to confer the Master Mason degree in a manner to fully sustain the reputation of this grand old lodge for excellent work. I found the records and finances of the lodge in a very satisfactory condition. A fine banquet was served at the close.

TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 25, WINTHROP. I officially visited this lodge on March 29th. Work in the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified

on a volunteer candidate with a fidelity to the exact wording of the ritual that I have seldom seen equaled. Several of the officers were new to the work but they showed a proficiency and enthusiasm which speaks eloquently of their interest in Masonry and in the work of their lodge. Their work was deserving of special commendation and I was pleased to tell them so. R. W. Bro. L. E. JONES still looks after the records and dues, which is a satisfactory guaranty that they are in first class condition. A fine banquet, followed by interesting and eloquent remarks by several of the brethren, closed a very pleasant evening.

HERMON LODGE, No. 32, GARDINER. January 12th, was the date of my official visit. This was a special communication, and work was presented in the Entered Apprentice degree. Wor. Bro. DILL and his efficient corps of officers are to be congratulated on the correct and impressive manner in which they conferred this beautiful degree. The records were not present, but the fact that they are in the hands of Wor. Bro. HARRY E. LARRABEE is a sufficient guaranty that they are well-kept, and he assured me that the finances of the lodge were in a satisfactory condition. An excellent banquet ended a very pleasant evening. I received a very cordial invitation to attend their annual Past Masters' night April 13th, but very much to my regret a previous engagement prevented my doing so.

BETHLEHEM LODGE, No. 35, AUGUSTA. I officially visited this lodge October 26th. I was formally received, having the honor of being introduced by the Most Worshipful Grand Master as acting Marshal. This was a special communication and Wor. Bro. FROST and his officers conferred the Master Mason degree upon three candidates in a very dignified and impressive manner; the floor work as conducted at this time deserving especial commendation. The attendance was large, including many visitors. The records, in the hands of Bro. FULLER, are faithfully kept and the dues are well collected. A fine banquet followed by remarks brought to a pleasant close this, my first official inspection for the year.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 41, LITCHFIELD. My first official duty was a very pleasant one. September 25th, I publicly installed the officers of this, my home lodge, assisted by Bro. GARDINER ROBERTS as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. H. W. WOODARD as Marshal. The ceremony was pleasantly interspersed with singing and readings. At the close all enjoyed a fine banquet prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Being an officer and a regular attendant upon the meetings of my lodge, I did not plan an official visit, but by invitation of the Wor. Master, I inspected work in the E. A. degree on March 30th. A volunteer candidate was used, and considering that the officers have had no work since they were

installed, and that the Senior Warden and Junior Deacon were absent, the work was creditably performed. One application was received and others are in view. Records well kept and dues collected. Refreshments are served at the close of every meeting.

DIRIGO LODGE, NO. 104, WEEKS' MILLS. I made my official visit to this lodge on March 16th. This was a special communication, and work in the Fellow Craft degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner, a volunteer candidate being used. I offered a few suggestions, particularly in regard to the floor work. These were well received, and during a somewhat general discussion which followed, numerous questions gave evidence that the brethren are interested in sustaining the reputation of this lodge for excellent work. Wor. Bro. SPROUL presents a fine set of records and the dues are well collected. A social hour followed the work, during which a bountiful harvest supper was served.

MONMOUTH LODGE, NO. 110, MONMOUTH. On October 17th, I publicly installed the officers, assisted by Bro. H. H. COCHRANE as Chaplain and Wor. Bro. A. V. BLAISDELL as Marshal. The evening was dark and drizzly following an afternoon of pouring rain, nevertheless there was a good attendance of masons and their guests. The ceremony was interspersed and followed by an excellent program of vocal and instrumental music and readings. Refreshments were served at the close.

January 30th, was the date of my official visit. Notwithstanding it was one of the coldest nights of the winter there was a good attendance, including visitors from several lodges. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a commendable manner on one candidate. Wor. Bro. DAY and his officers show a very pleasing interest and enthusiasm in their work and the few suggestions which I offered were well received. Bro. OTIS G. RANDALL presents a neat set of records and the dues are very well collected. A fine oyster supper was served at the close.

AUGUSTA LODGE, NO. 141, AUGUSTA. I officially visited this lodge November 24th, and witnessed work in the Master Mason degree on two candidates. The reputation of this lodge for fine work was fully sustained on this occasion by Wor. Bro. PINGREE and his earnest and efficient officers. The records, in the hands of Bro. WESTON LEWIS, are well kept and the financial condition of the lodge is first class. The attendance was large, including many visitors, and a fine banquet was served at the close. This lodge has had a remarkable amount of work during the year. Their returns show thirty-two initiates with a net gain in membership of twenty-nine.

I am pleased to report that the general condition of the Craft within this district is very gratifying. The returns show seventy initiates dur-

ing the year with a net gain in membership of fifty, and the work as have seen it presented has been very uniform and of a high standard of excellence.

In closing I wish to sincerely thank the officers and brethren of the several lodges for the courteous and cordial manner in which I have been received and entertained. And you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

W. LESLIE MALOON, *D. D. G. M. 11th M. D.*

Bowdoin, April 24, 1915.

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### TWELFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth Masonic District for the year just passed.

I was installed May 23d at Oakland, by R. W. JAMES H. WITHERELL.

October 24th, by invitation of the W. M., I publicly installed the officers of Rural Lodge at Sidney, assisted by Bro. BAILEY as Chaplain and Bro. MARBLE as Marshal. The installation exercises were followed by a short musical program and remarks by some of the brethren, after which a banquet was served.

October 27th, I visited Vernon Valley Lodge at Mt. Vernon. The attendance was not large, owing to the condition of the traveling. There was no work, and as it was the annual meeting of the lodge and important matters to be discussed, I did not ask for the exemplification of any of the degrees. I am assured that the officers can do good work. The records, in the hands of Bro. TURNER, were well kept, and the dues fairly well collected. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. MOSES GORDON on this occasion.

November 6th, I attended the school of instruction at Pittsfield, conducted by Grand Lecturer SLEEPER. The entire day was spent in the study of the ritual, and I found it to be a very interesting and profitable occasion.

December 26th, I visited Rural Lodge at Sidney. Notwithstanding the bitter cold night the attendance was large. The M. M. degree was worked in a very correct manner, the lectures by the W. M. being nearly letter perfect. This lodge has been doing quite a large amount of work, and is in a healthy and prosperous condition. At the close of the work one of the excellent suppers for which this lodge is noted was served.

January 2d, assisted by Wor. Bro. T. E. JOHNSON as Marshal and Wor. Bro. F. H. LEACH as Chaplain, I installed the officers of Messalonskee Lodge at Oakland.

January 26th, I made an official visit to Asylum Lodge at Wayne. There I had to be examined before I could be admitted. There was a very good attendance. The M. M. degree was presented, and the work was done most acceptably, that of the W. M. being particularly worthy of mention. Refreshments were served at the close, and a social hour enjoyed. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. CHAS. W. CROSBY at this gathering.

On January 27th, I visited Vassalboro Lodge at North Vassalboro. Before the regular business of the evening a lodge of Past Masters was opened in the ante-room, and assisted by R. W. Bro. B. K. MESERVEY as Marshal I conferred the Past Master's degree upon several candidates. The M. M. degree was presented for inspection, and considering the fact that this was the second time the officers had worked this degree, it was remarkably well done. Wor. Bro. WYMAN is a good ritualist and was ably supported. The records, in the hands of Bro. HUTCHINSON, are very neatly kept. At the close of the work refreshments were served.

March 4th, I inspected the work of Neguemkeag Lodge at Vassalboro. Owing to the bad traveling there was not a large attendance. The work of the evening was on the E. A. degree, and was given very acceptably. The records are in the hands of Bro. LAWRENCE, and are well cared for.

March 6th, I visited Lafayette Lodge at Readfield, where I witnessed work in the M. M. degree, which was extremely well rendered. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested. This lodge is certainly to be congratulated on having such a convenient and attractive masonic home. The records are in good condition, and the present Secretary, Bro. HARRIMAN, has been doing good work in collecting dues, which I judge is a matter which has been somewhat neglected.

March 29th, I visited Waterville Lodge at Waterville. Work was presented on the M. M. degree, and seldom have I seen this degree given in a more correct or impressive manner. Wor. Bro. JONES is maintaining the high standard set by his predecessor, and is well supported. Not only was the ritual closely followed, but the floor movements were particularly well executed, and showed the result of careful rehearsal. The records, in the hands of Bro. CHAS. B. DAVIS, are above criticism. The gathering was large and included many visitors.

I have made no official visitation to Messalonskee Lodge, as it is my home lodge. I have been present at nearly all of its meetings, and am pleased to say that it is well officered and doing good work. The finances are in good condition, and the records are still in the hands of R. W. Bro. CROWELL, who is a model secretary.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on me by my appointment as D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth District, and to extend through you, my thanks to the officers and brethren of the several lodges I have visited for the many courtesies extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

LESTER M. ANDREWS, *D. D. G. M. 12th M. D.*  
Oakland, April 26, 1915.

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### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

September 1st, a visit was made to Carrabassett Lodge at Canaan with several members of Siloam Lodge, and we witnessed work in the M. M. degree. Both the floor work and the rendering of the ritual were very satisfactory, the work of W. M. HARRIS being particularly well performed.

Together with members of my home lodge, the school of instruction at Pittsfield was attended during the forenoon and afternoon, and the hospitality of Meridian Lodge was enjoyed in the evening, witnessing work of an excellent character.

February 5th, a visitation was made to Lebanon Lodge of Norridgewock, and I found this lodge to be in fine condition, and although there was a school entertainment that evening, a goodly number of the members were in attendance.

Euclid Lodge of Madison was visited March 1st, and work was performed in the E. A. degree. The officers did their work in a fine manner, but I trust that the members of this lodge turn out in larger numbers as a rule.

March 24th, Somerset Lodge of Skowhegan was visited, and this lodge shows the special work of P. D. D. G. M., E. C. BUTLER. The ritualistic work was perfect and the floor work beautiful. Here I met many with whom I was acquainted, and the visit was particularly enjoyed owing to the presence of my esteemed friend, Past Grand Master ESTES. Special mention, I feel, should be made regarding the faithful service to Masonry of Bro. LAMBERT, who has served Somerset Lodge as Secretary for 41 consecutive years.

I was invited to visit Bingham Lodge at Bingham on March 27th, and

a most enjoyable evening was spent. No regular candidate being available, the M. M. degree was exemplified on a member of the lodge. This lodge does good work and its members take great interest in Masonry.

March 31st, visit was made to Keystone Lodge at Solon, and as there was no work to perform, we held a miniature school of instruction. The members present recited the ritual and were corrected when in error. This lodge is very prosperous financially.

No official visitation has been made to my home lodge, Siloam, No. 92, of Fairfield, as I have attended all its meetings when at home. The officers of this lodge I installed January 5th, with the assistance of P. M. W. W. MERRILL as Marshal. We have done a great deal of work for the past few years and are fast paying the debt on our hall, and are in hopes to have it free from debt in a few years.

At the conclusion of work in the above lodges, bounteous refreshments were served and pleasant talks enjoyed between the members, and I find that a spirit of sincere good fellowship prevails among them all.

The records of all the lodges of this district are kept in a thorough manner and the dues are well collected. They are occupying halls of ample proportion and well furnished.

Recognition of the work of my predecessor, P. D. D. G. M. E. C. BUTLER should be made, as the present high standard of the lodges in the Thirteenth District, in my opinion, is due very largely to his untiring efforts during his term of office.

I desire to take this means to thank those brethren who have made my visits so pleasant.

My work has been greatly enjoyed, and I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor you have conferred.

Respectfully and fraternally,

CARL C. PIPER, *D. D. G. M. 13th M. D.*

Fairfield, April 10, 1915.

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#### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

It is with pleasure that I submit to you this my annual report of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Having visited every lodge but one in the district, I find a pleasing uniformity of work and all lodges with officers who are anxious to fulfill all requirements of the Grand Lodge.



Having received a courteous invitation from Wor. Bro. DUNTON of Solar Lodge of Bath to visit them on February 22d, was present, accompanied by Wor. Bro. L. L. BEAN of Freeport Lodge. The E. A. degree was worked in a manner entirely pleasing and but few suggestions could be made. In passing, it seems necessary to mention the work of Bro. STROUT, their secretary, who having held the office for many years, has worked up a system that should be a satisfaction to both the lodge and himself. Neatness and efficiency is noticed, while every dollar of lodge dues is collected to date. I wish that every secretary of this district might examine these records, as they are worthy of praise.

It was with regret that I was unable, on account of illness, to accept the hospitality of Village Lodge of Bowdoinham on February 24th, the date planned for my visit of inspection. As I have been a visitor there several times, and both the quality of the work and feeling of good will are impressive and long to be remembered, I feel sure that under the care of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. WHITE, they cannot materially err.

On the evening of March 1st, I was cordially welcomed by Wor. Bro. HOLLIS of Ancient York Lodge of Lisbon Falls. After an excellent banquet I witnessed their work, which was very well rendered; although nearly the first work done by the present officers. Lack of confidence was their greatest weakness. In this lodge there exists a very unfortunate condition, an unmasonic feeling, very unjust and similar to an old Kentucky feud, which must be stopped, and unless soon remedied, I recommended suspension of charter, or some form of reorganization, as the present condition is a disgrace to the lodge and detrimental to Masonry.

Polar Star of Bath extended to me a greeting on March 3d, and I saw the E. A. degree exemplified by that lodge satisfactorily. The work only needed a little smoothing up. The banquet after the work was a credit to the committee.

On March 29th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. FRED E. WARD, I visited Richmond Lodge, where we saw the work of the E. A. degree well done. The work of this lodge would be best improved by more frequent visits of the officers to other lodges. This lodge has many younger members who could fill the officers' chairs and be a benefit to the lodge.

It was well worth the long ride of ten miles, through deep mud, that we were obliged to take, to reach Acacia Lodge of Durham on the evening of April 8th, to see that lodge exemplify the degrees. The work done by this lodge is a credit to the officers. When one considers the distance some of them are obliged to travel to get to their meetings, the real interest manifested is worthy of praise. All ritual and floor work is carried out with great accuracy.

At Brunswick, by invitation of United Lodge, a visit of inspection was



made on April 13th, when the M. M. degree was given to two candidates in the usual good form of this lodge. Here we may see the true masonic spirit shown in the greeting that is given to visitors, and in their endeavors to reach perfection in their work. No better masons ever assembled under one roof than in this lodge, and it is always a pleasure to meet with them. The work is of the best and I wish that in the future this lodge might work before the Grand Lodge, that more might enjoy its excellent rendition of the ritual and perfection of work.

The centennial anniversary of Freeport Lodge took place on September 13th, at which time a form of exercises was carried out fitting to the occasion. In the forenoon an informal meeting was held with a buffet lunch at noon. At two P. M. the members and guests met and listened to an address of welcome by Wor. Bro. R. E. RANDALL, remarks by Grand Lodge officers, reading of lodge history by P. G. M. Bro. MALLET, which had been compiled with great care, and was of much interest to all, after which work in the E. A. degree was performed by a team of Past Masters, with P. G. M. MALLET as W. M.

The lodge was honored by the presence of M. W. G. M. THOMAS H. BODGE and M. W. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, and R. W. Grand Secretary STEPHEN BERRY. This lodge has the distinction of furnishing two Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge: Bro. MALLET and Bro. ESTES, both being members of Freeport Lodge. The evening was enjoyed with a banquet at Town Hall, M. W. Bro. MALLET as toastmaster, Toasts by M. W. G. M. BODGE, and others, followed by a social evening and dancing.

This, my own lodge, I have not visited officially, but the officers have the ritual well in hand, harmony prevails, and they endeavor to improve with each meeting.

In closing, I wish to mention the most courteous manner in which I have been received in all lodges, every effort being made to place work and records at my service, and I trust that I may have been of some service to each. I would suggest that in the following year, dates of inspection be made in the fall or early winter, so that all visits would not come so nearly at one time; also that inspections should come on regular meetings, in order that the manner of business might be seen by the inspecting officer.

Thanking you for the honor done me by appointment, and with the hope that my duties have been satisfactorily completed, I am

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

MONROE V. CURTIS, *D. D. G. M. 14th M. D.*

Freeport, April 26, 1915.

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the pleasure to present to you my annual report as D. D. G. M., and I assure you it *is a pleasure* when one finds lodges enjoying as much prosperity and their work performed in such an excellent manner as I have found in the Fifteenth District.

I have visited every lodge in the district and witnessed their mode of working. In nine of the lodges they had regular candidates; in the other two the degrees were exemplified.

On October 28th, in company with R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN, P. J. G. W., I attended a special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Rangeley, for the purpose of constituting Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213.

On November 6th, accompanied by R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN, I attended school of instruction held at Pittsfield, M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER presiding. There was a large attendance and great interest manifested. The ritual was studied in all three degrees, and I think we all received much benefit from this meeting.

On November 14th, I visited Mount Bigelow Lodge, No. 202, at Flagstaff. The M. M. degree was worked on one candidate in a correct and impressive manner. The Wor. Master being unable to be present, this office was filled by a Past Master, who did good work, well supported by all the officers. There was a good attendance, quite a few of the members coming ten or twelve miles to attend the meeting. Records in good condition in the hands of Wor. WALTER E. HINDS, and dues well collected. Banquet at close.

December 2d, was my official visit to Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213, at Rangeley. Was met at the station by Wor. EUGENE I. HERRICK and Bro. MELVIN D. TIBBETTS. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree on one candidate, which was done in an excellent manner, hardly a mistake being made; all the officers being well posted in the ritual and also in the floor work. There was a very good attendance and much interest shown. The records are kept by CHARLES L. HARNDEN, an efficient and painstaking Secretary, and I prophesy for this, the youngest lodge in the district, a prosperous and happy future. Banquet. This lodge occupies a nice large hall in connection with other societies, but is safe and secure.

December 3d, was the date of my official visit to Blue Mountain Lodge at Phillips. The work at this meeting was the M. M. degree on one candidate. I wish to congratulate the officers for the correct and impressive

manner in which the work was performed, especially that of the Wor. Master. Was sorry that I did not have the privilege of meeting R. W. NEWELL P. NOBLE, one of our P. D. D. G. Ms. Wor. J. BLAINE MORRISON still holds the office of Secretary. Records in fine shape and dues very well collected. Refreshments at close of meeting.

By invitation of the Wor. Master, I made my official visit to Wilton Lodge, No. 156, at Wilton, on December 30th. Work was M. M. degree on two candidates. The officers of the lodge are all young men and take a deep interest in Masonry, as is shown by the very creditable manner in which the work was done. But very few corrections to be made. Had the pleasure of meeting on this occasion R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN, P. J. G. W., R. W. CHARLES F. ROWELL, P. D. D. G. M., R. W. FRANK L. WOODCOCK, P. D. D. G. M., all members of Wilton Lodge. Records still in the hands of Wor. FRED E. TREFETHEN. Dues very well collected. Refreshments.

On December 31st, in company with R. W. ERNEST P. PARLIN, I made my official visit to Mount Abram Lodge, No. 204, at Kingfield. Witnessed work in M. M. degree. The ritual was very closely followed and hardly a mistake noted. Very good attendance and much interest manifested. Bro. ARTHUR C. WOODARD still holds the office of Secretary, which is a guaranty that the records are kept in a careful and correct manner. Dues very well collected. Refreshments.

January 1st, was the date of my visit to Davis Lodge, No. 191, at Strong. This is one of the progressive lodges in this district. The work shown me was in the F. C. degree, which was done in a manner that was a credit to the officers. I can especially congratulate the S. D. on the correct and impressive manner in which he performed the duties of that office. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, P. D. D. G. M., who has charge of the records and is one of the veteran secretaries. Dues very well collected. Refreshments.

On January 5th, I made my visit to Franklin Lodge, No. 123, at New Sharon. There was a good attendance and several visitors from Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington. The work shown me at the meeting was in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was done in a very earnest and impressive manner, and the ritual closely followed, leaving but very few corrections to be made. Records, in hands of Bro. FRED W. SAUNDERS, are kept correctly, and dues well collected. I wish to thank the W. M. for holding a special communication for my visit. Banquet.

January 7th, was my official visit to Whitney Lodge, No. 167, at Canton. The traveling being bad there was not quite as large an attendance as in other lodges. There being no regular work the E. A. degree was

exemplified in a very correct and impressive manner, the ritual being very closely followed. Wor. Bro. ALPHONZO F. RUSSELL, JR., has charge of the records, which are in fine shape. Dues well collected. Had the pleasure of meeting my predecessor, R. W. JOHN N. FOYE, P. D. D. G. M.

On Wednesday, January 27th, I inspected Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls, at their semi-annual meeting. There was a large attendance and much interest manifested. The work in the afternoon was the E. A. degree, which was done in an excellent manner, especially that of the W. M. Banquet at six o'clock P. M. In the evening the M. M. degree was exemplified in a very pleasing and correct manner, hardly a mistake appearing. At this meeting there were present some of the old, tried and true masons, Wor. GEORGE Q. GAMMON, R. W. FRED RAYMOND, P. D. D. G. M., R. W. SAMUEL L. WOOD, P. D. D. G. M., which it is a pleasure to meet. Records in the hands of R. W. FRED RAYMOND are a model of neatness. Dues well collected.

On February 1st, I met with Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington. Was met at the station by the W. M., HENRY E. KNAPP. Being very well acquainted with a large number of the members of this lodge, my visitation was unusually pleasant and interesting. The work presented for inspection was the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was performed in a manner that was a credit to the officers and the lodge. There were several visitors present, quite a number coming from New Sharon, nine miles away, and with a good attendance of members, the hall was well filled. Wor. GEORGE B. CRAIGIN remains Secretary, and his records are full and the most complete I have had the pleasure to examine. Dues unusually well collected. Banquet at close of meeting.

In company with a few members of Wilton Lodge on February 2d, I met with Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154, at Weld. This was a very cold and stormy night, but the attendance was good, taking into consideration the inclement weather. As there was no regular work the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. This is one of the good working lodges in the district, and they maintained their reputation. R. W. CLEFF MAXWELL, P. D. D. G. M., whom I had the pleasure of meeting at this time, has charge of the records and I assure you they are in good hands. Dues well collected. Refreshments.

I wish to thank each and every member for the kind hospitality and courteous greeting extended to me in my several visitations.

To you, Most Worshipful, I extend my thanks for the honor conferred and hope I may have been of some assistance to the craft.

Fraternally yours,

FRED E. TREFETHEN, *D. D. G. M., 15th M. D.*

## SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my second report as District Deputy Grand Master.

I received my appointment at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1914, and was present to be installed into the office.

On June 8th, I visited Evening Star Lodge at Buckfield. Two candidates received the M. M. degree. The work was very well done, few corrections being necessary. The records are well kept and the affairs of the lodge are in good condition. The dues are not paid as well as they should be, some brothers owing several years.

On October 14th, I visited Blazing Star Lodge at Rumford. Four candidates received the M. M. degree. This was Past Masters' night and part of the work was done by the Past Masters and part by the regular officers. The work was well done. This is the largest lodge in the district, and is in a flourishing condition. The records are well kept.

On October 28th, I attended the school of instruction at Kittery, and had a very pleasant time. I wish some plan could be devised to induce more members of the surrounding lodges to attend these schools, for they certainly are a good place to obtain knowledge of the work of the order.

On November 3d, I visited King Hiram Lodge at Dixfield. Work was in the E. A. degree. Both times that I visited this lodge, in the two years of my office, the same officers did the work, and I noticed a marked improvement in it. After the work I installed the new officers, assisted by P. M. JOHN M. HOLLAND as Marshal and JOHN J. TOWLE as Chaplain.

On December 3d, I installed the officers of Bethel Lodge, assisted by P. M. I. H. WIGHT as Marshal and Bro. W. C. CURTIS as Chaplain.

On December 25th, I visited Paris Lodge at South Paris. The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate. The work was done in a very pleasing manner. This is a growing and prosperous lodge. The dues are kept up, and the records are well kept.

On January 1st, I visited Oxford Lodge at Norway. The work was in the F. C. degree, which was well done. The records of the lodge are still in the hands of P. M. HOWARD D. SMITH, which is a guaranty that everything will be done right. The business of the lodge is well done, and the finances are in good condition.

I have attended most of the meetings of Bethel Lodge, and made an official visit on January 14th. The F. C. degree was worked by the S. W. of the lodge in a very pleasing manner. The records are well kept by P. M. H. C. ROWE. The lodge has a corps of young officers coming along that promise well for the future.

On January 26th, I visited Jefferson Lodge at Bryant's Pond. The work was in the M. M. degree and was well done, as it always is by this lodge.

On March 1st, I visited Granite Lodge at West Paris. Work was exemplified in the F. C. degree. The officers showed a good degree of proficiency in the work, few corrections being made. The records are well kept and the lodge is in good condition.

I have not visited Crooked River Lodge. I had an appointment, but bad roads and other causes made it impossible for me to keep it.

On the whole I think Masonry in the Sixteenth District is in a flourishing condition. The officers and members of the several lodges are taking an interest in the work and are working together for the good of the order.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to thank the lodges for the courtesy shown me, and you, Most Worshipful, for appointing me to the office.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVIS G. LOVEJOY, *D. D. G. M. 16th M. D.*

Bethel, April 1, 1915.

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### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

In submitting my second annual report of the work of the several lodges comprising the Seventeenth Masonic District, I am pleased to inform you that the high standard of work for which the several lodges have become noted has been fully maintained during the past year.

The officers of all the lodges seem to be taking a great interest in their work and the results of their labors has been very pleasing, and the members in attendance have shown a decided interest in the work.

The amount of work which has been done in this district during the past year is about the same as in previous years, and in each lodge harmony and good fellowship seem to prevail.

Many of the Past Masters of the various lodges of the district have been in attendance at my visitations, and their presence has added much to the occasions.

I have performed the following official duties:

INSTALLATION. June 2d, I installed Wor. OSCAR D. RAND as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

DEERING LODGE. October 19th, accompanied by Wor. CLARENCE E. TURNER of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, as Marshal, I had the pleasure of visiting Deering Lodge and witnessing their work in the Master Mason's degree, and the present line of officers have maintained the high standard of work for which Deering Lodge is famed. There was a large attendance. Refreshments were served.

HARMONY LODGE. October 28th, I visited this lodge and was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a very creditable manner before a large audience of interested masons. Refreshments were served.

PRESUMSCOT LODGE. November 28th, I officially visited this lodge and their work in the Master Mason's degree was very satisfactory. The attendance was very good and refreshments were served.

Wor. J. I. HAYDEN was installed as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

STANDISH LODGE. December 5th, I inspected the work of this lodge, and the Master Mason's degree was conferred. The officers of this lodge take great interest in their work and the degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. The attendance was very good. Refreshments were served.

WARREN PHILLIPS LODGE. January 12th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, I visited this lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree, and the ritual work was splendidly rendered. Many of the brethren were in attendance. Refreshments were served.

CASCO LODGE. January 25th, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The work was in the Fellow Craft degree and was performed in a very impressive and correct manner. There was a good attendance. Refreshments were served.

HIRAM LODGE. February 2d, it was my great pleasure to officially visit my home lodge. I was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The work was performed in a very creditable manner and the standard of work for which this lodge is noted was certainly upheld by the present line of officers. The attendance was very good. Refreshments were served.

ATLANTIC LODGE. February 9th, accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal, it was my pleasure to visit this lodge in my official capacity. The work for the evening was in the Master Mason's degree, and the officers are to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which they did their work. There was a very large attendance. Refreshments were served.



TEMPLE LODGE. February 17th, I visited this lodge and was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in a very fine manner, and the ritual was closely followed. There was a large number of members present. Refreshments were served.

PORTLAND LODGE. February 24th, it was my pleasure to visit this lodge, and I was accompanied by Wor. C. E. TURNER as Marshal. The Master Mason's degree was beautifully rendered, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon its splendid line of officers. There was a very large number of brethren in attendance. Refreshments were served.

ANCIENT LAND-MARK LODGE. March 30th, I officially visited this lodge and Wor. C. E. TURNER acted as Marshal. It was a great pleasure to witness their correct and impressive rendition of the Fellow Craft degree. The attendance was very large. Refreshments were served.

I have examined the records and account books of the Secretaries of several lodges and have found all of the records to be correctly kept and the dues very well collected.

I desire to express to the officers and members of the different lodges my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during the past year on my several visits, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me, in appointing me your representative in the Seventeenth Masonic District.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. OHLER, *D. D. G. M. 17th M. D.*

Portland, April 1, 1915.

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### EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my official report for the masonic year just closed. The financial standing of the various lodges may be found in the Grand Treasurer's report.

I attended the masonic school of instruction held at Masonic Hall at Kittery, Me., by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer.

On October 30th, I made my official visit to Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, at Cornish, accompanied by P. M. A. D. MERRILL, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree. There was a large attendance, including quite a few visiting brethren, among whom was a District Deputy Grand Master



from a New Hampshire lodge. The work as presented was a credit to both the lodge and its officers, as very few mistakes were made, showing that the officers are close students of the ritual. The records are still in the hands of Bro. F. A. NORTON and are very neatly kept, and the dues are well collected. At the close of work a fine oyster stew was served in the banquet hall.

On the evening of November 12th, accompanied by several from my own lodge, I visited Delta Lodge, No. 153, Lovell, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate. The work was very well done, the officers for the most part being young men and all seemed interested in their work, and desirous of working as close to the ritual as possible. Very few corrections were necessary, and what were made were accepted in the right spirit. There was a large attendance and no less than ten brothers from my own lodge were present. After the work a fine lunch was served. The records are still in the hands of Bro. PRESTON B. WALKER and are very neatly kept, and I was informed that the dues were well collected.

On January 27th, I visited Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, Denmark, accompanied by Bro. HUGH HASTINGS. On account of the very bad traveling and other attractions in town that evening, very few of the regular officers were in their stations. Under these conditions and also there being no work it is rather hard for me to give a correct report on the doings of this lodge. This lodge has been under quite an expense in caring for a sick brother, as well as building an addition to their hall this past year, and therefore were obliged to make an assessment on the brothers. The records are very well kept and dues fairly well collected.

On February 3d, I made my official visit to Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, Brownfield. There being no regular work on hand that night, work was exemplified in the F. C. degree. Although this was the first time that the new set of officers had undertaken to do any work, they showed promise of having a good working team, as all are zealous workers and are very much interested in their work. The records are neatly kept and dues fairly well collected.

On February 27th, I made my official visit to Oriental Lodge, No. 13, Bridgton, and witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. This lodge still holds up its reputation of being one of the best working lodges in the district, and the work which I witnessed was no exception. Very few mistakes were made, and the officers all seem to take great interest in their work, and are very close students of the ritual. One thing that I noticed while visiting this lodge was the large number of Pasi Masters who were present, which I think encourages the officers of any

lodge, and makes better work possible. The records are still in the hands of Bro. CHAPLIN and are exceptionally well kept, and the dues were well collected. After the work a fine lunch was served in the banquet hall, after which a social hour was enjoyed mingling with the brethren.

March 30th. Upon my request Past Master W. H. FOSTER of Oriental Lodge made an official visit to Mt. Tir'em at Waterford in my place. Bro. FOSTER reports that work was exemplified in the E. A. degree in a very pleasing manner, and very close to the ritual. A marked improvement was noticeable in the spirit shown among the members since his last visit there. Peace and harmony seemed to prevail and brotherly love animated all the members. The records were neatly kept and the dues very well collected.

Pythagorean, my own lodge, I have not officially visited, except for installing the officers at the regular meeting in January, at which time I was assisted by Past Master J. W. TARBOX as Marshal. I have attended nearly all the regular meetings during the past year, and will say that I think that the work in this lodge compares favorably with any in the district. The best of feeling prevails, the officers are all young men who are very much interested in their work and in the welfare of the lodge and take pride in working as close to the ritual as possible. The records are still in the hands of Bro. T. L. EASTMAN and are very neatly kept; the dues are well collected.

The secretaries in the different lodges in this district have seen long service in their respective lodges, and are well fitted for the important positions they hold. The returns came in promptly from all the different lodges and all were correct.

In closing I desire to thank the officers and members of the lodges in this district for their kind and courteous treatment, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. EASTMAN, *D. D. G. M. 18th M. D.*

Fryeburg, April 8, 1915.

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### NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy of the Nineteenth Masonic District.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1914, I was ap-

pointed D. D. G. M. Not being present at that time I was later installed by R. W. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Senior Grand Warden.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district, either in person or by proxy, and found them all in good condition. In some of the lodges the ritual work has been especially well rendered. In others there was opportunity for improvement. But in all of them the officers were anxious to learn and seemed to take a great interest in their duties, and all endeavored to impart impressiveness and dignity to the work. The attendance at most of the lodges has been large and in some it has taxed the capacity of the halls. I have been accompanied by brethren on every official visit, at one time the number being sixty-five. This has added much to the pleasure of my work.

The record of my official visits follows:

**ST. ASPINQUID LODGE.** August 15th, I made my first official visit. It was to St. Aspinquid Lodge. I was accompanied by Wor. F. J. MORRISON, Bros. W. H. STACKPOLE and A. F. HOUSTON, Master and Wardens of Saco Lodge, and Wor. L. E. WILLARD. The lodge has a fine home in its new quarters, and the Master informed me that the attendance and interest have greatly increased since the change from the old hall. The work of the evening was that of M. M. on five candidates. It was well done. The ritual was closely followed and impressiveness was the keynote of the evening. Light refreshments were served after the work.

**NAVAL LODGE.** The official inspection of this lodge was made September 16th. I was unable to attend, and requested Wor. L. E. WILLARD to act in my stead. He reported that the work was well done. This lodge is doing a large amount of work and the interest is keen. Refreshments followed the work.

**ST. JOHN'S LODGE.** October 5th, I visited this lodge. I was accompanied by thirteen members of Saco Lodge. The M. M. degree was well exemplified on one candidate. The singing of the Masonic Quartet of Portsmouth added much to the beauty of the work. During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Wor. H. L. BUTLER. The presentation speech was made by Wor. JOHN M. BURLEIGH. A fine banquet was served.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.** This school was held at Kittery October 28th. The school was presided over by M. W. F. E. SLEEPER. From this school I derived a great deal of instructions which I have tried to impart to the craft throughout the district. The social features were greatly enjoyed. Naval Lodge, under whose auspices the school was held, is to be congratulated on its hospitality. Nothing was omitted that could have added to the pleasure of the day. It was impossible for me to remain for the work in the evening, so I requested R. W. DAVIS G.

LOVEJOY, D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth District, to inspect the work. He reported that it was especially well done.

ARION LODGE. October 29th, I visited this lodge. Unfortunately the Senior Warden and Senior and Junior Deacons were absent, and while their places were filled as well as could be expected at such short notice, it was impossible for me to determine much about the regular work of the lodge. The work for the evening was that of F. C. and M. M. on the same candidate. Under the circumstances the work was well rendered. Refreshments were served.

OCEAN LODGE. I visited Ocean Lodge on November 9th. There was a very small attendance of the members of the lodge, but with the visitors present a good showing was made. The work of the F. C. degree was well done, such mistakes as were made being from lack of practice. The officers are trying to do good work, but are hampered by being widely separated, as their jurisdiction covers a large area. After the work refreshments were served.

YORKSHIRE LODGE. December 15th, was the date selected for the official visit to this lodge. I was unable to attend, and requested Wor. JOHN M. BURLEIGH to make the visit for me. He reported that the work was done much more correctly than when he last visited the lodge.

SACO LODGE. January 6th, assisted by Wor. H. S. SAWYER as Marshal, I installed the officers of this, my home lodge.

ARUNDEL LODGE. This lodge I visited January 26th. The work of M. M. degree on two candidates was impressively done. On this visit I was accompanied by 65 brethren of Saco and Dunlap Lodges. Refreshments were served.

DUNLAP LODGE. I visited this lodge February 11th. The work was the E. A. degree, and was rendered in an almost perfect manner. This lodge has the best corps of officers I have seen in this district. The work is done in a most impressive manner with careful attention to details. A fine banquet was served after the work.

SACO LODGE. March 11th, I made an official visit to this lodge. I was accompanied by R. W. WM. H. OHLER, JR., of Portland, D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District. Wor. C. E. TURNER of Hiram Lodge acted as Marshal. The work was E. A. degree on one candidate. As this was my home lodge I requested Bro. OHLER to comment on the work and he very kindly consented to do so. During his remarks, which were made in a most pleasing manner, he complimented the officers on their work and said it was done in a most creditable manner. A banquet was served after the work.

YORK LODGE. My last official visit was made to York Lodge March 19th. The work was E. A. on two candidates. It was well and impressively done. This lodge has done no work during the last year, but evidently rehearsals have not been neglected. The charge was delivered in an especially fine manner by R. W. GEORGE A. GILPATRIC. Bro. GILPATRIC is now on his twenty-sixth consecutive year as Secretary. It is unnecessary to say anything about the books and records. Refreshments were served.

I received from masons living in Old Orchard a request that I recommend that a dispensation for a new lodge at Old Orchard be granted. After careful investigation I granted sanction for the application, but decided that I could not recommend that such dispensation be granted.

I have been officially received in each lodge. Harmony prevails in the district, and in no lodge did I notice any lack of brotherly love. In every instance where I have made corrections or suggestions they have been received in a most happy manner.

The books of the several Secretaries are well kept and the dues collected in an efficient manner.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the lodges in this district for the courteous treatment they have accorded to me, and to you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. THOMPSON, *D. D. G. M. 19th M. D.*

Saco, March 25, 1915.

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## TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. M. of the Twentieth Masonic District.

As I was appointed to this position some time after the session of the Grand Lodge, and not being able to attend any meetings of instruction, I have not taken so active a part as becomes the duty of a D. D. G. M.

However, on September 12th, with several brothers of Forest Lodge, I visited Pine Tree of Mattawamkeag and inspected the work in the Third degree, which was exceptionally well done. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening passed. It was also a pleasure to again meet the veteran Secretary of this lodge, Bro. GEORGE W. SMITH, who

despite his advanced years continues to keep his records in so creditable a manner.

On September 15th, by invitation, and assisted by Bro. RALPH SCRIBNER as Marshal, I publicly installed the officers of Baskahegan Lodge at Danforth. After the ceremonies refreshments were served and another pleasant evening passed.

I have been unable to visit Horeb Lodge at Lincoln, but from all reports they are steadily advancing.

Forest Lodge being my home lodge, and with one exception, having attended all its meetings, I made no official visit.

The four lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the various lodges for their courtesy shown me, and you, M. W. Grand Master, for the appointment as D. D. G. M.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

PITT H. JONES, *D. D. G. M. 20th M. D.*

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### TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District for the year 1914-15.

My first official visit was made to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, January 6th. The work was exemplified in the E. A. degree. The work was well done, very few mistakes needing correction. The books are well kept by P. M. F. E. WESTON, and the dues are fairly well collected. I installed the officers, assisted by P. M. ANDREW DORAN as Marshal and P. M. ROBERT ABEL, Chaplain of my own lodge; 13 members of our lodge were present. A fine banquet was served at 6 P. M., also at the close of the meeting.

I visited David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, January 9th, and installed the officers, assisted by ANDREW DORAN as Marshal and ROBERT ABEL as Chaplain. This lodge has been doing fine work the past year, but a whole new board of officers were elected this year, and as yet they have done no work. They are trying hard to perfect themselves and I have no doubt they will be ready for work when it comes. The books are kept in the same old way. The dues are not paid up as I would like to have them. Those best able to pay are the ones in arrears, but the lodge is in very good condition financially.

I made my visit to North East Harbor Lodge, No. 208, January 12th. The officers had only been installed two weeks. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. I made quite a number of corrections, which were received in the same spirit as given. They have a fine new hall and everything to do with. All seemed anxious to have the work correct and told me the next Deputy to visit them would find the work of the best. The books are well kept by Bro. GEORGE E. TURNER, and the dues are well collected. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

I made my visit to McKinley Lodge, No. 212, January 13th, a special meeting being called for my benefit. Work was exemplified in the M. M. degree. The degree and floor work was done in a very fine manner; only two words were miscalled. They have a fine lodge room well furnished, and although the members were out to a joint installation until 2 o'clock in the morning there was a good attendance and everyone tried to make my visit pleasant. The books are well kept by Bro. H. P. RICHARDSON and the dues are all collected, with one or two exceptions. A fine banquet was served.

I made my visit to Tremont Lodge, No. 77, January 14th. I was to have installed the officers at this time, but as the Master elect had resigned I thought it best to omit that ceremony until a new Master was elected. The work was two candidates in the E. A. degree and was very finely done, very few corrections being made. The books are in fine shape, kept by Bro. WILLIAM R. KEENE, and the dues are well collected. There was a large attendance and each one tried to outdo the other as an entertainer. A fine banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

I made my visit to Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, January 15th, they having to call a special meeting to accommodate me. This lodge is in fine condition; they own their hall and have a balance on hand. The books are well kept by Bro. BURTON A. FERNALD. The dues are not as well collected as I would like to see them, although the Secretary has done his part. The work was exemplified in the M. M. degree, which was done in a fine, dignified manner. The officers are all young men and are striving to perfect themselves in the ritual work; only a few corrections were needed. Here, as at all other lodges, the brethren tried to make my visit pleasant. The usual banquet was served.

I made my visit to Felicity Lodge, No. 19, January 25th. I was met on arrival of the train by W. M. WILLIAM BRAZLEY and Bro. STINSON HOOPER, at whose house I stopped while in Bucksport. I found the books in very fine shape kept by Bro. EDWARD WARREN, and the dues about all collected for 1915. They have a large charity fund and fine balance in their treasury. There was a large attendance, 70; 8 lodges were represented by visiting brethren. The work was in the M. M. de-



gree, which was conferred in a very impressive manner ; a few corrections were made. At refreshment the lodge repaired to the Robinson House, where a fine banquet was served.

I made my visit to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, January 26th. Accompanied by Bro. STINSON HOOPER I drove to Orland from Bucksport. I found the books in fine shape kept by Bro. SETH HUTCHINS, and the dues are well collected. There was a fine attendance. The work was in the M. M. degree and was well done by most of the officers, very few corrections having to be made. All tried to make my visit pleasant. Here only a few young men were present. I was pleased to see men seventy years old taking an active part and doing their work correctly.

I made my visit to Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, February 25th. I gave but a few hours' notice of my visit to them. The work was in the E. A. degree and was done in a very fine manner. Most of the officers are young men and their work shows they have been studying the ritual very closely. The books are nicely kept by Bro. BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, who has been their Secretary for a quarter of a century. This lodge is in good shape financially. The brethren gave me a hearty welcome.

I made my visit to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, March 4th. I arrived at 6:30 P. M., having been informed that my presence was requested at that time. I had given one week notice that I would make my visit on that date. I found on arrival that the lodge had been called at 5 P. M. and the first section of the work had been conferred on four candidates in the M. M. degree, so I had no way of telling what the work was like. After a fine banquet the second section was conferred on three candidates by three Masters in a very fine manner. The fourth was done by the Master in a very fair manner, considering it was his first work. Some words were miscalled, which were corrected. The books are well kept by Bro. CHARLES W. JOY. The dues are well collected. They have a good sum in the treasury.

I wish to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-first Masonic District. I did not feel that I was qualified for the position, but have done the best I could and it has done me good.

I am fraternally yours,

EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, *D. D. G. M. 21st M. D.*



## TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my first annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-second Masonic District.

On October 31st, a District Meeting was held with Parian Lodge, No. 160, at Corinna, permission having been granted said lodge to hold a communication in Stewart Memorial Hall. There was a very good attendance, and I consider it a pleasant and profitable meeting, resulting in much good to all who were there.

On October 6th, a school of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall at Pittsfield. M. W. Bro. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, was with us and the instruction given was very helpful to the District Deputy Grand Masters present, and to the brethren representing 36 different lodges.

My first official visit was with Plymouth Lodge, No. 75, at Plymouth, on January 26th, accompanied by five members of Meridian Lodge, No. 125. The work in the F. C. degree on two candidates was well done and our party pleasantly entertained. Bro. C. T. HARRIS, Secretary, keeps the books with neatness and good order.

On January 27th, I visited Pacific Lodge, No. 64, at Exeter. There was work in the E. A. degree. Some corrections were necessary, but I consider the evening spent pleasantly and profitably to all. This lodge has good financial standing and a secretary well qualified for the position.

Saturday evening, January 30th, I was with Parian Lodge, No. 160, at Corinna. Here I received a cordial welcome and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. There was a very good attendance and all seemed to enjoy the meeting. As this lodge has not been visited regularly each year by District Deputies, there were many things to talk over and some explanations and corrections, which were received by the brethren in the spirit in which they were made. The Secretary, Bro. O. L. SPRAGUE, has his work well in hand and shows neatness and system in his records.

February 23d, I was with Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, at Cambridge. The work was in the M. M. degree and was well and impressively done. There was a delegation of prominent master masons from Dexter, among them P. D. D. G. M. FRANK ARNOLD. The officers, members and visitors seemed to consider this meeting one of profit to all. Bro. F. J. HERSEY, Secretary, is a fine penman and his records show much care and skill.

Accompanied by several members of my own lodge, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 95, at Hartland, on February 24th. Two candidates

received the M. M. degree. Several of the officers of this lodge are young men who are earnestly striving to perform their work in a correct and impressive way, and the records show care and thoughtfulness on the part of Secretary PACKARD. We were cordially received by the brethren and all went from the lodge room with a feeling that this visit was productive of good.

On April 1st, with Bro. FRED G. PARSONS, Past Master of Meridian Lodge, Pittsfield, I visited Meridian Splendor Lodge, No. 49, at Newport. One candidate received the M. M. degree. This was the Worshipful Master's first raising and was very well done, the officers all showing a desire to perform the work in a truly masonic manner. The records of this lodge are kept in a manner which does credit to the Secretary, Bro. L. P. SOPER. Refreshments were served during the evening and we left the hall about midnight, well satisfied with our reception and entertainment.

Archon Lodge, No. 139, at East Dixmont, I have not yet visited, but hope to do soon, as this lodge has as much right to an official visit from the D. D. G. M., as those near at hand and more easily reached.

Meridian Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield, is my home lodge and I try to be a faithful and punctual member. Here the young men, especially officers and members, are studying to improve themselves in Masonry and to keep their lodge up to a standard of excellence which will compare favorably with the other lodges of the Twenty-second District. The Secretary, Bro. J. H. SCRIBNER, takes pride in keeping his records in a clean and presentable manner.

In closing I wish to say that I consider that the lodges of the Twenty-second Masonic District are to be congratulated on the generally high aims and purposes which characterize their members and working force, and if any customs or practices have become allowable, in any lodge, which tend to debase or detract from the dignity and high importance of Masonry, I sincerely hope that those in authority will see that they are speedily abolished and that our masonic lodge rooms become places where all may meet for social, moral and masonic uplift.

I also wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges visited during the year for the uniform kindness and courtesy accorded me while there. These meetings are for our mutual benefit and designed to render Freemasonry more effective and desirable, and I trust and believe that the brethren have accepted the few explanations and corrections in the same spirit in which they were given.

And to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I extend my hearty thanks for the appointment to the honorable and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master. During the year about to close, I have endeav-

ored to do my duty and perform the work in a manner satisfactory to you, but as I am lacking and deficient in much that pertains to Masonry I can only hope to be judged by the good and great things I would like to do for that order which stands first and foremost among the fraternal organizations of our land.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS, *D. D. G. M. 22d M. D.*

Pittsfield, April 13, 1915.

Since my report of April 13th, I have visited Archon Lodge, No. 139, East Dixmont. I was in their lodge room April 29th, but so few members were present that the W. M. did not open the lodge, the S. W. and J. W. both being absent. I went over the books and records of the Secretary, examined the charter and went through the grips, etc., with the S. D. However, I could do them but little good under the circumstances, though those interested seemed to appreciate my call.

BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS.

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### TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

To M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I have the honor to submit my annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-third Masonic District.

I was installed by D. D. G. M. WILLIAM H. OHLER of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

On October 28th, I attended the school of instruction held at Naval Lodge of Kittery, under the instruction of Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SLEEPER. There was a large attendance of masons. We were royally entertained by the officers and members of Naval Lodge. I think the schools of instruction are a great benefit to the craft and should be held early in the year.

On December 30th, I made my official visit to Freedom Lodge, No. 42, at Limerick. I installed the officers of this lodge, there being no work. A few remarks were made. The financial standing of the lodge is good. Records well kept by GEORGE A. CARPENTER, Secretary. The lodge was closed in due form in peace and harmony, after which an oyster supper was served.

January 26th, I made an official visit to Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington. This being their night of installation, Bro. WARREN W.

FORD, as installing officer, performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The newly installed officers are all young men of great skill and very much interested in the work, and I have no doubt they will make good. The records are well kept in the hands of Bro. JAMES F. PILLSBURY. Dues well collected. I was very cordially received.

January 27th, I made an official visit to Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, of Alfred. Was very cordially received. I witnessed work in the E. A. degree on three candidates. The work was very correctly done. The officers are all young men and mean to do the correct thing, and do not intend to be outclassed. The records are very correctly kept. Dues well collected.

On February 23d, I made my official visit to Springvale Lodge, No. 190, of Springvale. I was received in a very courteous manner with the grand honors. They have a very handsomely furnished lodge room and a large banquet hall. They must be proud of their new home, and they still have money in their treasury. After being shown over the rooms, the lodge was opened and I witnessed work in the E. A. degree on two candidates. The ritual was very closely followed. I made a few remarks for the benefit of the officers and brethren.

On February 27th, I installed the officers of Buxton Lodge, No. 115, held at West Buxton, with the assistance of Bros. JOSEPH F. WARREN as Marshal and WILLIS CROCKETT as Chaplain.

R. W. Bro. OSCAR D. RAND, D. D. G. M. of the Twenty-third District, had pencilled his report to this point. Before he had completed his work he was called to the Celestial Lodge above, but his work will live on our records and in the hearts of his brethren.

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Bro. F. B. RAND, who copied the above notes, states that on the week following the installation at West Buxton, he made his official visit to that lodge, and that on March 3d, he officially visited Preble Lodge at Sanford, on which occasion Bro. F. B. RAND was with him, and that they found the lodge in excellent condition, and had only words of praise for the new officers, who, for the first time since assuming their stations worked the M. M. degree.

## TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

On October 21st, Ancient Brothers' Lodge held a public installation, at which I officiated, assisted by the retiring Master, Wor. HARRIE L. WEBBER as Marshal and Bro. J. TRUE CROSBY as Chaplain. There was a large attendance and the fraternal spirit of the occasion must have made a good impression on the visitors.

On October 29th, I made my official visitation to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, Mechanic Falls. Work was in the Master Mason's degree and was creditably performed. At its close some corrections and suggestions were made, which were received in the spirit of those who wish to do their best. A banquet was served.

On November 6th, I attended the school of instruction conducted at Pittsfield by M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was large and the work most helpful.

On December 2d, I officially visited Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, Auburn. As this is one of our largest lodges the attendance was correspondingly large. The Master Mason's degree was worked in an impressive manner. Officers and members manifested their interest in their lodge and the welfare of the order.

On January 20th, I visited in an official capacity Rabboni Lodge, No. 150, Lewiston. Many visitors were present. The Master Mason's degree was worked in a dignified and impressive manner. As this is the lodge of which I have the honor of being a member, I have full knowledge of the excellent quality of its work, even without the formality of an official visit. Refreshments were served and a social hour was greatly enjoyed.

On January 28th, I visited Webster Lodge, No. 164, Sabattus. As there was no candidate the work was exemplified in the Fellow Craft degree. This work was excellently done, with but few lapses from the ritual. This lodge is fortunate in having M. W. FRANK E. SLEEPER, Grand Lecturer, as a convenient source of instruction. A banquet followed the work.

On February 1st, I officially visited Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, Auburn, where the Master Mason's degree was worked very impressively and with close adherence to the ritual. This lodge has had much work during the year and a resulting proficiency is apparent. Much interest is manifested by all. Refreshments added to the social features of the occasion.

On February 15th, I made my official visitation to Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, Lewiston. Work was in the Master Mason's degree. Those who recently had the pleasure of seeing the work of this lodge before the Grand Lodge know its excellence. Its officers have had a busy year and have acquitted themselves with great credit to themselves and the fraternity, and have continued to maintain their high standard. Great sociability accompanied the refreshments.

On February 17th, I installed the officers of Rabboni Lodge, assisted by Wor. CHARLES A. LITTEFIELD as Marshal and Bro. HERBERT B. HUTCHINS as Chaplain.

On February 18th, I publicly installed the officers of Webster Lodge. A fine program of vocal music and reading accompanied the installation exercises.

On February 23d, I installed the officers of Tranquil Lodge, and on March 1st those of Ashlar Lodge.

On March 27th, I paid an official visit to Nezinscot Lodge, No. 101, Turner. As there was no candidate work was exemplified in the Fellow Craft degree. The work was done to the satisfaction of the brethren present. Such suggestions as I saw fit to make were received in the most hearty manner. The occasion called back several members who now live in other towns. A fine banquet was served.

On March 27th, as, on account of my arrangement with Nezinscot, I was unable to accept the invitation of Cumberland Lodge, R. W. E. K. SMITH, acting for me, visited Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, New Gloucester. He reports a large attendance, great interest, and excellent work in the Master Mason's degree.

The lodges of the Twenty-fourth District are in good condition, are maintaining or increasing their membership, and manifesting a hopeful interest. The records of all the lodges are well kept, and the dues are well collected. All the Secretaries were commendably prompt in preparing their reports and paying the Grand Lodge dues. Some of the smaller lodges have had but few candidates during the year and their work suffers somewhat for this reason. Some lodges need a little closer attention to the ritual; others should strive for more solemnity and impressiveness in the rendering of the work. I have been free to make corrections and suggestions in all the lodges, and the spirit in which these have been received convinces me that the officers are anxious for sympathetic criticism.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for their kindness and courtesy to me, and you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me. Fraternal submitted,

WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, *D. D. G. M., 24th M. D.*  
Lewiston, April 15, 1915.

## TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I hereby submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

During my term of office I have visited and officially inspected five of the six lodges comprising this district, and have met with the most courteous and masonic reception from each of the several lodges.

I was unable to attend a school of instruction this year.

January 22d, I made my official visitation to Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, located at Ashland, and assisted by P. D. D. G. M., Bro. MOOERS, installed the officers, after which the newly installed officers worked the First degree. The work was unusually well performed.

January 26th, I officially visited Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, located at Sherman Mills. I met with one of the warmest receptions by a large number of its members. Work in the M. M. degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner. A few corrections were made which were well received. At the close of the lodge refreshments were served and a pleasant hour was passed.

February 10th, I visited Island Falls Lodge, No. 206. As there was no work, the meeting was turned into an informal school, questions asked and answered to the best of my ability. Notwithstanding there was no work a large attendance was present.

February 11th, I made my official visit to Nollesemic Lodge, No. 205, located at Millinocket, and witnessed work in the First degree, which was well performed. The officers of this lodge are all young men who appear to take a great interest, and I have no fears for the future of Nollesemic Lodge.

February 12th, I visited Katahdin Lodge, No. 98, located at Patten, and was pleased to meet and receive assistance from our P. D. D. G. M., Bro. BAILEY. Work in the First degree was exemplified almost perfectly. Katahdin Lodge have a fine home and are in good financial condition, and I enjoyed my visit there.

I made no official visit to my home lodge, Fort Kent, No. 209, but have attended nearly every meeting, and while it may seem out of place for me to praise the work of this lodge, I feel as justice to the officers I can say that it compares favorably with the lodges of the Twenty-fifth District.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I would thank you for the appointment, also the officers and members of the several lodges for the kind, courteous treatment I have received wherever I have met with them. I

have tried to be of some service to them as your representative and have met with most courteous treatment whenever and wherever I have met them.

I have nothing but words of appreciation for the warm greetings and hearty welcomes that have been accorded me by the brethren of the district, and I desire to thank you, Most Worshipful, for the confidence reposed.

Fraternally submitted,

HARDY A. SAWYER, *D. D. G. M. 25th M. D.*

April 15, 1915.

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### EIGHTH DISTRICT.

TO M. W. THOMAS H. BODGE,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.*

I was appointed D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District at the annual communication in May and was installed at that time.

March 2d, made my official visit to King David's Lodge, No. 62, by invitation, and witnessed the work in F. C. degree. The work was very satisfactory, and the lodge is in good financial condition.

March 3d, I visited Pownal Lodge, No. 119, by invitation, and witnessed the work in M. M. degree on one candidate, which was performed in a very impressive manner by the young officers, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. They had seven applications to ballot on, and received six. I was most royally entertained by Bro. ALVA C. TREAT.

March 8th, I visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, and inspected the work in the M. M. degree on two candidates. On that date they received three applications. The work was rendered in a most pleasing manner. I found the records in the hands of Bro. CLIFFORD PATTEE, which speaks well for the lodge. This lodge is in grand shape financially.

March 20th, I visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 151, by invitation, and witnessed work in the M. M. degree on one candidate, which was very well done. The lodge is in good financial condition.

March 25th, I made my official visit to Island Lodge, No. 89, and found the lodge in good financial condition, with only a few members present, and witnessed the work in the M. M. degree, which was rendered in a very able manner. I also found the records kept in a neat and tidy manner.

April 13th, I made a visit to Mariners' Lodge, No. 78, for inspection. Witnessed the work in the F. C. degree, which was done in a very nice



manner by the young officers. I found the records in the hands of a very able brother, HARRY BANGS, and I wish to express many thanks for courtesy extended to me.

April 22d, I made my official visit to Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, and witnessed work in M. M. degree on three candidates, which was done in a very able manner and was very, very satisfactory to me. I found the records in the hands of Bro. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, who has been Secretary for 25 years.

In doing my work as D. D. G. M. I have fulfilled the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I find the lodges in the district in a very prosperous condition, and the ritualistic work very ably done. I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for their courtesy and gracious hospitality to me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD GOODWIN, *D. D. G. M. 8th M. D.*

Lincolntonville, June 14, 1915.

# Officers of the Grand Lodge,

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THOMAS H. BODGE,	<i>M. W. Grand Master,</i>	Augusta
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FRED RAYMOND,	" <i>Senior Gr. Warden,</i>	Liv'more Falls
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JULIAN H. HOOPER,	" " <i>4th</i> "	Sedgwick
ERWIN G. RYDER,	" " <i>5th</i> "	Brownville Jct
RALPH W. MOORE,	" " <i>6th</i> "	Hampden
CHARLES W. JONES,	" " <i>7th</i> "	China
EDWARD GOODWIN,	" " <i>8th</i> "	Lincolntown
ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	" " <i>9th</i> "	Rockland
VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY,	" " <i>10th</i> "	East Boothbay
W. LESLIE MALOON,	" " <i>11th</i> "	RFD 2, Sabattus
SANGER N. ANNIS,	" " <i>12th</i> "	Waterville
CARL C. PIPER,	" " <i>13th</i> "	Fairfield
FRED E. WARD,	" " <i>14th</i> "	Freeport
FRED E. TREFETHEN,	" " <i>15th</i> "	Wilton
JOHN M. HOLLAND,	" " <i>16th</i> "	Dixfield

EDGAR F. CASWELL,	R. W. D. D. G. M. 17th Dist.,	Gorham
JAMES W. EASTMAN,	" " 18th "	Fryeburg
*J. BURTON ROBERTS,	" " 19th "	Goodwin's Mills
PITT H. JONES,	" " 20th "	Springfield
EDWIN F. CLAPHAM,	" " 21st "	West Sullivan
BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS,	" " 22d "	Pittsfield
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" " 23d "	Limerick
WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN,	" " 24th "	Lewiston
SAMUEL R. CRABTREE,	" " 25th "	Island Falls
REV. WM. H. FULTZ,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Portland
REV. DAVID L. WILSON,	" " "	Bath
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	" " "	Kittery
REV. HENRY E. DUNNACK,	" " "	Augusta
REV. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " "	Bangor
L. ELWOOD JONES,	" " Marshal,	Winthrop
GEORGE F. GIDDINGS,	" " Senior Deacon,	Augusta
CHARLES LEROY JONES,	" " Junior Deacon,	Waterville
ELMER A. DOTEN,	" " Steward,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " "	Waterville
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " "	Biddeford
DAVID E. MOULTON,	" " "	Portland
GEORGE R. HALL,	" " Sword Bearer,	Lewiston
JOHN N. FOYE,	" " Standard Bearer,	Canton
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
J. IRVING HAYDEN,	" " "	Raymond
FRANK E. SLEEPER,	" " Lecturer,	Sabattus
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

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\*Died June 17, aged 56.

# List . of . Subordinate . Lodges,

## WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,

As Returned March 1, 1915.

DISTRICT.

- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. James Baillie, M; James Lynch, SW; L. A. Perkins, JW; Orville D. Carr, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Ralph P. Stackpole, M; John E. Merrill, SW; Lyndon E. Sylvester, JW; Marcus W. Eveleth, R. F. D. 2, Lisbon Falls, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Willis F. Avery, M; Harris P. Ilsley, SW; Harold M. Small, JW; James F. Pillsbury, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Edwin F. Stetson, M; Amasa B. Hall, SW; George A. Cowan, JW; Wilbur G. Knowlton, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Louis C. Sawyer, M; Millard B. Lory, SW; Wilson D. Barron, JW; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Bradford C. Redonnet, M; Henry G. McFarland, SW; Wellington M. Jordan, JW; John A. Turner, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. J. Webster Bennett, R. F. D. 44, M; George C. Simpson, SW; Ned P. Willis, JW; Frank L. Lowell, (18 Center St.,) S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Landmark, 17, Portland. Charles O. Caswell, M; George A. Coffin, SW; Vernon W. Hall, JW; Frank L. Howarth, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. William A. Hollis, M; Oscar B. Ingalls, SW; George E. Basford, JW; Asbury M. Blake, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14

- Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Horace H. D. Smith, R. F. D. 1, Hampden Highlands, M; Jasper T. Smith, SW; Maurice A. Mudgett, JW; Stephen Mudgett, R. F. D. 4, Brooks, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Clinton F. Warren, Alfred, M; Byron L. Hill, SW; Frank Littlefield, West Kennebunk, JW; Arthur L. Roberts, West Kennebunk, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19
- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Harley B. Dority, M; Paul T. Bubar, SW; Theodore A. Richardson, JW; Fay B. Ramsay, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Woodbury H. Stevens, M; Abner Boothby, SW; Charles W. Johnson, JW; Silas H. Perkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Frank M. Cummings, M; Phillip E. Coombs, SW; George E. Bearce, JW; Fred I. Morrell, S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Thurlow B. Tarbox, M; Frederick L. Chenery, Jr., SW; Albert W. Riggs, JW; Frederick L. Chenery, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. William S. Dresser, M; William K. Herrmann, SW; Arthur Machester, JW; Almon L. Johnson, Box 424, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Frank S. H. Callaghan, M; Edward L. Ripley, SW; Alfred C. Turner, JW; Weston Lewis, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. George T. Stewart, M; Milton W. Weymouth, SW; Freeman A. Stanley, JW; Lorenzo S. Robinson, Box 565, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Neal F. Dow, M; Harry Saunders, SW; Lawrence Varnum, JW; Ira J. Cousins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Kenneth McLean, M; Clifford F. Came, SW; Everett W. Johnson, JW; Benjamin L. Hadley, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. James A. Haley, M; Ben E. Parker, SW; William T. Fifield, JW; Martin L. Porter, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. C. Tyler Hodgdon, M; John A. Dodge, SW; Luther A. Barlow, JW; Norman S. Fuller, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Walter A. Smith, m; R. Lee Mitchell, sw; Adoniram J. McGown, jw; Camillus K. Johnson, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, December 27th. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. True A. Eames, m; Fred B. Hall, sw; Ernest F. Bisbee, jw; Herbert C. Rowe, s. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. John C. Arnold, m; Harold A. Allan, sw; Ward. Trask, jw; Pearle E. Fuller, s. Meeting first Monday; election, October. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Philip A. Wood, m; Harold I. Goss, sw; Harold A. Coleman, jw; Wallace W. Stoddard, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Frank M. Rawley, m; Arthur W. Frecker, sw; Alfred S. N. Sparks, jw; Walter O. Raynes, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Nathaniel H. Harnden, m; Harry A. Chandler, sw; Alfred G. Cronkhite, jw; J. Blaine Morrison, s. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Albert H. Hunter, m; Vinal D. Kelsey, sw; Samuel W. Little, jw; Edwin J. Ervine, s. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Pliny A. Crockett, m; Joseph F. Sands, sw; Bert E. Newcomb, jw; Cyril P. Harmon, s. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, January. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Stanwood I. Mower, m; Reginald H. Farrar, sw; Clair H. Sawyer, jw; Frank J. Hersey, s, (R. F. D. 4, Dexter). Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Floyd A. Smith, m; Judson C. Briggs, sw; John H. McDaniels, jw; Harry M. Vinal, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Harvey B. Harris, m; John S. Goodridge, sw; Charles L. Williams, jw; Alpheus Nason, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Louis W. Riggs, m; Charles B. Corliss, sw; Perlle E. Winslow, jw; Leone R. Cook, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Charles A. Pinkham, m; Wallace W. Jones, sw; George M. Hammond, jw; Thomas W. Washburn, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Isaac A. Harris, m; Sidney P. Young, sw; Adelbert G. Rogers, jw; Philip C. Young, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5

- Composite, 168, La Grange. Lewis M. Blake, M; Allan A. Kirkland, SW; Frank L. Bemis, JW; Fred H. Savage, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Percy Butterfield, M; Lewis A. Palmer, SW; Charles E. Norcross, JW; Daniel A. Packard, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Gershom P. Ricker, Perry, M; James Abernethy, West Pembroke, SW; Hiram L. Gove, West Pembroke, JW; Eugene S. Wilbur, West Pembroke, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. James S. Skillings, M; Arthur V. Smith, SW; Ernest L. Gay, JW; Edward A. Wight, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Asra D. Hodgkins, M; Wilbur P. Hancock, SW; Ernest H. Pratt, JW; Lewis E. Jordan, R. F. D., S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Fred E. Blaisdell, M; Wiley O. Newman, SW; Fred B. Havey, JW; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Diah Sweet, M; Charles E. Richards, SW; William I. Smith, JW; Charles B. Richardson, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Thomas Bond, M; Albert J. Shepard, SW; J. Harold Mitchell, JW; Harold C. Moulton, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. William H. Richardson, M; Fred A. Handy, SW; Stephen W. Dimick, JW; Francis E. Chase, 161 Neal St., S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Bennett McDaniels, M; Max C. Eastman, SW; Waldo N. Seavey, JW; Preston B. Walker, Box 46, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Randall C. Maxwell, South China, M; Calvin A. Rowe, SW; Levi O. Miller, JW; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Earl H. Jackson, M; Henning T. Johnson, SW; William R. Hughes, JW; Walter C. Jackson, S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Herbert H. Blinn, M; Joseph L. Houdlett, SW; George T. Cotton, JW; Ernest C. Palmer, Gardiner, R. F. D. 11, Box 66, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 10

- Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Woodbridge G. O. Ridlon, M; Henry P. Allen, SW; Chester A. West, JW; Samuel M. Boothby, Kezar Falls, R. F. D. 2, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. William J. Dean, M; Edwin R. Small, SW; Charles F. Gilpatric, JW; Everett M. Staples, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Edward C. Firth, M; John A. Wentworth, SW; Frank R. Holmes, JW; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Box 312, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Alfred L. Sawyer, M; William G. Chamberlain, SW; Thurber E. Holt, JW; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggmoggin, 128, Sedgwick. William H. Pervear, M; Eugene P. Clapp, SW; Raymond C. Bridges, JW; Frank C. Allen, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Waldo E. Houghton, M; Henry R. Pierpont, SW; Ezra M. Fletcher, JW; Daniel M. Nichols, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Manfred Humphrey, M; Charles D. North, SW; Weston H. Wiley, JW; Elmer E. Allen, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Wilson H. Conant, M; Wellington Heald, SW; Lester A. Ricker, JW; Arthur L. Newton, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Oscar H. Drinkwater, M; Rallo Watkins, SW; Bertram J. Bird, JW; Fred B. Glidden, S. Meeting Wednesday nearest full moon; election, January. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. William R. Beazley, M; Harry C. Page, SW; William C. Grindle, JW; Edward L. Warren, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Raymond Ham, M; Bert E. Budge, SW; Cabot M. Lombard, JW; Lysander W. Trask, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Harry W. Grinnell, M; Guilford L. Perkins, SW; Isaac W. Dow, JW; Grover C. Bradbury, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Frank J. Hopkins, M; Clyde C. Day, SW; Verne G. Day, JW; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Maynard A. Hobbs, M; John Tibbetts, SW; Geo. H. Williams, JW; Milton B. Lambert, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23



- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Raymond Quint, m; Lester W. Carpenter, sw; Chadbourn O. Woodsum, jw; George A. Carpenter, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Leon L. Bean, m; Ralph M. Anderson, sw; Sumner G. Brewer, jw; Fred E. Ward, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Ralph A. Bacon, m; Fremont E. Whitman, sw; Lester H. Penley, jw; Edgar F. Barrows, s, (R. R. 1.) Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Leslie C. Ayer, m; Burt C. Webb, sw; Harry G. Swasey, jw; Francis A. Norton, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Walter C. Brown, m; Hosmer McKoon, sw; William A. Walker, jw; Frank S. Perkins, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Frederick R. Summersides, m; Waldo G. Fenlason, sw; William T. Libby, jw; Charles E. Cobb, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Ralph W. Albee, m; Carl H. Bryant, sw; Ralph W. Chandler, jw; Albert S. Allan, s. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermion, 32, Gardiner. Donald S. McNaughton, m; Frederick A. Danforth, sw; Charles W. Nichols, jw; Harry E. Larrabee, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Fred S. Woods, Portland, m; William O. Verrill, sw; William H. Tanner, jw; Josiah F. Cobb, (430 Preble St.,) s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Frank R. Linton, m; Henry I. Pinkham, sw; Paul E. Hannerman, jw; Artemus Weatherbee, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, first Monday in December. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Edward S. Young, m; Willis P. Tripp, sw; Walter A. Cowan, jw; John H. Baker, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Frank L. Stover, m; Arthur M. Herrick, sw; Albion K. Saunders, jw; Arthur C. Hinckley, s. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Cleveland Adams, m; Elmer L. Pendleton, sw; Harry A. Babbidge, jw; Howard C. Pendleton, Dark Harbor, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, February. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. George A. Palmer, m; Frank L. Downs, sw; Gustavus A. Young, jw; Frank L. Mooney, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 25

- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Albert W. Askett, m; H. Alton Bacon, sw; Fred M. Cole, jw; James L. Bowker, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Horace Beal, m; Harry H. Ginn, sw; Clarence Kelley, jw; Edgar A. Worcester, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Ralph I. Miles, m; Walter W. Woodbury, sw; Irving H. Bragg, jw; Frank L. Huston, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Eugene I. Herrick, m; Fred B. Colby, sw; Sylvader Hinkley, jw; Charles L. Harnden, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Walter N. Batchelder, m; Elmer W. Cole, sw; George L. Wiggin, jw; F. Ernest Harvey, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Lloyd O. Powers, m; John F. McKelvie, sw; Guy M. Towle, jw; Ernest S. Currier, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Myron C. Jewell, m; Mottier L. French, sw; Forrest A. Ray, jw; Perry S. Longley, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Warren A. Pitcher, m; Joseph E. Thomas, sw; George Collemer, jw; Robie F. Ames, s. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, December. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Edgar P. Judkins, m; Orlando A. Bisbee, sw; George Walters, jw; Charles L. Dillingham, s. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 16
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. George F. Gilchrist, m; Thomas E. Leavitt, sw; Winfield T. Soule, jw; Clinton E. Matthews, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles R. Crowley, m; Oscar L. Bassick, sw; Harvey D. Crowley, jw; Winfield S. Clarke, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Cyrus D. Winters, m; Edward G. Palmer, sw; Lewis W. Mellow, jw; Merle J. Harriman, s. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Lewis L. Robinson, m; Dennison J. Haynes, sw; Albert W. Kidder, jw; Ernest W. Gilman, s. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. George E. McLaughlin, m; L. R. Horsman, sw; Guy W. Swan, jw; Theodore Morrison, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2

- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur H. Norton, M; John C. Sherman, SW; Grover C. Cox, JW; Willis J. Greeley, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Albert H. Damon, M; Harry Leighton, SW; George P. Hamilton, JW; Austen W. Sherburne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Roy R. Marston, M; Frank H. Gray, SW; Carl M. P. Larrabee, JW; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. Charles G. Aldrich, M; Forrest G. Stevens, SW; Charles E. Maker, JW; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Fred E. Milliken, M; Carl R. Wiberg, SW; William A. Alexander, JW; Charles W. Joy, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Claude O. Hunt, M; William H. Snow, SW; S. Everett Hunt, JW; Emery L. Leathers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Charles W. Martin, M; William H. Thurston, SW; Loren W. Rumill, JW; Herbert P. Richardson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Henry E. Knapp, M; Colby L. Merrill, SW; Frank O. Fales, JW; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday in week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Paul W. Scott, M; Benjamin C. Smith, SW; Arthur B. Haskell, JW; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. George R. Wilson, M; Alfred S. Trundy, SW; Fred K. Sawyer, JW; Harry E. Bangs, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. W. S. Jones, M; George B. Roberts, SW; R. M. Stiles, JW; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Herman H. Hanson, M; William A. Davidson, SW; Newton A. Robbins, JW; Albert J. Durgin, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Austin B. Cook, M; Wilbur A. Morse, SW; Swansea G. Burns, JW; Robert L. Thompson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 10
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Thomas F. Connor, M; Edwin F. Dodge, SW; Earl N. Vickery, JW; Jay H. Scribner, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22

- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Fred G. Greenway, M; Harry Merrill, sw; Charles A. Nutter, JW; Lewman B. Soper, s. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Virgil C. Totman, M; Spurgeon S. Hoar, sw; I. Russell Clark, JW; Orestes E. Crowell, s. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Arthur L. Todd, M; Frank A. Ambrose, sw; George L. Daggett, JW; Freeman C. Harris, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Willard E. Day, M; Millard E. Day, sw; Eugene Andrews, JW; Otis G. Randall, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Nathaniel Tompkins, M; Arthur O. Putnam, sw; Alfred E. Astle, JW; s. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Henry Taylor, M; William E. Tarr, sw; William M. Drummond, JW; Roscoe S. Bosworth, (R. D. route 18), s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Foxcroft. Eugene A. Whittredge, M; David L. Cameron, sw; Fred F. Wiley, JW; Eugene W. Crocker, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinal Haven. Mark P. Smith, M; Herbert W. Field, sw; Leigh E. Williams, JW; Freeman L. Roberts, s. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Lavella A. Norton, M; G. Dane Vose, sw; Earl L. Wing, JW; Arthur C. Woodard, s. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Maurice E. Sampson, Stratton, M; Elmer A. Sampson, Dead River, sw; Philander M. Taylor, JW; Walter E. Hinds, s. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Fred H. Parker, M; Harry E. Bordeaux, sw; Elton L. Bunker, JW; Pearl S. Bordeaux, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Sumner C. Bennett, M; Harry M. Daniels, sw; Raymond W. Davis, JW; Fred Mellor, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Perley R. F. Bradbury, M; A. Scott Wentworth, sw; Maynard M. Wentworth, JW; William C. Ordway, East Brownfield, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Benjamin K. Ware, m; George W. Hall, sw; Charles L. Finn, jw; George L. Sprague, Union, R. F. D. 3, s. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Elbridge P. Kimball, m; George W. Sias, sw; Edgar L. Stone, jw; Warren V. Kneeland, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Samuel S. Emerson, m; Everett F. Curtis, sw; Leslie N. Sparrow, jw; William H. Tribou, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Albert M. Child, m; Lester D. Lee, sw; William W. Palmer, jw; Cleff Maxwell, s. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. George B. Ricker, m; John M. Sherwood, sw; Kilbourn H. Willey, jw; William F. Campbell, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Rolph C. Willey, m; William F. Cousins, sw; Harold D. Powers, jw; Roland A. Flye, s. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. I. James Merry, m; Charles R. Wasgatt, sw; Walter L. Lutts, jw; David G. Walker, Kittery Depot, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Leonard A. Gilbert, m; Benj. J. Sherman, sw; Vernon C. Sampson, jw; Howard B. Lawrence, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Edward L. Haskell, m; Royal W. Bradford, sw; Charles H. Pratt, jw; Donald C. Prince, R. D. 1, s. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nolleseme, 205, Millinocket. Howard W. Chase, m; Frank O. Daisey, sw; Addison Matthews, jw; Leon F. Kent, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Reuben F. Lurvey, m; Mark H. Reed, sw; James H. Falt, jw; George E. Turner, s. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Thomas H. Murphy, m; C. Wellington Rogers, sw; Truman B. Carl, jw; Wilbur C. Simmons, s. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Perley C. Goodwin, m; Austin R. Goodwin, sw; Oliver West, jw; Joseph Waterhouse, s. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Charles L. Marrows, m; Ernest T. Dexter, sw; Herbert R. Southgate, jw; Frank D. Weymouth, s. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- Orient, 15, Thomaston. John T. Rider, M; Osborn T. Sumner, SW; Clarence E. Oliver, JW; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. John W. Emery, M; Everett L. Haley, SW; Carl T. Plummer, JW; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. John N. Sinnett, M; Carroll M. Hall, SW; Francis S. Dow, JW; Fred Raymond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Wiggin L. Merrill, M; Fred E. Smith, SW; Raymond H. Eastman, JW; Howard D. Smith, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. George G. Grinnell, M; Edward Washburn, SW; Carl R. Smith, JW; Daniel B. Packard, Dexter, R. F. D. 1, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Thomas F. Burrill, M; L. Everett Hutchins, SW; Guy C. Nutter, JW; Oliver L. Sprague, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. George F. Eastman, M; George C. Fernald, SW; Harold C. Fletcher, JW; Walter L. Gray, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Lee F. Schoff, M; Charles W. Yeaton, SW; John W. Springall, JW; Charles S. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Orris S. Vickery, M; Ernest S. Webber, SW; Fred E. Ellis, JW; Clifford J. Pattee, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred A. Budge, M; Albert F. Martin, SW; Fred D. Sherrard, JW; George W. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Carl L. Hews, M; Charles A. Carter, SW; C. Fred Coffin, JW; Henry S. Brown, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Charles S. Bradeen, M; George W. Morrill, SW; William P. Newman, JW; Frank E. Monroe, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. John Roberts, M; Joseph G. Henderson, SW; William Roberts, JW; Harvey W. Ryder, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Joseph F. Leighton, M; Gleason E. Hinkley, SW; Fred A. Gay, JW; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3

- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Burton H. Fogg, M; Dana Small, SW; Samuel A. Parkhurst, JW; Charles-T. Harris, Detroit, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Raymond C. Brown, M; Daniel S. Brierly, SW; E. Motley Fuller, JW; Lucius M. Lemont, 923 Middle St., S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Charles B. Hinds, M; T. Ernest Harmon, SW; Perley C. Dresser, JW; Albro E. Chase, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Charles A. Snow, M; Millard M. Grant, SW; Harry S. Kearney, JW; Lincoln A. Gardner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. William O. Nicholls, M; Orrin D. Clark, SW; Owen G. Pillsbury, JW; John Wright, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. J. Irving Hayden, M; William K. Foster, SW; Joseph B. Manchester, JW; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Frank Jones, M; Noah McDonald, SW; Elmer A. Harnden, JW; Tobias L. Eastman, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Fred E. Miller, M; Clarence R. Simons, SW; Frank W. Bryant, JW; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. John M. Googin, M; John B. Goss, SW; Louis B. Costello, JW; Edwin L. Goss, (41 Main St.,) S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Peter Anderson, M; Roscoe B. Bowden, SW; Ralph E. Seekins, JW; Rollins Y. Stinson, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Frank R. Dunn, M; Reed Jack, SW; Amsbury S. Alexander, JW; William R. Fairclough, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Norris L. Heath, M; Merle F. Bridges, SW; Herbert P. Grindle, JW; Melvin A. Wardwell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Charles R. Ripley, M; Charles E. Gibbs, SW; Lewis M. Ames, JW; Seth R. Hutchins, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. James I. Shute, M; Harold H. Colby, SW; Horace S. Stewart, JW; Frank J. Cole, S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6

Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Harold E. Dow, M; Forrest C. Hodgkins, SW; Henry P. Bond, JW; Charles W. Besse, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, second Wednesday in December.

10

Rockland, 79, Rockland. Emil F. Witten, M; Thomas L. McBeath, SW; William R. Lufkin, JW; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January.

9

Rural, 53, Sidney. Edmund P. Williams, M; Clyde G. Blake, SW; Chas. S. Taylor, JW; Arthur W. Hammond, R. F. D. 7, Augusta, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September.

12

Saco, 9, Saco. William H. Stackpole, M; Archibald F. Houston, SW; Ralph W. Dow, JW; Abram T. Lord, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January.

19

St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Carroll A. Weeks, M; Arthur L. Johnson, SW; Ernest L. Lyman, JW; Harry W. Libbey, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December.

6

St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Arthur H. Baker, M; Edward C. Cook, SW; Everett F. Davis, JW; Willie W. Cuzner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September.

19

St. Croix, 46, Calais. Henry R. Gillis, M; Frederic V. Pickard, SW; Thomas W. Lello, JW; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day.

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St. George, 16, Warren. Chester B. Hall, M; Roland O. Wade, SW; James Morris Studley, JW; William L. Lawry, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October.

9

St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Clarence P. Lord, M; Frank A. Prescott, SW; Arthur E. Chester, JW; J. Willey Whitehouse, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March.

19

St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. LaForest True Spear, M; Ralph A. Trim, SW; Howard A. Dunbar, JW; Carleton W. Steward, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October.

9

Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. James B. Perkins, M; John N. Fish, SW; Harry N. Davis, JW; Russell V. Matthews, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December.

10

Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Linwood S. Eastman, M; Brainerd G. True, SW; Roger F. Stinchfield, JW; Irvin M. Holt, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December.

7

Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Ralph W. Giles, M; James W. Wentworth, SW; Hector C. Blake, JW; Jesse L. Rowe, East Brownfield, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December.

18



Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Ralph A. Jewell, M; John A. Partridge, SW; Charles H. Gibson, JW; Carl C. Piper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13

Solar, 14, Bath. Ralph H. Dunton, M; Rupert C. Cowles, SW; Raymond B. Welch, JW; Albert L. Strout, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14

Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Charles W. Sheaff, M; George H. Plummer, SW; Edward F. Merrill, JW; Charles M. Lambert, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 13

Springvale, 190, Springvale. Arthur Low, M; Ernest L. Ogden, SW; Alfred H. Pearson, JW; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23

Standish, 70, Standish. Robie C. Marean, M; Joseph T. Swasey, SW; George E. Brazier, JW; Fred B. Sanborn, R. F. D. 2, West Buxton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17

Star in the East, 60, Old Town. John A. Harlow, M; George M. McLellan, SW; Dana W. Libby, JW; Edward A. Merrill, S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6

Star in the West, 85, Unity. George T. Whitaker, M; Austin T. Myrick, SW; Charles A. Adams, JW; Reuel M. Berry, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edwin T. Clifford, M; Levi D. French, SW; George Chase Adams, JW; Levi E. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11

Temple, 86, Westbrook. Harry W. Washburn, M; Percy C. Knight, SW; Alfred F. Winslow, JW; Oliver A. Cobb, Box 64, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17

Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Willis G. Haseltine, M; Henry B. Ladd, SW; Lynwood B. Thompson, JW; Charles E. Johnson, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8

Tranquil, 29, Auburn. George L. Foss, M; George C. Wing, Jr., SW; Willis P. Atwood, JW; Irving M. Curtis, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24

Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. John C. Ralph, M; Clinton H. Hamblen, SW; Warren A. Dorr, JW; William R. Keene, Manset, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21

Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Sherman W. Boone, M; Ray H. McGlauffin, SW; Horace B. Harmon, JW; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1

- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Lewis H. Lacker, M; Milford H. Brown, SW; Elisha D. Wass, JW; Veranus C. Plummer, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Wade C. Trask, M; Windsor A. Golderman, SW; William R. Harris, JW; Lewin Jefferies, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Ralph L. Williams, M; Ralph B. Lewis, SW; Lorenzo W. Hadley, JW; Charles M. Lucas, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Joseph S. Stetson, M; Ernest L. Mayberry, SW; William S. Rogers, JW; James H. Fisk, (1 Boody St.) S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Fred N. Flye, M; Guss L. Cates, SW; Perley D. Thurston, JW; Albert W. Ward, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. C. Maurice Wyman, M; George L. Hunt, SW; Merle R. Wyman, JW; Melvin E. Hutchinson, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Harry E. Williams, M; Allston W. Tyler, SW; Joseph W. Allen, JW; Carleton E. Turner, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Charles M. White, M; Caleb W. Sedgley, SW; Anson P. M. Given, JW; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. James R. Talbot, M; Ralph S. Smith, SW; Morrill S. Pope, JW; C. Hollis White, Box 1, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December 27th. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Frank A. Chase, Jr., M; James R. Waltman, SW; Willis G. Carll, JW; Almon N. Waterhouse, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Percy M. Porter, M; Sherman G. Packard, SW; Harold L. Umphrey, JW; Edward M. Hines, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Harry L. Walton, M; Frank G. Norton, SW; James W. Mitchell, JW; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Charles L. Jones, M; Henry W. Abbott, SW; Chester A. Frost, JW; Charles B. Davis, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. Charles Stoehr, M; George T. Bain, SW; John W. Wood, JW; Herbert L. Jordan, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24

Whitney, 167, Canton. Arthur M. Packard, m; Orletus C. Fuller, sw;  
Almon L. Poland, jw; Alphonso F. Russell, Jr., s. Meeting first  
Thursday; election, September. 15

Wilton, 156, Wilton. Harry J. Trefethen, m; Charles W. Sharkey, sw;  
Charles A. Comins, jw; Fred E. Trefethen, s. Meeting Wednesday  
week of full moon; election, September. 15

Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. William E. Gerrish, m; Elmer E.  
Torrey, sw; Hoel H. Hanson, jw; Frank E. Weston, s. Meeting  
first Wednesday; election, December. 21

York, 22, Kennebunk. Charles W. Roberts, m; Joseph B. Mitchell, sw;  
John H. Cooper, jw; George A. Gilpatric, s. Meeting Monday on  
or before full moon; election, December. 19

Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Benjamin A. Parker, Jr., m; H. Edwin  
Hayes, sw; Elmer B. Kendall, jw; Brainerd S. Drake, s. Meeting  
last Friday; election, December. 19

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## BRETHREN DIED DURING THE YEAR,

From March 1, 1914, to March 1, 1915.

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THOSE MARKED \* WERE RETURNED AS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

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- 1 Portland, Portland. Benjamin Hamilton, October 15, 1911; John C. Hughes, April 3; George L. Bailey, June 15; John Scully, July 27; Frederick E. Moore, November 4; Andrew J. Pettengill, December 17; James A. Dickson, January 1.
- 2 Warren, East Machias. J. W. Cates, September; James A. Foster, January; Simeon H. Gould, February.
- 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Sewall H. York, June 17; James L. White, June 25; William H. Clark, September 24; Albert B. Erskine, November 6.
- 4 Hancock, Castine. Jesse Gray, January; Charles W. Tilden, March 12.
- 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Almo F. Neri, 1914; Fred A. Tenney, April 25; Perley R. Runnells, November 9; Edw. P. McQuarrie, January 9; Walter F. Marston, February 5; Harry L. Briggs, February 11.
- 6 Amity, Camden. F. I. Coombs, September 16; C. H. Firth, November 25; F. M. Young, February 10; G. F. Porter.
- 7 Eastern, Eastport. Howard D. Cummings,\* March 25; George W. Copp,\* April 2; William H. Hosmer, April 21; Andrew M. N. Hawes,\* August 16; Thomas G. Moses,\* December 6.
- 8 United, Brunswick. Cyrus F. Hill, July 30; Oren T. Despeaux,\* October 13.
- 9 Saco, Saco. Oliver C. Clark, March 21; Warren Sanborn, April 8; Francis A. Burnham, April 21; John W. Shaw, June 8; Freeman F. Walker, July 17; Charles L. Milliken, August 14; Franklin Jordan, October 11; B. Frank Hanscom, November 15; David McCheyne, February 26.
- 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Charles I. Collamore, July 13; George W. Whitney, September 16; Elmer F. Pember, December 10.



- 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Alonzo Rounds, July 30.
- 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Charles McDonald,\* May 22; William Bodge, September 29; Moses W. McKnight, December 31.
- 13 Oriental, Bridgton. Frank A. Libby, October 2.
- 14 Solar, Bath. Ozias R. Fletcher, March 30; William H. Walker, May 13; George W. Tucker, Jr., May 25; William H. Harrington, June 2; George A. Brown, June 5; James E. Main, July 24; Christopher O. Carter, January 20; Edward J. Millay, February 16.
- 15 Orient, Thomaston. Allen H. Strong, lost at sea; Horatio G. Copeland, November 16; Isaac D. Darby, November 30.
- 16 St. George, Warren. Melvin Parker, December 1.
- 17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. Frank M. Strout, June 27; Samuel F. Gee, September 21; Ernest F. Crockett, September 29; Edw. Smart; Andrew J. Stewart, December 8; Nahum I. Thomas, December 16; George E. Ross, January 2; Henry W. Fletcher, January 20; Frank M. Higgins, January 27.
- 18 Oxford, Norway. Charles L. Hathaway,\* May 2; Frank N. Barker,\* December 10; Edwin H. Allen,\* February 17.
- 19 Felicity, Bucksport. Samuel S. Rich, April 20; Guy W. McAlister, May 6; Parker Spofford, September 7.
- 20 Maine, Farmington. Benjamin M. Hardy, March 16; Henry A. Thompson, June 27; Hanly R. Smith, September 4; John H. Whitten, November 30; David H. Knowlton, February 10.
- 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Walter B. Ellis, May 15, 1911; Albert K. Hunton, March 10; R. M. White, August 24; Edd L. Willard; Silas H. Mapin, October 13; John F. Lamb, Dec. 2.
- 22 York, Kennebunk. William P. Adams,\* October 3; William A. Redlon, January 2.
- 23 Freeport, Freeport. Jere A. Chase, July 4; John Burr, September 21; Edwin C. Townsend, December 17.
- 24 Phoenix, Belfast. Elijah Phillips,\* December 30.
- 25 Temple, Winthrop. E. W. Macomber, November 11; H. C. Sinclair, December 2.
- 26 Village, Bowdoinham. William S. Aderton,\* June 2.
- 27 Adoniram, Limington. Charles L. Randall, March.
- 28 Northern Star, North Anson. Elmer Quint,\* March 5; Nelson Crymble,\* April 26; Reuben Fairbrother,\* September 3; Ernest E. Noddin,\* January 21; Alanson M. Perkins,\* January 23.
- 29 Tranquil, Auburn. Charles L. Cushman, April 3; Daniel B. Stevens, July; Samuel S. Ashworth, October 12; Edwin H. Knowles, October 12; James P. Hutchinson, November 24; Eugene S. Doe, January 31.

- 30 Blazing\* Star, Rumford. Walter A. Abbott, March 9; Wilton R. Davis, June 25; Preston D. Lowe,\* July 20; Winfield D. Howe, September 6; Fred A. Barker, December 8.
- 31 Union, Union. Nathan D. Robbins,\* May 13; Spencer Sidlinger,\* February 23.
- 32 Hermon, Gardiner. Charles W. Averill, June 17; Edmund B. Norris,\* October 8; Samuel Jewett,\* October 25; Wesley Webber,\* November 4; Benjamin S. Smith, January 22.
- 33 Waterville, Waterville. David Gallert, March 7; William P. Putnam, April 2; Charles F. Longman, September 30; William S. B. Runnells, November 2; George F. Davies, November 11; Horatio S. Blanchard, February 23.
- 34 Somerset, Skowhegan. A. S. Merrill,\* June 15; W. H. Wildes,\* June 17; A. B. Armstrong,\* September 12; G. W. Nash,\* December 10; Ralph E. Dodge, February 4.
- 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Alexander Duncan, July 2; Augustus G. Thomas, July 23.
- 36 Casco, Yarmouth. Frederick Crickett, April 4; James H. Doughty, June 3; George F. Greeley, July 6.
- 37 Washington, Lubec. Sanford H. Rumery, May 25.
- 38 Harmony, Gorham. James P. Fogg, March 3; Geo. Chadbourne,\* March 25; John Roberts, July 22; John F. Libby, September 23; Charles E. Files,\* November 16; William F. Clement,\* January 6.
- 39 Penobscot, Dexter. John Moody, June 15; Edward H. Chase, September 18; Edwin G. Ayer, October 14; William M. Haydon, October 16; Charles H. Haskell, October 27; Elbridge H. Flanders, November 7; Charles M. Sawyer, November 11.
- 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Alden B. Higgins, March 5; Samuel R. Goodwin, May 4; William B. Mitchell, May 11; Andrew J. Falls, June 16; Gilman P. Smith, July 16; John M. Oakes, July 18; Hewey J. Joy, August 19; George Lowell, August 29; Myer Gallert, October 10; Albert E. Mace, November 19; Jeremiah T. Giles, December 9; George W. Dennett, December 29; Robert M. Campbell, January 25; Sewall T. Royal, February 9.
- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Mellin F. Robinson, October 11; Charles H. Chick, December 8.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Frank J. Fogg; Fred W. Libby,\* January 31.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. George H. Weeks, May 21; George A. Chapman, June 14; Asa H. Snow, December 7; Nathaniel B. Waters.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. Ronella L. Doble, August 7; Charles W. Pierce, December 21; George B. Jones, January 1; Chandler W. Wormel, January 16; Charles F. Ryder, February 11.

- 45 Central, China. Gustavus J. Nelson, February 17.
- 46 St. Croix, Calais. David A. Swain, March 2; Charles A. McCullough,\* April 30; John K. Gillespie,\* May 1; George A. Murchie, July 1; Adoniram J. Padelford, September 27.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. James E. Goldthwaite, May 12; Hudson N. Staples, August 23; Robert W. McArthur, December 23; John H. Herring, January 19; Carlos C. Heard, January 31.
- 48 Lafayette, Readfield. Jefferson D. Hunton, May 10; Jesse Spaulding, July 17; Emery L. Hunton, July 31; John L. Davis, October 31; James Barbar, November 14; Cynclar S. Kimball, November 27; Arthur D. Jordon.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Albert P. Smith, April 15; John B. Prescott, July 28; Samuel F. McKay, August 8; Aaron Frost, August; Freeman M. Roberts, January 1.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Alvin T. Whittier,\* March 6; George W. Berry, March 27; Charles H. Pendleton, March 29; Gilbert Hall, April 14; Isaac Gregory, July 17; Gardiner L. Farrand, August 24; Amos D. Orne, August 29; Sylvester H. Hall, September 12; Ervin K. Smith, September 20; Walter V. Hanscom, November 30; Thomas Clare, December 15; Charles E. Sprague, January 31; John P. Tylor, February 9; Lucian B. Keene, February 23.
- 51 Saint John, South Berwick. Horace Sanderson, July 9; William Tompson, October 8; Frank L. Eastman, December 17; Frank C. Stone, January 7.
- 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. Ozro Saunders, April 2; James T. Roberts, April 12; Crowell C. Hall, October 19; Ernest L. Dow, November 12; George G. Dunning, January 7.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Alphonso S. Davenport, January 22.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. James T. Staples, Sr., May 10.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Frank H. Hobbs, October 10.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Oscar F. Trask, March 18; George H. Newman.
- 58 Unity, Thorndike. Joseph C. Whitney, August 17.
- 60 Star in the East, Old Town. Rodney C. Penney, April 28; Ransom Hinkley,\* August 10; Fred J. Whiting,\* September 8; Henry F. Fitzgerald,\* November 11; Alden L. Chase, November 19.
- 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. John S. Fiske,\* May 31; Charles E. Hovey, July 2; Moses W. Levensaler,\* October 1; George F. Keene, January 21; Albion Burnheimer, February 17.
- 62 King David's, Lincolnville. James W. Carver, May 25; David Herrick, September 29; Charles A. Moody, December 17.
- 63 Richmond, Richmond. Charles F. Gorham, December 14; George

- W. T. Barentyen, December 25; John H. Sedgley, January 8; Zacheus Allen, February 8.
- 64 Pacific, Exeter. William B. Ireland, August 16; P. M. Butters, September 21.
- 65 Mystic, Hampden. John A. Snell, May 31; Willis M. Whiting, October 28; Len E. Brown, December 7.
- 66 Mechanics', Orono. William S. Averill, May 15; James M. Crowell, November 4; Oliver P. Merriman, January 25.
- 68 Mariners', Searsport. Ralph Morse, January 4; J. W. Black, February 19.
- 69 Howard, Winterport. Albert R. Fellows,\* March 5; George H. Gilman,\* March 30; Thos. D. Eaton,\* June 19; Darius K. Drake,\* June 23; George H. Fisher,\* August 8; William W. Freeman,\* January 6; J. Fred Kingsbury,\* January 19.
- 70 Standish, Standish. Frank H. Hopkinson, April 1; Samuel H. Dresser, July 12; Parker F. Paine, September 28; Edwin R. Wingate, October 20.
- 71 Rising Sun, Orland. Albion P. Harriman, February 27; Thaddeus O. Saunders, May 23.
- 72 Pioneer, Ashland. C. A. Trafton, December 18.
- 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Charles R. Edgecomb,\* March 29; Andrew J. Weston, April 1; Oliver B. Dwinall, September 24; Ernest W. Russell, January 27.
- 74 Bristol, Bristol Mills. William P. Foster; John E. Yates, March 4; George W. Morton, June 15; Ephraim Stevens, September 8; Edmund A. Ervine, September 24; Stinson F. Weeks, December 1.
- 75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Benjamin Loud, January 19.
- 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Leonard H. Bean,\* July 16.
- 77 Tremont, South West Harbor. John S. Moore,\* April 19; Henry Moore,\* May 3; Samuel S. Moore,\* September 14; William H. Whitmore, October 1.
- 78 Crescent, Pembroke. Horatio Clark, January; Horatio N. James, May 25; Justin A. Leighton, May 27; David W. Hersey, June 21; George F. Leighton, June 22; Horace E. Shurman, August; John D. Allan, November 21.
- 79 Rockland, Rockland. Nathaniel J. Dyer, May 18; James A. Spearin, June 9; Mark L. Ingraham, June 24; Levi M. Robbins, July 8; Thomas Dermot, January 10.
- 80 Keystone, Solon. Sewall A. Dinsmore, September 18; La Forest D. Mathews, September 27; Randall F. Durrell, January 17.
- 81 Atlantic, Portland. John Locke, Jr., March 20; Fred H. Marr, May

- 4; Edward E. Bond, August 10; Jacob W. Robinson, August 15; George W. Reed, November 10; Edward B. Cook, November 17; Fred W. Brice, December 25.
- 82 St. Paul's, Rockport. J. Tyleston Gould, June 25; James C. Storey, June 26; George W. Achorn, September 22; E. Fiske Brewster, September 25; Charles A. McAlister, November 14; George F. Winslow, February 6; Roscoe Thurston, February 18.
- 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Edward H. Lunt, January 16; John Appleton, April 2; Richard S. Davis, April 5; James F. Kimball, May 31; George I. Rice, June 5; Ralph P. Plaisted, June 23; James F. Robinson, October 8; Henry G. Thompson, October 10.
- 84 Eureka, St. George. Frank S. Smalley, March 31; John Nairn, January 13.
- 85 Star in the West, Unity. Lindley H. Mosher.
- 86 Temple, Westbrook. Asa P. C. Winslow, August, 1907; Abel W. Pottle, July 30; Fred Graffam, August 11; Jacob L. Horr, December 22; John Graves, February 17; Amos A. Chase, February 26.
- 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Roger R. Nash, March 13; Alonzo W. Morelen, October 11.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. William C. Hatch, August 29.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Eldridge H. Bryant, March 28; Thomas W. Lambert, November 21; Thomas S. Albee, December 10; Horace W. Farnsworth, January 6; Obed Pettigrow, January 24.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Edward A. Doty, May 8; George C. Eaton, January 11; Elmer E. Wheeler, January 13.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Henry R. Adams, April 2; William Somerby, November; Charles W. White, January 2; Thomas S. Laing, January 4.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. John Bennett,\* July 6; Charles M. Titcomb,\* December 31.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Freeman Daniels; S. H. Goodwin; T. A. Linn; Charles H. Springer; P. S. Pushor.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Andrew H. Porter,\* July 29; Hugh Campbell,\* July 31; William J. Watson,\* August 26; James Drake,\* September 28; Mathew Wilson,\* October 12.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Charles L. Black, August 29; Martin B. Smiley; Stephen Shean.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. William H. Dudley, February.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Arthur A. Mitchell,\* June 18; Royal B. Bradford, June; Horace J. Gilbert, July; Horace True, October; Joshua H. Sutton.

- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. A. R. Huxford, June 7; J. B. McTaggart,\* July 5; H. H. Pilley,\* September 14.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Herman A. Call, March 27; George E. Moody, April 5; Benjamin H. Reed, June 6.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills. Morrill Glidden, January.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Frank L. Quimby, July 6; Herbert E. Tell, August 21; Charles H. Weymouth, August 30; John N. Wood, December 3; Henry Free, January 15.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Augustus S. White, March 11; William P. Allen, October 11; Eugene E. Small, December 4; Parter E. Reynolds, February 8.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Charles A. Goodwin, December 21; J. Frank Moore, February 22.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Alexander F. Edes, July 10; Frank C. Harmon, July 30.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. I. W. Pike, April 29; Joshua Stover, August 1.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Alexander S. Dow; Ward L. Benner, June 18.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Moses R. Coburn, July 4; John Byron, January 21.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Henry A. Bachelder, April 14; Howard W. Wells, May 6; Arthur W. Seward, September 13; George W. Hubbard, September 30.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Willard L. Staples, November 15; Charles H. Grindell, February 24.
- 115 Buxton, West Buxton. Horace E. Allen,\* April 10; Andrew L. Berry,\*; Algia F. Bean, September 9; Seth Warren.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Otis Sawyer, March 5; George E. Porter,\* June 29.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. William H. Bachelder; Edward D. Boynton, February 27; Robert E. Pugsley, December 29.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. Eugene A. Woodsum, April 26; Nehemiah E. Sawyer,\* May 19.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. George E. Lathrop, October; William Smith, October 9; Ferdinand F. Herriman, January 13.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. True Warren, October; George E. Merrill, January 13.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Horatio G. Hardy, April 14; Jasper W. Haskell, August 7; Elmer P. Spofford, December 12; William H. Thompson, December 29.
- 123 Franklin, New Sharon. William O. Hargreaves, May 7; Samuel W. Bailey, October 1; George S. Barnes, January 20.

- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Thomas J. Peaks,\* November 19.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. Charles B. Haskell, July 27; Ellis Hey, July.
- 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. John G. Damon; George A. Quimby, January 10; Lucius F. McDonald, July 3.
- 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. John N. Swett,\* May 28; B. Frank Smith,\* June; George A. Gordon,\* December 14.
- 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Edward A. Byard, July 6; Edward Green, July 20; Byron Ford, September 8; Hiram Harding, February 28.
- 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. James Fuller,\* May 28.
- 130 Trinity, Presque Isle. George H. Smith, June 15; Ernest W. Thompson, August 28; Story W. Duff, October 29; David A. Stevens, December 2; Richard Libby, December 19.
- 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Isaac F. Jewett, August 1; Charles M. Coolidge, August 12; John E. Bryant, October 24.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Rufus J. Morgan,\* March 14.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. J. A. Hall, May 4; H. H. Chapman, November 2; G. A. Chapman; H. D. Clark.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. John E. Smith, April 14; Charles H. Carter, October 9; Selah H. Batchelder, October 22.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. S. L. Peabody, December 14.
- 139 Archon, East Dixmont. Paul F. R. Clark, April; John F. Tasker, February 10.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Wallace W. Richardson, August 1; E. W. Rawson, December 15.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Robert G. Shea, March 8; Joseph Williamson, July 30; Samuel S. Boardman, September 6; Frank R. Turner, November 15; Wellington Johnson, February 18.
- 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. George H. Dodge,\* March 2.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. John E. Murray, April 14.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Charles E. Kendrick, May 10.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Edward A. Mudgett, March 14; Robert Diack, March 28; Edwin R. Roberts, April 19; Herbert A. Arey,\* May 30; Alferd P. Green, June 29; Owen L. Bligh, September 10; Moses L. Young, December 15; Elisha H. Lyford, December 20.
- 146 Sebasticook, Clinton. Ruel W. Gerald, May 12; Arthur F. Blaisdell, January 19.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Herbert F. Irish, June 17.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Louis C. Stearns, March 4; Charles F. Weick, June 15; John F. Belden, October 27; Hillman H. Howland, December 1.

- 149 Doric, Monson. Albert W. Chapin,\* March 24; Cecil E. Jackson,\* April 13; Walter H. Pullen, September; Charles Nelson,\* September; Carl Nickalson, November; Robert T. Thomas,\* February 10.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Samuel H. Hibbert,\* October 21; Burt V. Dresser, October 21; Paul V. Kameffel, January 29; Charles V. Barker,\* February 16.
- 151 Excelsior, Northport. Thomas J. Drinkwater, March 22.
- 152 Crooked River, Otisfield. Sumner H. Wardwell, April 2; George H. Bicknell, May 6; Fred L. Pottle, November 29.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Victor H. McAllister, March 27.
- 154 Mystie Tie, Weld. Carrol E. Proctor, May 13.
- 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. William O. Mountfort, February 20; James W. Card, June 1; William Parkin, September 20.
- 156 Wilton, Wilton. John Pike, March 3; Austin S. Bump, April 29; Justus Webster, July 11; William R. Eaton, October 24.
- 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Alfred A. Richards,\* January 6.
- 161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Hartson C. Gower, July 24; Thomas B. Gleason, October 24.
- 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Dimon Roberts, June 14; George Palmer, July 8; Cyrus K. Littlefield,\* February 21.
- 164 Webster, Sabattus. James G. Jordan, July 4.
- 166 Neguemkeag. Vassalboro. Abel B. Marriner, November 10.
- 167 Whitney, Canton. William Shackley, May 20; Virgil Cole, May 27.
- 168 Composite, La Grange. David Scott, March 5; Thomas S. Heal, June 24; Thomas W. Storer, December 4.
- 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Ernest L. Frink, April 2; Albert Blake, November 15; Charles W. Harmon, February 15.
- 170 Caribou, Caribou. George Irvine, March 9; Herbert W. Taylor, August 17.
- 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Rupert W. Nutter, May 25; Frank T. Bridges, November 14; Edwin Parker, January 6.
- 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Melville Johnson, December 28.
- 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Warren Sawyer, April 19; Edgar Dyer, November 23.
- 174 Lynde, Hermon. Andrew J. Kimball, March 7.
- 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. E. Wayne Butterfield\*; Arey C. White.\*
- 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Benjamin H. Cushman,\* July 18; Andrew J. Staples,\* February 23.
- 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Azel O. Macomber, April 3; John A. Greenleaf, May 4; Orrel Brown,\* October 22; Nelson B. Kimball, October 25; Dewitt Chase, February 7.



- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Alvah E. Poland, August 17; James Thomas,\* October 8; Matthew Woods,\* October 14; Charles F. Woodbury,\* December 14; Stephen H. Knapp, February 5; Thomas B. Haskell,\* February 8.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. Jesse C. Howe, October 2; Seth Benson, February 24.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Frederick A. Kimball, April 8; Charles H. Crocker, July 2; Wyer P. Ayer, November 23; Fred B. Libby,\* December 15; Franklin H. Morse, December 18.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Moses A. Safford, May 8; Carl C. Robbins, September 15.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Edward Cameron, April; I. D. Manchester, April; George O. Bragdon, August.
- 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. Roscoe D. Long, March 18; Frank A. Davis, April 5; William M. Howard, June 9.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Fred C. Wiggin,\* February 3.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. George W. Butler,\* April 6.
- 191 Davis, Strong. Fred A. Burbank,\* January 22; Enoch S. Staples,\* January 25.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Albert J. Rand, May 3.
- 194 Euclid, Madison. Albert C. Gilbert, October 1.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Charles L. Cousins, March 18.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. John L. Newman; Fred A. Poor, December 4; Stephen F. Campbell.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. George A. Kimball, June 2.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Henry O. Chase, May 28.
- 200 Columbia, Greenville. Edmund S. Bigney, September 11.
- 201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Guilford M. Farnsworth, March 20; Samuel P. Havey, September.
- 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Alfred E. Poland, April 18; E. G. Turner, October 1.
- 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Percy A. Dyer; Joseph Newell Parker, May 28; Charles O. Wilkins, December 21.
- 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. M. J. Jewett, February 8.
- 208 North East Harbor, North East Harbor. George W. Jordan, December 16.
- 212 McKinley, McKinley. Alfred E. Higgins,\* February 3.

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

**M. W. Charles Irving Collamore,**

GRAND MASTER IN 1879 AND 1880.



Born in Bangor January 8, 1836.

Died in Bangor July 13, 1914,

AGED 78 YEARS, 6 MONTHS, 5 DAYS.



"I hope to meet my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

**M. W. Alfred Sanders Kimball,**

**Grand Master in 1901 and 1902.**



Born in Waterford December 20, 1842.

Died in Norway April 12, 1915,

AGED 72 YEARS, 3 MONTHS, 23 DAYS.



"Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,  
Morn of toil nor night of waking."

INSCRIBED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

**M. W. Elmer Pearl Spofford,**

**Grand Master in 1912 and 1913.**



Born in Deer Isle February 8, 1863.

Died in Deer Isle December 12, 1914,

AGED 51 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, 4 DAYS.



"We know when moons shall wane,  
When summer birds shall cross the sea,  
When autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain;  
But who shall teach us when to look for thee,  
O, Death?"

## List of Lodges by Districts.



### DISTRICT NO. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 96 Monument, Houlton.                | 193 Washburn, Washburn.   |
| 112 Eastern Frontier, Ft. Fairfield. | 197 Aroostook, Blaine.    |
| 130 Trinity, Presque Isle.           | 214 Limestone, Limestone. |
| 170 Caribou, Caribou.                |                           |

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

District Deputy Grand Master—WINFIELD F. PACKARD, Princeton.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 Eastern, Eastport.  | 78 Crescent, Pembroke.        |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. |                               |

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM C. IRONS, Addison.

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| 2 Warren, East Machias.      | 131 Lookout, Cutler.      |
| 88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. | 173 Pleiades, Millbridge. |
| 91 Harwood, Machias.         | 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. |
| 106 Tuscan, Addison Point.   |                           |

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

District Deputy Grand Master—JULIAN H. HOOPER, Sedgwick.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 Hancock, Castine.       | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot.      |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle.    | 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill.        |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington.        |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin.    | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

**DISTRICT NO. 5.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ERWIN G. RYDER, Brownville Junction.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter.      | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo.      | 168 Composite, La Grange.       |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft.       | 200 Columbia, Greenville.       |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville.    |
| 149 Doric, Monson.         |                                 |

**DISTRICT NO. 6.**

District Deputy Grand Master—RALPH W. MOORE, Hampden.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor.     | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor.      |
| 60 Star in the East, Oldtown. | 87 Benevolent, Carmel.        |
| 65 Mystic, Hampden.           | 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. |
| 66 Mechanics', Orono.         | 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag.   |
| 69 Howard, Winterport.        | 174 Lynde, Hermon.            |

**DISTRICT NO. 7.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CHARLES W. JONES, China.

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| 45 Central, China.          | 111 Liberty, Liberty.        |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike.        | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton.   |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks.    |                              |

**DISTRICT NO. 8.**

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWARD GOODWIN, Lincolnville.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 24 Phoenix, Belfast.           | 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. |
| 62 King David's, Lincolnville. | 126 Timothy Chase, Belfast.   |
| 68 Mariners', Searsport.       | 151 Excelsior, Northport.     |
| 89 Island, Islesboro.          |                               |

**DISTRICT NO. 9.**

District Deputy Grand Master—ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6 Amity, Camden.       | 82 St. Paul's, Rockport.        |
| 15 Orient, Thomaston.  | 84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor.     |
| 16 St. George, Warren. | 145 Moses Webster, Vinal Haven. |
| 31 Union, Union.       | 189 Knox, South Thomaston.      |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland.   | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington.   |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. |                                 |

**DISTRICT NO. 10.**

District Deputy Grand Master—VICTOR K. MONTGOMERY,  
East Boothbay.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 Lincoln, Wiscasset.         | 135 Riverside, East Jefferson. |
| 43 Alna, Damariscotta.        | 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor.  |
| 61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. | 158 Anchor, South Bristol.     |
| 74 Bristol, Bristol.          | 196 Bay View, East Boothbay.   |
| 103 Dresden, Dresden.         | 211 Meduncook, Friendship.     |

**DISTRICT NO. 11.**

District Deputy Grand Master—W. LESLIE MALOON, R. F. D. 2,  
Sabattus.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 Kennebec, Hallowell. | 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. |
| 25 Temple, Winthrop.   | 104 Dirigo, Weeks' Mills.    |
| 32 Hermon, Gardiner.   | 110 Monmouth, Monmouth.      |
| 35 Bethlehem, Augusta. | 141 Augusta, Augusta.        |

**DISTRICT NO. 12.**

District Deputy Grand Master—SANGER N. ANNIS, Waterville.

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| 33 Waterville, Waterville.       | 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. |
| 48 Lafayette, Readfield.         | 113 Messalonskee, Oakland.    |
| 53 Rural, Sidney.                | 133 Asylum, Wayne.            |
| 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. | 166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro.   |

**DISTRICT NO. 13.**

District Deputy Grand Master—CARL C. PIPER, Fairfield.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 28 Northern Star, North Anson. | 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. |
| 34 Somerset, Skowhegan.        | 161 Carrabasset, Canaan.   |
| 80 Keystone, Solon.            | 194 Euclid, Madison.       |
| 92 Siloam, Fairfield.          | 199 Bingham, Bingham.      |

**DISTRICT NO. 14.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED E. WARD, Freeport.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 United, Brunswick.    | 63 Richmond, Richmond.          |
| 14 Solar, Bath.         | 114 Polar Star, Bath.           |
| 23 Freeport, Freeport.  | 121 Acacia, Durham.             |
| 26 Village, Bowdoinham. | 155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. |

**DISTRICT NO. 15.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRED E. TREFETHEN, Wilton.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 20 Maine, Farmington.              | 167 Whitney, Canton.          |
| 21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. | 191 Davis, Strong.            |
| 67 Blue Mountain, Phillips.        | 202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. |
| 123 Franklin, New Sharon.          | 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield.   |
| 154 Mystic Tie, Weld.              | 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley.      |
| 156 Wilton, Wilton.                |                               |

**DISTRICT NO. 16.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JOHN M. HOLLAND, Dixfield.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 18 Oxford, Norway.        | 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond.       |
| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield.        |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield.  | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris.    | 182 Granite, West Paris.            |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel.        |                                     |

**DISTRICT NO. 17.**

District Deputy Grand Master—EDGAR F. CASWELL, Gorham.

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| 1 Portland, Portland.          | 86 Temple, Westbrook.             |
| 17 Ancient Landmark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham.   |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth.            | 180 Hiram, South Portland.        |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham.            | 183 Deering, Portland.            |
| 70 Standish, Standish.         | 186 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland.         |                                   |

**DISTRICT NO. 18.**

District Deputy Grand Master—JAMES W. EASTMAN, Fryeburg.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford.      |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton.    | 153 Delta, Lovell.                |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |
| 117 Greenleaf, Cornish.   |                                   |

**DISTRICT NO. 19.**

District Deputy Grand Master—\*J. BURTON ROBERTS, Goodwin's Mills.

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| 9 Saco, Saco.                 | 142 Ocean, Wells Depot.          |
| 22 York, Kennebunk.           | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills.      |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford.         | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick.    |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 184 Naval, Kittery.              |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport.    | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |

\*Died June 17, aged 56.



**DISTRICT NO. 20.**

District Deputy Grand Master—PITT H. JONES, Springfield.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln.       | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth.    |

**DISTRICT NO. 21.**

District Deputy Grand Master—EDWIN F. CLAPHAM, West Sullivan.

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| 19 Felicity, Bucksport.         | 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor.       |
| 40 Lygonia, Ellsworth.          | 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. |
| 71 Rising Sun, Orland.          | 201 David A. Hooper, W. Sullivan. |
| 77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor.   | 208 N. E. Harbor, N. E. Harbor.   |
| 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. | 212 McKinley, McKinley.           |

**DISTRICT NO. 22.**

District Deputy Grand Master—BENJAMIN S. MATHEWS, Pittsfield.

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| 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. | 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. |
| 64 Pacific, Exeter.            | 139 Archon, East Dixmont. |
| 75 Plymouth, Plymouth.         | 157 Cambridge, Cambridge. |
| 95 Corinthian, Hartland.       | 160 Parian, Corinna.      |

**DISTRICT NO. 23.**

District Deputy Grand Master—FRANK D. FENDERSON, Limerick.

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| 27 Adoniram, Limington.        | 115 Buxton, West Buxton.    |
| 42 Freedom, Limerick.          | 118 Drummond, Parsonsfield. |
| 55 Fraternal, Alfred.          | 143 Preble, Sanford.        |
| 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. | 190 Springvale, Springvale. |

**DISTRICT NO. 24.**

District Deputy Grand Master—WILLIAM H. HARTSHORN, Lewiston.

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| 12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. | 105 Ashlar, Lewiston.          |
| 29 Tranquil, Auburn.           | 150 Rabboni, Lewiston.         |
| 73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls.     | 164 Webster, Sabattus.         |
| 101 Nezinscot, Turner.         | 178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. |

**DISTRICT NO. 25.**

District Deputy Grand Master—SAMUEL R. CRABTREE, Island Falls.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 72 Pioneer, Ashland.         | 205 Nollesemic, Millinocket.    |
| 98 Katahdin, Patten.         | 206 Island Falls, Island Falls. |
| 165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. | 209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent.       |

# ≡ LODGES IN MAINE ≡

**With Dates of Precedence and Charter.**

		†Charter surrendered.	‡Charter re-issued.	§Revoked.	¶Consolidated.
LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.		DATE OF CHARTER.	
1 Portland,	Portland,	Mch. 30, 1769.	Mch. 30, 1769.		
2 Warren,	East Machias,	Sept. 10, 1778.	Sept. 10, 1778.		
3 Lincoln,	Wiscasset,	June 1, 1792.	June 1, 1792.		
4 Hancock,	Castine,	June 9, 1794.	June 9, 1794.		
5 Kennebec,	Hallowell,	Mch. 14, 1796.	Mch. 14, 1796.		
6 Amity,	Camden,	Mch. 10, 1801.	Mch. 10, 1801.		
7 Eastern,	Eastport,	June 8, 1801.	June 8, 1801.		
8 United,	Brunswick,	Dec. 14, 1801.	Dec. 14, 1801.		
9 Saco,	Saco,	June 14, 1802.	June 16, 1802.		
10 Rising Virtue,	Bangor,	Sept. 13, 1802.	Sept. 16, 1802.		
11 Pythagorean,	Fryeburg,	June 13, 1803.	June 13, 1803.		
12 Cumberland,	New Gloucester,	June 13, 1803.	June 13, 1803.		
13 Oriental,	Bridgton,	Mch. 12, 1804.	Mch. 12, 1804.		
14 Solar,	Bath,	Sept. 10, 1804.	Sept. 10, 1804.		
15 Orient,	Thomaston,	Sept. 10, 1805.	Sept. 10, 1805.		
16 St. George,	Warren,	Mch. 10, 1806.	Mch. 10, 1806.		
17 Ancient Landmark,	Portland,	June 10, 1806.	June 10, 1806.		
18 Oxford,	Norway,	Sept. 14, 1807.	Sept. 14, 1807.		
19 Felicity,	Bucksport,	Mch. 14, 1809.	Mch. 14, 1809.		
20 Maine,	Farmington,	June 13, 1809.	Jan. 13, 1810.		
21 Oriental Star,	Livernore,	June 13, 1811.	June 13, 1811.		
22 York,	Kennebunk,	Mch. 9, 1813.	Mch. 9, 1813.		
23 Freeport,	Freeport,	Sept. 13, 1814.	Sept. 13, 1814.		
24 Phoenix,	Belfast,	Sept. 9, 1816.	Dec. 30, 1816.		
25 Temple,	Winthrop,	Sept. 8, 1817.	Oct. 6, 1817.		
26 Village,	Bowdoinham,	June 9, 1817.	Sept. 16, 1817.		
27 Adoniram,	Limington,	Sept. 9, 1818.	Sept. 10, 1818.		
28 Northern Star,	North Anson,	Dec. 9, 1818.	Dec. 15, 1818.		
29 Tranquil,	Auburn,	Dec. 9, 1818.	Dec. 9, 1818.		
30 Blazing Star,	Rumford,	Mch. 10, 1819.	Mch. 11, 1819.		
31 Union,	Union,	Dec. 27, 1819.	April 8, 1820.		
32 Hermon,	Gardiner,	June 23, 1820.	June 23, 1820.		
33 Waterville,	Waterville,	June 27, 1820.	June 27, 1820.		
34 Somerset,	Skowhegan,	Jan. 11, 1821.	Jan. 11, 1821.		
35 Bethlehem,	Augusta,	July 12, 1821.	May 3, 1866.†		
36 Casco,	Yarmouth,	Oct. 11, 1821.	Oct. 24, 1821.		
37 Washington,	Lubec,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.		
38 Harmony,	Gorham,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.		
39 Penobscot,	Dexter,	Jan. 10, 1822.	Jan. 24, 1822.		
40 Lygonia,	Ellsworth,	April 11, 1822.	April 11, 1822.		
41 Morning Star,	Litchfield,	July 11, 1822.	July 16, 1822.		
42 Freedom,	Limerick,	Jan. 11, 1823.	Jan. 14, 1823.		
43 Alna,	Alna,	Jan. 11, 1823.	Jan. 14, 1823.		
44 Piscataquis,	Milo,	Oct. 9, 1823.	Oct. 28, 1823.		
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824.	April 8, 1824.		
46 St. Croix,	Calais,	May 29, 1845.	May 29, 1845.		
47 Dunlap,	Biddeford,	Jan. 13, 1826.	Jan. 30, 1826.		
48 Lafayette,	Readfield,	Jan. 13, 1826.	May 20, 1850.‡		
49 Meridian Splendor.	Newport,	July 13, 1826.	July 18, 1826.		
50 Aurora,	Rockland,	July 18, 1826.	May 9, 1872.‡		

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
51 St. John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827.	Feb. 13, 1827.
52 Mosaic,	Foxcroft.	April 22, 1827.	July 16, 1827.
53 Rural,	Sidney,	April 12, 1827.	July 25, 1827.
54 Vassalboro,	No. Vassalboro,	April 12, 1827.	May 31, 1827.
55 Fraternal,	Alfred,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 10, 1828.
56 Mount Moriah,	Denmark,	Jan. 10, 1828.	Jan. 23, 1828.
57 King Hiram,	Dixfield,	April 10, 1828.	May 9, 1828.†
58 Unity,	Thorndike,	April 10, 1828.	May 15, 1828.
59 Mount Hope,	Hope,	Jan. 25, 1848.	May 4, 1848.†
60 Star in the East,	Oldtown,	Feb. 23, 1848.	May 5, 1848.
61 King Solomon's,	Waldoboro',	April 4, 1849.	Feb. 4, 1855.†
62 King David's,	Lincolnville,	June 16, 1849.	Jan. 13, 1850.
63 Richmond,	Richmond,	Jan. 1, 1850.	May 10, 1850.
64 Pacific,	Exeter,	Oct. 22, 1850.	May 12, 1851.
65 Mystic,	Hampden,	Mch. 1, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
66 Mechanics',	Orono,	Mch. 3, 1851.	May 12, 1851.
67 Blue Mountain,	Phillips,	July 12, 1850.	May 10, 1852.
68 Mariners',	Searsport,	Oct. 23, 1851.	May 10, 1853.
69 Howard,	Winterport,	Nov. 28, 1851.	May 6, 1853.
70 Standish,	Standish,	June 10, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
71 Rising Sun,	Orland,	Oct. 18, 1852.	May 10, 1853.
72 Pioneer,	Ashland,	Oct. 26, 1852.	May 5, 1854.
73 Tyrian,	Mechanic Falls,	Jan. 21, 1853.	May 10, 1853.
74 Bristol,	Bristol,	Mch. 1, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
75 Plymouth,	Plymouth,	May 9, 1853.	May 5, 1854.
76 Arundel,	Kennebunkport,	May 5, 1854.	June 26, 1854.
77 Tremont,	Tremont,	June 12, 1854.	May 3, 1856.
78 Crescent,	Pembroke,	July 4, 1854.	July 10, 1854.
79 Rockland,	Rockland,	Oct. 25, 1854.	April 4, 1872.†
80 Keystone,	Solon,	Dec. 16, 1854.	May 4, 1855.
81 Atlantic,	Portland,	May 3, 1855.	May 3, 1855.
82 St. Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
83 St. Andrew's,	Bangor,	Feb. 6, 1856.	May 3, 1856.
84 Eureka,	St. George,	July 27, 1855.	May 2, 1856.
85 Star in the West,	Unity,	May 4, 1855.	May 24, 1856.
86 Temple,	Westbrook,	Mch. 1, 1856.	May 5, 1856.
87 Benevolent,	Carmel,	Mch. 12, 1857.	May 7, 1857.
88 Narraguagus,	Cherryfield,	Mch. 25, 1857.	May 28, 1857.
89 Island,	Islesboro,	April 3, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.
90 Hiram Abiff,	West Appleton,	Jan. 27, 1857.	May 5, 1858.§
91 Harwood,	Machias,	April 8, 1858.	Oct. 15, 1858.
92 Siloam,	Fairfield,	Mch. 8, 1858.	Jan. 1, 1859.
93 Horeb,	Lincoln,	June 5, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
94 Paris,	South Paris,	June 15, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
95 Corinthian,	Hartland,	Sept. 13, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
96 Monument,	Houlton,	Nov. 18, 1858.	May 5, 1859.
97 Bethel,	Bethel,	July 6, 1859.	May 5, 1860.
98 Katahdin,	Patten,	Aug. 24, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
99 Vernon Valley,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 28, 1859.	May 3, 1860.
100 Jefferson,	Bryant's Pond,	Feb. 8, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
101 Nezinscot,	Turner,	Mch. 1, 1860.	May 3, 1860.
102 Marsh River,	Brooks,	Dec. 24, 1859.	May 9, 1861.
103 Dresden,	Dresden,	Feb. 3, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
104 Dirigo,	South China,	June 12, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
105 Ashlar,	Lewiston,	Nov. 5, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
106 Tuscan,	Addison Point,	Dec. 27, 1860.	May 9, 1861.
107 Day Spring,	West Newfield,	Mch. 19, 1861.	May 9, 1861.
108 Relief,	Belgrade,	Jan. 11, 1861.	May 8, 1862.§

LOGGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
109 Mount Kineo,	Abbot,	May 10, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
110 Monmouth,	Monmouth,	May 21, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
111 Liberty,	Liberty,	Nov. 8, 1861.	May 8, 1862.
112 Eastern Frontier,	Fort Fairfield,	May 8, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
113 Messalonskee,	Oakland,	May 15, 1862.	May 7, 1863.
114 Polar Star,	Bath,	Mch. 7, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
115 Buxton,	West Buxton,	Mch. 18, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
116 Lebanon,	Norridgewock,	April 30, 1863.	May 7, 1863.
117 Greenleaf,	Cornish,	April 22, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
118 Drummond,	Parsonsfield,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1864.
119 Pownal,	Stockton,	July 4, 1863.	May 6, 1875.†
120 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 6, 1864.	May 4, 1864.†
121 Acacia,	Durham,	May 7, 1863.	May 4, 1865.
122 Marine,	Deer Isle,	Mch. 18, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
123 Franklin,	New Sharon,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
124 Olive Branch,	Charleston,	May 4, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
125 Meridian,	Pittsfield,	June 7, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
126 Timothy Chase,	Belfast,	Oct. 26, 1864.	May 3, 1865.
127 Presumpscot,	Windham,	Nov. 19, 1864.	May 3, 1866.
128 Eggemoggin,	Sedgwick,	Mch. 1, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
129 Quantabacook,	Searsmont,	Mch. 28, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
130 Trinity,	Presque Isle,	July 17, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
131 Lookout,	Cutler,	July 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
132 Mount Tir'em,	Waterford,	Oct. 18, 1865.	May 3, 1866.
133 Asylum,	Wayne,	July 20, 1865.	May 9, 1867.
134 Trojan,	Troy,	Feb. 19, 1866.	May 9, 1867.¶
135 Riverside,	Jefferson,	Mch. 13, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
136 Ionic,	Gardiner,	April 24, 1866.	May 9, 1867.†
137 Kenduskeag,	Kenduskeag,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
138 Lewy's Island,	Princeton,	May 3, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
139 Archon,	Dixmont,	Sept. 26, 1866.	May 8, 1867.
140 Mount Desert,	Mount Desert,	Feb. 14, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
141 Augusta,	Augusta,	Mch. 21, 1867.	May 8, 1867.
142 Ocean,	Wells,	Mch. 22, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
143 Preble,	Sanford,	May 9, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
144 Seaside,	Boothbay,	Oct. 7, 1867.	May 7, 1868.
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
146 Sebasticook,	Clinton,	Feb. 3, 1868.	May 7, 1868.
147 Evening Star,	Buckfield,	Feb. 22, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
148 Forest,	Springfield,	April 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
149 Doric,	Monson,	May 7, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
150 Rabboni,	Lewiston,	Dec. 28, 1868.	May 5, 1869.
151 Excelsior,	Northport,	Mch. 1, 1869.	May 5, 1869.
152 Crooked River,	Bolster's Mills,	April 15, 1869.	May 5, 1870.
153 Delta,	Lovell,	May 5, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
154 Mystic Tie,	Weld,	June 8, 1869.	May 4, 1870.
155 Ancient York,	Lisbon Falls,	Jan. 1, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
156 Wilton,	Wilton,	Jan. 31, 1870.	May 4, 1870.
157 Cambridge,	Cambridge,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
158 Anchor,	South Bristol,	May 5, 1870.	May 4, 1871.
159 Esoteric,	Ellsworth,	Sept. 3, 1870.	May 4, 1871.¶
160 Parian,	Corinna,	Sept. 9, 1870.	May 9, 1872.
161 Carrabassett,	Canaan,	Mch. 2, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
162 Arion,	Goodwin's Mills,	Mch. 18, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
163 Pleasant River,	Brownville,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
164 Webster,	Webster,	July 28, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
165 Molunkus,	Sherman Mills,	Aug. 26, 1871.	May 9, 1872.
166 Neguemkeag,	Vassalboro,	Dec. 22, 1871.	May 9, 1872.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF PRECEDENCE.	DATE OF CHARTER.
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872.	May 9, 1872.
168 Composite,	La Grange,	May 9, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
169 Shepherd's River,	Brownfield,	July 1, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
170 Caribou,	Caribou,	July 27, 1872.	May 8, 1873.
171 Naskeag,	Brooklin,	Feb. 3, 1873.	May 8, 1873.
172 Pine Tree,	Mattawamkeag,	Nov. 14, 1873.	May 7, 1874.
173 Pleiades,	Millbridge,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
174 Lynde,	Hermon,	May 7, 1874.	May 7, 1874.
175 Baskahegan,	Danforth,	Dec. 3, 1874.	May 20, 1875.
176 Palestine,	Biddeford,	May 5, 1875.	May 6, 1875.
177 Rising Star,	Penobscot,	June 17, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
178 Ancient Brothers',	Auburn,	June 21, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
179 Yorkshire,	North Berwick,	Sept. 18, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
180 Hiram,	Cape Elizabeth,	Nov. 1, 1875.	May 4, 1876.
181 Reuel Washburn,	East Livermore,	May 4, 1876.	May 3, 1877.
182 Granite,	West Paris,	Sept. 16, 1878.	May 8, 1879.
183 Deering,	Portland,	April 2, 1879.	May 8, 1879.
184 Naval,	Kittery,	May 8, 1879.	May 6, 1880.
185 Bar Harbor,	Bar Harbor,	April 19, 1882.	May 2, 1882.
186 Warren Phillips,	Cumberl'd Mills,	April 18, 1883.	May 3, 1883.
187 Ira Berry,	Bluehill,	Nov. 12, 1883.	May 8, 1884.
188 Jonesport,	Jonesport,	May 8, 1884.	May 8, 1884.
189 Knox,	So. Thomaston,	Sept. 6, 1884.	May 7, 1885.
190 Springvale,	Springvale,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
191 Davis,	Strong,	May 7, 1885.	May 6, 1886.
192 Winter Harbor,	Winter Harbor,	Aug. 12, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
193 Washburn,	Washburn,	Dec. 14, 1887.	May 3, 1888.
194 Euclid,	Madison,	May 4, 1888.	May 9, 1889.
195 Reliance,	Green's Landing,	May 9, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
196 Bay View,	East Boothbay,	Dec. 20, 1889.	May 8, 1890.
197 Aroostook,	Blaine,	Dec. 17, 1890.	May 7, 1891.
198 St. Aspinquid,	York,	July 22, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
199 Bingham,	Bingham,	Dec. 23, 1892.	May 4, 1893.
200 Columbia,	Greenville,	July 23, 1894.	May 7, 1896.
201 David A. Hooper,	West Sullivan,	June 3, 1897.	May 5, 1898.
202 Mount Bigelow,	Flagstaff,	June 19, 1897.	May 6, 1898.
203 Mount Olivet,	Washington,	Nov. 24, 1897.	May 7, 1898.
204 Mount Abram,	Kingfield,	May 4, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
205 Nollesemic,	Millinocket,	Nov. 17, 1900.	May 9, 1901.
206 Island Falls,	Island Falls,	Oct. 3, 1901.	May 8, 1902.
207 Abner Wade,	Sangerville,	June 3, 1902.	May 7, 1903.
208 No. East Harbor,	N. E. Harbor,	Sept. 2, 1903.	May 6, 1904.
209 Fort Kent,	Fort Kent,	Mch. 23, 1904.	May 4, 1905.
210 Bagaduce,	Brooksville,	Sept. 2, 1905.	May 3, 1906.
211 Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 15, 1909.	May 5, 1910.
212 McKinley,	McKinley,	May 6, 1909.	May 6, 1910.
213 Kemankeag,	Rangeley,	Oct. 6, 1913.	May 7, 1914.
214 Limestone,	Limestone,	Nov. 10, 1913.	May 7, 1914.

NOTE. 59 Mt. Hope, charter surrendered 1879.

90 Hiram Abiff, charter revoked 1868.

108 Relief, charter revoked 1894.

120 Meduncook, charter surrendered 1884.

134 Trojan, consolidated with Star in the West. No. 85, in 1888.

136 Ionic, charter surrendered 1882.

159 Esoteric, consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, Jan. 11, 1908.

176 Palestine, consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 214; extinct 9; working 205.

# OFFICERS

OF THE

## Grand . Lodge . of . Maine,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1915.

### GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21.*	John H. Lynde, 1869-71.*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23.*	David Cargill, 1872-74.*
William Swan, 1824, '25.*	Albert Moore, 1875, '76.*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27.*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31.*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82.*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34.*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84.
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86.
Abner B. Thompson, '38-40.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88.
Hezekiah Williams, 1841.*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90.
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92.
John T. Paine, 1845, '46.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94.*
Alexander H. Putney, '47, '48.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96.
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98.*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900.*
Freeman Bradford, 1853.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902.*
Timothy Chase, 1854.*	William J. Burnham, 1903.*
John Miller, 1855.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05.
Jabez True, 1856.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07.
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09.
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11.
Josiah H. Drummond, '60-62.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13.*
William P. Preble, 1863-65.*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15.
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68.*	

\*Deceased.

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.**

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821.*	David Cargill, 1869-71.*
William Swan, 1822, '23.*	Albert Moore, 1872-74.*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25.*	Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27.*	Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78.*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30.*	Marquis F. King, 1879, '80.*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831.*	William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82.
Amos Nourse, 1832.*	Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84.
Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34.*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86.
David C. Magoun, 1835-37.*	Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88.
Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43.*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90.
James L. Child, 1844.*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92.*
Asaph R. Nichols, 1845.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94.
Elisha Harding, 1846.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96.*
Samuel L. Valentine, '47, '48.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98.*
John C. Humphreys, '49, '50.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900.*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52.*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02.*
Timothy Chase, 1853.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903.
Jabez True, 1854, '55.*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05.
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57.*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07.
Josiah H. Drummond, '58, '59.*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09.
William P. Preble, 1860-62.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11.*
John J. Bell, 1863.*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13.
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65.*	Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15.
John H. Lynde, 1866-68.*	

**SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.**

William Swan, 1820, 1821.*	Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41.*
Charles Fox, 1822, '23.*	John T. Paine, 1842-44.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25.*	Alexander H. Putney, '45, '46.*
George Thacher, Jr., '26, '27.*	John C. Humphreys, '47, '48.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29.*	Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50.*
Amos Nourse, 1830, '31.*	Timothy Chase, 1851, '52.*
John L. Megquier, 1832-34.*	Jabez True, 1853.*
Joel Miller, 1835-37.*	Ezra B. French, 1854, '55.*

Isaac Downing, 1856.*	George R. Shaw, 1891.
William Allen, 1857.*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1892.
Gustavus F. Sargent, '58, '59.*	Joseph A. Locke, 1893.*
John J. Bell, 1860, '61.*	Herbert Harris, 1894.
David Bugbee, 1862.*	Winfield S. Choate, 1895.*
Edmund Hinckley, 1863.*	Albert M. Penley, 1896.
Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65.*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1897.*
David Cargill, 1866-68.*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1898.*
Thaddeus R. Simonton, '69, '70.*	William J. Burnham, 1899.*
Albert Moore, 1871.*	James E. Parsons, 1900.
Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74.*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901.
William O. Poor, 1875.*	Edwin A. Porter, 1902.
Charles I. Collamore, 1876.*	Charles W. Crosby, 1903.
Marquis F. King, 1877, '78.*	W. Scott Shorey, 1904.
Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879.*	Curtis R. Foster, 1905.*
William R. G. Estes, 1880.	James M. Larrabee, 1906.*
John B. Redmnn, 1881.*	William N. Howe, 1907.
Arlington B. Marston, 1882.*	John Clair Minot, 1908.
William H. Smith, 1883.*	Frank J. Cole, 1909.
Frank E. Sleeper, 1884.	Isaac N. Jones, 1910.
Joseph M. Hayes, 1885.*	Frank E. Monroe, 1911.
Albro E. Chase, 1886.	Waldo Pettengill, 1912.
Horace H. Burbank, 1887.*	Fred C. Chalmers, 1913.
Leander M. Kenniston, 1888.	Isaac A. Clough, 1914.
Manly G. Trask, 1889.	Fred Raymond, 1915.
Daniel P. Boynton, 1890.	

#### JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821.*	David C. Magoun, 1832-34.*
Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822.*	Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37.*
Samuel Fessenden, 1823.*	Stephen Webber, 1838-40.*
George Thacher, Jr., '24, '25.*	John T. Paine, 1841.*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27.*	Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44.*
Amos Nourse, 1828, '29.*	John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46.*
Reuben Nason, 1830, '31.*	Frye Hall, 1847.*



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| Joseph C. Stevens, 1848.*      | Wilford J. Fisher, 1887.*   |
| Stephen Webber, 1849.*         | Samuel G. Davis, 1888.*     |
| Timothy Chase, 1850.*          | Algernon M. Roak, 1889.*    |
| William Somcrby 1851, '52.*    | E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890.    |
| Thomas B. Johnston, '53, '54.* | Samuel L. Miller, 1891.*    |
| William Kimball, 1855.*        | Howard D. Smith, 1892.      |
| William Allen, 1856.*          | Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893.     |
| John Williams, 1857.*          | Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894.  |
| Stephen B. Dockham, 1858.*     | Moses Tait, 1895.           |
| Oliver Gerrish, 1859.*         | Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896.   |
| Joseph Covell, 1860.*          | Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897.   |
| Francis J. Day, 1861.*         | Millard M. Caswell, 1898.   |
| T. K. Osgood, 1862.*           | Franklin R. Redlon, 1899.   |
| F. Loring Talbot, 1863.*       | John H. McGorrill, 1900.    |
| John H. Lynde, 1864, '65.*     | Adelbert Millet, 1901.      |
| Thaddeus R. Simonton, '66-68.* | James C. Ayer, 1902.        |
| John W. Ballou, 1869, '70.     | Charles F. Paine, 1903.     |
| Henry H. Dickey, 1871.*        | George W. McClain, 1904.    |
| William O. Poor, 1872-74.*     | Edward G. Weston, 1905.     |
| Charles I. Collamore, 1875.*   | Albert M. Ames, 1906.       |
| A. M. Wetherbee, 1876.*        | Leon S. Howe, 1907.         |
| S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, 78.*   | George W. Holmes, 1908.     |
| Edwin Howard Vose, 1879.*      | Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909. |
| Archie L. Talbot, 1880.        | Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910.  |
| Fessenden I. Day, 1881.        | Convers E. Leach, 1911.     |
| Charles W. Haney, 1882.*       | Ernest P. Parlin, 1912.     |
| Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883.*       | George A. Gilpatric, 1913.  |
| Augustus Bailey, 1884.         | Clifford J. Pattee, 1914.   |
| Henry R. Taylor, 1885.         | Frank B. Arnold, 1915.      |
| Benjamin Ames, 1886.           |                             |

**GRAND TREASURERS.**

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30.*	Frederick Fox, 1883-94.*
James B. Cahoon, 1831-33.*	M. F. King, June, 1894-1904.*
Benjamin Davis, 1834-43.*	Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904- April 3, 1914.*
Henry H. Boody, 1844-52.*	Albro E. Chase, 1914-15.
Moses Dodge, 1853-79.*	
William O. Fox, 1880-82.*	

**GRAND SECRETARIES.**

William Lord, 1820-31.*	Charles B. Smith, 1846-55.*
Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35.*	Ira Berry, 1856-91.*
Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44.*	Stephen Berry, Sept., '91-1915.
Charles Fox, 1845.*	

## Recapitulation--1915

Lodges enrolled, .....	214.
"    extinct, .....	9
"    working, .....	205
"    granted charters at communication, 1915, .....	0
"    represented at communication, 1915, .....	195
Number of representatives, .....	259
Lodges to make returns, .....	205
Making returns in time, .....	205
Initiated, .....	1,392
Raised, .....	1,408
Affiliated, .....	106
Re-instated, .....	77
Corrections, .....	18
Total increase, .....	1,609
Dimitted, .....	210
Died, .....	592
Suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	0
Expelled, .....	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues, .....	215
Total decrease, .....	1,019
Net increase, .....	590
Members, March 1, 1914, .....	30,294
Members, March 1, 1915, .....	<u>30,884</u>
Grand Lodge Receipts, .....	\$13,642.42
"    "    Disbursements, .....	\$10,501.13
Amount of Charity Fund, .....	\$72,407.22
Income of Charity Fund, .....	\$3,542.85

## Grand Lodges and

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### GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Dec. 2, 1914,  
 Alberta, May 27, 1914,  
 Arizona, Feb. 10, 1914,  
 Arkansas, Nov. 17, 1914,  
 Belgium, 1914,  
 British Columbia, June 17, 1915.  
 California, Oct. 13, 1914,  
 Canada, July 15, 1914,  
 Colorado, Sept. 15, 1914,  
 Connecticut, Feb. 3, 1915,  
 Cuba, April 24, 1914,  
 Delaware, Oct. 7, 1914,  
 Dist. Columbia, Dec. 16, 1914,  
 England, March 3, 1915,  
 Florida, Jan. 19, 1915,  
 Georgia, Oct. 27, 1914,  
 Idaho, Sept. 8, 1914,  
 Illinois, Oct. 13, 1914,  
 Indiana, May 25, 1915,  
 Iowa, June 8, 1915,  
 Ireland, Dec. 28, 1914,  
 Kansas, Feb. 17, 1915,  
 Kentucky, Oct. 20, 1914,  
 Louisiana, Feb. 1, 1915,  
 Maine, May 4, 1915,  
 Manitoba, June 10, 1914,  
 Maryland, Nov. 17, 1914,  
 Massachusetts, Dec. 29, 1914,  
 Michigan, May 26, 1914,  
 Minnesota, Jan. 20, 1915,  
 Mississippi, Feb. 16, 1915,  
 Missouri, Sept. 29, 1914,  
 Montana, Sept. 16, 1914,  
 Nebraska, June 9, 1914,

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### GRAND MASTERS.

Henry C. Miller, Birmingham.  
 J. A. Jackson, Lethbridge.  
 Charles M. Smith, Yuma.  
 Charles E. Rosenbaum, Little Rock.  
 Charles Magnette, Brussels.  
 William C. Ditmars, Vancouver.  
 Benjamin F. Bledsoe, Los Angeles.  
 William D. Macpherson, Toronto.  
 Charles H. Dudley, Colorado Springs.  
 Clarence R. Austin, Danbury.  
 Francisco S. Curbelo, Habana.  
 William E. Valliant, Laurel.  
 Alexander Grant, Washington.  
 Duke of Connaught.  
 Cephas L. Wilson, Marianna.  
 N. H. Ballard, Brunswick.  
 Andrew Christenson, Sandpoint.  
 Henry T. Burnap, Upper Alton.  
 Charles P. Benedict, Indianapolis.  
 Frank S. Moses, Clinton.  
 Earl of Donoughmore.  
 William L. Burdick, Lawrence.  
 George B. Winslow, Carrollton.  
 Alfred W. Cheesman, Shreveport.  
 Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.  
 Lynds S. Vaughan, Selkirk.  
 Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore.  
 Melvin M. Johnson, Boston.  
 William M. Perritt, Detroit.  
 Harry M. Burnham, Jackson.  
 Jesse M. Brooks, Clarksdale.  
 Tolman W. Cotton, Van Buren.  
 Lewis A. Smith, Butte.  
 Thomas M. Davis, Beaver City.

## Addresses of Grand Officers.

### GRAND SECRETARIES.

### CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.	Nath'l L. Mewhinney, Birmingham.
Dr. George Macdonald, Calgary.	S. Y. Taylor, Calgary.
George J. Roskrige, Tucson.	Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.	George T. Black, Salem.
Georges Petre, Brussels.	None.
W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.	W. A. D. Smith, New Westminster.
John Whicher, San Francisco.	Edward H. Hart, San Francisco.
Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ont.	Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.	Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Denver.
George A. Kies, Hartford.	George A. Kies, Hartford.
Carlos G. Charles, Habana.	Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Habana.
Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington.	Harry J. Guthrie, Wilmington.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
Sir Edward Letchworth, London.	None.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
William A. Wolihin, Macon.	Charles L. Bass, Atlanta.
Theophilus W. Randall, Boisé.	George E. Knepper, Kendrick.
Isaac Cutter, Camp Point.	Owen Scott, Decatur.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.	Daniel McDonald, Plymouth.
Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.	Louis Block, Davenport.
Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin.	None.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.	Matthew M. Miller, Topeka.
Dave Jackson, Louisville.	William W. Clark, Owensboro.
John A. Davilla, New Orleans.	Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria.
Stephen Berry, Portland.	Albro E. Chase, Portland.
James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.	Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
George Cook, Baltimore.	Rev. Henry Branch, Baltimore.
Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston.	None.
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.	Lou B. Winsor, Reed City.
John Fishel, St. Paul.	Irving Todd, Hastings.
Frederick G. Speed, Vicksburg.	Harry T. Howard, Biloxi.
John R. Parson, St. Louis.	Charles C. Woods, St. Louis.
Cornelius Hedges, J., Helena.	Herman S. Hepner, Helena.
Francis E. White, Omaha.	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.

## GRAND LODGES.

## GRAND MASTERS.

Nevada, June 9, 1914,	Theodore J. Steinmetz, Reno.
New Brunswick, Aug. 25, 1914,	Hedley V. B. Bridges, Frederickton.
New Hampshire, May 19, 1915,	Stephen S. Jewett, Laconia.
New Jersey, April 21, 1915,	Edward M. Searing, Trenton.
New Mexico, Oct. 19, 1914,	Raleigh F. Hare, State College.
N. South Wales, June 24, 1914,	William Thompson,
New York, May 5, 1915,	George Freifeld, Brooklyn.
New Zealand, May 13, 1914,	John Joseph Dengall, Christchurch.
North Carolina, Jan. 19, 1915,	Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., Greensboro.
North Dakota, June 15, 1915,	Harry Lord, Cando
Nova Scotia, June 10, 1914,	Wm. Medford Christie, Windsor.
Ohio, Oct. 21, 1914,	George L. Marshall, Dayton.
Oklahoma, Feb. 16, 1915,	Almer E. Monroney, Oklahoma City.
Oregon, June 16, 1915,	Frank J. Miller, Salem.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 28, 1914,	J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia.
Peru, 1911,	
Philippine Islands, Feb. 2, 1915,	George R. Harvey, Manila.
Puerto Rico, April 11, 1914,	W. F. Lippitt, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 23, 1915,	James D. Stewart, Georgetown.
Quebec, Feb. 10, 1915,	Edward A. Evans, Quebec.
Rhode Island, May 17, 1915,	Reuben S. Bemis, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 18, 1914,	L. T. Macdonald, Regina.
Scotland, Nov. 5, 1914,	R. King Stewart, Murdostoun.
South Australia, April 15, 1914,	Samuel J. Way, Adelaide.
South Carolina, Dec. 8, 1914,	George T. Byran, Greenville.
South Dakota, June 8, 1915,	Marshall R. Brown, Sioux Falls.
Tasmania, Feb. 26, 1915,	William G. E. Macartney, Hobart.
Tennessee, Jan. 27, 1915,	T. A. Hisey, Morristown.
Texas, Dec. 1, 1914,	Jewel P. Lightfoot, Austin.
Utah, Jan. 19, 1915,	William Jay Shealy, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 10, 1914,	Charles H. Darling, Burlington.
Victoria, Dec. 16, 1914,	Charles Carty, Salmon.
Virginia, Feb. 9, 1915,	James B. Wood, Charlottesville.
Washington, June 8, 1915,	Robert L. Sebastian, Aberdeen.
West Virginia, Nov. 11, 1914,	William T. Ice, Jr., Philippi.
West. Australia, April 23, 1914,	Charles O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 8, 1915,	George O. Kellogg, Elkhorn.
Wyoming, Sept. 9, 1914,	J. J. Jewett, Riverton.

## GRAND SECRETARIES.

## CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.

Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.	Edw. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City.
J. Twining Hartt, St. John.	James Vroom, St. Stephen.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord.	Harry M. Cheney, Concord.
Theo. B. Townley, Trenton.	Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.	James H. Wroth, Albuquerque.
Arthur H. Bray, Sydney.	S. Scott-Young,
Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.	William Sherer, Brooklyn.
Malcolm Niccol, Christchurch.	Malcolm Niccol, Christchurch.
John C. Drewry, Raleigh.	John A. Collins, Enfield.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.	William E. Hoover, Fargo.
Thomas, Mowbray, Halifax.	Thomas Mowbray, Halifax.
Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati.	Nelson Williams, Hamilton.
Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City.	Thomas C. Humphry, Hugo.
James F. Robinson, Portland.	David P. Mason, Albany.
John A. Perry, Philadelphia.	James M. Lamberton, Harrisburg.
J. Benjamin Choza, Lima.	None.
Newton C. Comfort, Manila.	H. Eugene Stafford, Manila.
Jose G. Torres, San Juan.	H. Glyde Gregory, San Juan.
Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.	Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.
Will H. Whyte, Montreal.	E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
S. Penrose Williams, Providence.	William M. Chatterton, Pawtucket.
John M. Shaw, Regina.	Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina.
David Reid, Edinburgh.	None.
Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide.	J. R. Robertson,
O. Frank Hart, Columbia.	A. S. Rowell, Piedmont.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.	Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls.
John Hamilton, Hobart.	
Stith M. Cain, Nashville.	Henry A. Chambers, Chattanooga.
W. B. Pearson, Waco.	George W. Tyler, Belton.
Freeman A. McCarty, S. Lake City.	Sam Henry Goodwin, Provo.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington.	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor.
Charles James Barrow, Melbourne.	David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond.	Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond.
Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.	Ralph C. McAllaster, Seattle.
John M. Collins, Charleston.	George W. Atkinson, Charleston.
J. D. Stevenson, Perth.	J. D. Stevenson, Perth.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee.	Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville.
Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, acting.	Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, acting.

## REPRESENTATIVES

### Of the Grand Lodge of Maine near other Grand Lodges.

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- Alabama—CHARLES H. WINSTON, Ivy.  
Alberta—CLAUDE W. E. GARDINER, Macleod.  
Arizona—MARTIN WILLIAM KALES, Oakland, Cal.  
Arkansas—JACOB TRIEBER, Little Rock.  
Belgium—ALBERT J. KRUGER, Anvers.  
British Columbia—FRANCIS BOWSER, Kerrisdale.  
Canada—COLIN W. POSTLETHWAITE, Toronto.  
Colorado—JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Boulder.  
Cuba—AURELIO MIRANDA, Havana.  
Connecticut—CHARLES M. BEACH, New Milford.  
Delaware—GEORGE L. BROOKS, Newark.  
District of Columbia—WARREN C. BICKFORD, Washington.  
Florida—WILLIAM S. WARE, Jacksonville.  
Georgia—WILLIAM B. KENT, Unknown.  
Idaho—WILLIAM C. HOWIE, Mountain Home.  
Illinois—AMOS PETTIBONE, Chicago.  
Indiana—ELMER F. GAY, Indianapolis.  
Kansas—  
Louisiana—JOSEPH MEYERS, New Orleans.  
Manitoba—ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, Deloraine.  
Maryland—THOMAS H. HOOVER, Unknown.  
Michigan—WILLIAM T. SHAW, Lansing.  
Minnesota—HENRY R. ADAMS, Minneapolis.  
Mississippi—FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg.  
Missouri—G. A. GOBEN, Kirksville.  
Montana—CHARLES W. COOK, White Sulphur Springs.  
Nebraska—THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH, Omaha.  
Nevada—SANFORD C. DINSMORE, Reno.  
New Brunswick—HERBERT E. GOOLD, Sussex.  
New Hampshire—STANTON OWEN, Laconia.



- New Jersey—WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jersey City.  
New York—CLAUDE PRAGER, 461 Fourth Ave., New York.  
New South Wales—CHARLES A. Y. SIMPSON, Sydney.  
New Zealand—JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.  
North Carolina—ALEXANDER S. HOLDEN, Wilmington.  
North Dakota—WALTER L. CARTER, Wahpeton.  
Nova Scotia—JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.  
Ohio—ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.  
Oklahoma—SAMUEL CLYDE FULLERTON, Miami.  
Oregon—  
Peru—  
Philippine Islands—GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.  
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.  
Quebec—  
Rhode Island—ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.  
Saskatchewan—ANDREW H. GORDON, Grenfell.  
South Australia—JAMES EDWARD MOLLEY MORLEY, Adelaide.  
South Carolina—CLAUDE F. SAWYER, Aiken.  
South Dakota—SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen.  
Tasmania—WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, Launceston.  
Tennessee—NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Knoxville.  
Texas—STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.  
Utah—ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Provo.  
Vermont—WILLIAM B. VINTON, Brattleboro.  
Victoria—HENRY J. ARMSTRONG, Kyneton.  
Virginia—CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.  
Washington—LEVI ANKENY, Walla Walla.  
Western Australia—THOMAS WALL HARDWICK, Perth.  
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- Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.  
Alberta—MANLY G. TRASK, Bangor.  
Arizona—AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Gardiner.  
Arkansas—JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.  
Belgium—  
British Columbia—WILLIAM N. HOWE, Portland.  
Canada—BENJAMIN L. HADLEY, Bar Harbor.  
Colorado—FRANK E. SLEEPER, Sabattus.  
Cuba—LEON S. HOWE, Presque Isle.  
Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.  
Delaware—AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM, Bangor.  
District of Columbia—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.  
Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.  
Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.  
Idaho—ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland.  
Illinois—WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, Skowhegan.  
Indiana—EDWIN F. DILLINGHAM, Bangor.  
Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.  
Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.  
Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.  
Maryland—GEORGE W. HOLMES, Norway.  
Michigan—FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston.  
Minnesota—SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Rumford.  
Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.  
Missouri—DANIEL P. BOYNTON, Monmouth.  
Montana—CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Belfast.  
Nebraska—EDWIN A. PORTER, Pittsfield.  
Nevada—LEANDER M. KENNISTON, Camden.  
New Brunswick—MOSES TAIT, Calais.  
New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.

- New Jersey—ADELBERT MILLETT, Searsmont.  
New South Wales—JAMES E. PARSONS, Lubec.  
New York—HENRY R. TAYLOR, Machias.  
New Zealand—HERBERT HARRIS, Portland.  
North Carolina—CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.  
North Dakota—ELBRIDGE G. HEATH, Auburn.  
Nova Scotia—JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Portland.  
Ohio—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.  
Oklahoma—WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.  
Oregon—FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.  
Peru—  
Philippine Islands—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford.  
Prince Edward Island—GEORGE W. MCCLAIN, Brownville Junction.  
Puerto Rico—THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.  
Quebec—JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.  
Rhode Island—FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.  
Saskatchewan—ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.  
South Australia—BENJAMIN AMES, Thorndike.  
South Carolina—WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, Lisbon.  
South Dakota—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston.  
Tasmania—W. SCOTT SHOREY, Bath.  
Tennessee—HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Bangor.  
Texas—CHARLES W. CROSBY, Kent's Hill.  
Utah—EDWIN C. DUDLEY, Augusta.  
Vermont—GEORGE R. SHAW, Portland.  
Victoria—GEORGE A. GILPATRIC, Kennebunk.  
Virginia—CHARLES F. PAINE, Bar Harbor.  
Washington—ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, Portland.  
Western Australia—FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.  
West Virginia—ALBERT M. PENLEY, Auburn.  
Wisconsin—EDMUND B. MALLET, Freeport.

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### Report • on • Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of*

*Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

#### **ALABAMA, 1913.**

All the Grand Officers except one, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives from 441 lodges were present at the ninety-third annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Alabama does not intend to adopt a recommendation and not have it lived up to; for one Grand Representative has staid away for three years, and no longer under the recommendation can he be a Grand Representative, and the Grand Jurisdiction which he represented is requested to sanction the nominee of the Grand Master of Alabama.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Daniel A. Greene, discusses the valuable powers which Masonry possesses, in the introduction to his address.

Dispensations were issued to nine new lodges; one lodge surrendered its charter; there were three cases of the consolidation of lodges; district lecturers were appointed, but—

“I have received reports from very few of the Lecturers, but have no doubt that most of them will make their reports as required by Edict, before the close of Grand Lodge.”

APP. I G. L.

The communication of the Grand Master of Oregon, with reference to a "central representative masonic body" was coldly received.

Some twenty decisions were made, but no new point of masonic usage was raised.

The District Lecturer system, its needs, its deficiencies, and its possibilities for good were ably set out; and the work of the Alabama Masonic Home is clearly given.

Another infringement upon the rights of lodges was enacted, for the Grand Lodge is hereafter to furnish the subordinate lodges with receipts for annual dues. However, no penalty attaches if these receipts are not used, and lodges may continue to do as they please until some brother in his wisdom will want to make the use of the uniform receipt obligatory.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge declined to adopt the following propositions:

"Requiring a brother suspended N. P. D. for more than two years, to formally apply for readmission upon payment of dues.

"Requiring a Master before installation to procure and produce a certificate as to his proficiency in the work of the three degrees.

"Requiring a brother to become proficient in the Master's lesson before being permitted to participate in the business of the lodge."

Very full statements in regard to the "Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico" and Masonry in Mexico were presented to the Grand Lodge by the special committee. The recognition of any Grand Lodge in Mexico "was withheld until the respective Grand Lodges of that country recognize each other and settle mutually their territorial jurisdiction."

Bro. William Y. Titcomb submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we quote:

"Masonic residence is the place where a brother and his family live year in and year out, he, perhaps, making a flying trip to another State once in several years to vote for President of the United States, then hastening home to his wife and children, neighbors and friends—the place where his daily life is an open book, known and read of all men."

Maine for 1913 has full allowance of space.

Under Wisconsin we read:

"There are things in Freemasonry that should not, and cannot be, changed to meet some of the fancies of the present day.

"Among the 'new lights' it may be said that there are some 'fads' such as documentary evidence, and correspondence between lodges in different jurisdictions through the respective Grand Masters only."

M. W. Bro. Rufus W. Cobb, Grand Master in 1881-1883, died November 26, 1913.

"Brother Cobb's record as a soldier both in the Mexican and Civil wars was an honorable one; as a public official he commanded the respect and confidence of not only his friends and supporters, but of those whose views differed from his own. As a man and a mason in his daily walk he put in practice those precepts and principles which have made Masonry a boon to humanity and such a power for good in all ages and in every land."

### ALBERTA, 1912.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Mayor of Edmonton and response to the welcome was made by the Grand Chaplain on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas McNabb, speaks of the prosperity of the Fraternity in Alberta for the past seven years; mentions the dead; reports an official visitation to each lodge, some sixty in number; announces the dispensations, of which we note that one was for the purpose of initiating an applicant who had an artificial foot; and he refused a dispensation "to institute a colored lodge accompanied by fourteen (14) signatures professing to be regularly made masons."

He states that many decisions that were called for could well have been answered by a study of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and then to show the kind of questions that he had received gives the following:

"Question—What steps can a lodge take with a Secretary who refuses to act?

"Answer—Elect a new Secretary."

Six lodges were instituted and fourteen lodges constituted during the year and one corner stone laid.

The Grand Representatives, among whom was the Grand Representative for Maine, were received and welcomed.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which occupy eighteen pages of the proceedings, give good account of the standing of the several lodges.

The Alberta Masonic Home and School fund was increased to the amount of \$6,068.96, and the committee on that subject say:

"The number of contributions made to this fund during the past year by the lodges is anything but creditable, and we strongly urge that its claims be more strongly and persistently presented by the D. D. G. M.'s and other Grand Lodge officers on their official visits.

Bro. S. Y. Taylor presents his first Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Louisiana we read:

"We heartily concur with our worthy brother with respect to the guarding our lodges against unworthy applicants. We might, to some extent

at least, follow the example set by Craft Masonry in Switzerland. Their candidates when proposed are put under observation for one or two years and questions are put to them to probe to their innermost souls.

"When the observation committees are satisfied they are brought and a series of questions are put to them for the first time, which they have to answer in writing.

"If these answers are entirely satisfactory the ballot takes place. The second degree is not taken for another year, and possibly another year intervenes before the third degree is conferred, the candidates being required to show that they have made a genuine advancement in masonic knowledge before these privileges can be secured."

Maine for 1911 has favorable mention.

### ALBERTA, 1913.

The Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative for Maine, and representation from a constitutional number of lodges were present, with others, at the eighth annual communication.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, in his brief address mentions the laying of one corner-stone, remembers the dead, reports thirteen dispensations for new lodges and other dispensations such as Grand Masters invariably grant, made but one decision in regard to the eligibility of a man who had lost a limb, and recommends the consideration of the question of "Masonic Home and School Fund" to the lodges.

He commends the Lodges of Instruction held at five different districts and regrets that they were not held in the other four districts.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made full reports of the condition of the several lodges in their districts.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The business was local and routine.

Bro. S. Y. Taylor presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"He recommends the constituent lodges to consider the practice now in vogue among the Vancouver lodges of meeting on one Sunday in each month during the winter season, for Divine Service.

"This is a very commendable practice. It proclaims to the brethren the intimate relationship which exists between Masonry and religion, and is much to be preferred to the public march and demonstration so often indulged in by the masons when attending Divine Worship.

Under Georgia he says:

"We have always thought it wiser to render assistance to our needy brethren and their dependents in their own homes and among the friends

of former years, than to have them transferred to a Home during the closing days of their life."

Maine for 1912 has two pages.

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M. W. Bro. James J. Dunlop, Grand Master in 1910, first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, died June 12, 1913. He was the first one among the membership of the Grand Lodge to be called.

### ARIZONA, 1913.

All the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty chartered lodges were in attendance at the thirty-first annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry A. Drachman, after a brief introduction, devotes a few moments to the memory of the dead, and of the State of the Order says:

"It is with a sense of pride that we see our ranks increasing and that we are becoming strong and powerful. Our treasury shows a large increase and our influence for good is expanding in the fraternal world. We are receiving into the Order in this state many men who stand high in their respective communities, and with prosperity before us we should see our membership increase by leaps and bounds and prove a power for good in all that appertains to Masonry."

He visited every lodge in the jurisdiction except one. There are twenty lodges. Of his visitation to Arizona Lodge at Phoenix on the occasion of the raising to the degree of Master Mason of a Bishop of the Episcopal Church he notes the attendance of many distinguished masons and says:

"It was a most enthusiastic meeting and there were present at least four hundred and fifty Master Masons, being the largest meeting ever held in Arizona, and there were also represented forty-three of the forty-eight States of the Union."

He made several decisions which accord with general masonic law, and also this one:

"Q. Can brethren of the lodges formerly under the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, but now under the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, visit and affiliate with lodges in this jurisdiction?"

"A. All regular lodges formerly under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico but now under the York Grand Lodge of Mexico are recognized and the brethren from such lodges may affiliate and are entitled to visit lodges in this jurisdiction."



He reports one corner-stone laid; believes that the work of the several lodges did not conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Lodge and suggests "that the jurisdiction be divided into districts and that the Grand Master appoint Deputy Grand Masters whose duties should be to see that the several degrees be exemplified in accordance with the ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge."

He made several recommendations, of which we quote:

"That the lodges and brethren in this jurisdiction be enjoined and prohibited from using and permitting the teaching or delivery of any masonic lectures or work which are not sanctioned or have not been adopted by this Grand Lodge.

"That the charges of a Freemason as published by the Grand Lodge of England be printed in our proceedings and that a sufficient number be printed in pamphlet form to be distributed among the brethren and that when a candidate is raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason that he be presented with a copy.

"That the lodges in this jurisdiction prior to the examination of a visiting brother mason, require of him that he fill out a card stating his name in full, his rank, and the name, number and location of his lodge; the same to be filed in the archives of the lodge for future reference."

The following resolution received a passage:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to prepare and submit for adoption, at the next Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge, a key to the unwritten work of this jurisdiction; such key to contain the first letter only of the word which such letter represents, and that when so prepared and adopted, each subordinate lodge throughout the jurisdiction shall be furnished three copies thereof for the use of its Master and Wardens, and it shall be compulsory upon subordinate lodges to conform to the work prescribed therein within six months after they have been furnished with said keys.

"It shall also be the duty of subordinate lodges to carefully protect and preserve said keys and at the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge to submit the same to the Grand Lecturer for his inspection as evidence of their care and protection."

Several amendments to the Constitution relative to the establishment of a "Commission" on work.

The scheme is well presented and the duties devolving upon the Commission are sufficient to give them opportunity to practice all the masonic virtues and to prove that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report which was adopted:

"Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, recommend that this Grand Lodge continue to recognize the same Grand Lodge in Mexico that it has recognized in the past, but consider it as contrary to masonic law to recognize more than one Grand Lodge occupying the same territory or to recognize any Grand Lodge that would permit any such infringement of this law."

The following resolution was passed:

*"Resolved, That Representatives from Sister Grand Jurisdictions who fail for three successive years to be present at the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, their positions shall be declared vacant."*

No Report on Correspondence.

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Announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Herbert Brown, Grand Master in 1906, died May 12, 1913.

"As a true friend, an able newspaper man, a faithful official and a public man always with the best interests of Arizona at heart he will be missed by the whole community as well as the sorrowing family, who best knew those finest traits of character which made him one of the loved citizens of the State."

### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1913.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

M. W. Bro. John M. Rudd, in his address, in the following quoted paragraph expresses more than many another in a full page:

"When the time arrives to put down in cold print the actual work accomplished, it is realized, too often, how much you have planned to do and how much you have fallen short of your ideals."

He gives a long list of visitations, under which head he places the constituting of six lodges. He ruled that a brother could not be admitted to the lodge while the bailot was being taken.

This may be a correct ruling, but we do not like it. The brother asking admission could create no great disturbance by alarming the lodge; the one who answered the alarm could have been so directed, and when the brother had been properly received he could have been told by the W. M. the particular business the lodge was then upon. To be sure it might have affected the election, but the brother, denied admission, if he wished to get into the lodge for the purpose of casting a black ball, had his remedy in a different direction.

Dispensations were granted for four new lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of the several lodges in their districts, which reports are instructive so far as they go.

From the address of the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Cleland, we quote:

"At the great revival of Freemasonry in the year 1717, which we have called the Great Revival of Freemasonry, eminent scholars of the craft actively engaged themselves in searching the archives, and their researches carried them back to very remote times. A few learned Master Masons contended that the Crusades of the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries marked the period when the Holy Saints John were selected as the pat-

rons of the craft, but the mass of the evidence, gathered and sifted from ancient manuscripts, and from masonic tradition, fixed the date much earlier than the crusades, going back to the life-time of the Saints themselves, ever since which time the Holy Saints John have been held in the highest veneration as the Patrons of Freemasonry.

"With this indication of the historical basis for the adoption of these two Saints as the Patrons of Freemasonry, attested by so many scholarly writers, let me ask you to notice the peculiar fitness, according to masonic teaching, which attaches to this choice. St. John the Baptist stands out in bold and rugged outline as the Herald and Exponent of Truth, while St. John the Evangelist is taken as the exemplar and teacher of Brotherly Love."

Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has cordial remembrance.

Under Minnesota we agree with the following:

"We believe that the lodges should be allowed the utmost latitude in the management of their affairs, and that the Grand Lodge should interfere as little as possible. We disapprove of the use of robes and stereopticons as strongly as anyone can, but we disapprove also of attempting to prevent their use by legislation. If and when the brethren are rightly instructed in the aims and purposes of the Institution they will not mistake the conferring of degrees for a vaudeville entertainment."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The body calling itself the 'York Grand Lodge of Mexico' continues to press its claims for recognition. The only ground for any such claim so far as we can discover, is the fact that it is composed of citizens of the United States."

### CALIFORNIA, 1913.

The book contains the reproduction of the various documents issued in connection with the dedication of the Masonic Temple at San Francisco, together with portraits of the Grand Master and others, and the exercises had at the time.

All the Grand Officers, all the living Past Grand Masters except four, and more than a constitutional number of lodges to constitute a quorum were present at the sixty-fourth annual communication.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William P. Filmer, we quote:

"While this grand and stately Temple has, in great measure, been erected by brethren comparatively young in masonic work, it is fitting that we should remember with grateful hearts those whose untiring labors of forty and fifty and sixty years ago made it possible for us to enjoy this splendid heritage. They laid the foundation of our Order in this great State, deep and broad; they erected the superstructure in such strength and beauty that its usefulness to man will endure through the

ages; their indomitable spirit and their inflexible fidelity to principle have been inspiring examples for future generations to follow."

Under the topic "Visitations and Public Ceremonials" he says:

"During these visitations I was privileged to have the honor of raising thirty brethren to the sublime degree of Master Mason; of constituting ten new lodges; of installing the officers of twenty-three subordinate lodges; of laying the corner-stone of three Masonic Temples and four public buildings, and of dedicating three Masonic Temples to the purposes of Masonry."

Of the Condition of the Craft he says:

"From personal observation and knowledge I am highly pleased to report an excellent condition of our Order throughout the State. In the larger centers great interest is manifested and enlivened, not only by the ever increasing degree work, but by many of the lodges providing profitable and instructive entertainment for their own members and the visiting brethren. Interchange of visitations among the lodges; lectures on masonic and kindred subjects by those competent to deliver them; travelogues assisted by stereoscope and moving pictures; occasional banquets with their attendant instructive speeches, largely assist in maintaining the interest of the brethren in our Order. The members of California Lodge, No. 1, have presented with splendid histrionic ability an interesting play of an 'Eighteenth Century Lodge,' masonic in its nature and highly entertaining and instructive. Such diversion from the ordinary ritualistic work is productive of inestimable good, and Masters of Lodges and Inspectors of Districts should, whenever possible, provide and encourage such form of instructive diversion."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was adopted:

"We have had under consideration the circular letter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, referred to and incorporated in the Grand Master's address.

"We are of the opinion that this Grand Lodge should not now declare its adherence to any proposal involving the ultimate establishment of a national or North American Masonic Body, having authority, by the enactment of laws or otherwise, to control this or any other Grand Lodge, in any degree. And this, we take it, in view of the language of the resolutions set forth in the circular, to be the general purpose of the Grand Lodge of Oregon."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and that of Porto Rico were recognized, but the Grand Orient of Italy was refused recognition.

From the scholarly address of W. William R. Hervey we quote:

"The very unfinished condition of the legend of the third degree argues for its verity. It is in a sense a mystery, a veiled prophecy, a boding forth of the infinite, and under it lies the unfathomable regions of meditation. Its greatest appeal to the thoughtful soul, its highest delight and beauty to the members of the craft, is in its suggestive enigma, its unanswered questioning, its prophecy of the moral force and power that lies beyond the veil. It brings us face to face with the unknown in the neighborhood of an inevitable death, and about us lies the Infinite and eternity of an unseen and hidden world. The legend is significant of the great mystery hanging over and surrounding every soul on earth, for

under all life lies a basis of darkness and death, and a mystery of which no one knows the secret or meaning. What know we of this eternity revealed to us in a vesture of time, of this mortality reposing on the unknown and unknowable? Why does evil oppress and good bless us in our journey of life-in-death, what is the divine purpose of this daily toil, this unrest, this joy and sorrow, this laughter and tears, this sickness and death—all this that we call life? Yet a beneficent Father has endowed each human heart with an illimitable hope of a future life, and this legend holds in the veiled intimations of its mysteries a promise of reward for unbroken faith and virtuous right doing, and a harbinger of a glorious awakening into immortality. This soul searching degree is shot through and through with the spirit of ancient days, with the very genius of the human race, with the language of Scripture and the traditions of Kabalistic learning. It bears the hall mark of antiquity, it is redolent of early ages and is evidence itself of its existence in remote antiquity and of its own origin."

Bro. Edward H. Hart submitted his fifth Report of the Committee on Correspondence. Many subjects of importance are ably discussed by him in his report and one paragraph is here taken from the topic of "Clandestinitism":

"We believe it is right and proper that frauds and cheats should be suppressed and punished, and we believe that the legitimate Grand Lodge of Masons in every jurisdiction should be alert to see that the fair name of Masonry is not used as a shield behind which unconscionable cheats may loot the public; and it would seem as if the Louisiana decision above referred to ought to place in the hands of every Grand Lodge or Grand Master an effectual weapon to drive these pretenders out."

Under Illinois relative to the use of the black ball we read:

"The inviolable secrecy of the ballot may almost be considered one of the land-marks of Masonry, and while temporary good might seem to result from a Grand Master dealing arbitrarily with instances of its abuse, still, viewed from the broad standpoint of inviolability of the Master Mason's privilege of being answerable to no one except to his Maker and himself in the use of the ballot, we think the precedent set by the Grand Master of Illinois is wrong, and out of harmony with one of the universally recognized fundamental principles of our institution."

Under Kansas, to make known the ability of the committee, we quote at length:

"The feature of the afternoon session of the first day of the communication was an oration delivered by a Worshipful Brother of Western Star Lodge, No. 74, Smith Center, and on motion, duly made, the oration was ordered printed with the proceedings, etc. The title of the oration is 'The Long Search.'

"We have followed the speaker up and down the corridors of the centuries, and are not surprised at the title selected by him to describe his effort. With an initial bow to the Almighty, he passes to the fabled history of Greece, touching with his finger-tips Helen of Troy, Thales, Bias, Pittacus, and Solon.

"He then takes a long breath and makes one mighty stride from ancient Egypt to modern Concord, U. S. A., noticing, in passing, the Phœnician, the Greek, the Roman, the Swede, the German, the Frenchman, and the Englishman, observing in effect that each left a little pinch

of something that survived, and eulogizing, as might be expected, the heroes of Concord and Lexington. Having deftly swept the lyre of the centuries with his compelling hand, he starts again to 'traverse the misty past,' seeking, if possible, the origin of Masonry. He dusts off the images of Athelstane, the Saxon; Carausius and Pompilius, the Romans, who, we must admit, have been somewhat neglected in recent years, and then turns back to Zerubbabel, with a glance at Mahomet, and assures us that he sees, in looking back upon the pathway of Masonry, that 'it is hung with terrors, and strewn with mangled and broken bodies, mute and eloquent witnesses of a fortitude heroic and sublime.' We never supposed it was so bad.

"The speaker then takes a sudden turn and expounds, in what must be admitted is a learned manner, the twelfth chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes; and then by way of apology to Mohammedanism, and to show that Solomon did not possess *all* of the wisdom in the world, he sets forth certain conversation of a philosophical nature that took place between Mahomet and two of his cherished disciples, Abubiker and Ali. David and Jonathan and Damon and Pythias are by no means neglected, and then in order to lead up by suitable gradations to Abraham Lincoln, he goes back to Alexander the Great; thence to Hannibal, and the stripping by him of 'three bushels of rings from the fingers of slaughtered knights.' We remember reading a eulogy, pronounced by the celebrated Southern confederate General John B. Gordon on James A. Garfield, in which the orator spoke of the 'jewels stripped by Hannibal from the frozen fingers of his slaughtered knights.' Gordon's phrase has the advantage of euphony, but is lacking in an expression of the precise measure of Hannibal's perfidy as shown in the present address.

"Cæsar, Cromwell and Napoleon are then duly portrayed and Ingersoll's Soliloquy at the Tomb of Napoleon is fittingly introduced as the apex of the antithesis which the speaker is drawing to the character of Abraham Lincoln.

"As a recognition, no doubt, of the development of the hour, 'The Suffragette,' and that the oration may not be lacking in recognition of the female touch divine, the speaker goes back again to biblical lore and brings forth the character of Dorcas, 'whose name shall endure for all time.' Having ransacked the centuries and the bosom of Mother Earth in his 'long search,' he rises to the starry canopy and brushes the cobwebs from the Great Bear, and the Little Bear, and Orion, and the Pleiades, and in his descent to earth passes Jupiter and Mars and waves to Venus and Mercury.

"We have had some difficulty in keeping sight of the speaker's coat-tails as he has swished back and forth through the centuries, and when he winds up his effort with a statement that 'the right has been earned to proceed further in search of new duties,' etc., 'in quest of further enlightenment,' etc., and when he ventures the opinion that some day 'The Long Search' will end, we naturally experience a sense of relief, but are left somewhat in doubt, as to just where Masonry comes in."

Under Oregon, discussing the "Conferences of Grand Masters," he says:

"In all of these suggestions that have cropped up during the past five or six years, hinting at a 'Masonic Congress,' or 'General Grand Lodge,' or of a 'Masonic Conference,' whereby a new, and in a sense sovereign, authority is proposed to be created, one of the fundamental principles which must be inherent in a sovereign Grand Lodge to be entitled to recognition as such among the Grand Lodges of the world, is overlooked; in that one of the first principles of recognition is that a Grand Lodge

must be *absolutely sovereign*, and whenever a Grand Lodge would presume to surrender any portion of its absolute sovereignty to a general or supreme body, no matter how limited that surrender might be, the Grand Lodge thus making the surrender would cease to be entitled to recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the only possible advantage that we can discover in these numerous 'Grand Master Conferences' that have been held in recent years is that they afford an enjoyable junket to the participants, which junket, of course, is entirely unobjectionable unless done at the expense of the Craft generally."

Maine does not appear among the reviewed Grand Jurisdictions.

M. W. Bro. Henry Sayre Orme, Grand Master in 1894, died November 29, 1912:

"He exemplified to an unusual degree the lessons of charity, and permitted not even the practice of his chosen profession, that of medicine, to interfere with what he considered his masonic duty."

Bro. William S. Moses, Grand Bible Bearer, died December 9, 1912.

R. W. Bro. Edward Coleman, Grand Treasurer, died suddenly April 12, 1913:

"The beautiful hospital which he erected, equipped and presented to the Masonic Home at Decoto; his generous bequest in his will to our Masonic Homes, are substantial testimonials of his love and reverence for our great Institution."

### CANADA, 1913.

Three hundred and fifty-three lodges were represented at the annual communication; seventy-six lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Aubrey White, in his address says:

"By the blessing of God we have, during the year just closed, enjoyed great prosperity in all ways, and harmony and loving kindness have universally prevailed within the borders of our jurisdiction.

"Your Grand Master has everywhere been received with respect and courtesy, and there has been a ready obedience to his rulings and requests, which have made the discharge of his official duties a veritable labor of love."

He reports the complete amount of one hundred thousand dollars raised for the semi-centennial benevolent fund, "giving a steady income of \$5,000 per annum," for aid in sickness or distress.

Dispensations for eleven new lodges were issued; four lodges were constituted; ten lodge rooms were dedicated; five corner-stones laid; two hundred four dispensations were granted; lodges of instruction were highly praised.



His rulings, twenty-one in number, appear to have been in accord with usual masonic law.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters make readable reports. Some of them make suggestions for increasing the interest in lodges. These reports take up nearly two hundred pages of the printed proceedings.

The Board of Benevolence report grants of assistance amounting to \$34,425.00 and the grants by the several lodges amounted to \$18,000.00. The Board further say:

"The Board feels that unless lodges contribute according to their means towards the relief of their applicants, grants should not be made.

"It is to be regretted that in many cases, sons and daughters who are quite able to support their parents, neglect or refuse to do so, and leave them to be supported by the benevolence of the brethren."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry thus describe a model lodge:

"A healthy treasury, active and increasing membership, principally young men, good average attendance, prompt and accurate attention to business and ceremonial work, officers thorough, Past Masters efficient, zealous and enthusiastic, harmony prevailing and no details omitted to make the evening pleasant, entertaining and instructive for those present."

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 is fraternally and copiously reviewed.

From his conclusion, under the topic "The Ancient Landmarks," we quote:

"It is certain that no two writers agree as to how many landmarks there were, nor as to what they were. R.W. Bro. W. B. Hextall recently read an interesting paper before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge on the subject of the Ancient Landmarks. Few will probably agree with the conclusion reached by Bro. Hextall, which is that the ancient landmarks were merely the architectural secrets of the ancient builders; but his paper is full of valuable information, some of which is here borrowed. He quotes Preston, who has two references to the ancient landmarks, treating them as synonymous with 'the established usages and customs of the order. Dr. Oliver (1850) said that the landmarks had 'never been clearly defined.' And again, 'We have no actual criterion by which we may determine what is a landmark and what not.' A. G. Mackey (1856) compiled a list of twenty-five landmarks; but no masonic writer has been able to agree with him. Some Grand Lodges have promulgated a list of as many as sixty landmarks; and writers in all parts of the world have formed lists, but no two of them agree.

"The phrase landmarks occurs in the General Regulations appended to the Constitutions of the Freemasons written by Dr. Anderson and published in 1723. These Regulations are said to have been 'compiled first by Mr. George Payne, anno 1720, when he was Grand Master,' but they were afterwards revised by Anderson, who says that he 'compared them with and reduced them to the ancient records and immemorial usages of the fraternity, and digested them into this new method.'

"When the Grand Lodge of England was formed by the four (or more)



old lodges the latter surrendered some of their ancient privileges, but retained all that were not necessary to the proper working of the grand body. Certain it is that the old lodges insisted on their reserved rights. And it is probable that these reserved rights were called landmarks. One of these rights was that of assisting at the installation of the Grand Master, and insisting that he should take the obligation to observe the ancient usages and customs of the craft; another was to see that the Masters and Wardens of new lodges should be obligated to the same effect."

### **COLORADO, 1913.**

At the fifty-third annual communication the Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George E. Simonton, in the introduction to his address said:

"Freemasonry teaches the things that are true and noble, and offers abundant opportunities for the development of mind and heart. Truths that ennoble, purify and bless our race are strongly impressed upon us. We are urged in the most forcible manner, by every possible lesson, to the performance of such duties as will make good, true and noble men, and earnest workers for the good of society. We are taught to be better husbands and fathers; more earnest and zealous citizens; we are charged to be loyal to the country in which we live; pledged to the advancement of the civilization of man, and the practice of the cardinal virtues."

Of his official duties he said:

"I have made fifty-one official visits, have conducted two funerals, have installed the officers of eighteen lodges, and have laid three cornerstones."

He announces the organization of the Corporation "The Colorado Masons Benevolent Fund Association" for the purpose of holding the funds which had been accumulating for twelve years and for dispensing therefrom aid to those needing it.

He reports the constitution of three lodges, fourteen requests for conferring of degrees by other jurisdictions, twenty-three requests granted for same purpose to other jurisdictions, but he could not move the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania to accede to his request for this courtesy.

He states that he has succeeded in establishing fraternal relations with "the Confederation of German Grand Lodges for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, National Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge Royal York of Prussia, Grand Lodge of Saxony, Grand Lodge of the Sun, Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, and the Grand Lodge of Concord."

Of his decisions we quote:

"I received a letter from one of our lodges stating that a member refused to give the penal sign in balloting and requesting my decision as to whether it is 'compulsory' that the sign be given. I decided that, in

balloting, every member should give the sign, quoting from page 54 of Mackey's *Lexicon of Freemasonry*:

"The box is placed on the altar, and the ballot is deposited with the solemnity of a masonic salutation, that the voters may be duly impressed with the sacred and responsible nature of the duty they are called upon to discharge."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote:

"Four years ago this Grand Lodge adopted a system of inspection of lodges by the Grand Lecturer, which provided that the duties of this officer should come under three heads: Inspection of the halls and property of lodges; inspection of their books, records, and transactions, with particular reference to the observance of laws; instruction in the work and forms and ceremonies of Masonry as practiced in this jurisdiction.

"It is very gratifying to be able to report that, generally speaking, there is throughout the jurisdiction a growing appreciation on the part of the Craft of the dignity of the institution of which they are members. Thoughtless brethren are coming to realize more and more that the conferring of any degree in Masonry is a solemn occasion; that there is a time for all things; and that the time for amusement, entertainment, and relaxation is—as will be found so clearly set forth in the ancient charges—at refreshment or after the lodge is closed."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his twenty-ninth Report on Correspondence.

We find him in agreement with us in the following: the correspondence between lodges through Grand Masters, the reinstatement of members suspended for N. P. D., and the right of a member of a lodge when he was present to object to a visitor to the lodge.

Maine for 1912 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote from his conclusion:

#### "HEAD, HAND AND HEART.

"Head, Hand and Heart—the wondrous three,  
Which shape our lives and destiny.

"The Head with ever active brain,  
Whose thoughts through memory live again.  
The Hand obedient to the will  
Achieving miracles of skill.  
While through the promptings of the Heart,  
Act we the good or evil part.

"The Head with eager, piercing eye,  
Sweeps earth and sea and soars to sky.  
Weighs planets and divines their course,  
In harness holds th' electric force  
To spur the progress of the race  
And drudgery of toil efface.  
The ends of earth together brought  
In bonds of sympathy and thought.  
While dawning truths their halos cast,  
Conserves the wisdom of the past.

"The Hand impelled by murderous hate  
 Seeks to destroy and devastate,  
 But moved by love serves human needs  
 In arts of peace and helpful deeds.  
 Where'er we turn, the hand hath wrought  
 The marvel of some master thought.  
 'Neath raging seas, in fields of air,  
 Where throbs machinery everywhere.  
 As passions or emotions sway,  
 'Tis raised to smite—to save—to pray.

"The Heart aforetime cold as stone,  
 With loving kindness all unknown.  
 The vengeful spirit in its place,  
 And tribal ties—not those of race.  
 Yet slowly grew through ages' span,  
 The warmth of heart toward fellow man,  
 Till all-embracing in its scope,  
 There burst at length the flower of hope—  
 True Brotherhood with war-cries stilled,  
 The prophecy of peace fulfilled.

"Head, Hand and Heart—O potent three!  
 The dream of ages rests with thee."

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The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. John Bernard Haffy, Grand Master in 1908, who died December 9, 1912; and of the Senior Grand Deacon, W. Bro. William P. Benedict, who died June 17, 1913.

### CONNECTICUT, 1913.

In the presence of the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of one hundred ten lodges, the one hundred twenty-fifth annual communication was held.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Justin Holden, says:

"It has been the privilege of the Grand Lodge to lay, with appropriate ceremonies, the corner-stones of three Masonic Temples and to officiate at the dedication of six Masonic Halls, consecrated to God and dedicated to the service of mankind. The end is not yet; the era of Temple building is not ended in this Grand Jurisdiction, and there is abundant evidence that he who follows in the office of Grand Master will also have the gratification of seeing the walls of Temples rise around him. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are in every respect cordial and harmonious, and the events of the year have been such as to strengthen fraternal ties."

He gives a full account of his visitations, among which we note the pleasant exercises at the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, in Hartford.

He epitomizes the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, from which we clearly understand that the Fraternity are increasing their wisdom and numbers.

Dispensations were issued for many purposes, yet we do not clearly see how a lodge can hold a *stated communication* in a month in which communications for that month are omitted, presumably by the by-laws.

Of his decisions we quote:

"QUESTION. Is it proper for a brother in making a motion for appointment of committees to incorporate the names of brothers to compose the committee, and is the Master justified in refusing to entertain such motion?"

"ANSWER. It is the prerogative of the Master of a masonic lodge to appoint all committees and to be *ex-officio* the chairman thereof. Therefore, it is not proper for a brother to name those who are to compose a committee in making such a motion, and the Master is justified in refusing to take cognizance thereof."

Among the many requests for "Release of Jurisdiction" we note:

"November 7, received request through the Grand Master of Maine that waiver of jurisdiction be granted by the Hartford Lodges over Mr. George E. Keighley, in favor of Warren Lodge, No. 2, of East Machias, Maine. The request was granted."

Most of the business was routine, but the following resolution, which was adopted, is worthy of dissemination among the Craft:

"Resolved, That M. W. Brother Frank W. Havens be by vote of this Grand Body elected and given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus, and that an annual salary of \$1,000.00 be paid him during the remainder of his life. Same to be paid quarterly."

Bro. Frank W. Havens submitted the fifth Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has nearly a page in his comprehensive and clear style.

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R. W. Bro. William Edward Hyde, Deputy Grand Master, died March 30, 1912.

We have also received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Turner, Grand Master in 1906, who died April 17, 1913.

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Announcement is received of the death of M. W. Bro. Frank W. Havens, Grand Master in 1898, Grand Secretary 1909-13, Emeritus Grand Secretary at time of his death, died October 21, 1913.

Also of the death of M. W. Bro. Leon M. Woodford, Grand Master in 1903, died December 30, 1913.

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## DELAWARE, 1913.

The Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of the subordinate lodges were present at the annual communication, but the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Edward G. Walls (portrait) has a brief introduction to his address; remembers the dead; reports visitations to all lodges except one; mentions the laying of a corner-stone of a Masonic Hall; issued *hurry up* dispensations; makes suggestions relative to "Uniform Work," and recommends:

"That all visitors to subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction be required to furnish evidence of good standing, by presenting either a card or certificate, and visitors not having complied with this regulation during the year shall not be admitted."

But the Grand Lodge very wisely rejected the recommendation.

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona he thus speaks of a key to the unwritten work:

"The writer cannot conceive of a greater violation of the landmarks of Freemasonry, and regards the publication, even in ciphers, of any part of the esoteric work as being a violation of obligations and inimical to the best interests of the craft. We trust the final action will be against the key."

Maine for 1913 has two pages of his valuable space.

The Grand Representative for Delaware near the Grand Lodge of Maine is somewhat of an invalid, and his presence at the Grand Lodge of Maine is somewhat uncertain.

Bro. Guthrie has no wish to read all the details of the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, does not believe in too much limitation of the rights of lodges, and of the Grand Representative system says:

"In this respect we will welcome the day when this appendage shall be made away with, as it serves no purpose so far as we can see. In New York, however, the system is held in such high esteem that both here and *there* a representative may serve but a single term of three years, when he must move out and make room for some other brother who is as equally anxious to 'get hold' as he is loath to 'let go.' The whole thing is a scheme of things without a view to practice."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The recognition of York, Mexico, continues suspended, betwixt and between, while documentary evidence as a pre-requisite to examination is still the cause of pow-wows and long talk, although legislation along that line has been made compulsory in nearly every jurisdiction, owing to the stand taken by one or two large jurisdictions forcing the issue by adopting the card system of identification. We hope the traveling and term password will not be soon sprung."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1913.**

The first stated communication was held in March for the exemplification of the degrees.

At the second stated communication in May Brother Robert Freke Gould of England and Brother J. W. Chetwode Crawley of Ireland were elected to honorary membership of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, "with the bestowal upon each of the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden."

The annual communication was held December 17, 1913.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Baldwin, pays tribute of respect to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; reported the constitution of a new lodge and the laying of a corner-stone; comments happily upon the condition of every form of masonic labor in the jurisdiction, and in his conclusion said:

"Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and prosperity is manifest in the sound financial condition of all of our lodges and in the substantial additions to their membership during the year."

The business of the communication was large but mainly local in character.

At the St. John's Day Communication, December 27, 1913, the business for the year was concluded and the officers elected for the following year.

Bro. George W. Baird presented his fourteenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 is reviewed. We quote:

"Bro. Chase quotes in full the resolution relating to lodges in buildings where there are liquor saloons. That resolution has been noticed in so many Grand Lodge Reports that we fear it may lead to the belief that we are absorbing the saloon-phobia. The fact is that D. C. respects the rights of its lodges in the matter of eligibility of liquor dealers, and the faith is well placed. It is quite impossible for a barkeeper to get into one of our lodges, but we do not discipline a member who goes into that business. The above referred to resolution came from the only D. C. lodge that meets over a saloon; a lodge which has passed its trials and needs; has accepted favors from the saloonist, but has never been offended by him. The saloon was there first; the lodge was satisfied to get the room; the lodge afterwards came into possession of the building, and like the Irish who discovered and became possessors of the city of New York, are now contemplating whether or not the Dutch and the English descendants in that metropolis are objectionable."

From his conclusion we quote:

"We beg leave to invite attention to evidence of the growing disposition of prominent masons towards universal Masonry. Though more than half the masons in the world dwell in the United States it is worthy of note that no American representative of Symbolic Masonry has been identified in any recent international masonic movement."

"Italians in more than one state have asked to erect regular lodges where the ritual may be rendered in the Italian language; but there is trouble in securing a satisfactory unwritten translation; there is trouble in understanding whether or not any innovations are made in the rendition, and trouble in making the essential inspections. Each and every masonic jurisdiction believes its ritual to be the true and correct one and that all others are errors.

"We used to brag about 'Americanizing' the foreigners, but where they outnumber us they have turned the tide the other way; they elect their men to municipal, state and federal offices even, and have learned how to pledge their delegations.

"There is another menace, the drug habit; since the prohibition wave has extended its potency in so many states and has affected Grand Lodges, the 'drug habit' has increased."

M. W. Bro. Henry Stephen Merrill, Grand Master in 1894, died February 17, 1913.

"Few men have left so many friends to mourn his loss."

R. W. Bro. Charles Webster Hancock, Grand Secretary in 1872, died August 7, 1913.

"His passing from us will long be mourned by members of this Grand Lodge."

### FLORIDA, 1914.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present at the annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Glover, in the introduction to his address discourses upon "the law of revolution" and "the law of progression."

Thirteen lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for six new lodges; four corner-stones were laid; many dispensations were issued to confer degrees short of time.

The communication relative to the request of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for a central masonic body was coldly received by him.

Many decisions were made and we quote one:

"The Regulation adopted in 1911 'That all interjurisdictional communications should pass through the offices of the Grand Master,' was not intended to apply to the regular and necessary correspondence of the Grand Secretaries."

And inquire "If not why not."

The following regulation was adopted:

"Demitts shall be granted, upon their applications, to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have no charges preferred against them."

Contemplating the establishment of a Masonic Home the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue a circular letter to each lodge to ascertain "the amount that such lodge will agree to contribute for the year 1914, and the amount such lodge will agree to contribute annually for the support and perpetuation of said Home."

The Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia, was recognized, as was also the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The business of the communication was mostly local.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presents another (the twelfth) of his delightful Reports of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has a place in his work. We quote:

"Thus in different States the church rule is differently applied. All of the really old Grand Jurisdictions not only permit public attendance at church, but encourage it, and in many it is urged as a duty. In all countries holding under English constitutions the practice of attendance at church service has been encouraged for more than a century; in fact, the custom is older than the oldest Grand Lodge."

Under Missouri we agree with his views, for he says:

"Among the decisions, we note that a man who has not 'acquired citizenship' is ineligible for the degrees. This is the first time we have known of that question being decided that way. We do not think it necessary for an alien otherwise qualified to acquire citizenship."

From his conclusion we quote:

"There is nothing which better illustrates the change in the customs of the masonic lodges than the decline in the observance of the festivals of the St. Johns. The lodges are dedicated to these Saints and in former times the festivals were celebrated with scrupulous ceremony and great regularity. In many jurisdictions the Grand Lodges still celebrate these anniversaries. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts pride themselves that for more than a hundred years they have not failed to celebrate the 27th of December.

"One of the earliest records of the observance of St. John's Day in the United States is in the New York Mercury of July 2, 1753. The Grand Lodge and city lodges assembled at Spring Garden, and being clothed made regular procession to the King's Arms Tavern, where an elegant entertainment was provided.

"The same paper on the 31st of December of the same year, gave a particular account of the celebration of St. John, the Evangelist's day of that year. They reported the arrival of a commission from the Grand Master of England, appointing George Harrison, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master, which was published that day. The procession was formed and all attended service at Trinity Church.

"The ancient forms of St. John's Day observance was never fully revived after the Morgan persecution and the old time frequent display in the streets has virtually disappeared.

"In New York the St. John's Day in summer is chosen for the annual picnic to the Home. In North Carolina that day is made the regular annual picnic on the grounds of the Home at Oxford and last summer at least ten thousand visitors were present. In Kentucky the same manner of celebration is held and prizes are offered to the lodge making the best showing in proportion to the membership.



"The country lodges in Florida have frequently celebrated the summer anniversary, but it is not as generally observed as it should be. American Masons do not pay as much attention to the social side of Masonry as is customary in England and among Continental Masons. The writer thinks that it would be better if we assembled with our families more frequently and learned to know each other better."

### GEORGIA, 1913.

There were present at the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication all the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, some fourteen or more pages of Delegates, thirteen pages of Past Masters, and the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert L. Colding, in the introduction to his address gives a few word pictures, then reports the laying of two corner-stones, devotes some pages to an account of his many visitations, touches upon several minor matters, glorifies the Masonic Home, and praises the Order of the Eastern Star.

Thirty-four decisions were made and "a large number of decisions upon the question of physical qualifications of candidates. Under our law, 'a man must be upright in body, not deformed dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs, organs and members as a man ought to be.' Such being true, the Grand Master has little and in fact, no discretionary powers in such matters."

Among the decisions with which we most respectfully disagree :

"The following resolution passed by a subordinate lodge is void and cannot be enforced:

"*Resolved*, That in order to create a "surplus fund" for the use of keeping our lodge room in good repair, and to refurnish our lodge room as early as possible with new furniture and floor covering thereby making it pleasant and attractive, and in keeping with the dignity and high position held by our lodge with the Grand Lodge, and our neighboring sister lodges, we do hereby set aside out of all cash receipts for dues and fees a certain per cent. thereof as follows: 75 per cent. of all fees and 33 1-3 per cent. of all dues paid. This fund to be turned over to the Treasurer as a special fund, said fund not to be used for any other purpose than that for which it was created. This resolution to cover a date from January 1, 1911, and to be in full force for the full years of 1911 and 1912, and may be renewed at that time by vote of the lodge.

"At the regular communication of the lodge on April 17, 1911, the above said resolution was amended, reducing the per cent. of fees from 75 per cent. to 50 per cent., the per cent. of dues remaining the same."

"Masonry has more important duties and more exalted trusts than those named in the resolution. In carrying out this provision, the lodge might not be able to dispense the necessary charity demanded of its members under the purview of their obligation, and may fail in the necessary accomplishment of one of its most important missions on earth."

And we think the reason given for the decision does not follow.

He concludes with disquisitions upon the cardinal virtues of Masonry.

Although the Grand Master was somewhat enthusiastic over the Mexican proposition as presented in a letter from the Secretary of the York Grand Lodge, the Committee on General Welfare reported as follows:

"We have carefully considered the correspondence between the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. The idea of dual Grand Lodges is so repugnant to American masonic thought that we most heartily endorse the position taken by the Grand Master. Your committee, however, is not satisfied with the condition of masonic affairs in Mexico, and before entering too closely into relations with any Grand Body therein, we believe the situation should be carefully investigated. We therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master take this matter up at once, ascertain what was done at the communication of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico at its meeting in March, 1913, and satisfy himself regarding the legitimacy of said York Grand Lodge, and until this is done we recommend a suspension of our present fraternal relations."

The Grand Lodge decided that hereafter the corner-stones should not be laid, by the Fraternity, in buildings designed for commercial purposes; that lodges should not be named for living persons, and that a manual "of the opening and closing of lodges and the conferring of the three symbolic degrees" should be prepared by a committee of seven.

Bro. Charles L. Bass submitted his second report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Mississippi we read:

"The Grand Lecturer says:

"It is not my province to make recommendations to the Grand Lodge, but I suggest that a law should be passed requiring every candidate after he is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason to pass a satisfactory examination before a District Deputy Grand Master before he be permitted to hold a station in a lodge."

"We believe one of the privileges of a Master Mason is to be exempt from this, and doubt whether there should be a law of this character. The reason why they do not become proficient on this degree, as the others, we believe lies in the fact that they don't receive the instruction. Make the degree impressive and then afford him opportunity and we believe the young Master Mason would eagerly learn, but don't make it a matter of compulsion."

Maine proceedings were among those too late for review.

### **IDAHO, 1913.**

Some of the Grand Officer, four Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of thirty-nine chartered lodges were present at the forty-sixth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ezra A. Burrell, comments at first on the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction and

then laments the death of two of the Past Grand Officers, pioneers of the State, Bro. Frederick Campbell and Bro. George Ainslee, and the dead of sister jurisdictions.

Three corner-stones were laid; three dispensations for new lodges were granted; two lodges were instituted; by-laws were approved, and permission given for the doing of things necessary for the welfare of the lodges.

We quote one decision which is somewhat outside of the general run of decisions. "The law that the Idaho work must be employed at all times in an Idaho lodge" seems to be the saving claim, but the Grand Master does not answer the question of the "legal raising":

"I received a letter asking if Kootenai Lodge, No. 24, should invite the Spokane Lodge F. and A. M. to visit them and the Spokane Lodge should exemplify the work and raise the candidate, a member of Kootenai Lodge, No. 24, to the Master Mason degree, would the candidate be legally raised.

"To which I made answer as follows: 'I have very carefully looked into the records, decisions, etc., and do not find anything directly in point, except that it is the law that the Idaho work must be employed at all times in an Idaho lodge, and I would not feel as if I have the authority to authorize you to invite the Spokane lodge over to put on the Washington work. We are obligated not to bring any innovation into this jurisdiction, and I do not feel that I can afford to take the responsibility of violating this obligation, therefore, inasmuch as I do not think it is the proper thing to do, I am obliged to disapprove it.'"

The Grand Master is not satisfied with the law requiring the possession of "a certificate of proficiency at the time of a brother's election" as Worshipful Master, and suggests that if the certificate is procured by the time of installation it would be better.

In view of the fact that lodges cannot seem to decide upon the qualifications of candidates in regard to their physical condition, he suggests that power be given the Grand Master "to issue special dispensations in such cases as he thinks to be for the best interests of the" fraternity.

Well, if a lodge does not know its own material and is perfectly willing that the Grand Master should pick out the material for them, I suppose we ought not to object.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we quote several paragraphs:

"We have an office with a nominal salary attached. To the officer elected is confided the care and teaching of the esoteric work of the Grand Lodge which he is supposed to present and preserve in its purity. He is expected to visit the various lodges and pass the hat, that he may be furnished with his daily bread while traveling, and also to acquire the necessary coin to get back to his home again.

"The Grand Lecturer should be *sent* out, and as the emissary of the Grand Lodge there should be no question as to his support while traveling. During his visits there should never be even the suggestion of expenses, but clothed with the authority of the Grand Lodge he should appear as a dispenser of masonic light and masonic enthusiasm.

"My plea has been for a widening of the influence of the Grand Lecturer, for an annual visit to every lodge in the state, at the expense of the Grand Lodge—that the Grand Lodge is in position to do this—not only that, but that it is clearly its duty to do so. With the addition of a few hundred dollars an ineffective office can be made effective and return to the Grand Lodge an hundred fold."

The following recommendation of the Committee on Finance was adopted:

"We recommend that the salary of the Grand Lecturer be \$75.00 per month and the actual expenses incurred while visiting lodges and that he be paid his salary and expenses monthly upon presentation of vouchers to the Grand Secretary, the same to be paid out of the General Fund."

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, showing the disposal of the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master commented upon by us, we quote:

"We cannot concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master as to the change in the existing law covering the issuance and holding of Certificates of Proficiency in the esoteric work. We fail to see why this prerequisite to the Mastership should be more difficult or burdensome than that of filling the position of Warden. If a brother has honored the position of Warden by having occupied it, his enthusiasm, if not his duty, will have carried him to the point of proficiency in the work of the Master; so he is thus prepared for his certificate with no other consciousness than that of having done his duty.

"Neither can we concur in the recommendation as to the lessening of the physical qualifications of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry. We are of the opinion that our decisions to which reference has been made, leaves the subject sufficiently open to admit any one whom Masonry should honor with a membership. A high standard of physical qualification should be required of the applicant, and this has been too long maintained, and is too necessary to our well being, to break it down for a few individual cases."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his twelfth Annual Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has a fine review.

Under North Carolina we read:

"We have heard much complaint from Worshipful Masters in reference to memorizing the lectures belonging to his chair. These complaints are well-founded. The lectures in many places are abstract and meaningless to the average Master. He memorizes, but memorizes by main strength, and delivers with a self-consciousness painful to the sensitive listener. A rhetorician having a clear grasp of the English language could rewrite the monitor and ritual retaining the same truths and sentiments in such a way that it could be memorized with half the effort now employed and delivered with much greater ease."

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The death of R. W. Bro. Frederick Campbell, Senior Grand Warden in 1880 and 1882, which occurred January 13, 1913, is reported; also the death of M. W. Bro. George Ainslee, Grand Master in 1890, which occurred May 9, 1913.

## ILLINOIS, 1913.

The Grand Officers, one Past Grand Master, and the Representatives of 788 lodges were present at the seventy-fourth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Delma D. Darrah, in the introduction to his address says:

"The year has been one of great material prosperity for the fraternity and a substantial increase in membership is the result. Not only have there been material and financial gains but there has also been great advancement in masonic administration and in the application of the principles of the fraternity to the problems of every day life. I think that I can truly say that never did the institution so completely represent the higher things of life than it does to-day."

Dispensations were issued for eleven new lodges; eleven Masonic Halls were dedicated; seven corner-stones were laid; five state schools of instruction and ten district schools were held; of the Conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis he says:

"Beyond the mere exchange of ideas, nothing was accomplished by the conference. Each state seems to be so irretrievably entrenched behind its own customs and procedures that it refuses to consider anything else. I doubt whether any Grand Masters' conference will ever accomplish anything in the way of uniform laws because of the spirit of local autonomy, which is so prevalent in each Grand Jurisdiction."

Under the title of "Our Homes" he says:

"It should be remembered that the Grand Lodge has just commenced its charitable work through the medium of Masonic Homes. As the craft increases in number there will be a greater demand for admission. As a result more buildings will be required and larger maintenance funds. All this will be promptly taken care of by this Grand Lodge which has never been found wanting in any great work which benefits mankind.

"I find that there is a disposition among some lodges to re-instate old and suspended members simply to get them into the Home. This procedure is very often aided and abetted by relatives who are very glad of an opportunity to shift the burden to the Grand Lodge. Applications for admission are frequently made by brethren who have been re-instated but a short time. The question is one which the Grand Lodge should deal with to prevent imposition and I would recommend that the Grand Lodge take the question under advisement and fix a limit of time which a suspended member must have been re-instated in order to secure admission to the Home."

He clearly discusses the needs and the faults of Masonry in Illinois.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the presentation of gifts of any kind to officers or members of the Grand Lodge in open session be and the same is hereby forbidden except such as come officially from the Grand Lodge or by its unanimous consent."

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The following report was adopted:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence recommend that the limit of expense by any lodge in Illinois on behalf of a lodge of some other jurisdiction, in connection with the sickness, or death of a member of such foreign lodge, shall be limited to the sum of \$100, unless specific instructions have been given for a larger sum."

Bro. Owen Scott submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From the introduction to his able report we quote:

"True Masonry and its *quasi* imitators—sometimes called universal Masonry—may be classified in three groups. These are—

"1. Anglo-Saxon. Here may be found the only pure and genuine branch, standing squarely on all the essentials commonly called landmarks. This group embraces England, 2,768 lodges; Ireland, 460; Scotland, 712; Australia, with 7 grand and 732 constituent lodges; the United States, with 59 grand and 15,000 constituents, and Canada with 6 governing bodies and 753 lodges. This gives a total of over 20,000 lodges and a membership of a little over 2,000,000. All these are the direct descendants of the Grand Lodge of England formed in 1717 and built firmly on belief in God and the Bible as the great light.

"2. The Germanic includes Germany with 8 Grand Bodies and 490 local lodges and 5 independents at Leipzig; Denmark, 12 lodges; Sweden, 37; Norway, 15; Hungary, 68, and Luxemburg, numbers not given. The totals for this group are about 630 lodges and membership approximating 82,000. Illinois is not in fraternal relation with the Germanics because of their want of adherence to one or more of the fundamentals of Craft Masonry.

"3. The Latin group embraces France, 535 lodges; Italy, 300; Spain, 80; Portugal, 100; Greece, 15; Switzerland, 34, and all the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of Central and South America. There is a total here of about 1,500 lodges and 60,000 members.

"In the foregoing lists Holland does not appear because it has been recognized by our Grand Lodge. It would, by language at least, be included in the Germanic group. Holland has 95 lodges. Owing to fundamental defects in essentials the German and Latin groups are not regular and are not recognized by most of the Anglo-Saxon authorities. France and her satellites are most under condemnation because of her atheistic tendencies and the invasion of occupied masonic territory. It will be seen that the Germanic and Latin groups claim but 142,000 while the Anglo-Saxon bodies have more than 2,000,000 adherents. It is easy, therefore, to see that the substantial foundation upon which English speaking masons stand appeals most strongly to men in all lands."

Maine for 1913 is carefully reviewed.

He thinks that the Craft in Maine made a mistake when it turned down the proposition for a Masonic Home.

He is in favor of documentary evidence, saying:

"Our good brother overlooks the requirement that this evidence of good standing and membership in regular lodge is only in addition to strict trial and due examination required. The brother who travels and

desires to avail himself of the privilege of visiting lodges is not entitled to much sympathy if 'he does not carry his receipts in his pockets.' In this age of counterfeits, lodges cannot be too careful to protect themselves against imposters and dead beats. It is very little hardship to require a visitor to show his receipt for dues that it may be known that he is not under suspension or expulsion and that the lodge from which he comes is not spurious."

But the right of a lodge to decide whether or not "this evidence of good standing and membership in regular lodge" is necessary has been taken away. Maine for fifty years or more has had a pocket certificate of membership.

### INDIANA, 1913.

An hour previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge is given to music and an address. This year the address was delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, of Illinois, upon the subject of "Masonic Economy," which is well called a "masterpiece." We have space for a few of the gems of thought:

"The thinking mason of the present time—that is to say, the mason who sees in the institution something more than mere signs, tokens, words and symbols—regards Freemasonry as the outgrowth of evolution, as the result of that change under natural and fixed laws which insures continual progress from the lower to the higher. He applies Masonry to the growth, development and expansion of the moral and social life of man in all realms of human activity.

"Within recent years the world has come to recognize the value of the eight-hour system as applied to economic life, and to-day in shop, in factory and in all departments of life, we find that the eight-hour rule obtains. And yet, you know and I know that for a couple of hundred years Freemasonry has been teaching the eight-hour system as deduced from the lesson of the twenty-four-inch gauge, 'Eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocations and eight for refreshment and sleep.'

"Brethren, you may search the great book of Masonry from cover to cover and not once will you find any reference to the masses or the classes, the common herd, or the rank and file, because Freemasonry is predicated upon the oneness of humanity as expressed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

At the conclusion of the exercises, "on behalf of the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions who had attended the Conference of Grand Masters on March 17th and 18th in the city of Indianapolis, there was presented to M. W. Elmer F. Gay a loving cup of most beautiful design, engraved with the signatures of those present at the conference."

We are pleased to know this, on account of our personal acquaintance with M. W. Bro. Gay, which began with his attendance for the first time at the Portland, Maine, High School.

All the Grand Officers, except one, sixteen Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative for Maine, and the Representatives of 538 out of



the 545 chartered lodges were present at the ninety-second annual communication.

After a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Elmer F. Gay, mentions the losses by death in that Grand Jurisdiction and in sister jurisdictions, and then says:

"I have received many requests for degrees to be conferred by our lodges upon candidates belonging to a different jurisdiction, which have in all cases been cheerfully complied with. I have also made numerous requests on behalf of our own lodges, which, where masonic laws would permit, have been as cheerfully granted."

Seven lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for nine new lodges; seventeen corner-stones were laid; five halls were dedicated; the by-laws of many lodges were approved; and all complaints were satisfactorily settled.

Of his decisions we quote:

"A brother subscribed \$25 direct to the lodge to be used toward establishing a building fund. When the subscription became due he refused to pay and requested a dimit. Held, that in view of the fact that the subscription was made direct to the lodge and that it was past due, the lodge could, if it so desired, refuse to grant the dimit until payment had been made."

Under the topic of "Relief to Flood Sufferers," which was required by a disastrous flood in March, he says:

"We had in the Emergency Fund of the Grand Lodge about \$3,000, which was drawn on as needed, but more fortunate than this was the fact that at every place where loss was sustained, there were masons ready and anxious to take up the good work, and relief was dispensed at the expense of the local masons, with such assistance as we were enabled to give, and the reports which we received from the different sections of the State were to the effect that every one was properly cared for."

He recommended:

"That the Grand Lodge of Indiana affiliate with the George Washington National Memorial Association.

"That subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction be empowered to grant dimitts to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts.

"That the Sunday preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist be designated as Masonic Memorial Day, and that lodges be authorized to assemble and open in the Master Mason degree for the purpose of holding suitable services commemorative of the day which may be held in the lodge room, church or cemetery."

The Grand Treasurer reported that "the Grand Lodge has now paid off all of its part of the indebtedness incurred in the construction of the Temple and its equipment."

The total amount of donations to the Masonic Home from lodges, other masonic bodies and miscellaneous donations reached the sum of \$79,750.19. The trustees recommended Jeffersonville for the location.



They reported at least six hundred applicants. We give their admirable report on "Cost of Maintenance":

"We have examined most carefully the reports of other Homes and have drawn the following conclusions as to the probable cost of the maintenance of the Indiana Home, it being expected that the Home will be erected on the cottage plan so that as soon as one cottage is ready it will be ready for occupancy. On its opening we will doubtless be ready to accommodate sixty persons, and within one year this will be increased to 150, and within five years after its opening it will doubtless reach 500 or 600, depending, of course, on the scope of the institution. At first we would expect that the rules would be rigid in reference to the admission so as to accommodate those most needy and nearest to our membership. Homes having 200 or 300 occupants figure the cost per capita at \$176.10. If we do as well with sixty occupants, the cost would be \$10,556, and the present per capita assessment of 25 cents per member would easily carry this expense. When this increases to 150 the cost would be \$26,415, and for maintenance only, based on a membership of 65,000, would require a per capita assessment of 41 cents. We have examined the reports of Homes of eleven other jurisdictions and we find that where there is no endowment, or even in cases where endowments are being accumulated, that the average assessment is 72 1-2 cents per capita, and in twelve jurisdictions where there is a permanent endowment fund the estimate for necessary contingent expenses has averaged 34 1-3 cents per capita. All of these per capita assessments do not include the original plant or the building of any additions, but were for maintenance purposes only."

The recommendation of the Grand Master, relative to limits to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts was adopted; but the one with reference to a Memorial Sunday was refused.

Bro. Daniel McDonald, now in his eighty-first year, who by reason of a physical ailment, was unable to be present at the annual communication, presented the "Indiana Annual Masonic Review."

Under Illinois, on the subject of "corner-stones," he says:

"We have always believed that the 'Corner-stone Ceremony' was devised purely for masonic purposes, and to be used only at the laying of corner-stones of Masonic Temples and other buildings to be used for masonic purposes; but in the evolution of time, being founded on what was supposed to be a 'Builders Association' and having a ritual ceremony appropriate to the laying of corner-stones, the Masonic Order has been considered a desirable organization to perform that ceremony, and for that and other reasons which will suggest themselves to those who have investigated the subject, of late years it has been accorded that distinction."

Under Kansas, on the subject of "special dispensations," he says:

"We have always held to the view that it was the duty of a Grand Master to see that the rules and regulations were faithfully executed, not to exercise the doubtful 'prerogative' of issuing special dispensations to set them aside. The necessity for a special dispensation to confer the masonic degrees in less than the time fixed in the regulations seldom, if ever, exists."

Maine for 1912 has more than two pages of his valued space.

**IOWA, 1913.**

The proceedings are graced by a fine portrait of the M. W. Grand Master.

The customary parade and public exercises prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge obtained.

The Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and Representatives from 476 of the 519 lodges were present at the seventieth annual communication.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Hutchinson, we quote:

"In the practice of our profession we should not forget that we are a group of pilgrim friends and brothers on our journey to that great city of love, and that the purpose of Masonry is to provide us with lights with which to see the way. As we proceed it is well for us to be wise and provide oil for our lamps in case darkness overtakes us; it is well also that we steadfastly and diligently follow the well-traveled path; it is also proper and fitting that we travel together in comradeship, that we may give counsel and assistance, and cheer one another on as we go with that heaven-born anthem: 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

The deaths of four Past Grand Masters are appropriately mentioned.

Dispensations for two new lodges were issued; two Masonic Temples were dedicated; seven visitations were made, and at each was an address on masonic subjects delivered.

He decided that a Master Mason of Iowa, moving into a state where the liquor traffic was not a masonic offence, and there engaging in the liquor traffic, should be disciplined by his Iowa lodge; that a Treasurer elect, who had been previously installed, but was not present to be re-installed, could not be deprived of his office; that a lodge could not buy books to present to a public library.

We quote one paragraph for the thought of our readers:

"A long-continued service on the bench has taught me to give but little heed to trifles. During the past year I have been called upon many times to deal with this troublesome little microbe. A business proposition can be reasoned out and easily settled, but trifles—forgive me! Reason can never be applied. Some brother is a little touched perhaps, and this troublesome little matter causes more contention and trouble in our lodges than one Grand Master is able to handle. There is no telling what the result will be if we give ear to every trifle. They will grow and magnify until they appear as mountains. Trifles are responsible for much harm in our lodges. Permit me to venture a word of advice, and I ask each representative to make it a part of his report, it is this: When a brother complains of a trifling matter, coax him into the ante-room and whisper in his ear, 'Drop it! Drop it now!'"

Ciphers trouble the jurisdiction and the Grand Master hopes that the Craft will discontinue their use or else laws more stringent to prevent the use must be made.

Under the title "Acknowledgments" we read with hearty agreement:

"There is another class of masons whose names are too numerous to mention but to whom I owe a debt of thanks. I refer to that great army of masons who never ask for nor hold any office; whose names never appear in the Grand Lodge reports, who make no speeches, who ask no preferment, and who complain not—masons who always vote right and live right, who hold no grouch, and make no improper use of the black ball. They make up the audiences, pay the dues, attend lodge, are obedient to the will of the Master, and exemplify in their daily lives the teachings of Freemasonry. They come from the lodges of the cities, towns and villages, from the little lodges located beside the meadows and the corn fields—and they come in mighty numbers. I met them in every lodge I visited during the past year, and would that I could remember the names of them all, but memory fails me, and I must refer to them in this address as our masonic minute-men. They have a most important part to perform in the administration of Masonry. Were it not for this great class of obedient masons standing behind us, with their dues and their votes, and their regular attendance at our masonic meetings, and their daily example, Freemasonry must surely fall. I thank them all for the kindly interest manifested and for the great and good work they are doing."

From the report of the Committee on Library we excerpt:

"Your committee recommends to each lodge and individual member the study of Masonry beyond the mere ritualistic work—the delving into the dark places for light, well knowing that such a study and investigation by them will excite interest and curiosity which can only be satisfied by the use of the Library and its resources, and that thereby interest in the order will be excited and the institution at large will be benefited."

Bro. Charles C. Clark presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. He thus introduces himself:

"We have not been consulted by Grand Master Hutchinson about our appointment as Committee on Correspondence, but the announcement comes, as the boys say, 'right off the bat.' However, being committed to the doctrine that the will of the Grand Master must be unhesitatingly obeyed, we, of course, meekly submit to the mandate, resurrect our test tubes and dissecting kit, wipe the rust from the forceps, put an edge on the scalpels, reset the saws, and so, ready and looking for business, start out on another of those delightful trips through the Elysian fields."

Under British Columbia we read:

"We do not like the following: 'During the past year the Most High, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take to Himself two of our Grand Lodge Officers. As we have elsewhere said, it always riles us to thus throw on the Lord what in ninety-nine cases out of the hundred is the fault of the individual. We do not believe that the Most High thus deliberately overrides the human will. Perhaps if properly amplified the declaration might be acceptable. It is our creed that the Lord has established certain laws, infinitely fair, perfectly just, and absolutely inexorable. He leaves man entirely free to obey or break these laws according to the dictates of his own sweet will or the vagaries of his wobbly disposition. The law is broken, the individual comes smack up against a stone wall and he, too, is broken. God's laws are universal, established infinite ages before he said: 'Let us make man in our own image.' He 'sees fit' only that the penalty follow the infraction certainly, surely and inevitably. Wherefore the sentiment to suit our views should read: 'The

Most High in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to establish certain laws. During the past year two of our Grand Lodge officers have met those laws and the result deprives us of their tender love, their wise counsel, and their hearty sympathy. Let us hope that infinite mercy may temper infinite justice and that our brothers may dwell in the realms of life eternal."

Under Georgia :

"The committee reported against a Committee on Work and a Grand Lecturer. Some such scheme is indispensable if the best results esoterically are to be attained. Without such aids, the average brother is too apt to seek knowledge in the pernicious cipher, and in some respects is not to be blamed. A Grand Lodge owes to its membership the means of acquiring an accurate knowledge of the secret work. In Iowa such work is in charge of a Board of three Custodians, who examine ambitious brethren and commission such as are found thoroughly qualified. These brethren are styled 'District Lecturers.' Such a system in use for about twelve years has produced about eighty brethren who are sources of information and inspiration. Since the system was adopted we have never been troubled with the suggestion of a cipher, while before that it constantly cropped out."

Maine for 1912 is well received.

Under Maryland we get another junk of wisdom :

"As we have elsewhere remarked, the phrase 'Masonry is a progressive science' occurs in the Iowa work, but this we have always believed to mean, not that it joined the mad rush of the present day in search for the new, the strange, or the fanciful, but simply that its lessons, principles, types, and ceremonies were so arranged as to logically and philosophically pass onward and upward; the path of the conscientious mason never goes backward but mounts higher and higher in acts, words, aspirations, and ideals, and in that view certainly is a 'progressive science.'"

We regret to read :

"And now our work is done, not for this year merely, for press of private business necessitates our retirement from the round table. Our regret is genuine, sincere, and beyond the power of mere words to express. The communion with the master minds of the fraternity to which we have gladly given our very best service has been stimulating, uplifting and helpful to the highest degree. An intimate knowledge of the real aims and ends of Masonry is in itself a liberal education, and while we have not stinted in either time or effort, we have never failed to receive larger returns than the investment warranted, and at this moment confess, and cheerfully, too, ourself hopelessly in debt."

### KANSAS, 1914.

Three hundred thirty-nine lodges were represented at the fifty-eighth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

APP. 3 G. L.

The M. W. Grand Master, Elrick C. Cole, in his address speaks of the prosperity of the fraternity in Kansas, mourns the dead, and under "Revision of Laws" says:

"In view of the numerous questions which are asked during the year, I desire to emphasize the duty which rests upon every lodge to examine and study the laws and decisions so plainly set forth for the use of the Craft. Each lodge should set apart certain evenings when its members who have been puzzled by questions of interest to the Craft, should be present, and by a study of the law become more proficient in the discharge of their duties, with the further result that an interest in the work is awakened each time such meeting is held."

Two lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for four new lodges; the District Deputy Grand Master system praised; and of the "District Meeting" he says:

"The district meeting is becoming more and more a strong bond and help in the advancement of Freemasonry. It not only awakens the social element, but it causes the brethren to take hold with new zeal upon the work and the work lectures of each and every degree. As far as possible your Grand Master has attended these district meetings during the past year, and without exception they have been among the pleasant duties which have devolved upon him."

The following decision was approved:

"A by-law which provides for the payment of a specified sum from the funds of a lodge to the family or legal representatives of a deceased brother, and further provides for an assessment upon the membership in case there is no fund available for such payment, is void."

The Kansas Masonic Home receives praise and of it he says:

"At the close of the official year, which was January 1, 1914, the total membership of the Home was ninety-two, consisting of fifty-two children and forty adults.

"The expense of maintaining this Home for the year 1913, was \$17,584.32, being \$195.38 per capita.

"There is a growing tendency amongst many of the Craft to assume that because we have this magnificent institution that any and all who may be afflicted, whatever may be their condition, should be entitled to the benefits of the Kansas Masonic Home. This Home is not now and was never intended to be in any sense a hospital, and while in connection with the Home this Grand Lodge has bestowed its charity with no stinted hand to those who were unfortunate, the old and disabled, who because of their condition could not properly become members of the Home, and will continue to do so, yet, in my judgment, the enlargement of these rules so as to permit what might be termed hospital cases to be provided for in the Home would establish an unfortunate precedent and entail an expense far beyond our means. It would necessitate an increase of the dues of each individual member to such an extent as would be burdensome, if not prohibitive, in many localities."

The work of the first and second degrees was exemplified at an evening session of the first day.

The Grand Lodge decided to "have no part, lot or connection with

either the subject matter or the proposed action contemplated by Oregon resolution."

Bro. Matthew M. Miller presented his twelfth Report on Correspondence. We hope by this time he has fully recovered the use of both legs. His mind, however, is still unimpaired, for we have another of his excellent Reports.

Under Kentucky we read:

"We are in accord heartily with Bro. Clarke's statement that Freemasonry is a tenancy in common, an interest which cannot be divested or transferred without the consent of every tenant in common. There can be no severance of interests, and we also heartily agree that any innovation which takes away any portion of the undivided, indivisible interest held by all masons, whether it be an act of legislation by Grand Lodge or any other form of deprivation, is 'a usurpation pure and simple.'"

Maine for 1913 has a fraternal review. We give space for his comments:

"The Grand Master makes a strong plea for peace between the nations. He says: 'It is believed that all differences among nations, as well as disputes between individuals, may find a just and peaceful settlement in courts established for the purpose.'"

"What is good between the nations, surely ought to work in a single nation. Why did not some one think out that solution and suggest it to our Mexican neighbors? In fact, not to cross the border, just think of the comfort it would have saved a lot of old fellows in our country if by his remedy they could have avoided for the past fifty years the necessity of carrying around in their systems the chunks of lead and iron distributed so indiscriminately between the American cherubs, designated as wearers of the Gray and Blue. The best safeguard for the peace of a boy is to give him thorough instruction in the use of boxing gloves. Such a boy seldom if ever becomes a bully or a brawler. He is generally a peace-maker, because his ability to enforce peace is recognized.

"The self-respecting nation that is thoroughly prepared to repel aggression is generally for peace, and commands it. The writers put up their gibes and quips about the War Lord of Germany, but they are now learning that the reason Germany has had peace for so long is because the 'War Lord' has been able to command it. The United States has had a surfeit of war and allowed her navy to sink into insignificance to such an extent that even Spain presumed upon it. If she ever is embroiled in war again, it will be because by like negligence she earns the contempt of some nation that does not subscribe to the principle of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.' There will be peace on earth among men of good will when the men of the nations of the earth all attain a correspondingly height in the scale of civilization, moral elevation and education. Until then the possibility of war must be measured by the strength and ability of the nation of the lowest order of moral elevation. If this is incomprehensible to any, we mean Japan."

To his personal allusion to us we answer: "The days of our years are three score years and ten," provided we live about six months longer, and we were made a mason in 1868.

Under Massachusetts we read:

"It is a great misfortune that no method has yet been evolved by which the patriotic acts of the Masons of Colonial, Continental and United States history can be gathered together and published to show the great contribution they made toward the upbuilding of our national life. We mourn over the decadence of the patriotic spirit in our American youth, and yet we take no steps to instill in them a like patriotic fervor by putting in their hands a record of those whose deeds should be to them as household words."

### KENTUCKY, 1913.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Joe H. Ewalt, after a pleasing introduction to his address, passes to a consideration of the dead.

Dispensations were issued for six new lodges and for other purposes, and many dispensations and requests were refused. So likewise he declined to give his approval to begging circulars issued by lodges asking, and says:

"It is certainly not considered proper for individuals to circularize their friends for the purpose of making appeals to them to obtain funds to *build or purchase homes for themselves*, and I do not see any greater reason for allowing a lodge to circularize such appeals among other lodges than it is for individuals to circularize personal appeals."

The charter of a lodge was arrested and the lodge cited to appear to answer to the charge of irregularity in the conferring of degrees upon rejected candidates.

Of his visitations he says:

"I have made a total of one hundred and sixteen visits, covering eleven thousand, three hundred and seventeen miles.

"It was my intention to visit at least one hundred lodges, but owing to voluminous correspondence incident to the office of Grand Master and the required attention to my private business affairs (that those dependent upon me might have the necessities of life) my desire was not reached."

"I found the ritualistic work far from being uniform. Each lodge has its own customs, which it has heired, and still adheres to.

"The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has adopted a uniform work, and if it is the intention of this Grand Body for the lodges to confer the degrees according to that work, a Grand Lecturer should be employed to give the lodges proper instruction, not only in the degree work, but in the conduct of the business of the lodge."

Forty-three opinions are reported. All of them appear to be in accord with the Kentucky law and general masonic usage, yet the following appears on its face to be open to criticism:

"When the minutes of a lodge are approved, no matter therein can legally be erased."

The management and control of the Masonic Home is a cause of friction.



Under a resolution adopted, provision was made for a committee "to gather the facts of interest relating to each of the active and defunct lodges of Kentucky and present same in typewritten manuscript to this Grand Lodge at its next meeting."

Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Commenting upon the lack of attendance at the last session, under Alabama he says:

"We suggest as a remedy the adoption of the Kentucky regulation, which provides that the last business transacted by Grand Lodge shall be calling the roll, and that any member failing to answer, unless excused, shall forfeit his mileage and per diem. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has a big session its last session. It is never known when a motion to call the roll will be made and carried; but when made and carried, it concludes the communication."

Maine for 1913 is not reviewed.

### LOUISIANA, 1913.

At the one hundred and first annual communication of the Grand Lodge there were present the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters and the Representatives from one hundred eighty-three lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. H. Addington, in his address states:

"Bunkie Lodge, No. 326, presented the case of a brother who publicly renounced Masonry. The Worshipful Master appointed a committee and the brother confirmed to them that he had made the renunciation.

"I instructed that all the facts be brought forward at a regular meeting and duly entered in the minutes of the lodge. That having been done, that the lodge adopt a statement and resolution that the fact of public renunciation severed the brother's connection with the lodge and with Masonry; that his name be stricken from the roll and the fact duly reported to the Grand Secretary. This I consider equivalent to an indefinite suspension, but as it varies slightly from the suspension by the Grand Master provided for in the Constitution, I ask your approval."

Dispensations were required to elect officers; to change meeting place; publicly to install officers, although he believes that lodges have a right so to do without a dispensation.

Dispensations were granted for five new lodges.

We quote:

"During the year the suit of M. W. Bayliss against the Grand Lodge has been decided finally in our favor by decision of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

"This decision is of almost revolutionary interest to the whole body of Freemasonry. It confirms the proper contention for the supremacy of the lodges and their right to dominate all masonic affairs through their



properly organized and constituted representative and legislative bodies, the Grand Lodges. As I understand its bearing upon our affairs, it relieves Grand Lodges entirely from any call to untangle any skein of contention regarding the origin or history of any body claiming to be masonic; leaves it free to concede regularity by prescription, or if it sees fit to do so, by fiat. In short, it puts the ownership of the term 'Masonry' and the adjective 'Masonic' clearly in possession of regular lodges and the Grand Lodges that represent them."

Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge of Nicaragua.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia we read:

"We are sorry to have the brother tell us that he has never been greeted as a Select Master. We regret this, for to our conception no modern mason has completed his curriculum in the matter of the 'Masonic Legend' until he is so greeted.

"The brother quotes the old statement that Masonry consisted of three degrees, and no more. That was true at the time that it was put forth by the Grand Lodge of England at the time of the 'union.' But it does not follow that it is true to-day. In that same declaration is set forth a declaration concerning the 'supreme order of the Holy Royal Arch,' and since that time the Royal Arch has been separated from the Master's degree and made a degree to itself. So we believe that the Mark and Select degrees at the time of the union in England were incorporated in the Fellow Craft degree, and have since been separated from it. At the time of the union a candidate received in the lodge all of the instruction contained in ancient craft Masonry, but he cannot do so now. But this evolution does not and has not destroyed the masonic character of the Royal Arch, or the Mark, or the Select degree."

Under Iowa:

"The Grand Master ruled that it was not a masonic offence to rent premises to another for the purposes of a business that was masonically tabooed; nor to hold stock in a corporation so engaged. If a lodge should rent a part of its building for such a business, or should invest its money in the stock of such a concern, would not the Grand Master probably arrest the charter? And if any matter is wrong for a lodge in its corporate capacity, how does it cease to be wrong of the component elements of that lodge?"

Maine for 1912 is reviewed.

## **MANITOBA, 1913.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Chambers, was pleasant reading. The following suggestion in memory of the dead was made:

"I would kindly recommend the officers of our subordinate lodges to have a proper roll kept of their departed brethren, so that, once a year, say at the Christmas season, the list could be read over, when a few

flowers or a card might be sent to the widow, to show her that Masonry does not forget those that are left behind."

Discussing the "Condition of the Craft," he said:

"It is by regular attendance at the subordinate lodge that the light by which masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty.

"It is the condition of the mason who is a member in form but not in fact. His name remains on the list, but his person does not appear in the lodge room. He pays his dues—masonic dues ordinarily are not heavy to the average member—but he pays no attention to masonic duty.

"Every now and then he comes to lodge on special occasions, and possibly wears a masonic emblem in the hope that other brothers may note and thereby he may receive the benefit of masonic friendship and confidence.

"He is non-affiliated in everything except in name, and all the evils of non-affiliation surround Masonry such as his."

We commend to the attention of our brethren this pertinent suggestion:

"Re—the election of the D. D. G. M's.

"That no one should be selected for this office who is not personally present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and be 'regularly installed at that time.'"

Dispensation was granted for one new lodge; three corner-stones were laid.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give full accounts of the condition of the several lodges under their care.

The Committee "on the Condition of Freemasonry," commenting upon the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters, express the thoughts of many another when they say:

"Now it is a well recognized theory that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link; and it seems a pity that our otherwise ideal system of having all the masonic lodges throughout the Province carefully looked after by brethren formally and locally selected for that purpose, should, to any considerable extent, be reduced in its efficiency by a few who may—through carelessness or otherwise—neglect the completion of their duties by omitting to send in time for use a report of the work which had in good faith been entrusted to their care."

No Report on Correspondence.

### **MARYLAND, 1913.**

As is customary in the jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, who then sent out the proper officers to inform the M. W. Grand Master that the Grand Lodge awaited his pleasure. The M. W. Grand Master was properly received, and conducted to the East, where he delivered a verbal address.

The several committees gave an account of their stewardship. We quote from the report of the Board of Grand Inspectors:

"The Board, which now consists of 19 members, have during the past year made 181 visits to the various lodges under their jurisdiction in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, the largest number of visits made by Grand Inspectors in the history of the Board. Every lodge has been visited not less than four times and in some instances oftener."

A new form of application for the degrees of Masonry was adopted.

Bro. Henry Branch, successor to the lamented Bro. Edward T. Schultz, presented his first Report on Correspondence. The character of his work is explained from the introduction:

"These notes are scissored, rather than penned, as becomes the neophyte, and it may be they are addressed to another constituency than usually enjoys these reports, and this is really the aim of the reporter; to tell such things as will attract and instruct the 'other man.' Reporters are tempted to be debaters, and they love to parry and thrust. It may be that a different approach to the questions mooted in the several Grand Jurisdictions, while not so interesting to the Knights of the Round Table, may prove of greater interest to the brethren everywhere dispersed."

Maine has a liberal space.

### MASSACHUSETTS, 1913.

The proceedings are graced by the portrait (Bather) of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Everett C. Benton.

A special communication on January 18, 1913, was held at Christobal in the Canal Zone, for the purpose of constituting Sojourners' Lodge and installing its officers. There were present on the occasion brethren from four foreign countries and from forty of the United States and two of its dependencies.

At the quarterly communication held June 11, 1913, the M. W. Grand Master gave an interesting account of his visitation to the Canal Zone and to the three lodges in Chili under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for some sixty years.

At the quarterly communication held December 10, 1913, the M. W. Grand Master delivered the annual address in which the dead are feelingly remembered; the special communications of the Grand Lodge for the purposes of constituting lodges, dedicating halls, laying corner-stones, are mentioned, and the special warrants are reported.

Of the subject "Foreign Relations" he says:

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts formerly carried upon the title page of its published proceedings the statement that it was in union with the Most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America according to the old constitutions. While this was true then and is to-

day, and our union with English-speaking Grand Bodies is full and complete, something more seems to be needed in order that our Freemasonry may have the universality of which we boast, and our own members, who visit foreign lands and wish to enjoy the advantages of Fraternity or are in need of assistance, ought to know whether the Freemasonry they find is genuine, based upon belief in God and love to man, or whether it has simply a political meaning or is conducted for mercenary ends. The oldest Grand Lodge on the western continent should be among the foremost in examining and deciding the question of recognition of genuine Masonry wherever civilized man finds a home."

Memorials of M. W. Henry Endicott, Grand Master in 1886-1889, of R. W. George F. Walker, S. G. W. in 1895, a native of Westbrook, Me., of R. W. John Carr, S. G. W. in 1901, and of R. W. Joseph H. Gleason, J. G. W. in 1897.

The stated communication held December 30, 1913, was for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

From the proceedings we quote:

"The presence in the Ante-room of M. W. Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, having been announced, the Past Grand Masters present were appointed a committee to wait upon the distinguished brother and escort him into the Grand Lodge. He was warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, with especial reference to the fact that the history of the State of Maine and its masonic history was once a part of that of Massachusetts. Grand Master Spofford made an eloquent and fraternal response and was seated in the East."

### **MICHIGAN, 1913.**

All the Grand Officers, except the R. W. Senior Grand Warden who was kept away by illness, fourteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of four hundred four lodges were present at the sixty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James H. Thompson, we quote one thought:

"To one who in the love of Masonry performs those every day duties which appertain to the office he may fill, Masonry speaks a various language, bringing messages of brotherly love and friendship and of inspiration to higher thoughts, nobler deeds and purer actions."

Five lodges were constituted; seven corner-stones were laid; dispensations worth five dollars each were granted to sixteen lodges to confer the three degrees within less than a lunar month, and it took nearly seven pages to tell all about the dedication of some masonic halls.

Of his decisions we quote:

"If for any reason, a lodge which has been granted a dispensation and has existed as a lodge U. D., should be refused a charter, and the lodge U. D., thereby ceases to exist, the members of the lodge U. D. would have to apply to the Grand Secretary for a certificate showing that they are Master Masons and in good standing, and they can then join any lodge in the State of Michigan which would elect them to membership. I can hardly conceive of a lodge being refused a charter after a dispensation to form one had been granted."

This is probably in accord with the law in Michigan, but it does not seem right that one who helps to increase the power of Masonry by the striving to have a new lodge should be so placed that he should lose his membership in his old lodge if the new lodge failed to make an existence.

He recommended an appropriation of \$25,000 for the "Masonic Home Hospital Fund," and that an Orphanage be established in the Masonic Home.

Past Grand Master Mitchell, ninety-six years old, received an ovation from the Grand Lodge.

Time was taken to receive and to listen to the representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a communication from representative Odd Fellows was spread on the records.

A large amount of business, chiefly local, was transacted.

Bro. Lou B. Windsor submitted his tenth Report on Foreign Correspondence, who faithfully observes the by-laws governing the duties of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine is fraternally mentioned.

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We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Charles Elliott Sweet, Grand Master in 1907. He died July 11, 1913. A successful lawyer, an esteemed citizen, an earnest mason.

After three months of service the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francis D. Clarke, died September 7, 1913.

### MINNESOTA, 1913.

At the sixtieth annual communication all the Grand Officers were present and 232 out of 253 lodges were represented. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Owen Morris, we quote:

"I feel that for a year I have been going in and out among the craft, watching them doing work, square, true and good. There has been no

discord in any of the apartments of the Temple. Each workman attended to his own work and seemed to consider it a man's job. I have not heard a complaint. I have quite forgotten what a sour face looks like. The sound of a hammer at the building has not been heard. There are no knockers in all Jerusalem."

He reported one lodge constituted: one consolidation of lodges; one charter surrendered; three dispensations for new lodges; two corner-stones laid.

He decided that the Grand Lodge could not lay a corner-stone on the Sabbath day; that a member paying dues in advance and dimitting during the year was not entitled to any rebate.

Under the topic "Masons at Sight" he well says:

"I have had a direct request from one person, a direct request on behalf of another person, and an indirect request on behalf of a third, to make them masons at sight. These requests may have been due to my being so good-natured; but I refused the three applications, deeming that the circumstances in each case did not justify the exercise of that power. I feel that we should aim to treat all persons alike in so far as that can be done. We should meet upon the level. The candidate needs the impressions of the ceremonies and the instructions of the degrees. Lack of time was the reason given in each of these cases. Unless a person has, on the outside of the lodge, learned to allot the twenty-four hours given him each day by his Creator and Sustainer, to such an extent as to enable him to comply with the very reasonable requirements of the fraternity, there is very little hope that, after his admission, he will be ever able to even approximate the division of time emblematically taught in connection with the twenty-four inch gauge."

We would like to quote all that he has to say about attendance at lodge meetings, "accessories by way of gorgeous robes, shifting scenery and elaborate music," but must be content to quote the following:

"In the rendition of the work, persons in attendance other than the candidate should be considered. While they have already received the degrees, they have by no means fully apprehended or comprehended all that is therein contained. At subsequent meetings from time to time, and as years roll by, they receive more and more light. Things which at first they saw but as through a glass darkly, they become to see face to face. Therefore, the work should be presented audibly enough for every person in the room to easily hear. It should be presented with as much fervor and eloquence as the officer can command, but without giving undue prominence to the eloquence, or, in any way, drawing attention to himself rather than the subject matter. Eloquence that simply draws attention to itself is a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. True eloquence vaulteth not itself is not easily puffed up. True eloquence cannot be gotten in halls of learning. It cannot be shipped by express or by freight. It must exist in the ritual and in the occasion. Burning eloquence takes advantage of the occasion—commands every circumstance and all the surroundings to join it in making the impressions ones never to be forgotten, not only by the candidate, but ones never to be forgotten by those who are privileged to be present.

"Talk about any kind of a robe or shifting scenery eclipsing such eloquence! As well might you say that the beautiful tints of the rainbow eclipse the sun, or that the wonders of creation obscure the Creator. On

the contrary, the starry heavens only declare his glory and the spacious firmament only shows his handiwork, and it is the glorious possibility of every Master of a lodge to rise to such heights of transfiguration in the dissemination of knowledge and the inculcating of moral principles, that no matter what temporal things he may summon to his aid in the performance of his duty, there will be no danger of any accessories outshining the innate glory of those principles which were before the foundation of the world and which shall continue after the elements and all accessories shall have melted with fervent heat.

"However, until the Holy spirit descends in sufficient power upon the officers of lodges to enable them to thus powerfully exemplify the work and to use all accessories as merely ministering angels, it may be well to do without so much of the accessories as are likely to become counter-attractions to the ritual, and sanction only such as will be subservient to the one end in view, and will gracefully play subordinate and assisting parts in the proceedings."

An appropriation was made for the purchase each year of two Past Grand Masters' Jewels.

The Committee on Work in their report made the following recommendation:

"That such accessories as suitable lighting and scenic effects be permitted where they do not in any way make secondary in their effect and meaning and true interpretation of any of the landmarks and real lessons of the work."

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report, which was as follows, was adopted:

"That in its judgment it will be detrimental to the 'Work' in general to now modify as suggested in the report of the Special Committee the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge a year ago, which will leave the matter open to the interpretations of every lodge or Master, and therefore recommends that no change be made in the said resolution of 1912, but that the report of said Special Committee be indefinitely postponed."

The Grand Orator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Samuel Cook Edsall, delivered a fine oration on the subject, "Masonry means conformity, not to the world but to the will of God."

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has a page in his valued report. To show how well he works the condensor we quote his report of the business at that communication:

"A routine address was submitted; the Grand Secretary noted the removal of his office in to the temple, a great improvement; the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized; four additional lodge histories were reported for the past year; the Master Mason's degree was conferred by a local lodge; the new temple was dedicated in ample form; a constitutional amendment relieves the Grand Master from issuing special dispensations for attendance upon divine service, a change for the better; the finance committee was granted further time to consider the home proposition; and a vote of thanks was tendered to the Grand Master for his able services."



The Grand Lodge mourns the death of M. W. Bro. Henry Rogers Wells, Grand Master in 1879-1881, who died October 13, 1912; and of R. W. Bro. Samuel E. Adams, Grand Senior Warden in 1859, who died March 29, 1912.

Announcement of the death of Bro. George Washington Prescott, Grand Master in 1864-1865, has been received. M. W. Bro. Prescott was born at Chesterville, Maine, in 1826, and died in California in 1912. He was a lawyer by profession.

### MINNESOTA, 1914.

All the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of two hundred twenty-eight lodges were present at the sixty-first annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Hayes Laird, in his address reports the constitution of three lodges; the laying of two corner-stones; the consolidation of two lodges; dispensations for many purposes; and dispensations for two new lodges.

He rendered the following decision:

"Notwithstanding a brother goes before the investigating committee and pleads guilty to the charges and specifications that have been preferred against him, some testimony must be taken by the committee to substantiate the plea even though the accused acknowledges his guilt freely and that it was made without threat or coercion and without the expectancy of leniency."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported upon the decision as follows:

"Decision 'II,' as to the proper procedure upon plea of 'guilty' in a lodge trial, is recommended for approval in substance, but amended as follows: Strike out all after the words 'preferred against him' and insert the following: 'the committee should proceed to examine the accused or others if deemed advisable to learn, if possible, all the circumstances leading to, surrounding, or explaining the guilty act confessed and report the same to the lodge, that it may have the substantial facts upon which to base the punishment which it must inflict.'"

He also reported the following:

"A candidate who in answer to the question of 'trust' propounded to him, makes answer 'I don't know,' or answers in a jocular or evasive manner, is disqualified for initiation. The candidate should be dismissed at once. The records should show that the candidate was disqualified for receiving the degrees and his fee returned.

"A candidate who through ignorance fails to grasp the importance of



the question of his 'trust' is not fit material for our Institution. Likewise, one who makes denial of the Existence of a Supreme Being is absolutely disqualified for initiation."

He commented upon the subject of "the amount to be expended on the burial expenses of a deceased brother of a foreign jurisdiction," and the report of the committee thereon was adopted, to wit: the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a lodge should limit the expenses which it feels able and is willing to bear, when it authorizes another lodge to take charge of the remains or bury a deceased brother, and that when no limit has thus been fixed, a lodge is advised not to assume an expenditure in excess of \$100.00 with additional amount for transportation to another point where the latter is necessary."

Bro. Rev. Frank Doran, Grand Orator, delivered a learned and instructive oration on the "Three Greatest Maxims":

"First: From the Greek Socrates, 'Know thyself.'"

"Second: The Roman Marcus Aurelius, 'Control thyself.'"

"Third: Jesus of Nazareth, 'Deny thyself.'"

Bro. Irving Todd presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Maine for 1913 has mention.

Under Nevada we find opinion with which we agree:

"Our individual opinion has always been that a subordinate lodge is the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members, under ancient usages, and that a Grand Lodge has no right to interfere save in extreme cases. Yet it has the power, and there's where all the trouble comes in."

### MISSISSIPPI, 1913.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The Order of the Eastern Star sent fraternal greetings, and strange to say, the Order was thanked and fraternal greetings returned. How it was a *fraternal* interchange beats us.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Rice Williams, wrote quite a prologue to his address, from which we quote one paragraph:

"To-day Masonry stands in all the splendor of an acknowledged monarch, whose sway is worldwide, and whose law is love; whose bond is the magnetic chain of clasped hands that encircles the earth, and whose points of order are those holy 'five points' that touch every obligation of man to man and man to God, while the heraldry that emblazons the masonic crest points us to the mysterious light that beams over the Mercy seat in the Temple of God."

He reports the laying of six corner-stones; the formation of seven new lodges; the constitution of nine lodges; the arrest of the charters of two lodges, and a complete account of the troubles between two or more lodges in Vicksburg.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented reports of their work. There was a large amount of business, but it was purely local in character.

Bro. Harry T. Howard submitted his seventh Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 is reviewed briefly.

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Announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Walter Moreland Connor, Grand Master in 1910, is received.

"He had a marked influence over the commercial and industrial affairs of the community."

He died August 4, 1913.

### MISSOURI, 1913.

The Committee on Credentials reported four hundred fifty-nine lodges represented, twenty Grand Officers and nineteen Past Grand Masters present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jacob Lampert, in his address pays due respect to the dead; states that in general prosperity it has been a record year; commends the Masonic Home, especially, the interest and sympathy of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and discusses the payment of the tax for the Masonic Home Improvement Fund.

His decisions appear to be in accord with usual masonic usage. We quote one:

"That charges could not be entertained against a member because of his holding membership in the order of Knights of Columbus."

Discussing the "Insufficiency of Lodge Dues," he says:

"It seems very clear to me that the annual dues in all cases should be sufficiently high to cover all regular and legitimate expenses of the lodge, and any fund accruing from fees or other sources should be reserved for assisting worthy distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, and other laudable undertakings."

Smoking in the Lodge Room still prevails in some of the lodges.

Dispensations were issued for seven new lodges; twelve corner-stones were laid; ten halls were dedicated.

R. W. Bro. John Pickard, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent and able oration upon "Immortality."

Missouri still prints very fully in its proceedings the reports of its Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Bro. Rev. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"In some Grand Jurisdictions, in our own and other lands, many dispensations were granted for attending church in regalia, and many refused, so that the question is really an issue. No arguments pro and con have been presented except the very general one that the Sabbath is not a masonic occasion, but it seems to us that it is neither a compliment to the church, thus signalized, nor to the lodge, if invited by the church. If the lodge initiate the visit it is doubtless an unworthy desire for an ostentatious advertisement of our Order on a day when it involves no expense of time or money, and if a church give such invitation the motive or wisdom of pastor or other authorities is to be suspected. It is to be criticised, if not condemned, except in *case of funerals*."

Maine for 1913 is fraternally reviewed. We quote:

"The Grand Master reminds them that the last Grand Lodge authorized the lodges to attend divine service without special dispensation, stating that probably a dispensation for this purpose had never been refused!

"With no disposition to criticise in the slightest measure, we suggest that opening this door so widely is somewhat risky and the privilege is liable to be abused. It is all right to attend church, and all good men should do so, but whether it is well to use the church and the Sabbath to advertise our Order is very questionable. We think the disposition among Grand Lodges is to stop this custom altogether."

He quotes the epitome "Touching the Liquor Question" published in the proceedings of California.

The Grand Lodge mourns the loss by death August 26, 1913, of M. W. Bro. Ethelbert Forester Allen, Grand Master in 1898-9.

A balustrade announcing the death of R. W. Bro. Chesley A. Mosman, Deputy Grand Master, which occurred January 31, 1914, has been received.

## MONTANA, 1912.

Twelve Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of sixty-seven lodges were present at the forty-eighth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Montgomery, we quote:

"Our masonic prosperity is marked by activity throughout the jurisdiction: increase of membership in chartered lodges showing an increase in numbers in keeping with the progress and business prosperity of the state. Five dispensations have been granted to form new lodges. So far as I have visited and from reports received, I am pleased to report

an earnest effort to confer the degrees in an impressive manner and in accordance with our masonic ritual."

Under the topic "Grand Representatives," he says:

"Maine—Bro. Charles W. Cook, of White Sulphur Springs. Commission dated April 30, 1912.

"This commission was formerly held by the late Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges.

"The appointment of Bro. Cook seems especially appropriate, because of the fact that he is a native of Maine, although one of Montana's earliest pioneers."

There was quite a large amount of business, but purely local in character.

Bro. H. S. Hepner presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Maine for 1912 has favorable mention.

Under West Virginia he says of the Order of Eastern Star:

"We do not understand that 'recognition' was ever accorded by any Grand Lodge to this order; being limited in its membership to the nearest and dearest of the women-folk of masons, aiding the Fraternity in all of its laudable undertakings, taking pride in its successes and achievements, a sort of brotherly affection has grown up among masonic bodies for this Order, and the repudiation proposed is like driving away from the side of Masonry, as unclean, the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of masons; upon what theory, short of hysteria, this can be based, is beyond our comprehension.

"Masonry is ever onward in her progress, adjusting herself to the advancing civilization, and woman is no longer looked upon as inferior creature to man, but as his helpmate, equal (and often superior) with him in intellect, morals, and every other way, except possibly physically; and in the latter, strength of body is often more than offset by endurance and set purpose of accomplishment."

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Nathaniel Pitt Langford, Grand Master in 1869, who died October 18, 1911. He was one of the organizers of the Grand Lodge of Montana in 1866.

The death of M. W. Bro. Leander Warren Frary, Grand Master in 1867, is also reported. He also took part at the organization of the Grand Lodge of Montana. He died October 24, 1911.

We are in receipt of a balustre announcing the death of M. W. Bro. George Washington Monroe, Grand Master in 1880, who died December 22, 1912.

**NEBRASKA, 1913.**

Two hundred thirty-two lodges were represented at the annual communication.

There were present twenty Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representative for Maine.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James R. Cain, Jr., discourses quite enthusiastically on the thought of "light banishing darkness" and the power of Masonry for good. We quote:

"And what Masonry has been in every age and in every clime, it has been and is to-day in this fair, young state of ours, and will so continue so long as we are true to the great fundamental principles of the institution; so long as we rigidly adhere to the well established precedents, usages, and customs that have ever controlled our administrations of its great affairs, and so long as we insist that those who successfully knock at our portals are prepared in the heart for a part in the great work in which we are engaged."

Of the general condition of the craft in Nebraska he says:

"We have ample funds for all legitimate demands, your interests are safeguarded in every possible manner, our lodges in the main are doing good work, and seem to have plenty to do. I fully realize that in Masonry numbers do not always possess an especial value, that it is quality that counts, instead of quantity, but you may be interested in knowing that our membership is now more than twenty thousand, that during the year just closing almost fourteen hundred brethren have, for the first time, crossed the threshold of a masonic lodge, and that the net gain is the largest in our history."

He discusses many matters of interest to the lodges, such as: The Masonic Home, uniform receipts for dues, non-attendance at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, insurance by the lodges against loss by fire.

He granted several special dispensations, but only one to confer degrees out of time; reports the dedication of two Masonic Temples and the constitution of one lodge; issued two dispensations for new lodges; laid five corner-stones and made many visitations at home and abroad.

He gives detailed accounts of troubles in lodges arising from the peculiar laws relating to conferring the degrees in lodges, most of which detail we think could have been left out of his address.

A recommendation of the Grand Master as to "reciprocal waivers of jurisdiction of subordinate lodges on state lines" was approved.

A form for "uniform receipts for dues and diplomas" for use in all the lodges of Nebraska was adopted.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has liberal treatment.

The death, which occurred November 27, 1912, of M. W. Bro. Daniel Hotchkiss Wheeler, Senior Grand Master in 1863-4, is announced. "He had been present at every annual communication of the Grand Lodge save two, and his presence and counsel will be missed."

Announcement of the death on November 15, 1913, of M. W. Bro. Samuel Warren Hayes, Grand Master in 1883, has been received. He was born at Kennebunk, Maine, September 26, 1819.

As the oldest Master Mason within the jurisdiction of Nebraska he received the Jordan Gold Medal on February 13, 1907.

Also of the death on November 19, 1913, of M. W. Bro. Nathaniel M. Ayers, Grand Master in 1902.

He was deeply interested in the welfare of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

### NEVADA, 1913.

All the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers were present as per roll call.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry W. Miles, we quote :

"As the Temple of Apollo at Delphi was the center of the religious life of the Greeks, bringing them together, from the islands of the Aegean Sea, the shores of Asia Minor, and the mainland; as the Temple of Solomon, rising proudly from the hands of the Master Builder, furnishing a dwelling place for Jehovah, who had long been enshrined behind a curtain, while the king dwelt in a house of cedar, gave a common sanctuary for the Hebrews, welding them for the first time into a nation; so, here, in this asylum, consecrated to the uses of Speculative Masonry, we renew our fealty to the Order, and find heart of grace and encouragement to use our best efforts for the furtherance of its great purposes."

After paying proper tribute to the dead, he notes the invitations received, reports the requests by other Grand Lodges for conferring degrees received and preferred, gives a pleasing account of his visitations.

Of his decisions we quote :

"In a case of objection to advancement of four E. A.'s; a committee duly elected, hears the objections, reports to the lodge that the objections are not valid and masonic ones, and recommends that the said apprentices be allowed to advance. Then a motion is made that the said objection be declared valid and masonic, which motion prevails, because those opposed were less than two-thirds of those present entitled to vote. The question is then asked: 'Are the apprentices entitled to advance and receive the degrees or not?'

"Answer. Decided that: The said E. A.'s are not entitled to advance, nor to receive any further degrees in Masonry, until our ——— Lodge shall take favorable action on their subsequent petitions, which may be made after the expiration of one year from the date of objection."

The ruling in Maine is just opposite. It requires the objection to be sustained by a two-thirds vote.

Here is another decision without the pale of that justice which is supposed to be inherent in Masonry and which arises from a Grand Lodge interfering with the rights of the subordinate lodge:

"What is the proper method of enforcing the requirement that the third degree lecture be committed within two months from the date of raising? Should the member be suspended, or should charges be preferred?"

"Answer. If a brother fails, or refuses, after a reasonable time, granted for good cause, to learn the above lecture, then charges must be preferred, and the brother tried for the offence of disobeying the edict of our Grand Lodge."

He recommended: the establishment of a Masonic Home, the requirement of documentary evidence, a change of the law relative to applicants engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the use of ciphers be prohibited, and others.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Crumbled into dust is the Temple reared by the two kings and the Master Builder: The Lord's chosen people are scattered here and there throughout the length and breadth of the world, no longer a nation; 'No more the pageantry and pomp of power; no more the crowds of busy craftsmen, hastening to execute thy deep designs.' Fashioned from the dust and builded upon the ruins of that ancient Temple rises heavenward another structure that shall endure, because it is dedicated to moral uplift, social betterment, mutual helpfulness, and universal brotherhood."

The Grand Orator, W. Rev. Lloyd B. Thomas, delivered an address on "The Fellowship of Workers."

On report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the following was adopted:

"We recommend that all visitors to constituent lodges be required to produce satisfactory documentary evidence to the examining committee that they are in good standing in a regularly constituted lodge, and that all visitors be required to show a receipt from the lodge in which they are a member at least once a year to the Master of the lodge in which they desire to visit."

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The crying need of the Craft is to learn that Masonry is more than lessons in right and wrong; that it is more than rituals learned by rote and symbols and allegories pressed upon the mind. A true conception of the spirit of Masonry means more than a system of morality. It means a turning of its teachings into realities, making them of practical use in the every day walks of life. Then, and only then, can Masonry be said to be stepping forward toward the wider horizons that to-day mark the world's march of progress. Masons are men of thought and men of action. Come brethren, clear the way!"

Under Idaho, discussing the question of returning fees, he says:

"Circumstances alter cases and it is a lodge's right to be the judge of the case and the circumstances. While the weight of authority is adverse to the practice, yet a case may arise where in all fairness a petition should be allowed to be withdrawn, or a fee returned. A lodge should have the right to administer its own private affairs."

Maine for 1913 is reviewed.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry was fast becoming a popular society. Such was the charge. The Craft was threatened by seekers after selfish ends, clamorers for temporal power and social standing. Service and education were being forgotten as never before. It carried weight for the Grand Masters of the year in their addresses have demanded a return to the days of the fathers, when Masonry stood broadly for the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. When selfish motives were eliminated and every service was ungrudgingly given for the glory of the Great Architect and for the common good of man. The result is a steadily growing sentiment for an increased efficiency. Study clubs and fraternal education associations are springing up, their object being to acquire a fuller knowledge of the history and philosophy of the Fraternity and a wider and more active usefulness for humanity. Preventive reformation work is being undertaken by Law and Order Leagues. Not only is Masonry co-operating, but the other fraternal orders and the churches are lending a willing hand. It is a crusade against evil doing. Its object is to stop gambling in churches, lodges, clubs and society; to eradicate the divorce evil; to destroy the white slave traffic; to secure a greater efficiency in the administration of justice, and for a purification of the ballot. Let the good work go on."

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1913.

In attendance at the forty-sixth annual communication were the Grand Master, three Past Grand Masters, the officers, the Representatives for lodges, and the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick John Gilmour Knowlton, in his address pays fraternal tribute to the deceased brethren, especially of R. W. John V. Ellis, Grand Master in 1872, '73, '74, 1884, '85, '86, who was well known and loved by many of the craft in the United States. He died July 10, 1913.

He reports official visits and says:

"So far as I have traveled over this jurisdiction, I have found the craft in good hands, and flourishing at nearly all points. While the Ritual is well expressed, there is a lack of uniformity which may, however, be readily corrected, and, in this connection, I repeat the advice of several Past Grand Masters, particularly that of Past Grand Master Forbes, who recommended strongly the appointment of a paid lecturer, whose duty it would be to visit lodges wherever and whenever required, to spend some days, if advisable, and give that positive interpretation of the Ritual which can only come from one in authority. Several lodges are anxious to have such instruction, and I recommend that definite action be now taken on this suggestion."

Of his dispensations he says:



"I should like to emphasize the view that dispensations should not issue to confer degrees upon any candidate at a less period than four weeks from the date of a previous degree, unless, broadly speaking, the candidate is about to leave the jurisdiction permanently."

In the Grand Secretary's report we read among the list of appointments as Grand Representatives:

"W. Brother Herbert E. Gould, P. G. D. of C., by the Grand Lodge of Maine."

The following relative to card receipts was passed:

"A lodge may, however, issue a card receipt for dues signed by its Secretary, bearing on the reverse side a Certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge and hand of the Grand Secretary, that the lodge is duly warranted and registered."

The District Deputies submitted reports.

No Report on Correspondence.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1913.

From the proceedings at the semi-annual communication held December 27, 1912, we quote:

"W. Bro. Charles N. Towle, Grand Marshal, announced that M. W. Bro. Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, was waiting in one of the apartments of the Temple, and that he desired to make a friendly and fraternal visit to the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

"Under escort of the W. Grand Marshal the same committee retired. M. W. Bro. Spofford was introduced and presented by M. W. Bro. Ira A. Chase, received with the Private Grand Honors, and escorted to a seat in the Grand East."

The communication was held for exemplification of the work.

At the annual communication there were present the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-three lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Wiggin, in his address, without any distinguished introduction, calls attention to the dead of his jurisdiction, whose portraits appear in the proceedings, then discourses upon the character of those who have made Masonry, and thus speaks of the Condition of the Fraternity in New Hampshire:

"The year marks an epoch in our masonic history, through amendment to our Constitution, making possible the holding of Lodges of Instruction in the various masonic districts, otherwise the year has been one of no startling or unusual masonic events. A continuation of peace and prosperity has been ours. The Constitution and General Regulations have been faithfully observed and maintained; the individual lodges are in

harmony with the Grand Lodge and each other. Reports from the various lodges, as submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters, show the general condition of the lodges, financial and otherwise, to be good. Our membership has a net increase of 140."

Dispensations as usual were granted for several purposes.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made readable reports of the condition of the several lodges under their respective charge.

The charter of Moosehillock Lodge, No. 63, was restored, and the lodge was located at Warren instead of at Wentworth.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his seventh Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has full justice done it in his characteristic and happy style.

Discussing the question of the notification to be given to District Deputy Grand Masters by the respective subordinate lodges "of each and every meeting," he writes:

"The situation in New Hampshire is exactly like that in Maine, save as to this requirement that District Deputies shall be notified of all meetings held. They have information when all stated communications are held, and thus have the opportunity to show up at least twelve times a year, whether the lodge wants them or not."

To which we say: that many lodges arrange for work at a special meeting for their convenience, and would, under the New Hampshire law, the District Deputy know anything about that special meeting?

Under North Dakota we read:

"One lodge attempted to take another step in the female direction, and asked for a dispensation permitting it to attend the funeral of their Master's wife, clothed as masons. It was correctly refused. At the risk of being branded as an old fogey, we recognize this request as an outbreak of modernists, disturbing to any thoughtful mason. It is a deplorable manifestation of present-day tendencies."

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Henry Augustus Marsh, Grand Master in 1896-7, who died November 21, 1912.

### NEW JERSEY, 1913.

A fine portrait (Bather) of M. W. Bro. Richard C. Woodward, Grand Master, graces the proceedings.

One hundred ninety lodges were represented at the annual communication. Twelve Past Grand Masters were there and the Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master has a short, pleasing introduction to his address; mentions the loss of two by death from the list of officers, the Assistant Grand Secretary and the Grand Tyler; reports the constitution of a lodge, a dispensation for a new lodge and the laying of four corner-stones.

Under the title "Grand Representatives" we read:

"August 8, 1912—R. W. Bro. William Ritchie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine."

Of "Physical Defects" he says:

"One hundred and seven requests for permission to receive and ballot upon the petitions of candidates having visible physical defects have been presented to me during the year.

"In 70 cases permission has been granted; in 29 cases permission has been refused, and there are 8 cases pending."

The business was entirely local.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has his usual courteous and graceful treatment.

We quote:

"Bro. Chase thinks we adopted 'Life Membership' with the newly introduced feature of reducing the lodge to mere trusteeship of the amount paid in during the life of the member, its interest only being available as lodge funds. He 'supposes' thrice. First, 'suppose the lodge is obliged to give up its charter, what becomes of the deposit?' The risk is so small as to be actuarially negligible, but when a warrant is surrendered the Grand Lodge paternally takes everything in sight that has not been spent. Second, 'suppose the lodge spends the money?' It wouldn't upon the terms of the contract. Such a breach would involve legal reparation. Third, 'suppose'—well, as a matter of fact, there is no likelihood of any one paying from \$150 to \$250 for a so-called life membership, although the 'new feature' imports the disposition of the capital amount at the pleasure of the contributing member.

"Life membership whereon the commutation is not based on 'expectancy' of duration of membership, not the life of the member, is nearly impracticable. Life membership paid for on the assumption that contributing membership would not otherwise exceed say ten or fifteen years, and the fee set at the sum of the annual dues multiplied by the determined expectancy, and the principal carefully invested and rigidly unavailable for current expenses, has on the contrary been successfully exploited over and over again by bodies of masons."

### NEW MEXICO, 1913.

There was represented at the annual communication thirty-four chartered lodges, ten Past Grand Masters and nearly all the Grand Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Marine R. Williams, in his address says:

"I am glad to be able to report that Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has made satisfactory progress during the year; that peace and harmony prevail among our members; that our relations with other jurisdictions have been most pleasant and cordial, and that our finances are in good condition."

He briefly mentions the dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions, regrets the necessity of the issuance of so many dispensations to install officers, refuses many dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and reports twenty decisions.

Of these we note one which appears to be outside of general masonic procedure:

"A man made application to a lodge for the degrees, committee reported favorably and the man was elected. Before he could take the degrees, he moved out of the jurisdiction of the lodge and they asked another New Mexico Lodge to confer the degrees. This lodge not only refused to do so, but objected to the man receiving the degrees in any other lodge. Should not the lodge making the objection give their reasons for so doing?"

"A member of a conferring lodge may object to conferring degrees and the objection has the same force as an objection made in the regular manner."

By this decision, as we read it, the *elected* candidate was debarred the privilege of receiving the degrees in the lodge which elected him because another lodge objected. This is new to us.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported:

"An objection in the lodge asked to confer the degrees effectually prevents further action in that lodge, but in any other lodge it is similar to an objection filed by a brother not a member of the lodge in which the objection is filed. Such an objection is entitled to due consideration but does not of itself absolutely prevent the conferring of the degrees."

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix.

Bro. James H. Wroth presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We agree with him in this statement under Alabama:

"We have put ourselves on record that non-recognition of the Grand Lodge is not necessarily a bar to visitation, provided the Grand Lodge itself is not clandestine."

Maine for 1913 has the benefit of his critical mind.

He does not understand our law in regard to "Conferring of Degrees by courtesy." Nor do we understand his objection.

Under Washington we find a common point of agreement. He says:

"We in New Mexico take the ground that the Entered Apprentice is a mason and while this suggestion may meet with approval from some it is certainly a violation of the ancient constitutions and the old monitorial work."

From his conclusion we quote:

"We are doing too much legislation, with the natural result that we are degenerating into a body of masonic lawyers based on the civic plan. If our fraternity is to amount to anything, it must put itself on record and stick absolutely to the old line laws. Some of you may imagine, and probably will, that this is becoming a fossil, but the one thing that has held Masonry together has been the inability to change the immutable laws of Masonry and if we are to continue to do as well in the future as we have done in the past there must be no tampering with the old regulations and constitution. I have been surprised to see the various forms of legislation introduced which reminds one more of a state legislature than of a masonic body. Masonry is practically an autocracy. There is no appeal from the Master, and the Grand Lodge is purely a legislative body, which is perfectly right as there will come times when there needs to be certain directions to be given the constituent lodges from the representative assembly, but we regret extremely to see that many Grand Lodges are making changes in their laws that are an absolute violation of the primeval law of Masonry."

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M. W. Bro. George W. Ward, Grand Master in 1904-1905, died June 13, 1913.

Bro. Paul Teutsch, Grand Tyler in 1909-1913, died in office, May 21, 1913.

### NEW YORK, 1913.

Fine portraits of M. W. Bro. John D. Willard, Grand Master 1846-49, and of M. W. Bro. Charles Smith, Grand Master 1912-13, grace the proceedings.

A constitutional number of lodges was present, as was the Grand Representatives for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Smith, has a brief introduction, then mentions the dead, reports his dispensations, tells of his ceremonial duties.

He gives the following concise statement about the Louisiana case:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was prosecuted by one M. W. Bayliss, whom it had pronounced as being irregular and fraudulent in the establishment of a so-called Scottish Rite Body within its territory. The trial took place in the Civic District Court, in the city of New Orleans, and the decision was in favor of the Grand Lodge. An appeal from that decision was taken to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, and that Court unanimously upheld the decision of the lower Court, affirming that the power to determine the regularity or irregularity or fraudulent character of any organization claiming to be masonic, rested exclusively in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, so far as the territory it occupies is concerned. The decision of the Supreme Court is particularly gratifying, because of the fact that only one of that Bench was a member of the Fraternity, and he declined to sit in the case."

Of the Masonic Employment Bureau, which has been in operation one and one-half years, he says:

"From the Bureau records I find about 950 applicants have been registered. About 235 have been withdrawn for cause and about 300 have been placed in positions. The annual income from the positions secured since the Bureau has been in operation exceeds the sum of \$225,000, and this has been accomplished at a nominal expense to the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Historian report embraces sketches of thirty lodges and a copy of a paper giving an account of a Masonic Observance on St. John's Day in 1778.

From the Report of the Committee on Antiquities we extract:

"It may not be out of place to mention that this committee is not a repository for every R. W. apron which is no longer of particular service to the owner. We have yet to record that such a gift to the committee was ever accompanied by any of the diamond-studded jewels which accompany the presentation of the apron to the individual, and the committee begs to say that, unless the apron is of great antiquity, or has some unusual personal significance, it will be compelled to return it."

Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters appear in the appendix.

From the introduction to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote:

"It is indeed an inspiration to review the vast field of Masonry here and everywhere, and find its many blessings flowing from its source, from its teachings and its principles. It may be laid down as a sound maxim that every institution whose organic regulations promote friendly intercourse in social life and whose influence is on the side of morality, virtue and benevolence is a common blessing to mankind, and as men are mutually dependent on each other it will not be denied that the happiness of society is greatly increased by such acts of reciprocal kindness as are peculiar to true relationship of our common brotherhood."

Maine for 1912 is fraternally reviewed.

From the introduction to the space given to Foreign Grand Lodges we quote:

"The development of Freemasonry abroad appears to have continued in accordance with the old standards, and its measure of advancement has not varied much from the accepted traditions. We note accordingly in some of the stronger jurisdictions a more intensive progress than in the smaller ones, and while some of the Grand Lodges controlling a limited field show practically no numerical increase, the intellectual advancement of the masonic work and the onward march in the propagation of masonic theories seems to be equally noticeable within large and small jurisdictions.

"We note with satisfaction that in many lands Freemasonry continues to assert itself, in spite of the difficulties which are put in the way of its development, and the attempt to relegate to the rear the leaders who are upholding the standard of political, religious and spiritual liberty.

"In this sense the unanimous re-election of the Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, M. W. Ernesto Nathan, to the respon-

sible office of Mayor of the City of Rome, in spite of the heavy attacks of the clerical faction, is surely gratifying; but, on the other hand, this victory is offset by an edict, recently promulgated by the Belgian Minister of War, forbidding officers of the Belgian army to become members of secret, non-political organizations, a restriction which the representative of the Government did not hesitate to explain as a prohibition to them to join masonic lodges.

"A new field for masonic activities was produced by the great war, which is still keeping the Balkan nations in the limelight of public attention, and the call for financial aid and practical help, sent out by the Grand Lodge of Hungary, met with a hearty response from practically every jurisdiction.

"Many protests against the continuance of the barbarous slaughter in the Balkans have also been registered by the more progressive Grand Bodies, and the consummation of peace as a solution of the differences between the belligerent nations has been advocated by those Masonic Powers who consider that all strife between nations should be settled through arbitration by The Hague tribunal."

### **NORTH CAROLINA, 1913.**

The Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of lodges, made up the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William B. McKoy, to his address had a brief introduction, then presented the list of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

With an earnest desire to advance the cause of Masonry, he sent to the District Deputies a circular letter specifying some of their duties and some of the things he wanted done. But he was disappointed in the result, and so much so that he recommended "an entire change in the remodeling of the list."

Nine corner-stones were laid; two dedications were made; many visitations mentioned; dispensations granted for four new lodges.

The Grand Orator, Bro. J. E. Saintsing, delivered the annual address, upon the topic, The Mason's Mission.

From the report of one of the District Deputy Grand Masters we quote:

"The majority of my lodges now hold annual picnics or feast days, with public addresses on Masonry, which has proved very profitable to the order in general."

The contention of North Carolina as to its position in the early days of America received considerable attention, and the following was the final action:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do not concur in the historical conclusions set forth in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspond-



ence, concerning the relative powers of Joseph Montfort and other Provincial Grand Masters prior to the War of the Revolution;

"*And be it further Resolved*, That with all the evidence before this body, including the original commission of Montfort and other commissions, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is convinced that the unlimited jurisdiction granted to Montfort by his said commission, was due to no oversight, omission, accident, or clerical error; and that therefore he held *and exercised* primacy over other Provincial Grand Masters whose territorial jurisdiction was limited by their commissions—an instance of such exercise being the issuance of a charter to a lodge in Virginia while Peyton Randolph was Provincial Grand Master in that territory, and which charter was recognized as valid by the masons of Virginia both before and after the Revolution."

Bro. John A. Collins presented his seventeenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote on a subject previously mentioned herein:

"A few years ago one of the most industrious and zealous masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, Bro. Harry W. Gowen, of Halifax, N. C., in his search among the rubbish of the temple at Halifax, discovered many things of interest to the history of Masonry in Colonial days. The most valuable of these was the stained and almost illegible commission of Joseph Montfort as 'Provincial Grand Master of and for America.' With his usual zeal and devotion, Bro. Gowen had the parchment cleaned thoroughly and restored to its original clearness. The *prima facie* evidence of the commission, which is now in the possession of this Grand Lodge, sustains the justice of the claim and would seem to settle the contention.

"This claim of North Carolina masons as to the territorial premiership of Joseph Montfort was first challenged by Bro. Edward T. Schultz, the correspondence writer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; but in his report for 1911 he receded from that position, and now admits that, in his opinion, the North Carolina claim is justified.

"In the Correspondence Report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1911, Bro. James M. Lamberton, Grand Senior Deacon, chairman of the Correspondence Committee and author of their reports, has made exhaustive investigations, as a result of which he expresses the opinion that the Montfort claim is untenable, and in that opinion your committee is inclined to concur. The appointment of a Provincial Grand Master in South Carolina in 1770, the year preceding Montfort's appointment, and the commission to a Provincial Grand Master in Virginia in 1773, would seem to indicate that the copyist of the Montfort commission, in a spirit of generosity or indifference or ignorance of masonic procedure in this respect, made the mistake of writing 'of and for America.' With the appreciation of the territorial jurisdiction of lodges, provincial Grand Lodges and independent Grand Lodges, it is difficult to understand how this universal usage should be set aside in favor of Montfort, who from the records seems to have been no more deserving of masonic recognition than his contemporaries of the same rank; and, taken all in all, it seems that Montfort's distinction came from the lapses of the copyist.

"Impressed with the spirit of the motto in the great seal of North Carolina, '*Esse quam videri*,' which forbids pretense in every form, we ask that the patriotic masons of North Carolina consider this claim calmly, and if found unjustifiable, that the Grand Lodge surrender the claim so as to comport with its dignity and sense of justice."

Maine for 1912 was reported upon.



**NORTH DAKOTA, 1913.**

From the report of the Committee on Credentials we learn that the Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William E. Hoover, in his address tells us of the issuance in December of a communication to each lodge fittingly to remember at Christmas time to be charitably disposed; reports the constitution of three lodges, the granting of a dispensation for one lodge, the laying of a corner-stone, and the dedication of one Masonic Temple.

We quote his reported decision:

"Question: May a Master of a lodge excuse a brother from voting on the petition for the degrees of Masonry, or for membership in a masonic lodge?"

"Answer: It is my opinion that in voting upon a petition for the degrees of Masonry or membership in a masonic lodge, unanimity of choice is necessary. This function is the inherent privilege of the particular lodge. No member present may be excused from voting upon a petition for the degrees of Masonry or membership except upon the unanimous consent of the members of the lodge present."

In conclusion he says:

"That is my belief that the several particular lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction are in harmonious, progressive, and enthusiastic working order. I know of no disagreement between particular jurisdictions, or of dissension in particular lodges."

The subject of a Sanitarium for Tuberculosis received a deal of attention and the following resolution was finally adopted:

"That this Grand Lodge instruct and authorize the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Trustees of the Relief Fund to complete arrangements with the State of North Dakota for the building of a Cottage at the State Sanitarium, at Dunseith, to be known as the 'Masonic Cottage,' and that this Grand Lodge votes the sum of \$6,500 00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to complete said cottage with furniture at its expense, and that it be left to the above named committee to arrange with the State for proper title to the building and its maintenance."

We regret that the lodges of North Dakota are so badly officered as to need the adoption of the following:

"On account of the general tendency toward carelessness and resultant inaccuracy in the records, we recommend that the Grand Lecturer and Auditor be authorized to audit and examine carefully the financial records of the lodges visited, with the assistance of the principal officers of the lodge, going back, if necessary, to their organization and bringing the records down to date. This will mean considerable work, but must result in benefits sufficient to warrant it."

We believe that North Dakota is the first of the Grand Jurisdictions to give official recognition to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. This they did by appointing a committee "to carry offi-

cially the greetings and best wishes of the Grand Lodge" to the Grand Chapter at its meeting the day following the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. James W. Foley presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 is well reviewed.

### NOVA SCOTIA, 1912.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held in the City of Sydney.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After the opening a procession was formed and marched to church where a sermon preached by Bro. Rev. John Pringle was heard.

"After being photographed in front of the church the procession was reformed and marched back to the Hall, and Grand Lodge resumed labor."

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Augustus John Wolff, we quote:

"For the first time in masonic history and in the history of the Dominion of Canada as well, the Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge in the World, a Prince of the Realm represents the King of the greatest Nation the world has even seen and it is, therefore, befitting the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to welcome him by means of an illuminated address, which in my absence was presented to His Royal Highness by the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, at my request."

Two corner-stones were laid; one hall was dedicated; a dispensation was granted for one new lodge; the visitations to the several lodges were specifically set forth.

He decided that lodges losing their halls by fire could not circulate to the subordinate lodges letters asking for aid to rebuild; nor could lodges sell tickets possessing a lottery feature for the same purpose; and to a communication relative to the laying of corner-stones he says:

"I deem it most important that proper application be made through the Grand Secretary, by persons in charge wishing to have corner-stones laid by this Grand Lodges, giving size and materials of building; that music will be furnished by them, as provided by our beautiful ceremony, and that the expense of at least three Grand Lodge Officers must be borne by them, and the stone properly inscribed, upon receipt of which the laying of a corner-stone by Grand Lodge will be duly considered."

We quote the following decision in full. We do not believe that any such proposition should have been placed before the Grand Master; and we further believe that the reason given for not receiving the petition was flimsy. But here is the decision:

"One of the City Lodges submitted the following:

"A man on H. M. C. S. "Niobe" is very anxious to be made a mason and has signed an application to our lodge; he is of good character and well liked by the craft on the ship.

"Owing to the rules governing the admission of military and naval men, Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, he is bebarred from making application to that lodge for want of RANK.

"Can we receive his petition?

"If this naval lodge considers the candidate too low in rank, the common principle applies too low for any other lodge, therefore, undesirable material. I accordingly ruled that his petition be not received."

Of the Condition of the Fraternity he says:

"It affords me pleasure to be able to report that the past year has been one of commendable activity along the lines of masonic work, and that our lodges are in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially."

Under "Lodge Attendance" he says:

"The average attendance of members is small, forty per cent. of total lodge membership may be considered high mark and fifteen per cent. the low, which is a condition that should receive our serious attention. In my opinion, curiosity and habit play important parts in lodge attendance; curiosity ceases when members imagine that nothing more can be learned; he has the ritual and knows the routine work, a habit is formed to drop in occasionally, the warmth of his heart is chilled, and his influence lost.

"Let me remind you, brethren, that we have a mission besides the ritual and routine; that 'every mission constitutes a pledge of duty,' and that 'he who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge sustained the committee in the matter of begging letters. The Committee say:

"A lodge 'in distress,' as it were, applies to sister lodges for help in time of need, and your committee, with all respect, fail to see anything wrong or unmasonic in the appeal. In fact, if one lodge cannot apply to another under such circumstances, to whom, may we ask, can they apply? Once the appeal is made it rests entirely with the lodge appealed to whether they will respond or not, but your committee having no difficulty in distinguishing this case from the Chain Letter system, cannot recommend concurrence in the Grand Master's decision."

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented the Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1911 has space in his valued review. We quote:

"In several instances reference is made to the roundabout way communications go from a lodge in one jurisdiction to a lodge in another, and we quite agree that it is not in the interests of the craft that the present plan should be continued. If Grand Representatives are of any use then they should be the channels through which these requests should come."

Under New York we read:

"Unfortunately even among its own membership, Freemasonry appears to be somewhat exclusive and, possibly, in some instances cold and unsympathetic, thus lacking that 'social outlet' to which the Grand Master refers. To go a step further. Take the sessions of the subordinate lodges. Is it not true that, after all, a hand full of members run the whole machine and there is little to interest the others. In order not to be misunderstood, we want to say we do not consider this is the fault of those who do the 'running,' but of the others who either cannot or will not be interested."

Discussing Negro Masonry he cleverly writes:

"If Masonry is a good thing for the whites why not equally good for the blacks. Firmly believing, as we do, that there will be black people as well as white in the Kingdom of Heaven, what is Bro. Collins going to do when he gets there, that assuming he does, for if he is unwilling here to have 'fellowship with Negro Masons,' he will certainly be obliged there to have 'fellowship with Negro angels.' Really, it strikes us as little narrow refusing, or trying to refuse, the benefits of our grand and, above all, charitable institution to our colored people because, through no fault of theirs, their color is different from ours. At least, that is the way we view the subject, although, as stated, we are not dearly in love with Negro Masonry."

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The loss of Honorable William Ross, Grand Master in 1903, who died March 20, 1912, is lamented.

M. W. Bro. John Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master 1874-9 and 1882-5, died May 20, 1912.

"A Brave Soldier, a Good Mason and a Valuable Citizen."

### NOVA SCOTIA, 1913.

A constitutional number of subordinate lodges was represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

When all was ready the Grand Lodge went in procession to church and listened to "an eloquent and instructive sermon" preached by the Grand Chaplain, from which we quote one paragraph:

"Steadfastness. This is a supreme human quality, because it is so often lacking. How few men can hold to an opinion or adhere to a cause alike against the adversities of difficulty or opposition. That is the difference between moral light and heavy weight. 'Seest thou a man diligent in his business (that is, steadfast) he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before men.' Everywhere the steadfast man is the efficient man. To be faithful, steadfast and loyal is an indefeasible moral asset."

The Grand Lodge, after the service, returning to the place of meeting, listened to an Address of Welcome by the local lodge, to which the Grand

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Master made reply; attended to a few minor matters and called off for an hour.

On resuming labor the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Christie, delivered his address, from which we learn that peace prevails and boasts not a little of the fact that there was but one expulsion during the year.

Many dispensations were granted: seventeen visitations are chronicled; eleven decisions returned; three halls were dedicated; dispensation for one new lodge was issued.

Nine of the ten District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray presented his thirteenth Report on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"A matter which has received some attention of late is the so-called infringement by Grand Lodges upon the rights and privileges of subordinate lodges. And we are far from saying that in some jurisdictions, at least, there is not reasonable ground for the complaint. Subordinate lodges, very rightly it seems to us, are jealous of what they consider their just rights, and to preserve that harmony which should always prevail, these should be respected. As a matter of course, Grand Lodge has, as it has a right to have, a general oversight over its constituent lodges, which is proper, but it is far from wise to interfere or infringe too much. So far as we are aware our Grand Lodge has not been much of a transgressor in this respect in the past, and, in view of recent developments, it is not at all likely it will be in the future."

Maine for 1912 has two pages of his valuable space.

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We are informed of the death of M. W. Bro. Thomas Trenaman, Grand Master in 1901, who died April 27, 1914.

### OHIO, 1913.

Five hundred twenty-six lodges were represented at the annual communication. There were present all the Past Grand Masters except one. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin S. Griffiths, is replete with good things. The dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions are mentioned; seven dispensations for new lodges were issued; five lodges were constituted; ten lodge rooms were dedicated; thirteen corner-stones were laid; of these was the one at Put-in-Bay in commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie and of the peace of 1814, and on this occasion the exercises were quite elaborate.

From his conclusion we quote:

"And there is another story that can not be told in words. It is the glory of our Ancient Craft that, though the corporate transactions of the

Grand and Constituent Bodies may be recorded in published annals and kept through the years in public archives, the *real works of Freemasonry* are performed in unostentatious quiet, unheralded, unblazoned, unchronicled to public fame, but nevertheless constituting lasting history because such works are born of the divine in man and never, never, never die. The record may be written of prompt and effective masonic relief, unstintingly poured out with eager helpfulness and generous liberality in times of great disaster and imminent need such as have called to us during this year. But what story can be told of masonic charity which, daily and hourly, in every city, village, and hamlet of our state, enters the abode of the poor, hears the wail of a child in hunger, regards the sob of a mother in distress, sees the anguish of a strong man in his hour of desperation, and feeds the starving, succors the afflicted, helps, sustains, and strengthens the despairing? It is such Masonry that makes the arid waste of desolation blossom into a garden of joy and yet leaves no record except for him who, refreshed by the fragrance and beauty of the roses, feels that *a mason has been there.*"

The use of loose leaf records was condemned.

For the use of the Ohio flood sufferers there was received \$94,124.92, of which there was expended \$60,459.76.

An amendment, allowing soldiers to petition a lodge for the degrees in the place where the barracks or post are located, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized, as was the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands.

The following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio does not now approve, and has never approved, of the chain-letter scheme of raising funds for the erection or maintenance of the McKinley Memorial, or for any other purpose, and that all soliciting of funds for said Memorial since the year 1904 has been without the authority or sanction of this Grand Lodge."

The proceedings contain views of a few (nineteen) Masonic Temples in Ohio.

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted his third Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois he thus talks to Bro. Scott:

"He does not sanction our custom of introducing to our Grand Lodge our brethren who have been placed in exalted stations in other bodies known to be masonic and legitimate. Well, there is not much to be said in favor of this custom, and we would be perfectly willing to see it abandoned, but after all it is one of the little pleasant things that go to make up life. These men are our brethren and are members of our Grand Lodge, and it is a little like pinning a bouquet upon the lapel of a friend. It shows that we are thinking of him in life and trying to do something to make life's pathway easier and its burdens lighter, and if we can introduce our brethren to our Grand Lodge, many of the members of which are present for the first time, and say pleasant things about them, where does the harm come in? The fact is that there is too much tendency in all Masonic Bodies, Grand and Subordinate, to get away from the real purpose of the Fraternity, which is, to cement together our brotherhood. We meet, transact our business, and go home without grasping our

brother's hand and smiling in his face, and we feel that we have discharged our whole duty when we have registered our attendance."

Maine for 1913 has its full share of space.

Under Western Australia we read:

"The fact is that we are one of the cranks who do not believe that a masonic lodge-room is a sacred place, and we believe that the old foggy notion of keeping the lodge-room closed to every one except members of the Order, and creating the impression that every lodge has a real live goat in its stable, and a lot of other tom foolery, has had a tendency to retard rather than promote the growth of the Fraternity. Of course, we would not for a moment think of disclosing or divulging to the public those things which are called the secrets of the Order, but this is such a small part of Freemasonry that it should not be used to keep the public from knowing something about our Fraternity. We have many times said, and we reiterate, that we can tell all of the secrets of Symbolic Freemasonry in twenty minutes, and yet there are many excellent brethren who think that our great Fraternity is made up entirely of secrets."

From his conclusion we quote:

"What may be of a far more serious nature is the fact that the Grand Orient of Italy has established a Symbolic Lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey in open violation of the doctrine of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and contrary to the established rules and regulations of the Craft in this country."

### OKLAHOMA, 1913.

Just how the Grand Lodge is convened and opened for business is, in detail, set out in these proceedings.

All the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of three hundred fifty subordinate lodges were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was not present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alfred G. Gray, in his address briefly welcomes the Grand Lodge, memorializes the dead, reports the constitution of thirteen lodges, and the issuance of dispensations for nine new lodges, and for other purposes.

Of his decisions we quote:

"Question: What is lawful information?

"Answer: Lawful information is acquired by having been a member of a committee appointed, in a lawfully constituted lodge, to examine a brother or having sat in a lawfully constituted lodge with a brother.

"Question: Must the petition, unless lost, be present in the lodge room when committee reports and the ballot is spread?

"Answer: Not absolutely requisite, but as a matter of record Secretary ought to have charge of petition at all times, and as a matter of good practice all active petitions should be in his hands at meeting of lodge. A lodge acts upon a petition by referring it to a committee. It then acts upon the report of committee, by receiving the report and discharging the committee. In balloting the lodge acts upon the *petitioner*."



Eight corner-stones were laid, one temple dedicated, and one funeral service conducted at emergent communications held for these respective functions.

He made many recommendations. We quote the following that brethren may see some of the difficulties arising in some jurisdictions from dissemination of the work:

"The plan adopted last year for the dissemination of the work has not proved satisfactory. Many of the lodges that have needed instruction have been unable to pay the tax of \$4.00 per day and the expenses of the Lecturer. In consequence of which there have not been as many schools held as there should have been. We cannot expect good work without proper instruction. Poor work causes lack of interest and consequently small attendance at the meetings. That the interest has fallen off, can easily be ascertained by comparing the increase in membership this year with that of last and the year before.

"Nothing encourages a lodge like a visit from one of the Custodians. After four or five days of instruction, where there was indifference there will be great interest. Where it was difficult to get a quorum at the meetings, it will be difficult to seat those in attendance. Where there was idleness, there will be activity. The surrounding lodges will learn of the change and the result will be that all the lodges in the vicinity will be calling for schools.

"A Custodian will not be able to hold schools to exceed 240 days in the year, as he would spend at least 60 days in going to and from the schools. He would receive no pay from the lodges for the 60 days.

"Therefore, I recommend that the state be divided into three districts, by the Grand Master, each of which shall be under a Custodian, who shall receive a salary of \$600 per annum, payable monthly out of the Grand Lodge funds, and \$2.00 per day and expenses for each day actually spent in holding Schools of Instruction which shall be paid by the lodge."

The Grand Orator, William H. Talmage, delivered the annual oration, upon the subject "The Square of Virtue."

The financial affairs of the Grand Lodge occupy a large part of the proceedings, and the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home is complete in its details.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey submitted the Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 is reviewed.

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Harvey Lindsay, Grand Master of Indian Territory in 1882, who died August 22, 1912.



**OREGON, 1913.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Burnett, in his address, pays due tribute of respect to the dead; reports the constitution of six lodges, the laying of seven corner-stones and the dedication of three masonic halls.

His visitations and the dispensations granted are given.

We quote the following decisions, relative to dimitted masons, with which we do not agree:

"A brother who holds a dimit from a lodge located in Portland, Oregon, and resides in Seattle Washington, where he was rejected, is a non-affiliate mason. Not being a resident of Oregon, he is not eligible to affiliate with any of the constituent lodges in this jurisdiction, and can only work out his masonic rights in the state where he resides.

"The holder of a dimit petitions a lodge of this jurisdiction for affiliation and is rejected. Under such circumstances, according to the terms of Section 218 of the Oregon Masonic Code, unless the holder of the dimit petitions a lodge of this jurisdiction for membership and is rejected, his dimit will not be good for visiting purposes for longer than a year from its date.

"After rejection he may petition the same or any other lodge for affiliation as often as he chooses until he is elected, but to retain his rights to visit lodges, to appear in masonic processions, or to receive masonic charity or burial, he must contribute its regular dues to some chartered lodge in this jurisdiction."

Trouble arose with Idaho because of the affiliation of a brother residing in Oregon with a lodge of Idaho. The Grand Master of Idaho held, as we believe, that Idaho was within her rights for "a non-affiliate has a right to deposit his dimit wheresoever he chose."

By required legislation the minimum fee for the degrees in any lodge was made thirty dollars. The following appears among the uniform code of by-laws adopted for the use of the subordinate lodges:

"The Master may divide the membership of the lodge into as many equal parts as he desires, for representative attendance at funerals and other occasions, to represent the lodge."

The Grand Orator, Rev. Benjamin Young, addressed the Grand Lodge on "Symbolism and Idealism."

The following was adopted:

"Your special committee to whom was referred the suggestion of our M. W. Grand Master relative to a National Grand Lodge, are of the opinion that whereas such a general organization might be of great value as an advisory body, we believe that whenever there seems to be a sentiment sufficiently extensive among Grand Lodges to sustain such a General Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Oregon would participate in the consideration of an organization."

The following was adopted:

"Whereas no man can be a good mason without living up to the requirements of his several masonic obligations, and whereas he cannot live up to them unless he knows them, and finally, whereas he would probably never fully know their extensive requirements unless especially instructed therein, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge heartily approves the custom in some of its lodges of appointing special instructors for its new members and examining them in open lodge as to their proficiency in the lecture and knowledge of the Master Mason's degree."

Bro. David P. Mason submitted his third Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine has careful consideration.

### PENNSYLVANIA, 1912.

The proceedings contain fine portraits of M. W. Bro. William L. Gorgas, Grand Master in 1912-13, and of R. W. Bro. John A. Perry, Grand Secretary since 1911.

At the quarterly communications of the year routine business was transacted.

Bro. William H. Taft, then President of the United States, was present at the conferring of the three degrees.

Portraits of Past Grand Masters George W. Kendrick and George B. Or lady were received and ordered hung in the Temple.

From an extended report of the Committee on Library we quote:

"The Library subscribes for and keeps on file for the use of the brethren no less than 45 masonic periodicals, 38 of which are published in the United States, the remainder in Germany, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, England, South Africa and Canada. Our collection of masonic books and proceedings is the most complete in America and open to all Master Masons in good standing, and a helping hand is always extended by the Librarian or his representative, to all seekers of masonic truth and knowledge. Especial attention is called also to our Colonial and Provincial manuscripts now collated and indexed by the Librarian."

At the annual communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William L. Gorgas, addressed the lodge.

He reviewed the many matters of importance that had taken place during the year. He decided:

"Physical disqualifications arising after initiation of a brother will not prevent his advancement, provided he is mentally and morally qualified."

Bro. James M. Lamberton prepared the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. Owing to other duties and his illness only seven proceedings are reviewed.

**PENNSYLVANIA, 1913.**

The proceedings contain portraits of R. W. Samuel F. Bradford, Grand Master in 1815, and of R. W. Josiah Randall, Grand Master 1822-3.

The quarterly communication in December, 1913, was full of interest. The reports of the management and condition of the several trust funds, of the Grand Lodge receipts and expenditures, of the management of the Temple, of the Library, and especially of the Committee on Masonic Homes are full of matter which must interest the Craft not only in Pennsylvania but elsewhere.

At the annual communication in December the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William L. Gorgas, addressed the Grand Lodge.

He tells of the increase in initiations, some 7,000 in number, the good effect from the publication of the Digest of Decisions, of the compilation of the second volume of the history of the old masonic lodges of Pennsylvania, covering the Revolutionary Period, thus giving the history of the various Military Lodges, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He reports three dedications, the constitution of three lodges, the laying of six corner-stones, the several dispensations granted; and of the Masonic Homes he says:

"The Grand Lodge starts the year, all of which has been brought about by the purchase of ground, the erection of buildings and necessary requirements, with a bonded debt of \$517,950, and a floating debt of \$127,000, all of which will be wiped out five years from now, out of the additional \$1 per capita tax authorized one year ago."

The Museum of the Grand Lodge Library was made the richer by the presentation to it by Bro. John Wanamaker of "a solid gold plaque, in the form of an engraved invitation, from California Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, to Sir William McKinley, then President of the United States, to attend a stated assembly at San Francisco, California, on May 17, 1901."

A full description of the plaque is as follows:

"It is of solid gold, five and three-eighths inches long and three and three-eighths inches wide, weighing about three ounces.

"In the upper right corner is inlaid a black enameled Maltese cross, about one inch square, in the centre of which is embedded a solitaire diamond weighing about five-eighths of a carat, surrounded by the motto of the Order, 'In Hoc Signo Vinces.'"

Bro. James M. Lamberton presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has courteous treatment.

Of the Grand Master's address he says:

"He adds some original lines about the Angel of Peace. We may say that we do not quite understand how the aforesaid Angel, after obeying the exhortation to 'spread thy white wings,' could then 'fly to our ark on the wings of a dove'; but we are not posted in aeronautics."

We are with him in his knowledge of aeronautics, but did he never hear of the "poetical license"?

He thinks that the amount (one million or more) mentioned as under the control of Pennsylvania for Masonic Homes is exaggerated. We thought the net cost of the property as reported was about one million.

Under Missouri he says:

"As it is a misfortune to be born in illegitimacy, so it is a misfortune to be born in slavery. We do not recall any brother in this country asking that the ancient requirement that a petitioner be *freeborn* be dropped, although England some years ago changed 'freeborn' to 'free man.'"

Under North Carolina we read:

"In his address, our brother has some very interesting observations to offer as to corner-stones, among them the following:

"Then, let them be found both in the lowly structures and the towers of the mighty. That you may see that it is not an innovation: The Grand Lodge of Scotland laid the corner-stone of the Exchange Building in Edinburgh, September 13, 1753. The Grand Lodge of England laid the corner-stone of the New Exchange Building in London, in 1667, and on December 31, 1809, they laid the corner-stone of Covent Garden Theatre, London. Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Virginia laid the corner-stone of the District of Columbia, April 21, 1791."

"We confess we should like to have some details of the laying of the corner-stone in London by the Grand Lodge of England in 1667, as it is generally understood that the Grand Lodge of England was organized in 1717; and we must confess to having doubts that the same Grand Lodge laid a corner-stone in 1667, and also in 1809. It might be well to make our brother's last sentence a little more accurate. Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, as it was known later, was present when the stone referred to was laid under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland."

Under West Virginia we read:

"Referring to our being puzzled by the claim of Virginia's being 'the senior Grand Lodge in America, &c., &c.,' our Bro. Howard writes:

"When I used to be in Virginia, or rather a part of the old Mother Commonwealth (and a grand old state she was and is), I stuck to it and was ready to fight for the idea that pretty much everything on the earth that was good, originated on the 'Sacred soil' (as we called Virginia); but since West Virginia was sliced off and became a separate state, and on account of her youth, she cannot claim to be the origin of anything that is ancient, I choose to stand off and let Pennsylvania, Virginia and Massachusetts fight it out among themselves as to which is the eldest in Masonry, because I am so unbiased and unconcerned that I am not for either of them. One of Mr. Lincoln's anecdotes illustrates my position with perfect exactness. This is the story: About the year 1819, a hardy son of Kentucky took unto himself a wife and moved out into the then far west, built a log cabin, cleared off a few acres of ground, and started out in earnest to eke out a livelihood. He was 40 or more miles from the nearest settlement, and the woods were full of bears, deer, bull mooses, wild cats, panthers, wolves and other wild and ravenous animals. The

man loved his cups, and every time he went to the settlement he would fill his hull with whisky and then go home and beat up his wife. Necessarily they were not the best of friends. One day a big "grizzly" came to the front door of the cabin, stood up on his hind legs, gave the grand hailing sign of distress, and the man of the house made a dive for bruin, and they went at it hammer and tongs. Now the man was on top and now the bear, and over and over they rolled, while the wife stood in the cabin door, crying at the top of her voice, "Go it, husband, go it, bear. Go it, bear, go it, husband, I ain't for either of you." "

### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1913.

The First Annual Communication was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master was obliged on account of illness to be absent.

From the short address of the Deputy Grand Master we quote:

"The formation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands should be a matter of sincere congratulation on the part of every mason in these Islands. The purpose of its formation is to promote and maintain harmony and unity in our masonic relations, and to increase the usefulness of our fraternity in the Orient. No contention should exist either among masons or lodges, except a noble contention or emulation in promoting the happiness of our fellow man, and the true interest, dignity, and welfare of our ancient and honorable Order."

A uniform code of by-laws for subordinate lodges was adopted.

To help out the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, Cavite Lodge, No. 2, advanced one thousand dollars, and Manila Lodge, No. 1, advanced fifteen hundred dollars.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1912.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. C. MacDonald, in the introduction to his address says:

"In this great and noble labor none of us should for a moment falter in striving for the betterment of humanity, and all good works necessary in aiding the weak and destitute, that such works may demonstrate to the people of every community that in the face of great competition brought about during recent years through the establishment of the many societies now in the field Masonry continues to pursue the even tenor of its way, as a silent power for good and entitled to the commendation of all fair-minded unprejudiced people, who, as never before, are watching and noting whether or not as an organization it is keeping up with its profession."

To the dead he pays proper respect. His official visitations are quite fully reported. A dispensation was issued for one new lodge. The Benevolent Fund is brought to the front.

Recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was held over for further consideration.

Considerable routine business was attended to.

From the Report of the Correspondence Committee we quote:

"Again your Committee on Foreign Correspondence present their report without apology for its containing no review of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions; well knowing that no such review is expected or desired. To the committee there is a great temptation to respond to some of the friendly criticisms and occasional strictures of the 'Knights of the Round Table,' but its duty lies in furnishing the services desired by you rather than indulging in wandering in paths of its own choosing.

"The usual amount of reports and other forms of literature, invitations, &c., from bodies with whom we are not in Fraternal Correspondence, some of them in languages which does not in any way endanger their secrecy in this country have been received. No exchange is made, but still they come."

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1913.

At the thirty-eighth annual communication there were present nearly all the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all the lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John T. Profit, says:

"We give hearty thanks to the Great Architect and Governor of the Universe, for the measure of peace and harmony which has been enjoyed since last we assembled in annual deliberation. Wars, and rumors of wars have disturbed the Nations, but we have listened only to their distant murmurings.

"Industrial and commercial stringencies have agitated other countries, but we have not been affected except by that broad masonic sympathy which goes out to the needy or unfortunate wherever situated.

"Extraordinary development of industries peculiar to our own land have attracted almost world-wide attention. In masonic circles, however, no special excitement has disturbed us. A slow and steady growth continues."

He comments upon the death of those of other and his own jurisdictions; reports his dispensations; reports his visitations to all the lodges, fifteen in number; brings to prominence the Benevolent Fund, and in his closing paragraph says:

"I have not been asked for a single decision or ruling on any matter of disagreement or jurisprudence; indeed I have a lurking suspicion that the brethren quietly apply to our worthy Grand Secretary for advice, and settle their disputes before they arise. If the suspicion is correct, it is certainly a wise course, beneficial to the craft, and a great relief to the Grand Master."

York Grand Lodge of Mexico was recognized.

Bro. W. P. Douill does not review proceedings in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

But he does discuss quite thoroughly the right of Grand Lodges to establish laws and rules governing the right of a mason to visit lodges, commonly called documentary evidence, and also the requirement of dues to be paid in advance.

He concludes:

"'Constitutions and dues are modern innovations,' but they seem to be crowding the Ancient Landmarks, and would tend to place us in an inferior position to some of the more modernly instituted societies, in that these being under a supreme head, the regulations of their Grand Bodies do not conflict."

And then falling from his high position he trusts that the document prepared by his Grand Lodge will be satisfactory. But why have one?

### QUEBEC, 1913.

Six lodges were not represented at the forty-third annual communication. Nearly all the Grand Officers were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a cordial welcome in his address to those present the M. W. Grand Master, Rev. Frank Charters, D. C. L., lovingly remembers the dead; and says:

"The Craft has made steady progress during the past year. 341 of a net increase has been added to the membership and over \$9,000.00 have been received for dues, fees and the Permanent Benevolent Fund, a result which I feel sure will encourage us to even greater efforts in the future."

He reports his dispensations in such a way as to please the writer; also the consecration of two lodges and the institution of one new lodge.

He made quite a few visitations of which he gives full account, and preached on six occasions.

He says of "Proof of Standing":

"I am convinced that we have reached a time when some kind of definite action should be taken by this Grand Lodge upon the question of 'Proof of Standing' of the masons in this Province. This matter was before Grand Lodge some few years ago, but so far no definite action has been taken. The masons who, from time to time visit other parts of this country, or the United States, are placed in a position of discomfort and disadvantage, owing to the fact that we have no authorized form of the proof of their masonic standing. Not only is this so, but there appears to be a real need of such proof within the limits of our own Province. The presence of such a large number of dimitted masons, especially in this city, and the apparent failure to distinguish between them and the masons of the regular standing, works a real injustice upon the men who



are bearing the burdens and doing the work. Dimitted masons must be made to feel that their position in the Craft is at best very indefinite, and that apart from one visit permitted them from courtesy, rather than by right, they have no masonic rights, until such time as they again enter the ranks of the workers. If proper and definite proof of standing can be authorized, and then demanded by the various lodges, what I feel to be a defect in our system may be avoided in future, and proper justice given to the worthy and active workers."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters set forth the condition of the several constituent lodges in clear and particular manner.

In reading these we note that "a dimitted mason can only visit a lodge once during his withdrawal from the Craft."

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From the introduction we quote:

"Our lodges need, in some instances, to be reminded that the conferring of degrees is not by any means all there is of masonic work. Too often we fear it is only too true that lodges 'have no work on' when there are no degrees to be conferred. Yet this should not be. The first and chief duty of a Master is not to confer degrees, but to instruct the brethren or to cause the same to be done by a fit and proper person in his absence. Even when there is degree work to be done, it should not usurp the entire time of the lodge. No wonder is it that so many lodge members tire of attending meetings at which nothing but degree work is done. It would often be far better for the Master to introduce attractive lectures or papers by well-skilled brothers in the lodge on regular meeting nights, and, if necessary, to postpone a part or the whole of the degree work to an emergent meeting. Lodges are mainly for the instruction, the improvement and the mutual benefit of their members, and not recruiting grounds for the Craft. And Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, and not an organization whose chief aim is its own aggrandisement."

Maine for 1912 has a place in the Report.

### **RHODE ISLAND, 1913.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wendell Richmond Davis, in his address first pays tribute of respect to the deceased members; reports his dispensations; announces all the "jurisdictional courtesies"; briefly mentions his visitations.

He made one decision concerning the control of a candidate. Inasmuch as the same question has come up in the jurisdiction of Maine, we report it. The laws of Rhode Island and Maine are alike.

Mr. A, living in the jurisdiction of Lodge B, desired to be made a mason in Lodge C. His petition was denied. He applied again after six months, and again the petition was denied. After five years he tried again and the petition was granted, but before the degrees were conferred objections were made.



## *Correspondence—Saskatchewan.*

Now in comes Lodge B and claims that Lodge C lost control of the candidate after five years and must ask for a waiver if the petition is to be presented, and consequently the ballot was void. The Grand Master decided that—

"The jurisdiction of Temple Lodge must have ceased five years from his second rejection, or on March 25th, 1910. No change having been made in the residence of the applicant, he reverted to the jurisdiction of the Providence bodies, and no other lodge can receive and act upon his petition without obtaining proper release, and the recent ballot must stand null and void."

He proposed an "Order of Procession" for the official visitation. Much local business occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge. No report on Correspondence.

## **SASKATCHEWAN, 1913.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur S. Gorrell, in the introduction to his address says:

"The immense immigration into this Province may bring men of all nationalities and creeds to the doors of our lodges and upon us will rest the duty of so molding the opinions of these possible applicants that they will redound to the credit of our Grand Lodge and to the benefit of the country as a whole.

"It has been the boast of this Ancient Craft that it takes rough material from whatever part it may come, and by the exercise of its Art turns it into the finished product. So must we, so far as in us lies, endeavor to make use of the large immigration of a foreign population into our country and so shape their destinies that they may become useful and intelligent citizens and corner-stones upon which may be erected a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honorable to the builders. By instilling into the minds of these applicants the true spirit of Masonry and by pointing out to them their duties as citizens we are rendering a service to our country and to the craft. Many of these people have come from countries where civil and religious liberty are unknown, and are so accustomed to being ordered and guided that they cannot realize that it is their privilege to think and act for themselves. To us belongs the duty of spreading the light of Masonry among these, our fellow citizens of alien birth, and to show them by example and precept that freedom is the right of every man in this country, and the search of Truth his to pursue for himself."

Under the title of Correspondence we quote:

"The following questions were asked of Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England:

"1. Does the United Grand Lodge of England transact its business in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason degree?

"2. Is there any intention of making a change?

"3. Does Grand Lodge open by special ceremony or in any degree of Masonry?"

"To which the following reply was received:

"Grand Lodge is opened by a special ceremony and altogether dis-

inct from the opening of private lodges in the three degrees, and in private lodges all business should be transacted when the lodge is in the First degree.'"

His decisions appear to be in accord with masonic usage.

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports are full and interesting. But the Committee on Condition of Masonry criticized some of the reports and conclude their report with the following paragraph:

"From the whole question of inspection of subordinate lodges arises another question as to whether it would not be advisable for Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Lecturer. This idea does not originate with your committee, nor is it a new one. Many brethren have advocated it unofficially, and your committee offer the suggestion that it might be considered by Grand Lodge to its advantage, if not now, perhaps at an early date in the future."

Bro. Arthur S. Gorrell submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

His position relative to the Eastern Star Order and Shrine is easily understood. He says under District of Columbia:

"It shows an active and interesting year in the District of Columbia, much good work done and substantial progress made towards the building of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. We acknowledge that the ladies connected with the latter organization have been of the greatest material assistance in the development of this form of Masonic Benevolence, but we are old fashioned enough to disapprove of the connection of Masonry with any other body. Last year a fair was to have been held in partnership with the Eastern Star, but the Grand Master and his committees considered it unadvisable; but we consider it a poor day for pure Masonry when it is allied with any non-masonic society, no matter how worthy. The Shrine having attached itself to Masonry, has caused the Craft to suffer many anxious hours and in some instances compelled true masons to say with no uncertain sound that it is not Masonry nor in any way allied to it. Monetary and quasi-sentimental reasons have so far influenced modern Masonry as to cause Grand Masters to speak of the ladies of the Eastern Star as our 'Sisters.' As an organization we have nothing but good to say for the ladies' society, but as an ally of Masonry we have only condemnation."

Under Iowa we read:

"In all British Grand Lodges, so far as we know, the Esoteric Work of Craft Masonry is not used at all in Grand Lodges. We reason thus: Grand Lodge is a legislative body whose every transaction is published in the proceedings, not at all ritualistic, whose actions cannot be published. A short ceremony is used to open our Grand Lodges but, with the exception of the Prayer sign, no signs of Craft Masonry are used. The presence of the Grand Master makes the opening form 'Ample,' the D. G. M. or a Past Grand Master 'Due Form,' and by any other brother 'In Form.'"

Maine for 1912 is well reviewed. He says:

"This old but energetic Grand Body has so nearly reached perfection that its transactions proceed with that absence of friction characteristic

of a well oiled machine. There is little or nothing upon which to comment. No troubles, or turmoils to cast a ripple upon the placid sea of adequacy."

### **SOUTH CAROLINA, 1913.**

Eight Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of two hundred forty-two lodges were present at the one hundred thirty-seventh annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was there.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Geo. S. Mower, says:

"The general condition of the Craft is excellent, and it appears that the interest in Masonry has not only suffered no abatement, but is probably as great if not greater than at any time in the history of the Craft in this jurisdiction."

The dispensations granted and refused are fully given. Why the following was refused we do not clearly see:

"Dispensation to Lockhart Lodge, No. 244, A. F. M., to ballot on application for initiation without waiting the constitutional length of time."

Dispensations were issued for five new lodges.

In order to obtain funds for the Masonic Home he recommends "that the minimum fee for the degrees be increased to twenty-five dollars and that five dollars thereof be turned into Masonic Home Fund until the Home is established and afterwards go into the treasury of the Home for the current expenses of its maintenance."

A stenographer was engaged for the annual communication. While we have no objection to that procedure we do object to printing the proceedings as kept by him without editing; pages 68, 71 are illustrations.

Life membership in lodges came up for consideration. This question requires study and however it may be settled it may prove advantageous to the lodge, but it can not be shown that it is masonic. Our experience with it has not proven life membership a success. Circumstances arise during the life of a lodge which changes the entire situation. The fee for life membership in my lodge has been already changed three times during my membership and is not now satisfactory. If there is need for money to administer the affairs of the lodge then it must be done by special assessments and in the legislation upon life membership care should be taken that provision is made by which a special assessment could be laid on life members.

Many questions of local importance were fully discussed.

Bro. J. L. Michie submitted his fourth annual review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges.

Under Alabama, referring to the non-attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, he says:

"This is a step in the right direction, and might be followed by other jurisdictions with much profit. Representatives who do not represent are worse than useless, they keep good men from doing their duty."

Maine for 1913 has three pages in his valued review.

We quote:

"The Grand Tyler was authorized to employ four assistants, 'to aid him in the work of his office.' In South Carolina our Grand Tyler attends to the duties of his office without assistance."

May we add that these "four assistants" are employed in the cloak room for the checking of the wearing apparel of the members in attendance upon the Grand Lodge and have nothing to do with the tiling proper. It is our way of letting the tyler engage the assistants rather than to put that labor on some other officer.

To the following sentence in our report of 1913, viz: "it may be that the candidates are all taken at once through all the work," he says:

"Replying to the above, we will say that the sentence quoted is absolutely correct as far as the first two degrees are concerned. Our Constitution says: 'No lodge shall confer more than five degrees in one day, except by dispensation.' There is nothing in our law to prevent the conferring the same degree on five candidates at the same time, except in the second section of the Third degree. Thus, it is as easy to confer the first two degrees on five, or ten candidates, as it is to do so on one."

Under Mississippi he says:

"It seems to us that a candidate having been elected by a lodge, that lodge does not lose jurisdiction over him by his removal to the jurisdiction of another lodge. This is the first time we have met the doctrine that a lodge does not have perpetual jurisdiction over its own elected material."

Maine provides that if a candidate fails to present himself for initiation within a year from his acceptance his rights are forfeited.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Is there a difference between a CORNER Stone and a FOUNDATION Stone? Some jurisdictions have gone on record as forbidding the ceremony to be performed after the building has attained a certain height. This would necessarily apply to a Foundation Stone, but how does it apply to a Corner Stone? A CORNER Stone is never laid in the *foundation* of a building; it is always laid where it can be seen by the passers-by. The language used in the four passages of Holy Writ is substantially the same, namely: 'The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the Corner.' Now, this language is clearly intended to convey the idea that while the structure was in progress the workmen rejected a certain stone, which, after the building was completed, or well nigh completed, was made the head stone of a corner. It would thus seem that a CORNER stone was never intended to be placed in the *foundation* of a building."

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To which paragraph we agree except the following: "after the building was completed, or well nigh completed."

### **SOUTH DAKOTA, 1913.**

A fine portrait of the Grand Master elect embellishes the proceedings. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. McMakin, after the usual formal words of an introduction to his address, speaks feelingly of the dead; reports very fully the constitution of seven lodges, involving a 300 mile auto trip through Indian Reservation recently opened; announces dispensations for five new lodges, and acted most wisely in refusing many dispensations for conferring degrees and the like.

He faithfully attended to many matters which were brought to his attention and some of them not of the pleasantest, such as, physical disability, smoking in lodge rooms, etc., etc.

The fiftieth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, was celebrated. From the address of Bro. Kingsbury, one of the charter members, we quote:

"To properly commemorate this occasion there should be present a talented Clergyman of the old school, a number of young men in military uniform, an Indian agent, an Indian trader, a contractor and pioneer merchant, an architect and builder, a country editor, and as the second session of the Dakota Legislature was in session at that time for six weeks, a few amateur statesmen who were taking their first flights in legislation at the Capital. The room should be much smaller, the floor uncarpeted, and the jewels and other paraphernalia should be suggestive of that variety which is the spice of life, or the workmanship of untutored entered apprentices. But all had the work at their tongues' end—though some said, 'I had mine from Paul,' and others said, 'And I mine from Apollos,' 'And I mine from Cephas.'"

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"Your committee is absolutely shocked to learn of violations of the Land-Mark in relation to physical qualifications of applicants for the degrees in Masonry, and is unanimous in its condemnation of such violations. If lodges will abuse their privileges in this respect, the time has come for the Grand Lodge to define its position in the premises in such terms as cannot be misunderstood. Unfortunately these violations do not come before your committee in shape to be dealt with justly and intelligently, but we cannot permit the cases referred to to be passed over by this Grand Lodge.

"We would, therefore, recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to inquire into the several cases, and take such action as will impress the offending, as well as all the lodges in the jurisdiction, with their duties in the premises."

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment to receive a delegation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bro. S. A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Georgia, discussing a Lodge of Sorrow held on Sunday, he says:

"It is only in our modern days that brethren of such widely different creeds and cults could be assembled in one jurisdiction, even allowing that some of them make spurious claims to their religious connections.

"Buddhists do not believe in the G. A. of the Universe, nor the Soul, and call the belief in future life a 'heresy.'

"Shintoist knows nothing of the G. A. of the U., but does believe in the existence of the spirits of the dead about where the living dwell, and that those spirits have power to help or defeat the hopes of the living; and on that account the religion is a worshipping of the dead. Scythians were a race existing in what is now Russia, about 25 centuries ago, absorbed or annihilated two or three hundred years before the Christian era. They were the rudest of barbarians and nothing is known of their religions. The term as used in the Bible was applied to those who practiced the trade of tanner.

"The religion of Zoroaster expired historically more than a thousand years ago, when it was annihilated by the Mohammedans.

"The Mohammedans believe in Christ Jesus as a great prophet of God; the Greeks are Christians, and the Jews are sufficiently near to us that their consciences are not offended by the New Testament being displayed upon the altar around which we kneel.

"Christians are the last, but not least, of those who are in danger of being outraged by the prayers and songs of their devout, but misguided brethren of other faiths.

"Our M. W. Brother has fallen upon a very curious experience to have such an assortment of difficult masons residing or visiting in his jurisdiction. It is hoped that they will become reconciled or travel into foreign countries."

Maine for 1912 is reviewed.

Under Tennessee, discussing the monetary needs of Homes, he says:

"But why do we adhere so rigidly to the per capita plan? Per capita does not occur in the ancient landmarks. It is only in the United States that the per capita is found. In the United Kingdom and the British dependencies the masons contribute to masonic charity in proportion to their means, and their charities are a revelation to an American mason. There are funds for the aged, the indigent and the orphan, and for every commendable charity outside the masonic fold."

### TENNESSEE, 1914.

The proceedings of the one hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge held December 27, 1913, are given.

The exercises consisted of music and addresses.

There were present at the annual communication the representatives of four hundred forty-six lodges. Six only were not represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Comstock, pays tribute of respect to the dead; reports dispensations for four new lodges,

and other special dispensations; and many other details of the duties that devolved upon him.

Reading the rulings we find this paragraph:

"Here we have the anomaly of one brother serving as Master of two lodges at the same time, which should never be permitted to occur, and I recommend that such legislation be enacted as will prohibit any elective officer of a chartered lodge from signing a petition for dispensation to form a new lodge, while holding such office."

He made sixty-five visits to fifty-one lodges.

He recommends the appointment of a commission to consider and report upon the following subjects:

"(a) The best method of insuring a faithful and efficient rendition of the ritual.

"(b) The feasibility of the system of visitation by District Deputy Grand Masters, or otherwise.

"(c) The methods and advantages of well conducted schools of instruction.

"(d) The advisability of affixing a maximum membership in subordinate lodges, and the wisdom of encouraging the formation of new lodges, after such limit has been reached.

"(e) The best method of insuring the proficiency of newly elected Masters and Wardens, before their installation.

"(f) The advisability of permitting more than a year's successive service in the office of the Master.

"(g) How to provide the best opportunities for service and the attainment of knowledge to the young and zealous brother.

"(h) The advisability of increasing the fees for dispensations and charters, and for degrees; also regarding a uniformity of fees between lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

"(i) Questions of inter-jurisdictional interest, requiring legislative action, as set forth in this report."

His address was lengthy—about fifty pages, and every subject was minutely presented.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we quote:

"We recommend that approval be given to the action of the Grand Master in refusing to lay the corner-stone of a church with masonic ceremonies on Sunday.

"Likewise, that approval be given to his action in refusing to lay the corner-stone of the same building, with masonic ceremony, after the walls and roof of the structure had been practically completed.

"Numerous applications for official rulings have found their way to the Grand Master. Ordinarily the information sought is, or should be, of easy access and readily acquired, thereby saving time and trouble, if the officers and members of subordinate lodges would devote a short time and nominal effort in examination of the authorities which our masonic laws require shall be in the possession of each lodge.

"Where objection is filed in writing, such writing may or may not be recorded in the minutes, depending on whether the brother signing the objection desires his name withheld. If, however, for any reason, such writing is not recorded, the fact that it is filed should be noted in the minutes."



A large amount of business, chiefly local, was transacted.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his introduction, under the title of "Conferences of Grand Masters," he says:

"It may be, too, that most of those who have attended these Conferences in the past are opposed to a National Grand Lodge. But they have put an influence in motion that they cannot possibly control. After all, masons are but men—though they ought to be, and generally are, the best men. But if the Conferences are to be continued, other and ambitious masons will attend them. The very fact that the members of the Conferences come from different Grand Jurisdictions, will easily and necessarily keep a National organization in view. These distinguished brethren will hardly meet every year simply to have a good time at their own expense and discuss, in a mere academic way, masonic questions and theories. Naturally, each brother would want the approval and recognition of his own Grand Lodge, and will doubtless impress upon it at its meetings the great good to be derived from these national meetings; and at these Conferences the feeling would naturally be that what these distinguished brethren may discuss and decide should go down to the Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1913 gets a good page.

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We have received notice of the death of Wor. Bro. Barnard Aaron Phillips, Grand Tyler, who died April 20, 1914, aged about eighty years; and of M. W. Bro. James W. Irwin, Grand Master in 1905, who died February 12, 1914.

### TEXAS, 1913.

The portraits of Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Mansfield, and M. W. Bro. John L. Terrell, Grand Master in 1897, grace the proceedings.

The Committee on Credentials reported:

"We find present at this Grand Communication all the Grand Officers except the Worshipful Grand Chaplain and the Worshipful Grand Pursuivant. There are present 41 District Deputy Grand Masters, 16 Past Grand Masters, 3 Past Grand Treasurers, 37 Grand Representatives, 404 Past Masters, and the representatives of 450 lodges."

The Grand Representative for Maine was among those present.

Without any introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. J. Mansfield, alludes to the deaths that have occurred in his and other jurisdictions.

He comments upon "How Royalty receives the Degrees in Masonry"; the new Masonic Temple in California; Tennessee's Centennial Celebration; the Washington Masonic Memorial; the Ohio Floods; and then-



proceeds to the details within the jurisdiction which took about sixty pages.

Fifteen lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for four new lodges, for public installations, to lay numerous corner-stones, some of them for county buildings, some for churches of various denominations, some for school houses, some for other buildings, and a few for Masonic Temples.

Physical qualifications were by resolution previously adopted to be decided by the Grand Master. He says:

"Precedents were of very little avail, as a completely new line of physical qualification was rendered necessary, and a new sea to be navigated whose depths were unknown. Believing that this resolution was intended to include those only who possessed minor physical defects, or had suffered slight injuries, and who were, with that exception, men of unquestioned qualifications and calculated to prove shining lights in the field of Masonry, I preferred rather to incur criticism for failure to open the door wide enough, than merit censure for opening it too wide to the admission of those afflicted with the ills and infirmities of life.

"The lines had to be drawn somewhere, and after mature deliberation I decided that the loss of a toe of either foot, or the finger of the left hand would not be a bar to the applicant; but that the loss of as much as an entire joint of a finger of the right hand would. I also concluded that the petitioner must be able to hear and speak sufficiently well to receive and impart the work, and able to see with either eye all necessary signs and movements to that end. I did not consider the resolution above quoted as applying to cases of deformity, deep-seated injuries, or to those afflicted with incurable complaints or diseases."

He granted permission to ninety-four cases and refused it in sixty-five cases.

Forty-two decisions are reported which have no general interest. Eight lodges only required discipline.

From his conclusion (the entire address takes seventy pages) we quote:

"In conclusion, permit me to suggest that the burdens and responsibilities devolving upon the Grand Master are increasing with each year, and they now involve a question, the solution of which calls for our best thought and consideration. Under present conditions, he is not only required to employ a secretary, but must in addition thereto give almost his entire time to a consideration of the duties of the office. The time is fast approaching when the man who is too poor to surrender the affairs of life for an entire year, must, of necessity, decline the honor. Such a discrimination is, in the highest degree, contrary to the very essence of masonic teaching. If adequate compensation should be allowed the Grand Master for his year's work, it would be equally objectionable, as it should be exclusively a position of honor, and not of emolument. If, by some suitable adjustment, the duties could be segregated and distributed in nearly equal proportion to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, the hope for results might be obtained. This, however, is not offered as a recommendation, but simply as a suggestion, with the hope that the best thought of the Grand Lodge may be enlisted in an effort for the proper solution of the problem."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

A resolution was adopted as follows:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter the addresses of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, the Committee and Superintendent of the Masonic Orphans' Home shall be printed in sufficient numbers to obtain copies of the same for each member of the Grand Lodge, which shall be distributed by the Grand Secretary on the morning of the first day of each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and such addresses and reports shall not be read to the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the opening and closing portions of such addresses, the tributes to the dead and reports as to fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges which the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master shall read to the Grand Lodge."

Bro. George W. Tyler submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has a place in the Report.

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Robert Morris Elgin, Grand Master in 1865, who died July 9, 1913, at the age of eighty-eight; of M. W. Bro. Thomas B. Cochran, Grand Master in 1892, who died July 25, 1913; and of M. W. Bro. James H. McLeary, Grand Master in 1880, who died January 5, 1914.

### UTAH, 1913.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sam Henry Goodwin, was absent and the Secretary read the address, in which he lovingly remembered Bro. Christopher Diehl; spoke of the pleasant relations with the foreign jurisdictions; reported his official visits to all of the lodges; announced two lodges constituted; and reported a gain of one hundred and two in membership.

The business of the communication was entirely local and seems to have been smoothly conducted.

Bro. Charles B. Jack presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Iowa he says:

"We do not concur in the decision that an applicant can have a masonic residence in one place and his political or civil residence in another. If the applicant finds it convenient to retain his voting privilege in a certain section—a residence for revenue only—he should take his degrees there, even at some inconvenience to himself."

Maine for 1912 was reviewed.

**VERMONT, 1913.**

Eighteen officers of the Grand Lodge, twenty-three permanent members, representatives of seventy-eight lodges were present at the one hundred twentieth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Eugene S. Weston, we quote:

"As I gaze across this assemblage gathered here to-day, representing the various lodges scattered all over our State, with its membership of nearly fourteen thousand, my mind reverts to that assemblage of those who gathered for the purpose of organizing this Grand Lodge. That assemblage consisted of only fourteen, and represented all the lodges, five in number, that had an existence in our State. They were brave men and strong in their belief of what Freemasonry would be able to accomplish. As they were pioneers in establishing our institution, so they had been pioneers in laying the foundation for our commonwealth. They had endured great hardships and privations in building and defending their homes and they were willing to go through similar experiences to establish a fraternity that could wield such a power for good in the community. Three of them were with Allen when he marched into the fortress of Ticonderoga, and others of their number had served in other organizations during the war waged for independence from foreign rule and tyranny. That they were men of calm and deliberate judgment is shown by the constitution they drew up and ratified at that time. So careful were they that it has had to be changed but little in all these long years."

He reports the condition of the craft secure and peaceful; the dedication of one Masonic Temple; the laying of a corner-stone.

In a case referred to him he says:

"A masonic lodge is not the place in which to attempt to collect a debt, but if a brother wantonly refuses to keep his pledged word when it is within his power to do so, he would be guilty of unmasonic conduct, and liable to whatever penalty the lodge sees fit to inflict. Being charged with a masonic offence does not necessarily mean guilt. That must be decided by the lodge after hearing all the evidence."

Of the District Meetings he says:

"A somewhat different program was also arranged for conducting the meetings, in that somewhat less time was devoted to the ritualistic work, though that was not neglected, and more time was given to instruction from the Grand Officers, in way of more extended remarks, bringing out the principles that are the true foundation of our order. This seemed to give good satisfaction in all but one instance."

The status of a candidate who changed his residence from another state to Vermont is thus discussed:

"There are other jurisdictions that take the same stand as New Hampshire in giving up all masonic jurisdiction over those who have removed from their States.

"As the resolution now reads it is of no use, save to oblige a candidate to wait until he has resided in the State a full year, thus putting those who come from these jurisdictions under a handicap, as compared with

those who happen to hail from other jurisdictions. The provision is like the appendix in the human body, of no known benefit, but the cause of much irritation."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

Quite a large amount of routine business was done.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give quite full accounts of the condition of the lodges.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under Arkansas, anent corner-stone, he says:

"Grand Lodge was convened several times during the year to observe the ceremonial of placing corner-stones, once greatly to our surprise for a 'Shrine Temple.' We would ask, fraternally and courteously, since when did masonic usage warrant such a departure from the straight line of masonic work? Such a building is neither a public nor masonic structure. Nor have we ever heard it classed with churches and retreats for the afflicted. We read a few days ago of a similar departure from masonic usage by the laying of the corner-stone of a club house. Now 'tis a Shrine Temple! What next? We think it high time to call a halt on this kind of 'progressiveness,' and get back to the recognition of true 'masonic work and usage,' to say nothing of the proprieties. On another occasion, we note Grand Lodge was convened in emergent communication to lay the corner-stone of a building, owned conjointly by bodies masonic and of the I. O. O. F. We expect to read next of our Arkansas brethren performing this work for the Knights of Columbus."

Maine for 1912 is reviewed.

### **VIRGINIA, 1913.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William L. Andrews, in his address, fittingly remembers the dead and of the Condition of the Craft says:

"It is my opinion that those lodges having a membership of less than a hundred do more for the cause of Masonry, and show more enthusiasm than when they number hundreds."

"Financially, all our lodges appear to be prospering, but many of them are commercializing themselves by trying to obtain expensive properties that yield large revenues, and, as a result, the lodge enters into voluntary servitude for years to come, paralyzes its chance for usefulness, creates dissatisfaction among its members by necessarily increased dues to meet these obligations made in pursuit of wealth, and discourages men of moderate means from applying for the mysteries, because the amount to be paid in the future as dues, with a probable raise, is more than they feel they can spare for the cause."

Of his decisions we quote:

"Lodge by-law provides that the stated meeting shall be at 8 o'clock. The Master, through error, opened at 7:30 o'clock; ballot was spread on petitions, petitioners elected, and subsequently received all degrees.

*“Query—*Does the error of the Master impair the regularity of the election of the candidates, no objection being made until they have received all degrees?

*“Answer—*The Master erred in opening his lodge contrary to the by-law, but such error does not affect the masonic status of those who were then elected and subsequently received the degrees.”

He issued dispensations for four new lodges; and then said:

“During the year I have granted a number of permissions for various lodges to change, for the one time, the day of stated meeting, for causes appearing to me justifiable; for others to fill vacancies by reason of resignations; for conferring degrees on candidates from other jurisdictions, when coming through proper channels; have asked other jurisdictions to confer, under similar circumstances, for us; have permitted, in a few cases, the receiving and acting upon requests for advancement, without requiring the wait of thirty days, and other similar cases for which permissions are deemed necessary from the Grand Master, but which, having only local interest, would be but a useless burdening of your Proceedings to report at length.

“I have also granted a very few of the many applications for permission to send out circular letters for aid, and then only when convinced that they were of unusual merit.”

And we especially commend the paragraph.

In Virginia there is a distinction between a corner-stone and a foundation stone, for he reported the laying of twelve *corner-stones* and of five *foundation stones*.

He visited seventy-five lodges, of which visits he gave a pleasing account.

Under the subject “For an Enlightened Craft,” he said:

“My extended contact with my brethren has convinced me that few of them have availed themselves of their privilege to become educated craftsmen, outside of the ritual. In that branch many are experts, and have received the honorary degree, jocularly termed ‘A. L. P.,’ but when asked as to the origin, history or symbolism of their Order, which numbers more than two and a half million intelligent, mature men, they confess a total lack of information on these subjects.

“Without the ritual these other branches of masonic education are, in the main, meaningless or useless, but, with the ritual mastered, let me beg of you that you add to your masonic education by posting yourself, as far as your means and time will permit, and then enliven your meetings by telling your brethren of such things discovered as you think will interest them.”

There are fifty-two districts under the care of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, of whose visits the Committee on Grand Officers report:

“On the matter of visits by the District Deputy Grand Masters to the several lodges in their respective districts, your committee find that these reports really divide themselves into three classes—to wit: First, those in which all the lodges have been visited during the year; second, those where a majority of the lodges have been visited, but quite a number have not been; and, third, those where lodge visitations have been very

incomplete and ineffective. Those District Deputies who come within the first class deserve the unqualified approbation and unstinted commendation of the Craft. In the second class it is apparent that the lodges which were not visited were the very ones which stood most in need of the stimulus and encouragement of the personal presence and inspiration of their District Deputy, and the suspicion readily suggests itself, on the very face of some of the reports, that the District Deputy contented himself with working around the easy places, and plowed around the hard, rough spots. It goes without saying that this is very poor husbandry. As to those coming within the third class, your committee suggests that a radical change of methods, and perhaps of men also, is, in some cases, essential to the good of the Craft. And we further recommend that lodges commonly known as laggards be given extra attention, for our 'indissoluble chain' is indeed no stronger than the weakest link, and our nearest approach to perfection will be gained not by the brilliancy of the few, but through the proficiency of the many, whereby will be given 'a beautiful, perfect, and complete whole.'"

A report the like of which we hope we shall never have to hear in the Grand Lodge of Maine.

A Masonic Home for indigent Master Masons of the State of Virginia has been made possible by the purchase of nineteen acres of land with a building thereon.

Bro. Joseph William Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado we read:

"We have always objected to the idea of documentary evidence, and argued against it many times. The above shows the contended reliance on the system which we feared would come from its adoption. True, it is possible, but by no means certain, that clandestines may not get some of their blanks, but they can and will imitate them successfully. This writer has had in his hand a printed receipt for dues purporting to be from a Virginia Lodge, on which an imposter levied tribute through four States, and the signature and even seal were both forgeries. He was finally caught, and did time in Mississippi for obtaining money under false pretences."

Under District of Columbia he writes:

"They have joined, and are contributors to the International Bureau for Masonic Intercourse, at Neufchatel, Switzerland. Now, we may be wrong, but it is our honest opinion that trouble will come of this movement, and our brethren will one day regret that they gave countenance to a movement designed ultimately to fuse all independent Grand Bodies into one international one, and make of Masonry a propaganda in religious politics. Masonry is not combative, has no wars to regret, and should pursue her calm beneficence untroubled by abuse from any source. Besides, these Continental Bodies are Scottish Rite, governed by Supreme Councils, and their members cannot even grasp our American masonic idea of the true mission of Masonry. It has, more than once, been wisely said that Latins cannot learn to understand Ancient York Masonry, much less practice it."

Maine for 1912 has courteous mention.

Under North Dakota:

"The usual and to-be-expected troubles are cropping out over their grave mistake in adopting a cipher key. No Grand Jurisdiction on earth has a moral right to strike this deadly blow at the whole body of Masonry, and, unless there is a reformation, it will ultimately destroy the institution at least for many years, as the Morgan episode so nearly did. The excuse that profanes cannot read the cipher is puerile, and not true, as all intelligent men must know, and never yet has a cipher been successfully preserved from falling into profane hands."

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We are informed of the death of M. W. Bro. Reuben Murrell Page, Grand Master from 1881 to 1883, who died January 14, 1914. A distinguished lawyer.

### WASHINGTON, 1913.

All the lodges except six were represented at the Annual Communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was not present. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank N. McCandless, delivered a business address in which he mentioned nearly every subject that could require the attention of a Grand Master in a comprehensive style.

Four corner-stones were laid; one Masonic Temple dedicated; nine lodges constituted; dispensations were issued for six new lodges; and concludes as follows:

"Teach our brethren of this Grand Fraternity to practice in their every day life those principles which we have been taught in the lodge; to work diligently for the upbuilding of mankind; to live creditably in their every day life, and to act honorably by all men, and by so doing help to uplift mankind. While we fight the battles of business life, cultivate that seed which you have sown in the fertile soil of Masonry and you will be entitled to the

#### WAGES OF LIFE:

"The corn of nourishment, not only that which is supplied to our bodies, but also that seed which, planted in the minds of other men, shall bring forth a harvest for good to all mankind; the wine of refreshment, that gives new life to the less fortunate brother and cheers him on his way; the oil of joy, that smooths the pathway and extends that hand of fellowship and links those pearls with bands of gold unbroken: thus may we truly say 'we have earned the wages of life.'"

The following paragraph from the Report of the Grand Secretary tells a story:

"Owing to the extra expense incurred, as well as to inconveniences generally attendant, I recommend that hereafter the Grand Lodge hold its sessions where the Grand Secretary's office is located, in Tacoma, as provided in its by-laws. We are too large a body to meet in the smaller cities, and the *extra* expense for mileage and per diem of Representatives is not warranted."

After reading the report of the Grand Treasurer we hunted for the



amount paid the Grand Treasurer for his services and find that he receives \$200.00.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia and the Philippine Islands were recognized, but the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was postponed for a time.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. James McCormack, delivered the annual oration.

We quote:

"Whither comes this great order of the square, the level and the plumb? From Syria or Chaldea? Or the Egyptian priests chanting their solemn rites by the famed Euphrates? Or, yet, from the Hebrew land of kings and prophets, whose temples outshone the sun? Or the Grecian academies? Or the Roman Colleges? Or the British schools of Architecture? It matters not. Only as members of this Order do we glorify in the kinship we can claim to the great men who were members of it: the great men in the world's history whose souls were kindled with the immortal fire of the eternal principles; men who caused the darkest corners of Europe to be lighted, and the usurpers of the people's rights to tremble before their words; so that millions were brought out from the darkness of mental and physical slavery into the glory of that great day which sheds its light upon us."

A Revised Code for the government of the craft was adopted.

If a Grand Representative of Washington is absent from his post for three successive annual communications, he is no longer *persona grata* to Washington and must be recalled. But presence once in three years, unless detained by illness, ought not to be arduous.

We do not generally give place to negative legislation, yet we must commend the decision of the Grand Lodge as presented by the Committee on Jurisprudence, which turned down the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That no lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington shall consider as valid for the purpose of continuous visiting, any dimit older than one year from date of issue."

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1912 has space.

Under Missouri, discussing the control of the rights of a lodge to contract debt, he writes:

"Literally construed this means that a lodge may not spend a dollar of its own money: because all bills are really debts till audited at a regular communication. So long as all debts to Grand Lodge are paid we can not see that it is any business of Grand Lodge what is done with the other funds of a lodge. The members and officers who are on the ground and giving their time and attention are the men to direct the affairs of a lodge. Some day the lodges not only of Missouri but of other jurisdictions are going to rise up and say—'You got to quit kickin' my dog aroun'.'"

Under New Hampshire:



"We do not quite understand New Hampshire's position on the ritual question. The use of printed rituals caused the Grand Master to issue a circular calling attention to the unlawful use of printed books and rituals, and demanding obedience unless prepared to suffer the penalty. Yet in the next paragraph of this same circular, he says:

"Each lodge should provide and maintain in correct form a proper ritual for the use of its officers."

"If this last paragraph means Monitor, well and good. If it means that New Hampshire has a cipher ritual which is legitimate in the possession of each lodge, then the unlawful use is an outgrowth that they may expect so long as the lawful books exist. The experience of the writer is that these books are loaned to members, and copied to a greater or less extent according to the ease with which the borrower memorizes."

From his conclusion we quote:

"We notice some little talk about uniformity of action among Grand Lodges, and conferences to bring it about. Brethren, if you want a National Grand Lodge, this is the way to start the movement, even though that is not in mind at the present time. As we said when we were with some of you, we believe it is the inevitable outcome of continued conferences of this character. When a large degree of uniformity has been secured, and when the Grand Lodges have become accustomed to continued suggestions from such gatherings, some good brother will suggest how nice it would be to have a National Grand Lodge, and they will begin to fall in line. Of course this is not imminent, but it is a lurking danger."

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We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. William H. White, Grand Master in 1884, who died April 29, 1914.

"With a resounding voice, an aggressive mien, a stalwart frame, a stirring oratory, and a strong, independent character which commanded general respect, he was appropriately dubbed and known as 'the War Horse of Washington Democracy.'"

### WEST VIRGINIA, 1913.

The representatives of one hundred thirty-one lodges were present at the forty-ninth Annual Communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles W. Lynch, in his address fittingly remembers the dead; tells what might have happened in a case for charity and suggests that some action ought to be had, so that if ever such case should come up some guide might be at hand to lead out of the difficulty.

Four corner-stones were laid by him and proxies laid eight others and constituted two lodges.

Of his decisions we quote:

"In September, 1910, upon his petition, a person whose name was not furnished me, was made an entered apprentice in Mannington Lodge, after which charges were preferred against him. When informed of the charges, he immediately demanded a trial. The lodge acceded to his demands, with a promise to inform him of the time fixed for trial, but at no time named a date therefor. After the expiration of two years, the lodge inquires: 'Will it be necessary for us to give him a trial, or can he petition the lodge for initiation again, the same as if he had never received the first degree?' I held that 'an entered apprentice, against whom charges are preferred, is, as a matter of right, entitled to a speedy trial;' also, that 'an entered apprentice cannot again petition the lodge for the degree theretofore conferred, but, if acquitted of the charges, he should petition the lodge for advancement, when a ballot upon his moral character and fitness is a necessary pre-requisite to an examination upon his skill and proficiency as an entered apprentice.'"

In his conclusion he rightfully assails the habitual use of profane language.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we excerpt:

"Our present system of disseminating the work does not seem to be popular with a large number of our lodges. They regard the plan as very expensive to the lodges, and often, when it suits some of the brethren to attend instruction, it proves an inopportune time for others; and some times it is at a time not at all convenient to the instructor, as we all have our personal business to look after and can not go at all times best suited to the lodges."

The District Deputy Grand Masters made more or less extended reports to meet the more or less visits made by them.

The Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands was recognized.

In accord with the laws of West Virginia, "A member of a lodge who joins in a petition for a dispensation is thereby quasi dimitted and his membership in the chartered lodge is thereby suspended and he cannot vote therein as a member unless and until the Grand Lodge refuses a charter and withdraws the dispensation," which is contrary to the laws in other jurisdictions.

One of the happiest reports upon a serious subject was that made by the Committee on the Ohio River Flood. They had to deal with the suffering in West Virginia alone, and an appeal was made to the lodges of that jurisdiction. There was received \$2,502.75, of which \$865.00 was expended for relief and the balance was returned to the givers.

Bro. George W. Atkinson presented his twenty-second Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alberta, discussing the way and means of disseminating the esoteric work, he concludes:

"Each Grand Lodge must use its own plan to impart the work, and such plan must be based upon its financial ability to carry it out, and make it effective."

But of course Maine has the best way and the cost is comparatively small.

Maine for 1913 had careful consideration. We quote:

"In the address I find a reference to the proposition to erect a Masonic Home. While he does not oppose the undertaking, he appears rather inclined to advise 'going slow.' I have given much of my attention to this matter, and my candid conclusion is that unless a Grand Lodge has the money in hand to erect the buildings, and an endowment sufficient to maintain them, it is bad policy to launch a Masonic Home enterprise. Of course, every Grand Lodge is honorably bound to provide for its needy brethren, and their widows and orphans, but there are other cheaper and equally as good methods as Masonic Homes to furnish the necessary relief. Why, then, unduly tax the brethren, when it is unnecessary so to do?"

Under Washington he says:

"The object of our Fraternity is to unite men of every country, sect and opinion into a society for the development and progress of the human race, for their material happiness, for the upbuilding of character, and for the proper application of the talents wherewith God has blessed them in the various interests of humanity. Therefore, the lodge which makes social and masonic educational sessions a part of its plans is more nearly reaching the high standard which should be maintained in all masonic lodges the world over."

From his conclusion we quote:

"There is another thing I am glad to see is gradually petering out, and that is the folly of allowing ciphers to be used by certain Grand Lodges. A few years ago these nuisances were tolerated by certain of our Grand Bodies. Some of us years ago thought and said that they could not be used except by a positive violation of our O. B's. Others took the opposite view, and were unwise and unjust enough to insist that the human memory was not competent to retain the exact work, without the aid of mnemonics of some sort. It is now evident that the Grand Lodges which allowed these innovations are reaching the conclusion that they made a mistake, and a few of them have called in their keys, and others, from present indications, will shortly follow suit; and it is to be hoped sincerely that it will not be long until there will be a general bonfire of the unlawful stuff that should never have been printed."

### WISCONSIN, 1913.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David B. Greene, in the introduction to his address, discusses at some length the duties of masons towards the preservation of the high standard of Masonry and concludes as follows:

"Charity is important, perhaps it's most important, but I say to you brethren, that if all masons lived out of the lodge as they do in the lodge, if all masons practiced in their daily lives, out in the highways, aye and down in the byways of life, the beautiful lessons that they teach over the

altars of Masonry, then this great Order would instantly become such an evangel in this old earth, that charity would scarcely be necessary."

The dead are eloquently remembered; the laying of three corner-stones and the dedication of one masonic lodge room reported: sixty-five dispensations were granted, of which twenty-six had to do with candidates, but they increased the revenue by \$255. Yet "all requests for permission to attend church services and to join in other processions and parades in masonic clothing have been refused."

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. A large amount of local business was done.

It had the sad duty, before closing, to conduct the funeral services of its late Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas J. Pereles.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his sixteenth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we read:

"Now, we submit for Bro. Scott's consideration that the mere production of a receipt for dues by a lodge shown by their list to be a regular masonic lodge is *not* sufficient to entitle a person to be received as a visitor. Such receipts can easily be fabricated, and if they cannot, they are liable to be lost or stolen. The question must further arise, 'Can a brother prove himself to be a mason in the time honored ways of the fraternity?' The fact that a mason of Bro. Scott's experience and learning should say that the mere production of a receipt of this kind and the finding that it was issued from a regular lodge entitled the bearer to be received and enjoyed as a brother mason shows the danger attendant upon the use of documentary evidence. Surely Bro. Scott must have failed to express himself as fully as he intended to, for he cannot seriously contend for anything of the kind. Nevertheless, many of the masons in this jurisdiction reading this statement are liable to be misled by it."

Maine for 1912 is reviewed.

Under Missouri he talks on the liquor question:

"Another phase of the operation of liquor legislation is presented by a ruling that a person employed as advertising manager for a wholesale liquor house and whose duties are merely to send out advertising matter for his employer is not eligible to petition for the degrees in Masonry. Is this not carrying the rule beyond the pale of reason? Can it not properly be left to the members of the lodge to say whether or not the person so desiring to petition is an upright moral man who will make a good member of the Fraternity. The trouble with all such legislation is not that the spirit is wrong in endeavoring to exclude unworthy material from membership in the lodges, but the difficulty in saying just where the line shall be drawn between those who are directly and those who are only remotely connected with the traffic. For instance, is the farmer who sells barley to a brewer ineligible, and if so, is his hired man who plows the ground on which the barley is grown under the ban?"

## WYOMING, 1913.

After an introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Pugh, in his address recalls the dead; reports the dispensations granted, six in number, but none to form new lodges; recounts the laying of four corner-stones; but we see no reasons why the "communications" touching the condition of candidates should be set forth so minutely.

The visitations, which he made, are fully set out. Three lodges were constituted.

From the conclusion we quote:

"Masonry is growing and prospering in Wyoming, the number of the lodges as well as the membership thereof continues to increase; naturally this increases the labor and responsibility of the Grand Master, and the past year has been one of great activity for me, nevertheless, the opportunity for extending my knowledge of the state and the many delightful people that I have met, have fully compensated for the labor and time expended, and I shall always look back upon this year as a pleasant spot in my life, only regretting my inability to do more and better service for our noble Order. The experience of the past year has resulted in greater knowledge and more appreciation of Masonry, and I shall step out of office into the ranks ready to help carry forward the good work that Masonry is endeavoring to accomplish."

Provision was made for the printing of one hundred copies of the address of the Grand Master for distribution at the communication. We do not approve of such legislation.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

Many subjects of greater or less importance were referred to committees to examine into and report upon at the next annual communication.

One resolution appropriating not more than five hundred dollars for traveling expenses to visit lodges and "*in attendance at the annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of the United States*," was adopted. (*Italics mine*).

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

He regards not the high plenepotential powers of the Grand Representatives, for almost the first thing under Alabama he writes:

"Two Grand Representatives, who had probably forgotten they were such and whose commissions the moths had no doubt destroyed, were singled out for decapitation under the three-year law of Alabama. It is astonishing the amount of time, paper and printers' ink, etc., that is wasted upon that useless excrescence."

Maine for 1913 has a page.

We quote:

"Here is a singular provision of law:

"One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction and the

other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fees."

"What a lodge has to do with a profane after waiving jurisdiction over him by requesting the other lodge to confer any degree upon him, or otherwise, seems to be singular proceeding. Another law provides that comity or courtesy permits a Maine lodge to confer either or all the degrees for a lodge in another state. Maine is liable to get into trouble when one of its lodges confers the Entered Apprentice degree upon a profane elected by a lodge in New York, Michigan, Wyoming, and probably a majority of other states which require that degree to be conferred by the electing lodge."

In Maine a lodge does not waive jurisdiction by the mere requesting another lodge to confer any degree upon him or otherwise. The provision quoted is framed so closely that to one not familiar with the usage in Maine it may seem a singular proceeding.

Let us analyze the proposition. Candidate A under jurisdiction of Lodge B wants Lodge C to confer the degrees upon him. The law provides that this cannot be done except in the following way. Candidate A first petitions Lodge B for waiver of jurisdiction. If it is not granted he can petition Lodge B only. If it is granted then Candidate A presents the waiver attached to his petition to Lodge C, which acts upon the petition in the usual way, and if the candidate is elected he receives the degrees from Lodge C and pays the usual fees which Lodge C requires.

As to the second part: How can Maine get into any trouble? Does not the lodge "in New York, Michigan, Wyoming," et als. have to ask Maine to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon *its* candidate? Would the lodge be so ignorant of its position as to ask Maine to do something which the law of the jurisdiction prevented? And if it were done and trouble thereby was caused and investigation was had, where would the fault finally fall?

—Maine is not worrying over the matter and will confer the degrees by courtesy upon requests which may come direct from the lodges or even through that long road constructed by Grand Masters to glorify and exalt their glorious rule.

We again quote:

"In other words the pineries of Maine were evidently full of unaffiliated masons under such a go-as-you-please style. We do not understand why any Grand Lodge ever adopted a system of conferring the degrees upon any man without making him a member of the lodge."

Did you never hear that lodges made *masons*, not *members*? That it was necessary for a *mason* to ask a lodge for membership if he desired to become a *member* and that he need not ask the lodge, which raised him, to give him membership? Perhaps, it may be found upon enquiry, that even now the lodge requires the newly raised brother to sign the by-laws or have the Secretary of the lodge sign his name that he may

not be an unaffiliated mason. Perhaps, too, there may be even now some lodges in which masons are made but not members unless by additional action.

### ARKANSAS, 1913.

Four hundred eighty-seven lodges out of five hundred fifty-two were represented at the seventy-second annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William T. Hammock, we quote:

"I have received and answered during the past year about four thousand communications, and I have given to every inquiring brother a patient answer—no matter how frivolous his inquiry. I have also cited the law upon which every opinion was based, so that every brother might understand that my answer was not the *Ipsi dixit* of myself, but the holding of the law. The brethren throughout the jurisdiction at large have been uniformly kind and courteous to me, paying to me at all times, not only the respect due my station, but breathing in all their communications a kind fraternalism and brotherly feeling peculiar to our Order."

He reports the laying of five corner-stones; the issuance of one dispensation for a new lodge.

He speaks highly of the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the use that was made of them, and of their reports says:

"These reports show many valuable suggestions, coming from officials who are in close touch with actual conditions. They also show 29 County Schools of Instruction held, 240 individual lodges visited, and 342 days of visitation, and very many degrees conferred. They also show dormant lodges revived, discord and prejudice giving place to harmony and brotherly love, and a general prosperity of the Craft."

The address is full of details as is the report of the Grand Secretary, but neither of them contain matters of general importance.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be named to confer with the Grand R. A. Chapter, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite Consistory and the Mystic Shrine with the object of inducing these bodies to levy a small per capita tax to provide some badly needed improvements or additions to the Masonic Orphans' Home and School and its maintenance."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. George T. Black presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Arizona, anent the cipher, he says:

"A resolution was adopted by a *viva voce* vote providing for the appointment of a committee of five by the Grand Master, whose duty it



should be to prepare a 'Key' to the unwritten work, said 'Key' to contain only the first letter of the word which such letter represents, the same to be a 'Key' to the unwritten work. This is but another pestiferous little 'Cipher.' Brethren, cut it out, cut it out, for it will do you more harm than good. The cement that holds our fabric together, or rather helps to do so, is our unwritten code, which is transmitted from 'mouth to ear,' and which so many of us have learned and which we are pledged to obey. It will destroy the beauty and symmetry of our Order and detract from the beauty and glory of our ceremonies."

Maine for 1913 is reviewed.

We quote:

"The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears at the end of the printed journal. It covers one hundred and two pages and is altogether an able review of the 69 Grand Jurisdictions with which it deals. But, it is without head or tail, and bears the cognomen of no living being to show who its father is. It is a lost waif, and its brilliant author should not be too delicate—so much so as to hide from his fellow workers at the Round Table his name. He sure might well feel proud of the offspring of his fertile brain."

Look again Brother Black.

The Grand Lodge laments the loss of M. W. Bro. Styles T. Rowe, Grand Master in 1895, who died June 2, 1913; of R. W. Bro. Sam H. Davidson, Grand Junior Warden, who died September 10, 1912; and of W. Bro. John M. Oathout, Grand Senior Deacon, who died June 20, 1913.

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## FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

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### ENGLAND, 1913.

We quote:

"An apparently authoritative statement having been made to an American Grand Lodge, and, as a consequence, extensively circulated in the United States and Canada that the M. W. Grand Master not only authorized but himself shared in the practice of making masons 'at sight,' thus passing candidates by special dispensation through all the degrees at the same lodge meeting, the Grand Secretary has been directed to communicate to all Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada in masonic association with the United Grand Lodge of England, a statement of our precise position in this regard. Rule 195 of the Book of Constitutions expressly provides that 'No lodge shall confer more than one degree on any brother on the same day, nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree.' The M. W. Grand Master has no power, except in the case of lodges abroad in defined conditions, to grant a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred at shorter intervals, and then, by Rule



115, only by substituting an interval of one week for four; and the Board trusts that this explanation of the English practice in this particular, which has always been rigidly adhered to, will prevent the further circulation of a misapprehension that, if unchecked, may have serious masonic consequences."

The following legislation was had:

"No brother subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known to, and vouched for by one of the brethren present, or unless he shall be well vouched for after due examination, and no brother who is not subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted as a visitor unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order. In all cases satisfactory proof of identity must be produced if required, and every visitor during his presence in a lodge is subject to its by-laws."

### IRELAND, 1913.

The Deputy Grand Master says:

"When I became a Freemason there were only sixteen lodges in Dublin, and many of them were in an almost moribund condition. Now we have fifty lodges. Masonry appears of late years to be going forward by leaps and bounds. We never were in anything like the same prosperous state, for the revenue of our Grand Lodge greatly exceeds its expenditure. I hope some of that excess of revenue over expenditure will be devoted to enlarging our premises, as we are badly in want of more space. I hope we shall be able, after a short while, to report progress in that direction, and have the much needed extensions carried out."

In his report the Deputy Grand Secretary says:

"A doubt sometimes arises as to what should be done with a member who is genuinely unable to pay the arrears due by him, but whose connection with his lodge has been otherwise so satisfactory that his fellow members are reluctant to strike his name off the roll in accordance with Grand Lodge Law 156. It would appear to be reasonable and fraternal under such circumstances for the lodge to remit a portion of the amount due, and allow the brother to resign, thus preventing the further accumulation of dues. In such cases, however, it is not in accordance with masonic equity to furnish him with a demit, which can only be required for the purpose of affiliating to another lodge, and this should certainly not be done until the amount due to his original lodge be paid in full."

### MEXICO, 1913.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master we quote:

"Our position in Masonry is somewhat unique. The York Grand Lodge of Mexico is a Grand Lodge composed of York Rite Lodges and working in the English Language, with two exceptions, while the so-called Masonry of the indigenous inhabitants is so-called Scottish Rite, and

their natural inclination is at least co-operation with, if not subordination to, their Supreme Council, thus making the so-called Mexican Grand Lodges subordinate instead of sovereign bodies.

"The conditions, which unfortunately have obtained in this country for the past two years, have been such, that it has taken the most self-denying and truly masonic conduct on the part of the officers and members of our lodges, to keep the good work going, and it may be that there will be little or no improvement in conditions in the near future. This Most Worshipful Grand Lodge recognizes these conditions and is deeply indebted to you for your noble and personal sacrifices."

### NEW SOUTH WALES, 1913.

The proceedings contain full statements of the working of Masonry in the jurisdiction, but it appears to be entirely local in character.

There is a Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The reviews of the several jurisdictions are signed by the one making the review.

Under Ireland we read :

"It is gratifying to record that this Grand Lodge has acquired recognition of our near sister Grand Lodge of Queensland, it is in accord with the generous impulses of warm hearted Irishmen, as well as with the 'heart and hand expanded by Benevolence,' which are among the tenets of the Craft."

Maine for 1913 is reviewed. We are happy to say that "the proposition for building a new Masonic Temple by the Grand Lodge" appears to be an assured success.

Under Ohio we read :

"In Ohio they practice the reception of Representatives from the Royal Arch, the K. T., the A. and A. Rite, and other 'fancy' degrees, and Bro. Nelson Williams defends the customs in his review, justifying it by the fact that the jurisdictions has recognized those degrees.

"It would seem strange to us in Australia as lodges emanating from the Grand Lodge of England, whose constitutions lay down emphatically as the opening Declaration of its General Laws, that 'By the Solemn Act of Union between the Two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England in December, 1913,' it was 'Declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.'

"While we recognize the Supreme Authority under which our Custom has grown up, we think that a recognition of those bodies by our Grand Lodges would put them on a more prosperous footing, and encourage more masons to go beyond the three degrees, and seek to dig deeper in the good soil of masonic knowledge."

### NEW ZEALAND, 1913.

Articles of Agreement were entered into between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Many amendments to their Rules were made.

Among the new Rules adopted were these:

"Grand Lodge may by resolution confer upon any brother of eminence and ability who is a member of Grand Lodge, and who has rendered service to the craft, such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

"If any brother shall canvass for or otherwise solicit nomination for Grand Lodge office on behalf of himself or any member of Grand Lodge he shall be deemed guilty of an offence, become disqualified to hold any office in Grand Lodge, and at the discretion of Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, may be subject to censure, admonition, fine, or suspension."

Bro. Alfred H. Burton presented his fourth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

From his "Foreword" we quote:

"Can it be that, to a very large extent, the three degrees are made use of merely as an avenue to lead the unwary to a something which is not Ancient Freemasonry at all, but is just, perhaps, a mere theological ex-crescence?

"It does not become one to affect any knowledge of the secrets of self-styled 'high' degrees; but it is surely safe to challenge contradiction of a well-grounded belief that in such is contained nothing of value—whether in quasi-chivalric, occult, or mystic 'degrees'—that may not be acquired from the study of Freemasonry as we practice it; and that, in fact, all beyond is but leather and prunella."

Maine for 1912 appears in the report.

### QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

A considerable profitless discussion was held over the question of the confirmation of the minutes of a regular communication.

The Freemasons' Homes of Queensland were subject to a large amount of the legislation.

### SOUTH AFRICA, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, 1913.

We quote:

"The District Grand Secretary has organized deputations of District Grand Lodge Officials to visit various country lodges during the year, to conduct the Installation Ceremonies in connection therewith, when occasion has been taken to specially draw the attention of our country brethren to a more deserving support of our local District Grand Lodge Masonic Charities. A special appeal has been made to the brethren to give

a more generous support to these charitable funds, the good result of which is shown in the list of subscriptions printed elsewhere in the Board Report. There is every reason to hope as the effect of this and continued efforts still better results will be obtained in future years."

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1913.**

The Jubilee Celebration of the M. W. Grand Master's Initiation is reported. A glorious time was had.

The History of Freemasonry in South Australia by the Grand Secretary is continued, period 1844-1854.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by the several members of the committee.

The proceedings of Maine for 1912 are favorably mentioned.

### **TASMANIA, 1913.**

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"Applications are frequently made to the Benevolent Fund on behalf of stranded masons, about whom it is very difficult to get any reliable information as to their worth; still, it is undesirable to refuse aid if they can prove themselves masons. Moreover, it is better to take the risk of assisting an unworthy applicant, than the possibility of passing by a worthy one.

"We have cases where persons, as we think, merely out of curiosity, join the craft, and having attained a certain knowledge have withdrawn from same, after stating their inability to pay their dues. Frequently calls have been made upon our fund from brethren of this kind, who surely ought to have found it difficult to be admitted as members. Such, as a rule, are those who make the greatest demand upon our resources, and after all have contributed, in many cases, hardly one shilling towards building up the fund, which we desire to have utilized for worthy brethren in distress, or those who are, or have been, dependent on them.

"Once more let me urge upon the brethren to be very circumspect in the admission of men amongst them who might eventually, from their present position, become a burden upon our Institution. Many rules have been set out by the Board for the administering of this fund, but I feel very certain that these are not fully adhered to, because, if any really deserving case is shown, a deaf ear is never turned by the Board in rendering any temporary or necessary assistance."

### **VICTORIA, 1912.**

From the Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we quote:

"At the present time it is difficult to discuss the ritual with brethren, owing to lodges reading it differently, and, under existing conditions, the visit of the Grand Inspector of Workings, in most cases, is more ornamental than useful, as it appears to be invidious to offer comment in the absence of a *standard* of working."

What every Secretary should know is given in nineteen short paragraphs.

The M. W. Grand Master desired in the work the following practice:

"That not more than one degree be conferred on the same evening.

"That if there be more than one candidate for any degree the following procedure be adopted:—

"In the first degree, the candidates to be taken separately up to the end of the Ob.

"In the second degree, not more than two candidates to be taken together up to the end of the Ob.

"In the third degree, not more than two candidates to be taken together up to the end of the Ob, the candidates to be raised separately (all other candidates being out of the room), and the ceremony continued with only one candidate up to the reference to the b—m—star. The candidates may then be taken together."

### VICTORIA, 1913.

The Grand Inspector of Workings in his report says:

"The officers of many lodges, acting upon recommendations and advice, have greatly improved their work and increased their working force by attending regularly some Lodge of Instruction. They have realized that a reasonable proficiency in the ritual and a proper conception of its lessons are indispensable qualifications for good and impressive work—this, not only for the edification of candidates, but to maintain the presence and interest of the members when degrees are being conferred.

"The few lodges—and I am glad to say they are very few—that are not carrying out, in their entirety, the wish of the M. W. Grand Master, have Masters who, almost immediately after their installation, have been violently attacked by the 'microbe of forgetfulness' and have not the slightest recollection of agreeing to carry out No. 10 of the Antient Charges read to them by the Secretary before they were installed. This is to be deplored."

The Grand Master in his address says:

"During the year 845 brethren took out their clearances, and only 572 rejoined. That is, the ranks of unaffiliated masons have been swelled by 273 brethren. During the past six years 2,161 brethren have dropped out of membership. Most of these ought to be in active association with us. It should be a matter of conscience with every Freemason to be a subscribing member of some particular lodge, so long as his circumstances in life permit. Could not something be done by our lodges during the coming year to bring back into masonic activity again those who have become weary in well doing?"

Of his plan of conferring degrees as set forth in 1912 he says:

"Nine months' trial has been made, and on the whole it has worked satisfactorily. In some cases it is said that the ceremony has become unduly lengthened, and that emergency meetings have become necessary to an undesirable extent, but this is only in those instances where lodges are trying to admit too many candidates. No lodge should bring in more members than it can properly and impressively initiate, pass, and raise. When a man is initiated into Freemasonry, he has come to a crisis in his

life. Let the ceremony fail to impress, and we have done more harm than good. Decorum and impressiveness must not be sacrificed, no matter what the price to be paid."

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1913.

In the address of April 13, 1913, the M. W. Grand Master says:

"After ten years, one naturally looks back. Looking backward has its sorrows. Many of those who took an active part in our Order ten years ago have left us to go to their long home. Our sorrow in many cases is tinged with joy as we remember the pleasant intercourse of days that are gone. Looking backwards (the privilege of those who are past middle age) has its pleasures. As you notice progress, not in numbers only, but in quality as well; not only in proclaiming principles, but in acting upon them; not only in the number of masons, but in the number of real friendships made, one thanks God, takes courage, and looks forward to the future with ever increasing hope. Such is our retrospect to-day. We have more members than we ever had. The lodges are in better order than they ever were. There are more who take an interest in our charities than at any previous period. There are fewer exclusions for non-payment of dues. I cannot say that there is greater harmony than in the past, for we have never had anything else."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the hand of each of the members of the committee.

Bro. A. C. McC., under Alabama, has a word to say about the Eastern Star:

"Poor old Freemasonry! Apparently in this reviewer's opinion, poor and old and decrepit! Kept standing by men for centuries, and now practically entirely dependent upon an outside society formed of ladies to keep it upon its feet in order to carry out its good works. We are, indeed, sorry to find that the craft should be in such a parlous condition in some parts of the world as evidently it is, and would be sorry to think that the time should ever come when one of the old landmarks should be entirely lost sight of; but if we are to judge from the remarks of some of our American brethren, 'It's comin' yet for a' that,' the time when some brethren will have forgotten that this is a *Fraternity*."

Maine for 1912 is reviewed by Bro. F. N. We quote:

"Like many other Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Smith refers to the part that Freemasonry must play in the ideal of International Peace, but, also like many other Grand Masters, does not suggest how this is to be brought about nor offer a clue by which other actors in the piece may know the time to 'come on.' The writer loves the idea, but thinks much more than the regular references to the subject has to be done to bring about what all so much desire. We are taught that 'Whilst in the Lodge' we should refrain from 'every topic of religious or political discussion,' and we agree that this is a very desirable teaching, but we think also that without joining the ranks of 'Party Politics' the Government of our respective countries by those who are just, upright, and free men, by those whose hands are 'clean' and whose character cannot be assailed, is a subject that Freemasons might well discuss around the festive board. How can we ever hope for International Peace while we

have in our midst brethren who are taking active parts in the Industrial Wars that are the bother of to-day? Would it not be far better to introduce as much of politics into our discussions as will convince every mason that he has entered into an obligation not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against his Government, that he will pay due obedience to the laws of any state in which he may reside, and by such discussions, eventually bring about in our own lands that internal peace that should prove our qualification to deal with the greater subject of International Peace."

Religion also should be a subject of masonic discussion, not necessarily as to whether this or that sect is right or wrong, but the religion that should teach us more about the 'Fatherhood of God.' The reviewer regards Freemasonry as the hand-maiden of religion, and is of opinion that the teaching of the lodge should enable every brother who joins our Order to better appreciate his Church and to remember his duty to that institution."

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Fraternally submitted,

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### Report • on • Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of*

*Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine.*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report.

#### ALABAMA, 1914.

Ninety-fourth Annual Communication.

The Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, the representatives of four hundred ten lodges were present. The Grand Representative for Maine was there.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry C. Miller, in his lengthy introduction to his address, discusses the individual life and character, comments on the war in Europe, believes that the lodge is to blame for the lack of knowledge which the candidate, although he may be a "bright mason," has of the teachings of Masonry, advocates regulation, by the help of masons, for a better education of the children of Alabama, sounds a word against something to come, and concludes with a statement about the depression in business in Alabama.

He granted dispensations for eight new lodges, for lodges to continue to work, to sell or mortgage its property, and to do a great many other things.

Seven corner-stones were laid. Some correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions had been necessary, but "the correspondence has, however,

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been practically limited to making and granting requests for subordinate lodges to confer degrees through courtesy for each other."

We quote two decisions:

"One lodge cannot file with another lodge an objection which would, as a matter of law, prevent the petitioned lodge from electing a profane, even though the lodges have concurrent territorial jurisdiction. This does not apply where the objecting lodge had theretofore obtained jurisdiction over the profane by a former or prior petition.

"Where the by-laws of a lodge prohibited the reception of a petition for initiation within six months from one whose former petition it had rejected, and had, within the six months, legally amended its by-laws by striking out that prohibition, it had authority to receive such second petition without waiting until the expiration of the six months."

At the last annual communication the Grand Lodge abolished the office of Grand Lecturer. The Grand Master considers that a serious mistake was made and recommends the re-establishment of the office.

The Masonic Home is recommended to the attention of the brethren and the Order of the Eastern Star commended for its work and especially thanked for a gift of over seven thousand dollars for the building of a hospital in connection with the Home.

The method of amending the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama is plain if it is observed. There is considerable red tape to be unrolled, but when the end is reached the lodge must be disciplined if it does not do all that is required, so three lodges lost their charters this time.

We quote from the Report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home:

"We most urgently desire to impress you with the absolute necessity of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, raising the fee for the degrees, three dollars. The amount by this is badly needed to meet the growing demands upon us, and imposes no hardship on the present membership, and takes nothing away from the lodges. It is designed that those who come into the Fraternity hereafter may have some interest in this great institution. You have contributed freely and generously, but the demands upon you are great and increasing. Let those who enter hereafter, bear their share of the burden. It is small and will prevent no worthy person from seeking the privileges of Masonry."

For eleven months the average residents were sixty, at a cost per month of \$950.65.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, an educated citizenship is the first care of a progressive State, and

"Whereas, a free elementary education is the birthright of every American citizen, and

"Whereas, it is a fixed principle of free America that the wealth of the State should be taxed to aid in educating the child, and

"Whereas, the Public School is the approved agency for the training of our children and the bulwark of our liberties, and

"Whereas, Masonry is vitally interested in the education of the generations yet to come, and

"Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Alabama will soon convene in quadrennial session:

"Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction that we favor such local taxation as will make it possible for every community in Alabama to provide reasonable and equal educational opportunity for every child of school age.

"Be It Further Resolved, that this Grand Lodge recommend that all Masons of Alabama be urged to aid to the extent of their ability any and all proper means to effectuate these additional and desirable educational facilities."

Bro. Nathaniel L. Mewhinney presents the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We cordially welcome him to a seat at the round table. We congratulate him upon the topical treatment of his patients, and, in time, it may produce results commensurate with the labor to prepare the prescription.

Bro. William Yates Titcomb, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence since 1898, died December 23, 1913. Bro. Titcomb was born in Newburyport, Mass., and for many years was a teacher. His work as Correspondent was carefully prepared, well executed, and presented to his readers a pleasant report. We shall miss him.

### ALBERTA, 1914.

The Ninth Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. S. J. Blair, pays due tribute of respect to the memory of his deceased brethren. He visited every one of the eighty-six lodges and says:

"I am not going to take up your time with many details of these visits, but am pleased to report that Freemasonry has reached a very high standard in this Province, and every effort is being made to maintain that standard and to increase, if at all possible, the respect in which our Order is held by our fellowman. It is also very pleasing to note the number of clergymen that are becoming associated with our Order."

Three lodges were instituted; two halls were dedicated; sixty-four dispensations were granted.

He recommended the incorporation of every lodge.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters, ten in number, made interesting reports.

The Committee on Condition of Masonry say after reading the reports:

"The lodges as a whole show a good financial standing, maintaining a healthy increase in membership, with excellent prospects for the future. The outstanding dues in some lodges are more than a healthy condition should show. We would recommend that the District Deputy Grand Masters be instructed to see that the by-laws of lodges be carried out in respect to suspension for non-payment of dues."

It was voted to allow lodges to be incorporated. The reasons given for incorporation were not strong. The laws of the country may not be such as to require the records of a corporation to be brought into court in a suit at law, but if so then to our mind incorporation of Masonic Lodges is a mistake. An incorporated lodge might be placed in a position where a libel suit would lie.

Bro. S. Y. Taylor presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From his introduction we quote:

"The liquor question claims the attention of many jurisdictions, and several of them have put the ban on the saloon keeper, while others have left the settlement of this question to subordinate lodges through the exercise of the black ball. The day is not far distant when it will be impossible for those trafficking in strong drink to gain admission to Freemasonry.

"An unwarranted attempt is being made by certain Masonic Bodies, notably the Grand Orient of Italy, to establish Symbolic Lodges within American Jurisdictions. It is a well recognized principle that no Foreign Jurisdiction has the right to invade the territory of another. Such lodges have been declared irregular and clandestine."

For the first time, apparently, he has discovered a practice in Georgia which does not seem to meet with his approval any more than it does many other writers. He says:

"We are surprised to learn that many brethren in this jurisdiction were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for non-payment of dues. This is the first time in all our masonic experience, we have known of such drastic measures being taken for this offence. This list is followed by another for habitual drunkenness, and for gross unmasonic conduct. All treated alike. This reminds us of medieval days in England when over two hundred crimes were punishable by death."

Maine for 1913 is carefully reviewed.

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M. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Grand Master in 1911, died June 12, 1913.

The Grand Tyler, since the organization of the Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. R. H. Finch, died May 10, 1914.

### ARIZONA, 1914.

The representatives of twenty chartered lodges were present. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leroy Middleton, through indisposition, was absent. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

"Owing to adverse circumstances the Grand Master did not present the usual Annual Address."

The V. W. Grand Secretary reported the business which had been done during the year.

The Committee on "History of Masonry in Arizona" reported the receipt of the histories of several of the subordinate lodges, and had added to their labors to obtain the history of every organization claiming to be masonic, in the jurisdiction.

Forms for applications for degrees and for membership were adopted.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico were recognized.

The business of the communication was small and local in character.

No Report on Correspondence.

### **ARKANSAS, 1914.**

Four hundred fifty-four lodges were represented at the seventy-third annual communication. The Grand Officers were present. Fourteen Past Grand Masters, among whom was the Grand Representative for Maine, were also there.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. David I. Mills, had quite a lengthy but interesting introduction to his address, from which we quote:

"We should be frank and open with our brethren, and if a brother has committed a wrong, privately admonish him in a true masonic spirit with a desire to correct his faults; do not secretly put in circulation some damaging report which may prove an injury to him and debase the dignity of our profession. 'We shall pass this way but once,' and if I can show some kindness to one in need, or comfort some fellowbeing, let me do it now, that he may have the opportunity of enjoying the roses that may be scattered in the pathway of his life, and I experience the happiness and satisfaction which proceeds from deeds of kindness unselfishly performed. If we do this we may indeed worthily wear the white lambskin apron and stand before the world as an upright mason."

He had some trouble to persuade some of the lodges that an "edict declaring it a masonic offence to circulate or sign a petition for liquor license" should be observed, but succeeded in convincing the lodges that the edicts of a Grand Lodge must be obeyed. Still he thinks that a penalty ought to be added to the edict, and recommends:

"It shall constitute a masonic offence for a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction to sign a petition for license for a saloon, or to circulate a petition thereof, and the name of the brother guilty of the offence shall be dropped from the lodge roll, and he shall be suspended for unmasonic conduct."

He issued dispensations for eight new lodges and refused one for a new lodge. Dispensations were granted to confer degrees without waiting the statutory time. Five corner-stones were laid.

He had to discipline one lodge for conferring the E. A. degree upon one who was physically disqualified for receiving the degrees, and another lodge because of its action in accepting candidates contrary to law.

Discussing the subject of "Appeals for Aid," of which there were ten, he says:

"The custom, which has obtained in this jurisdiction of issuing appeals for aid, in my opinion, is much to be regretted and I am opposed to the system. The results obtained are not altogether satisfactory, for the responses come from practically the same lodges on each appeal and many lodges never contribute anything; then, the amounts received are frequently very small, compared with the necessary expenses in sending out appeals. I believe some action should be taken by Grand Lodge, to create a permanent 'Charity fund,' by appropriating a definite proportion of our general fund each year for this purpose, to be dispensed by a committee on charity after a thorough investigation. I found a system, however, which had been in existence for several years and for which I was not responsible, and after fully investigating each appeal, I was convinced that assistance should be given these worthy cases and I approved."

He rendered a few decisions upon questions that arose from the edict concerning "liquor license."

And also decided that it was not "proper for the officers of a lodge to assemble in the lodge hall on the Sabbath day and without opening the lodge rehearse the work and the lectures of the degrees."

He thinks that the good that should be obtained from the service of the Grand Lecturer is not received and some plan should be presented to improve the condition.

The following Edict, approved by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That any mason within this jurisdiction who, in violation of existing Edicts of this Grand Lodge, becomes interested directly in the sale of intoxicating liquor, or indirectly by renting his property or permitting it to be occupied for use in the liquor traffic, or by circulating or signing a petition asking that license for the sale of liquor be issued, or by signing a bond for liquor license, or by otherwise becoming interested, directly or indirectly in the liquor traffic, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and on trial and conviction, shall be expelled or indefinitely suspended."

Hereafter Master Masons in order to hold office must offer specimens of their skill, for the following edict was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no Master Mason shall be installed as Master or Warden in any lodge unless he has passed an examination in open lodge as to his proficiency, and been found proficient."

From the able Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home we quote:

"There are twenty-five masonic jurisdictions with Homes, to-wit: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Nova Scotia. In addition six states—California, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas, have two Homes each, and four states—Iowa, New York, Wisconsin and Illinois, have Homes built and controlled by the Order of the Eastern Star. This makes a total of thirty-five Homes. The thirty-one Masonic Homes are financed by 1,136,080 Freemasons, whose contributions last year were \$838,538.00. The total investment is \$5,969,036.00. Twenty-one jurisdictions of the twenty-four have endowment funds totaling \$5,891,829.00. They are caring for 1,533 old people, and 1,935 children, a total of 3,588. An average per capita of money raised was \$250.00."

On the face of it it would appear that there was a Report on Correspondence, which was thought by some to be worth one hundred dollars, but afterwards it was concluded that fifty dollars would be sufficient. Upon further consideration it would appear that even at that price it was not worth the printing.

Far be it from us to say that Arkansas is not living up to her best, but when the Report of Correspondence is cut off and the discontinuance of the membership in the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the United States we feel that something is wrong.

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1914.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Henderson, in his address tells of his visitations to the several lodges, remembers the dead, reports his dispensations (among them eight for new lodges), details an account of Clandestine Masonry, and in conclusion says:

"Another milestone on our journey has been passed, and we have much to be thankful for. We live in a magnificent Province, which is rapidly developing from a material standpoint; and while we all have our work to accomplish in our own sphere, let us not forget the great duties which are imposed upon us as masons, and strive each day to practice those truths which are so frequently illustrated in our lodges."

The Deputy Grand Master and the various District Deputy Grand Masters made report of their visitations.

The business of the annual communication was small in amount and local in character.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.



Under Alabama we read:

"Alabama has just completed a large and expensive Masonic Home; in fact, at the time the Grand Lodge met it had not been occupied. Already it is found that it is either not large enough, or not suitable for the purpose for which it is intended, and the Board of Control of the Home asked for authority to negotiate a loan wherewith to make the required additions. The present investment appears to be a little more than seventy-eight thousand dollars, and the building was dedicated at this session of the Grand Lodge."

Under California we quote:

"An amendment to the Constitution was adopted which premised:

"Whereas one of the principal tenets of our Order is relief, and we further are obligated to properly aid and assist the stricken of our Craft; and to this end levied an assessment of seventy-five cents on each member for the Masonic Homes, with a further assessment of fifty cents on each member for the Masonic Home Building Fund. It is true that one of the tenets of a mason's profession is relief, but the obligation to relieve the distressed is also qualified by the ability of the brother who is asked to furnish the relief, which the resolution, or amendment, referred to entirely ignores."

Maine for 1913 has a page in his able report.

Under Vermont we read:

"The Grand Master is much exercised, too, because some Grand Lodges—New Hampshire and New York are mentioned—do not claim jurisdiction over a man after he has ceased to reside in their jurisdiction. Vermont, it seems, requires that a petitioner who has not resided twelve months in the state shall obtain the recommendation of the lodge at the place where he formerly resided. A reverend gentleman, having moved from New Hampshire to Vermont, was desirous of joining a lodge in the latter state, and as he had lived there only four months, the Grand Secretary of New Hampshire was asked to get a recommendation for him from the New Hampshire Lodge. The Grand Secretary very properly replied that as the gentleman had left New Hampshire with the intention of making his residence elsewhere, the New Hampshire Lodge 'had no more jurisdiction over him than over some one in the Fiji Islands.' 'There are other jurisdictions,' the Grand Master says, 'that take the same stand as New Hampshire,' and the consequence is that persons coming to Vermont from these jurisdictions have to wait a full year before they may petition for initiation. Well, a year won't hurt them, anyway."

Under Wyoming we quote:

"Brother Kuykendall notes the ruling of the Grand Master of Iowa that it is a masonic offence for a member of an Iowa lodge to join a lodge in another jurisdiction, and says:

"We never supposed that a member of a lodge could possibly become a member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, even where dual membership is recognized, for at least two reasons, one being that of residence, the other being comity or courtesy in respecting the laws of the jurisdiction from which such member hails on a question of such character."

"Even if Brother Kuykendall has never heard of it, it is something that is being done every day, as no Grand Lodge outside of the United States is opposed to dual membership. The matter of residence does not enter

into the question, but, of course, if the rule of the Grand Lodge from which the brother hails prohibits him from joining another lodge he should not apply to the other for membership."

### **CALIFORNIA, 1914.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John D. Murphy, in his address comments on the part Masonry ought to play in the "fearful cataclysm that embraces practically all the nations of Europe," and pledges California to do its part for the relief of the suffering and distress caused by the war.

Speaking of the prosperity of Masonry in California and of the inadvisability of "drumming up candidates" he says:

"I am satisfied that there has never been a time in California Masonry when manhood has been subordinated to money, or where character has not been the essential qualification of those who sought the benefit of our privileges."

He discusses at length the question of the physical qualification of a candidate for Masonry, and feels that "where the local lodge shall favorably pass upon the physical sufficiency of a candidate, that finding should be practically finally determinative of the issue."

The dead are remembered; the constituting of six lodges announced; the visitations to lodges for many purposes reported; a few decisions, ten in number, given.

We quote:

"The Master of a lodge should not permit any member to enter or retire after announcing the report of the committee and directing the ballot, unless sickness or some other imperative reason should be pleaded. It is clearly within the province of a Master to prevent brethren from evading the plain provisions of the law by retiring to the anteroom for that purpose. If the Master has reason to question the good faith of members retiring to the Tyler's room preceding or pending a ballot, he certainly would be acting within his discretionary powers in directing and compelling them to return to the lodge room and participate in the ballot. I do not believe it incumbent upon the Master to inquire as to whether brothers are in the anteroom prior to ordering a ballot, but he has no power to excuse a member from voting who asks it, whether in the lodge room or in the anteroom."

He discourses upon the advisability of pushing the establishment of the endowment fund of a million dollars, the interest of the investment to be used for the maintenance of the Masonic Homes at Decota and San Gabriel, suggesting "that an inexpensive method might be devised whereby the Secretaries of the various lodges be required to mail literature appertaining to this subject matter in connection with such notices as are now required to be sent out in due course of lodge business; the

literature to be prepared and furnished by the Endowment Fund Committee."

He discusses Funerals:

"A matter of serious concern to masons, particularly those in large cities, is the time unnecessarily lost in attending funerals of deceased brothers. The present method requiring lodges to be formally opened before attending a masonic funeral consumes much time and entails a great amount of inconvenience. It seems to me that the practice now in vogue in some Eastern jurisdictions of permitting the Master to call his lodge members together at the place designated for the funeral, there put on the proper regalia and conduct the funeral, without the necessity of a formal opening of the lodge, would be a wise solution of this question; and I recommend that the laws be amended in such a manner as to permit the inauguration of this practice in this Grand Jurisdiction."

But can it be that work by a lodge is to be done without its being opened? How can it be opened except in the place so designated for holding its meetings?

From the report of the Los Angeles Board of Relief we learn that Bro. Alden A. Spëar, member of Saint George Lodge, No. 16, Warren, Maine, died August 30, 1913; and from the San Diego Board of Relief of the death of Bro. George W. Cushing of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, of Madison, Maine.

In regard to Funerals the Constitution was amended so as to read:

"To constitute burial with masonic honors the funeral service authorized by the Grand Lodge must be used. The lodge may be opened in due form in the lodge room or the Master may call the members of his lodge together at the place designated for the funeral, there put on the proper regalia and conduct the funeral without the necessity of a formal opening of the lodge, in which case, the secretary will note in the minutes of the the next stated meeting the fact that the funeral has been conducted by the lodge."

Bro. Edward H. Hart submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"The two subjects which have received, perhaps, more attention from the American Grand Jurisdictions, within the past year than any other matters (and those two subjects are in a sense closely related), are the Conference of Grand Masters held in 1913 at Indianapolis, and the meeting of Grand Masters held at Alexandria, Va., in connection with the Memorial to George Washington, the Mason.

"Speaking for myself personally, and in no way presuming to voice the sentiments of our Grand Lodge, I disagree with the wisdom of these annual meetings, because they seem to have a tendency to foster the idea of a Supreme or Sovereign Grand Lodge, patterned after some of the modern fraternal organizations. Masonry is not an imitator, and as Grand Master Wheeler of Wisconsin said in his annual address on June 9th of this year, at the opening of the Grand Lodge, 'Masonry is noted for its conservatism, its respect and reverence for tradition, for established usages and laws,' and that in this age when there is such a growing unrest

and oftentimes a craving for change and a demand for so-called 'progress,' Masonry constitutes a bulwark of social and civic safety; and these are among the reasons why there should be no yielding to this modern fancy for a General Grand Lodge, and while these 'Annual Conferences,' five or six of which have already been held, have always disclaimed the purpose of promoting the idea of a General Grand Lodge, yet in the language of the immortal Bard of Avon, 'Methinks she doth protest too much,' and if there is no purpose to propagate a General Grand Lodge idea, wherein lies the necessity of masons, bearing 'Past Grand' titles, getting together each year in elaborate conventions to thrash over the same old straw that is thrashed at every one of these meetings? Some of those who have been wont to assemble in these annual conferences, have been more frank than others, and have openly espoused the General Grand Lodge idea, and in one of the Grand Lodge reports, Oregon we believe, the Grand Master reported the proceedings of the Indianapolis meeting under the caption in large letters in his report 'GENERAL GRAND LODGE.'

"It will, of course, be utterly impossible to create a General Grand Lodge. Masonic tradition and sentiment, and Masonic Landmarks are all against this proposition, nevertheless, in our judgment no good arises from these annual conferences and Grand Lodges generally ought to discourage them."

In regard to "The McGrew Case" he says:

"If a fraud was committed on Massachusetts in the restoration to masonic standing of the individual in question, an even greater fraud was committed upon the masons of California. Nothing, in our judgment, has occurred to justify an interruption of the fraternal and cordial relations which have always existed between Massachusetts and California, and we believe that it is California rather than Massachusetts that has been affronted, and that it is for California to decide what action it will take in the premises, and that Massachusetts (now that it has given the facts to the masonic world), may properly leave the final disposition of the matter to our Grand Lodge, particularly in view of what we believe to be the fact, that the individual in question is, by virtue of the action of Massachusetts, masonically defunct everywhere in the masonic world, except in California."

Under British Columbia, discussing the "Wisconsin Plan," he says:

"Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith dissents from this method and holds that it is the duty of every mason to relieve a brother applying to him, if the applicant is worthy, so far as he can do so without injury to himself.

"So do we. So does California, and this is now and always has been the practice in California, and relief has never been contingent upon reimbursement by the brother's home lodge, as may be clearly found from the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid out by our Boards of Relief in this state for which no re-imbursement has ever been made, and in thousands of cases never even thought of; but California holds, and justly holds, that if a distressed brother's lodge, to which he has perhaps paid dues for many years, is able to make re-imbursement for advances to relieve his distress, such re-imbursement is right and proper."

Under Kansas we read:

"In examining the 1914 Proceedings of Kansas we find that the Grand Lodge bestowed upon Bro. Robert F. Gould of England the rank and title of Honorary Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. We have no personal objection to Mr. Gould. He is certainly a distinguished mason and is entitled to honor as such. We, however,

are of the opinion that American Grand Lodges should not undertake to imitate the practices of Grand Lodges of British affiliation in adopting the system of conferring honorary rank and title, and the American system in Ancient Craft Masonry of conferring title only when and where it is earned is vastly better than the cheap and imitation variety known as honorary rank and title."

Maine has two pages in his able report.

### CANADA, 1914.

The Committee on Credentials reported that three hundred fifty-one lodges were represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent, but sent a letter of regret.

Many distinguished visitors were present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. David McPherson, without any introduction in his address, tells of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge; of the issuance of dispensations for ten new lodges; of his numerous visitations and of his attendance at the fifth Conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis.

Many rulings were made but all were of a local character.

Under Condition of the Craft he says:

"A disposition appears to be gaining strength in the Craft to increase the initiation fee in some quarters, and I feel it my duty to draw formal attention to this subject as I concur in the opinion of eminent predecessors in the office of Grand Master, that 'a large initiation fee does not ensure a good character.' From my personal observation and from reports received, I believe, generally speaking, that the brethren regard the individual character of the applicants as the criterion, and this is as it should be. While each lodge must be the judge of its own field and fix what is a reasonable fee to exact from those seeking admission, yet it is my opinion that desirable young men who are starting on their career, and in many instances have severely taxed their resources in acquiring an education and sometimes a profession, should not be deterred from seeking the benefits and privileges of Masonry by reason of inability to pay a high initiation fee. I should never advocate making Masonry cheap, but neither should the expense be prohibitory. The happy medium should prevail."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters told of the condition of the several lodges in their respective districts as they found them at the official visitation.

We note:

"I wish to refer to two meetings called military nights. A number of Grand Lodge Officers and other distinguished masons were present. There were also present a large number of military dignitaries. From my observations on both of these occasions I am quite convinced military nights in a masonic lodge are much out of place. It is right that

military officers should receive the honor due to their rank but to try to accord them this honor in a masonic lodge where they occupy a subordinate position, especially when Grand Lodge Officers are present, makes what may be called a conflict of 'authority' and places both in an untenable position. If it is necessary to have a military night in order to keep up interest in the lodge, it should be at a time when Grand Lodge Officers are not present."

From the Report of the Condition of the Fraternity we quote:

"Some few districts have not yet adopted the principle of district assessment for the expenses of District Lodges of Instruction. It is inequitable and out of date to impose the whole cost upon the home lodge. Lodges of Instruction have been held in twenty districts this year, and have proved in their mutual interchange of masonic knowledge—their mutual interflash of masonic fire—to be centres of attraction, engendering thoughtful study, helpful co-operation and kindly enthusiasm. We grow by sharing.

"Having regard to the line of succession which appears to prevail in many lodges, in looking for a standard of excellence by which to judge, the test should be applied to junior officers, are they proper timber from which Masters may be made? A poet is born, not made. A Master is both born and made. A born leader and an experienced mason well versed in the lore of the Craft and with tact, knowledge of human nature, decision of character, clarity of vision, and impartial justice added to all.

"After the close of Grand Lodge, a Celebration of One Hundred Years of Peace, between Great Britain and her Dominions and the United States of America would be held in the Arena. That invitations had been issued to the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, Sister Grand Lodges in all other Canadian Provinces, and all Grand Lodges in the United States of America, that the invitations had been favorably responded to by the attendance of many distinguished visitors, and that the celebration would be open to all members of the Craft and their friends, to whom he extended a most cordial invitation and welcome."

Bro. A. T. Freed submitted the Report on Correspondence.

Under England we read:

"For many years the English brethren have realized that some modification of their government machinery was necessary. More than forty thousand brethren are entitled to sit in Grand Lodge and take part in its proceedings, and it is manifest that not a tithe of them can sit there. Lately a plan was formulated by the Board of General Purposes to provide 'a thoroughly representative governing body for the craft;' and it was proposed that this should be submitted to all the lodges for consideration. Discussion of the scheme was heated at two quarterly communications—that of December, 1913, and that of March, 1914. It is not possible within the space at our disposal to give even a summary of the proposals; and it is not possible, in the light of the latest information we have, to predict what the final outcome will be."

Maine for 1913 has much of his valuable space. We quote:

"Bro. Chase thinks M. W. Bro. Macwatt was 'arbitrary' because he reprimanded a Master of a lodge who had violated the constitution. Bro. Macwatt was not arbitrary in that matter; he had obligated himself to enforce the constitution; he found a brother who had violated the constitution; and he reprimanded that brother. Our law may be right or it

may be wrong; but it is the law, and so long as it remains on the statute book it is the duty of the Grand Master for the time being to see that it is properly observed. Further we do not think the law is wrong. If Masters of lodges in one jurisdiction are permitted to communicate directly with Masters of lodges in other jurisdictions all sorts of irregularities may creep in.

"In the case in question a Canadian brother received a degree within the time prescribed by our law; the facts in such cases may not reach the Grand Secretary; complications with foreign grand lodges may result. And we believe that most grand bodies in the world require that all official communications between bodies in different jurisdictions shall pass through regular officials."

From his conclusion we quote:

"It is highly gratifying to note that genuine and primitive Masonry has been re-established in France, that the Volume of the Sacred Law has been placed upon the altars of the new lodges, and that the Great Architect of the Universe is recognized in their ritual. The people who have been sending out appeals for 'Universal Freemasonry' (and cash) do not appear to have any words of welcome for legitimate Freemasonry in France."

But is it "really and truly" so?

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of Hon. William Gibson, Past Grand Master, who died May 4, 1914.

"Endowed with more than ordinary ability, of great industry, sound common sense and undoubted honesty, he was not only successful in his private business affairs but was also enabled to achieve an honorable position in public life and to render distinguished services to the Craft."

### COLORADO, 1914.

One hundred eighteen lodges were represented at the annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine, Bro. Joseph A. Davis, was present, and wrote the Grand Secretary of Maine to that effect, and also gave a brief statement of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William S. Pickerill, to his address gives a fine introduction and then passes to the remembrance of the dead. He reports a satisfactory growth in membership, a good financial condition, a large number of requests for work by courtesy given and refused, many dispensations granted, among which were three for new lodges, and two corner-stones laid.

The constitution was revised and as revised adopted.

An appropriation for the expenses of a delegate to the George Washington Memorial Association was made.



The other business was local.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf submitted his thirtieth Report on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has ample recognition.

It has been the usual custom for our esteemed Bro. Greenleaf to place for the benefit of the Craft at the close of his report several morsels of wisdom which we have been pleased to copy, but we regret to read the following in his conclusion:

"In explanation, we would say, that our right arm was attacked by *paralysis agitans*, to use a technical term, or in plain language, 'the shakes,' and that writing at any length became an impossibility.

"Failing to get any permanent relief, after a period of waiting and attempts at writing a few lines at a time, we had recourse to a typewriter. Being a novice, and able to use only our left hand, our progress was necessarily slow. Despite these drawbacks, we still hoped to complete our report in time, but found ourselves unequal to the task."

We wish him a complete recovery.

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M. W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master in 1863, 1867-1872, died February 23, 1914.

"The history of Colorado, of Colorado Masonry, and of our Grand Lodge in particular, is his history. The mark of his genius and influence and wise conservatism permeates it through and through and will be felt as strongly fifty years hence as now."

M. W. Bro. George Edward Simonton, Grand Master in 1912, died June 24, 1914.

"He stood for the best and highest ideals in Masonry, in citizenship and in manhood."

M. W. Bro. Harper M. Orahood, Grand Master in 1876, died September 15, 1914.

Bro. George G. Slater, Grand Tyler, died October 8, 1914.

"As Tyler of the various Masonic Bodies meeting in the Masonic Temple in Denver, he performed far more than the mere duties of his office. The stranger brother from afar was welcomed with a smile and cordial hand-shake and made to feel that masons were indeed brothers."

### DELAWARE, 1914.

At the 109th annual communication all the Grand Officers except one, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of the required constitutional number of subordinate lodges.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.



With a brief introduction the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frank B. Massey, in his address speaks of the dead, reports official visitation to every lodge in the jurisdiction, announces the dispensations granted, laid one corner-stone, and dedicated one Masonic Hall, and re-affirmed the decision that a Chapter of Eastern Star could not meet in a dedicated Masonic Hall.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, but the request of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was postponed.

A resolution to the end that masonic burial service between the jurisdictions and Delaware might be reciprocal was adopted.

Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions who are absent three consecutive years from the communications of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey may lose the right of representative.

Bro. Harry J. Guthrie presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Florida we read:

"Quite properly, to our manner of thought, a dispensation to a lodge to attend divine service, clothed as masons, was refused. We say quite properly, for the reason that we believe masons should appear in regalia in lodge formation only on a strictly masonic occasion, and we do not believe that attending church, as much as we approve of it, is a masonic function. A mason in America has mighty few legitimate excuses to keep him away from a church service, and if such a one needs to be taken to divine service on the tinsel trappings of his lodge, then all we have to say is there is something wrong between his answer to the inquiry as to his trust and the execution of his duties as a just and upright man and mason. Then again, the rational world does not require any such offering, as a lodge in full regalia attending divine service, to prove our assertion that 'Masonry is the handmaid of religion,' in contra-distinction to the dictate of certain influences that Freemasonry is the prompting of hell. Go to church, go for the sake of the common weal if for no other reason, but leave the regalia for the place in which it was intended."

Maine for 1914 has two pages.

Commenting upon the decision of the Grand Master about Past Master's Jewel being purchased out of the lodge funds he says:

"We suppose that if the Past Master's Jewel was provided for in the by-laws, that piece of masonic clothing might be labeled 'usual expense.'"

Under Oklahoma we read:

"What appears to us as of doubtful advantage was the adoption of a regulation requiring that a Master Mason shall, within sixty days after taking the M. M. degree, acquire sufficient knowledge and pass examination, in open lodge, as to his proficiency therein; as in the preceding degrees; such proficiency shall be determined by vote of the lodge. We fail to see how it can be lawfully enforced."

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M. W. Bro. Enoch Moore died July 26, 1914.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1914.**

At the first stated communication for the year the esoteric portions of the degrees were exemplified.

At the second stated communication the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for a meeting, looking to the formation of a central representative Masonic Body, was declined.

A manual of the monitorial work of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry was adopted and ordered printed, to which is to be added the monitorial work of the Capitular degrees.

At the Annual Communication held in December two lodges were not represented.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. John Newton, in his address says:

"Peace, harmony and good-fellowship prevail throughout the jurisdiction. There has been no discord or dissension among us, but our hearts and tongues have joined in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."

The dead of his own and other jurisdictions are remembered.

The decisions have local application and appear to be in accord with usual masonic law,

Of Dispensations he says:

"I have declined several requests for dispensations to waive the statutory period of residence for petitioners and to ballot upon petitions in less than the constitutional time, believing that the laws governing such cases are founded upon sound masonic reasons and should be strictly observed."

Considerable correspondence with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was had because of the difference of opinion concerning the masonic residence of candidates.

We quote from his address:

"It has been the practice for many years in a number of our lodges to permit officers below the rank of Warden, and even members who are not officers, to preside in the East for the purpose of conferring degrees. Believing this practice to be not only without warrant in law, but actually in conflict with the ancient regulations of the fraternity, I made known my views on the subject and requested that the practice be discontinued."

To which doctrine we do not agree.

He issued orders to prevent smoking in the lodge room at all times.

He laid two corner-stones, visited every lodge, believes that the "Conferences of Grand Masters" are a decided advantage.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nicaragua and of the Grand Lodge National of France was deferred.

At the stated communication held in December the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge affirms its approval of the principle under which a Master of a lodge or a presiding Warden may call upon any Master Mason to preside in his presence and under his direction, the Master or acting Master being responsible for all that is done the same as if he were actually presiding in person."

The question of smoking in lodge rooms was settled by the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia forbids smoking in its constituent lodges during the conferring of degrees, and that the matter of permitting smoking at other periods during the communications of the said lodges be left to the discretion of the Masters thereof."

Bro. George W. Baird presented an able Report (his fifteenth) on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 is well reported.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Since the annual communication of the Grand Lodge the writer has received a private letter from Paris, dated December 8, which states that the new 'Independent Grand Lodge of France,' etc., is but a sham. Grand Lodge, is composed of two lodges and about sixty members in all; that it is not recognizable by the Grand Orient, nor the Grand Lodge of France, nor the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France. That it has a Grand Master, a Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, etc., and that 'every one is a Grand Officer.' He expresses a belief that the Grand Lodge of England will resent the trick which has been played on it.

"A circular issued by the Grand Orient on February 4, 1914, says in part that this new Grand Lodge has been formed by the members of a lodge named *Centre-of-Friends* (*Le Centre des Amis*) of the Orient of Paris, which the Grand Orient of France constituted, but later on demolished, and by a number of the brethren from the Lodge *Anglais* of the Orient of Bordeaux.

"The circular declares that the report in England to the effect that the new French Grand Lodge has sixty constituent lodges is a confusion with the number of members."

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M. W. Bro. Samuel C. Palmer, Grand Master in 1898, died June 26, 1914.

## FLORIDA, 1915.

Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

No summary of the representation of the lodges is given, perhaps the "calling of the roll" is sufficient.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Cephas L. Wilson, in the introduction to his address, eulogizes the power of Masonry and thus gives the opportunity for the Grand Chaplain to make a prayer to fix the thought in the minds of the hearer. After the prayer he welcomes the Grand Lodge and then begins his report of his labors, which was that sad duty of recalling to the mind those who during the year had been called from labor.

During the year of his service eight lodges were constituted; three dispensations for new lodges were issued; two lodges surrendered their charters; six corner-stones were laid; by-laws, some good, some poor, were approved; dispensations to elect and install officers, and a large number to ballot for and confer degrees short of time were granted.

Among the list of appointments we note:

"On May 2d I appointed Bro. Fred C. Chalmers, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of Maine, to be the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida near the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine."

From his decisions we quote:

"A young man petitioned for initiation, he lacked one month of being 21 years old at the time, but would be 21 years old and over when the petition was to be voted on. The Worshipful Master ruled that the petition might be received. Criticism having been made about his ruling, he referred it to me. I ruled that he was correct, and that if the candidate was 21 years old when the petition for initiation was to be voted upon, I thought that that was a sufficient compliance with the law."

But was he a "free man" until after he was twenty-one? If those two words are required in the application to the lodge why did he not make a false statement? We have no knowledge that in any of the Grand Lodges of the United States a "Lewis" is recognized.

Again:

"I ruled that it was not necessary for the application for affiliation to be in writing, but that it could be either written or verbal."

But are not petitions for affiliation in lodges of Florida subject to the same regulations as application for the degrees? And if so ought not the petition to be in such form that it could be understood and passed on by a Committee of Inquiry?

The work of the District Deputy Grand Masters he highly commends, and he adds:

"There is a grave responsibility resting upon the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the good of the craft and the progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction depends largely upon the manner in which they perform their duties. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master must depend, to a great extent, upon them to see that the details of the work by the craft is done in the proper masonic way. I have never before realized how really important they are as an integral part of the Grand Lodge. They are the arms and hands of the Grand Lodge, and throughout the

several districts of this Grand Jurisdiction they are daily assisting the Grand Lodge in leading the craft from darkness into light."

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented his thirteenth Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

From his conclusion we quote:

"MASONIC TRIALS.

"Notwithstanding the constant effort to keep all matters pertaining to Masonry and the Lodge out of the Civil Courts, the Lodges and Grand Lodges find themselves frequently cited to answer the complaint of some member who considers himself aggrieved in some masonic trial.

"The fraternal organizations have felt themselves secure to discipline members under the rule of law, that where expulsion proceedings are conducted in accordance with the laws of the Order, the Courts will assume that the acts charged constituted a masonic offence within the meaning of the rules, regulations and by-laws of the organization, and that they would refuse to review the proceedings or re-examine the merits of the expulsion.

"In Ohio, New York and Louisiana, where the Grand Lodges have been defendants in cases, the Courts have, in a general way, declared:

"1. That the trial must be so far in regard with the law of the land that the trial judges must not be interested persons.

"2. That it had power to examine into the question wherein the trial judges or trial examiners were competent to act.

"Under the rule thus announced, the State Courts, upon proper presentation of the question inquire into the competency and eligibility of the members or commissioners selected or attempting to try an accused brother, whether they were related to any of the parties, whether they were interested in the outcome of the issue, whether they were in any way parties or victims of the offence charged, and in fact into all of those matters which go to disqualify a judge or juror in the said trial.

"Masonic trials before a lodge, of which lodge the defendant is a member, and of which lodge the witnesses are members, and where witnesses are permitted to vote as members, often violate this rule of law, and upon occasion, more particularly where expulsion occurs, and hence loss of property, in cases where the lodge is wealthy and has large investments, the merits of the trial have been re-examined and lodge verdicts set aside by our courts.

"It is because of this that many of the States have adopted laws, whereby masonic trials are held by specially appointed commissioners for that purpose. Due regard being had in the appointment of the commissioners, to avoid liability under the rules of law above quoted."

M. W. Bro. Henry W. Long, Grand Master in 1889-90, died January 2, 1915.

"He loved justice and fairness, and was always a strong supporter of that cause which seemed to him to be right, and by his devotion to Masonry and his sterling integrity as a man he deserved and had the confidence of all who knew him."

**GEORGIA, 1914.**

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication was opened in the presence of the Grand Officers, seven permanent members, the representatives of lodges and over five hundred Past Masters. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert L. Colding, has a long introduction to his address, in which he pictures the rising sun with the Panama Canal as an accompaniment and then proceeds to show similarity between these "and the Great Institution of which we are all proud to acknowledge allegiance." He, then, as some others, has a word or two about a war that is going on in Europe.

Many topics of local interest only are treated in the address. The visitations are reported.

Discussing the matter of a ritual he says:

"In this connection, however, I feel that this Grand Body misses greatly the assistance of our Board of District Deputies, and while I am fully familiar with the causes that lead to the abolishment of the Board, I feel that the time is ripe for the re-establishment of this important branch of Georgia Masonry, as I don't see how it will be practical to have uniform standard work in Georgia without having the assistance of well informed brethren located in various parts of the state in order to accomplish the end sought. I therefore recommend that after the election of officers at the present communication that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden confer together and appoint a District Deputy in each of the twelve Congressional Districts of our state and that the four officers named be ex-officio members of the Board.

"That the Grand Master call meetings of the Board at least three times during the year, and that said meetings be called to meet with District Conventions.

"My convictions are that a Committee on Work thus formed can be of great benefit to Masonry in Georgia. There is a widespread desire to uniform the work, and the interest manifested in the large number of counties composing the respective districts evidences, I am convinced, a willingness on the part of the different lodges to aid the members of such committee in their labors."

Forty-five decisions are reported. We quote:

"A lodge has no right to consider any business of a masonic nature while at recess. It follows naturally, reasonably and logically that a lodge upon its regular meeting night has no right to call off from labor to refreshment and then admit an expelled mason and permit him to address the brethren on the question of his petition for restoration.

"The question of when a man is in his dotage is a question of fact, to be applied to each particular case. There is no stated age at which a man would be considered in this unfortunate condition. A man possessed of all his faculties, capable of transacting the ordinary affairs of life and memorizing our lectures and ceremonies, no matter how old he may be, is not in his dotage. One man may reach this condition at a much earlier age than another.

"A lodge having a surplus of cash on hand does not violate the law when it expends a portion of its funds for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, as a reward for faithful services of one of its Past Masters. When the lodge takes such action, it is the duty of the Secretary to sign the necessary order on the Treasurer to cover the expenses incident to making the purchase."

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges and for a great many other things and a good many of them, but all these dispensations brought as fees to the Grand Lodge the sum of nine hundred ninety-four dollars.

The obtaining from the Grand Lodge of the dispensation for a new lodge and the granting of a charter to the same appears easy, but the getting of the pay after delivery is somewhat difficult.

The Committee on General Welfare in their report which was adopted thus disposed of the proposition of District Deputies:

"We disapprove of the recommendation of the Grand Master looking to the establishment of the District Deputies, believing that the benefits said to have been derived from their services can be secured in better ways."

Bro. Charles L. Bass submitted his third Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has careful review.

From his conclusion we quote:

"A suggestion made by the Grand Master of Oregon, looking towards the creation of a General Grand Lodge, has met with almost universal opposition. Such is the opposition of some that they even look with suspicion upon the Conference of Grand Masters and see in these a menace to masonic welfare.

"A tendency to encroach upon the rights of the lodge, which has seemed to have been growing, is meeting just now with so many notes of warning from the Watchmen in the towers of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence who look across the masonic landscape, that it will no doubt be checked.

"Laws of physical requirements of a more liberal character are being passed by many jurisdictions."

### IDAHO, 1914.

Forty-seven chartered lodges and three lodges under dispensation were represented at the Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Curtis F. Pike, in his address reports "that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction to a marked degree. Scarcely a question has arisen during the year to mar the fraternal relations that prevail among our lodges. Our relations to other Grand Jurisdictions are pleasant and harmonious."



The dead are remembered; dispensations were granted for two new lodges; two irregularities were discovered, one of which we quote:

"Last November it came to my attention through the correspondence of the Grand Secretary's office that Winchester Lodge, No. 67, at Winchester, Idaho, was unable to hold its regular meetings by reason of the fact that the Master and Wardens were all away, leaving no one with authority to open lodge. Soon afterward I made a trip to the northern part of the state and went to Winchester to look into the matter and see if I could suggest any relief for that lodge. I wrote to the Secretary directing him to give notice that I would be there on a certain night. I also wrote to the Junior Warden, whom I learned was still in the same county, and requested him to go to Winchester to open lodge at the time of my visit, which he did. I was greeted by a large representative turnout of the members, and we had a very profitable meeting.

"I found that several months previously the Master had moved to St. Maries, a hundred and fifty miles or more away, the Senior Warden had moved to Spokane, Washington, and the Junior Warden had moved to another town eleven miles away; but owing to bad roads and poor railroad connections he seldom came back to Winchester, and the lodge was powerless to hold its meetings for lack of a Master, or some one with authority to act. It further appeared there was no Past Master or Past Warden in the lodge, and no one holding a certificate of Proficiency from the Grand Lecturer, except of course the Master who had moved away. The annual election of officers was but a few weeks in the future, and the problem was, how could the lodge choose a Master at the election with no eligible material? The Junior Warden would be eligible provided he had a certificate of proficiency, but upon personal examination I did not think it probable he could secure one. Upon mature deliberation there seemed to me to be but one solution, and I made the lodge this offer: That if some one or more of the members would secure certificates of proficiency, and they would have their Master return for the annual election, so there would be some one with authority to install the officers, and they would elect and install on the same night, I would issue a dispensation authorizing them to elect a Master from the floor of the lodge, providing of course he had a certificate. This was done. Upon personal examination I found two members qualified for certificates, and upon my recommendation the Grand Lecturer very kindly issued them. The Master was brought back for the election. The Junior Warden had no certificate and was, of course, ineligible. One member holding a certificate was elected and installed Master, the other Senior Warden, and I am informed the lodge is prospering."

We quote:

"An inquiry from the Master of St. Maries Lodge, No. 63, stated that the lodge had elected a candidate and set the date for initiation; that a member had objected on the grounds that the character of the candidate was not such as to justify his admission into Masonry. The proceedings were stopped and the fee returned. Later the objecting brother withdrew his objections, having found himself in error. The Master wanted to know whether the candidate might redeposit the fee and receive the degrees, or must he make new application and pass ballot again in regular form.

"I replied as follows: Section 3, Article 15, of the By-Laws (page 19, Code and Digest), seems to imply, although not stating so directly, that after an objection is removed the degrees may be conferred without further balloting. At any rate that seems to be the reasonable view of the case, and I shall hold that when an objection is voluntarily withdrawn



and there are no further objections by any member of the lodge, that the candidate should be given the privilege of re-depositing his fee and receiving the degrees without further balloting."

He does not favor "documentary evidence" as an absolute necessity before visiting a lodge, nor does he approve the idea that correspondence between jurisdictions must go through the Grand Master's office.

He thus discourses:

"I can not close my report without uttering my protest against another practice of far greater consequences and deserving of the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit of electioneering and log rolling for office or other masonic honors. Our Grand Lodge sessions have not always been free from these offensive methods, and it is not to be wondered at that some of our constituent lodges have become tarred with the same stick. To my mind this is a serious matter and it is difficult to speak of it with patience. The member who indulges in it is a mason in name only. He certainly has not caught the spirit of the institution. Masonic honors mean much because they are freely and voluntarily bestowed as a tribute to the character and services of the recipient, but when they are secured by combinations and trades of scheming men they cease to be honors at all and become mere trappings and belongings of cunning wire pullers. This degrades the institution and robs it of its greatest glory. I have advised Masters whose lodges are troubled in this manner to proceed with vigor to eradicate the evil, even to the extent of bringing charges against any one who persists in the offence."

The Grand Lecturer by his report indicated that he was the right man in the right place.

The following ruling of the Grand Master was approved:

"Objection may be made secretly. Your minutes should show the fact of objection, but not the name of the brother objecting, nor the cause given if any was given."

The Grand Master was "authorized to procure a neatly carved memorial stone and have same placed on the inside of the Washington Monument at Washington City, D. C., the cost of stone and installation not to exceed \$100.00."

Bro. George E. Knepper presented his thirteenth Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914, has full justice done it in his report.

Under Missouri he quotes a decision of the Grand Master and comments thereon. We quote:

"That a man who has lost the left leg below the knee and wears a cork leg, is eligible if able to conform to the ceremonies. A cork leg discounts a cork head."

"Why he added the last sentence passes our comprehension. It would seem to imply that all cripples are intelligent men or Grand Lodges which stand for physical perfection also stand for 'cork heads.' What assurance had the Grand Master that this candidate was not cork at both ends? We do not believe that cork heads make desirable masonic material, neither do we believe in cork legs."

M. W. Bro. James A. Pinney, Grand Master in 1893, died February 4, 1914, aged 78 yrs. 9 mos.

"He was an earnest, zealous and enthusiastic mason. His heart, hand and purse were ever ready to aid and assist those in need."

### ILLINOIS, 1914.

The Committee on Credentials reported eleven hundred ninety-two members present at the seventy-fifth annual communication. Seven hundred eighty-seven lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry T. Burnap, in the introduction to his address says:

"On this the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge I am pleased to report the continued growth and prosperity of the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. Freemasonry in every community where it has organized existence, is encouraged and patronized by men who are pre-eminent for their moral and intellectual attainments. An institution like ours, free from sectarian prejudice and political bias, and having for its prime objects the general uplift of mankind and the relief of the distressed, appeals with peculiar force to thoughtful and intelligent men."

The dead are fraternally remembered.

He comments quite extendedly upon the conferring of the degrees by courtesy and suggests that the Illinois lodges perform the labor when requested so to do by other jurisdictions without hope of fee or reward.

Dispensations for ten new lodges were issued; six corner-stones were laid; eight halls were dedicated; nine lodges were constituted; and of special dispensations he says:

"In one instance, only, I granted a dispensation to receive and ballot upon the petition of a candidate for the degrees in less than the usual time. Only one dispensation was granted to permit the conferring of a degree without the usual test as to proficiency.

"While I believe that the Grand Master is clothed with almost unlimited power and conceded very wide discretion in the matter of issuing dispensations I feel that this power should be used with great care and that those instances where indulgence is granted should be such as can be justified as being in the best interests of the craft and not merely for the convenience of the individual. In granting special dispensations I have endeavored at all times to keep these conditions in view."

Of the visitation by District Deputies he says:

"I am convinced that the system of official visitation by District Deputy Grand Masters should be continued but I believe it to be unfair to expect them to bear the expenses incident to these visits. In many cases

this has been done, usually without serious protest, but if an annual visit to each lodge in their respective districts is to be required of these officers some provision should be made to re-imburse them at least for actual expenses."

Maine pays the actual expenses of the District Deputies.

Of "Hasty Initiations" he says:

"While I believe that in a great majority of instances where this practice has obtained, such action has been taken with no improper motives and with no intention of invading the rights of any member of the lodge, yet it is undoubtedly true that in not a few cases the Entered Apprentice degree is hurriedly conferred immediately following the election with the deliberate purpose of preventing some member, or members, of the lodge not present from interposing an objection to the initiation.

"I believe that a provision should be incorporated in the law to prohibit the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree upon any candidate within seven days of his election."

He discussed the burial service and recommended "that our burial ceremony be so revised that it may be appropriately used on the occasion of a cremation, or when the body is deposited in a crypt, or that a special ceremony be prepared for such occasions."

Of the "Interpretations of the Law" we quote:

"Our law recognizes only two ways in which an Entered Apprentice can be advanced in a lodge other than the one in which he was initiated, to-wit:

"a.—The lodge in which he was initiated must request some other lodge to confer the remaining degrees, or—

"b.—The lodge to whom the Entered Apprentice presented his petition must ask for waiver of jurisdiction from the lodge which initiated him, or which may have later acquired jurisdiction.

"Whatever his status may be with respect to the lodges in the jurisdiction from which he came, the only privilege he possesses in Illinois as a dimitted Entered Apprentice is that he may visit a lodge while at labor on that degree."

"I advised the lodges in each case that they should return the petitions and the fees and inform the petitioners that they must attain the status contemplated by our law before their petitions could be received."

Special Committee on Hospitals reported the gift of \$50,000 from the Grand Chapter of Illinois and that the work on the building was well under way.

A large amount of business pertaining to the welfare of the Craft in the jurisdiction was transacted.

Bro. Owen Scott presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

From the "Preface" we quote:

"It is of peculiar interest just now that in the nations at war in Europe, except those of the British Empire, there are no regular Grand Lodges of Masons. Fraternity has not taken root and flourished on the continent. There are but about 150,000 members of even the quasi-masonic organizations. These discard the essential bases of our great brother-

hood. It is also a significant fact that other fraternal societies have few members in any country on the other side of the Atlantic. The militarism of monarchic governments does not foster the fraternal spirit. It is doubtful if the present state of war could have become possible in countries where millions of men are bound together by the cords of universal brotherhood. Truly, Masonry is the greatest peace society on the earth. Her message is 'peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

Under Colorado we read:

"A ruling was made that required each member to give a penal sign when approaching the ballot box to cast a vote. The authority for this was given as Mackey's *Lexicon of Freemasonry*. The wisdom of this decision may be seriously questioned. There can be no advantage in thus using the sign. Its frequent use in this way will easily form a habit which might lead members in rising to take part in promiscuous assemblies to give it almost unconsciously. The signs should only be given where ritualistic requirements designate. Mackey was a great authority on the principles and aims of Masonry but in such details he cannot always be followed."

Under Indiana Bro. Scott asks questions:

"Indiana does not recognize the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. At this session it again declined to vote Mexico regular. On what theory then could they admit and introduce Mr. Wayne W. White and accord him the honors of Masonry? He was introduced as Grand Master of the Mexican body. If the York Grand Lodge is not regular it is clandestine. It looks as though our Indiana brethren allowed gentlemanly courtesy to run away with their masonic discretion. If the Grand Lodge admits the Mexican Grand Master why should not Indiana lodges recognize members of so-called Mexican lodges? If the parent sets an example the child cannot be blamed for following in his steps. The action in admitting the Grand Master of a spurious body comes perilously near recognizing clandestine Masonry."

Maine for 1914 has fraternal mention. We quote:

"The craze for pictures, which is well-nigh universal, has not infected the brethren of the Pine Tree State. Not one appears in the entire record of the 1914 session."

Again:

"In one decision the Grand Master held that a brother, under suspension for non-payment of dues, could prefer charges and that the lodge might receive and act upon them. It is rather an anomaly, that a man, who is cut off from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, can exercise such an important function as to start disciplinary proceedings against a brother in good standing."

But the law of Maine says, "The penalty for non-payment of dues is forfeiture of, or suspension from membership only." During his term of suspension the brother is also subject to masonic discipline. Since he is liable for discipline though suspended, should he not have the right to start disciplinary proceedings against a mason who may have injured him or his family? Perhaps it ought to be added that it is provided that a brother suspended for dues may at any time within five years pay to

the Secretary of his lodge his arrearages and thereby re-instate himself. After five years, action by the lodge must be had on a petition for restoration.

We quote again:

"The committee to which the decisions were referred asked to have them go over for a year. Little reason appears why they might not have been approved or rejected, after proper consideration."

The saving clause, "little reason appears," takes out the sting of the paragraph. The "little reason" which did not appear was the illness of the Chairman of the Committee, who went to a hospital for treatment the day after the Grand Lodge closed,—the illness of the second member of the committee who has since died,—the amount of work thrown upon the third member, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, because of the death of the Grand Treasurer.

Finally:

"In the list of Grand Officers there appear the names of four clergy-men installed as Grand Chaplains. In this benighted section one is sufficient to conduct our devotions."

Well, Illinois has four and one-third times as many masons as Maine and is fortunate that it does not demand that the Grand Chaplain should be present at the many functions that might require the presence of a Grand Chaplain.

Maine believes that it is better to have more than one Grand Chaplain, and as the location of their homes is in different parts of the state, which has a little more area than Illinois, one can be had as occasion requires.

By the way, what public masonic function in 1914 requiring the services of a Grand Chaplain did your installed Grand Chaplain attend?

We most cheerfully assent to the doctrine expressed in the following under Mississippi:

"It was voted to cut out speeches in nominating Grand Officers. Afterward this was re-considered and three minutes were allowed each one to exploit his man. Nominating speeches, in which merits and demerits of brethren are held up to view, smell of the caucus and of politics as the world outside practices the fine art."

### IOWA, 1914.

The usual parade and opening ceremonies were omitted at the seventy-first annual communication, but there was the Address of Welcome in behalf of the masons of Des Moines, and the response thereto.

Four hundred seventy lodges were represented.

From the introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro.

Frank B. Whitaker, of whom there is a fine Bather portrait, we quote one thought:

"Every individual who desires to be strong must choose for himself an ideal toward which to grow. It should be so high as to take a life-time and more in attainment. To be worth while it should always be just beyond our reach, so that climb as rapidly as we may the light will shine from above and never at our feet. Carlyle spoke a solemn truth when he said: 'The earthly influence of every individual which has a commencement will never have an ending.'"

He reported two lodges constituted; dispensations issued for a new lodge; the laying of four corner-stones; that no decisions were required; that of twenty requests for dispensations to re-ballot he refused all but one; two cases of invasion of jurisdiction gave him trouble; and his visitations with the many pleasant circumstances connected therewith.

Of course the Grand Secretary's Report is a feature distinct, unique, and full of information. There are also cuts showing different rooms in their well arranged and complete library building.

Past Grand Master Hutchinson submitted an exhaustive report upon the following questions:

"Is title to real estate purchased by a lodge, and title taken in the name of the Trustees of the lodge and their successors, legal?"

"Have such Trustees, as such, the right and power to execute mortgages and conveyances, when authorized to do so by the lodge?"

And in conclusion says:

"In conclusion, let me say that in my opinion the proper and legal way for all lodges to proceed, when temples or masonic halls are to be erected, is to take title to the real estate in the name of the Trustees of the lodge. It is the most simple and convenient plan. The control of the property is in the members of the lodge, and the Trustees cannot act without authority from the lodge."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report:

"Question No. 1, presents the query, if the Grand Master has the legal right to issue a dispensation for a subordinate lodge the work of which is to be done in the German language.

"Our written law contains no express declaration on the subject and a proper conclusion is obtainable only from what appears to have been the legislative intent of the Grand Lodge throughout the period of its history, which embraces about seventy years.

"In a civil and political sense we are an English-speaking people, and the records and work of the order in Iowa is, and has been, throughout its history, preserved and disseminated in the English language. The order in Iowa has within its ranks thousands from different nationalities, but, masonically, they are, and have been, English-speaking people. The English is their masonic language, and while, in a general sense, Masonry may be known and taught in any language, it seems to us that the thought has never for a moment been entertained in this jurisdiction of the issuance of dispensations or charters for the organization of lodges in which the business was to be conducted in any but the English language.

"That such lodges might be authorized with proper legal provision for

it, is probably true, but when done it should be upon express, and not implied, authority and with proper safeguards.

"Our conclusion is that, under the present law, the Grand Master has no right to issue a dispensation for a lodge to work in the German language."

A large amount of business necessary to the welfare of the Craft in Iowa was transacted.

Bro. Louis Block presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote in part his views upon Foreign Correspondence and the writers thereof:

"Well, he is a sort of reporter and reviewer. It is his duty to tell his brethren of the work of Masonry in the world at large, to tell them what Masonry means, and what it stands for as interpreted in the expressions of thinking masons the world over, and in the achievements of the craft, not only in other states but in foreign lands and climes as well, in a word to give them Masonry up to date.

"As we conceive of it, the Report on Foreign Correspondence was designed to serve as a sort of post-graduate course in a school of Masonry of which the writers of the round table form the faculty. Its purpose is to give the mason of one locality and one state accurate information as to the achievements and accomplishments of Masonry in other states and localities, and to show him what the masonic institution stands for in the world at large.

"Does the local mason need this information? Most assuredly. For the mason who knows only his own Masonry is like the business man who knows nothing more than his own personal, private, and peculiar methods, who never studies the operations of his associates and competitors, and whose business for that reason sooner or later dies of stagnation and dry rot."

Under Alabama, in speaking of the attitude of Masonry towards politics he says:

"There is another institution growing up rapidly in this country that is not so scrupulously careful as is the masonic order to keep its hands off the government and whose quiet and persistent encroachment upon the political institutions of this country ought to be resisted and frustrated by every liberty loving American citizen and Freemason. As the Irishman said in the hand-car story: We 'mintion no names.'"

Under Louisiana, speaking of the conference of Grand Masters he says:

"The great trouble with the masonic institution is its lack of solidarity when we get beyond certain lines. It is a common criticism among the craft that the brethren do not stick together, while 'the other fellows' do. Our lack of a central organization brings us constantly face to face with cases of conflict of the masonic laws of the different Grand Jurisdictions, and involves us in disputes and dissensions over matters of interstate charitable relief, rights of membership, privileges of visitation, etc. Our modern facilities of communication, correspondence, and travel are bringing the states closer and closer together, and these questions become more pressing and vital every year. Masonry is experiencing just what the states are going through, and the time may be coming when interstate



barriers will have to go in the masonic world just as they are gradually being broken down in the commercial and financial world."

Maine has its share of space in this able report.

Commenting upon the "Hope" case he says:

"The Committee on Grievances and Appeals should have gone farther and should have recommended that the matter be taken up with the Grand Lodge of California with a view to having charges preferred and the gentleman in question expelled from his California lodge on the ground that he had been guilty of a masonic offence by obtaining the degrees by fraudulent misrepresentation. Fellows such as these should be followed up and finished off."

We agree to his views, but, perhaps, the Committee knew about the "McGraw" case and thought it not worth while so long as the jurisdiction of Maine was protected.

Under Vermont he discusses the ritual question as follows:

"According to Bro. Weston, it is not permissible in Vermont for a member to give part of the ritual of another state to the masons of his lodge. And he ordered that this 'offence' should not be repeated under the penalty of suffering the infliction of drastic punishment. Now, while this may be loyalty to the letter of the masonic law, we cannot believe that it is in accord with its spirit. The ritual of another Grand Jurisdiction should not be used at all in the actual conferring of the degrees upon a candidate, but we cannot conceive what possible objection there can be to permitting a brother, who knows something of the ritual of an adjoining state, to interest the brethren of the lodge by telling them what he knows about it. If there is anything that Masonry inculcates, it is the duty of each mason to enlarge his fund of useful and valuable information, and a good many times you can never tell what is wrong with your own ritual until you have the opportunity of comparing it with that of another state. The mason who is conceited enough to think that his own ritual is just about perfection, and that it has in it no room for improvement at all, simply exhibits his own narrow-minded provincialism. Every well informed mason knows that while the masonic rituals of the several Grand Jurisdictions agree in the main, in the essential principles which they promulgate, nevertheless, as a matter of fact, there are a great many differences between them, and that it is true that the rituals used in some states are far more beautiful and impressive than those employed in others, and we cannot conceive how a comparison of these can result in anything but good to the craft in the end. The business man, the professional man, and the artist who knows only his own way of doing things, is pretty apt to fall into a rut, from which he may never make an escape, and while we yield to no man in our loyalty to regularity and uniformity in matters of lodge ritual, yet we feel that it is none the less our duty to hear all sides, compare our work with that of others, and in the end to choose the best. We should be sure that we are right before we are regular. We have known a number of cases in which an entire Masonic Grand Jurisdiction has stupidly, stubbornly, and doggedly clung to a glaring grammatical error in the working of its ritual, for no other reason than that the error had been in use so long that it was hoary with antiquity. In such a case we have the spectacle of an institution which lauds grammar as one of the seven liberal arts and sciences, day after day regularly violating the rudiments of that very art or science."



**KANSAS, 1915.**

The Committee on Credentials reported the presence of fifteen Grand Officers, and that three hundred forty-two lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles H. Chandler, after a brief introduction, mentions the dead, reports the constitution of four lodges, the issuance of dispensations for five lodges, the laying of seven corner-stones, the dedicating of two Masonic Halls, and—

"Eighty-eight special dispensations have been issued during the year, fifty-one of which were to confer degrees out of time. Two hundred and thirty-five dollars have been collected and turned over to the Grand Secretary."

Speaking of relief for the sufferers from the war in progress in Europe he says:

"We have corresponded with the Grand Secretaries of several of the Masonic Grand Bodies in the war zone of Europe, offering any aid in our power, and have been kindly and courteously informed that our offers were thankfully received and fully appreciated, but that up to this time their benevolent funds had been sufficient to meet all emergencies, and that from the present outlook they would be able to handle all masonic charity within the English lodges. We have also been assured that if conditions make it necessary they would avail themselves of the fraternal offering of their American brethren."

Bro. Alfred W. Benson delivered an able oration, title, "A Vision of Life and Brotherhood."

We quote one paragraph:

"Some writer classifies all men into the helpers and the hinderers. If we don't push or pull we are apt to be in the way of those who do. It is certain that somebody must do the lifting and the tugging. Some day common, every day service will come to its coronation. The truth will be realized that it is not so important that we should do great things as that we should do little things in a great way. The value of the product, whether of a mill or a life, depends on the fidelity of the workmen charged with the little details. Mahomet overheard one of his followers say: 'I will loose my camel and commit it to God.' 'Friend,' said the prophet, 'Tie your camel and commit it to God.' I fear, my brothers, that in the discharge of our masonic duties—and by that I mean all our serious duties—we are not always just to the Almighty. It is not lack of more knowledge or greater opportunities, but failure to make use of the opportunities and the knowledge we have that wrecks our plans and mars our lives."

The Report on Correspondence is again made by Bro. Matthew M. Miller, his thirteenth, and it is fully up to his previous reports.

Under California we excerpt:

"In the matter of controversy between the respective values of information and opinion, we would suggest that our opinion derives its chief value from the information upon which it is based. For instance, an opinion that the masonic ceremony of laying corner-stones cannot be

performed for church edifices, presupposes that there never was any connection between religion—or to put it more strictly—between Holy Church and Masonry, which in effect would leave to Masonry nothing except the status of a modern fraternal society, whose corner-stone laying or whose dedication would be neither religious nor masonic."

Maine for 1914 is most fraternally reviewed.

Under Missouri we read:

"We doubt if Kansas ever makes any pretense toward a 'General Grand,' but Kansas might wisely some day extend an invitation to the Masonic World to be represented by its Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, and, above all, by those moulders of masonic thought and opinion, the masonic correspondents of the universe of Masonry, to convene within her borders to consider and discuss the good of the craft of the world.

"There are matters which such a representative assemblage of masons of the world might well consider and record opinions upon, not for the government of the Grand Lodges or any Grand Lodge, but for the consideration of such Grand Lodges as might appoint committees of its elder statesmen to inform themselves and report to the Grand Lodge well digested views as to the wisdom of considering such matters with a view to reaching a consensus of opinion with the tentative idea of uniformity of legislation upon well considered matters possible of such agreement."

Under Texas:

"A lodge has always been and ought always to be the judge of the qualifications of its candidates for membership. A lodge passing upon candidates from its own locality will not make one mistake where a Grand Physical Examiner, with no knowledge except a description of the maim or defect, would probably make ten.

"It is true that lodges sometimes railroad successfully to membership men who should not be made masons, but in a very large majority of cases where such a thing occurs it is the candidate objectionable morally, rather than physically, who is taken in, to the lasting injury of the Craft."

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M. W. Bro. Fred Washbon, Grand Master in 1909, died July 12, 1914.

"Fred Washbon builded his monument in the hearts of his fellow-men, and through loving kindness to those of all stations indelibly inscribed thereon a more glowing and fitting epitaph than lips of devoted friends who survive him can phrase. He was a man—broad, fearless, ever standing in the open for right; yet always gentle, kind, and considerate. Than this, what can be more?"

### KENTUCKY, 1914.

The one hundred fourteenth annual communication began its labors Tuesday, October 20, 1914, although the title page gives a different date and the "First Day" is printed as the 21st. But no matter about the

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date, for from the print of the photograph we see a large assemblage of earnest men gathered to do the work of Masonry in Kentucky.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Orie S. Ware, has a brief introduction. The dead, among whom were two Past Grand Masters, are remembered.

Dispensations were issued for eight new lodges, for public installations, and for conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates at the same time.

His visitations are reported in the briefest manner.

One decision was made and some opinions expressed. They coincide with Kentucky law, but the following opinion, "Held that a lodge cannot receive a petition for initiation from a man one-eighth to one-sixteenth negro. Constitution, Section 114," is open to considerable criticism from the true masonic standard.

The Home for Old Masons, and the one for Masonic Widows and Orphans receive praise, as does the Masonic Home Journal.

Under "Uniform Work and Ritual," he says:

"This is a subject which should receive your thorough consideration, and I am convinced that uniform work is very essential in Kentucky if we are to retain any form of real Kentucky work, for the language and original expression is fast losing its style and beauty; the Craft is without instruction in any particular work, and the work, taking the state as a whole, may be said to compose a confused mixture of all kinds of work, with such additional language as the individual taste may in each instance desire. Since I first attended this Grand Lodge in 1908 as Master of my Lodge, I have observed its attitude upon uniform work and the many plans suggested, which, to the present time, have resulted in the accomplishment of little, if any, advancement along this line. In 1909 this Grand Lodge adopted a uniform work, but it died with its adoption, and so far as I have been able to learn, this work is done by very few of our lodges with any degree of accuracy. I will say to you frankly that at that time I was undecided, to say the least, as to the necessity for and value of uniform work; but from my observation during the time I have been working in the Grand Lodge, and especially during this past year, I am confirmed in the belief that uniform work should be adopted and an effective means of promulgation agreed upon, if we are to do creditable work in our whole jurisdiction.

"In almost every jurisdiction in the United States uniform work has been adopted, as has been done in this state, and each has its own distinctive form of work. Yet notwithstanding this adoption of a work by this Grand Lodge, there are some who oppose any uniformity, except in the strictly esoteric parts, and the fact that our own adopted work has lain dormant, leads me to the conclusion that there are still those who do not want a uniform work in their lodges, and they have remained silent, because the child has been sleeping since its adoption. I believe it is time to ascertain if this Grand Lodge wants to adopt or revive its uniform work, with the view of actually promulgating it and making it compulsory that all subordinate lodges learn it and put it on. Unless this is the understanding when a uniform work is adopted, the reason for its adoption ceases, and we may as well stop where we began. I should like to see the adoption of a distinctly Kentucky uniform work, so that

we may be able to intelligently assist and instruct one another in our lodges and be authoritatively advised in the matter."

The following resolution was adopted:

"In order that the continuing history of the subordinate lodges may be preserved in the most convenient form and best style, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the outgoing Master of each subordinate lodge is advised to prepare and present to his lodge on the day of the annual election of officers a short history or report of the work done by his lodge during the preceding year, which report shall show the total number initiated, passed and raised, the number dimitted, expelled, suspended and died, together with a biographic sketch of those who may die, also the amount of money collected and expended, and such other information as the Master may think will be of interest to the Craft in the future. It is further advised that each lodge shall provide a suitable binder for said report and require the Secretary to carefully preserve same."

The Committee on Uniform Work and Ritual made the following recommendations which the Grand Lodge rejected:

"First—That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky favors a uniform system of lectures, the same to be used by every lodge under its jurisdiction.

"Second—That the system of lectures adopted in 1909 be re-adopted and become the lawful lectures in Kentucky Lodges.

"Third—That in conformity to the recommendation of the Grand Master, this system of lectures be set forth in a ritual using a cipher form.

"Fourth—That the Grand Master appoint a committee of eleven, selecting one member from each congressional district of the state, to have full charge of composing said ritual, including its publication; a copy of said ritual to be delivered to the Master of each Lodge in Kentucky, and by him to be delivered to his successor in office, and that all expense incurred by said committee be paid by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

From the Report of the Finance Committee we quote:

"We have considered that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the relief of the suffering and distressed in those European countries which are now engaged in a war greater than any other which history records. We believe it to be the duty of this Grand Body (insofar as in our power lies) to assist, not only our brethren and their families who are suffering, but to likewise aid, so far as we can, all others who may need assistance. However, at this time it is almost impossible to select a proper channel of relief, and further, that certain aspects of our financial condition render it unwise to make a large appropriation this year. We recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to contribute an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, through any channel of relief which may to him seem best."

We do not believe that the teachings of Masonry warrant any such regulation as the following:

"No Master Mason, who shall hereafter be raised, who shall fail to learn such catechism and lecture, or who shall fail to pass an examination satisfactory to his lodge, shall be eligible to vote or hold office in his lodge."

Bro. William W. Clarke presented the Report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Under Colorado he squarely hits one of the modern fads. He says:

"Of course, this procedure to enable one lodge to confer a degree on a brother of another lodge, at its request, is made necessary by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and other jurisdictions have like regulations; but why? Why is it necessary to depart so far from the old and simple rule, at the expense of so much unnecessary routine and the unwindings of so much red tape? Is it not true that the authority to make masons and to advance them rests solely with the lodge? If so, why should it be necessary that the Grand Master must authorize a lodge to do that which only a lodge has the power to do, and which he himself has no authority to legally do? He may, it is true, preside in a lodge, and, as Master, confer a degree; but the lodge must be there. The body, which by the Constitution of Masonry is invested with the right to make masons, must be present and participating when a mason is made."

Maine for 1913 has fraternal mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"A pertinent question here presents itself: Are annual Grand Masters' Conferences a part of the propaganda? Is it a new *congregatio de propaganda fide*? Those who attend disclaim any such purpose. With declamatory resolutions they denounce it. We believe, indeed, we are fully convinced, they are sincere; but may it not be that the germ of the movement, for it has already assumed sufficient importance to be so called, may be found in these annual conferences of Grand Masters, convened with the avowed purpose of considering the general condition of the order, reconciling conflicting legislation, and adjusting differences among the several jurisdictions of the United States and Canada? It has been but a few years since a distinguished mason in Indiana openly advocated a central masonic authority, a plan that, happily, was promptly arrested by the conservative masons of that jurisdiction; and recently—note the growth of the idea—the Grand Lodge of Oregon plainly asked other jurisdictions to unite with it in the organization of a Central Grand Lodge. Such movements have had their genesis, if not in, at least since, the annual Conferences of Grand Masters were inaugurated. It may be only an exemplification of the maxim *post hoc ergo propter hoc*; again, it may be an exemplification of the law of cause and effect."

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We have the announcement of the deaths of three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. John W. Landrum, Grand Master in 1902, died March 14, 1914; M. W. Bro. Henry Bostwick, Grand Master in 1874, died August 20, 1914; M. W. Bro. Warren LaRue Thomas, Grand Master in 1880, died November 24, 1914.

### LOUISIANA, 1915.

One hundred eighty-seven lodges were represented at the one hundred fourth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James

H. Caldwell, comments upon the war in Europe, and upon the progress of Masonry, because of its inherent merits, in the jurisdiction of Louisiana.

He gives an account of the beneficial changes made in the Temple property owned by the Grand Lodge; of the formation of a Masonic Club; of the celebration on January 10, 1915, of the part played by Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, in the battle of New Orleans; and commends the work of the Grand Lecturers and the District Deputies.

He discusses the *single black ball* in the hands of those who use it unwisely and thinks that one ballot for the three degrees is sufficient.

His accounts of his work with the many specific subordinate lodges take up considerable space.

Of his rulings we quote:

"The same lodge asked—'a former member of the lodge under sentence of indefinite suspension applied for re-instatement less than six months ago and had filed still another application at that time, and asked what length of time must elapse before the lodge may entertain another application.

"*Held*, That there was nothing in our regulations to prevent his applying at every stated meeting of the lodge the same as provided for in case of an affiliation, but that it was optional with the lodge whether they accept the application, and act upon it, or refuse to entertain, if not, why ask the lodge 'what is your pleasure,' when the Secretary reads it for the benefit of those present."

He recommends a change in the matter of notifications of the reception of petitions. We see no reason for a notification to be sent to any lodge not having jurisdiction, and we judge from a further statement that the forms of the petition must be loose, in that a statement is not required of a petitioner as to his former efforts to become a mason.

The address was quite lengthy because of a detailed account of the several matters treated therein.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized but the Grand Lodge of France was refused recognition.

Rev. Bro. R. H. Harper delivered an able oration on "The Worth of Symbolism." We quote:

"From the dim ages of the past symbolism has been employed in the aid of religion. And we might stand bewildered in some old temple of the Orient, mystified by the strange language of the priests and the smoking incense, because we do not know the ritual. But every act of worship, every symbol, had its origin in a truth, though it may pass in time into a mere form, its meaning forgotten and its virtue lost by the multitude.

"So Masonry is a 'beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by signs and symbols.' It has a language all its own. Aside from its necessary use of the language of the country in which the lodge is found, it has a beautiful symbolism; certain acts, forms and customs which are all rich in meaning to the contemplative mason.

"And if every member of our Fraternity understood every symbol, and daily shaped his life by its blessed truth, this theme would be useless here. But it is quite possible that the meaning of some symbols may be forgotten and their virtue lost; it is quite possible that parables of noble living may fall on ears that have not the tingling to hear. And the blessed truth may be missed."

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, In recognition of the long-continued and faithful services of R. W. Bro. Richard Lambert, as Assistant and as Grand Secretary of this M. W. Grand Lodge extending over a period exceeding forty years;

"Be It Resolved, That he be elected by this Grand Lodge as Secretary Emeritus at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and that he be furnished desk room in the office of the Grand Secretary."

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has mention.

The usual happy discussion in his report was greatly missed and we give the reason for it and we add that we trust that his recovery has been complete:

"The chairman of our committee, to whose lot it falls by general consent to write our report, has been under his physician's orders to stop all work, and at one time his bark drifted near the bar, and stood off waiting the Pilot's pleasure. It seemed best to Him to guide it back to harbor.

"It is with devoted thankfulness that I am able with mine own hand to send my hearty greetings to my many friends, and to say to them that I am now rapidly being restored to health and that my expectation is that I shall soon be able to respond to the call to labor."

## MANITOBA, 1914.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held at Brandon with a full attendance of officers and representatives.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. the Grand Master, Edward M. Walker, introduces his address with pleasant greetings tinged with sadness because of death.

He discusses quite clearly the advantage of Western Canada as an abiding place for the foreigner and calls upon the brotherhood of masons to do its duty to the new citizen.

One corner-stone was laid; nine masonic districts, and eleven lodges were visited; no decisions were made; the weak spot in the Masonry of Manitoba is the method of selection of District Deputy Grand Masters.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the condition of the lodges in their several districts, which reports show the great interest in Masonry taken by the Craft.

A large amount of local business was transacted.



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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master in 1889, who died February 13, 1915.

### MARYLAND, 1914.

At the semi-annual communication in May the several financial officers submitted their reports.

One lodge was chartered to be located in Baltimore City.

At the annual communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, delivered an address for the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

The several financial officers submitted reports for the six months last past.

A short account of the Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration, September 7 to 13, 1914, is given. We quote:

"The National Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration Committee appointed by the City of Baltimore, on finding that the display by the Masonic Fraternity had by far eclipsed anything heretofore displayed in this city, awarded to the Fraternity, as a special prize, a magnificent Silver Cup made especially for the purpose."

Bro Henry Branch submitted his second Report on Correspondence.

From his introduction we quote:

"He recognizes that the Blue Lodge not only lays the corner-stone, but is itself the foundation on which all genuine Freemasonry is builded. It cannot be used even as a stepping-stone, it is fundamental and it is inspirational, holding the very germ which may and must develop into something better, yet you must 'look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.'"

"The distinction between Order and Fraternity is being ignored, sometimes the words are used interchangeably, more frequently the word Order is used. It is not to criticise this 'modern' invention, though I confess to a weakness for the word 'Antient,' as the English spell it. An Order is conferred, a Fraternity is a confession or recognition of equal rights, enjoyed, inherited, if you please, but first in a man's own heart; not solicited nor invited, much less urged; but somehow there is a drawing, a leaning, a yearning and he finds fellowship in kindred spirits. It is the soul seeking after light, if haply he may find it."

Maine for 1914 is fraternally remembered.

Under Minnesota we read:

"Documentary evidence looms up large in this jurisdiction. 'This evidence must be prerequisite to an examination to ascertain if the visitor is a Master Mason and if you are entitled to hold masonic conversation with him.' How may I know you to be a mason? By this piece of paper (?). The wind has blown it away!! *Sic transit!* No examination, no sign, no grip!!"



## MASSACHUSETTS, 1914.

We quote:

"BOSTON, March 21, 1914.

"TO M. W. MELVIN M. JOHNSON,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.*

"M. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

"By virtue of the authority of your warrant of the seventh day of February, A. L. 5914, A. D. 1914, and in discharge of the duties entrusted to me thereby, I organized and opened, in the Lodge-room at Ancon, C. Z., Panama, a Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the purpose of constituting Canal Zone Lodge and installing the officers thereof, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1914, A. L. 5914, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., in due form.

"The brethren of the new lodge with their visitors, in all more than two hundred Master Masons, having taken their places in the Lodge-room, and the preliminary ceremonies having been performed, I entered with my officers, and forthwith undertook the work of the evening. The lodge was constituted agreeably to ancient custom, with the ritual in use in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and proclamation thereof."

At the quarterly communication in March the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, addressed the Grand Lodge concerning the various trust funds and the needs and requirements of the Masonic Home.

At the quarterly meeting in June the M. W. Grand Master in his address says:

"It has come to my notice that many visiting delegations are improperly received in our lodges.

"While a lodge is at labor, every one who enters must approach to the West of the Altar and there salute the Master. The only exception is when the entrant acts by or under authority of the Grand Master, *i. e.* the Grand Master, himself, or a Deputy acting under his warrant; their Marshals and suite, while in actual attendance."

Discussing the granting of dispensations he says:

"I have made a careful study of the ancient usages of the Fraternity in this connection, as well as of the present practice in other jurisdictions, and am satisfied that the proper rule is that *dispensations to confer degrees in less than the constitutional interval of four weeks should be granted only in cases of necessity or of extraordinary emergency. They should not be granted merely for convenience, either of the candidate or of the lodge.*"

At the quarterly communication in September the M. W. Grand Master delivered an exhaustive historical address from which we quote the concluding paragraph:

"Recapitulating briefly the facts, we find that prior to 1733 many lodges met without authority; that a regular Commission issued to Daniel Coxe for a part of North America in 1730, but that this Commission was never exercised; that after Masonry became an organized Institution and meetings of Lodges without a Charter or Warrant were prohibited, no lawful authority was ever exercised in America until July 30, 1733, when Henry

Price organized a Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston under the authority granted him by the Lord Viscount Montague, then Grand Master of Masons in England. It is thus that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is the Mother Grand Lodge of America, and that Henry Price is the 'Founder of Duly Constituted Masonry in America.'"

The lectures on the Philosophy of Masonry delivered by Wor. Bro. Roscoe Pound are printed with the proceedings.

### MICHIGAN, 1914.

At the seventieth annual communication there were present fourteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of four hundred thirteen lodges. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

M. W. Bro. William M. Perrett, the Deputy Grand Master, had control of the affairs of the Grand Jurisdiction for the past nine months because of the death of M. W. Bro. Francis D. Clarke, who with two other Past Grand Masters is remembered in his address.

Corner-stones were laid; temples dedicated; dispensations issued; visitations made; all necessary to the pleasure, the comfort and welfare of the Craft.

He visited all the meetings of distinguished associations of the Craft: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, the Grand Masters' Conference at St. Louis, Mo., and of them speaks in commendatory terms.

Many other subjects, local in character, are mentioned in the address.

Fraternal relations with all of the German Grand Lodges, with the exception of the Royal York Grand Lodge of Berlin, are established.

An appropriation was made for the purpose of constructing a Masonic Home Hospital at Alma.

A large amount of business was transacted.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor submitted his eleventh annual Report on Foreign Correspondence under the following instruction:

"The committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

Maine has three pages in his report.

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The Grand Lodge mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. James Bradley, Grand Master in 1897-1898, who died February 6, 1914; of R. W. Bro. William Wentz, Grand Treasurer 1894-1915, who died February 25, 1915. He was the Representative for Maine near the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

**MINNESOTA, 1915.**

All the Grand Officers and the Representatives of 233 lodges were present at the sixty-second annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

After a brief introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert E. Denfield, pays tribute to the dead.

He reports the dedication of two halls; the constitution of three lodges; the laying of three corner-stones; the surrender of one charter.

In announcing his decisions he discusses to a certain length the question of physical condition. His decisions are in accord with usual masonic law except the following:

"A mason deliberately declining to become a supporter of his lodge merits no consideration even in case of request for a masonic funeral."

Why is he not entitled to a masonic funeral if in good standing? Why not in good standing, unless his lodge has disciplined him for non-payment of dues? "Deliberately declining" to pay his dues for the support of the lodge would, in Maine, make him liable for charges for conduct unbecoming a mason.

He issued five dispensations for new lodges and says:

"In granting dispensations I have been governed by the principle that it is better to have active masons; that lodges should be organized where distance from the home lodge makes attendance difficult or burdensome, and where material can be obtained without impairing the strength of existing lodges. Small lodges composed of 'bright' masons, capable of meeting the financial demands, should be encouraged. The intelligent should be given an opportunity to unite with us in the practice of those virtues that enrich the life and broaden humanity."

Speaking of Schools of Instruction he says:

"There has been a tendency, so I have been informed by some of the older masons, to make use of 'helps,' which are strictly forbidden. Those exemplifying the work should feel a pride in mastering it so fully that not only the words themselves are pronounced correctly but that the phrasing and elocutionary effort bring home the lessons with puissant effect. I trust that all Masters and Wardens who feel that there is lack in their particular lodge for such instruction will make it incumbent upon those aspiring for preferment to take steps to attend at least the annual school, and if not able to attend the annual school, that they will not hesitate to ask for schools, but such extra schools should not be held unless a sufficient number can be brought together; not less than six lodges if conveniently located with regard to some central point should ask for a school. Small schools are not nearly as satisfactory as larger ones and are rather too expensive for those in attendance."

- He discusses "Masonry" at some length.

He says among other good things:

"The ritual is beautiful. It has all the truths, garnered from the ages, and presents them in language clear, concise, comprehensive. To hear

these truths, cease to ponder or fail to master them in spirit, does not speak well of masonic interest. It is not necessary that we weigh down the literature of the ritual with drapery of any kind. The voice can convey more eloquently than paraphernalia the inherent thought. My plea is that masons should not neglect to become proficient in the teaching of the order, especially in the manner of communicating an impressive lesson. There should be that study and careful perusal of the language in which the truths are expressed that will drive the truth home with greater force, for truth is only the word squaring with the fact."

Bro. Irving Todd prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Connecticut he says:

"In Minnesota a non-affiliate is a mason not in good standing. He may visit any one lodge three times, and may receive masonic burial in the discretion of the Master. That is all. Consequently the only right he has is that of applying for affiliation."

Under Indiana he asks a very pertinent question:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence held that a virtual Past Master has no rights in a convocation of actual Past Masters, but having regularly received the degree in a chapter he is not required to again receive the degree before being installed; queer logic, to say the least; may we ask, when does the brother become an actual Past Master?"

Maine for 1914 has brief mention.

Proceedings at the twenty-third annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association are published in the appendix.

### **MISSISSIPPI, 1915.**

A public reception was held previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge, at which there was presented an elaborate program of music, vocal and instrumental, address of welcome on behalf of the City of Vicksburg, where the Grand Lodge met, and an address of welcome on behalf of the masons by the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., with the response by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials reported the registration of 325 Past Masters, 250 Masters, Wardens and Representatives.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the introduction to the address of M. W. Bro. Robert A. Carson, Grand Master, we quote:

"Our numerical growth has been a healthy one, a higher conception of our symbolisms and teachings shows that the elevating influences that have been continuously and freely disseminated for the benefit of the Craft have had a refining effect upon the minds and lives of those who are admitted among us to such an extent that one can safely say our membership is not only increasing, but improving socially, morally and intellectually. Our fraternity is yearly occupying a more elevated plane

and our great endeavor should not only be to guard against retrogression, but by persistent, steadfast endeavor enable and dignify all that pertains to our forms, ceremonies and ritual, and, by purifying our mental, moral and physical surroundings steadily advance towards perfection. The field is great and each individual can, in his own quiet, but none the less effective, way, add his mite to the good work. Be masons in the true sense—not simply members."

The dead are remembered.

He reports the constitution of seven new lodges; dispensations issued for seven new lodges; the laying of three corner-stones; the dedication of one Masonic Temple, and refused dispensations to ballot out of time on the advancement of candidates.

A cipher ritual caused him trouble to such an extent that he was obliged to issue an edict against its use.

Of non-affiliates he says:

"Under this topic I wish to sound a note of warning: We have too many non-affiliates in this jurisdiction, every possible effort has been put forth in the past on the part of the Grand Lodge to prevent this condition, our laws are framed with the idea of preventing non-affiliation, and it is now the work of the local lodge to look into and prevent this evil. While much has been written and said on this subject looking towards some relief—men do join our lodges and shortly after ask for, and secure, their demits, and men who have been associated with us for many years in changing their residence, take out a demit and then fail to place it in the lodge having jurisdiction over them in their new home. Every non-affiliate should be carefully looked after by the Master and members of the masonic lodge within whose territory their reside, they need our help and support and we need their co operation. I can only touch on this subject, but to my mind it is one of greatest importance to the Craft, if we are to accomplish the work as laid out for us on the masonic trestleboard. We need the assistance of all who owe allegiance to the sign of the Square and Compasses."

We note that the Grand Master in his address touched upon the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Secretary reports that one hundred and eleven lodges were delinquent in the payment of their dues.

An Honorary Past Grand Master was elected.

Bro. Harry Howard submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has two pages in his valued report.

Under Rhode Island we read:

"The fourth subject was one that is bound to cause friction sooner or later in the Bull Moose Lodges where the poll-parrots are supreme, for boiled down it means, 'When is a man a mason?'

"4. The Grand Master in several instances granted permission that Master Masons be permitted to sign the by-laws of their respective lodges without first passing in open lodge the examination required by the provisions of Section 15 of Article VII of the Grand Constitution upon terms prescribed by him. The committee is of the opinion that it was within the prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations by which the

requirement should be waived and with or without terms, for reasons which should appear sufficient to the Grand Master. The committee is of the opinion that in the cases reported by the Grand Master the reasons for granting the permission rendered the dispensation beyond criticism.

"Now it came to pass that Mike the barber, in the fullness of years, received word that he should make haste to array himself, for the King sat in his house at Jerusalem.

"And he was exceeding glad and being an artist, arrayed himself according. Now when night was come, behold, he was taken to the house of the King, which is in Jerusalem.

"And the King said: 'Let such an one teach thee the covenant of brotherhood.'

"And Mike the barber was relieved of fifty shekels of silver, and he swore a great oath to comfort the weak, who travel in this land of bondage. Now Mike the barber was strong of arm and big of heart, but his head was as a pumpkin, and the King marvelled and spoke unto him saying: 'Verily thou art a pudding-head and forgetful, thou canst not play the game.' 'Liash Jit?' he thundered, which being interpreted meaneth, 'Why art thou come?' 'Be gone, thou art no mason, thou has wrought folly in Israel, and thy shekels are turned into the royal treasury.'

"And, behold, morning came and it was so, and the D. D.'s rejoiced greatly thereat, and said one to another: 'Behold, we shall be exalted and sit in the seats of the mighty, and rule the land from Dan to Bersheba with nary an exception.'<sup>31</sup>

M. W. Bro. Frank Burkitt, Grand Master in 1879, died November 18, 1914.

### MISSOURI, 1914.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and listened to the opening ode by a choir and to a prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Then the Committee on Credentials reported, and since a constitutional number of lodges was represented the M. W. Grand Master "declared the Grand Lodge duly open and ready for the transaction of all business."

So the first thing to be done was to listen to an address of welcome to Kansas City, delivered by the Mayor.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Van Fremont Boor, in the introduction to his address discourses upon the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge. The dead are remembered.

He proposed a plan for the increase of the permanent endowment fund to help support and maintain the Masonic Home.

We quote one decision:

"Is a brother who is filling the position of 'waiter to the steward at the Elks' Club' violating the masonic law?"

"Answer. He is. There is no difference in serving behind an Elks' bar where intoxicating drinks may be gotten and in serving behind the bar of a regular saloon. You are warranted in having charges preferred and in giving him a trial."

The Conference of Grand Masters and the attending functions are set forth at length.

Lodges were set to work, visitations were made, installations performed, temples dedicated, Schools of Instruction and the Masonic Home visited, corner-stones laid, besides the attendance upon many other functions within and without the jurisdiction.

Under "Dispensations to Re-ballot" we quote:

"The two most monstrous evils our fraternity has to fight, in our judgment, are the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and the misuse of the black ball. Up to the beginning of our term of office we thought that the black ball was seldom, if ever misused. That belief was based largely upon *theory*.

"Experiences of the past year with several hundred lodges have caused a complete reversal of opinion and we now firmly believe that the black ball is seldom equitably used. This belief is based on *practice*.

"It is found in Section 129, on page 29 of the by-laws, and indexed 'Ballot, examination of.'"

Twenty-six dispensations to re-ballot were granted.

The National Independent Grand Lodge of France was recognized.

"The Grand Secretary received from lodges and individuals on account of subscriptions to the Masonic Home Improvement Fund the sum of \$39,557.80, which includes the sum of \$6,000.00 appropriated by the Grand Lodge at its ninety-third annual communication in 1913."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:

"We cannot approve of decision No. 25 of the Grand Master in answer to the question, 'Is a petitioner eligible who holds stock in a brewery in the State of Iowa.' It is our opinion that the owner of stock in a corporation engaged in the manufacture of liquor or beer is a manufacturer under our law, regardless of the amount of stock he may own in said corporation. In our opinion it makes no difference whether he owns a minority or a majority of the stock. We therefore recommend that this decision be disapproved."

Bro. C. C. Woods presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

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The Grand Lodge laments the death of R. W. Bro. John W. Owen, Grand Tyler, 1880-1913, and of R. W. Chesley A. Mosman, Deputy Grand Master, 1913.

### MONTANA, 1913.

The Committee on Credentials reported that there were present at the forty-ninth annual communication thirteen Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters and one hundred eighty-three lodge representatives. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John G. Bair, introduces his address with a few pleasing paragraphs, and then mentions the dead.

He reports the dispensations and proxies issued; details the degrees conferred by courtesy by the lodges in Montana, and those conferred by other Grand Lodges upon the brethren of Montana; tells of his visitations and remarks that from his observation a competent instructor of the Montana work could be well employed.

Six lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for two new lodges; decision was made that an Entered Apprentice who could not learn the lecture was not worthy for advancement.

Bro. H. S. Hepner submitted the Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Under District of Columbia, anent liquor legislation, we quote:

"The subject of prohibition seems still to be agitating several masonic jurisdictions, and has, we fear, already been carried too far. There is apt to be a reflex action which may be equally intemperate in the other direction. We complain, very properly, when strikers use force to prevent other men from working for wages, which they, the strikers, have decided insufficient, but it is just as inconsistent to prohibit all men from providing the least amount of stimulant because some particular intemperate men have abused the privilege. There is a law in every state to punish drunkenness. There is also a law to punish the vendor for selling stimulants to an intoxicated individual."

Maine for 1913 is most liberally treated.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Now that we are done, the thought comes to us that there is a large decrease of decisions rendered or called for; fewer dispensations granted or requested for the real and many imaginary aillings of lodges; the common gavel has chipped off the rough corners, the square, compasses, level and plumb have prepared the way for the trowel and all have united in shaped perfected ashlers in the way of constitutions and codes of law for the government of the Craft.

"Once in a while we hear sounded the burglar alarm of clandestinism; it is but a specter of the night and unseen in the light of day.

"The recent frequent gatherings of the Grand Masters bring up the fear of a General Grand Lodge; yet we believe that there are enough orthodox wearers of the royal purple of our American Grand Lodges, who will never consent to the surrender of their sovereign rights, held through the trials and triumphs of so many generations of masons in their respective jurisdictions."

#### **NFBASKA, 1914.**

Two hundred forty of the two hundred and fifty-five lodges were represented at the fifty-seventh annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Alpha Morgan, has to his address a brief introduction, then passes to the remembrance of the dead.

The Nebraska Masonic Home receives his praise for its management.



Eight corner-stones were laid; two lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for seven new lodges; one Masonic Temple was dedicated; and also says:

"I have received numerous requests for dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time. After investigating to my satisfaction I decided that they were made without due consideration and refused to grant the requests save in two instances."

We quote:

"During the past year a great amount of correspondence has been had with the Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions relative to the conferring of degrees on candidates who have removed into other jurisdictions and from other jurisdictions to ours. In no instance has a request that has been made by me been refused, and I am pleased to state that in each instance I have granted similar requests. In granting these requests I have invariably required our lodges when doing work, as a matter of courtesy, to require the candidate to comply with our law relating to proficiency."

He found a leak in "documentary evidence" and suggests that the law be amended so that it may require "visitors to present documentary evidence on January 1st of each year. No doubt, a number of our lodges have been imposed upon by unworthy brethren, who have taken advantage and relied upon former examinations to continue visiting lodges."

His conclusion is replete with thought. We quote one paragraph:

"In the lodge room the spirit of Fraternity eliminates the inequality of birth and environment; there the strong protect the weak, those favored by fortune assist those less favored, and those who push aid those who lag behind in life's race. To make this spirit of fraternity permeate the civil walks of life and incite the desires of men for better things is the enlarged mission of Freemasonry to-day, and to make our Order a vital living force for the advancement of the virtues of mankind to the end that humanity may enjoy better things along all just lines of human development, furnishing to all the equality, which a freedom and liberty loving people possess, is a mission well worth our utmost effort."

The Committee on General Grand Lodge reported:

"The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska is a sovereign body, and will never yield its sovereignty."

Bro. Charles J. Phelps submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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We have received balustres announcing the deaths of M. W. Bro. George Bell France, Grand Master 1888-89, who died August 16, 1914; of M. W. Bro. Harry Porter Deuel, Grand Master 1869-71, who died November 23, 1914; of M. W. Bro. Martin Dunham, Grand Master 1873-74, who died February 18, 1915; of M. W. Bro. John Jackson Mercer, Grand Master 1889-90, who died February 25, 1915.

**NEVADA, 1914.**

Eighteen Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of twenty-one of the twenty-five lodges were present at the fiftieth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The only living member, Wor. Bro. Edward D. L. Cutts, of the eight chartered lodges that united in calling the convention for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was introduced to the Grand Lodge and seated in the East.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. David, briefly tells of the formation of the Grand Lodge at a time when the United States were contending, one part with the other, and:

"Yet, withal, our brethren of Nevada, animated by the single desire to spread the beneficent principles of our beloved Fraternity, went forth into this rough, unsettled Western country of ours and set up a Grand Lodge, and thereby gave impetus to the monumental work of building a state."

He tells of the various invitations received, the requests for conferring the degrees by courtesy, the appointment of Grand Representatives, among whom we note that of Sanford Crosby Dinsmore of Reno for Maine.

He gives a vivid account of his visitations and says:

"I noticed one thing particularly on my visits to the different lodges: the sincere desire of the members for knowledge. I have urged upon all lodges that they take up the study of Masonry in its various phases. I have suggested to them that they subscribe for masonic magazines; and have furnished them with lists of various books which it would be profitable for them to read, urging the formation of small libraries in their lodge rooms, that they might have the means at hand for acquiring more knowledge of our Craft. I feel that in thus awakening the brethren to the usefulness and purpose of Masonry I have assisted them materially. I regret exceedingly that a way can not be devised by this Grand Lodge whereby the brethren can be given the instruction along various lines, so earnestly wished for. I have no doubt but that every one of our lodges would be found willing to pay an extra per capita tax to cover the cost of such service."

He remarks upon the subject of the "Liquor Question" as practiced by the Fraternity of Nevada.

He proposes, as a commemoration of the fiftieth year of their existence, the establishment of an Educational Fund:

"This fund is to be available for the education of deserving sons and daughters of masons, preferably at our State University.

"I believe that if this Grand Lodge will assume the burden of caring for one student, that we will have no difficulty in arranging to take care of at least four students this first year."

He urges the formation of Study Clubs, saying: \*

"Lodges must arrive to the fact that a means must be provided to absorb some of the idle hours of the members and their families. In olden times, entertainments were not provided on the scale that they are to-day, and the lodge furnished all the entertainment required by the members. To-day it is vastly different. A variety of entertainment is offered every one at a price commensurate with his purse, and the lodge, offering no variety, has lost out in its drawing power. Man was created for social purposes, and he will naturally seek those places which provide a means by which he may pass his idle hours agreeably. Thus it is that the saloon exercises such a potent influence. There a comfortable lounging place, warm in winter and cool in summer, with reading matter and games for diversion are provided without stint, while our lodge rooms and churches are tightly locked against the time when they may be opened for their 'regular' meetings."

From his conclusion we quote:

"Masonry to me spells Service with a big 'S'—but not lip service to the exclusion of every other service. It means accomplishment. What would it mean to this world of ours if the force and energy now latent in our immense membership could be set at work for the good of humanity in carrying out the principles of our Order? It would mean a bigger and a better world; and I look forward to the time—not far distant I hope—when our Craft will be, as it has been, an important factor in the world's activities. This can best be accomplished by a movement which will tend to educate and direct the membership in an endeavor to make of the 'Brotherhood of Man' a living, breathing thing, rather than a fanciful phrase to be used by lodge orators. To this end, I ask of you, brethren, that you be honest and tireless seekers after that which is said to be lost—seekers after further light. Thus may we hope to accomplish much."

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"On this occasion of our fiftieth anniversary it may be interesting to recall that the Grand Lodge started in 1865 with a membership of 483, and that to-day we have 1,939 members enrolled, an increase of 1,456, an average gain of a little over 29 a year. The largest gains were made in the years 1868,—225; 1876,—263, and 1908,—214. For nearly twenty years, from 1878 to 1896, years of depression in the State, there was a small loss recorded. Prosperity and activity in mining and trade returned in 1897, since which time there has been a steady advance in the growth of the Craft, the average for the last twelve years being about 94 annually. Considering our state and its population this is a good and healthy growth."

The history of Freemasonry in Nevada for fifty years by the Grand Orator, Bro. Lloyd B. Thomas, is printed with the proceedings.

Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, presented his eleventh Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Delaware we read:

"Under Georgia our brother is opposed to the admission into Masonry's ranks of a man of illegitimate birth. We are not, if he is worthy otherwise. The sweets of friendship and brotherly love should not be denied a man because of not being born as he would liked to have been. Our brother says: 'Eugeny certainly plays some part in Masonry.' The word 'eugeny' was obsolete for years, brother. Only recently was it re-

vived and with its new birth it has taken on a broader meaning. It now stands for a clean bill of health, sound physically, and free from all disease whatsoever, such a condition as will improve the human stock, and the question of noble birth is dropped. We see no reason why a man of illegitimate birth could not receive a eugenic certificate to-day, if physically he would improve his kind. Renascent eugeny has improved upon 'well born,' placing the emphasis on 'born well.' Our brother certainly will not deny marriage to a man, clean of body, clean of mind, solely because of his illegitimate birth? Masonry's view point on illegitimacy should broaden, as has the definition of eugeny. The Christ spirit of Brotherhood made possible the forgetting of the eye-for-an-eye spirit of the old Mosaic law. It is well that it did."

Under Idaho we quote:

"In Maine Bro. Knepper notes that its constitution has been amended so that lodges may now form public processions and attend divine service without dispensation from the Grand Master. He is in hearty accord. So are we. Bro. Knepper is satisfied that the lodges are made up of good men and that there is no danger of the privilege of attending church being abused. No doubt of it.

"While we do not approve of a regalia display in church, we always have stood for church attendance for a body of men who proclaim their belief in God, and have the Bible on their sacred altar as the rule and guide of their faith and practice. The profane world, as well as all thoughtful masons, laugh in their sleeves on reading of a dispensation to attend church being required in such an organization. Such matters are the private affairs of the constituent lodges and can safely be left with them. If it sifts down to the question of a regalia display, let's brave the display rather than absence from the House of God."

Maine for 1913 has mention.

From his conclusion we quote:

"The battle against the manufacturers and sellers of intoxicating liquors goes merrily on. Many influential Grand Lodges have passed sweeping laws on the subject, but England, Ireland, Scotland, the Australian and Canadian jurisdictions, and some of the American Grand Bodies, stand squarely against any enactments. We must admit that the agitation has been beneficial to the Craft. Still we hope to see our Sisters get back to the ancient Masonic Temperance anchorage, and let each lodge select its own material, with a keener perception and fuller appreciation of the great power resting in the black ball. Let Temperance be the mason's guidepost, the ballot his safeguard, and educate the Brotherhood up to their highest and holiest significance.

"The abuse of the dispensation is about as serious a question as any under discussion. Dispensations for masons, God fearing and Bible pledged, to attend Divine Service, with or without regalia, are a travesty on the lofty teachings of the Craft, and all dispensations hurrying candidates sap its strength. Hurriedly made masons are no credit to the Fraternity. We are being told that Masonry's crying need is education, enlightenment as to the truth that lies back of ritual and symbolism, a wider knowledge of its principles, its history, its philosophy. And on top of this come scores upon scores of dispensations to hasten the candidates through the degrees. The mason who would be a mason must take time for thought and study. He must ponder and reflect. Masonry is a progressive science, but its progress is step by step. It is arranged in degrees for a purpose. Strength gradually attained is more vigorous,

and thoroughness is a safe earning power, one that can be relied upon. You cannot hurry it. Let us strive for a greater efficiency, and make haste slowly."

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We have received the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Joseph A. Miller, Grand Master in 1900, who died December 8, 1914.

### NEW BRUNSWICK, 1914.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of St. John on Sunday, June 21, 1914, the Sunday nearest to the Festival of Saint John the Baptist. The Grand Lodge preceded by the members of the City Lodges went to Trinity Church and there listened to an able sermon preached by the Grand Chaplain.

At the forty-seventh annual communication there was a large attendance. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick John Gilmour Knowlton, in his address remembers the dead, gives an account of his visits, reports a dispensation for a new lodge, and one for a lodge of instruction, announces that several Masonic Bodies, owners of stock in the Masonic Hall property, had "placed their stock, amounting to \$8,650.00, in actual paid up value (the number of shares actually paid up was 432 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), as a free gift in the hands of Grand Lodge. The record of this generosity should be marked in our history, which is the reason I have set forth the details here. The action of these Bodies, was, I think, in each case, unanimous."

The Board of General Purposes reported a card receipt for dues and add:

"Whatever value may be accorded to this card receipt in neighboring jurisdictions, in New Brunswick it is not to be considered as being anything more than an ordinary receipt for dues, and therefore is in no sense a substitute for the Grand Lodge certificate or other proper masonic voucher."

The Grand Lodge changed the date of its annual convocation from August to "Easter Tuesday."

Two of the District Deputy Grand Masters made particular and interesting reports of the lodges committed to their charge.

No Report on Correspondence.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1914.

Fifty-six lodges were represented at the one hundred twenty-fifth annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Holman A. Drew in his address mentions quite minutely the dead, distinguished in his own jurisdiction; reports no decisions, the dispensations for divers purposes, and approved among other requests the following:

"Approved request of Grand Master of Maine to permit Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, of Portsmouth, to confer the degrees upon Mr. John Alexander McWilliams in favor of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, Me. Request granted and work performed."

Of Lodges of Instruction he says:

"But three of the seven districts held Lodges of Instruction this year. They were three grand meetings and lots of good will result. I hope and trust that another year every district in this Grand Jurisdiction will take advantage of this great opportunity and hold a Lodge of Instruction. I believe the making of these meetings possible is one of the greatest steps taken by New Hampshire Masonry in recent years."

He commends the Masonic Home and adds:

"The crying need of the Home to-day seems to be a hospital annex, where the sick ones can be cared for much more easily and where they can be secluded if it seem desirable, where all depressing influences can be eliminated from the daily life of the other members of the family. A more worthy object could not be found for this grand body to strive for and I respectfully call your attention to it individually and collectively."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported the condition of the lodges in their respective districts.

Upon the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the Grand Lodge declined to accept the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon to be present and assist in the establishment of a central representative masonic body.

The one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated in the evening with music, addresses, and an Historical Address by M. W. Bro. Charles Horace Wiggin.

We quote:

"Just when Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, of Portsmouth, received its charter, in response to this petition, is not known. Beyond question it was constituted June 24, 1736.

"For nearly forty-five years Saint John's was the only Lodge of Masons in our state. With five lodges within the confines of New Hampshire, it was determined by the brethren composing these lodges that a Grand Lodge within our borders was fittingly proper and a meeting of deputies from these five lodges was called at Portsmouth, July 8, 1789.

"On June 24, 1820, M. W. Bro. Joshua Darling, Grand Master, and R. W. Bros. Bowles, Pierce and Woodman were most cordially welcomed by the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and officially attended and assisted in its consecration as a Grand Lodge, and in the installation of His Excellency the Most Worshipful William King as first Grand Master, and its other Grand Officers. The comment of the Grand Master on this occasion was in part, 'We, as the representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, assure you that we experienced a high degree

of pleasure and satisfaction in witnessing on that most interesting solemnity, the perfect order, truly masonic, and very fraternal and gentlemanly appearance of the officers and members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine."

"At no time since its formation have its doors been closed or the resources of its treasury been unavailable in reasonable abundance to meet calls for charity. Victims of conflagration, flood and earthquakes have known in their hour of distress and misfortune the comforts that loving brethren have been pleased to contribute."

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his eighth delightful Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under District of Columbia we read:

"Under his decisions, we find a case where a member of congress presented a petition to one of the lodges, giving his residence as the District of Columbia and his occupation as that of a farmer. Any congressman who would attempt any such subterfuge ought to be given the permission of his constituents to remain at home."

Maine for 1913 has a fine report. We quote:

"For the first time a Grand Master of Maine is able to report the granting of no dispensations to lodges to attend divine service, lodges now having the right to do this without a dispensation—a thing which is said never to have been denied them. Sensible!

"No decisions are reported, but the declaration that men, *as masons*, should not petition the President of the United States for the pardon or commutation of sentence of a brother lawfully convicted of crime, is as virile and as healthfully masonic as anything that ever came out of Maine. This was his supreme official act, in our judgment, for which we proffer personal thanks."

Under New Mexico we read:

"He gives us information relative to New Mexico's law on objection, and, as we understand it now, there appears to be no difference save that in New Mexico the objection may be withdrawn. The casting of a negative ballot or the filing of an objection is a serious matter, and once done and announced, should be final."

But suppose that the objection is withdrawn before an announcement to the lodge is made?

## NEW JERSEY, 1914.

At the one hundred twenty-seventh annual communication there were present the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, the Grand Representative for Maine and then the following statement which we cannot understand from what follows it:—"Lodges Represented (90) as follows; Lodges Unrepresented (4)."

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred E. Tilden, in the introduction to his address says:



"The Craft in this jurisdiction is to be congratulated upon its growth and prosperous condition, our net gain in membership being substantially 2,000 and our total membership being now nearly, if not quite 40,000. The satisfactory condition of our finances is evidenced by the report of the Grand Treasurer, which will be submitted to you in due course."

The dead are remembered; the constituting of two lodges announced; the laying of two corner-stones reported; a list of his visitations given; fraternal relations with Oklahoma resumed; and some cases of discipline were necessary, one because of the use of *printed* ballots at the annual election of officers, one because the Wor. Master of the lodge by his acts kept out of the lodge members of the lodge who were in the room of the Tyler awaiting admission.

We especially commend him for this paragraph in his address:

"A number of requests to confer degrees have been received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions and we have had occasion to make several requests of this nature, which, in every instance, have been courteously complied with."

He recommended the payment of the Finance Committee for their labors, the use of chain collars for the officers of the Grand Lodge, and presented the question of apron, viz:—Is it lambskin, or white leather apron, or can white linen apron be substituted?

A drastic form of the petition of an applicant for the degrees was presented and referred to a committee.

A proposed code for the trial of charges against a brother went over to the next annual communication.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt was not recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Clothing reported in favor of the use of chain collars and the report was adopted. It was also decided that white linen aprons may be used in place of lambskin aprons if the lodge so decide.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under England he thus comments upon the newly formed Grand Lodge in France:

"We refrain from comment upon the composition and intentions of this new body, so entirely new is it that the only lodge named as its originator was only founded in 1911. It may become an agency by which some masons of France can acquire the technical regularity and 'means of grace' upon which the recognition now withheld by many jurisdictions will be granted; but existing conditions in France do not point to its immediate acquisition of such powers or possibilities as to warrant the assumption expressed in its name. National, Independence and Regularity are not conveyed by mere title."

Maine for 1913 has cheerful mention. We quote:



"A reminder of the terms under which 'work by courtesy' in Maine is done for other jurisdictions was tendered; and it is noteworthy that this is one of the few jurisdictions which constitutionally empowers its lodges to do such work upon due verification of the communication and the identity of the candidate, without the express consent, or indeed knowledge, of the Grand Masters."

Again we quote:

"Having served Grand Lodge as Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary for more than half a century, a loving cup or other suitable testimonial was voted to him. A loving cup, in Maine, eh?—what?"

The apple crop in Maine is fairly good each year, but last year it was exceptionally large so that much good fruit had the juice squeezed out of it.

### NEW MEXICO, 1914.

Thirty-three lodges were represented at the thirty-seventh annual communication.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Nathan Jaffa, has a brief allusion to the terrible war, mentions the dead in each of the subordinate lodges, and of other jurisdictions, reports the dispensations granted and refused, mentions each case of conferring degrees by courtesy that he knew about, and made fourteen decisions. These were in accord with general practice as we understand it. However, we quote one:

"Is it necessary for a visiting brother to show a receipt for dues before he may visit?"

"This question was submitted by a lodge after refusing admission to a brother who stated that he had his receipt but deemed it unnecessary to exhibit it.

"I held that while documentary evidence was not required under our laws, it was entirely consistent to ask for receipts or any other evidence. A good mason should be as anxious to satisfy the examining committee that he is in good standing as it is the duty of such committee to satisfy itself that it is not being imposed upon. The lodge was justified to deny admission to this brother."

He recommends a change in the time allowed to become proficient in the work; that the digest of the laws enacted each year be printed; that the issuance of duplicate dimits be stopped.

The "Kit Carson Home" also received his careful attention.

Quite a large amount of local business was transacted.

Bro. James H. Wroth presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Delaware, discussing the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, he says:

"If you lived as close to the border as we do, you would see the proposition, and as it is, you now see it a great deal better than the average Eastern Jurisdiction. If you will go back over the reports of the past few years you will note that this Grand Lodge, both under its former name and under its later name, had lodges scattered all over the Republic. The assumption that the York Grand Lodge has no right to assume authority over the whole of the Republic is a willful neglect of historical conditions. It seems to be impossible, even with a baseball bat, to pound into some reviewers the knowledge that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is not confined to the Federal District. Now, I want to appeal to you in a courteous and pleasant manner: They have lodges scattered from the northern part of Mexico to the City of Mexico and further south. As the distinguished reviewer says, the seceders were not sufficient in number to overthrow the Grand Lodge. I don't know how to impress upon the reviewers that this Grand Lodge is not confined to the City of Mexico; I have tried to do it for three years, but, charm I ever so wisely, as the Scripture says, they will not listen. The York Grand Lodge of Mexico came about from an internal revolution. A minority left the Grand Lodge and tried to start another Grand Lodge.

"Now, my personal views: It is the duty, to my mind, of every Grand Jurisdiction within the United States to offer its support to what is the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for the simple reason that they themselves—that is, the American Jurisdictions—are York Rite Masons, and by a logical conclusion they cannot get away from it."

Maine for 1914 has all that is due to it in his report.

We are at a loss to understand the first three paragraphs on page 74 of the report.

First, there is a question and answer quoted from the decisions of M. W. Grand Master Spofford.

Second, the statement "We agree to disagree."

Third, a statement to show what?

Well, Bro. Wroth, we would like to know "what the Grand Lodge has to do with the ordinary lodge funds, provided they keep within the masonic law," and when you have found a convincing argument to show that the Grand Lodge can interfere send it up to me to read, please.

Now, Bro. Wroth, we suppose that we ought to have said after we had quoted what the Committee on the Grand Master's Address said, that this was our belief. Your Grand Master's Address was first in reading and he made a statement upon which we made comment. When we came to the report of the committee we copied that and to our mind there is difference between the two propositions as worded.

Now, as to the next subject,—the physical condition of the candidate—New Mexico's rule suits us.

In regard to Life Membership, Bro. Wroth begs the question, for he says, "Provided you can go to work and get a principal that will produce a sufficient interest to pay the dues," &c., then he goes on to say that the lodges do not judiciously handle the principal; and we add, Ergo, Life Membership requires study. Now, Bro. Wroth, take the next clause of

our original statement, viz: but it can not be shown that it (Life Membership) is masonic, and show us wherein it is masonic.

Bro. Wroth suggests that a little of our gray matter ought to be sprinkled into these reports and, by fraternal words, tries to arouse our dormant activities. We have been slipping around in the shoes of Drummond for some years and as yet have not been tripped up, and have not, to our knowledge, as yet departed from his teachings and the practice of the Grand Lodge of Maine for nearly one hundred years. We are also satisfied that one may condemn all the varied fads that may come into notice, yet each Grand Lodge in its sovereignty will adopt one or more, and it is no use to scold, to criticise, or to condemn. Some of the subjects proposed have been proposed time and time again and have been thoroughly discussed by the fathers of Masonry in the United States, and to our mind settled.

It is the unsettled, unread, untaught, up-to-date-mason who lives in the year 1915 who wants to dictate the policy and work of a Fraternity that has had for its interpreters those whose powers of mind are not as yet excelled, and who, let us hope, laid foundations that cannot be upheaved or torn down. Let us use all modern ways of doing business but tell over and over the same old story.

Under Oklahoma we read:

"Do lodges make members or masons?"

"Even at the risk of repeating ourselves, we do not believe that the *making* of a mason thereby involves the *necessity* of him becoming a member of the lodge that made him. *That is up to him.* And while in the majority of cases he thereby does become a member, we do not believe in this formality of signing by-laws or insisting upon the newly-made mason becoming a member simply by virtue of the place where he was raised. It is up to him and *not* up to the lodge."

So it was understood and practiced in Maine until about 1862, when the Grand Lodge decided that "every candidate, who receives the third degree in a lodge, thereby becomes a member." This was brought about by the large number who were receiving the degrees and almost immediately leaving the state for "the front," as it was then called, and had no masonic home.

#### NEW YORK, 1914.

The proceedings of New York always have something to please the eye and this year there are (Bather) portraits of R. W. Bro. Cadwallader D. Colden, G. S. W. for the first time in 1801, and of M. W. Bro. Alexander H. Robertson, Grand Master in 1844-5.

There was a large attendance of Officers of the Grand Lodge and of the Representatives of subordinate bodies.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

To his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Smith, making a brief introduction, gives the long list of Fraternal Dead of New York Grand Lodge and of other jurisdictions.

Among the credited Grand Representatives we note "R. W. Claude Prager, Representative Grand Lodge of Maine."

Of the Masonic Employment Bureau he says:

"During the fiscal year just ended more than 225 men, women and children were placed in positions, the earning power of which is estimated at \$155,000 annually. The Masonic Employment Bureau is here to stay, and its success depends almost as much on the moral and physical support of the Fraternity as the financial assistance of the Grand Lodge. Brethren who are desirous of helping deserving brother masons to help themselves and to maintain their families in comfort and respectability can accomplish much by using the bureau, in the first instance, rather than other channels, or the medium of a newspaper.

"It is my hope that the Grand Lodge will appropriate a sufficient sum of money to increase the efficiency and breadth of the bureau's activity."

We quote further from his address:

"Two courses of action presented themselves to my mind; to perform the routine work of the Grand Master, adjust such difficulties as might arise, and maintain a general watchful care over the welfare of the Craft; or, to inaugurate a project which in its successful accomplishment would prove of more lasting good. I chose the latter course, and evolved the idea of the establishment of a Sinking Fund, with which to cancel at maturity the obligations resting upon the Fraternity of this State."

And as a result there was raised the sum of \$200,261.63.

A petition requesting that the standard work and lectures be shortened was presented.

From the report of R. W. Charles G. F. Wahle, Judge Advocate, we quote:

"Great care should, however, be taken in the appointment of Trial Commissioners, in view of a recent decision of our State Court of Appeals.

"*Fraternal* organizations have heretofore felt secure to discipline members, under the rule of law that, where expulsion proceedings are conducted in accordance with the *laws of the order*, courts will (1) assume that the acts charged constituted cause for removal within the meaning of the rules, regulations and by-laws of the organization; and (2) refuse to review the proceedings or re-examine the merits of the expulsion.

"In the recent case the Court declared (1) that the trial must, however, be so far in accord with the law of the land, that the trial judges must not be interested persons, and (2) that it had power to examine into the question whether the trial judges or trial commissioners were competent to act."

Bro. William Sherer submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands were recognized.

**NORTH CAROLINA, 1914.**

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. F. M. Winchester, in his address has to report that in his jurisdiction there have been no deaths in the official list but names the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions.

Of the State of the Craft he says:

"I think I make no mistake when I say that Masonry in North Carolina was never so prosperous as it has been this year. Peace and harmony have prevailed in every section. It is true that a few little differences have sprung up between lodges and between individuals; but they have been of such minor character and so easily adjusted that they merit no mention here.

"The Grand Lecturer and his assistants have earnestly endeavored to spread the authorized work, yet there are many lodges who honestly think their work is up-to-date; but who nevertheless, would be very greatly benefited by a visit from one of the Grand Lecturers."

Dispensations were issued for nine new lodges.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum, The Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and the Order of the Eastern Star receive words of commendation.

The details of his labors are not given.

The Grand Orator delivered the annual address upon the subject "The Badge of a Mason."

The State made an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the care and treatment of indigent masons afflicted with tuberculosis at the Montrose Sanitarium.

The several District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of the lodges under their supervision.

A new code of laws was adopted and much time was taken to amend it in several particulars.

Quite a large amount of business, local in character, was transacted.

Bro. Jno. A. Collins presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 has a page in his valued report.

**NORTH DAKOTA, 1914.**

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Fargo.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Williamson in his address says:

"I believe we are the youngest Grand Lodge, save two, in the United States and Canada. We cannot boast so much of history and achievement as some of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, who trace their beginnings to the days of the formation of our great Republic, and whose honored members were active participants in the expression of those great truths for the cause of humanity which have now permeated the whole civilized world, and which history unequivocally acknowledges resulted from the establishment and growth of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry, nur-

tured and resolutely adhered to by masons from time immemorial. These principles are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

He tells of his visitations to several Grand Lodges, to the meeting of the association of George Washington Masonic Memorial, to the Conference of the Grand Masters at Saint Louis.

Three corner-stones were laid; one lodge constituted; dispensations issued for three new lodges; by-laws approved and visitations reported.

The twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated with music and addresses.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was remembered to the amount of one Honorary Life Membership.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported upon decisions as follows:

"Question—An individual brother asks for a ruling regarding the giving of the test oath, and the time when it should be given whether previous to the examination of a visitor or at the close of the examination.

"Answer—The procedure of the committee upon the examination of one who desires to enter a lodge for the purpose of visitation in the opinion of your committee, should be as follows. First, a request for the display of proper documentary evidence of the membership and good standing of the visiting brother. Second, the administration of the test oath, and, third, the making of such examination as will finally convince the committee that the brother has been regularly initiated, passed and raised."

Upon their favorable report it was voted to procure a suitable silk American Flag for the use of display by the Grand Lodge, and to recommend to the particular lodges to purchase an American Flag for their use; but in "the learning of the lecture of the Master Mason degree by all newly made Master Masons," they report "this matter has been before the Grand Lodge at various times, and it has been deemed unnecessary and unwise to seek to legislate in the matter which should be accomplished better by recommendation than by mandate."

"The question of the present effort of the State Tax Commission to place property of Masonic Lodges, used exclusively for lodge purposes, upon the tax rolls was brought up. The four principal officers of the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Secretary, were authorized to take such action as will in their judgment best conserve the interests of the Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges."

Bro. James W. Foley presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under Iowa, writing of objection after ballot, he says:

"On the whole, we can't say that we are in favor of this secret objection business. It ought to go into the scrap heap. The ballot is sufficient. If reasons arise afterward, let's have them made in the open and get away from the star and secret chamber methods."

Maine for 1913 has notice. We quote:

"Bro. Chase presents the review. He gives North Dakota a page. He does not favor the law requiring correspondence with other jurisdic-

tions to be through the Grand Master. We do. It avoids entanglements and difficulties."

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R. W. Bro. William Spriggs, Grand Senior Warden in 1913, died June 12, 1914.

### NOVA SCOTIA, 1914.

The forty-ninth annual communication began at ten o'clock in the forenoon and closed at ten o'clock in the afternoon, with the full assurance that it had fully accomplished its labors.

During this interval of twelve hours the Grand Lodge proceeded, in procession, to church, there listened to Divine Service, which included an able sermon, returned to Freemasons' Hall, did a very little business, and called from labor to refreshment for an hour.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William M. Christie, has a brief introduction to his address; reverently mentions the dead; cheerfully regards the State of Masonry in Nova Scotia; states the gain in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge resulting from the sale of its properties to the lodges in Halifax.

Of his rulings we quote:

"The entrance to the lodge room is on the left of the S. W. in the West. Can the J. D. sit on the left of the S. W. or should an Inner Guard be appointed to take the position of the J. D. in regard to tending the door.

"Answer: The Constitution provides for the election of an Inner Guard as well as of a Junior Deacon. The station of the Inner Guard is at the inner door to see that the lodge is duly tiled."

The work of the District Deputy Grand Masters is commended, and the payment of their expenses by the Grand Lodge (the only true method) is recommended.

A page suffices to tell about his visitations, for he says:

"I am sure you will be better pleased with a general statement than with a long detailed account of what I did and said, and what was done to and for me during these visits."

Among the requests for conferring the degrees we read:

"March 9. Requested the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine to authorize United Lodge (8) at Brunswick, to confer the M. M. degree upon F. C. Bro. Herbert Nason Skolfield for Albion Lodge (5) New Glasgow."

Forty-eight dispensations were granted for eight different purposes, but under the practice in Maine there could have been no change of hour of meeting nor of date of meeting (if provided for in the by-laws of the lodge), nor holding a dance.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters vary in their accounts of the condition of the lodges, but, on the whole, it must be written that they did their duty.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus report on decision 5:

"No. 5 is commented on largely on account of the peculiar circumstances of the case. Boiled down, this decision really means that if a candidate has no nose at all, or an artificial one which could be put on and taken off at pleasure, he is eligible for membership provided the 'metallic wires' by which it is held in place could be removed during the conferring of the degrees. The Grand Master at first was of opinion that the candidate with 'metallic wires' was ineligible, but afterwards finding that the false nose, including the 'metallic wires,' could be removed before initiation, he changed his opinion and declared him eligible. Your committee think that the final ruling or decision arrived at by the Grand Master was correct, and we therefore recommend concurrence."

And now, that we have reached the end of the proceedings, we do not know whether or not were right in our opening statement. For we read on page 100, "Grand Lodge resumed labour at eight o'clock." Then appears on page 108 an evening session and the same again on page 112, but on page 114 we have "morning session, Thursday, June 11th, 1914," then on page 118 we again return to the evening session of Wednesday and then on page 119 close at ten o'clock any old day.

Bro. Thomas Mowbray again presented one of his readable Reports on Fraternal Correspondence.

Under New Mexico he says:

"While not in sympathy with Grand Lodge interfering too much with the rights of the Subordinate Lodges, still we do not think it wise or good Masonry to allow Subordinate Lodges to decide upon such an important question as 'physical disability' of candidates. That matter, in our judgment, should be dealt with and decided by the Grand Master; otherwise we fear much laxity may prevail. However, Grand Lodge approved the decisions."

Bro. Mowbray is the first correspondent who seems to favor a General Grand Lodge. We quote:

"And once more a suggestion culled from one of the reports across the border, which is the formation of a General Grand Lodge to include the United States and all the British possessions on this Continent. We are quite well aware that some Grand Masters look rather askance at such a proposition and, apparently, mention it with fear and trembling which we fail to understand. Anyway, for representatives, men of mind, and masons of might, to meet together and discuss this and other questions having an important bearing upon the welfare of the Craft in the two countries could not be otherwise than beneficial, even suppose the idea to form a General Grand Lodge did not prevail. But if the formation of a General Grand Lodge were accomplished it would be a step—certainly a long step so far as this Continent is concerned—towards that great Unity to which already reference has been made. But being too small to launch the proposition ourselves, we can only say that we would like to see some of the larger and more important Grand Lodges either of the United



States or in this 'Canada of ours' make a move, that is provided they considered it worth while, for it would be a grand, a history-making meeting. New York, now's your chance."

### OHIO, 1914.

All of the Grand Officers except one, all the Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of five hundred and thirty-four lodges were present at the one hundred fifth annual communication.

The introduction to the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles J. Pretzman, treats of the troubled conditions in Europe.

The dead are remembered; dispensations were issued for five new lodges; six lodges were constituted; thirteen lodge rooms were dedicated; eight corner-stones were laid.

The address is a plain statement of the many matters that came before him. No decisions were reported.

A large amount of business, local in character, was done.

Bro. Nelson Williams submitted the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Delaware we quote:

"Shortly before the close of Grand Lodge an amendment to the Code was proposed, providing that before the Masters, Wardens and Deacons elect of any lodge in that jurisdiction should be installed, the M. W. Grand Master shall be satisfied as to their proficiency in the duties of their stations in the work of the lodge. It seems to us that this is carrying the matter entirely too far. The enthusiastic brother who proposed this amendment probably thinks that Freemasonry consists in reciting the ritual, and loses sight of the fact that the ritual is the mere shell and has nothing whatever to do with the underlying principles of our great Fraternity."

Under Illinois we read:

"He gives us the information that their ritual has been revised so as to provide a short Form of Opening and Closing at Special Meetings. While this may find favor with the members of the lodges, we doubt the wisdom of having one Form of Opening for Stated occasions and another Form for Special Meetings. The whole tendency of the present day in our lodges is to get in at the last moment and get out as soon as possible when the work is over, and one of the very important objects of our Fraternity is overlooked, which is the cultivation of a closer fellowship between our brethren. Haste and commercialism are creeping into the Institution, and Grand Lodges are sanctioning it by their legislation."

Maine for 1914 has mention.

Under New Mexico we read:

"Bro. James H. Wroth further places himself upon record in favor of the proposition that non-recognition of any Grand Lodge is not necessarily a bar to visitation by its members, provided the Grand Lodge itself

is not clandestine, and it strikes us that this is the proper position to take in this matter. We are all members of particular Grand Lodges, but in addition to this we are all members of the great Fraternity of Freemasonry, and if some particular Grand Lodge has not been formally recognized, it would seem unjust that its members should be barred from visitation if the Grand Lodge itself is not clandestine. Surely no one will claim that a Grand Lodge which has failed to secure recognition from some other Grand Lodge is by reason thereof clandestine."

### OREGON, 1914.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Spencer, in his address speaks of the prosperity, peace and harmony in his jurisdiction, laments the call to the unknown of many of the Craft, reports the constitution of three lodges, the institution of seven lodges, the laying of corner-stones and the dedication of halls, but the actual work was done mostly "by proxy."

Of his decisions we quote:

"Is a credit man for a brewing association eligible for membership in a Masonic Lodge?"

"It is contrary to the meaning and spirit of subdivision 12 of Section 180 of the Grand Lodge Law for a Masonic Lodge to receive the petition of an employee of a brewing company."

He also concisely states the questions discussed at the Conference of the Grand Masters at St. Louis, to wit:

"Certificates of good standing in lieu of dimit in interjurisdiction.

"Requiring all dimitts to bear the Grand Lodge seal.

"Who is entitled to the fee when the lodge does work at the request of a sister lodge?"

"Dual membership; its objects and benefits.

"Jurisdiction over rejected material.

"Charity fund; Iowa plan vs. Home plan."

And is in favor of having some more Conferences of the same kind.

In his report the Grand Secretary gives a little good advice:

"I think I am safe in saying that if the Masters of some of our lodges would pay a little more attention to masonic law, instead of trying to receive credit for conferring more degrees than his predecessor, and would discourage idle gossip in the lodge room of matters not masonic, we would have better masons, who would reflect more credit on the jurisdiction in which we reside."

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment so as to receive a deputation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, After the Grand Lodge had resumed its labors the Grand Master appointed a committee to return the call.

We quote from the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee on decisions of the Grand Master:

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"As to Number eight, namely—

"Q. A man resided in Oregon in 1904, but removed from the state, and during his absence marries. He then returns and desires to petition, claiming his residence has always been in Oregon. Can his petition be received?

"A. Not until he has acquired residence qualifications. Section 166.—By masonic residence of an applicant is meant a permanent, settled or fixed abode from choice, and as a rule is identical with his legal residence.

"Section 180, Subdivision 9.—Qualifications of candidates. Must have resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge applied to for one year immediately preceding the presentation of the petition, provided that a person in the service of the United States not qualified by residence for one year may petition if the Grand Master grants a dispensation to the lodge to receive and consider it.

"The committee believes that, there being no proof to the contrary, the claim of residence in Oregon should be respected, and the petition should be received.

"(The ruling of the Jurisprudence Committee on this decision was concurred in by vote of the Grand Lodge.)"

May we enquire what bearing upon the question had the following clause taken from Sec. 180, "must have resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge applied to for one year immediately preceding the presentation of the petition"? Are we to infer that the actual personal presence for a year is not required? That a profane may say in 1904, I am a resident of Oregon, any spot therein, and go away; be gone, one or more years, return, perhaps, to another spot in Oregon, and then petition to a lodge, setting forth clearly in his petition, if it is in the form that it ought to be, that he has resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge for the year last past?

What constitutes masonic residence for an applicant in Oregon?

Quite a large amount of new business was introduced.

Bro. David P. Mason submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Of Grand Masters' Conferences he says:

"The newness of the idea is perhaps the most objectionable part of this Conference idea. This is an age of specialists in various lines. Can it result in anything but good for the Fraternity, if masonic specialists from various jurisdictions get together and discuss problems with only advisory power?"

Maine for 1913 is most fraternally remembered.

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We have received announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. John McCracken, Grand Master in 1863-64, who died February 15, 1915.

## PENNSYLVANIA, 1914.

This year we have the portraits of R. W. J. Henry Williams, Grand Master 1914-15, and of R. W. Richard Tybout, Grand Master in 1814.

At the several quarterly communications no business of general interest was done.

At the annual communication the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Henry Williams, delivered the address in which he gives an account of the labor done during the year.

Two lodges were constituted. Dispensation was refused "for a lodge to attend Evangelistic Services in masonic clothing; but informed them that there was no objection to the brethren congregating at some convenient place and proceeding to Divine Service in a body, not as a lodge—and further informing the lodge that the body of the lodge notice must not contain an invitation to attend such services."

Five corner-stones were laid.

Many edicts, with reference to the action of lodges, were issued, and he says:

"How any one, especially those who have had years of experience, can either aid, abet, or take part in matters that are clear violations of law, passes my comprehension; therefore let me now give due and timely notice that a repetition will be followed by removal from office of those in fault."

Of bestowing relief abroad he says:

"No Grand Lodge in Germany has been recognized for the reason that there are none with absolute sovereignty in their particular territory.

"This resolution of Grand Lodge, however, will permit us to relieve, should necessity arise, masons in Germany.

"As we have no affiliation with, and do not recognize any masons in France or Belgium, the question arises how it is possible for us to extend relief, which must in its very nature be from masonic funds, and for masonic relief, to those not recognized by us as such.

"While either individually, or as a body of masons, we do not take second place to any one in the world in our wishes to do and in the actual performance of masonic duties, and particularly in cases where distress occurs; yet, is it wise to be led astray by specious words of maudlin sentimentality, simply to have ourselves heralded by the public as great benefactors?"

Bro. James M. Lamberton presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1914 has a page.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1914.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. Eugene Stafford, was unable to be present at the opening of the Grand Lodge, but after a recess he came

and delivered his address, from which we learn that he had suffered from a severe sickness during the year and now was recovered.

He reports cases of conferring degrees by courtesy and recommends that all correspondence for such a purpose go through the red-tape circumlocution office and uses the stock argument to sustain his position.

The question of physical qualification troubles this young jurisdiction at its outset. A clandestine lodge was formed, but from his conclusion we hope for their success.

We quote:

"In this, the beginning of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, we are as children, looking down the eternal years, blinded by the light of the coming ages, knowing not whither the journey may carry us, but strong in the faith of our Order; fired with the zeal that has carried Masonry round the world, buoyant with the hope that has sustained our pioneer brothers on every soil and in every clime; inspired by an unchanging confidence in the principles of Masonry; made steadfast and unfaltering by the character of the men who are attracted by those principles as the needle responds to the pole-star; sustained by a sure reliance upon the leavening quality of that character and its sublime destiny to heaven, in the end, the whole human mass. We carry with us the joyous certainty of youth and the banner of a glorious cause; our hearts beat with exaltation and gratitude to the Grand Master of the Universe for having the opportunity of a century,—that of bringing to this country, a Masonry, regular and non-political."

A very interesting address was delivered by the Grand Orator.

Bro. Amos G. Bellis presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we welcome him to a seat with us among the many fine gentlemen and able masons around the board.

He gives us one plank in his platform, viz:

"We are on the side of those who are opposed to the use of any kind of cipher for the esoteric work of Masonry."

Maine is found among those reviewed.

He agrees with Bro. Kuykendall on the Past Master's degree and would have nothing to do with dual membership.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1914.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Fullerton, has, to his address, a long introduction in which he learnedly and, at great length, sets forth the great advantage of peace; and the great loss of life by the sinking of the Empress of Ireland, and by the terrible catastrophe in the mines at South Alberta.

In reporting his visitations he says:

"The ritual is almost altogether uniform and is intelligently expressed. On the whole I rejoice in being able to report an increasing progress of which we may be justly proud. There is but one word of criticism that I would advance and that is that every member should be present, if at all possible, to meet the Grand Master and his Officers on the occasion of the annual visitation."

Here is another convert to the red-tape method, for he recommends:

"That for the sake of clearness this Grand Lodge issues instructions to the effect that no degree shall be conferred at the request of the Subordinate Lodges of other jurisdictions by any lodge in this jurisdiction except, and only, when such requests are conveyed through the Grand Lodge Official."

The dues to the Grand Lodge were increased to sixty-five cents, of which forty are for Grand Lodge purposes and the balance for the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. F. Doull made a short Report for the Committee on Correspondence.

He very fully discusses documentary evidence; among other thoughts he writes:

"Masonry regards the entire Craft as a Universal Brotherhood. The division into Grand or Subordinate Lodges is for the convenience of Government. It follows then that the right to meet with the Brotherhood cannot be bounded by the limits of one little section where the brother is for convenience located and pays dues. His right to broader visitation must be granted.

"All this while bearing on is really somewhat aside from the main question, which is—How far shall this visiting brother be compelled to furnish the proof that the section or sub-division of the great Brotherhood to which he belongs is really a legitimate part of the grand whole, and how far shall the lodge be prohibited from accepting what proof the visitor offers, when they have perchance within their own walls the balance as required by their Constitution, or at least by common sense but are not allowed to use it."

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The Grand Lodge laments the death of M. W. Bro. Hector C. McDonald, Grand Master in 1911, who died in 1914.

### QUEBEC, 1914.

Sixty-three lodges were represented at the forty-fourth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John E. Wright, in his address mentions those who have been called from earth, reports his dispensations, made the following ruling:

"Inasmuch, therefore, as it has come to my knowledge that some of the lodges in this jurisdiction are advancing candidates without inserting

their names in the summons, I do rule and ordain that no candidate shall be advanced to the 'F. C.' or 'M. M.' Degree, either at a regular or emergent meeting, unless his name appears in the summons for that meeting."

He mentions the many pleasing episodes during the year, such as District Meetings, visitations, banquets, etc.

We also find the reason of the absence of our Grand Representative, for we read:

"We miss from our deliberations through serious illness three brethren who have long been constant attendants at our Grand Lodge Assemblies, viz:—M. W. Bro. J. B. Tressider, Past Grand Master, who has not been absent in 30 years; R. W. Bro. David Seath, our Chairman of Finance, has not until to-day missed one meeting since his first attendance 34 years ago, and R. W. Bro. H. E. Channel, who has almost as great a record and who has been very ill for some time. We sympathize with our good brethren in their illness and sincerely trust they may soon be restored again to health."

We trust that the desire of the M. W. Grand Master prevailed and that health has been restored.

From the address of the Grand Chaplain we quote:

"Masonry is not a modern fad, as some who are still 'in a state of darkness' appear to think, although its actual history beyond five or six hundred years ago is somewhat obscure. In one sense its origin is traceable to a period ante-dating the foundation of the earth, because its corner stone is found to be the sublime law of God. Solomon is sometimes claimed as its founder, and yet traces of it run back far beyond his advent, even to pre-historic times and even then finger posts are found pointing still further back. But if we take modern Masonry we find its origin in the formation of four lodges in London into a Grand Lodge in 1717, under the title of 'The Grand Lodge of England.' These four lodges of Operative Masons were brought together by the deep need of craftsmen after the great fire of London, and constituted the continuation of those skilled workmen who traveled from place to place and assisted in the building of those beautiful cathedrals and abbeys and churches in England which are the admiration of the world to-day. These operatives had secret organizations, with passwords, grips and tokens, in order that they might be recognized by Master Masons and receive their just due. These organizations are in turn traced to the Roman Colleges of Artificers or Constructors established by Numa, King of Rome, about the year 3,300 A. L., which were composed of men 'learned in all the arts and trades necessary for the execution of civil, religious, naval and hydraulic architecture.' These colleges had the exclusive privilege of building temples and public edifices, and the members being largely Greeks they surrounded the secrets of their art with the symbolic employment of the utensils of their profession."

An uniform receipt for dues for the use of lodges was adopted.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado we quote:

"To those who do not so understand the masonic teachings in regard to Freemasonry, and who are unfortunate enough to suppose that they are required to believe that in every land there are legitimately organized

masonic bodies which they are entitled to visit, any number of shocks that such supposition can encounter are infinitely preferable to the hasty and unwarrantable recognition of irregular Orientals or other Grand Bodies improperly claiming to be regular and masonic. We have not, just now, any particular Grand Lodge in view, but have taken occasion to express an opinion in regard to the general idea of a brother's presumed disappointment at inability to visit lodges in any country through which he may happen to be passing."

Maine for 1913 is most fraternally remembered.

### **RHODE ISLAND, 1914.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John F. Clark, with a brief introduction to his address, at once mentions the dead, reports the dispensations issued, recounts the invitations for visitations to the subordinate lodges and from other masonic bodies.

We quote:

"During the past year an effort has been made to prevent the publication in the daily press of the proceedings of masonic meetings, including the election of officers, but with little success. Brethren, although fully aware of the provisions of Grand Lodge Regulations, still persist in giving their portraits and other information for the public press. This comes about largely from a custom of having a banquet upon the night following the election and installation of officers. At this function many who are not members of the Craft are present, any one being admitted who has been invited. To grace the tables at these times menus are placed at each place. In addition to the menu proper usually the portrait of the Master, the list of speakers and a full list of the officers appear. From this card it may readily be seen how a newspaper man, even not a member, may make up his story to be published the next morning."

And recommends that the law be changed so that the list of officers may be published.

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M. W. Bro. William H. Crawley, Grand Master in 1896, died May 5, 1914.

### **SASKATCHEWAN, 1914.**

Eighty-nine lodges were represented at the eighth annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wellington B. Willoughby, tells of his various activities for the advancement of the Craft, speaks of the progress the Fraternity is making, mentions the dead, reports his rulings, two in number, saying:



"I have always thought that the fewer masonic rulings given the better, and unless such become necessary at any time, I think it well to refrain from making new rulings. In many cases, the rulings would be only, after all, the individual expression of opinion of the Grand Master for the time being, and his successors in office might not hold the same opinion. In a great many matters of masonic procedure, it is highly desirable that uniformity should be preserved, yet the practice so common, in some jurisdictions, of the Grand Master making rulings on all kinds of unimportant matters is one which I do not approve."

Commissions were issued for the constitution of sixteen lodges and dispensations for eight new lodges.

We quote from his conclusion:

"I have not conceived that the duty of the Grand Master was to be a lecturer merely on esoteric work. I think that the Masters of lodges, and D. D. G. M.'s, should be proficient in the work, and that the Grand Master might devote himself to better advantage; to matters other than acting as a drill instructor or lecturer on the routine esoteric work. I think every lodge should make some effort to acquire, however small it might be, a Masonic Library. I venture to urge the great value to Masonry of a lodge, where it is at all possible, owning its own premises, or in any event, if not owning the building, at least having exclusive possession. A modern building used, if possible, for masonic purposes only, would be much better from a masonic point of view, than a big lodge room where many other Orders also meet."

The several District Deputy Grand Masters reported very fully the condition of the lodges in their districts.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt was recognized.

Frequent allusion to the illness of the Grand Secretary throughout the proceedings is made and before this time we trust that he has been restored to health.

Bro. A. S. Gorrell submitted the fifth Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Illinois we find expression of a good sound doctrine as follows:

"After reading the volume of Proceedings of this important Grand Jurisdiction one thought remains uppermost in the mind of the reviewer, that is the assumption of power by Grand Lodge over the inherent rights of Constituent Lodges and the traditional powers of the Grand Master. Living in Canada, as we do, having for the supreme head of the State a King, who reigns but does not govern, and an elective Government responsible to the people alone, we are firm and unalterable in our belief in true Democracy and that all ruling should be of the people, for the people and by the people. In our studies of Freemasonry the Craft, in separate units called lodges, conducted their internal affairs to their own satisfaction before the formation of Grand Lodges, but in these later years, instead of accepting power from the lodges, Grand Bodies have assumed the right of Government, with or without the consent of the Constituent Lodges, of which it is composed. Grand Lodge has the right to legislate for the Craft as a whole, but we deny the right to interfere with the internal economy of Constituent Lodges."

Maine for 1913 has nearly two pages in his readable report.

We quote :

"He also issued a dispensation to hold a Lodge of Instruction, which seems strange to us as every District in Saskatchewan is expected to hold at least one yearly."

My brother has the wrong idea. Maine holds Lodges of Instruction somewhat after the idea in Saskatchewan. But this "Lodge of Instruction" is different. Several masons, residing in a town where there is no lodge and at a distance from other lodges, desire to have a lodge in the town in which they live. Instead of asking to have a dispensation for a new lodge, they ask for a dispensation to meet as a "Lodge of Instruction" in which they prepare themselves in the ritual work and also find out if they could support a lodge. If successful in their labors then they ask for a dispensation for a lodge which would take the usual course.

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA, 1914.**

The Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of two hundred forty-three lodges were present at the one hundred thirty-eighth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George T. Byran, states that "The Craft in this jurisdiction is in fine condition."

He discourses upon aid to the National Masonic Sanitarium Association of San Antonio, Texas, and aid to the "Grand Lodge de France."

He reports that the funds in the hands of the Trustees of the Masonic Home have reached one hundred thousand dollars and discusses the best way to begin the work to relieve the distressed, and the aged and the orphan.

He discusses at some length the "Prerogative of the Grand Master," but as it involves more the construction of the laws of South Carolina than it does General Masonic law we pass it by.

He reported some twenty-seven "General Rulings" at length, from which we quote, because we do not agree to it:

"Can a brother hailing from another Grand Jurisdiction, with which our Grand Lodge has no fraternal relations, legally visit a Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction?"

"Answer: Ruling 25, Page 58, Proceedings, 1910, Grand Master Johnson ruled: 'It is wrong for a brother to visit a lodge with which we are not in fraternal relations.' This ruling was approved by the Grand Lodge. Hence, if it is wrong for us to visit a lodge with which we have no fraternal relations, it is also wrong for a brother of a lodge not in fraternal relations with us to visit our lodges."

Still one more:

"How many ballots it takes to grant or refuse a demit? The Constitution and Code seem to be silent on the subject.

"I would hold that since a demit is 'A recommendation to all masons, wheresoever dispersed,' of the fitness and character of the applicant, that a unanimous vote would be necessary to grant a demit, and if one or more black balls appeared, the demit would be denied and the applicant entitled to a certificate only."

Three lodges were constituted; five corner-stones laid; many official visitations made; dispensations issued for seven new lodges; and for conferring more than five degrees, until he had so many requests that he shut down.

After a long discussion the following was adopted:

"*Whereas*, It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that masonic charity can best be dispensed by providing for the support of the indigent Master Mason, his widow, mother or adult daughter in their home or with friends, and for the support of the orphan child in some existing organized orphanage.

"*Resolved*, First, That the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund be, and they are hereby, authorized to at once formulate rules and regulations for the relief of our indigent Master Masons, their widows, mothers, sisters, etc., in their respective homes or with some relation or friend.

"Second, That they take up immediately with the different organized orphanages the question of providing for the support and education of our orphan children and that expenditures made under these resolutions shall not reduce the fund in the hands of the trustees below \$100,000.00."

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved the ruling of the Grand Master about the granting of a demit and says:

"A demit should be issued when ordered or granted by a majority vote."

We quote for the information of the Craft:

"Labor was suspended on the Master Mason Degree and opened on the E. A. Degree and Past Grand Master Bro. R. Furman Diver installed the Grand Master, who in turn installed the other officers.

"The Grand Lodge was then closed on the E. A. Degree and resumed labor in the M. M. Degree."

Bro. J. L. Michie presented his fifth Annual Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

Maine for 1914 is reviewed.

We quote:

"Among his dispensations granted we note six of the rapid-transit variety and two for the formation of new lodges. Eleven decisions are recorded, the Jurisprudence Committee asked and obtained a year to consider and report on them. We do not like No. 4. Therein he held that a man who claimed a residence in a town, paid taxes and voted therein, but who traveled several months each year, was not personally present within the jurisdiction of the lodge in said town for the six months required by law, and therefore ineligible for degrees. In No. 8 he held that no appropriation could be made from the funds of a lodge 'for the purchase of a Past Master's Jewel to be presented to the retiring Master.'

"This looks to us like paternalism run mad. Lodges should be allowed to do what they like with their own funds, especially to reward a faithful Master."

And again:

"We note that in the election of Grand Officers the Deputy Grand Master was promoted, but the names of both Grand Wardens disappeared from the roster."

The Wardens are not eligible for re-election.

From his conclusion we quote:

"Perhaps the most prominent event of the masonic year has been the ill-conceived, ill-advised idea of Oregon to start a National Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding the emphatic resolutions passed by all the recent Conferences of Grand Masters, Oregon has suggested that a meeting for this purpose be held in San Francisco on the first Monday of September, 1915, to be composed of three Representatives from each of the Grand Lodges in the United States and British North America. As we have fully treated this matter under Oregon, we will only remark here that it seems to us that the hopes of a Grand Lodge on this Continent are somewhat like a footless stocking without a leg."

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We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Augustine Thomas Smythe, Grand Master in 1878-1880, who died June 24, 1914.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA, 1914.**

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Owen H. Williams, of whom there is a fine portrait, in the introduction to his address speaks in the customary manner, reminds us of the dead, tells of the constitution of four lodges, reports dispensations for three new lodges and for other purposes.

From his decisions we quote:

"One of our subordinate lodges wrote, asking me for a dispensation to hold a regular meeting in the open air. They planned to open the lodge in the Master Mason's degree and confer the Master's degree. They also stated further, to quote from the letter 'Our hundreds of friends are looking forward with pleasure to your letter, in which you state that not only the dispensation and the privilege is granted, but that you yourself will be in attendance and take part.' I could not approve of this request, so dispensation was refused. I believe that within the walls of the lodge room is the only place to hold such communications, further I do not believe in advertising our order. While this may have been a disappointment to the lodge making the request (for no doubt they intended well) I truly believe my decision was for the good of our order."

He gives an interesting account of his visitations to many jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge By-Laws in regard to dues was amended so as to read:

"Every Chartered Lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary, annually on or before the tenth day of March, for each member of said lodge on the date of said report, the sum of one dollar, and the sum of fifteen (15) per centum shall be paid on all moneys received for the initiating, passing and raising of candidates in their respective lodges. Fifty cents for each member of the dues shall be paid into the Grand Charity Fund."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment that a delegation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Easter Star might be received.

An Honorary Grand Master was created by resolution.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under Maine he says:

"Our own opinion is that every Grand Lodge ought to provide for the care in an institution of the physically helpless, that the destitute be aided by annuities, that the orphans be placed in adoptive homes amongst the brethren."

Again in the matter of the petition to relieve the punishment of a Masonic Brother under sentence of Naval Authority:

"If that is the case our brethren who petitioned were true masons, for they saw in this unfortunate mason a victim of the system which deprives a mason of his natural and equal rights the moment he enlists in the Naval Service of the United States. The idea of equality in that service as applied to enlisted men is archaic and medieval. Never is an enlisted man permitted to serve on his court martial."

Under Missouri we read:

"The Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation permitting a lodge to attend divine service in a body on Easter Sunday, on the ground that it was not a masonic occasion. It is a mystery to us how a religious meeting can be disclassified as a masonic occasion when Masonry requires a profession of religion from every candidate before he can take one single step. It is as if a chapter should renounce the lodge, or a commandery both lodge and chapter. We fear some of our brethren are allowing some vague theory to govern them in important matters."

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We have received notice of the death of R. W. Bro. Sylvester Jones Conklin, Senior Grand Warden 1884-5, who died May 20, 1914.

### TENNESSEE, 1915.

Four hundred thirty-eight lodges were represented at the one hundred and first annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In the introduction to his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas J. Bonner, discreetly and delicately touches upon the worth of Masonry.

He made an announcement of work in the E. A. and M. M. Degree, and added:

"Now, brethren, this work is being done for the instruction of the Craft. It is expected that you will all be in your seats at the time specified, 7 o'clock sharp, and if you do not intend to remain until the work is finished, stay away, for you will get but little out of it and disturb others so they cannot receive the full benefits."

The best way and manner to treat the appeals for aid, of which he had twenty-six during the year, caused him some thought and gave him some practical knowledge of suffering.

He was also disturbed by controversies arising between lodges in the matter of granting assistance, especially between those in his and other jurisdictions; the invasion of jurisdiction between lodges, and to meet another difficulty he recommends "that where a brother has been from his parent lodge for three years or more, and then applies for advancement, a certificate and waiver should be sent instead, and let the lodge under whose jurisdiction he lives assume the responsibility of his membership."

Two temples were dedicated; forty-three dispensations were issued; fifty-two rulings, of which he reported twenty-three, were made.

Of the Conferences of Grand Masters he says:

"Allow me to say that I am of the opinion that the greatest good that emanates from this gathering of Grand Masters once a year is the social feature connected therewith. It strengthens the fraternal relations and creates a greater unity of action among the Grand Jurisdictions.

"I trust that the time will never come when the Grand Jurisdictions of these United States will be held bound in their fraternal relationship save by the great law of love and fraternal respect."

R. W. Bro. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary, presented to the Grand Lodge for the use of its Grand Master a very beautiful and well designed jewel.

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"That it be and hereby is declared to be the policy of this Grand Lodge that when any Subordinate Lodge, whether of this or another Grand Jurisdiction, pays or assumes to discharge obligations, for charity, relief, or other accounts, on behalf of a Subordinate Lodge in Tennessee, or a member thereof, without first communicating with such lodge and reaching full understanding as to limitation of amount and due liability therefor, subsequent reimbursement shall be entirely at the option of the Subordinate Lodge sought to be charged."

They further say:

"The Grand Master ruled that where a corner-stone is laid under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity it *must* be in the *Northeast* corner of the building.

"Corner-stones are, or should be laid in the Northeast corner when done, with Masonic Ceremonies; but there is no mandatory provision to that effect."

Bro. Henry A. Chambers presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From his introduction under the topic "The War in Europe" we quote:

"Of course, we have wondered how the masons are acting in the great war now raging in Europe. We have no official reports from the unfortunate countries engaged in that war; but we believe that when the facts become known it will appear that although the masons of our sort in Europe, though bound by ties of patriotism to fight for their own countries, nevertheless, abhor the horrors and miseries and destruction of war, and in their individual capacities have not forgotten the teachings and trainings of our great Order and, as in all other wars, have been ready after performing their duties to their own country, to aid and assist a distressed and worthy brother mason though he may belong to an opposing army."

He also says about "Decisions by Grand Masters":

"Our idea is that the golden mean should be followed, and that in most instances it would be a pleasure and benefit to the inquiring officers and lodges for the Grand Master to answer according to the importance of the question; and not simply and only refer to the published law—an indirect way of telling the inquirers they lacked sense."

Maine for 1914 has a page in his valued Report.

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Among the most distinguished masons of the present day was one of the brilliant sons of Tennessee, M. W. Bro. James D. Richardson, who was best known as the leader of the A. & A. Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. Death removed him from his earthly labors July 24, 1914.

Another loved member passed away in April, 1915, R. W. Bro. John Berry Garrett, who had been Grand Secretary since 1895.

Also M. W. Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll, Grand Master in 1888, died March 12, 1915.

### TEXAS, 1914.

Eight Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, a large number of Past Masters and Representatives of constituent lodges were present at the seventy-ninth annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. A. W. Houston, says of the "social meeting of Grand Masters" held in St. Louis:

"I am constrained to commend these meetings of Grand Masters, and believe that much may be accomplished by the interchange of ideas between those leaders who are most interested in broadening masonic

thought and removing a certain provincialism which, to a greater or less extent, must prevail where only local influences are felt."

Nineteen lodges were constituted; dispensations were issued for five new lodges; and dispensations were issued to twenty-four lodges to lay corner-stones. This function, as it seem to us, should devolve upon the Grand Master.

Two hundred and five decisions were made. We started in to read them but concluded that the easier way was to take the count already given. When we had reached the end of that subject we found "Physical Qualifications" awaiting us.

Seventy-five requests for the degrees were granted and thirty-four refused. With his experience, to elucidate and to extend the present resolution, he suggests the following addition:

"Provided, that the loss of one or more toes on either foot, not causing lameness; or the loss of a finger, or part of a finger, on the left hand; or the loss of the first or first and second joints of the little finger on the right hand; or a part of the first joint of any other finger on the right hand; which maim or defect does not, in the opinion of the three station officers of the lodge, disqualify applicant from receiving and imparting the work, need not be submitted to the Grand Master for his ruling thereon, but the lodge to which application is made may pass upon the question of eligibility."

No jurisdiction has the amount of business as does that of Texas and none have such detailed account of the doings of a Grand Master.

After reading these seventy or more pages of the work of the Grand Master we judge that he must have been of most kind disposition, for he says:

"The performance of my official duties has been a pleasure, rather than a burden, to me, and the distinguished consideration which has been accorded to me by my brethren everywhere is much appreciated.

"However strong and capable a man may think himself, he will find that the handling of sixty thousand men, with their varied interests, a work which calls for the best thought possible, and such as makes the assistance and advice of his better informed brethren exceedingly grateful. To meet and harmonize the views of all is impossible, and it is in many instances only possible to approximate justice."

The Orator delivered an Oration upon the subject "The European War."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in their report say:

"Two hundred and six decisions of the Grand Master are included in his address, two-thirds of which are in regard to matters that should be known to every well informed mason, and which should not have been submitted to the Grand Master. The consideration of such matters has entailed, primarily upon the Grand Master and secondarily upon this committee, a vast amount of unnecessary labor. It is disheartening to be compelled from year to year, to review matters that have been passed upon so often that they have become stale and unprofitable, simply be-



cause the officers of lodges either fail to comprehend the plainest edicts and decisions of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Masters, or are too slothful to read and digest them. The standard of intelligence should be raised in some manner in the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction. Masonry is a sublime science and requires research and industry at the hands of its devotees, and we can never arrive at perfection in the practice of its precepts until we have an educated membership which appreciates its beauties and grandeur and is willing to expend labor and effort in sounding its depths and measuring its dimensions. If the education and intelligence of the sublime Craft kept equal pace with the mighty increase of members, the labors of the Grand Master would be materially lessened, instead of increasing to an alarming extent from year to year.

"We recommend to the officers of subordinate lodges a study of the constitution, rules, resolutions, and edicts of the Grand Lodge, and enjoin upon Grand Masters that they do not report to the Grand Lodge decisions on subjects that have been thoroughly considered so often that no good can result from a reiteration of the decisions."

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to prepare a standard uniform receipt for lodge dues, which lodges may use should they so desire. That in printing said receipt there be printed upon the back thereof a certificate of the standing of the lodge to which issued and with it the imprint of the Seal of the Grand Lodge and a *fac simile* of the signature of the Grand Secretary.

"The printing of said seal and signature to be under the direction and control of the Grand Secretary."

Bro. George W. Tyler presented the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under California he scores such a little thing as a "Pay Roll." We quote:

"The 'Pay Roll' of officers and members of the Grand Lodge amounted to \$7,676.70. A special tax of 20 cents per capita was levied upon the lodges to pay this expense. To all of which we throw up our hands in disgust. Whenever our Grand Lodge gets to paying people to attend it, we will get out and stay at home. Better give this money to the widows and orphans and destitute brethren. Our Grand Lodge room is always full to overflowing and nobody is paid a cent for attendance. Our love of Masonry, the delightful reunion of friends and brethren, the valuable knowledge and instruction received and the very honor of sitting in such an august, impressive and splendid body of the best men in our State, added to the charm of the environment and reverence for the traditions of our Ancient Fraternity—all of these motives (and many more) bring us together in the Grand Lodge. That is the 'pay' we receive and it is abundant. Some of our good brethren are complaining that our new Grand Temple is not large enough to seat the members of the Grand Lodge and are talking seriously of building a larger Temple or a larger Grand Lodge room."

Maine for 1913 and 1914 is reviewed.

Commenting upon the buying of Past Master's jewels by the lodge he says:

"We have always thought that a lodge had absolute control of its own funds (after paying its dues to the Grand Lodge), and was free to use

them for any purpose it pleased and provided it did not go outside the bounds of masonic usage and tradition. The letter of the decision is all right—it is in the application. In other words, what are 'the ordinary, usual and necessary expenses of the lodge?' Different lodges would make various answers. It is the custom of many lodges to present Past Master's jewels, genuine lamb-skin aprons, provide banquets, etc. These are 'ordinary' and 'usual,' if not 'necessary,' expenses in such lodges and the Grand Lodge has really no right to interfere in such matters."

Under Nevada, commenting upon the oration with the subject "The Fellowship of Workers," he says:

"Like many others the good brother would utilize the organization, the machinery of Masonry and its prestige to advance some passing interest not germane to its purpose; in this instance, it is sought to align it with the labor unions and industrial organizations. We believe Masonry has and will continue to have a mission of its own, and need not borrow the banner of any other cause under which to parade its membership or to work out its high destiny. Nor should Masonry tolerate, for a moment, the diversion of its interests and aspirations to the service of partisanship in any of the pending controversies or issues of the day, on either side. Masons, individually, can and ought to follow their honest convictions in all such matters, but as an organization it must stand aloof or it must fall."

Under West Australia, discussing qualifications of candidates, he says:

"The qualifications of a candidate for Freemasonry are as old as the traditions of the Fraternity—they are immutable landmarks. And 'Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors—it is the internal, not the external, qualifications that recommend a man to be made a mason.' How could a financial qualification ever be thought of or tolerated for a moment? All legislation of Grand Lodges assuming to dictate to subordinate lodges any additional qualifications, either affirmatively or negatively, to be possessed by candidates for initiation, is merely *brutum fulmen*—are as destitute of authority as the bray of a donkey. The power of a lodge to make masons and to judge of their qualifications—within the limits of the ancient constitutions and landmarks of the Fraternity—is inherent, is paramount, is all-sufficient, and is older than any Grand Lodge on earth to-day. And each member of the lodge, as he casts his ballot, exercises this power and right then and there judges of the qualifications of the candidate. There is no other way known to ancient Craft Masonry. When a Grand Lodge, by its legislation, says that a man is ineligible, because he is too poor to contribute to the support of the lodge and its benevolence (as suggested in the motion of Bro. Morris of Western Australia), or because he pursues a certain business or occupation for a living (as some of our American Grand Lodges have done), or because, though believing in the existence of the Supreme Being, he does not subscribe to all the articles of some particular creed or faith (as has been more than once attempted in some countries), that Grand Lodge is entirely outside and beyond Craft Masonry, and its decree does not make such a thing Masonry. All these are modern innovations, and are the zealous products of the fanaticism of our time. We reiterate that the only place to erect such barriers is at the ballot, where each brother is free, to the extent of his own vote, to lay down any test he pleases. That is enough. No further laws are needed and genuine Masonry will tolerate none other."

And now we have the announcement that on February 21, 1915, M. W. Bro. A. W. Houston, who finished his labors as Grand Master the first of the year, had finished his work on this earth.

### UTAH, 1915.

Sixteen of the seventeen chartered lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James W. Cherry, in his address treats the "War Relief" in the very best manner possible. We quote:

"The question presented is a difficult one. It does not in the least involve the disposition of masons in Utah to make sacrifices or contributions, for they are not only willing but anxious to give of their bounty to relieve distress. The question is whether we can reach and relieve the worthy, without violating duties of equal import to others; whether we are certain that our efforts will not aggravate, rather than alleviate human misery. The matter is not to be governed by emotion or impulse. The best sentiment is that which is based upon the best judgment, after mature deliberation."

Two lodges were instituted. Visitations were made to all the lodges. No decisions were made.

Of the condition of the Craft he says:

"The efforts heretofore made to achieve and maintain a high standard of uniform ritualistic work in the several lodges have resulted favorably. The Standard Work, adopted by the Grand Lodge, is now very generally practiced in an accurate, dignified and impressive manner. The efforts in this behalf should not be relaxed or abated in the least. Precision in our forms and ceremonies is of prime importance."

He recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master shall annually appoint a Committee on Masonic Education and Instruction, to consist of three members of the Grand Lodge, learned in masonic history, law and philosophy. It shall be the duty of the committee to collect, prepare and furnish to the constituent lodges of this jurisdiction such texts, discourses and lectures upon masonic subjects, as it may deem appropriate and useful for masonic instruction, education and entertainment, and to direct the time and manner in which the same shall be used by the lodges. Provided, that the committee shall not in any manner infringe upon the exclusive authority of the Board of Custodians to enforce the practice of the Standard Work, as adopted by the Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Masonic Home Fund came to the following conclusions:

"After considering the evidence carefully, we are of the opinion that it would not be judicious for the Grand Lodge of Utah to undertake to build a Masonic Home at this time. Neither do we recommend starting a fund for the purpose of building at some future time. We would call

attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge Charity Fund is available when constituent lodges are unable to provide for their destitute members. Furthermore, whenever a generous brother feels himself moved to bestow money for masonic purposes, it will be perfectly proper for him to contribute to the Charity Fund."

Bro. S. H. Goodwin presented the Report on Correspondence. We welcome him among us and compliment him upon his work.

Maine for 1914 is reported.

In his conclusion he discusses quite fully three subjects: Grand Lodge Usurpation, Class Legislation, Liquor Legislation. He intimates that such matters are controlled by the representatives to the Grand Lodge, as all legislation is in their power.

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We have the announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Charles B. Jack, Grand Master in 1910. At the time of his death he was Grand Correspondent.

#### VERMONT, 1914.

Eighty-seven lodges were represented at the one hundred twenty-first annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Eugene S. Weston, delivered quite a long address, in which, however, were many subjects touched upon which were of great interest to the Craft in Vermont. He reports great prosperity prevailing, the district meetings a success, his visitations delightful.

The dedication of the new lodge room at St. Johnsbury was a complete success; the centennial of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 8, was duly celebrated.

"Mt. Vernon Lodge was one of the fifteen lodges that were so loyal during the bitter anti-masonic war, as to be proclaimed by the Grand Lodge, in 1849, as being alive. Her meetings for twenty years had been held, not on a high hill or in a low vale, but in cellars, and other secret places, and the true spirit of Freemasonry was kept alive through those times that tried men's souls."

He made three decisions, of which we quote one, viz: "A lodge cannot receive the application of one of Mongolian blood."

No reasons are given. But may we ask, "If not, why not?"

He freely discusses the subject of Masonic Relief and the advisability of raising money to be used for a Home or for charity in other directions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence say in their report:

"With reference to the applications for special dispensations to hold lodge meetings in another town or village than the one named in the Char-

ter of the lodge, your committee is not disposed to change the position taken by them last year. We think it unwise to allow a lodge to travel about from one town to another, within its jurisdiction, for the accommodation of candidates or members, and that to adopt such practice would eventually lead to controversies which would be much more serious than the comparatively slight inconvenience of a few individuals."

And again in their report we have an answer to our question, "If not, why not?" for they say:

"Your committee cannot approve the third decision of the Grand Master. One of the fundamental principles of Masonry, as taught in this Grand Jurisdiction, is its *universality*. It is open to all men within the jurisdiction of whatever race or creed, provided that they are of good moral character, possess the necessary mental and physical qualifications, that they are influenced by proper motives and believe in a Supreme Being. Each individual petitioner is entitled to, and should receive full and impartial consideration upon the merits of his own particular case, and the fact that he belongs to a certain class or race of people cannot, of itself, render him ineligible. The question is whether the *petitioner himself* is a proper candidate for Masonry. The people of his color or blood may, by reason of certain racial beliefs and characteristics, be generally ineligible, but the particular member of the family may have entirely repudiated all the objectionable influences and doctrines of his race. The question of his acceptance thus becomes one for the lodge to decide after a fair and impartial consideration of the merits of the individual petitioner. The Grand Master's decision was that 'the *application* of one of Mongolian blood' could not be *received*. It is difficult to see how a lodge can refuse to *receive* the petition of any one if it is made out in proper form, is accompanied by the necessary pre-requisites, and contains nothing in itself to show that the petitioner is ineligible."

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins submitted the Report on Correspondence. Maine for 1913 has nearly four pages.

From his conclusion we quote his views upon a subject which needs to be stepped upon before it strikes:

"Possibly the one subject of most general interest, noted in the Proceedings, this year, has been the Conferences of Grand Masters and the probable results. At time of writing, we have not heard from the very recent gathering at St. Louis, but assume it to have been fully as enjoyable, as a social function, as any that have preceded it in the past few years. The last conference, prior to this one, was held in Indianapolis, March 17, 1913, by invitation of M. W. Elmer F. Gay, then Grand Master of Indiana. Its proceedings have been widely discussed, and its emphatic declaration that no National Grand Body could be thought of for a moment has been received, as it were, with 'extreme unction.' But for all that, what is the actual trend of these conferences? We believe it to be in one direction only, viz: The centralization of masonic authority; the weakening and deadening of the vital energy of Grand Lodge sovereignty. Not just now, because of the present state of masonic public opinion. But gradually and ultimately by insidious approaches through these conferences. Protestations of 'I will ne'er consent,' as heard at Indianapolis, have had many a historic repetition of 'consented.' Such we believe to be a grave possibility of these frequent gatherings. In his discussion of this question, the Tennessee reviewer, M. W. Bro. Henry A. Chambers, not only expresses forcibly our own belief but that of many another observer on the watch-towers:

"The brethren who have participated in these expressions may have honestly deceived themselves into the belief that the conferences do not support or encourage the idea of a National Grand Lodge. But possibly our distinguished brethren do protest too much. The very fact that they issue these statements shows that it is in their minds, and that they know it is in the minds of others. Otherwise there would be no need of protestation. It may be too, that most of those who have attended these conferences in the past are opposed to a National Grand Lodge. But they have put an influence in motion they cannot possibly control."

"Already Oregon has come boldly into the open. The Grand Master of another jurisdiction attempted certain legislation, merely because of some of the enunciations of the Indianapolis conference. An eminent leader in still another jurisdiction plants himself by the side of Bro. Mikels of Indiana, in his earnest championship of what he appears to believe to be a righteous cause. At least one of our most highly esteemed confrères of the guild acknowledges he has 'long sought this opportunity,' and his influence is plainly manifest in papers emanating recently from the Grand East of his Jurisdiction. Others of prominence, rightly adjudged, strong, influential men are welting the wedges, which if not checked may split in time with irresistible force the solid rock. These are but few of the ominous signs, the more so because widely scattered, that ought not to be disregarded. Their appearance now can be traced to these conferences. In all candor, isn't it time to ask seriously, 'What is the actual trend of these gatherings?'"

### WASHINGTON, 1914

All the lodges except six were represented at the fifty-seventh annual communication.

The Grand Representative for Maine was absent.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Asa H. Hankerson, thus speaks of the Conference of Grand Masters in 1914:

"Nothing of importance was done in the formal conference; but, in our informal talks, we came to understand conditions prevailing in the several jurisdictions, and I expect great good will come from this better understanding. I would recommend to my successors that before accepting an invitation to any future Conference they receive assurance from the Grand Master calling it that nothing tending towards a permanent organization will be discussed."

Three lodges were constituted; five corner-stones were laid; two masonic temples were dedicated; dispensations were issued for five new lodges and for other purposes.

Of his decisions, four in number, we quote:

"An unaffiliated mason has loaned his dimit to a female relative in a distant state to enable her to join the Eastern Star. Meanwhile the brother desires to affiliate with one of our lodges and attaches a copy of his dimit to his petition. Held that the original dimit must accompany his petition."

He made several recommendations, of which we quote the following:

"I recommend that that portion of the installation ceremony generally known as the Secrets of the Chair be either entirely dispensed with or given only in such form as shall be promulgated by the Custodians of the Work.

"I recommend that our law be amended so as to prevent the Entered Apprentice degree being conferred by courtesy for or by any lodge of this jurisdiction."

From his conclusion we quote:

"I firmly believe that the obstacle that causes almost all our troubles is that most insidious frailty of human nature, Vanity. We do not recognize it and we call it by all manner of names, yet a careful self analysis will soon show us that either personal or intellectual vanity influences us in almost every act. The desire for leadership, the thirst for power, and our reluctance to meet the other fellow a little more than half way can all be charged to intellectual vanity. I verily believe that nine-tenths of our lodge troubles would entirely disappear if we could get every member to digest the chapter on Vanity in that book that should be in every library, *The Great Work*, written by a Master Mason signing himself simply 'T. K.'"

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

The Grand Orator delivered an able address upon the subject of "Charity."

From the report of the Special Committee we quote:

"Is it desirous that the Grand Lodge should accept a legacy from a profane, which imposes an obligation to maintain and care for a Master Mason elsewhere than at the Masonic Home, irrespective of whether or not the legacy is of sufficient value to insure the Grand Lodge being reimbursed in the amount of such maintenance and care? In the opinion of the committee, it is not."

The recommendations of the Grand Master before quoted were not approved.

Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 is reviewed.

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Notice has been received of the death of R. W. Bro. Isaac Parker, Junior Grand Warden in 1882-3, which occurred October 13, 1914.

### WEST VIRGINIA, 1914.

One hundred thirty-five lodges were represented at the fiftieth annual communication. The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas P. Jacobs, thus speaks of the Craft:



"The increase in our membership has been unusual. Much new material has been gathered in. The lodges have done their work well. I have perceived wherever I have traveled throughout the state an increased enthusiasm, almost without exception, among the brethren, while peace and harmony rule and reign among them. And it makes one glad to visit the brethren in their lodge meetings and to behold a spirit of fraternity and an enthusiastic desire to increase the number of the worthy, while at the same time protecting well the outer gate."

Dispensations were granted for three new lodges; eight corner-stones were laid; proxies issued for several purposes; and visitations reported.

Of his decisions we quote:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this state having, at its convocation for the year 1911, changed the wording of the obligation in the Past Master's Degree so as to bind the candidate to the Grand Lodge as well as to the Grand Chapter, a Chapter-made Past Master may now attend and participate in the work of a Lodge of actual Past Masters. It follows, therefore, as a necessary corollary, that a Chapter-made Past Master may be installed as a Worshipful Master of the Master Mason's Lodge, without having the Past Master's Degree conferred anew by a Lodge of actual Past Masters.

"The uses of any cipher or key so-called of the ritual and unwritten work, or professing to be such, whether of this or any other Grand Lodge of Masons, or having or keeping the same in the possession by any mason of this Grand Jurisdiction, is a masonic offence and tends to corrupt and degrade one of the most important land marks of Masonry. Besides, the use of the same makes an uncandid and unreliable mason of the user or owner of such so-called cipher or key."

There were many other decisions, but all of them were in accord with usual masonic practice.

The Deputy Grand Lecturers and the District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting reports.

A large amount of business entirely local in character was transacted.

Bro. George W. Atkinson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Idaho one plank in his platform is announced:

"If I had my way in this matter, I would settle it in one sentence, viz: 'Every man 21 years old, of good moral character, who can fill all the requirements of the ritual, should be declared eligible for admission to the degrees of Masonry.'"

Maine for 1914 is reviewed.

We quote:

"He decided eleven law questions during the year. All of them impress me as being good law, except the fourth. A young man spends five months each year in a certain town in Maine, pays taxes there, and claims said town as his legal residence. The remainder of the year he spends traveling. The Grand Master held that masonic residence is determined by presence and intention. This applicant has resided in Maine for the past year and his dwelling place is within the jurisdiction of said lodge within the meaning of the Constitution; but as he has not been personally present within the jurisdiction of the lodge for at least six



months during the past year, his petition cannot be received without dispensation.

"It seems to me that the blanket was stretched too tightly in that case."

Under Michigan we find another plank in his platform:

"I have always insisted that it is a violation of one of the fundamental principles of the Fraternity to allow any part or parts of the secret work to be written, printed or engraved in any manner or form beneath the canopy of Heaven. Only a few American Grand Lodges tolerate this most serious of all innovations; and just how they get around their O. B.'s to do it, I have never been able to comprehend, or in any way understand. Still, some of them persist in allowing it to be done. Maybe they will come to their senses later on."

### WISCONSIN, 1914.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

With a comparison between seventy years ago and the present time the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George B. Wheeler, introduces his address, and then, in a general way, discusses the cause of the growth of Masonry, and remarks:

"The real reason for the marvelous success and vitality of Freemasonry is the fact that it has pursued the even tenor of its way, refusing to turn to the right or left, out of the beaten path our fathers trod. And to-day in the presence of this distinguished gathering, representing the flower of Wisconsin Masonry, I know I voice the universal sentiment when I declare that there must be no innovations in the body of Masonry."

Of his decisions we quote:

"Question. Is there any objection to an elective officer permanently exchanging positions with an appointive officer in the lodge, where such exchange is more agreeable to both parties?

"Answer. Yes. Both elective and appointive officers take an oath of office when installed to faithfully perform the duties of the office for which they have been selected, and for this reason, there is a personal obligation resting on each officer to discharge the duties of his particular office."

He granted some sixty dispensations for purposes and five to form new lodges.

His address shows that he was a level-headed, painstaking Grand Master.

The question of the taxation of property owned by the subordinate lodges and used purely for benevolent purposes, and from which no revenue is derived, is to come before the courts.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote:

"Question 1. A member of Washington Hidalgo Lodge, No. 2, Chiluahua, under the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, visits a lodge in Wisconsin. Has the lodge a right to allow him to visit?

"We answer, no.

"Question 2. Should the lodge be disciplined that allowed him to visit?"

"Answer: If the lodge permitted the person to visit knowing he had no right to do so, the lodge ought to be disciplined, otherwise not."

Bro. Aldro Jenks presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Maine for 1913 is well reviewed.

We quote:

"Under a standing regulation, lodges in Maine are now authorized to form public possessions for attendance upon divine service without special permission from the Grand Master. We are pleased to see this degree of freedom accorded to the subordinate lodges of Maine. We hope, however, that a genuine love and reverence for the God of Masonry will induce the Craft to be so regular in their attendance at the regular hours of worship that they will never think of making use of the freedom thus accorded them. It is not at all necessary for a lodge to make a circus parade of itself in order to show reverence for the Supreme Architect of the Universe. True devotion is always unostentatious and does not call attention to itself with banners and trumpets.

"The committee recommended that the proposition to have a Masonic Home in the jurisdiction of Maine be indefinitely postponed, and the recommendation was unanimously adopted. In this, we think, our brethren acted wisely. Masonic Homes are costly. Experience has shown that this is the most extravagant way ever devised for affording masonic relief. Usually assistance rendered to a brother in his home town or where he can be surrounded by his relatives and friends of former years is much preferable and would be more enjoyed by anyone possessing the right feeling rather than to be shut up in a Masonic Home, no matter how grand and comfortable it might be, and pointed at as subjects of masonic charity."

Under Missouri we quote:

"A rather unusual occasion for a ruling arose from the fact that one of the members of the Masonic Fraternity was found to be holding membership also in the order of the Knights of Columbus. Notwithstanding the fact that Rome has hurled its anathemas at Freemasonry, proscribed its members under penalty of excommunication, closed Masonic Lodges and decreed the death penalty for those not renouncing their allegiance to Freemasonry, Masonry does not proscribe Catholicism. It is founded upon the principle of the utmost liberty of conscience, simply requiring its novitiates to be believers in a true and living God. No creed is proscribed, not even that of the church which continues breathing out threatenings and slaughter against them. That this has been and is yet the attitude of the Church of Rome concerning Freemasonry has been demonstrated very clearly by Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of Ireland, in his writings under the title, 'Old Charges and the Papal Bulls.' Four Bulls in all have been launched against Freemasonry by the Supreme Pontiff of the Church of Rome, the first by Pope Clement XII in 1738; the next by Pope Benedict XIV in 1751; the third by Pope Pius VII in 1821, and the fourth and last by Pope Leo XII in 1825. In addition to these, there have been innumerable lesser fulminations known as encyclical letters, two of which are specially noted, one under the hand of Pope Pius IX in 1846 and another published by Pope Leo XIII in 1884. The burden of the complaint of these numerous proscriptions is that Masonry stands for freedom of conscience, admitting to its privileges 'men of any whatsoever religion and sect' and also that they 'con-

ceal under inviolable silence what they secretly do in their meetings.' For these very serious offences, it is ordered that no one 'be present at such meetings or assemblies under pain of death and confiscation of their effects.' Those who are curious to pursue this investigation further should obtain the documents we have mentioned and study them carefully. Masonry, however, does not retaliate, but it is well for those of the Craft to understand that if His Holiness were enthroned in temporal matters, if he were clothed with political power in the United States, religious liberty would be a thing of the past. Every Masonic Lodge room would be closed and masons would visit such gatherings at their peril."

From his conclusion we quote:

"The subject of clandestinism is taking a subordinate position in the writings of those charged with the duty of reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. In several states, laws have been secured by which those engaged in peddling what they are pleased to term the degrees in Freemasonry may be punished by the criminal courts. Even where such laws do not exist, it will usually be found that the ordinary criminal statutes of the state which prohibit the obtaining of money under false pretenses are sufficient to effect the purpose."

#### WYOMING, 1914.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Fred C. Barnett, in the introduction to his address tells us that "The past year has been one of material prosperity to the Craft generally and it has been gratifying to note the steady advancement in the application of the principles of the Fraternity to the problems of everyday life."

Of his decisions we quote:

"*Question.*—We have a petition for affiliation from a brother residing in South Dakota, petition accompanied by dimit issued by Laramie Lodge, No. 3, 1912. The petitioner holds his membership in Chapter, Commandery and Shrine in Rawlins, and wishes his Blue Lodge membership here also. Can we legally accept the brother here?

"*Answer.*—No. The fact that the brother has established his residence in South Dakota would clearly make him a subject of that jurisdiction, in my opinion, and, therefore, prevent you from regularly receiving his petition."

With which decision we do not agree. We have always been taught that a dimitted Master Mason could apply for membership wherever he saw fit without regard to his residence.

The several matters of invitations to visit other jurisdictions, of communications to confer degrees, of the approval of by-laws of lodges, of visitations to several subordinate lodges are mentioned.

From the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary we quote:

"Twenty-nine years ago I was installed for the first time as your Grand Secretary and I have served you continuously ever since. Of the officers installed at that time only Bro. William Daley, your Grand Treasurer,

and myself are present to-day. All of the others, except Bros. S. A. Bristol and John K. Graff are dead or have left the state, or ceased to be masons. I have endeavored to serve you earnestly, faithfully, honestly, and to the best of my ability through all the intervening years. It has been more a labor of love for the fraternity than anything else that has caused me to devote many of the best years of my life to the cause of Masonry in this state and throughout the world, over which I am not burdened with any regrets. When I have passed over into the Great Beyond, or otherwise cease to be your Grand Secretary, may you ever be blessed by having an incumbent of this office as true and faithful as I have tried to be."

Alas! Poor Hiram—This was his farewell.

The Committee on "Homes" made an exhaustive report with recommendations which were referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence, who approved the plan presented and it was adopted. The plan is along the lines of the practice in Maine.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized.

Hereafter the members of the Grand Lodge and the representatives from subordinate lodges can ride to and from the Grand Lodge communications in "Pullman" cars.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

We quote from his conclusion:

"In dealing with questions heretofore, such as perpetual jurisdiction, physical qualifications, right to visit, right to see a charter before visiting, making masons at sight, Solomonian Speculative Masonry, and a few others which were generally insisted upon by reporters on correspondence, Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters to be Landmarks upon each of which we were not long in taking a position after close investigation as to facts connected with each. They were all live and nearly one-sided questions when we became a reporter, and he who questioned them as real, Simon-pure Landmarks, or otherwise doubted them as true masonic goods, was classed as a heretic. Fortunately for Masonry a few writers who believed in the rule of reason and common sense and the application of facts in place of assertion had the temerity to enter into the Holy-of-Holies circle and do battle with the advocates of the above-named uncalled-for heretical doctrines. The searchlight of truth, as applied by the literary idol-smashers, has cast into oblivion some of the above-named live questions of thirty years ago and forced modified views and legislation regarding others. Heretofore we have commented adversely upon each of the above questions and answered arguments in their favor as we found them under the head of any jurisdiction, which did not hit the mark, however, in all cases as desired. Now we have some correspondence which should forever place a quietus upon the claims that any Grand Master, or any other official, ever at any time possessed the inherent power to make a mason at sight, for certainly if the Grand Masters of the Mother Grand Lodge have never claimed nor exercised that supposed power, either under a Landmark claim or otherwise, how can any Grand Master or anybody else in this country consistently, or with any show of reason, claim that such power has ever at any time existed. It would seem that the following places somebody in an unenviable light and through its taking the last prop from under the claim

should cause an absolute abandonment thereof by the three or four Grand Lodges and by about the same number of great 'I am' Grand Masters in this country."

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We have announcement of the death of M. W. Bro. Frndk M. Foote, the fifth Grand Master, (1880), who died November 13, 1914.

On March 8, 1915, there dropped out from earthly service one of the ablest men in the Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming, for then departed R. W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary for more than twenty-nine years and Grand Correspondent. There was no mistaking his position on subjects of Masonry as discussed by him, and his controversies with his associates was at times sharp, but always fraternal.

#### INDIANA, 1914.

Five hundred forty-five of the five hundred fifty-two chartered lodges were represented at the ninety-third annual meeting.

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John W. Hanan, we quote:

"This has been a banner year for Masonry within this jurisdiction. It has made the largest increase in membership of any year in its history.

"The lodges are in splendid financial condition and the ritualistic work has reached a high grade of proficiency, and masons are endeavoring to live outside of the lodge that which is taught inside.

"The social features of our order have grown greatly and a vast amount of good is being accomplished by means of the public entertainments in which the principles of Masonry are taught and expounded and the public are bought to know and understand that Masonry is a great fraternal brotherhood adhering to the Holy Bible as the rule and guide of faith."

Under the topic "Decisions" he says:

"During my administration as Grand Master I have rendered hundreds of decisions in response to the officers and members of the lodges of this state. There being no new questions and none of my decisions of a character that attempted to legislate or traverse new and undeveloped masonic paths, I think it not necessary that I call attention specifically to any one of them. Nearly all the questions of masonic law, practices and usages, which I have been called upon to construe could readily be decided by the reading of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge and decisions rendered heretofore by the Grand Lodge. In fact many of the questions could have been answered by the inquiring brethren themselves if they had simply familiarized themselves with the Constitution and General Regulations. It is a lamentable fact that the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge are not read frequently in open lodge and discussed among the members as to the construction of any provisions or masonic statute which is not thoroughly understood. Worshipful Masters fail in a very important

duty and in masonic law when they fail to read and expound to the brethren the masonic law of their own jurisdiction. Many uncalled for and unpleasant contentions arise in the lodges by reason of the fact that neither the Worshipful Master nor the brethren have familiarized themselves with masonic law and usages and do and suffer to be done many things which are not in accordance with Masonry. And I suggest that every Worshipful Master see to it that the masonic law shall be studied and expounded in his lodge as well as the ritualistic work and that evenings be set apart especially for that work."

Eight lodges were constituted; dispensations issued for three new lodgees; one lodge was suspended; fourteen corner-stones were laid; eleven Masonic Halls were dedicated; twelve distinctive visitations were made.

The Order of the Eastern Star is extolled; the work of the Masonic Relief Board of Indiana is commended; and a "Masonic Home" urged.

From the report of the Grand Inspector we quote:

"In but few lodges is there to be witnessed the introduction of new and strange features in the work, some of which tend more frequently to overload and perplex, rather than impress the candidate and most of which detract rather than add to the beauty and simplicity of our initiatory ceremonies. It is very doubtful whether we will ever be able to completely suppress the inventive genius of these otherwise well-meaning brethren, who persist in loading the ritual with some original or borrowed specimen of agreeable rhetoric, or revel in language introduced more to attract attention to themselves than to edify the candidate. Our ritual just as we have it and teach it, is amply sufficient to convey to the mind and heart the moral truths and precepts peculiar to Masonry."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported "that a Virtual Past Master has no rights in a convocation of Actual Past Masters, but a brother having regularly received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter is not required before he can be installed as a Worshipful Master again to receive said degree in a convocation of Past Masters."

Bro. Elmer F. Gay submitted the Indiana Annual Masonic Review.

We quote from his introduction:

"Doubtless you are all familiar with the fact that Bro. McDonald, Past Grand Master, because of his age and illness has been unable to attend the Grand Lodge for several years past. That the Grand Lodge might be well served Bro. McDonald proffered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Feeling that his great service to the Craft in the years that are gone was of sufficient magnitude and character that he should still retain at least the title of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when he tendered his resignation it was declined by the Grand Master. As the second member of the committee, I accepted the request to prepare the report, and while I would make every effort to keep this feature of our masonic work as near the high standard set by Past Grand Master McDonald, at the same time I approached this duty with many misgivings as to my ability and experience along the line required in a report of this character."

But why he should have had any "misgivings" about his ability is beyond our comprehension, since he came from Maine and had received

some knowledge from us. As to his "experience": he may find that there are several subjects now about which we may not agree and from which he will hear about from others who may not treat him as gently as did we in the days gone by. However, we will avouch for him as able, energetic, clear-headed and true to his convictions.

He favors dimits to E. A. and F. C. Masons, also says:

"If as much pains were taken to investigate the mental qualifications of applicants as is taken for their physical qualifications the benefit derived would be of much greater value to Masonry."

Under Maine he says:

"Among the many Special Dispensations granted by the Grand Master, we notice several granted temporarily changing the date of stated meetings.

"This seems unwise to us, as in our opinion stated meetings should never be changed except by action of the lodge through amendments to its by-laws.

"If reason exists whereby it is impossible to elect officers at the time of the annual meeting, we believe that the policy adopted by most jurisdictions of granting a dispensation to hold a special meeting for that purpose only is the best."

#### VIRGINIA, 1914.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William L. Andrews, in his address says:

"And now I come to render you account of my year's stewardship; a year that's fraught with many pleasant services, but uneventful as to happenings among the Craft.

"In telling you the story, I shall avoid acts and details that hold but local interest, such as permissions for public installations or to lay cornerstones; nor will I name the many lodges whose By-Laws I've approved, for none of these could be of general interest to the Craft or give such information as is worth your while, but only serve to cumber these Proceedings."

The condition of the Craft is peaceful and all dwell together in harmony.

He decided that a lodge could not contribute of its funds to the Salvation Army and to such societies.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges.

Of the Convention of Grand Masters at Indianapolis he says:

"I favor these meetings because they bring our jurisdictions into intimate relationship, but I fear they are not destined to do much in the way of establishing a uniform code of laws or a universal ritual, unless the other jurisdictions will recognize that we have the best. However, those other fellows are mighty obstinate about such things."

Discussing "Masonic Education" he says:



"I have been forcibly impressed with the to-be-lamented idea prevailing among our brethren that all masonic education is to be found in the ritual, and that to learn that ritual by rote is the highest attainment of a Master Mason, and, I sometimes fear, it is made the equal if not the superior of a masonic life.

"I plead with you, my brethren, to free your minds from such a fallacy, for our ritual is but the knob of the lock, placed in your groping hands by the Master, which you are to turn and enter into a chamber filled with priceless gems devised by the countless ages; a treasury of history, ethnology, antiquity and virtue; an exhaustless fund of science and lore that can, indeed, make a mason an educated man and give him a proper conception of his duties and privileges."

We quote the following incident:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master requested all Confederate and Union veterans to assemble at the altar, and some twenty-five responded. Worshipful J. A. Whitman, of Wytheville Fraternal Lodge, No. 82, formally presented to them the charter and records of Stonewall Lodge, No. 201, which was a traveling army lodge in the Stonewall Brigade, and which were written on Confederate paper. They were only discovered a few weeks ago. Worshipful J. V. Bidgood, of Richmond Lodge, No. 10, received them on behalf of the veterans, and in doing so stated that he himself was made a mason in an army lodge and actually under fire. Right Worshipful J. B. Blanks then presented them to the Grand Lodge for preservation.

"The veterans were then called to the Grand Secretary's desk to have their names, commands and present lodge affiliations recorded. It was then discovered that one only of the number was a Union Soldier. Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston seized him by the arm and led him to the front and said:

"Brethren, when assembled just now we captured a Yankee prisoner, and here he is, Brother Alexander Carpenter, of Day Lodge, No. 58. He tells me he was the first white child born in his township in the then wilds of Wisconsin among the Indians. He came down here and fought us, but was so good looking we did not kill him, and only to-night have we succeeded in capturing him."

"Brother Carpenter responded: 'I have been wondering for twelve years why these Virginians were so kind and sweet to me, and I have at last concluded that it is because they are afraid of me yet.' This elicited a storm of applause."

The Grand Representative for Maine was present.

Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under British Columbia he explains the rather complicated election of a profane:

"Now, to make it plainer, we elect profanes only 'to receive the first degree in Masonry.' These profanes have been so elected by a lodge having jurisdiction for that purpose, and the Worshipful Master can refuse the degree if he or any member objects, and we permit a brother to avow a blackball or objection although we forbid the avowal of a white one. Before being passed, and again before being raised, the candidate must pass a majority ballot on masonic proficiency and a clear one on moral fitness. Thus under the ruling the petitioner's rights are protected and those of the Craft not jeopardized. Is it clear now? Of course in jurisdictions where one ballot on moral fitness covers all three



degrees and thus membership in the lodge the decision would not do, and had this been our law the decision would not have been rendered."

Under Colorado he thus expresses himself about "Jewels":

"The usual Jewel was presented, and as Virginia has just adopted the long-since over-worked and useless fad, we take occasion to predict that in a few years they will have become so common that even the pawn-brokers will be refusing them, and the ash barrel only will receive them. Almost every organized society is giving them and they are too common to be valued and too modern for Masonry."

But you received the one which was made for you, didn't you?

Maine for 1913 is found in the Report.

We have received notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Alfred R. Courtney, Grand Master in 1896, who died November 4, 1914; and of the death of M. W. Bro. William H. Pleasants, Grand Master in 1891-92, who died November 25, 1914.

## FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

### ENGLAND, 1914.

At the quarterly communication in September the Report of the Board of General Purposes contains the following paragraphs:

"Grand Lodge has neither the right nor the wish to intervene in regard to the expenditure of private lodges in a time of national stress on objects legitimate in themselves and long accustomed to be enjoyed; and the Craft will trust with all confidence the patriotism and good feeling of the lodges to ensure that Freemasonry sets a worthy example at a period of unprecedented difficulty and strain.

"There have been suggestions that lodges should cease to meet or gather only for formal purposes during the present state of war. These again are not matters on which Grand Lodge might wish to give a specific suggestion; but the brethren will not need reminding that certain regular meetings must be fully held, at the time appointed, in compliance with the Book of Constitutions, and the extent of the informal proceedings connected with these must be determined by each lodge for itself."

In December the following happened:

"This is only one of the serious questions arising from the war which have been submitted to the Board. Among others has been that of the admission to our lodges of foreign brethren now in England because of

the hostilities, who are under the masonic jurisdiction of bodies not in association with the United Grand Lodge of England. In this regard, the Board feels that no temporary emergency should induce Grand Lodge to depart from the position which, after serious and repeated deliberation, it has on four occasions solemnly asserted; and the attention, therefore, of every Worshipful Master should be specially given to Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions, defining the conditions under which visiting brethren can be admitted to his lodge, during the time it is at labor, adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of September 3d, 1913.

"A problem of considerable moment to many brethren is that of the arrears of dues which may be incurred as a consequence of the war. The Board feels that no brother should come within the punitive operation of Rule 175 of the Book of Constitutions by reason of any default in payment of dues caused by his having been in the service of the Crown during a state of war between Great Britain and any enemy; and amendments of that Rule will be submitted to Grand Lodge securing to all such brethren their masonic rights and privileges. The object of these amendments is to enable a lodge to remit subscription of any member of the lodge who is in the service of the Crown during a period of war. No quarterage or payment to the Building Fund will be claimed by Grand Lodge on such brother's account during that period."

From the proceedings in March we quote:

"Various Grand Lodges in the United States, with truly masonic spirit, have shown their willingness to aid the United Grand Lodge of England, should it stand in need of assistance, for brethren suffering from the results of the war. V.W. Bro. the Grand Secretary has replied stating how deeply he has been touched by these suggestions, and adding: 'Though the necessity for relief is certain to be large, it is our happiness to believe that it will not overtax either the resources or the benevolence of the brethren within the English Jurisdiction. Should this most unfortunately not prove to be the case, from none would we more readily accept aid than from our American brethren, to whom at once I tender heartfelt thanks for so ready and practical an expression of sympathy in this troubled time.' The Board desires to associate itself with this assurance, which it is confident will be approved by Grand Lodge."

### IRELAND, 1914.

We quote:

"So many Freemasons have, directly or indirectly, been sufferers through the war that the funds of our various Charities will be probably strained to their utmost limits to meet the urgent calls upon them, and in addition to the response to the National and Patriotic Funds it is not unlikely that in the near future a Special Masonic Appeal will be necessary if we are to adequately meet the demands of the widows and orphans of our brethren.

"A new departure was made in Irish Masonry by the establishment of the Lodge of Research, No. 200, a lodge composed exclusively of Installed Masters, for the purpose—as its name implies—of inquiring into the history of Irish Freemasonry, especially in regard to the ancient records of Irish lodges. The formation of associations and lodges for the attainment of similar ends have been long in existence in other masonic

jurisdictions, and have done useful work in rescuing many interesting details of masonic lore which might otherwise be lost."

### YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO, 1914.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"How different are conditions from three years ago! Then travel was safe, quick and comfortable, now for at least eight lodges located at some distance from this City it is slow, dangerous, expensive and a serious undertaking. Those of you, who have made these journeys, are heartily congratulated by us all for your zeal in the welfare of your lodge and the Craft.

"It is unfortunate that some of those who are called 'upon' to review proceedings should not always ascertain true conditions that maintain before criticizing, for while we realize full well that criticisms are written with the best intentions of granting full masonic charity, when based on a misstatement, a great injustice, is unintentionally done. Our experience is, that when we have had the opportunity to personally state our case and to demonstrate the work we are doing in this country, our position is thoroughly appreciated and fraternal relations follow."

The Chairman of the Committee submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Alabama we read:

"*Resolved*, That the claim of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico to jurisdiction beyond the bounds of the Federal District of Mexico, particularly over the states of the Republic of Mexico wherein Grand Lodges have been already organized cannot be recognized by us, and that the exchange of Representatives with said Grand Lodge be suspended until such claim is abandoned.

"Here is where Louisiana assumes the roll of dictator, she demands that we surrender territory that we have held years before any other, (quoting their language) 'Grand Lodge' was organized. It would be just as logical for some Grand Lodge to demand of Louisiana that it surrender the City of New Orleans to the unknown, or else they would withdraw fraternal relations with them as for them to make the demand upon this Grand Lodge that it surrender territory which it has held for years. Had their committee looked into the matter they would have found that, (quoting their language), 'the Grand Lodges' they refer to are and always have been political organizations with no other reason for their existence and composed of nothing but natives and owe their life to the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. R. When our Mexican brethren saw fit to leave us we decided to change our name, and as practically all of our members are foreigners, mostly Americans, we decided to adopt the York Rite; we did this and it has brought us a great many friends and we have no desire to make any other change even for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It should be apparent by this time that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is the sole representative in Mexico of Symbolic Masonry as known in the United States and is a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge."

Maine for 1913 is fraternally reviewed.

We quote:

"Under the head of Iowa in the discussing of 'Dimit' he says 'The profane was free to come. Why should not the mason be free to go?' In this we quite agree with him and we regret very much that the Grand Lodge of Iowa so far forgets its duty as to lay any straws in the way of the non-affiliate to get under cover. We believe that it is a compliment to any lodge to have its members transfer their membership to where they are living, for there is where their interests are and where they can be of the most service to the fraternity. We know of masons in this Republic who have been temporary residents for the past twenty years and hold their membership in jurisdictions of the United States and Canada and these same masons are always telling us how they handle things in the home lodge when they never have been in it more than perhaps long enough to get the degrees: their ideas are good but they have no way of putting them into effect as they hold their membership where they can have no voice in matters since they are out of hearing; therefore we feel that everything should be made as easy for a non-affiliate to affiliate as is possible to make it, since the number is far more than it should be."

Again we quote:

"Speaking of Grand Lodges in this Republic I would inform the Knights of the Round Table that the 'York Grand Lodge of Mexico' is the only Grand Body of Masonry in Mexico that uses the Bible upon its altars and is free from politics. A few years ago we entered into fraternal relations with some of these so-called Grand Lodges, upon their solicitation, provisionally, they promising to practice Masonry in accordance with the Ancient Land Marks, but we soon discovered that we had made a mistake, for the Latin does not practice Masonry in that way; they only care for it for the political or financial advantages to be gained and when it does not come up to their idea in those respects they are willing to drop it. How can Masonry be expected to thrive under such conditions? As a rule in all Latin countries, the Supreme Councils control the Blue Lodges and one might believe, from the tone of the addresses of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for 1911 and 1912, that they would like to see such conditions in effect in Louisiana.

"In conclusion we wish to say that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is the sole representative in Mexico of Symbolic Masonry as known in the United States, and is a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, that it does not give allegiance to a superior governing body. We have made a good fight for York Rite Symbolic Masonry in this Republic if we do say it ourselves. The majority of our members were made in the lodges of the United States and England and we are practicing Masonry just as practiced in those countries, and regardless of what any lover of Supreme Councils may say about us we will continue to do business in the future as we have during the past and we know that by so doing we will make friends and gain recognition of those Grand Lodges that are most desirable."

#### NEW SOUTH WALES, 1914.

From an address by the Grand Master we quote:

"Shortly after I assumed office I submitted to my Deputy and the two Wardens, and after suggestions and approval issued, a circular letter to all the private lodges, giving instructions for the receiving of visitors and the paying of visits. By inculcating harmonious workings this has met with general approval, and is doing good, though at three lodges I visited

lately I was saluted differently in each case, showing that the Directors of Ceremonies have something to learn yet. There was one point, however, which did not please certain brethren, viz., when a lodge is paying a fraternal visit to another the Wor. Master and Wardens ought not to wear their Jewels of Office. This rule is in accordance with the jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of England, and the explanation is that there ought not to be two Worshipful Masters, each wearing the square in a lodge together. My duties are to instruct, or to give the brethren the advantage of my knowledge and reading; the non-observance is not a heinous offence, it is more a lack of deferential courtesy, and might possibly, in the neglect, cause a little friction."

The Grand Inspector of Workings in his report says:

"I have during the past twelve months tried to impress upon the brethren the necessity of taking more care in respect to the steps and S. of the various degrees in entering and retiring from the lodge, and although there has been improvement, there is still room for further effort.

"I am also pleased to report that, judging from the correspondence and personal interviews I have had with various District Inspectors, the country lodges appear to be very happy and prosperous, and they are most enthusiastic and desirous of bringing about more uniformity of working in their respective districts."

From an address by the Grand Master we quote:

"To some men Masonry appeals by its antiquity. It is the oldest fraternal society known to man. It has been the object of attack by the ill-informed, but, although Freemasonry has never publicly defended itself, and has ever bared its brow with dignified composure to every tempest, our Order is to-day at the very zenith of its power, and never was it more widely diffused throughout the habitable globe, nor in a more healthy and prosperous condition than now obtains."

Bro. S. Scott-Young presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Here is his criticism of England:

"Practically, the whole of this meeting, as well as the June meeting, was absorbed in a debate which reads almost like a Parliamentary debate rather than a masonic meeting. So keen, so acrimonious in some instances, so intent on points of order, and yet amid the heat of contest for different methods, there can be traced an earnest desire to do, at all costs, what was best for the Craft at large.

"On both days of meeting the wisdom of the Illustrious King whose prototype he is, was exemplified in a marked manner by the noble Chairman, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, who calmed the rising storm, and led the meeting into quiet pastures and beside still waters with patience and forbearance, and justice and fortitude."

Under New Brunswick we read:

"The question of financing lodges to erect their own Temples has arisen on occasions in New South Wales, and the writer thinks that the attitude adopted here is the correct one, namely, of allowing lodges to finance themselves in the matter of erecting buildings, because it does appear that if the brethren, in what one might call an unstable town, receive financial assistance to build, Grand Lodge might be left with a building on its hands which would be practically a valueless security;

and if the brethren are imbued with a proper spirit they will very quickly be able to finance the building of the Temple amongst themselves, and that has been generally done in New South Wales, because there is an incentive to take more interest in the Temple if it is their own property than if it is built on borrowed money from Grand Lodge."

Under Utah we quote:

"American Jurisdictions have regulations foreign to our ideas, with reference to the issuing of Dimits, where it would appear that, when a brother resigns his membership, he is not entitled to a Dimit until he affiliates with another lodge. The practice of our jurisdiction is that a brother has the right to 'call off' at any time he likes, and if there is no charge pending against him, and if he is 'in good standing,' he receives his Dimit as a matter of course. There is a further matter in which we differ from American methods, and that is the number of little 'tiddli-winking' questions which seem to be fired at Grand Masters indiscriminately. The practice in this territory is for the lodge to decide all internal matters, and if any brother is aggrieved at the decision of the lodge or of the Wor. Master, he has his right of appeal to the Board of General Purposes, and subsequently to the Grand Lodge, if still dissatisfied, and consequently our Grand Master's time is not taken up in considering matters of trifling detail, and he is thereby allowed to devote his time to the greater matters in the welfare of Freemasonry."

Maine was not reviewed, presumably because the proceedings were not received.

#### NEW ZEALAND, 1914.

Of the Condition of the Craft we read:

"At the close of the financial year 31st March, 1914, two lodges owed Grand Lodge one year's dues each, and three lodges owed six months' dues each, but one of those owing a year's dues has since paid, and probably the others will square up before Grand Lodge meets. The financial condition of the lodges is generally sound, none of them are seriously embarrassed, but there are a few which try to work on too small a subscription, and although we do not suggest interference by Grand Lodge in the domestic affairs of lodges, it is worth considering whether the minimum rate of subscription should not be fixed by statute the same as the minimum fee for initiation."

We quote from the Grand Lecturer:

"W. Bro. Bridge, Grand Lecturer, pointed out a disability under which the Grand Lecturers labored, in that they were unable to deliver a lecture in a lodge unless they were expressly invited to do so—the Lecturer had no power to take the initiative. The consequence was that half a year might elapse without his being asked to deliver a lecture. If a Grand Lecturer was to be of real service to the Craft he should have power to write to a lodge, or a series of lodges, intimating that on a given night he would deliver a lecture in a certain lodge, and it should be the duty of the Master or Masters to make arrangements accordingly. Or it would be preferable that the Lecturer should make his announcements to lodges through the Provincial Grand Master of the district, and that that officer should make the necessary arrangements with the Masters of lodges. Under the present system fully six months of the year were lost to the

Lecturer in his masonic work, whereas if the Provincial Grand Masters had power to make the arrangements for lectures, instead of leaving the initiative to the Masters of lodges—who in many cases were not aware of the position—there could be lectures every two months. He hoped the Board of General Purposes would formulate some scheme for the regulation of the work of the Grand Lecturers."

Quite a large amount of business, entirely local in character, was transacted.

We quote the "Foreword" to the Report on Foreign Correspondence and express our sympathy for the great loss that has been sustained by the Craft:

"It is with extreme regret that the Board of General Purposes has to record the death of M. W. Bro. A. H. Burton, P. G. M., who had been Reviewer of the Proceedings of Sister Constitutions for some years. The sad event took place on 2d February, 1914.

"Bro. W. H. Munro, a member of Lodge of Otago, No. 7, who very kindly undertook to complete the work, and was making good progress therewith, unfortunately died very suddenly on 20th June, 1914.

"At such a late stage it was found impossible, without unduly delaying the publication of our Proceedings, to proceed further with the Review, and it is hoped that the many Grand Lodges whose Proceedings are not included herein will understand the reason and make due allowance."

Maine for 1913 is reviewed.

We quote:

"We think New Zealand merited a little more than the third of a page allotted to it. But no doubt that's our egotism again!"

We answer: We hardly know what in the proceedings to discuss. It is none of our business whether or not "centralization," for example, prevails. The management of the masonic affairs is so different from the United States that we probably fail to catch the salient points.

### QUEENSLAND, DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The whole proceedings for 1914 have not reached us.

The following motion was adopted:

"That the R. W. District Grand Master be requested to forward a cablegram to the M. W. the Grand Master expressing our sympathy with the old country in the trouble that has come upon them and assuring them of our continued loyalty."

The Masonic Patriotic Fund of Queensland was inaugurated.

### QUEENSLAND, 1914.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"The year just closed has been one of the most eventful in our history. It has brought us fraternal recognitions from the Grand Lodge of Ireland



and the Grand Lodge of Victoria. By the former the *concordat* between the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland has been practically terminated, and its unjust application to our Grand Lodge emphasized; by the other we have come visibly nearer to unity between the Grand Lodges of Australasia."

### SCOTLAND, 1914.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"As is usual on St. Andrew's Day, I will give you briefly a statement relating to the progress Scottish Freemasonry has made during the past year, and the present position of Grand Lodge. During the twelve months which have just ended, the total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased by 10,872 new members, as compared with 13,377 the previous year; a falling off due principally to the war in which our Country is at present engaged. The General Fund amounts to £1130, the Benevolent Fund to £11,650, and the Annuity Fund to £94,006, a total for the three funds of £106,786, exclusive of heritable and moveable property valued at £58,431, making a grand total of £165,217. You will see from these figures that Grand Lodge continues to be in a flourishing condition, and while it is certain that so long as this war continues our numbers and finance will be affected, I feel confident that once the war comes to an end prosperity will again be our portion."

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1914.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote:

"Last year was the thirtieth year of United Freemasonry in South Australia, and happily it was also the most successful. I am glad to be able to place on record to-night that we now have 5,266 subscribing members of the Masonic Order in this State. During the year nine new lodges were consecrated, making our total 77 now owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Remember, also, that six new Masonic Temples were either completed or in course of erection during the past twelve months."

A History of Freemasonry in South Australia, Chapter III, is given.

The Committee made its Fourth Annual Report of various Grand Lodges.

Under Illinois we read:

"Mention is made of a revision of the Illinois Ritual, and although Bro. Darrah states that 'the accomplishment of the committee has not been in the nature of *improvement*, etc., we quite understand what he intends to convey. Notwithstanding the general opposition to a standard Ritual in the United States, we are convinced the time will come—possibly earlier than anticipated—when the whole of the American Constitutions will cease 'tinkering' with their work, and either use the simple, stately and solemn Emulation rendering common to English (we say English advisedly) Lodges, or, more likely, throw all American 'work' into the melting pot, and agree upon a Ritual that will be acceptable from—Alabama to Wyoming. Utopian! Not a bit. Common horse sense, my American brethren, but side-tracked until you recognize that there is an



enormous difference in writing or printing the esoteric, and writing or printing the exoteric work."

Maine for 1913 has fraternal mention.

We quote:

"South Australia was reviewed shortly, and the reviewer seemed in a difficulty about our 'Trustees.' I must admit, too, that we also find the matter very difficult to understand. There is one thing certain, that if our 'Trustees' studied the working of 'Homes' and the like in the American Constitutions they would never even dream of thrusting such forms of charity on us. They quote our Grand Master's words in reference to the incorporation of lodges, and again find a difficulty in understanding why."

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